

FOLLOWING PAINFUL BEAT IN DERBY, REPOLE BACK WITH 'TWO LIVE SHOTS' IN BELMONT STAKES



Renegade training at the Spa earlier this week | Sarah Andrew

by Steve Sherack

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – You better get used to failure and you better get used to losing if you're striving to do something historic or epic.

Those are the words of Mike Repole after coming within a neck of winning his first GI Kentucky Derby with **Renegade** (Into Mischief), the 2-1 morning-line favorite for Saturday's GI Belmont Stakes at Saratoga.

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IT ALL ADDS UP FOR COUNTING STARS WITH STYLISH VICTORY IN ACORN

by Steve Sherack

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – A star is born at the Spa.

West Point Thoroughbreds's **Counting Stars** (Honor A. P.), third behind 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Always a Runner** (Gun Runner) in the GI Kentucky Oaks, turned the tables on the previously undefeated 4-5 favorite with a spectacular performance in Friday's GI DraftKings Acorn S. at Saratoga.

With Irad Ortiz, Jr. taking over the controls from Francisco Arrieta, the 9-2 chance raced under a snug hold on the inside in third as the longest shot on the board **Maximum Offer** (Maxfield) led the field of five through fractions of :23.41 and :47.73. Back a spot into fourth on the far turn, Ortiz, Jr. tipped Counting Stars out at the top of the stretch as the Kentucky Oaks one-two Always a Runner and **Meaning** (Gun Runner) began to throw down up front.

Counting Stars unleashed a sensational turn of foot from there and exploded down the center to leave the pair in the dust by 3 3/4 lengths. Always a Runner had two lengths over Meaning for runner-up honors.

"It kind of didn't go as planned," winning trainer Mark Casse said after saddling his second straight Acorn winner. "I thought we might be on the lead."

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Nitrogen's dominating performance in Friday's GI Ogden Phipps Stakes earned the daughter of Medaglia d'Oro a guaranteed berth into the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff. | Sarah Andrew

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Alan Carasso previews a super Saturday of racing featuring six top-level events.

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Belmont Preview, cont. from p1

"I probably take losing better than I take winning," said Repole, who campaigns the \$975,000 Keeneland September graduate in partnership with breeders **Robert and Lawana Low**.

"If you ask me what the toughest racing loss of my life was, I'd probably say, 'Renegade in the Kentucky Derby.' And, honestly, if you ask me what my biggest racing accomplishment was, I might tell 'ya, 'Second in the Derby.'"

After getting bounced around at the start from his much-discussed rail draw, Renegade rallied valiantly beneath Irad Ortiz, Jr. from 15th to nearly bring home the roses. He was only narrowly outkicked late by the re-opposing 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Golden Tempo (Curlin)**, who was piloted by Ortiz, Jr.'s year-younger brother Jose Ortiz.

A video clip of Repole consoling and picking up Ortiz, Jr. after Renegade was unsaddled went viral on X.

"He's got what Kobe (Bryant) would call that 'Mamba Mentality,' and I have a lot of that, too," Repole said. "Irad is the best jockey in the country in my opinion and it would've been great to get him (his first Kentucky Derby victory). The ride that he made, he got hit so hard. For him and the horse, that combination, to come through and make all those moves and do everything, it was a perfect ride."

In addition to the stretch-running GI Arkansas Derby winner Renegade, Repole will also be well-represented in the Belmont Stakes by the promising \$500,000 Keeneland September yearling and potential pacesetter **Powershift (Constitution)**, an impressive maiden winner at third asking on the Kentucky Derby undercard. Hall of Famer Todd Pletcher trains both.

"With Renegade running so well in the Derby and also having Powershift, who's run a couple of great races and lost one of the toughest maidens of all time to **Emerging Market (Candy Ride {Arg})**, we've got two live shots," Repole said.

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“You want to see them both run well. After the performance Renegade gave at the Kentucky Derby, I guess my heart leans a little bit more towards him.”

Repole added with a laugh, “I’m not gonna be picky though. If Powershift wins, I’ll gladly run down and take a picture with him.”

Born and raised in the Middle Village neighborhood of Queens and a graduate of St. John’s University, it was a dream come true for Repole, the co-founder of Glaceau Vitaminwater (sold to Coca-Cola for a reported \$4.1 billion in 2007) and BodyArmor (which also sold to Coca-Cola for \$5.6 billion in 2021), finishing one-two in the 2022 Belmont Stakes with Mo Donegal (Uncle Mo) and Nest (**Curlin**).

The third leg of this year’s Triple Crown will be held for the third and final time at Saratoga at the shortened 1 1/4-mile distance while the reconstruction of Belmont Park nears completion downstate.

“It’s always been the hometown race,” Repole said. “It’s the biggest race in New York. Growing up there, it was *the* race. I have a win and four seconds. The only second I guess I didn’t mind was Nest, because she was second to Mo Donegal.

“Listen, it’s been different in Saratoga. I was second with **Mindframe (Constitution)** there (in 2024). Now that the new Belmont’s gonna open up, winning the Belmont at Saratoga after I’ve already won a Belmont and knowing that we’re going back to the new Belmont, I think would be pretty cool.”

Repole added, “With the Preakness not being valued the way it should be or the way it used to be, these (Triple Crown) races are a little different now. This is a great field.” **Cont.**

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In addition to the highly anticipated rematch between the Kentucky Derby top two, the field of nine for the Belmont Stakes also includes: 'Rising Star' **Chief Wallabee** (**Constitution**) (fourth in the Derby); GI **Curlin** Florida Derby winner **Commandment** (Into Mischief) (seventh in the Derby); and the aforementioned GII Louisiana Derby winner and 'Rising Star' Emerging Market (10th in the Derby).

"These are the best 3-years-olds in the country right now," Repole concluded.

Saturday's forecast calls for a warm afternoon in upstate New York with temperatures in the 80s and an increasing chance of thunderstorms throughout the day.

FOX Sports will present live coverage of Belmont Stakes Day beginning at 10:30 a.m. on FS2 before moving to FOX from 3-4 p.m. FOX broadcast coverage continues alongside FS1 from 4-7:30 p.m. while concluding on FS2 at 8:15 p.m.

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"And then I guess Kenny (McPeck) thought maybe he'd try it (with Maximum Offer). So, that's why you have Irad (Ortiz, Jr.). That is why I don't give a whole lot of instructions."

Casse continued, "She (overcame) a lot of adversity today, because she doesn't usually like to be down inside and I think Francisco (Arrieta) rode her great in the Oaks. He saved all the ground, but he couldn't get out until late and she came running late. So Irad had watched the race and determined at the top of the lane he was going to get out. In fairness, we had a five-horse field versus 13, it makes a difference."

Counting Stars, a 5 1/2-length winner of the GII Fantasy S. at Oaklawn Mar. 27, finished 2 1/4 lengths behind Always a Runner beneath the lights on the first Friday in May.

"When I hit the clear, she jumped into the bit and I feel like I have the horse to run down the lane," Ortiz, Jr. said. "She went by them easy in her own way. She did it the right way today, honestly. She won the right way. She was there for me."



Counting Stars | Mathea Kelley

Casse added that Counting Stars would be aimed at the GI Alabama S. Aug. 22.

Pedigree Notes:

Counting Stars is one of two graded winners for **Honor A. P.** She becomes the young sire's first Grade I winner.

Counting Stars is the first foal from the two-time winner Paynterbynumbers (Paynter), who brought \$160,000 from Ken Copenhaver at the 2026 Fasig-Tipton February Digital Sale. She made the first seven starts of her career for West Point before changing hands for \$40,000 in a waiver maiden claimer.

The 10-year-old Paynterbynumbers is also represented by an **Epicenter** filly of 2025. She was not bred for the 2026 season.

Counting Stars's fourth dam Golden Reef (Mr. Prospector) won the 1989 GII Schuylerville S. and was also second in that term's GI Spinaway S., both at Saratoga.

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Saturday's Belmont Stakes is the last of nine top-level events on the weekend and the final of the six highly anticipated Grade I contests scheduled for a bumper card at Saratoga, short, medium and long on both the turf and the main track.

A top-quality field of seven is set to face the starter in the GI Hill 'n' Dale Metropolitan Handicap, for which 'TDN Rising Star' presented by **Nysos** (**Nyquist**) is the 9-5 morning-line favorite and 126-pound topweight in the 'Win and You're In' qualifier for the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile.

Carrying the colors of Baoma Corp. and also owned by Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith, the 5-year-old looks to become the third winner of the prestigious event for trainer Bob Baffert (Mor Spirit, 2017; National Treasure, 2024) and, barring any mishaps from gate one in the Wilson Chute, should take all the beating. The reigning Dirt Mile hero, Nysos exits a very game second to Forever Young (Jpn) (Real Steel {Jpn}) in the \$20-million G1 Saudi Cup Feb. 14.

"We know he's a really good horse," Baffert said. "We're in it for the excitement and fun and to be part of a great weekend. If you can do it, it's an honor to win the Met Mile."

At the other end of the gate is GI Preakness Stakes and GI Haskell Stakes winner **Journalism** (**Curlin**), who returns to the site of his runner-up effort behind Sovereignty (Into Mischief) in last year's Belmont. Before dismissing the recent GII Oaklawn Handicap third as a horse that needs longer for his best, the bay-sold for \$825,000 not far from here at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga in the summer of 2023--proved his mettle at this distance with an eye-catching maiden score at second asking in 2024 and has never been out of it at the stretch call of any of his races.

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McCarthy said. "This is a stallion-making race; he's already made himself a stallion, but this would certainly add to his resume. He ran a very credible race last year in the Belmont here."

Elite-level scorers **Antiquarian** (Preservationist) and **Saudi Crown** (Always Dreaming) only add to the intrigue, while 'TDN Rising Star' **Knightsbridge** (**Nyquist**) will look to atone for his sixth to T O Elvis (**Volatile**) in the GI Churchill Downs Stakes on May 2.

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Journalism crossing Union Avenue | Sarah Andrew



Deterministic | Sarah Andrew

Deterministic Defends Title In Manhattan

It has been nearly four decades since Miliesius posted consecutive victories in the GI Manhattan Stakes--now sponsored by Resorts World Casino--but 'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard **Deterministic** (**Liam's Map**) has a chance to snap that streak Saturday afternoon.

Winner of the GIII Gotham Stakes in 2024, the \$625,000 Keeneland September grad has amassed an enviable record of

6-2-1 from nine spins on the grass, defeating **Integration** (**Quality Road**) in this event when run over nine furlongs last June before adding the one-mile GI Fourstardave Stakes during the main meet. He resumed with a bloodless success over **Battle of Normandy** (**City of Light**) in Aqueduct's GIII Fort Marcy Stakes May 2, but will require his best in what seems a tougher test than 12 months ago.

"It is a great race, but he's doing as good as he could be," said trainer Miguel Clement. "Knock on wood, but I'm very excited about this. He's a terrific horse. He was probably left a little undercooked for [the Fort Marcy]. He won based off pure grit and class. I think he has stepped forward since then, so this is just exciting."

New York-bred **Rhetorical** (**Not This Time**) tries a trip this far for the first time in his career, having comfortably bested **Make Me King** (**Fr**) (Dark Angel {Ire}) in the GI Turf Classic at Churchill over a mile and one furlong May 2.

"There are a lot of horses to respect in here," Rhetorical's trainer Will Walden said. "This is a tough race, the Manhattan, a Grade I on a big day like this. We respect every horse in here. We will come up with our game plan, stick to what we know and go from there."

Cont.

FROM OUR TRACK TO THE G1 ACORN STAKES



OBS 2YO sale graduate **COUNTING STARS** became a Grade 1 winner on Friday, defeating Kentucky Oaks (G1) winner Always a Runner in the **\$500,000 Acorn S. (G1)** during the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival at Saratoga.

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Runner-up to Longines World's Best Racehorse Calandagan (Ire) (**Gleneagles (Ire)**) in French Group 3 company at three, the chestnut took out the G3 Prix Exbury and G2 Prix d'Harcourt in his first two runs this term ahead of an admirable second behind G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero Daryz (Fr) (**Sea The Stars (Ire)**) in ParisLongchamp's G1 Prix Ganay Apr. 26.

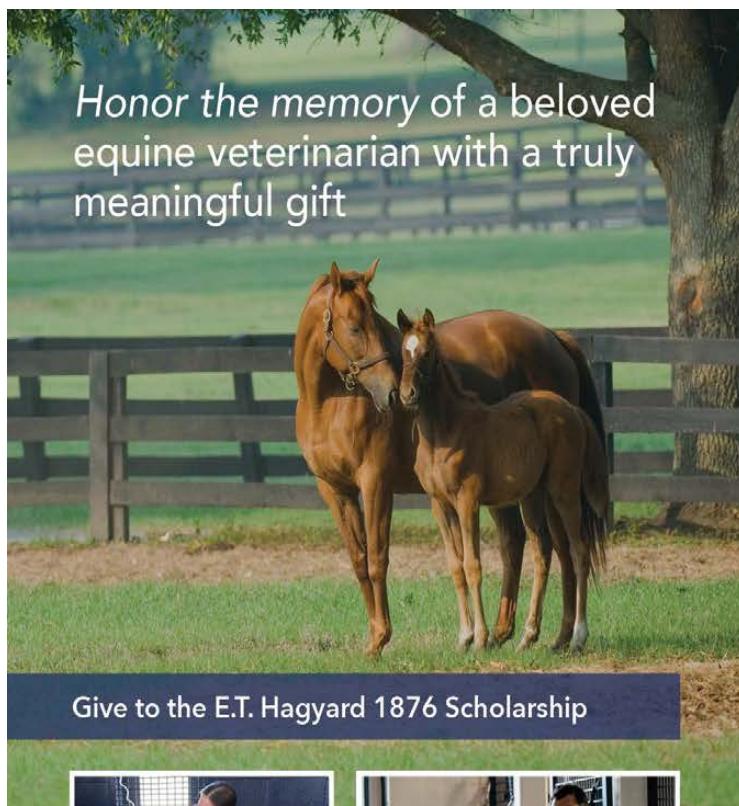
"I'm very pleased with Bright Picture," Fabre said. "He was only just beaten by Daryz and I'm happy with his preparation since."

Gavin Lerena jets in from South Africa to pilot **One Stripe (SAF)** (One World {SAF}), who he has ridden to two Grade 1 wins at home and whom he guided to a big second in the GI Pegasus World Cup turf this past January.

Segesta Looks To Make Amends In Just a Game

Juddmonte's **Segesta** (Ghostzapper) may not have relished easy underfoot conditions when only sixth in the 2025 GI Just a Game Stakes, but firmer footing looks likely this weekend as the homebred daughter of Antonoe (First Defence) aims for a third straight win at the highest level.

Narrowly beaten into second in the GI First Lady Stakes last October, the dark bay had GI Jaipur Stakes entrant Ag Bullet (**Twirling Candy**, see below) back in third in the GI Matriarch Stakes at Del Mar Nov. 30 before taking a break. Favored at 3-2 for her return to action in Keeneland's GI Jenny Wiley Stakes going 8 1/2 furlongs, Segesta was joined on the line by Expensive Queen (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) and the return to a mile should suit here. **Cont.**



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Mandanaba | Sarah Andrew

"She was off a layoff and dead-heated for the win last time," said trainer Chad Brown said. "She got a good run out of it, and she should move forward, fitness-wise. I didn't have her fully cranked."

Ironically, Antonoe provided Brown with the first of his eight Just a Game wins (all in the last nine years) in 2017.

Calandagan and Daryz's trainer Francis Graffard sends his first horse to Saratoga in nine years in the form of His Highness The

Aga Khan's Studs **Mandanaba (Fr)** (Ghaiyyath {Ire}). A close third in last year's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 1000 Guineas) at the mile and not beaten far when fourth in the 2100-meter G1 Prix de Diane (French Oaks), the bay makes the trans-Atlantic trip off a neck success in the Listed Prix Maurice Zilber over 1400 meters at ParisLongchamp Apr. 23.

"She's a filly who likes good, fast ground," said Nemone Routh, director and French racing manager for The Aga Khan. "She normally breaks well and likes to be forward, enjoying a fast pace. We have always thought she was a good fit for American racing. In France, you tend to have to have a big acceleration, but she is one with more of a high cruising speed and can just keep going at that pace. She's a really game and genuine filly."

'Ag' Back With a 'Bullet' To Fire in Jaipur

The connections of the outstanding distaff turf sprinter **Ag Bullet (Twirling Candy)** could have opted for the path of lesser resistance in Thursday's GII Intercontinental Stakes, but the fact that she lines up in defense of her crown against the males in the GI Jaipur Stakes is probably best analyzed as a high positive. The 5 1/2-furlong dash earns the winner a fees-paid berth into this year's GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Keeneland.

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Ag Bullet on her way to victory last year | Sarah Andrew

Having accounted for next-out First Lady winner Simply in Front (Summer Front) when handling her fellow females in the GII Ladies' Turf Sprint at Kentucky Downs last August, the gray mare was a sound second to champion Shisospicy (Mitole) in the 2025 Turf Sprint and was last seen rounding out the triple in the Matriarch after she was led out unsold on a bid of \$2.9 million at Fasig-Tipton November.

"We're going to try it again," trainer Richard Baltas said. "It's

going to be a tough race, but she's tough and Johnny [Velazquez] will be back on her, so that's good. They're ready [to run] when they're ready, and she runs really well fresh. She's always ran good off the layoff, it's just a matter of getting her there. So far, so good. I think she's plenty fit enough with several five-eighths works."

That includes a bullet over the Santa Anita all-weather in :59 1/5 (1/17) May 30.

Reef Runner (The Big Beast) spent a good portion of the winter in the warm climes of the Middle East and a profitable stay it was. His victory in the G2 1351 Turf Sprint in Saudi Arabia came at the expense of Lazzat (Fr) (Territories {Ire}), who then finished a close third in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint at the end of March, a neck better than Reef Runner. Lazzat has since won in French Group 3 company, while 1351 Turf Sprint third Comanche Brave (Ire) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) took out a Group 2 at The Curragh when last seen.

"He's doing great, his works have been phenomenal, and everything about him is better," trainer David Fawkes said of Reef Runner's development since last summer. "Obviously gelding him was a huge factor, and he turned around. He lost weight up in his neck and chest where these colts carry weight, and it really evened him out. He's nice and level, and he's more balanced." **Cont.**

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Crude Velocity | Sarah Andrew

My Boy Prince (**Cairo Prince**), runner-up here last year, has since won a pair of turf sprint stakes, including the GII Shakertown Stakes at Keeneland Apr. 4, and was a latest fourth, beaten a half-length for everything, in the May 2 GII Turf Sprint at Churchill Downs. Just behind him that day was **Litigation** (**Twirling Candy**), who gives his sire a potent 1-2 punch here.

Wall-To-Wall Talent In Woody

Fields don't get much deeper than the one assembled for Saturday's GI Woody Stephens Stakes, with no fewer than four 'TDN Rising Stars' presented by Hagyard set to square off and live chances beyond that quartet.

The seven-furlong heat features a rematch from the GII Pat Day Mile on the Derby undercard May 2, where **Crude Velocity** (**Beau Liam**) won what was more or less a war of attrition over the re-opposing **Englishman** (**Maxfield**). The latter did the donkey work that day, setting searching fractions of :44.20 for the half-mile and 1:08.13 for the opening six furlongs. Englishman felt the pinch of those early exertions and gave way through the final furlong to be second as Crude Velocity ran his record to a perfect three-from-three.

After toying with the idea of a quick turnaround for the GI Preakness Stakes, trainer Bob Baffert settled on the Woody Stephens, a race he's won three times previously (Bayern, American Anthem, Arabian Lion).

"We felt pretty good about him going into the Pat Day. His two prior races were pretty spectacular," Baffert said. "Englishman, I have a lot of respect for him. To run him down, that was pretty impressive. Those are two good horses. It should be a great race."

If there is to be an upsetter, it could come from the sophomores drawn gates one and two. 'Rising Star' **Gilded Bandit** (**Charlatan**) flat outgamed Deep Flame (Into Mischief) to

break his maiden going 6 1/2 furlongs at Keeneland Apr. 4 with blinkers added for the first time and the colt—who has been working with fellow 'Rising Star' Chief Wallabee (**Constitution**)—overcame a torrid trip to add a first-level Churchill allowance in the race immediately following the Derby May 2. Deep Flame has since graduated by seven lengths (95 Beyer) beneath the Twin Spires May 17.

'Rising Star' **Obliteration** (**Violence**) was a very good second in the one-mile G3 Saudi Derby in Riyadh Feb. 14 and returned to action with an eye-catching, 3 1/2-length victory in the May 16 Chick Lang Stakes at Laurel.

Solitude Dude (Yaupon) is unbeaten at sprint distances, including a handy score in the Apr. 18 Bay Shore Stakes downstate, while G3 UAE 2000 Guineas romper **Six Speed** (**Not This Time**) should appreciate this shorter distance, having retreated after making the running in the Derby.

Book'em Danno, Bentornato Clash In True North

Nominally a Grade III contest, Saturday's True North Stakes has lured a Grade I quality bunch which is led by its defending champion and reigning Eclipse Award-winning sprinter **Book'em Danno** (**Buccheri**).

The New Jersey-bred clearly loves it at Saratoga, where his four victories from five appearances also includes the Woody Stephens in 2024. The dark bay accomplished an unprecedented sweep of Saratoga's main sprint races last season, adding the GII A.G. Vanderbilt Stakes (with a career-best 111 Beyer) and the GI Forego Stakes.

Having eschewed a trip west for the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, Book'em Danno also gave the rich Middle East sprints a pass over the winter and returned in the GII Carter Stakes Apr. 4. Always in a striking position, Book'em Danno couldn't quite seal the deal and has every right to improve second off the layoff.

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Book'em Danno | Tod Marks

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Book'em Danno blew out a sharp three-eighths in :35 flat from the gate at Monmouth Park on May 29.

"All of his major work was done; I just put a sharpener into him. I usually pop him out of the gate every time before he runs," Ryan said. "We got a good blow into him, and he came back good. His works have been good so far this year and he's right where we want him to be."

Runner-up in the 2024 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, Bentornato made the most of two appearances last season including an all-the-way defeat of **Imagination** (**Good Magic**) on championship day at Del Mar Nov. 1. The Florida-bred made his seasonal debut in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen Mar. 28 and was done in to a degree by an inside draw, but he boxed on bravely to fill second spot behind the repeating Dark Saffron (**Flameaway**).

"We gave him 60 days after Breeders' Cup, so it was very impressive how he came off the layoff in that race. I know he needed that race," trainer Jose D'Angelo said. "Also, we broke inside horses and he was fourth or fifth and then later making his move."

Imagination did his part to flatter the Breeders' Cup Sprint form, overcoming a troubled trip to win the G2 Riyadh Dirt Sprint Feb. 14 and he comes here off a fourth in the Churchill Downs Stakes, though he would appear to have a few lengths to find with the top two.

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PORTFOLIO DURATION IN A 'NEW YORK' STATE OF MIND IN SARATOGA *by Alan Carasso*

Having earlier registered his seventh training victory in the GII Wonder Again Stakes courtesy of Fitz Right (**Charlatan**), Klaravich Stables' lightly raced **Portfolio Duration** (**GB**) (f, 4, **Night of Thunder** {**Ire**}-**Shemya** {**Fr**}, by **Dansili** {**GB**}) took command from the opening bell of Friday's GI New York Stakes and never relinquished the lead, just holding off French raider **Cankoura** (**Fr**) (Persian King {**Ire**}) to give Brown his sixth win in the 9 1/2-furlong contest.

It was a second graded winner on the card for Klaravich and Brown, who annexed the GII Bed O' Roses Stakes for the second straight year with 'TDN Rising Star' Ways and Means (**Practical Joke**), and a third for jockey Flavien Prat, who was also aboard Fitz Right.

Facing the starter for just the fifth time in her career, Portfolio Duration was well backed at odds right at 4-1 and was put straight into play by Prat from the inside draw, as several of her rivals in behind were pulling and otherwise tugging for rein in a very messy run passing the stands for the first time.

The 4-year-old got the opening couple of furlongs in :24.39 and was still nicely within herself through a half in :49.21.



Portfolio Duration (right) just gets the better of French raider Cankoura in the New York | Mathea Kelley

Kathynmarissa (**American Pharoah**), who defeated former Brown stablemate **Gezora** (**Fr**) (Almanzor {**Fr**}) in the GIII Modesty Stakes at Churchill Downs on the Kentucky Oaks undercard May 1, had first crack at the pacesetter having sat a wide trip, and drew right alongside the front-runner in upper stretch, appearing a real threat.

But having expended a minimum of energy for the opening six panels, Portfolio Duration swatted away that bid with relative ease and had a good kick to pinch a break. Cankoura, rank for the better part of the opening three-quarters of a mile while riding the rails beneath Clement Lecoivre, emerged as a danger three off the inside and looked every bit a winner with less than a furlong to race. But Portfolio Duration was kept to her task by Prat and was ultimately saved by the wire. Kathynmarissa completed a 1-3 finish for Brown.

Gezora, last year's GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner, but recently transferred to the barn of Bill Mott, was also tossing her head about passing the line for the first time, was consigned to a three-wide trip under John Velazquez and gave way readily from three furlongs out to finish at the tail.

"There was no speed in the race, so I needed to be there, anyway. Once I got to the first turn I got a good position. By the time I got to the backstretch, I did not have anything."

Prat was full of praise for his ride.

"She jumped well. We thought that stretching out, she could be the speed," said Prat. "She gave me a good run, tried hard. After the last time, I think she enjoyed a bit more ground. It took her a little bit of time to get going and today on the stretch-out it was better."

The winner is likely for the GI Diana Stakes back at the Spa on July 18, Brown said.

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Owner Seth Klarman (right) leads in Portfolio Duration after the New York | Tod Marks

A two-time Tattersalls graduate, Portfolio Duration missed by a head on Tampa debut in February 2025, but went missing, returning to graduate by nearly six lengths in Oldsmar that December. A facile winner at that venue Mar. 28, the bay came running late, but fell a neck short in the GII Distaff Turf Mile at Churchill on May 2.

Pedigree Notes:

Portfolio Duration, one of several successful Tattersalls grads sourced on behalf of Seth Klarman by bloodstock agent Mike Ryan, is the 86th black-type winner, 44th group/graded winner and 11th elite-level scorer for Kildangan Stud's marvelous Night of Thunder, a son of Dubawi (Ire).

Portfolio Duration is bred on the exact same cross as treble Group 1 winner Ombudsman (Ire), winner of this year's G1 Dubai Turf, while the outstanding sprinter Highfield Princess (Fr) was out of a mare by Dansili's prodigious sire Danehill. Daughters of Dansili are now responsible for 165 Sws, 105 GSWs and 29 to succeed at the highest level.

A granddaughter of two-time French group winner Shemima and from the family of GIII Sheepshead Bay Stakes winner No Show Sammy Jo (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Portfolio Duration has a juvenile half-brother by Palace Pier (GB) and a yearling half-brother by Dubawi's 2022 GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner Modern Games (Ire).

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1--**PORTFOLIO DURATION** (GB), 120, f, 4, by **Night of Thunder** (Ire)

1st Dam: **Shemya** (Fr), by **Dansili** (GB)

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2--**Cankoura** (Fr), 122, f, 4, by **Persian King** (Ire)

1st Dam: **Candarliya** (Fr) (MGSW & G1SP-Fr, \$534,189), by **Dalakhani** (Ire)

2nd Dam: **Candara** (Fr), by **Barathea** (Ire)

3rd Dam: **Caribbeandrifwood**, by **Woodman**

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Khan S.C.E.A. (FR); T-Francis - Henri Graffard. \$150,000.

3--**Kathynmarissa**, 122, m, 5, by **American Pharoah**

1st Dam: **La Dalila** (Chi) (G1SW-Chi), by **Milt's Overture**

2nd Dam: **Top Diplomat** (Chi), by **Edgy Diplomat**

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SHE'S IN! NITROGEN DOMINATES OGDEN PHIPPS, CLAIMS SPOT IN BC DISTAFF GATE

by *Patrycja Szpyra*

Any concerns about whether or not she was still Queen of the Hill were dispelled Friday as **Nitrogen** (Medaglia d'Oro) dominated the GI Ogden Phipps Stakes, earning a guaranteed berth into the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff while she was at it.

A lot was said about Nitrogen's defeat last out Apr. 11 in the GI Apple Blossom Stakes behind the late Claret Beret (**Not This Time**), and that came on the heels of a third-place finish Mar. 7 in the GII Azeri Stakes. **Cont.**



Nitrogen | *Tod Marks*

She'd never missed the board on the main track against some of the best fillies and mares in training since swapping surfaces, but more than a few observers were convinced that she was not a fan of the dirt tracks.

Trainer Mark Casse went on record after the race by confidently proclaiming, "I just want to officially say, I'm tired of hearing everybody say she doesn't like the dirt."

Who are we to argue with the man who knows her best?

While she was only facing five others here, the betting public was not about to abandon her, and they sent Nitrogen off as the even-money favorite with **Fully Subscribed** (**Tiz the Law**) next in the wagering at 9-5 odds.

The field broke evenly, but it was Nitrogen who hoofed it to the front heading into the bend, overhauling Fully Subscribed on the rail as that one briefly tried to establish control. Posting an opening quarter in :23.74 and a half-mile in :47.26, Nitrogen was comfortably in command as **Bless the Broken** (Laoban) tried to keep her honest from the outside.

After six panels in 1:10.48 and turning for home with a building advantage, last year's champion 3-year-old filly kicked away from her rivals while they tried to mount a response. Wandering a touch in midstretch, Jose Ortiz just had to keep her mind on moving forward and she hit the wire with air to spare--12 3/4 lengths more accurately. Fully Subscribed and Bless the Broken were declared a dead-heat for second while **Regaled** (Mohaymen) came on to claim fourth.

The final time of 1:46.93 was just one-fifth off the track record at Saratoga. The Ogden Phipps was a 'Win and You're In' race for the Breeders' Cup Distaff in October at Keeneland.

Casse enjoyed a stellar afternoon with a victory earlier on the card with Counting Stars (**Honor A.P.**) in the GI Acorn Stakes.



Nitrogen's blankets and her Ogden Phipps flowers | *Javier Molina*

"When they said it was one-fifth off the track record, Jose [Ortiz] said, 'I could have broken it.' He said he just kind of geared her down," said Casse afterwards.

"All week when Jose was getting on horses for me, I kept saying, 'The big mare is ready. The big mare is ready.' And then in the paddock, I said I thought we may be on the lead and I told him, 'If so, go for it.' She's got a high cruising speed. I think maybe when you're bottled up a little, it doesn't help her."

Jose Ortiz ended up doing just that, and despite the drifting, wasn't concerned at any step, saying, "I asked her from the quarter-pole to the eighth-pole and she opened up. She drifted out a little. I looked back, nobody was coming, so I kind of wrapped up."

"Now I see that she was a fifth off the record, maybe I should've kept asking her and tried to break it, but she did enough. Now, hopefully she is ready for the next one."

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Trophy presentation | Tod Marks

Pedigree Note:

Nitrogen is the second black-type winner for her dam, Tiffany Case (Uncle Mo), who changed hands at the beginning of the year at the Keeneland January sale for \$3.2-million to Whisper Hill Farm. She had sold pregnant to **Not This Time**, but that foal ended up dying this past spring.

Of her three daughters of racing age, Tiffany Case claims multiple graded placed Love to Shop (**Violence**) as well as two-time champion Nitrogen, and still has a juvenile in the wings named Sniper (**Gun Runner**).

The broodmare is a half-sister to 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' Talk Veuve to Me (**Violence**) and hails from the female line which produced the likes of MGSW-Eng Mountain Kingdom and GISW Cool.

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Nitrogen was Mark Casse's second Grade I winner on the afternoon behind Counting Stars in the Acorn | Tod Marks

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1st Dam: Tiffany Case (SP), by Uncle Mo

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(DH) 2--**Fully Subscribed**, 122, f, 4, by **Tiz the Law**

1st Dam: Sweetbaby, by **Candy Ride** (Arg)

2nd Dam: Rutherienne, by Pulpit

3rd Dam: Ruthian, by Rahy

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WHO DO YOU LIKE? CARASSO, FINLEY AND SHERACK HANDICAP THE BELMONT STAKES



Renegade | Sarah Andrew

TDN's Chief Correspondent Bill Finley is joined by Senior Contributing Editor Alan Carasso and Senior Racing Editor Steve Sherack to handicap Saturday's GI Belmont Stakes at Saratoga.

FINLEY: Picking **Renegade** (Into Mischief) to win the Belmont is a no-brainer. After he was knocked silly at the start of the GI Kentucky Derby, he overcame the trouble and ran a big race to finish second, beaten only a neck. Did his problems at the start cost him the race? Probably. Todd Pletcher is a master at having his horses ready for the Belmont after they inevitably skip the GI Preakness S. At 2-1 on the morning line, he looks like an overlay.

Having won nothing more than a maiden, Pletcher's **Powershift** (**Constitution**) is taking a huge jump in class, but he looks like the only speed in a race where just about everyone wants to come from well off the pace.

Considering he won the Kentucky Derby, 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Golden Tempo** (**Curlin**) is not getting a lot of respect. A lot of that has to do with the fact that the likely pace scenario should be a problem for him. But he is a quality horse who will be giving his best down the Saratoga stretch.

'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Chief Wallabee** (**Constitution**) still has a lot of fans, many of whom are looking for more improvement from the Bill Mott trainee. But he's now had four starts and maybe this is as good as it gets. His trip in the Derby wasn't nearly as bad as some are making it out to be.

Commandment (Into Mischief) was a big disappointment in the Derby, but if he can run back to his win in the GI **Curlin** Florida Derby he will contend.

CARASSO: After getting sucked into 'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard Further Ado (**Gun Runner**) in the Derby and after

trying to get wayyyy too cute in the Preakness with The Hell We Did (Authentic), I am going to try to keep it simpler and more straight-forward on Saturday with **Renegade** (Into Mischief). Zero points for creativity, right?

The \$975,000 Keeneland September yearling has really and truly never taken a misstep in his six-race career, and if his comeback victory in the Sam F. Davis Stakes was perhaps a touch workmanlike, he stripped fitter still for the GI Arkansas Derby and duly delivered what I thought was the most striking piece of form on the Triple Crown trail (no disrespect to Further Ado's Blue Grass). He came away with a four-length victory and covered his final furlong full of run in :11.74. The rail draw has been much-debated--maybe it cost him the race, maybe it didn't, but he showed a new dimension when forced to bridge a double-digit gap and he nearly did it, only to be chinned on the line by **Golden Tempo** (**Curlin**). Of the two, the feeling here is that Renegade is the superior athlete and is less reliant on pace than the Derby winner. The price won't be great, but, hey, a win is a win is a win.

I should probably be lamenting the fact I didn't use Golden Tempo more prominently at Churchill, as we take pride in our 'TDN Rising Stars' presented by Hagyard, and there wasn't a compelling reason to jump ship as he stretched out to a distance that stood to work in his favor. Alas. Prior to the Derby, he had lacked a bit of a killer instinct and while he still has plenty of upside going forward, I am going to oppose him in the Belmont.

Commandment (Into Mischief) is another that can give his sire back-to-back winners of the final leg of the Triple Crown and feels the forgotten horse this time around. To be fair, he had two very tough races in the GI Fountain of Youth and GI **Curlin** Florida Derby and that he wasn't able to produce his best beneath the Twin Spires is perhaps understandable.

Cont.



Golden Tempo | Sarah Andrew



Commandment | Sarah Andrew

The son of Grade I winner Sippican Harbor (Orb) didn't have the cleanest of trips in Louisville--many, of course, did not--and he stayed on evenly for seventh while no menace to the winner. He is battle-tested and loves a fight and if he's in it entering the final furlong, he may just outfight them.

As I said prior to the Derby, 'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard **Chief Wallabee** (**Constitution**) really had no excuse in the Florida Derby and though his fourth last time looks good, have a look at the margins at the points of call. He really ran around there at one pace and wasn't truly dangerous and he's a short-priced play against for mine.

SHERACK: I was high enough on **Commandment** (Into Mischief) heading into the Kentucky Derby to give him another chance at what has to be a nice number here. Can't say that he exactly had a terrible trip, especially for a race like the Derby, but it also wasn't ideal, either, moving way too early into a hot pace and taking the overland route on the turn for home. We all know that the GI **Curlin** Florida Derby winner is capable of much better than that seventh-place finish. Let's see if Johnny V in the saddle is the difference maker this time around.

'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Emerging Market** (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) gained valuable racing experience while making just his third career start in the Derby and didn't embarrass himself by any means--beaten just 7 3/4 lengths--after racing on top of a pace that completely collapsed. Will have the jump on his main market rivals if he's good enough.

Renegade (Into Mischief) may be the most talented 3-year-old from this crop--he was terribly unlucky not to wear the roses on the first Saturday in May--but will the Belmont set up as well for him as the Derby did? Will have to come out of his comfort zone a bit as the likely favorite here.

Still waiting for 'Rising Star' **Chief Wallabee** (**Constitution**), fourth in the Derby with some trouble in the stretch, to finish off his races like he did on debut. Could this be the day that he takes that step forward with second-time blinkers?

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THE FIRST COMMANDMENT: COX SAYS HIS HORSE IS LEGIT BELMONT THREAT *by Tim Wilkin*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. - It was suggested to trainer Brad Cox that Commandment (Into Mischief) was a forgotten horse coming into the 158th running of the \$2-million GI Belmont Stakes.

"Not with me," Cox said at his office on the Oklahoma Training Track.

Then a pause and a smile.

"But I know what you mean," he said. "I don't know if he is or not (forgotten). All I know is that he is doing well. I have liked his works since the Derby; I liked how he shipped up here and how he has moved over the main track. I think we are going to get a big effort out of him."

Commandment was expected to be a major player in the GI Kentucky Derby as he was sent off at odds of 6.18-1, fourth choice behind stablemate Further Ado (**Gun Runner**), Renegade (Into Mischief) and So Happy (Runhappy).

He finished seventh but beaten only 5 1/4 lengths. Cox had been expecting so much more from Commandment, owned by Waltham Racing.

"He had a slow start, maybe rushed a little bit, raced a little wide," Cox said. "He put himself into contention turning for home but just kind of did not have enough to finish up and get the job done."

Commandment had stamped himself as a bona fide Derby horse after a solid winter in Florida. Victories in the Mucho Macho Man, GII Fountain of Youth and GI Florida Derby made Commandment one of the ones heading to Louisville.

And then it just did not work out.

The graded stakes wins in Florida were by a neck (Fountain of Youth) and a nose (Florida Derby). Cox knew he had a horse that would fight.

"He will probably be in one Saturday," Cox said. "He has performed very well and has been courageous in some of his victories. He is doing well. We are going into this with confidence."

What's changed for the Belmont is who will be doing the driving. Hall of Famer John Velazquez will be the third different jockey in as many starts for Commandment. Flavien Prat rode him in the Florida Derby but committed to ride Emerging Market (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) in the Run for the Roses. **Cont.**



Commandment | Sarah Andrew

Luis Saez was aboard Commandment in the Kentucky Derby, but Cox said ownership wanted to make a change for the Belmont. Velazquez, who rode Further Ado in the Derby, was available.

"He knows how to get around the Saratoga oval pretty well," Cox deadpanned about Johnny V., who has the most all-time wins at Saratoga (1,054 heading into Friday's card).

Mott Expects Rebound from Knightsbridge in Met Mile

Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott still has no idea what happened to Knightsbridge (**Nyquist**) the last time he ran. He can only hope things will be different for the 5-year-old horse in Saturday's GI, \$1 million Met Mile at Saratoga Race Course.

Knightsbridge, a Godolphin homebred, was all the rage over the winter when he dominated three races in Florida, winning three Grade III races by a combined 20 3/4 lengths.

Then came the fall in the GI Churchill Downs on Kentucky Derby Day. Sent off as the favorite - for the seventh time in his nine career starts -- Knightsbridge laid an egg.

He finished sixth, beaten 6 1/4 lengths. Mott left Churchill Downs that day confused and more than a little disappointed.

"I don't know what went wrong," Mott said. "He trained well into it, and he didn't run."

Mott got every inch of Knightsbridge checked out when he got him back to the barn. When he shipped him to his spring/summer base in Saratoga, he monitored Knightsbridge closely.

The horse continued his training, looked good every time Mott sent him to the track.

"He has worked well enough, and we have not found anything wrong with him," Mott said. "There is nothing that we can see that is not in order with him."

Mott decided he had no choice but to draw a line though Knightsbridge's effort in the Churchill Downs and move forward.

He will be ridden once again by Mott's main man, Junior Alvarado, and the Met Mile will certainly be the stiffest test of Knightsbridge's career, one that has seen him cross the finish line first in six of nine starts.

And, for the first time in a while, Knightsbridge will not be the favorite. That honor will likely go to the Bob Baffert-trained Nysos (**Nyquist**), who is the 9-5 morning line choice. The popular Journalism (**Curly**) is the 5-2 second choice.

The Met Mile starts from the tricky Wilson Chute.

"That always poses some challenges," Mott said. "It's all in how they break. There is always the possibility that the horses on the inside - if the horses on the outside break really well they could squeeze them a little coming midway down the chute. It poses the possibility of a tough race the first eighth of a mile."

Knightsbridge breaks from post six, Journalism is next door in post six. Nysos has the rail.

Belmont Stakes Could be a Wet One

After three picture-perfect days to start the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival at Saratoga, there is a chance for Saturday, Belmont Stakes Day, to be not so nice.

Abbey Grant, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Albany, said there is the potential for severe thunderstorms in the Saratoga Springs area starting at 2 p.m. and lasting into the night.

By the time the GI Belmont Stakes goes off (scheduled post time of 7:04 p.m.), it could be wet.

"Unfortunately, some of the storms could reach severe strength," Grant said. "There could be wind gusts of 58 miles per hour or more and there is potential for large hail as well."

Grant said there is a 50 percent chance of rain at 2 p.m. and it will go up to as high as 70 percent as the day moves on.

"It could absolutely be raining," she said when asked what the weather would be like at post time for the Belmont."

The good news is that the inclement weather is not supposed to include a consistent, hours long rain.

She also said not to expect any sun in the area on Saturday. The day, Grant said, will start out cloudy and temperatures will soar into the upper 80s and that could fuel the expected thunderstorms.

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Ways and Means | Tod Marks

WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY: WAYS AND MEANS RE-RALLIES LATE TO DEFEND BED O' ROSES CROWN

by Patrycja Szpyra

Heavy is the head that wears the crown, but for the reigning queen of the GII Bed O' Roses Stakes, it proved to be figurative weight she could valiantly bear en route to her title defense.

Ways and Means (**Practical Joke**) looked to be beaten at the head of affairs, but gamely re-rallied in the final yards to nail a wildly unlucky **Grand Job** (**Justify**) by a nose in an exciting 2026 running at Saratoga.

The Chad Brown trainee has had a very short career the last two seasons—her 2025 campaign was only two races long with starts in the GI Derby City Distaff and the GII Bed O' Roses Stakes to her credit. She ran third in the former and dominated the latter by 7 3/4 lengths to post a career-best 111 Beyer in the process. Thus far, her 2026 has taken a similar path as Ways and Means again resurfaced off a layoff at the Derby City, but this time ran second to Florida-bred wonder R Disaster (Awesome Slew). The betting public clocked the pattern, and sent her off as the 3-5 favorite with Grand Job close on her heels in the pools at 6-5 odds.

The field broke in a line, but the top two wasted no time getting out to the front with Grand Job quickly taking control from the rail through an opening quarter in :22.07. Ways and Means was never too far away from her, and they distanced themselves from the field after a half-mile in a stiff :43.97 heading into the bend. Coming off it, as Grand Job seemingly gave Ways and Means the slip, the eventual winner refused to yield and relentlessly closed the gap heading into the final yards. Offering one last lunge at the wire, it took a photo to separate them, but the 2025 champion would defend her crown by a

lucky nose. **Senza Parole** (**Gun Runner**) was 9 1/2 lengths back in third.

“When that horse [No. 1, Grand Job] sprinted away from her [Ways and Means], there were a fair number of horses who would have had their hearts broken, if you will. The fact that she regained her confidence and bore down again, I think that says a lot about her heart and determination,” said trainer Chad Brown.

“I know the filly that was second looks like she’s really turning into a top filly, so I knew [Ways And Means] was going to have her work cut out for her wearing her down. I’m just thankful that we got her nose down in time.”

Brown continued, “I was telling Flavien [Prat] that we brought her back in training to win the Breeders’ Cup at Keeneland and I think she’ll love the seven-eighths at Keeneland. You can see she’s just getting there at six-and-a-half. If we can just keep her healthy and ready for that race in the fall, she’ll be very competitive.”

When asked about the shortened season in 2025, Brown said Ways and Means got sick again [she came out of the GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Sprint in 2024 with an ankle chip that put her on the sidelines until last year’s Derby City] and he was forced to pull the plug on her entire year.

“Her best races are definitely here, but I have been having trouble keeping her in a regular campaign. She’s run well at Aqueduct, too. The one Del Mar race wasn’t too good—then again, she came out of that with an ankle chip. There’s some question marks. She’s going to have to take her game on the road, like I spoke about, and to Keeneland, primarily.”

Brown added that Ways and Means’s final year of racing will predominantly be spent in New York with her next target being the ‘WAYI’ GI Ballerina Stakes Aug. 29 with an eye on a potential career finisher in the World Championships this fall at Keeneland.

Pedigree Note:

Ways and Means is a half-sister to a pair of accomplished runners, namely fellow Grade I-winner Surge Capacity (Flintshire {GB}) and track-record setting graded winner **Highly Motivated** (Into Mischief). She’s the most recent to the races, but does have a juvenile half-sister named Alpe d’Huez (**Good Magic**). Strong Incentive’s youngest is a yearling colt by Into Mischief and she was bred back to the stallion for 2026.

The dam is herself a daughter of SW G G’s Dolly (Comic Strip), and thus a half-sibling to MSP Hall Pass (Freedom Child) and Loan Guarantee (Malibu Moon), the mother of GSW Wow Whata Summer (Summer Front). This is the extended female family of French Group 1-placed Monsagem and multiple Group winner Tullius (Ire).



Trophy presentation for Ways and Means | Tod Marks

Friday, Saratoga

BED O' ROSES S. PRESENTED BY BOLDYN NETWORKS-GII,

\$300,000, Saratoga, 6-5, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:21.05, ft.

1--WAYS AND MEANS, 124, m, 5, by **Practical Joke**

1st Dam: Strong Incentive (SW, \$123,568),

by Warrior's Reward

2nd Dam: G G's Dolly, by Comic Strip

3rd Dam: Parfait, by Kingmambo

'TDN Rising Star'. O/B-Klaravich Stables (KY); T-Chad C. Brown;

J-Flavien Prat. \$165,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 12-6-3-1,

\$1,362,500. *1/2 to Surge Capacity (Flintshire {GB}), GISW,

\$547,100 and **Highly Motivated** (Into Mischief), GSW,

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2--Grand Job, 124, m, 5, **Justify**--Sure Route (GB), by Ishiguru.

(\$105,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Bell Tower Thoroughbreds,

Medallion Racing and Mark Stanton; B-Fullbury (KY); T-William

I. Mott. \$60,000.

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(Ire). 'TDN Rising Star'. **1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK**

TYPE. (\$120,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$240,000 RNA 2yo '24

OBSAPR). O-Don Alberto Stable; B-Don Alberto Corporation

(KY); T-Chad C. Brown. \$36,000.

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FITZ RIGHT WINS THIRD STRAIGHT IN

WONDER AGAIN by Alan Carasso

Michael Dubb, William H. Lawrence, The Elkstone Group and Michael Kisber's **Fitz Right** (**Charlatan**) remained perfect in three starts at three in 2026, sitting a clean trip in clear air before powering past favored **Lion Lake (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) to take Friday's GII Wonder Again Stakes on day two of the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival at Saratoga. It was a record-extending seventh victory and fourth in the last five runnings for trainer Chad Brown in the Wonder Again, first contested in 2014.

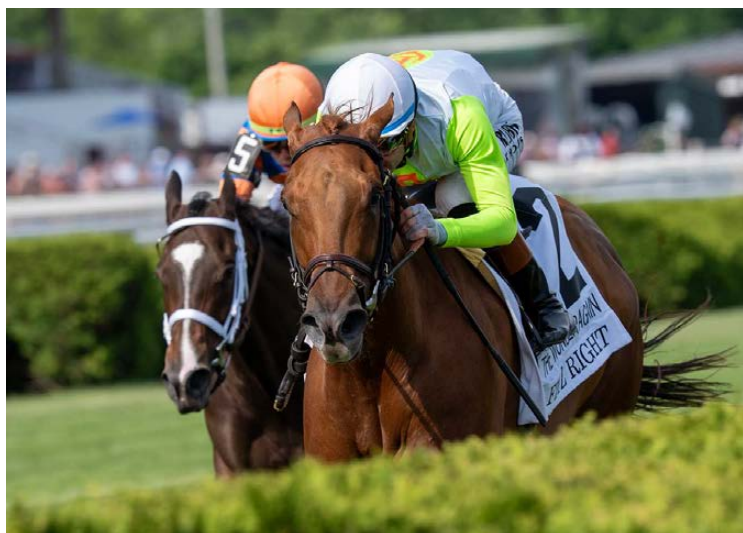
The narrow 3-1 second choice, Fitz Right was away without incident from gate two and was a forward factor for the opening few strides, but she was content to come back to Flavien Prat and sit third, as last-out Hilltop Stakes heroine **Coach Mazzula** (Authentic) matched motors with the 6-5 chalk through moderate fractions of :24.42 and :48.48.

Fitz Right began to creep into contention, having bridged a five-length gap, with three furlongs to race, and sensing that he was about to have some company to his outside, John Velazquez went for Lion Lake--beaten a neck when third in the GIII Appalachian Stakes and GII Edgewood Stakes in her two most recent runs--once heads were turned for home.

Lion Lake had a bit of a kick and met the outside challenge of Fitz Right, but the latter poked her head in front at the furlong grounds and edged clear. 'TDN Rising Star' **Time to Dream** (**Not This Time**) looked dangerous for a stride or two at the eighth pole, but she flattened out and could do no better than third.

A Meadowlands maiden winner at second asking last September, Fitz Right--a \$200,000 Keeneland September yearling--was a longshot sixth in the Chelsey Flower Stakes at the Big A Nov. 6 and called it a season. A 5 1/2-length allowance winner at Tampa Jan. 18, the chestnut proved a ready winner of the Apr. 26 Memories of Silver Stakes downstate in her most recent appearance. Wonder Again and Memories of Silver were two of the best turf distaffers campaigned by various members of the Phillips Family of Darby Dan Farm fame.

"She [Fitz Right] got a dream trip with a nice pace duel in front of her between two good fillies," Brown said. "There was no sure thing they would come back to us, but Flavien [Prat] saved all the ground, was able to get out and give her at least a chance. When the two fillies came to even terms at the end of the race, our filly just had a little more want. I'm very proud of her. She's really developed from two to three." **Cont.**



Fitz Right | Mathea Kelley

The conditioner said Fitz Right would very likely make her next start in the GI Fasig-Tipton Belmont Oaks over nine furlongs on July 4.

"She trains here locally. She got a nice run over this turf course. It doesn't seem like a little more extra distance would bother her," Brown said.

Pedigree Notes:

I'm a Looker, a \$4,500 purchase as a yearling at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton February Sale and later dead-heat winner of the 2016 GIII Winning Colors Stakes for Glenmare Farm and trainer Patrick Dupuy, was purchased by Stonestreet for \$475,000 at Keeneland November in 2017 and Fitz Right is the latest of four winners from the mare.

The second dam is void of black-type, bar I'm a Looker, but third dam Ropa Usada, a half-sister to Mogambo, produced SW & GSP Our Josephina (Tale of the Cat), herself responsible for the late two-time Grade I winner Dortmund (Big Brown).

The last-listed produce from I'm a Looker is the 2-year-old colt Anzac (Jackie's Warrior).

Fitz Right is the third graded scorer for the Hill 'n' Dale-based stallion.

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WONDER AGAIN S. PRESENTED BY SHIFT4-GII, \$300,000,

Saratoga, 6-5, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.39, fm.

1--FITZ RIGHT, 122, f, 3, by **Charlatan**

1st Dam: I'm a Looker (GSW, \$316,134),

by Henny Hughes

2nd Dam: Our Mariella, by Victory Gallop

3rd Dam: Ropa Usada, by Danzig

1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$200,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP).

O-Michael Dubb, William H. Lawrence, The Elkstone Group, LLC (Stuart Grant) and Michael E. Kisber; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Flavien Prat. \$165,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$301,950. *1/2 to Eliminate (**Curlin**), SP, \$274,195. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

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3--**Time to Dream**, 122, f, 3, **Not This Time**--Wild Silk, by **Street Sense**. 'TDN Rising Star'. (\$750,000 Ylg '24 FTSAUG). O-Repole Stable; B-Maggie Gieseke (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$36,000.

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Margins: 1, 3/4, 2. Odds: 3.09, 1.34, 3.18.

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TRAINER ERIC GUILLOT DIES



Eric Guillot with Laoban | Coady photo

Eric Guillot, whose 30-year career included several Grade I wins but came to an abrupt end in 2021 after a racist incident, died June 4 at a health and rehabilitation center in Magnolia, Arkansas. He was 64 years old.

The news was posted on the website of the R. L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia.

Guillot started his career in 1991, sending out two runners with no winners. Over 30 years, he would go on to send out 2,348 starters with 259 winners and over \$13 million in earnings.

His biggest earner and most successful horse was Moreno, who won the 2014 Grade I Whitney at Saratoga Stakes, upsetting Palice Malice. He had finished second at 30-1 in the Travers Stakes the prior year and retired with earnings of almost \$3 million. Guillot also trained Laoban, the upset winner of the Grade 2 Jim Dandy Stakes while still a maiden; Champagne d'Oro, who won the Grade I Acorn and Test Stakes, Mi Sueno, winner of the 2009 Grade I Del Mar Debutante, and Santa Teresita, winner of the 2009 Grade I Santa Maria Handicap.

A Louisiana native, Guillot was known for his eccentric personality, frequently cooking huge pots of gumbo for backstretch workers outside his Saratoga barn.

But his career ended prematurely in 2021 when he claimed and renamed a horse "Grape Soda," posting on social media that the name was aimed at Ken Rudolph, then an analyst on TVG. Rudolph is Black, and the term is used as a racial slur meant to portray African Americans as having a penchant for cheap beverages.

The horse won a January 8, 2021 race at Aqueduct, and industry reaction was swift. The New York Racing Association issued an immediate, permanent ban on Guillot, and The Stronach Group followed suit. The Jockey Club revoked the

name and the horse, who had been claimed out of the Jan. 8 race, was renamed Respect for All, with a portion of its future earnings earmarked for backstretch charities.

Guillot announced his retirement the following day. "That was the last horse I ever ran," Guillot told the *TDN* at the time. "This has been something that's been in the making for a while now."

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IN-FORM RACING PROSPECTS GIGABIT, RANGE GOAT LEAD INGLIS USA JUNE DIGITAL SALE

Opening for bidding with 31 offerings, the 2026 Inglis Digital USA June Sale is now online, and is led by in-form racing prospects coming off strong recent performances--namely **Gigabit (Dialed In)** and **Range Goat (Bolt d'Oro)**.

The former is a 3-year-old filly last seen earning a 92 Beyer for her allowance victory at Horseshoe Indianapolis by a widening 6 1/4 lengths. She is a half-sister to multiple stakes winner Twirling Queen (**Twirling Candy**) and they're both daughters of MSW Adventurous Lady (**Kantharos**). Gigabit is consigned by Lantern Hill Farm, and she is available for inspection at The Thoroughbred Center in Lexington, KY.

Range Goat earned a 90 Beyer figure when breaking his maiden at Evangeline Downs, defeating the field by 10 1/2 lengths. He'd hit the board the race prior in local Lafayette Stakes in just his second career start. The son of Bolt d'Oro is out of SP Taylor's Tourist (**Midshipman**) and hails from the female family of GSW Proceed Bee (Bernstein) and his half-brother GSP Processor's Turf (Sky Mesa).

Range Goat is consigned by VanMeter Sales, and he is available for inspection at trainer Juan Larrosa's barn at Evangeline Downs in Louisiana.

Also in the sale is recent juvenile winner **Sr Seventyone (Blame)**, who hails from the immediate female family of GISW Marley's Freedom (**Blame**), herself the mother of GISW Hope Road (**Quality Road**). The dam, SW Noble Charlotte (Include), is also a half-sibling to winning Indian Carlie (Indian Charlie), who produced MSW Noble Commander (Forestry). Sr Seventyone is consigned by Nakuneba Farms, and she is available for inspection at Keeneland.

Also on offer is **Thisishowwedoit** (Jimmy Creed), a maiden winner last out June 2 who is Maryland-bred and Virginia-certified. She is consigned by Wasabi Sales, and can be inspected at Penn National.

The broodmares in the catalog include **Ghost Punch**, a Ghostzapper mare offered with her colt from the first crop of Kentucky sire **Tapit Trice** at her side. She is pregnant to Gentleman's Bet. **Cont.**



Gigabit | Coady Media



Ashley Franz | courtesy of Warrendale Sales

Other broodmares are offered pregnant to **Dialed In**, Eastwood, **Modernist**, and Storm the Court.

The June sale's yearling selection includes horses by **Bee Jersey**, **Buccherio**, Perfect Timber, and Tale of Silence.

Bidding is currently open for the online auction and it will close Wednesday, June 10. The first lot will close that day at 2 p.m. Eastern, and each successive offering will hammer in three-minute increments, featuring a live broadcast to showcase each horse as the fall of the hammer draws near.

To view the entire catalogue and to register to bid, please go to the **Inglis Digital website**.

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ASHLEY FRANZ TO JOIN WARRENDALE SALES AS BLOODSTOCK SALES ASSOCIATE

After a decade at Four Star Sales as their director of bloodstock, Ashley Franz will join Warrendale Sales as a bloodstock sales associate, the group announced via press release.

"Ashley started with Four Star when she was just out of college and has truly become a very accomplished horsewoman," said Four Star's Kerry Cauthen. "She will be sorely missed, both professionally and as a great friend to us all, but we couldn't be prouder of her accomplishments with us and those that are still to come in her future."

Franz grew up with a racing and sales background, and built upon that foundation during her time at Four Star to expand her

knowledge in all areas related to bloodstock, including client management, pinhook partnerships, client purchases and appraisals. She will continue with Four Star through the Keeneland September sale, and will begin with Warrendale at the beginning of October.

"I am truly excited about this next chapter in my career at Warrendale and I look forward to continuing to work with current clients & partners, as well as building new relationships with the clients and staff there," said Franz. "I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity I have had to develop professionally over the last decade alongside Kerry and the entire Four Star team and I will genuinely miss my day-to-day interactions there. I will carry with me the wealth of knowledge I have gained at Four Star, which I believe will help me excel in my new role at Warrendale with Kitty and Hunter."

"Kitty and I are ecstatic to have Ashley join the Warrendale Sales team," said Hunter Simms. "She brings with her a tremendous work ethic and is someone who really connects and succeeds with her client base. Ashley has put in the work from the ground up and that is really something that goes a long way in this business."

"She knows what needs to be done in order for her clients and herself to be successful. We look forward to providing Ashley the opportunities to continue to grow into the best version of herself and succeed at what she truly enjoys doing."

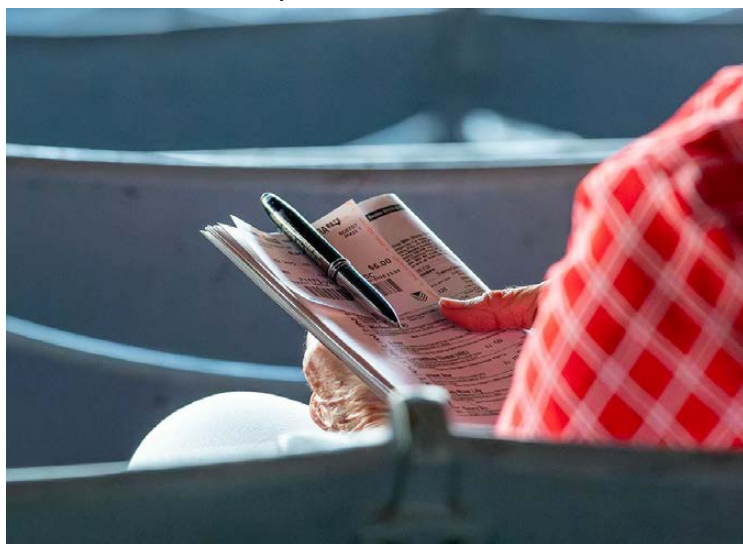
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MAY ECONOMIC INDICATORS: WAGERING AND RACE DAYS LOWER, PURSES UP



Sarah Andrew

Total wagering and the number of race days were lower compared to a year ago in May, but available purses were on the uptick, according to information released by Equibase on Friday.

Total wagering of \$1,387,522,075 on races during the month represented a 4.01% decrease over the same period from 2025, while available purses of nearly \$123 million were higher by 0.12%. The figure of over \$118 million for paid purses in May was also up by 0.09%. As for the total number of race days, they decreased from 365 to 345 (-5.48%) and the number of U.S. races was lower from 2,933 in May 2025 to last month's tally of 2,779 (-5.25%).

Average field size in May was down from over a year ago when it was 7.09, and checked in at an average of 6.92 runners, a decrease of 2.31%. Average daily wagering increased by 1.56% to \$4,021,803 and the average available purse number per race day was up 5.92% to \$356,322 from the figure of \$336,404 in 2025.

When it comes to the year-to-date figures, through May of 2025 wagering on U.S. races came in at just over \$4.8 billion, while this year the amount is \$4.613 billion (-4.48%). Those numbers include worldwide commingled wagering on U.S. races.

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PETE AIELLO TAKES OVER SANTA ANITA ANNOUNCER'S BOOTH FOR WEEKEND

Pete Aiello, the regular announcer at Gulfstream, will take over the Santa Anita booth in place of Frank Mirahmadi while the latter is in New York to call the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival at Saratoga.

Aiello also served as the replacement during last year's festival

in New York. Jason Beem, the regular Tampa Bay Downs announcer, will replace him at Gulfstream for this weekend.

"I feel honored that Frank and the Santa Anita team invited me back out this weekend," Aiello said. "The Great Race Place is aptly named and I can't wait to get back to the booth. It's a great change of pace for me and always a challenge."

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Trainer Mark Casse with the Acorn blanket after taking the first of his two Grade I victories Friday afternoon | Javier Molina

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

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



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

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

Saturday, 6/6, Saratoga #9, post time: 4:13 p.m. EDT**JAIPUR S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT**
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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-Stoneriggs Farm, 2-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 3-Stone Farm, 4-KatieRich Farms, Chris Connors & LarryAppel, 5-Alex Lieblong & JoAnn Lieblong, 6-H & E Ranch, 7-Clarkland Farm, LLC, 8-Phipps Stable, 9-Roger Cimbora Jr., 10-Murray Graham Smith


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

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

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

Saturday, 6/6, Saratoga #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



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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.

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 Perdikis, 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



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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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HONEYMOON S., \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kintrigue	McKinzie	Little Red Feather Racing and Gaylord II, Edward K.	D'Amato	Maldonado	120
2	Inbox (GB)	Ectot (GB)	Hopeless Stables, Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables, LLC and Naify, Marsha	D'Amato	Rosario	120
3	Dreaming of Alys	Upstart	Agave Racing Stable, Medallion Racing and Trommer, Evan	D'Amato	Smith	124
4	Lilo Lil	Caravaggio	Charles Fox	McCarthy	Jaramillo	124
5	Bella Lyra (Ger)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners and Matharu, Jay	Glatt	Gonzalez	120
6	Darya (Ire)	Persian King (Ire)	Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables and Naify, Marsha	D'Amato	Berrios	120
7	Wild Like the West	Into Mischief	Sayjay Racing LLC	Baltas	Ayuso	120
8	Lookin At Diamond	Lookin At Lucky	Diamond 100 Racing Club LLC	Powell	Espinoza	120
9	Light Won Up	City of Light	Purple Rein Racing and Davis, Mark D.	O'Neill	Hernandez	120
10	Revera	Lexitonian	Saints or Sinners, Titledown Racing Stables, U Racing Stables, LLC, Barker, Denise, Barker, Edwin S., Haines, John and Rivers, Daniel	Sadler	Pereira	120

Breeders: 1-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 2-Orbis Bloodstock (UK) Limited, 3-WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-Charles Fox, 5-Gestut Gorldorf, 6-Emir Alkas, 7-White Birch Farm, Inc., 8-Diamond 100 Racing Club, LLC, 9-Betz Thoroughbreds/J.Betz/DJStables/Epona/Lamantia, 10-Steven Nicholson & Brandi Nicholson

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'TDN Rising Star' Local Knowledge returns Saturday
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LATEST DAUGHTER OF CHAMPION CLOSE HATCHES OPENS BELMONT CARD

1st-SAR, 115K, Msw, 3yo/up, f, 7f, 11:00 a.m.

What **CROWNING GLORY** (Uncle Mo) may lack in race experience, she makes up for in pedigree power. A daughter of Eclipse-winning older mare and MGISW Close Hatches, this filly is a half to a trio of talented runners each sired by the legendary **Tapit** in MGSW/MGISP **Tacitus**, GI Breeders' Cup Distaff winner and 'TDN Rising Star' Scylla and GSW Batten Down. Close Hatches is of course herself a full-sister to SW/MGISP Lockdown, the dam of two-time champion Idiomatic (**Curlin**). Bill Mott, who has handled training duties for this entire Juddmonte bred and owned family, will leg up Junior Alvarado for the debut as one of only two first-time starters in the field. **TJCIS PPS**

6th-SAR, 120K, Alw, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 2:09 p.m.

'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Local Knowledge** (Yaupon) makes his 3-year-old debut for Todd Pletcher and Spendthrift Farm. Unraced since his 'Rising Star' unveiling at Keeneland in early October, the \$625,000 OBS April grad earned a 94 Beyer Speed Figure in a race in which he beat GI Belmont Stakes entry and GI Florida Derby winner Commandment (Into Mischief). That loaded maiden special weight also featured future stakes winner Gallivant (Into Mischief) and GIII Lecomte Stakes runner up Mesquite (**Union Rags**). **TJCIS PPS**

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7th-Churchill Downs, \$127,000, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$125,000), 6-5, 3yo, 1mT, 1:33.65, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

FANCY SAILOR (c, 3, **Justify**--Tiz Ro, by **Hard Spun**), a debut third to subsequent SW & GSP Vasy (Ire) (Space Blues {Ire}) at Gulfstream Jan. 25, graduated by neck in Hallandale Mar. 8 and was a midpack sixth to Thursday's GIII Pennine Ridge Stakes hero West End Kid (**Twirling Candy**) in Churchill allowance company May 8. Sent off the 5-2 favorite here, the homebred was able to secure a midfield position by the time they hit the first turn and raced two wide with cover down the back of the track. Slipstreaming the move of Zeus's Echo (By My Standards) passing the quarter pole, Fancy Sailor was pulled off heels, took aim on long-time leader Zakynthos (**Oscar Performance**) entering the final furlong and surged past last to score comfortably. The winner's dam, a half-sister to dual Grade I-winning turfer Jambalaya (Langfuhr) and SW Riley Ripasso (Johannesburg), is also responsible for the 2-year-old filly Toco Dancer (**Jack Christopher**) and the filly foal Epic Ro (**Epicenter**). Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$121,585. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Raroma Stable LLC (KY); T-Brian A Lynch.



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Money Game (center) | Tod Marks

7th-Saratoga, \$126,100, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$110,000), 6-5, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49.03, ft, head.

MONEY GAME (c, 4, Candy Ride {Arg})--Miss Bling Bling, by Tapit) won on debut at Oaklawn Park in March of last year, then the chestnut cleared an optional claimer over course and distance in early May. Heading to the sidelines, the colt returned to action with a win at Fair Grounds Mar. 19. The 5-2 second choice here was squeezed at the break, but Money Game was able to take up a spot to the outside in the second flight by the first turn. Waiting to pounce up the backstretch, the 4-year-old made a three-wide around the far turn and began to target leader Bourbon Day (Race Day) into the lane. Money Game dug down deep, collared the pacesetter in the final jumps and outlasted a late challenge from Bendoog (Gun Runner). The first foal for his dam, the winner is a half-brother to 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard', Prom Queen (Quality Road), GSW, \$248,380. Miss Bling Bling is also responsible for 2-year-old filly Black Market (Candy Ride {Arg}) and a yearling filly by Maximum Security. She was bred to Into Mischief for this past foaling season. Money Game's second dam is Canadian champion 3-year-old filly Milwaukee Appeal (Milwaukee Brew), who produced GSW Actress (Tapit)--herself the dam of G1 Dubai World Cup hero Hit Show (Candy Rode {Arg}). Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$249,100. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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5th-Saratoga, \$120,000, Alw, 6-5, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:01.01, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

PILLAR OF BEAUTY (f, 3, Caracaro--Port Marazion, by Point of Entry) hit top gear in the final furlong to give Junior Alvarado and Bill Mott a small bit of consolation after Grand Job (Justify) took the dirtiest of beats in the GII Bed o' Roses Stakes one race prior. Having graduated on five-furlong turf debut at Gulfstream Dec. 20, the bay filly was a disappointing fifth as the favorite against winners Feb. 25, but bounced back to be second to future GIII Limestone Stakes victrix Slay the Day (Into Mischief) on Mar. 6. Disregarded here at 27-1 off an even seventh in the May 9 Take The A Train Stakes downstate, Pillar of Beauty broke alertly and was a forward factor early before copping a check and losing a spot or two nearing the turn. Back into the bridle entering the final 2 1/2 furlongs, the \$200,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic breezer came out at midstretch and raced over the top of rivals to take it by an expanding margin. A maternal great-granddaughter of MSW & MGSP turfer Swearingen (Deposit Ticket), Pillar of Beauty has a 2-year-old full brother and her dam was most recently covered by Justify's half-brother Stage Raider. Sales history: \$16,000 RNA Ylg '24 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '25 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$106,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-West Point Thoroughbreds & William Sandbrook; B-Pope McLean, Marc McLean & Pope McLean Jr (KY); T-William I Mott.



Pillar of Beauty | Tod Marks

2nd-Saratoga, \$110,000, (S), Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 6-5, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.07, ft, 9 lengths.

HIT THE POST (g, 4, Kantharos--Memento d'Oro, by Medaglia d'Oro) blew this field out of the water in his second start of the year after running third in his 4-year-old debut going a furlong longer at Aqueduct Apr. 25. The narrow 5-2 second choice was keen to lead but took early pressure from Factually Correct (Tourist) to his outside through the opening quarter in :22.21.

Able to turn that rival away into the far turn, Hit the Post cut the corner for home and cleared off with ease under Christopher Elliott, leading in race favorite Kenny Be (**Complexity**) by nine lengths. Memento d'Oro, herself a daughter of MGISW Intangaroo, has a 2-year-old **Charlatan** colt and a yearling colt by **Proxy** still to represent her. Lifetime Record: MSP, 10-3-2-2, \$240,763. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Old Tavern Farm LLC (NY); T-Melanie Giddings. Sales History: \$55,000 RNA Ylg '23 SARAUG.



Hit the Post with trainer Melanie Giddings | Tod Marks

13th-Saratoga, \$105,000, (S), Alw, 6-5, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23.98, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

IRISH FORTUNE (f, 3, **Central Banker--Irish Whisper, by Langfuhr),** third in the Fourstar Crook Stakes two back near this distance at Aqueduct Apr. 11, broke running Friday and was able to wire this field, fending off a late charge from a closing Grace and Grit (**Munnings**) to pick up her second win by 1 3/4 lengths. Irish Whisper has a 2-year-old full-sister to Irish Fortune and a yearling full-sister. She returned to **Central Banker** for this season but has yet to report a foal. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-0-1, \$130,862. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Irikan, LLC (NY); T-Thomas Morley.

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Tab at Zanzibar (right) leads in Criteria | Tod Marks

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3rd-Saratoga, \$115,000, Msw, 6-5, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.34, ft, 3 lengths.

TAB AT ZANZIBAR (g, 3, **Candy Ride {Arg}--Union Maiden {SP, \$195,134}, by **Union Rags**),** second to 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Sea Strike (Midshipman)** in his debut at Aqueduct Apr. 25, came back one better Friday to graduate. Drawn inside and forwardly placed in this 6 1/2-furlong spot, the 3-1 second choice was outrun only by longshot Onepac (Cupid) to his inside as that front pair opened up a small gap back to the main field. Able to spin off the far turn a path off the rail through fractions of :21.60 and :43.95, he easily drove past that rival and kept on rolling down the fastest part of the track to graduate with Criteria (Yaupon) giving chase in second. 'Insighted' runners Noble Edition (Into Mischief) and Presidential Power (**Constitution**) finished fourth and sixth respectively. Union Maiden, has a **Cody's Wish** yearling filly who brought \$550,000 from the KEENOV and a colt by **Flightline** this spring. Sales History: \$80,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$79,250. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Robert LaPenta and Madaket Stables LLC; B-Natalma Bloodstock Limited (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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New Rose | Tod Marks

6th-Saratoga, \$115,000, Msw, 6-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.46, fm, 1 length.

NEW ROSE (f, 3, Nyquist--Meadow Rose {GSP, \$129,720}, by Ghostzapper), a 22-1 longshot, upset the field when stretched out to 1 1/16 miles after debuting sprinting on the lawn at Keeneland when sixth Apr. 17. Drawn outside, the Jena Antonucci trainee had plenty of gate speed to pressure the early leader through fractions of :23.96 and :49.28. Wide and in the clear around the far turn, New Rose kept things tight into the final quarter mile and had to deal with only a late bid from Home Wrecker (**Quality Road**) who came up a length short. Meadow Rose, a perfect four for four on the track with her foals, still has a 2-year-old **Girvin** filly and a filly born this spring by Forte. Sales History: \$135,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$64,625. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Copper Thoroughbreds, Fred Rosen, Merriebelle Stable and Steve Dervenis; B-Merriebelle Stable, LLC (KY); T-Jena M. Antonucci.



14th-Saratoga, \$115,000, Msw, 6-5, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.28, fm, 1/2 length.

SILENT IMPACT (c, 3, Gun Runner--Soothing Touch, by Touch Gold), sixth in his main track debut at Gulfstream March 28, improved on the grass last out going this distance to be second Apr. 26. The 6-1 shot rated mid pack and was able to save a bit of ground into the backstretch through the half in :47.43 before beginning a steady, wide march to the front around the far turn. Fanned out at top of the lane, Silent Impact rallied in time, denying Bull Shoals (Mo Forza) by a half-length. Soothing Touch has already produced the likes of Courtier (Pioneer of the Nile),

SW & GSP, \$221,103, Hofburg (**Tapit**), SW & MGISP, \$554,300 and Emollient (Empire Maker), MGISW, \$1,350,400 from 14 total foals for Juddmonte who purchased the mare as a yearling in 2005 for \$550,000. The family continues to improve with another daughter, Calm Water (Empire Maker), responsible for G1 Emirates Airline Dubai World Cup winner Laurel River (Into Mischief). Her 2025 **Flightline** colt sadly passed this year and she was no re-bred for 2026. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$72,530. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Juddmonte (KY); T-William I. Mott.



Silent Impact | Tod Marks

2nd-Gulfstream, \$65,000, (S), Msw, 6-5, 2yo, f, 5f, :59.34, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

HOT ROD HONEY (f, 2, Roadster--Go Together, by Unified) hinted at some ability in her morning trials up at Palm Meadows and was duly dispatched as the 7-5 chalk to open her account at first asking. Away in good order from gate six, the March foal was allowed to find her footing and begin to make some progress three wide on the turn. Sent up to challenge at the final corner, Hot Rod Honey raced three or four paths off the inside rail, took over just outside the sixteenth pole and edged away for the victory. The third winner for her first-crop sire (by **Quality Road**), Hot Rod Honey has a yearling full-sister and a full-brother foaled this term. This is the George Strawbridge female family of Crowd Pleaser, Varenka, Dynamic Holiday, et al. Sales history: \$27,000 Wlg '24 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$39,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Troy Johnson, Wendell Yates & Robert Fritts; B-Estate of Brereton C Jones (FL); T-Carlos A David.



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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Demeter (Kor), f, 3, **Central Banker**--Royal Alpha, by Alphabet Soup. Busan, 6-5, Hcp. (C5), 1400m. B-Kim Yoeng Sam.
*\$5,000 in utero '22 FTNOCT. **VIDEO (#6)**



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, JUNE 6

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Colonel Liam (Liam's Map), Ocala Stud, \$6,500
74 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, 1:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Pardon My Dolly, 15-1

Corniche (Quality Road), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000
109 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Prairie Meadows, 6:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Basilone, 8-1

Cyberknife (Gun Runner), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
167 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Monmouth, 1:22 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Everything Changes, 5-1
\$14,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$75,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Epicenter (Not This Time), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
206 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
7-Gulfstream, 4:09 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Epic Impact, 3-1
\$12,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS APR 2yo

Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
203 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, 1:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Elegante Miz, 4-1
\$60,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$145,000 OBS APR 2yo

Magic On Tap (Tapit), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$5,000
47 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, 1:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Silver Magic, 7-2

Mind Control (Stay Thirsty), Rockridge Stud, \$6,000
119 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Monmouth, 1:22 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Creative Thinker, 4-1
2-Monmouth, 1:22 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Direct Command, 8-1

Mo Donegal (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
135 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Evangeline Downs, 6:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Shadow Moon, 12-1
\$25,000 BSL Y&M yrl

Olympiad (Speightstown), Gainesway Farm, \$20,000
149 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Gulfstream, 4:09 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Coup de Grace, 5-2

Strike Power (Speightstown), Red River Farm
20 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Evangeline Downs, 6:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Passion Strike, 2-1
\$9,500 TTA YRL yrl; \$45,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo
1-Evangeline Downs, 6:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Powerful Rose, 10-1
\$3,500 BSL Y&M yrl



Hot Rod Honey is the third winner for freshman sire Roadster
Ryan Thompson

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, JUNE 6

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Basin (Liam's Map), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
95 foals of racing age/20 winners/3 black-type winners
3-Sunset Six, 6:08 p.m. EDT, \$100K Not Surprising S. GP - R11, 1
1/16m, Bolero Bay, 4-1
\$15,000 OBS WIN yrl

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

By My Standards (Goldencents), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
 132 foals of racing age/24 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Gulfstream, 4:09 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, More Power to You, 7-2
 \$60,000 OBS APR 2yo
 3-Evangeline Downs, 7:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Runaway Jury, 10-1
 \$14,000 RNA TTA YRL yrl

Charlatan (Speightstown), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$25,000
 321 foals of racing age/40 winners/7 black-type winners
 10-Saratoga, 4:52 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Woody Stephens S.
 Presented by Mohegan Sun, 7f, Gilded Bandit, 8-1
 \$550,000 FTS AUG yrl



Fitz Right is the third graded stakes winner for Charlatan
 Sarah Andrew

Engage (Into Mischief), Northview Stallion Station, \$2,500
 82 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Delaware, 4:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Break of Dawn, 10-1
 7-Monmouth, 4:02 p.m. EDT, \$75K Spruce Fir H., 6f, La Resolana, 15-1

Essential Quality (Tapit), Darley, \$25,000
 218 foals of racing age/40 winners/6 black-type winners
 2-Monmouth, 1:22 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Quality Spring, 5-1
 \$13,000 KEE SEP yrl

Independence Hall (Constitution), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
 195 foals of racing age/39 winners/2 black-type winners
 10-Saratoga, 4:52 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Woody Stephens S.
 Presented by Mohegan Sun, 7f, Civil Liberty, 10-1
 \$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$160,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$160,000 EAS MAY 2yo

9-Woodbine, 5:15 p.m. EDT, \$125K Fury S., 7f, Katie's Grace, 8-1
 CAN\$10,500 CAN SEP yrl; \$80,000 OBS APR 2yo

Knicks Go (Paynter), Kor, private
 170 foals of racing age/46 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Gulfstream, 4:09 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Go Junior Go, 20-1
 3-Sunset Six, 6:08 p.m. EDT, \$100K Not Surprising S. GP - R11, 1 1/16m, Knoty Knicks, 12-1
 \$72,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$60,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$100,000 OBS MAR 2yo
 8-Gulfstream, 4:39 p.m. EDT, \$100K Martha Washington S., 1 1/16m, R Slew of Cash, 5-2
 \$20,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$17,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$95,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Known Agenda (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
 171 foals of racing age/35 winners/0 black-type winners
 10-Laurel, 5:06 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Napisonmyagenda, 6-1

Lexitonian (Speightstown), Calumet Farm, \$7,500
 93 foals of racing age/20 winners/4 black-type winners
 7-Evangeline Downs, 9:13 p.m. EDT, \$100K Louisiana Legends Cheval S., 1m, Lee Street, 3-1
 \$14,000 RNA TTA YRL yrl
 4-Sunset Six, 7:51 p.m. EDT, \$100K Honeymoon S. SA - R8, 1mT, Revera, 12-1
 \$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$47,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$85,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Maxfield (Street Sense), Darley, \$50,000
 196 foals of racing age/37 winners/3 black-type winners
 10-Saratoga, 4:52 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Woody Stephens S.
 Presented by Mohegan Sun, 7f, Englishman, 3-1
 \$240,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$400,000 KEE SEP yrl

No Parole (Violence), Whispering Oaks Farm, \$2,000
 33 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Prairie Meadows, 6:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Brinx Job, 5-1

Rock Your World (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
 224 foals of racing age/50 winners/3 black-type winners
 3-Sunset Six, 6:08 p.m. EDT, \$100K Not Surprising S. GP - R11, 1 1/16m, Khon Han, 5-1
 \$15,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$190,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo
 2-Prairie Meadows, 6:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Rock N Roll Soul, 10-1



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Tacitus (Tapit), Taylor Made Farm, \$5,000

198 foals of racing age/29 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Santa Anita, 4:00 p.m. Msw 6 1/2ft, I'll Be Your Baby, 30-1
\$75,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$150,000 OBSMAR
1-Saratoga, 11:00 a.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Three Shot Sheryl, 15-1
\$25,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$55,000 RNA FTK FEB wnl; \$107,000 FTK
JUL yrl

Yaupon (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$60,000

324 foals of racing age/49 winners/11 black-type winners
10-Saratoga, 4:52 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Woody Stephens S.
Presented by Mohegan Sun, 7f, Solitude Dude, 6-1
\$55,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$85,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$300,000 OBS
OPN 2yo
10-Saratoga, 4:52 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Woody Stephens S.
Presented by Mohegan Sun, 7f, Stradale, 15-1
\$285,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$1,300,000 OBS APR 2yo



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Churchill Downs, \$134,353, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000),
6-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:39.72, fm, 2 lengths.
**WIND FLOWER (f, 4, Constitution--Blamed {MGSW, \$618,065},
by Blame)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-0, \$155,477. O/B-Cleber J.
Massey (KY); T-William I. Mott.



8th-Saratoga, \$125,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 6-5, 3yo/up,
5 1/2ft, 1:01.22, fm, head.

**DETERMINED KINGDOM (g, 7, Animal Kingdom--Filia, by
Fastnet Rock {Aus})** Lifetime Record: SW/GSP, 34-11-3-6,
\$891,680. O-Estate of R. Larry Johnson; B-Audley Farm Equine,
LLC (VA); T-Michael J. Trombetta. *\$47,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT;

\$190,000 5yo '24 KEENOV.

8th-Santa Anita, \$68,000, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 6-5,
3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.36, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**MIDWAY LANE (g, 4, Quality Road--Roxy Gap {Ch. Female
Sprinter-Can, Ch. Older Mare-Can, MGSW-Can, GSP-USA,
\$952,790}, by Indian Charlie)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$77,700.
O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-Blue Heaven Farm (KY); T-John W.
Sadler. *\$250,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. **1/2 to Angelou (Curlin),
MGSP, \$213,652 and Cafe Americano (Medaglia d'Oro), GSW,
\$178,800.



6th-Gulfstream, \$61,750, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 6-5, 3yo/up,
5 1/2f (AWT), 1:02.95, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

REZASROLEX (g, 5, Bucchero--Sister Charlie, by Indian Charlie)
Lifetime Record: MSP, 21-14-4-0, \$405,868. O-Robert Cotran;
B-Scott Herbertson (FL); T-Joseph F. Orseno.



Determined Kingdom (green cloth #12) | Sarah Andrew

8th-Laurel, \$54,490, 6-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:01.35,
fm, head.

**RIVER SEINE (IRE) (f, 4, Soldier's Call {GB}--Indian Ink {Ire}
{MG1SW-Eng, \$815,640}, by Indian Ridge {Ire})** Lifetime
Record: 12-2-4-1, \$90,794. O-Edward Maher; B-Ballyhane Stud
(IRE); T-Edward Maher. *€100,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR; 70,000gns
2yo '24 TATMA; \$60,000 3yo '25 FTDOCT.

7th-Laurel, \$53,430, 6-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.36, ft,
7 1/2 lengths.

**SPENCER TIARA (m, 5, Golden Lad--Royal Renege {SW,
\$236,288}, by Broken Vow)** Lifetime Record: 17-4-6-1,
\$196,957. O-Larry E Rabold; B-Elizabeth M Merryman (MD);
T-Hugh I McMahon.

7th-Woodbine, C\$52,790, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$28,755), 6-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:11.13, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

SPLASH OF BOURBON (f, 3, Old Forester--First Girl, by First Dude) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$62,225. O/B-Tucci Holdings (ON); T-Sid C. Attard.

5th-Evangeline Downs, \$43,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 6-4, 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:38.99, sy, 2 1/4 lengths.

KENMORE WEST (g, 5, West Coast--It's Been Nice, by Creative Cause) Lifetime Record: 15-5-4-1, \$201,480. O-Bob Gorsky; B-Adcock's Red River Farm LLC, B&B Bloodstock Inc & Desmond Ryan (LA); T-W Bret Calhoun. *\$15,000 Ylg '22 TTAYRL.

6th-Penn National, \$42,550, 6-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.88, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

CARDINAL WAR CRY (m, 5, Irish War Cry--Lenape Rim {MSW, \$617,366}, by Rimrod) Lifetime Record: 18-4-3-4, \$143,334. O/T-Michael Salvaggio Jr; B-Michael & Crystal Salvaggio (PA).

7th-Evangeline Downs, \$41,000, (S), 6-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.42, sy, nose.

METAIRIE (g, 4, Hard Spun--Precision Farming, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-0, \$61,440. O/T-L Jay Cuccia; B-Scott & Company Farm LLC (LA). *\$25,000 Ylg '23 BSLY&M.

10th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$39,600, (S), 6-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37.08, fm, 5 lengths.

VIENNA CHARM (g, 3, Charming Kitten--Vienna Rose, by Discreet Cat) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$52,885. O/T-Brian Waltz; B-Breakway Farm (IN).

6th-Charles Town, \$36,600, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :51.38, ft, 2 lengths.

THELASTSAY (m, 5, Fiber Sonde--Some Say, by Chelsey Cat) Lifetime Record: 25-8-4-4, \$154,438. O-Kenneth L Brown; B-Debbie Rhodes (WV); T-Ronney W Brown. *Full to Dreamy Sonde, SP, \$207,447.

2nd-Charles Town, \$34,100, (S), 6-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.04, ft, 3/4 length.

FIBER ROCKS (g, 3, Fiber Sonde--Rock of Windsor, by Windsor Castle) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-0, \$51,094. O-Grams Racing Stable LLC; B-Judith & Timothy Grams (WV); T-Timothy Grams.

8th-Charles Town, \$34,100, (S), 6-4, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.12, ft, neck.

GOLDEN PLUNGE (f, 4, Golden Years--Plungeinthemoat, by Windsor Castle) Lifetime Record: 18-2-5-0, \$74,546. O/B/T-Michael G Atkins (WV).

6th-Canterbury, \$27,840, (S), 6-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.91, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

BABY DOLL PEACH (m, 6, Midnight Lute--Dolly Peach {SW, \$366,224}, by Chapel Royal) Lifetime Record: 14-2-1-5, \$51,595. O/B-Lamont H Nienast LLC (MN); T-Joel Berndt.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sweet Mary, f, 2, **Mitole**--Julia's Pride, by Proud Citizen.

Churchill Downs, 6-5, (C), 5f, :58.95. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$38,654. B-Jay Goodwin, Susan Montayne & Andy Pickerell (KY). *\$75,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP.

SBM (Susan Montanye) Graduate

Miss Fortunate, f, 3, **Bolt d'Oro**--Missy Rules (SW, \$146,270), by Peace Rules. Charles Town, 6-4, 4 1/2f, :52.89. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-2, \$42,452. B-Country Life Farm & Missy Rules Broodmare II LLC (MD). *\$3,000 Ylg '24 EASOCT; \$5,500 2yo '25 IGDSEP. **1/2 to Liquidator (**Divining Rod**), SP, \$316,220; and Secret Rules (Secret Circle), SP, \$521,797.

Sin Boldly, f, 3, **Holy Boss**--Dancingwithpaynter, by Paynter.

Laurel, 6-5, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.28. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$59,455. B-Orebanks (MD).



Come On Get Happy, f, 3, **Maclean's Music**--Acting Happy (GSW & MGISP, \$262,470), by Empire Maker. Laurel, 6-5, 7f, 1:26.08. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$45,088. B-Samantha Siegel (KY). *1/2 to Into Happiness (Into Mischieff), SP, \$281,252.

Lost Chord, f, 3, **Maxfield**--Fancy and Flashy (SP), by Zensational. Churchill Downs, 6-5, (C), 1m, 1:36.96. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-1, \$59,422. B-Brookfield Stud (KY). *\$100,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. **1/2 to Anywho (Bolt d'Oro), MGSP, \$249,115; and Wipe the Slate (**Nyquist**), GSP, \$122,999.

Horvath, g, 3, **Munnings**--Randie's Legend, by Benchmark.

Charles Town, 6-4, 4 1/2f, :52.33. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$29,414. B-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC (KY). *\$135,000 RNA Wlg '23 FTKNOV. **1/2 to Daddy Is a Legend (Scat Daddy), MGSP & MGISP, \$666,353.

The Kid Is Back, c, 3, **Neolithic**--Belladini, by Bandini.

Gulfstream, 6-5, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.71. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$46,210. B-Vicino Racing Stables, Inc. (FL).

Lyndee's Dream, f, 3, **Passion for Gold**--Sunshine Laurie, by Sundarban. Santa Anita, 6-5, (S), 6f, 1:11.45. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$59,200. B-Linda Madsen (CA). *\$3,700 RNA Ylg '24 NCAAU.

Screaminvengeance, g, 3, **The Lady's Groom**--Smooth Arrival, by Silver Train. Charles Town, 6-4, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:20.01. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$23,563. B-Ryan A Gillespie (WV).

Copious, c, 4, **Curlin**--Paradise Woods (MGISW, \$1,123,890), by **Union Rags**. Saratoga, 6-5, 1 1/8m, 1:50.28. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-2, \$102,550. B-Pam & Martin Wygod (KY).



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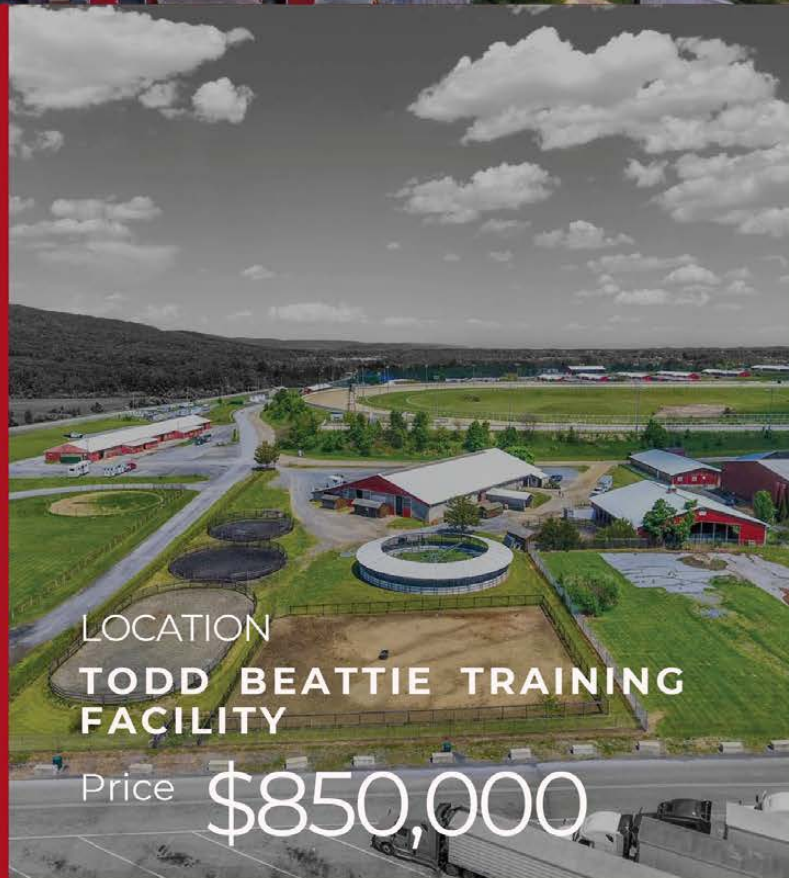


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Spellmaker, c, 4, **Gun Runner**--Teardrop (SP), by **Tapit**. Churchill Downs, 6-4, (C), 1m, 1:36.64. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$68,417. B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). *\$95,000 3yo '25 FTDMAY. **Full to Costa Terra, SP, \$422,008; and Echo Again, MSP, \$500,156; half to Pneumatic (Uncle Mo), 'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard, SW & GSP, \$275,390.

Cost of War, g, 4, **War of Will**--Cost, by Pulpit. Woodbine, 6-5, 5f (AWT), :58.02. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$42,309. B-Saintsbury Farms Inc. (ON). *C\$60,000 Ylg '23 CANSEP.

Stormtown, g, 5, **Mo Town**--Dancin in a Storm, by Stormy Atlantic. Churchill Downs, 6-5, 5 1/2ft, 1:01.18. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, \$81,518. B-Charles H. Huber (KY).

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Almasty, Almasty's Lust, m, 5, o/o **Affair At Midnight**, by Tethra. WMC, 6-5, Woodbine

Animal Kingdom, Determined Kingdom, g, 7, o/o **Filia**, by Fastnet Rock (Aus). AOC, 6-5, Saratoga

Bolt d'Oro, Miss Fortunate, f, 3, o/o **Missy Rules**, by Peace Rules. MSW, 6-4, Charles Town

Bucchero, Rezasrolex, g, 5, o/o **Sister Charlie**, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 6-5, Gulfstream

Candy Ride (Arg), Money Game, c, 4, o/o **Miss Bling Bling**, by **Tapit**. AOC, 6-5, Saratoga

Candy Ride (Arg), Tab At Zanzibar, g, 3, o/o **Union Maiden**, by **Union Rags**. MSW, 6-5, Saratoga

Caracaro, Pillar of Beauty, f, 3, o/o **Port Marazion**, by Point of Entry. ALW, 6-5, Saratoga

Central Banker, Irish Fortune, f, 3, o/o **Irish Whisper**, by Langfuhr. ALW, 6-5, Saratoga

Charlatan, Fitz Right, f, 3, o/o **I'm a Looker**, by Henny Hughes. GI Wonder Again S. Presented by Shift4, 6-5, Saratoga

Charming Kitten, Vienna Charm, g, 3, o/o **Vienna Rose**, by Discreet Cat. ALW, 6-4, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Constitution, Wind Flower, f, 4, o/o **Blamed**, by **Blame**. AOC, 6-5, Churchill Downs

Curlin, Copious, c, 4, o/o **Paradise Woods**, by **Union Rags**. MSW, 6-5, Saratoga

Fiber Sonde, Fiber Rocks, g, 3, o/o **Rock of Windsor**, by Windsor Castle. ALW, 6-5, Charles Town

Fiber Sonde, Thelastsay, m, 5, o/o **Some Say**, by Chelsey Cat. AOC, 6-4, Charles Town

Golden Lad, Spencer Tiara, m, 5, o/o **Royal Renege**, by Broken Vow. ALW, 6-5, Laurel

Golden Years, Golden Plunge, f, 4, o/o **Plungeinthemoat**, by Windsor Castle. ALW, 6-4, Charles Town

Gun Runner, Silent Impact, c, 3, o/o **Soothing Touch**, by Touch Gold. MSW, 6-5, Saratoga

Gun Runner, Spellmaker, c, 4, o/o **Teardrop**, by **Tapit**. MCL, 6-4, Churchill Downs

Hard Spun, Metairie, g, 4, o/o **Precision Farming**, by Smart Strike. ALW, 6-4, Evangeline

Holy Boss, Sin Boldly, f, 3, o/o **Dancingwithpaynter**, by Paynter. MSW, 6-5, Laurel

Honor A. P., Counting Stars, f, 3, o/o **Paynterbynumbers**, by Paynter. GI DraftKings Acorn S., 6-5, Saratoga

Irish War Cry, Cardinal War Cry, m, 5, o/o **Lenape Rim**, by Rimrod. ALW, 6-4, Penn National

Justify, Fancy Sailor, c, 3, o/o **Tiz Ro**, by **Hard Spun**. AOC, 6-5, Churchill Downs

Kantharos, Hit the Post, g, 4, o/o **Memento d'Oro**, by Medaglia d'Oro. AOC, 6-5, Saratoga

Maclean's Music, Come On Get Happy, f, 3, o/o **Acting Happy**, by Empire Maker. MSW, 6-5, Laurel

Maxfield, Lost Chord, f, 3, o/o **Fancy and Flashy**, by Zensational. MCL, 6-5, Churchill Downs

Medaglia d'Oro, Nitrogen, f, 4, o/o **Tiffany Case**, by Uncle Mo. GI Ogden Phipps S. Presented by Ford, 6-5, Saratoga

Midnight Lute, Baby Doll Peach, m, 6, o/o **Dolly Peach**, by Chapel Royal. ALW, 6-4, Canterbury

Mitole, Sweet Mary, f, 2, o/o **Julia's Pride**, by Proud Citizen. MCL, 6-5, Churchill Downs

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Mo Town, Stormtown, g, 5, o/o Dancin in a Storm, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 6-5, Churchill Downs

Munnings, Horvath, g, 3, o/o Randie's Legend, by Benchmark. MSW, 6-4, Charles Town

Neolithic, The Kid Is Back, c, 3, o/o Belladini, by Bandini. MSW, 6-5, Gulfstream

Night of Thunder (Ire), Portfolio Duration (GB), f, 4, o/o Shemya (Fr), by Dansili (GB). GI New York S., 6-5, Saratoga

Nyquist, New Rose, f, 3, o/o Meadow Rose, by Ghostzapper. MSW, 6-5, Saratoga

Old Forester, Splash of Bourbon, f, 3, o/o First Girl, by **First Dude**. OCL, 6-5, Woodbine

Passion for Gold, Lyndee's Dream, f, 3, o/o Sunshine Laurie, by Sundarban. MSW, 6-5, Santa Anita

Practical Joke, Ways and Means, m, 5, o/o Strong Incentive, by Warrior's Reward. GI Bed o' Roses S. Presented by Boldyn Networks, 6-5, Saratoga

Quality Road, Midway Lane, g, 4, o/o Roxy Gap, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 6-5, Santa Anita

Roadster, Hot Rod Honey, f, 2, o/o Go Together, by Unified. MSW, 6-5, Gulfstream

Soldier's Call (GB), River Seine (Ire), f, 4, o/o Indian Ink (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire). ALW, 6-5, Laurel

The Lady's Groom, Screaminvengeance, g, 3, o/o Smooth Arrival, by Silver Train. MSW, 6-4, Charles Town

War of Will, Cost of War, g, 4, o/o Cost, by Pulpit. MSW, 6-5, Woodbine

West Coast, Kenmore West, g, 5, o/o It's Been Nice, by Creative Cause. AOC, 6-4, Evangeline



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'IT WAS EFFORTLESS': MCMONAGLE SHINES ON OAKS HEROINE THUNDERING ON



Thundering On and Dylan Browne McMonagle | Bronwen Healy

by Tom Frary

Friday's G1 Betfred Oaks looked a competitive renewal beforehand, but in the end it was Shapoor Mistry's homebred **Thundering On** (Frankel) who held sway in a show of dominance. Sweeping from last to first with Dylan Browne McMonagle ice-cool careering towards his first Classic success, the well-backed 5-1 shot brushed aside **Legacy Link** (Dubawi) to win by 3 3/4 lengths.

"It was effortless, she's so, so talented," the rider said of the winner who had only been breaking her maiden last month in the Salsabil. "We were coming into the race very confident, she's been doing everything so easy and there was never a moment's doubt really."

By chance, the daughter of the ill-fated Pretty Polly heroine Thundering Nights (Night Of Thunder) was beaten twice at two by Ballydoyle fillies who would re-oppose here in **Cameo** (Wootton Bassett) and **Sugar Island** (Dubawi) but as the market support in the lead-up suggested she came here a radically-transformed character. [Cont. p3](#)

THE BETFRED DERBY PEDIGREE AND FORM NOTEBOOK *By Emma Berry*

And so it comes down to this: 14 runners are set to go to post for the Betfred Derby, which, with a newly elevated prize fund of £2 million, is the co-richest race in Britain in 2026.

Five British-breds will take on six horses born in Ireland, two in Germany and one in France, with their origins representing the broad spectrum, from a homebred for one-mare owner Jennifer Dorey to four colts representing the most powerful bloodstock operation in the world, Coolmore. Ten of them were sold either as a foal or yearling, ranging in price from €20,000 to 4.3 million gns.

The Derby is and should be a race for the hard-nosed and the hobbyists. With a history woven with fairytale outcomes and interlaced with drama, it remains for many the impossible dream.

Will Saturday see a twelfth victory for Aidan O'Brien, pushing him higher still in the record books, or can Andrew Balding seal an emotional victory in a year which started with the passing of his father Ian, trainer of one of the best Derby winners of all time, Mill Reef? [Cont. p7](#)



Aidan O'Brien is seeking a 12th Derby victory | Scoop Dyga

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A section of public parkland in Gärdet, central Stockholm, has been transformed into a temporary racecourse, ready for the annual June 6 'Nationaldagsgaloppen', in which Sweden's national day is celebrated. | Elina Björklund/Svensk Galopp

6 | SHAPOOR MISTRY CELEBRATES 'ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME MOMENT'

Emma Berry speaks to owner/breeder Shapoor Mistry after his Thundering On (Frankel) won the G1 Betfred Oaks.

7 | SEAGULLS ELEVEN STRIKES IN DIOMED

The Galileo Gold gelding claimed the G3 Betfred Diomed Stakes at Epsom in a thriller.

11 | PIERRE-CHARLES BOUDOT EXONERATED AFTER LEGAL CASE

The jockey has been completely exonerated of the rape charges brought against him in the spring of 2021.

G1 Betfred Oaks Cont. from p1

It is rare that an Oaks winner is seen tanking between peers with the race at her mercy halfway up the straight, but that is what greeted the Epsom faithful this time and once McMonagle flicked the switch she swamped Legacy Link inside the final furlong. Juddmonte's blueblood was in turn six lengths clear of the pace-setting Sugar Island in third as the 7-4 favourite **Amelia Earhart** (Camelot) trailed in sixth.

Joseph O'Brien, who has the live prospect of a Derby-Oaks double with the leading contender James J Braddock (**Zarak**) on Saturday, was enjoying a first Epsom Classic as a trainer and a first Oaks as a trainer and rider. "It was an easy watch," he said. "The objective was to save as much energy as we could, as the distance was the question mark and Dylan gave her a fantastic ride. She's a special filly--she cruised through the race and was hugely

impressive. I think we ended up one spot further back than we wanted, but once she switched off good through the first half mile I was happy enough."

"You couldn't have expected her to cruise up the straight like that and I'm looking forward to watching the replay," he added. "She races for special people as well and Thundering Nights was a special filly as well, so for this filly as her only foal to win the Oaks is fairytale stuff. I guess the Irish Oaks is the obvious next race, but she'll have no problem going back to ten. The first idea was probably the Prix de Diane, but given the way she was training, Shapoor and Pallon and Anthony Stroud were very keen to come to Epsom and I'm very glad I did."

This was also a fourth Oaks for **Frankel**, who accounts for 50 per cent of the winners since 2019, and arguably his most impressive over Anapurna, Soul Sister and Minnie Hauk. [Cont. p4](#)



Dylan Browne McMonagle & Joseph O'Brien | Bronwen Healy

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G1 Betfred Oaks Cont.

For the 23-year-old McMonagle, it was a chance to showcase not only his mount's superior class but also his own prowess in a high-pressure situation.

"It's unbelievable, this is what we all dream of doing," he said of the winner, who was the only runner to dip under 12 seconds in the final furlong demonstrating how much she had in the engine. "That was unreal, so smooth the whole way through. She travelled like a dream, she handled the course and she got the distance. It was push-button stuff. If I'd pushed the button a bit earlier, she'd have won by even further. When I gave her the office, she just sprinted away."

"I always had everything covered in front and it was a case of slowing her down from the two. She's got a lot of class and she was as impressive as any horse you'd see. It's a great training performance from Joseph, everybody does a great job at home and I'm very lucky to be getting my leg across. The sky's the limit for her now and she can go wherever she wants."



Thundering On | Getty Images

Legacy Link's trainer John Gosden said, "The winner came here with a big reputation after her good win the other day and she's a **Frankel** filly. They were well clear of the rest and Legacy Link has run an absolute blinder. We are delighted with her run, but she ran into one who was too good for her on this ground on the day. There were a lot of disappointments in the race and it was a strung-out field."

Colin Keane added, "She got to the two well and I thought she picked up well, but then I saw this chestnut filly coming by me very easily. I don't think it was lack of stamina. In other years we'd have been a good winner. I think we just bumped into a classy filly." **Cont. p5**



Thundering On Gr.1 Classic Oaks Winner

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Aidan O'Brien said, "Sugar Island ran well. We knew she handles soft ground and they went steady enough, so it probably suited her to be where she was. Ryan said he maybe had to commit a little bit early on Amelia Earhart, but she ran a good race and we think she'll come forward from the run. She probably likes faster ground, but she won in soft ground last year."



Shapoor Mistry | Bronwen Healy

Pedigree Notes

As mentioned by her trainer, Thundering On is the only foal produced by Thundering Nights, who aside from winning the Pretty Polly also took the Snow Fairy and was placed in the New York Stakes and Prix Jean Romanet. The fourth dam is the Nell Gwyn winner and Prix Vermeille runner-up Cloud Castle (In The Wings), whose Group-winning daughter Queen's Best (King's Best) was responsible for the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf heroine Queen's Trust (Dansili).

This is also the family of the triple Grade I winner Domestic Spending (Kingman), the Group 1 performers Luso (Salse) and

Needle Gun (Sure Blade) and their half-brother Warrsan (Caerleon) whose four Group 1 wins included two renewals of this meeting's Coronation Cup.

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Friday, Epsom, Britain

BETFRED OAKS-G1, £625,000, Epsom, 6-5, 3yo, f, 12f 6yT, 2:39.64, g/s.

1--**THUNDERING ON (GB)**, 128, f, 3, by **Frankel (GB)**

1st Dam: Thundering Nights (Ire) (G1SW-Ire, G1SP-Fr & GSP-US), by Night Of Thunder (Ire)

2nd Dam: Cape Castle (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire)

3rd Dam: Kaabari, by Seeking The Gold

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O/B-Shapoor Mistry; T-Joseph O'Brien; J-Dylan Browne McMonagle. £354,438. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ire, 5-2-2-0, \$542,097. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#), or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

2--**Legacy Link (GB)**, 128, f, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Chiasma (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). **1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.** O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd; T-John & Thady Gosden. £134,375.

3--**Sugar Island (Ire)**, 128, f, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Heaven On Earth (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). **1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.** O-Westerberg, Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Westerberg; T-Aidan O'Brien. £67,250.

Margins: 3 3/4, 6, HD. Odds: 5.00, 3.00, 25.00.

Also Ran: A La Prochaine (Fr), Cameo (Ire), Amelia Earhart (Ire), On Message (GB), K Sarra (GB), Venetian Lace (Ire).



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SHAPOOR MISTRY CELEBRATES 'ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME MOMENT'

By Emma Berry

Shapoor Mistry is no newcomer to breeding. He's been at the game for 40 years in his native India where he owns Manjri Farm and has won his home Derby on several occasions. But he described winning the Betfred Oaks with his homebred Thundering On as being "like a dream come true".

He said, "It's tough to win big races anywhere in the world and especially tough in England."

That may be but Thundering On really didn't make it look tough at all as she motored down the home straight under a motionless Dylan Browne McMonagle as all around him his rival jockeys were pushing and shoving.

Mistry, who is chairman of his family's construction and engineering business Shapoorji Pallonji Group, admitted that he hadn't even registered the manner of his filly's win.

"I don't know," he said. "I was just yelling and shouting. I really haven't seen the race."

He can enjoy the replay at his leisure and, as Brian Sheerin **chronicled in TDN on Thursday**, a story born in despair has now delivered a happy ending - or at least a highly celebratory chapter.

"We bought the granddam and we bred the dam," says Mistry, whose long-term collaboration with bloodstock agent Anthony Stroud has seen him develop his racing and breeding interests in Britain and Ireland into a select clutch of promising fillies and "two or three" broodmares.

"The real story behind it is that we tried to sell the dam and we

couldn't sell her so we just kept her in racing and then she won us a Group 1. It was meant to be."

Thundering On's dam Thundering Nights was from the first crop of the now-champion sire Night Of Thunder and, also trained by Joseph O'Brien, she became her sire's first Group 1 winner in Europe when winning the Pretty Polly Stakes. Tragically the mare was lost to colic after foaling Thundering On, her first and only foal, who is now the fourth winner of the Oaks for her sire **Frankel**.



Anthony Stroud and Shapoor Mistry celebrating
Thundering On's Oaks win | Emma Berry

"It's phenomenal because I've been in racing and breeding for close to 40 years now and we race and breed horses in India and a few here as well," said Mistry. "I've won three or four Indian Derbys, which is naturally a great thing to do, but I guess this would top all of that, for sure."

He continued, "Anthony, a great friend of mine, just said, 'Come on Shapoor, lead her in because I don't know if you're ever going to do this again in your life. I agree with him. It's a once-in-a-lifetime moment."

While for a breeder it is nigh-on impossible to beat the thrill of a homebred Oaks winner, the fun may yet continue for Mistry, who has a "trio of Havana Greys" in training, including recent Listed Cecil Frail Stakes winner Rosy Affair, who is trained by George Boughey and is entered in both Group 1 sprints at Royal Ascot.

Boughey also trains two-year-old Havana Lightning for the owner. A winner at Yarmouth on her second start, she is on course for the G2 Queen Mary Stakes. Mistry's colours were also recently carried to victory at Salisbury by the Harry Eustace-trained first-time-out winner Shimmering Sun. **Cont. p7**



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Shapoor Mistry Cont.

Then of course there is the promise of more to come from his scintillating Oaks victrix. Of her path from Epsom, Mistry is happy to defer to O'Brien and Stroud.

He said, "We'll race her this year then who knows? It depends on the team, what they decide and whatever they advise me. I'll go by their advice."

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SEAGULLS ELEVEN WINS THE DIOMED

by Tom Frary

One of the few that was still improving in Epsom's G3 Betfred Diomed Stakes on Friday, **Seagulls Eleven** (Galileo Gold) continued his forward momentum by upstaging last year's winner **Persica** (New Bay) in a bobber. Runner-up in the Prix du Muguet before taking the Prix de Montretout last month, the winner who races for a syndicate of Brighton FC players was always prominent under Oisin Murphy and despite looking held inside the furlong got up late to prevail by a nose.

"I thought Persica was travelling ominously well and we've just possibly outstayed him," trainer Hugo Palmer said of the 5-2 favourite. "Oisin said this horse would get a mile and a quarter standing on his head now. I genuinely believed he'd run a massive race in the Guineas last year and he ran no race at all, so I think what we've learnt with him is that a turning track and a small field is pretty important. We'll just pick our spots with him for the rest of the season, but there are races like the Celebration Mile and Summer Mile."



Seagulls Eleven (left) | Getty Images

Pedigree Notes

Seagulls Eleven, who was third in the Vincent O'Brien National Stakes and second in the Superlative at two before winning at

this level in last term's Thoroughbred Stakes, is the second black-type winner out of the dam Thrilled (Kodiac) after the Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp heroine The Platinum Queen (Cotai Glory). From the family of the Mill Reef runner-up Sir Xaar (Xaar), her two-year-old full-brother to The Platinum Queen was a 14,000gns purchase by LT Racing and Paul Harley Bloodstock at the recent Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up, while she also has a yearling colt by Mehmas.

Friday, Epsom, Britain

BETFRED DIOMED STAKES-G3, £125,000, Epsom, 6-5, 3yo/up, 8f 113yT, 1:46.74, g/s.

1--**SEAGULLS ELEVEN (IRE)**, 134, g, 4, by Galileo Gold (GB)

1st Dam: Thrilled (Ire), by Kodiac (GB)

2nd Dam: Fuerta Ventura (Ire), by Desert Sun (GB)

3rd Dam: Cradle Brief (Ire), by Brief Truce

(50,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT). O-Two Plus Three Two Plus Four; B-Tally-Ho Stud; T-Hugo Palmer; J-Oisin Murphy. £70,888.

Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Fr, G1SP-Ire, 15-4-4-1, \$379,912.

*1/2 to The Platinum Queen (Ire) (Cotai Glory {GB}), G1SW-Fr & G1SP-Eng. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the**

eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--**Persica (Ire)**, 134, g, 5, New Bay (GB)--Rubira (Aus), by Lope De Vega (Ire). (£200,000 Ylg '22 GOFFUK). O-Martin Hughes & Michael Kerr-Dineen; B-The Applecross Syndicate; T-Richard Hannon. £26,875.

 **Raised and Grazed at Rathbran House Stud** 

3--**Boiling Point (Ire)**, 134, h, 5, Too Darn Hot (GB)--Lady Momoka (Ire), by Shamardal. O-Exors of the Late Sheikh Mohammed Obaid; B-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; T-Karl Burke. £13,450.

Margins: NO, 2, 2 1/4. Odds: 2.50, 2.75, 5.50.

Also Ran: Ice Max (GB), Royal Playwright (GB), Skukuza (GB), Qirat (GB), Chancellor (GB).

Derby Notebook Cont. from p1

Those two trainers have the first two in the betting, Benvenuto Cellini and Item, who coincidentally are both bred on the same **Frankel-Lope De Vega** cross.

With four colts in the field, **Frankel** is the best represented sire, while the 2012 Derby winner **Camelot** has two runners and is broodmare sire of another. Should Action prevail for O'Brien, it would be a significant feather in the cap for the Scat Daddy mare Gossamer Wings as he would be following in the footsteps of his half-brother, last year's winner Lambourn (Australia), who lines up for the Coronation Cup just an hour before the Derby.

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Alderman | Megan Coggin/TJC

Derby Notebook Cont.

ACTION (IRE)

Frankel - Gossamer Wings (Scat Daddy)

Drawn: 11

Form: 3132-42

OR: 113

The Coolmore homebred was runner-up to Item in the Dante Stakes after finishing fourth in the Sandown Classic Trial, and he has some decent placed form as a two-year-old, having finished third to Bow Echo in the Royal Lodge Stakes and runner-up in the Futurity Trophy, splitting stable-mates Hawk Mountain and Benvenuto Cellini. Hawk Mountain was himself second last Sunday in the Prix du Jockey Club.

Gossamer Wings was beaten a short-head in the Queen Mary Stakes and she has provided some zip to counterbalance the stamina influences of Australia and Frankel in producing two out of three black-type runners to date, with her *pièce de résistance* of course being dual Derby winner Lambourn.

ALDERMAN (GB)

Study Of Man - Alagappa (Archipenko)

Drawn: 6

Form: 73-2

OR: 83

Bred by Emma Capon and bought as a foal for 42,000gns by Julie Wood, Alderman is one of two maidens in the line-up but was given a taste of Epsom when taking part in the Betfred Derby Gallops Morning last week. Study Of Man's greatest achievement to date is as the sire of dual Group 1 winner

Kalpana, who copes well with 1m4f, and Study Of Man's venerable sire Deep Impact has been responsible for Derby winner **Auguste Rodin** and Oaks winner Snowfall.

The unraced Alagappa is from Kirsten Rausing's highly productive family of Alruccaba and is out of the 1m4f Listed winner Alma Mater (Sadler's Wells), while third dam Alouette (Darshaan) also won over the trip. Stamina shouldn't be an issue, but a rating of 83 will see the Richard Hannon-trained Alderman start at three-figure odds.

ANCIENT EGYPT (IRE)

Frankel - Atone (Oasis Dream)

Drawn: 10

Form: 117-1

OR: 100

The better fancied of the Amo Racing duo after his Listed Newmarket Stakes win, Ancient Egypt was bred by Yulong Investments and sold to Kia Joorabchian's team for 1.1 million gns at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale. During a significant outlay through that sale in particular, Joorabchian spoke of his keenness to be seated at the top table, and this colt puts him back in the Derby spotlight after twice finishing second with King Of Steel and Mojo Star.

From a terrific Juddmonte family, Ancient Egypt's dam Atone is a winning full-sister to the great Midday, who was beaten a short-head in the Oaks by Sariska and went on to win six Group 1s. Atone was a lesser performer than her celebrated sister but bloodstock history is strewn with tales of 'Cinderella mares' and it would be no surprise to see the statuesque Ancient Egypt step forward again for Charlie Johnston. He looked to cope well with the hill and Tattenham Corner during Epsom's Derby gallops.

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Ancient Egypt | Megan Coggin/TJC



Balzac (left) | Megan Coggin/TJC

Derby Notebook Cont.

A TASTE OF GLORY (GER)

Soldier Hollow - Aothea (Areion)

Drawn: 7

Form: 4410-16

OR: 84

Like Julie Wood, owner Ahmad Al Shaikh carries a Derby dream and aims for this race above all others. He has been rewarded with two runners-up, Khalifa Sat and Hoo Ya Mal, but A Taste Of Glory, who was bought at the BBAG Yearling Sale for €20,000, will need to make significant improvement if he is to play a part. A winner at Brighton over a mile at two, and then at Lingfield this year over 1m2f, he was last of six in the Lingfield Derby Trial behind fellow rivals Maltese Cross, Bay Of Brilliance and Balzac. Rated 84 and trained by Andrew Balding, he was bred by Gestut Auenquelle, the former home of his late sire Soldier Hollow, a noted middle-distance influence. His dam's sole win came at Baden-Baden over 7f and she is a full-sister to the Group 3-winning miler Auenperle.

BALZAC (GER)

Japan - Brit Wit (High Chaparral)

Drawn: 2

Form: 3-133

OR: 97

Balzac's sole win came on the all-weather at Kempton on his three-year-old debut but he has placed in two formal Derby trials and has crucial experience of Epsom, having run in the Blue Riband Trial and turned out for last week's gallops morning. His trainer Jane Chapple-Hyam bought him a foal for 30,000gns from breeder Gunther Schmidt and also trains his Group 3-winning half-brother Claymore (New Bay).

Balzac's sire was third in the Derby while his damsire won in 2002. The unraced Brit Wit is out of the Monsun mare Brisk Breeze, a Listed winner who was second in the Lingfield Oaks Trial. Could see him running a big race at a big price.

BAY OF BRILLIANCE (GB)

New Bay - Incroyable (Singspiel)

Drawn: 9

Form: 511-2

OR: 107

An 85,000gns foal from Salcey Forest Stud and a 140,000gns Tattersalls Book 2 yearling, Bay Of Brilliance bids to give trainer Ralph Beckett and owner Valmont a first Derby success after they combined to win the Irish Oaks with You Got To Me (Nathaniel). Bought as a yearling by Alex Elliott, he was bred by C&S Bloodstock and KT Bloodstock and put together two nice wins last autumn over 1m2f and 1m1f before being beaten only a neck by Maltese Cross in the Lingfield Derby Trial.

His Wertheimer-bred dam was best over 1m2f and coped well in soft conditions - a trait often attributed to the stock of New Bay, too, which could be in his favour if the rain persists in the Epsom area.

BENVENUTO CELLINI (IRE)

Frankel - Newspaperofrecord (Lope De Vega)

Drawn: 12

Form: 2113-1

OR: 112

Considered Coolmore's number one of the quartet, Benvenuto Cellini floated around Chester, easily winning the Chester Vase, which had been Lambourn's springboard to success in last year's Derby. Four starts at two have given him a decent seasoning, and they include a win in the four-runner G2 Champions Juvenile Stakes. [Cont. p10](#)



Benvenuto Cellini | Alamy

Derby Notebook Cont.

His dam Newspaperofrecord was bought by Klaravich Stables from Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale for 200,000gns. From the family of Irish Derby winner Latrobe, she was unbeaten at two, including in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, and later won the GI Just A Game Stakes over a mile. Her first foal, this colt's full-sister Giselle, was fifth in the Oaks last year after winning the Lingfield Oaks Trial. A worthy favourite for the Coolmore and White Birch team.

CHRISTMAS DAY (IRE)

Camelot - Beaully (**Sea The Stars**)

Drawn: 5

Form: 3511-13

OR: 109

Bred by Framont Ltd and bought by Jamie McCalmont for the Coolmore team for 450,000gns at Tattersalls October Book 1, he was third behind Item in the Dante Stakes after winning the Ballysax Stakes in April. A four-start juvenile season concluded with a win in the G3 Eyrefield Stakes over recent Prix du Jockey Club fourth A Boy Named Susie.

With Derby winners **Camelot** and **Sea The Stars** as sire and damsire, stamina ought not to be an issue, though his dam is a half-sister to the Listed-winning sprinter Gusto (Oasis Dream). Beaully enjoyed a longer trip herself and has already produced Christmas Day's half-brother Missed The Cut (**Quality Road**), who has won two Grade III races in America over 1m4f.

Santa Claus won the Derby in 1964, and perhaps we will once again have Christmas in June.

ITEM (GB)

Frankel - Capla Temptress (Lope De Vega)

Drawn: 3

Form: 11-1

OR: 117

Unbeaten and the top-rated of the field, the Juddmonte homebred is the third foal of the GI Natalma Stakes winner Capla Temptress who did her best work at a mile and was a private purchase by Juddmonte. She's from a family which traces back to Peter Harris's Sing Softly clan which includes the hardy stayer Top Cees, a full-brother to this colt's third dam Eliza Acton.

Item hasn't put a foot wrong so far and is rightly considered one of the leading players for Andrew Balding and Colin Keane, who are each bidding for a first Derby win.

JAMES J BRADDOCK (GB)

Zarak - Burkina Fasso (Mukhadram)

Drawn: 13

Form: 21-51

OR: 108

Bred by Anita Wigan, James J Braddock, who is named after the American boxer, punched his way into the Derby reckoning when getting the better of erstwhile winter favourite Pierre Bonnard in the Leopardstown Derby Trial, having previously run fifth behind Christmas Day in the Ballysax. He broke his maiden by six lengths in heavy ground last November at the Curragh.

Wigan also bred his dam, who won over 2,100m in the French provinces and is a half-sister to the useful pair of Flaming Stone (**Kingman**), runner-up in the G3 Prix Vanteaux and third in the G2 Prix Saint-Alary, and the G2 Premio Lydia Tesio and G3 Pride Stakes winner Angel Power (Lope De Vega).

Trainer Joseph O'Brien, who has won the Derby twice as a jockey aboard **Camelot** and Australia, bought James J Braddock as a yearling for 40,000gns from Glidawn Stud, who had in turn pinhooked him as a foal for 20,000gns when he was sold on his breeder's behalf by Selwood Bloodstock.

MALTESE CROSS (FR)

Sea The Stars - Nabatea (**Camelot**)

Drawn: 1

Form 21-11

OR: 108

Another colt with strong Derby claims on each side of his pedigree, Maltese Cross is out of a half-sister to the Deutsches Derby winner Nutan (Duke Of Marmalade) and Grosser Preis von Berlin winner Nymphaea (Dylan Thomas). Bred by Ecurie du Sud and Ecurie Gribomont, the team also responsible for Oaks contender A La Prochaine, Maltese Cross was bought as a foal at Arqana by Philipp Stauffenberg for €200,000 and then as a yearling for 350,000gns by Sam Haggas at Tattersalls October Book 1. **Cont. p11**



Maltese Cross (red) | Emma Berry

Derby Notebook Cont.

A first Derby runner for owner George Waud, he has solid credentials following his hard-fought win in the Lingfield Derby Trial for William Haggas.

PIERRE BONNARD (IRE)

Camelot - Sultanina (New Approach)

Drawn: 8

Form: 4111-72

OR: 109

Derby favourite over the winter following his taking wins in the G3 Zetland Stakes and G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud in testing conditions, Pierre Bonnard hasn't had the same wow factor this term but has shortened in the betting since rain started falling on Epsom overnight on Monday. His trainer was already talking about a St Leger outing for him when speaking at a press day in May.

He was bred by Rathasker Stud, who bought his G1 Nassau Stakes-winning dam Sultanina from Philippa Cooper's Normandie Stud. She was carrying Pierre Bonnard when she was sold for 78,000gns. Camas Park Stud pinhooked him as a foal for €80,000 and brought him to the Goffs Orby Sale, where he fetched €280,000, sold to MV Magnier.

His half-sister Crepe Suzette (**Saxon Warrior**) was third in the G2 Park Hill Fillies' Stakes behind Santorini Star. No stamina concerns here.



Pierre Bonnard | Scoop Dyga

POKER (IRE)

Wootton Bassett - Park Bloom (Galileo)

Drawn: 4

Form: 62-2

OR: 80

Poker was bred by Lodge Park Stud, whose association with Epsom includes Derby winner New Approach and Oaks winner

Was, and they both feature in his pedigree. His granddam Alluring Park (Green Desert) is a half-sister to New Approach and is also the dam of Was and her full-sister Park Bloom. The latter broke her maiden at the Curragh over a mile and later won at Deauville over 1m2f. This is Park Bloom's third foal and he cost a fortune - 4.3mgns to be precise - when becoming the top-priced colt at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale during an eye-watering spending spree by Amo Racing and partners. The mare has yet to produce a winner from her three runners to date, though Poker is the best of them. He was runner-up to Bay Of Brilliance at two, when finishing eight and a half lengths behind him at Redcar. This is a big ask, despite his lovely pedigree.

REBEL ROCKER (GB)

Cityscape - Miss Minuty (Verglas)

Drawn: 14

Form 1-2

OR: 99

Living the dream for all small-owner-breeders, Jennifer Dorey, who featured in these pages last week, will be represented by her first Derby runner in the Faye Bramley-trained Rebel Rocker.

Dorey bought his John Pearce-bred dam Miss Minuty from a claimer. Rated 77, she was a hardy performer, winning six of her starts at up to 1m2f. She is a half-sister to the decent stayer St Michel (**Sea The Stars**) and has also bred the five-time winner Miss Dolly Rocker (Frontiersman), who's won on all sorts of ground and has struck three times over 1m4f.

Rebel Rocker is inexperienced, having run only twice, including when winning on debut last November at Kempton. But he looked to be learning with every stride he took as he ran on well down the Epsom straight to finish second in the Blue Riband Trial and it would be no surprise to see him outrun his odds.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

PIERRE-CHARLES BOUDOT COMPLETELY EXONERATED AFTER FIVE-YEAR LEGAL CASE

A little over five years since he last rode in France, Pierre-Charles Boudot has been completely exonerated of the rape charges that were brought against him in the spring of 2021.

The Amiens Court of Appeal confirmed a general dismissal of the charges against the jockey after a long and drawn out legal battle. [Cont. p12](#)



Pierre-Charles Boudot | Coady

Pierre-Charles Boudot Cont.

Speaking to *Jour de Galop*, Boudot's lawyer Maître Florence Gaudillière said, "After five years of investigation, justice has

finally exonerated Mr. Pierre Charles Boudot. A very motivated dismissal was rendered today by the Amiens Chamber of Instruction. Away from the racing fields for several years, one of the greatest jockeys in the world will finally be able to work again. We have always fought to see his innocence confirmed and this is finally the case."

Olivier Baratelli, another lawyer for Pierre-Charles Boudot, added, "Today, the Amiens Court of Appeal pronounced a general dismissal of the case in his favor. A decision which concerns all the facts examined by the courts. He is completely cleared, completely exonerated and benefits from a general dismissal of the two current cases."

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At the Tattersalls February Sale the industry was introduced to Thomas Connolly who stepped onto the rostrum at Park Paddocks like it was second nature. Thomas now works full-time for Tattersalls Ireland in the bloodstock department and tells TDN about his role and passion for auctioneering. | [Tattersalls](#)

TATTERSALLS ONLINE BREEZE-UP SESSION CLOSES WITH 30K TOP LOT



The breeze-up section to the online sale was topped by an Ardad colt
Tattersalls

From a small but select offering, the Tattersalls Online Breeze-Up Session boasted a 93% clearance rate for the 14 lots sold. The top price achieved was a 30,000gns Ardad colt, consigned by John Bourke's Hyde Park Stud and sold to Tylicki Bloodstock.

Ironically, the Ardad colt is a half-brother to Iriseach (Ubettabelievit), something of a flag-bearer for this sale given he was Grade III-placed in America after being sold by Hyde Park Stud through the platform 12 months ago.

Tattersalls Online Sales Manager, Katherine Sheridan said, "The Online Breeze Up Session has established itself as an important fixture in the calendar and we were delighted to see such strong demand for these two-year-olds. The 30,000gns paid for the Ardad colt reflects the confidence buyers have in the quality of horses being offered and it was particularly pleasing to see a half-brother to Iriseach top the session."

She added, "Graduates such as Iriseach and Fiona Maccoul have demonstrated the calibre of horse that can be sourced through the session and it is encouraging to see buyers continuing to embrace the format. To sell 14 of the 15 juveniles offered is a tremendous result for our vendors and we would like to thank them, together with all purchasers, for their continued support."

The Breeze-Up Session formed part of the general Tattersalls Online June Sale, which realised turnover of 616,500gns.

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Saturday, June 6, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

Bayside Boy (Ire) (New Bay {GB}), Ballylinch Stud

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

13:55-DONCASTER, 6.5f, **Bayside View (Ire)**

€20,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; €80,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025

17:47-CHEPSTOW, 5f, **Resemblance (Ire)**

£45,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

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

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

14:15-MUSSELBURGH, 5f, **Dee's Star (Ire)**

17,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025

14:15-MUSSELBURGH, 5f, **Furturra (GB)**

17,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 7,000gns

Tattersalls February Mixed Sale 2025; £15,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

Minzaal (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud

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

17:47-CHEPSTOW, 5f, **Penny Capri (Ire)**

€32,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 42,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025; £50,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026

13:55-DONCASTER, 6.5f, **Rhodes Runner (Ire)**

75,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

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

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

13:55-DONCASTER, 6.5f, **Ashina (Ire)**

€60,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 200,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025

17:47-CHEPSTOW, 5f, **My Maria (Ire)**

£52,500 Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2026

Stradivarius (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), The National Stud

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

13:55-DONCASTER, 6.5f, **Divine Concerto (GB)**

FRANCE

Marianafoot (Fr) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**), Haras des Faunes

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

4-DIEPPE, 1100m, **Foot to the Floor (Fr)**

Thunder Moon (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), Castillon Stallions
53 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-DIEPPE, 1100m, **Fete de Trop (Fr)**



Stradivarius has a runner at Doncaster | *The National Stud*

BRITAIN

Friday's Results:

CYGAMES SURREY STAKES-Listed, £85,000, Epsom, 6-5, 3yo, 7f 3yT, 1:24.51, g/s.

1--**ELLUSIVE BUTTERFLY (IRE)**, 123, f, 3, by **Invincible Army (Ire)**

1st Dam: Gheedaa, by **Tamayuz (GB)**

2nd Dam: Soohaad, by **Hard Spun**

3rd Dam: Sayedat Alhadh, by **Mr. Prospector**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€30,000 Ylg '24 TATIRY). O-Nick Bradley Racing 5 & Elaine Burke; B-Ballybin Stud Ltd & Patrick F Kelly; T-Karl Burke; J-Clifford Lee. £48,204. Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 8-2-1-1, \$101,900.

2--**Greek Mythology (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, Pinatubo (Ire)--Liwa Palace (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). (200,000gns RNA Ylg '24 TATOCT). O/B-Al Shira'aa Racing; T-Joseph O'Brien. £18,275.

3--**Ardisia (Ire)**, 131, g, 3, Ardad (Ire)--Garraun (Ire), by Tamayuz (GB). (£33,000 Ylg '24 GOFFUK). O-Ardisia Partnership; B-Lynn Lodge Stud; T-Hugo Palmer. £9,146.

Margins: 3/4, 2 3/4, HF. Odds: 9.00, 2.50, 18.00.

Also Ran: Ten Carat Harry (GB), Assaranca (Ire), Stellar Sunrise (GB). Scratched: Northern Champion (Ire), Postmodern (Ire), Awaken (Ire).

Third in Deauville's Prix Roland de Chambure last summer, Ellusive Butterfly had been fourth in the Fred Darling at Newbury in April and in a strong edition of Newmarket's King Charles II behind the exciting Saber Strike. Streaking into an early lead, the exuberant runner gave her all for Clifford Lee

against the stand's rail to ward off the Oaks-winning stable's Greek Mythology in the run to the line.

Lee was able to reflect on a masterclass of front-running riding. "I had an easy lead and I took it for the first half and just let her bowl along and she settled nicely," he explained. "The plan was always to come over to the rail, but on paper with just six runners in the field there was supposed to be a lot more pace. I've always thought she was a quick filly--I thought the seven furlongs here was a lot sharper for her, running down the hill and into the straight."

Trainer Karl Burke added, "She goes on this ground and is a very honest filly. This was the plan, but we'll try and grab some Group black-type, probably back in France on slow ground I should think. This makes her a valuable filly now, so job done really."

The dam, whose two-year-old filly Decem Dancer (Invincible Spirit) was a 80,000gns purchase by Jack Jones Racing and Pythia Sports at the recent Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up, hails from the Shadwell family of Danzig's Group-winning sire Haatef and Storm Cat's Moyglare Stud Stakes runner-up Shimah, in turn the dam of the triple Group winner Annaf (Muhaarar).

4th-Epsom, £120,000, Hcp, 6-5, 4yo/up, 10f 17yT, 2:08.85, g/s.

SALLAAL (IRE) (g, 4, **Frankel {GB}**--Nahrain {GB} {G1SW-Fr, GISW-US, SW-Eng, GSP-Ire}, by **Selkirk**), a son of the Prix de l'Opera and Flower Bowl heroine who has already produced the triple Group 1 winner Benbatl (Dubawi) and 1,000 Guineas heroine Elmalka (**Kingman**), was Listed-placed as a raw three-year-old and had shaped with real promise on his seasonal bow when second in the course-and-distance City & Suburban Handicap in April. Allowed time to ease into this out wide by Ray Dawson, the 5-2 favourite loomed to Respond (Ghaiyyath) two out and romped to a 6 1/2-length success.

Trainer Roger Varian was quizzed about the winner being a ready-made Group horse. "He is," he stated. "We thought the world of him last year, but for some time he's been a bit immature and soft. He'd wintered well and was gelded and last time we had to get him to drop his head and finish, so that run made this happen today. We learnt that the horse got the trip very well and with that run under his belt and freshness out of his system we could ride him as we liked today. Hopefully he can go on now."

Nahrain, who is out of the Ribblesdale winner Bahr (Generous) who was second in the Oaks and third in the Irish Oaks, also has the yard's recent three-year-old maiden winner Moreedd (Night Of Thunder), the two-year-old filly Noodrah (**Frankel**) and a yearling filly by Palace Pier. Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 8-4-1-1, \$161,419.

O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin; T-Roger Varian.

2nd-Epsom, £75,000, Cond, 6-5, 2yo, 6f 3yT, 1:11.39, g/s.
HICKORY LAD (IRE) (c, 2, James Garfield {Ire}--Park Glen {Ire}, by Tagula {Ire}), sent off the 100-30 second favourite for this Woodcote Stakes, had been second to two smart types in Adonius (Soldier's Call) and Where Love Lives (Cotai Glory) on debut at Thirsk and Chester's Lily Agnes Conditions Stakes, broke sharply to lead. In command halfway up the straight, the bargain €9,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale purchase hit the line with 3 1/4 lengths to spare over Alpe d'Huez (Kodi Bear).

"He impressed me today, he really hit the gates and attacked the race," rider Sam James said. "I had them beat from a long way out I felt. He was beat by a very good horse of Kevin Ryan's that went on to win at Sandown in a Listed race, he won at Musselburgh, he was second behind a very fast horse of Becca Menzies's so he hasn't really done anything wrong."

The dam, whose yearling filly is by Bayside Boy, is a half to the Chipchase winner Knot In Wood (Shinko Forest). Sales history: €9,000 Ylg '25 GOAUJR. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$79,688. O-Mr J Toes & Mr J O'Loan; B-Rathbarry Stud; T-Phillip Makin.



Hickory Lad (far right) | Bronwen Healy

2nd-Musselburgh, £12,000, Nov, 6-5, 2yo, 7f 15yT, 1:28.01, gd.
TIME FOR THE MOON (GB) (c, 2, Sea The Moon {Ger}--Caribana {GB}, by Hernando {Fr}), who was a May 22 debut third tackling just under seven furlongs at Haydock when last seen, broke well and raced in a close-up second as Heldobeldo (Kameko) set the tempo until beyond halfway. Quickening to the fore approaching the quarter-mile pole, the even-money pick was not for catching thereafter and stretched further clear inside the final furlong to outclass the long-time leader by an impressive 7 1/2 lengths.

Time For The Moon is the 11th of one dozen foals and sixth scorer produced by a winning granddaughter of G1 Yorkshire Oaks heroine Key Change (Darshaan).

He is a full-brother to G1 Caulfield Cup hero Durston, a yearling filly and to the dam of recent Listed Dusseldorf Derby Trial victor Chiefland (Study Of Man). The winner is also kin to dual Group 3-winning G1 Grosser Preis von Bayern second Cubanita (Selkirk). Sales history: 60,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$10,912.

O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Kirsten Rausing; T-Charlie Johnston.

2nd-Doncaster, £10,000, Nov, 6-5, 3yo, 10f 43y (AWT), 2:07.51, g/f.

HARMONICS (IRE) (c, 3, Lucky Vega {Ire}--Listentome {Fr}, by Galileo {Ire}), penalised seven pounds for shedding his maiden tag over one mile at Southwell two weeks ago, was shuffled back to race fourth after the initial strides of this turf debut. Travelling ominously well on the bridle inside the half-mile marker, the 2-1 second favourite powered to the front approaching the furlong pole and lengthened clear to easily account for My Mate Roger (Blue Point) by an impressive six lengths.

Harmonics is the second of four foals and lone scorer produced by a winning half-sister to the dual Group 2-placed G3 Prix de Royaumont victrix Ottery (Dubawi).

His second dam, G2 Diana Trial winner and G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) third Longina (Monsun), is a daughter of G3 Preis der Winterkonigin victrix Love Academy (Medicean).

The winner is a full-brother to a yearling filly and kin to a two-year-old filly by **Kingman**. Sales history: 40,000gns RNA Wlg '23 TADEWE. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$14,281.

O-Forz Europe Ltd; B-Yu Long Investments; T-John & Thady Gosden.

3rd-Doncaster, £10,000, Novice, 6-5, 3yo, 8fT, 1:38.11, g/f.

SEET (GB) (f, 3, Too Darn Hot {GB}--Zero Gravity {GB} {SW-Fr}, by Dansili {GB}), a half-sister to the dual British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes heroine and King George runner-up Kalpana (Study Of Man), was settled in behind the leaders carrying a penalty for her win at Wolverhampton last month. Moving smoothly to Ruler Of Time (**Not This Time**) approaching the furlong pole, the 11-8 second favourite readily asserted to win by two lengths.

The Listed-winning dam is a full-sister to the Grand Prix de Paris hero Zambezi Sun and to the dam of the Group 3 winners Pocket Square by Dubawi's son Night Of Thunder and Better Together (Oasis Dream). Her yearling filly is by **Chaldean**. Sales history: 425,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$14,566.

O-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; B-Zero Gravity Partnership; T-John & Thady Gosden.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

1st-Epsom, £75,000, Hcp, 6-5, 3yo, 5fT, :56.03, gd.
NAANA'S SHADOW (IRE) (f, 3, Havana Grey {GB}--Beauty Pageant {Ire}), by Bahamian Bounty {GB}) Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, \$72,914. O-Summerstorm Bloodstock Ltd; B-Ballinvana House Stud; T-Kevin Scott. *£27,000 Ylg '24 GOFFUK.

6th-Epsom, £75,000, Hcp, 6-5, 4yo/up, 8f 113yT, 1:46.99, g/s.
MISTER WINSTON (GB) (g, 4, Churchill {Ire}--Crazee Diamond {GB}), by Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-1, \$124,022. O/B-Norman Court Stud; T-Andrew Balding.

8th-Epsom, £75,000, 6-5, 3yo/up, 7f 3yT, 1:23.23, g/s.
COLOMBIER (GB) (g, 6, Kingman {GB}--Ventoux {GB}), by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 15-5-0-1, \$117,775. O-Wathnan Racing; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc; T-Hamad Al Jehani. *230,000gns HRA '23 TATAHI.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bill The Bull (Ire), c, 2, Coulsty (Ire)--Princess Banu (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). Bath, 6-5, 5f 160yT, 1:10.69. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$29,212. B-Rathasker Stud. *17,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT.

Matilda Joslyngage (Ire), f, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Angelic Motion (Fr), by Australia (GB). Goodwood, 6-5, 8fT, 1:44.56. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$20,802. B-Baremeadows Project. *€25,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; £30,000 Ylg '24 GOFFUK; €56,000 RNA 2yo '25 GOFHIT.

Eagle Bay (GB), g, 3, Cable Bay (Ire)--Fondie (Ire), by Oasis Dream (GB). Thirsk, 6-5, 7fT, 1:27.01. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$6,982. B-Daniel Hunt.

Tip Foster (GB), g, 3, Dream Ahead--Mango Twist (Ire), by Lope De Vega (Ire). Thirsk, 6-5, 7fT, 1:27.66. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$7,299. B-Shropshire Wolves. *11,000gns RNA Ylg '24 TATOCT.

IRELAND

Friday's Results:

1st-Fairyhouse, €22,000, Cond, 6-5, 2yo, 7fT, 1:27.76, gd.
FLORIDA BAY (IRE) (c, 2, Mehmas {Ire}--Ripponette {Fr}, by Le Havre {Ire}), a promising debut third behind the TDN Rising Star display of Nola Soul (Justify) over this trip at Leopardstown three weeks ago, broke well and raced on the front end throughout. Coming under pressure when tackled by Mudyryk (Mehmas) with a quarter-mile remaining, the 8-15 favourite refused to buckle and was driven out to in the latter stages withstand the persistent threat of that rival by a half-length.

"He had a lovely run with Wayne [Lordan] the first day in Leopardstown when he just got squeezed a bit late on," said Ballydoyle's Chris Armstrong. "With normal improvement we thought he'd be hard to beat, but he was still fairly green. When the second horse came to him it helped him and he found plenty for pressure. He's a lovely type of colt and he'll have no problem stepping up into stakes company. He'll probably go to Naas next for the Pat Smullen Listed race and, if he doesn't go there, he could be one for the [G3] Tyros Stakes. He's a horse that finds plenty for pressure and once he puts it together he'll be a nice horse for the back end [of the season]."

Florida Bay, kin to a yearling colt by Earthlight, is the second foal and scorer thrown by a winning half-sister to GI E P Taylor heroine Reggane (Red Ransom) and to the dam of the dual Group 3-winning G1 Prix de Diane third Rosacea (Soldier Hollow).

His dam is also a full-sister to the dam of Listed Jumeirah 1000 Guineas victrix Piana (Zelzal). Floriday Bay's second dam, G3 Prix de Psyche third Reine Zao (Alzao), is a daughter of G1 Prix de Diane placegetter Raintree Renegade (Green Forest). Sales history: €270,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOF; 375,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$17,894.

O-Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Westerberg & Peter Brant; B-Kennedy, Wall & NWC Bloodstock; T-Aidan O'Brien.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-Fairyhouse, €20,000, 6-5, 3yo, 7fT, 1:26.54, gd.
OCEAN'S BREATH (IRE) (c, 3, Bated Breath {GB}--Sea Clare {Ire}, by Sea The Stars {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$27,618. O-Vincent Gaul; B-Sunderland Holding Inc; T-Ger Lyons. *€24,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF.

4th-Fairyhouse, €22,000, 6-5, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:12.78, gd.
TANGO FLARE (IRE) (g, 7, Fulbright {GB}--Magadar, by Lujain) Lifetime Record: MSP-Ire, 27-5-3-2, \$205,611. O-R J McSharry; B-Kilnamoragh Stud; T-Patrick Foley. *1/2 to Miss O Connor (Ire) (Roderic O'Connor {Ire}), GSW-Fr, SW-Eng.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Antigua (Ire), c, 3, Camelot (GB)--Lady Babooshka (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire). Fairyhouse, 6-5, 9f 190yT, 2:06.46. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, €11,900. B-Lynch Bages Ltd & Camas Park Stud. *600,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. **Full to Russian Camelot, MG1SW-Aus.

Oro Blanco (Ire), g, 3, Havana Grey (GB)--Style And Grace (Ire), by So You Think (NZ). Fairyhouse, 6-5, 7fT, 1:28.28. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$11,858. B-Jerry Horan & Partner. *€90,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; €36,000 2yo '25 GOFGBU.

FRANCE

Friday's Results:

3rd-Compiègne, €24,700, Mdn, 6-5, 3yo, f, 9fT, 1:49.98, g/s.
GLOBAL ASSET (FR) (f, 3, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Glorious Sight {Ire} {SW & MG1SP-Fr}, by Singspiel {Ire}) was denied by a pixel when runner-up to subsequent G3 Prix Vanteaux third Maintain (**Kingman**) in her Oct. 19 debut over this trip at ParisLongchamp last time and raced in rear for most of this return. Nudged along soon after turning for home, the 14-5 second choice challenged out wide entering the final furlong and was pushed out to assert by an ultimately snug 1 1/2 lengths from Vapoa (Romanised).

Global Asset is the eighth of nine foals and seventh scorer out of stakes-winning G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix de Diane placegetter Glorious Sight (Singspiel), herself a daughter of G3 Prix du Bois-winning matriarch Zelding (Warning).

The winner is a half-sister to multiple Group-winning G1 Prix Royal-Oak third Glycon (Le Havre), Listed Prix Lyphard victor Glaer (**Siyouni**) and the unraced two-year-old filly Ghosted (Victor Ludorum). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €21,034. O-Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges & Haras de Saint Pair; B-Haras de Saint Pair; T-Christophe Ferland.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Compiègne, €25,600, Cond, 6-5, 3yo, 10fT, 2:09.79, g/s.
BLACKCLOVER (FR) (f, 3, Bated Breath {GB}--Sundaze {Fr}, by Shalaa {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, €27,748. O-Ecurie Georginio; B-SCEA des Prairies, Benoit Jeffroy & Thomas Jeffroy; T-Xavier Blanchet. *€31,000 Ylg '24 ARQOCT.

1st-Compiègne, €14,600, Cond, 6-5, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:37.98, g/s.
MOOREA (FR) (f, 4, Golden Horde {Ire}--Sampaquita {Fr}, by Poet's Voice {GB}) Lifetime Record: 20-5-1-1, €57,695. O-Stefano Bacci; B-Emmanuel Trussardi & Mickael Bisson; T-Gianluca Bietolini.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Princess Of Habo (Ire), f, 3, Isfahan (Ger)--Palace Girl (GB), by Areion (Ger). Nancy, 6-5, 12 1/2fT, 2:50.16. B-Manfred Hellwig.

Sharpshoot (GB), g, 3, Too Darn Hot (GB)--Sparkle Roll (Fr) (GSP-Eng), by Kingman (GB). Le Lion d'Angers, 6-5, 10fT, 2:13.60. B-The Sparkle Roll Partnership. *200,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT.

Earthquake (Fr), g, 3, Zelzal (Fr)--Zagora (Fr) (MGISW-US & MGSW-Fr), by Green Tune. Compiègne, 6-5, 9fT, 1:50.65. B-Al Shaqab Racing. *1/2 to Tuned (GB) (Toronado {Ire}), MSW-US.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

GAIA FORCE TRIES HIS HAND IN THE YASUDA KINEN ONCE AGAIN

by Heather Anderson



Gaia Force | JRA

At this point, the participation of **Gaia Force** (Kitasan Black) in the G1 Yasuda Kinen is pretty much a given. The seven-year-old entire will be running in his fourth edition of the 1600-metre affair, and, after running fourth in both 2023 and 2024, he stepped up to finish second in last year's edition. Maybe 2026 is his year to finally secure the "Win And You're In" for the G1 Breeders' Cup Mile at Keeneland in October.

Since his second-place run last June, he captured the G2 Fuji Stakes in October and ran a good second to his 2025 Yasuda Kinen conqueror Jantar Mantar (Palace Malice) in the G1 Mile Championship in November. He was fifth to Ombudsman (Night Of Thunder) in the G1 Dubai Turf at Meydan earlier this spring and leaves from gate 14.

"The weather was wet, and he's a horse that needs firm ground," said trainer Haruki Sugiyama of his charge's run in Dubai. "On returning to Japan, he spent time at Miki Horse Land Park, before moving to Ujitawara. He's striding out well in his work now, and looks to be in good condition. It's a much better rotation for him this year, compared to last year."

Already on a two-race winning streak is second choice **Trovatore** (Rey De Oro). Yet to place in a Group 1, he won the course-and-distance G3 Tokyo Shimbun Hai in February and doubled up in the G3 Epsom Cup over 200 metres further in May. **Cont. p18**

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Trainer Yuichi Shikato said, “The jockey did a good job in the Epsom Cup last time. It was a strong win, and it shows that if he finds a good rhythm, the distance isn’t a problem. He took a break at Northern Farm Tenei after that race, and there’s no tiredness about him, as we now target the Yasuda Kinen this time.”

2025 Epsom Cup hero **Seiun Hades** (**Silver State**) cuts back to 1600 metres after running fifth in the G1 Osaka Hai, one better than **Lebensstil** (Real Steel).

Trainer Shinsuke Hashiguchi said of Seiun Hades, “He lost a shoe in the Osaka Hai, but considering that, he ran a strong race. He’s spent some time at Champion Hills Farm, and everything’s fine with him as we look to this next race. He’s won the Epsom Cup before, so I think he’s suited to Tokyo.”

Tokyo-loving **Panja Tower** (Tower Of London) has claimed both the 2024 G2 Keio Hai Nisai Stakes over 1400 metres and the 2025 G1 NHK Mile Cup at Sunday’s venue. In his two 2026 starts, he traveled to Saudi Arabia to run fifth in the G2 1351 Turf Sprint in February before going one better in the G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen at Chukyo on March 29.

Trainer Shinsuke Hashiguchi said, “He did well last time from an inside draw in the Takamatsunomiya Kinen. Since returning from Champion Hills Farm, everything’s been as usual with him, with no changes. He won the NHK Mile Cup, and I think 1600 meters is probably his best distance.”

Handed a two-pound sex allowance, **Stellenbosch** (Epiphaneia) is the only mare in the field. She will attempt to reclaim the form that resulted in a victory in the G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) and placings in the other two fillies’ Classics. Off the board in all of her 2025 starts, she ran an encouraging second to Trovatore in the Epsom Cup.

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Saturday, Epsom Downs, post time: 16:00

THE BETFRED DERBY-G1, £2,000,000, 3yo, c/f, 12f 6yT

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

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

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

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].

Sunday, Tokyo, Japan, post time: 15:40

YASUDA KINEN-G1, ¥347,280,0000, 3yo/up, 1600mT



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SC	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lebensstil (Jpn)	Real Steel (Jpn)	Tanaka	Tosaki	128
2	Long Run (Jpn)	Victoire Pisa (Jpn)	Wada	Goncalves	128
3	Off Trail (GB)	Farhh (GB)	Yoshimura	Sugawara	128
4	Sixpence (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Tanaka	Take	128
5	Sakura Toujours (Jpn)	Neo Universe (Jpn)	Hori	Sasaki	128
6	Stellenbosch (Jpn)	Epiphaneia (Jpn)	Miyata	Lane	123
7	Suzu Khalom (Jpn)	Satono Diamond (Jpn)	Makita	Fujikake	128
8	Champagne Color (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Tanaka	Iwata	128
9	Water Licht (Jpn)	Drefong	Ishibashi	Takasugi	128
10	Luxor Café	American Pharoah	Hori	Iwata	128
11	World's End (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Ikezoe	Tsumura	128
12	Sirius Colt (Jpn)	Makfi (GB)	Tanaka	K. Yokoyama	128
13	Seiun Hades (Jpn)	Silver State (Jpn)	Hashiguchi	Miyuki	128
14	Gaia Force (Jpn)	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Sugiyama	T. Yokoyama	128
15	Dragon Boost (Jpn)	Screen Hero (Jpn)	Fujino	Tannai	128
16	Panja Tower (Jpn)	Tower Of London (Jpn)	Hashiguchi	Matsuyama	128
17	Trovatore (Jpn)	Rey De Oro (Jpn)	Shikato	Lemaire	128

Breeders: 1-Hirotomi Bokujo, 2-Shadai Farm, 3-Godolphin, 4-Northern Farm, 5-Tanioka Stud, 6-Northern Farm, 7-Araki Farm, 8-Yoichi Aoyama, 9-Masato Yamaoka, 10-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt & Westerberg Ireland ULC, 11-Northern Racing, 12-Chiyoda Farm Shizunai, 13-Keiichi Samekawa, 14-Oiwake Farm, 15-Z Stable, 16-Champions Farm, 17-Northern Farm.

Leading the ante-post market is multiple group winner **Gaia Force** who will be racing in his fourth consecutive Yasuda Kinen. The seven-year-old entire has placed three times at Group 1 level, and could finally claim that elusive accolade on Sunday from stall 14. Entering this contest with back-to-back Group 3 victories, **Trovatore** is based in the car park in stall 17. Sunday's task could prove too much, as he was 17th in the 2025 Yasuda Kinen. Only fifth in April's G1 Osaka Hai one better than the re-opposing **Lebensstil**, **Seiun Hades** cuts back to 1600 metres here. 2025 G1 NHK Mile Cup hero **Panja Tower** adds intrigue.

Sunday, Baden-Baden, Germany, post time: 14:55**GROSSER PREIS VON TATTERSALLS-G2**, €70,000, 4yo/up, 11fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	6	Hochkonig (Ger)	Polish Vulcano (Ger)	Almenrader	Mitchell	130
2	5	Alleno (Ire)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Weiss	Vogt	128
3	7	Lordano (Ger)	Adlerflug (Ger)	SCR	SCR	SCR
4	1	Ami De Vega (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Neuroth	Wilson	126
5	8	Atoso (Ger)	Guiliani (Ire)	S Schutz	Malacova	126
6	2	Delgardo (Ger)	Best Solution (Ire)	Wohler	Abik	126
7	4	Lifetimes (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Schiergen	Wolff	126
8	9	Wilko (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Schiergen	Murzabayev	126
9	3	Wintertraum (Ger)	Lord Of England (Ger)	Hickst	Piechulek	126

Last year's hero and recent G2 Oleander-Rennen victor **Lordano** was scratched after declarations were confirmed, but is backed up by his able Gestut Ittlingen deputy and dual G2 Gerling-Preis winner **Alleno**. Deutsches Derby hero **Hochkonig** looked in need of the competition when fourth behind Alleno and **Wintertraum** in last month's Gerling-Preis and is expected to offer more with Jack Mitchell replacing the injured Nina Baltromei in the saddle. Last year's Deutsches Derby 11th **Delgardo** and the previous year's G3 Preis des Winterfavoriten victor **Lifetimes** both remain on the redemption trail, while **Ami De Vega** offers hope of a Scandinavian success. Journeymen **Atoso** and **Wilko** complete the line-up. [Sean Cronin].

Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France, post time: 15:50**PRIX PAUL DE MOUSSAC-G2**, €119,000, 3yo, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Synaran (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Graffard	Barzalona	126
2	9	Afandy (Fr)	Mehmas (Ire)	Rouget	Demuro	126
3	8	Go Man (Fr)	Goken (Fr)	Chotard	Crastus	126
4	7	Cielo Di Roma (Fr)	Romanised (Ire)	Bietolini	Bachelot	126
5	3	Pitch Perfect (Fr)	Romanised (Ire)	Delzangles	Hardouin	126
6	4	Imperior (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Karkosa	Lemaitre	126
7	2	Canalejas (Fr)	Armor (GB)	Montenegro	Pouchin	126
8	6	Good Bye Manu (Ire)	Almanzor (Fr)	Butel & Beaunez	Hamelin	126
9	5	Nighttime (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	C Head	Guyon	126

Alain and Gerard Wertheimer's TDN Rising Star **Nighttime** was under three lengths adrift of Rayif (Sea The Moon) when sixth in last month's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and gets an opportunity of making amends here. Rayif's Francis Graffard stablemate **Synaran** made a black-type breakthrough in April's Listed Prix du Pont Neuf when last seen and poses a threat, as does G3 Prix Djebel winner **Afandy** and third **Cielo Di Roma**. Of the remainder, old foes and stakes-winning duo **Go Man** and **Canalejas** make most appeal. [Sean Cronin].

Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France, post time: 16:25**KRA LA COUPE-G3**, €73,200, 4yo/up, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	6	Snow Player (Fr)	Dariyan (Fr)	Figge	Gibson	126
2	4	Casapueblo (Ire)	Le Havre (Ire)	Fabre	Pouchin	126
3	2	Trust On (Fr)	Intello (Ger)	Soudan	Grandin	126
4	3	Nitoi	Siyouni (Fr)	Fabre	Pasquier	126
5	7	Sinileo (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	Fabre	Guyon	126
6	5	Family (Fr)	Goken (Fr)	C Head	Mendizabal	122
7	1	Tajlina (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Graffard	Barzalona	122

Andre Fabre has assembled a powerful squad and is represented by last term's G2 Prix Eugene Adam third **Sinileo**, the multiple Group-placed Listed Prix Jacques Laffitte victor **Casapueblo** and dual Listed winner **Nitoi**. Opposition includes wide-margin Listed Prix Urban Sea winner **Family**, last term's G3 Prix Penelope victrix and last month's G3 Prix Allez France second **Tajlina** and stakes-winning G2 Prix du Muguet fifth **Trust On**. **Snow Player** is the only entry not to have achieved black type. [Sean Cronin].

Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France, post time: 13:58

PRIX RIDGWAY-Listed, €50,300, 3yo, c/g, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	2	The Odyssey (Fr)	Frankel (GB)	Graffard	Barzalona	123
2	3	Tonnant (Fr)	Romanised (Ire)	P & J Brandt	Demuro	123
3	1	Nicomede (Fr)	Ectot (GB)	Gadbin	Grandin	123
4	5	Focus (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	Fabre	Pouchin	123
5	4	Overnight (Fr)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Fabre	Guyon	123

Andre Fabre is represented by two and holds the key to this card's opening heat. The dual Listed-placed **Focus** ran third to subsequent G2 Prix de Sandringham victrix Naomis (City Light) in April's Listed Prix Aymeri de Mauleon in his only start this term, while stablemate **Overnight** shed maiden status in style at Saint-Cloud last month. Al Asayl France's **The Odyssey** also graduated in his second start, doing so this over course and distance just over five weeks ago. Chantilly handicap winner **Tonnant** and the once-raced maiden **Nicomede** complete the line-up. [Sean Cronin].

Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France, post time: 14:33

PRIX MELISANDE-Listed, €50,000, 3yo, f, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Azamita (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Graffard	Barzalona	123
2	6	Ecija (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Clement & Hermans	Pasquier	123
3	5	Almaris (Fr)	Almanzor (Fr)	Gadbin	Grandin	123
4	8	Chill Y Flama (GB)	Lope Y Fernandez (Ire)	Pantall	Piccone	123
5	2	Dispatches (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Fabre	Guyon	123
6	7	Maintain (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Devin	Soumillon	123
7	3	Mapaquita (Fr)	Battle Of Marengo (Ire)	Donworth	Trolley de Prevaux	123
8	1	Proxima Du Centaur (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Fabre	Pouchin	123

Juddmonte's **Maintain** was not disgraced when running 10th in last month's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and has another chance to build upon a third in April's G3 Prix Vanteaux over nine furlongs at this venue. Juddmonte's silks will also be carried by the dual winner **Dispatches**, who is accompanied by Listed Prix de la Seine fourth **Proxima Du Centaur** from the Andre Fabre yard. The Francis Graffard-trained Angers maiden scorer **Azamita** merits respect, as does Listed Prix des Lilas runner-up **Ecija**. [Sean Cronin].

Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France, post time: 17:00**PRIX VOLTERRA-Listed**, €50,300, 3yo, f, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	5	Houville (Fr)	Zelzal (Fr)	Baratti	Demuro	123
2	7	Alma Mater (Fr)	Zelzal (Fr)	Groualle	Lecoeuvre	123
3	11	La Carriere (Ire)	No Nay Never	Graffard	Barzalona	123
4	2	Moonlabel (Fr)	Zelzal (Fr)	Devin	Pouchin	123
5	10	Hello Avenue (Fr)	Hello Youmzain (Fr)	Dubois	Madamet	123
6	3	Fortuna Diamond (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Pantall	Piccone	123
7	9	Radiant (Fr)	City Light (Fr)	Gavilan	Guedj-Gay	123
8	6	Alarming (GB)	A'Ali (Ire)	Beckett	Greatrex	123
9	1	Cap Santa Lucia (Fr)	Persian King (Ire)	Meehan	Soumillon	123
10	8	Coco Soleil (Fr)	Flintshire (GB)	Figge	Mendizabal	123
11	4	Land Of Liberty (Fr)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Kobayashi	Grandin	123

Godolphin's **Fortuna Diamond** is two-for-two after clear-cut victories at Senonnes-Pouance and Dieppe and makes her black-type debut in an open renewal. The performance of Ecija in the previous race will provide clues as to the chances of **Houville**, who was one spot behind when third in Chantilly's Listed Prix des Lilas last month, while Ralph Beckett entry **Alarming** holds claims having hit the board in both Listed Prix Herod and Listed Prix La Camargo. **Land Of Liberty** and **Moonlabel** have also placed in stakes company and the Brian Meehan-conditioned Windsor maiden winner **Cap Santa Lucia** is an intriguing contender. [Sean Cronin].

Sunday, Goodwood, post time: 15:35**THE WEATHERBYS/BRITISH EBF AGNES KEYSER FILLIES' STAKES-Listed**, £70,000, 3yo, f, 9f 197yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Botagoz (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Mr Nurlan Bizakov	Roger Varian	Ray Dawson	128
2	Capichera (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Mrs A. G. Kavanagh	Ed Walker	Kieran Shoemark	128
3	Della Pace (GB)	Camelot (GB)	Mrs R. G. Hillen	George Boughey	Jamie Spencer	128
4	Lady Dora Mae (Ire)	Space Blues (Ire)	J R Boughey & Partner	George Boughey	Jack Callan	128
5	Light Of Paris (Ger)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Blackhurst Racing	John & Thady Gosden	Oisin Murphy	128
6	Ourbren (Ire)	Starman (GB)	N J Clayton & Partners	J. S. Moore	Taylor Fisher	128
7	Plaid (GB)	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Plaid Partnership & Mrs Mary Slack	James Fanshawe	Daniel Muscutt	128
8	Rose Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Mr Jaber Abdullah	Richard Hughes	Billy Loughnane	128
9	Sacred Ground (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Marcstown Ltd & Andrew Rosen	John & Thady Gosden	William Buick	128
10	Venetia (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Cayton Park Stud Limited	Ralph Beckett	Hector Crouch	128

Breeders: 1-Yulong Investments, 2-Kildaragh Stud, 3-Car Colston Hall Stud, 4-Airlie Stud & Mrs S. M. Rogers, 5- , 6-Macha Bloodstock & Rocal Bloodstock, 7-Plantation Stud, 8-Rjb Bloodstock & Pier House Stud, 9-Meon Valley Stud, 10-Cayton Park Stud Ltd.

Botagoz was third behind Lilt and So Regal in a strong renewal of York's Michael Seely Memorial last month and may be the most progressive in this line-up. **Sacred Ground** has been second in three races in this grade and needs a bit more, while **Plaid** was very impressive in a minor contest at Hamilton last time and could be a fast improver. [Tom Frary].

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