

BREEDING DIGEST: ENGLISHMAN MAXIMIZING SIRE'S PROFILE



Englishman | Sarah Andrew

by Chris McGrath

After a weekend that flashed one talent after another, like a many-sided jewel rotating in the sun, it's hard to single out a dominant facet. But having previously explored the backgrounds of Golden Tempo (**Curlin**) and Nysos (**Nyquist**), let's start with the breakout performance of Englishman (**Maxfield**), author of a 115 Beyer in the GI Woody Stephens Stakes.

And actually this horse shares an important glint of brilliance with the other pair. Because Golden Tempo, the second consecutive Derby/Belmont winner out of a daughter of Bernardini, shares his damsire not only with Nysos but also with the young stallion for whom Englishman is proving a priceless flagship.

Not that **Maxfield's** dam should be described merely as "a Bernardini mare." Admittedly she only showed a glimpse of talent herself, in a brief career in Britain, but she is a conduit of the famous La Mesa (Round Table) branch of the dynasty (Fr) descending through Buckpasser's dam Busanda (War Admiral). Godolphin paid \$3.1 million to get into this line through the acquisition, at the 2000 Keeneland November Sale, of **Maxfield's** granddam Caress (Storm Cat). And that was before the Pulpit colt she had delivered that January became GI Hopeful Stakes winner Sky Mesa! **Cont. Pg. 3**

GET READY, THE FLIGHTLINES ARE COMING

by Bill Finley

What kind of sire will Horse of the Year **Flightline** turn out to be? The first hints are right around the corner.

Greenwell (Flightline) will make his debut Friday at Churchill Downs in the fifth race for trainer Mark Casse. He will be the first offspring of Flightline to start in North America. The next day, the filly House Boat Party (**Flightline**), will run in the sixth race at Churchill for trainer Brian Lynch. She will be the first **Flightline** filly to start in the U.S. Both races are at five furlongs.

"This colt, from day one, he showed that he was special," Casse said. "For us, it's a process, kind of like going to Little League and then you go to the minor leagues and he went boom, boom, boom with each step. He's come to hand quickly and he's done everything right. You can see where he worked in 59 and change and that was pretty impressive." **Cont. Pg. 6**

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Trainer Mark Casse, who won three Grade I races last weekend at Saratoga, joins the TDN Writers' Room podcast presented by Keeneland. | Sarah Andrew

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Maxfield always had a stallion's page behind him, then, and his development into a top-class racehorse, as a homebred son of **Street Sense**, must have been especially gratifying for the Godolphin team. And while his buddy **Essential Quality** has endured a fairly chastening decline in fee, from an opening \$75,000 to \$25,000, **Maxfield** has consolidated from \$35,000 in his bubble year to \$50,000 this spring.

That sooner reflects the relative sales performance of their second crop of yearlings than any disparity in their output to date. With his stock tending to flourish with maturity, **Essential Quality** actually has six stakes winners (including The Puma) from 84 starters against four from 82 for **Maxfield**. But the latter has fielded as many as 15 black-type performers overall, and we must acknowledge that in Englishman he has conjured a lightning talent from a mare of fairly finite credentials.

Englishman, 2023			 equineline
Maxfield	Street Sense	Street Cry (Ire)	Machiavellian
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In It for the Gold		Silken Cat	Storm Cat
			Silken Doll
		Value Plus	Unbridled's Song
	All Due Respect		Roll Over Baby
		Aunt Due	Devil His Due
			Aunt Mottz

So finite, in fact, that Englishman's breeders discarded her at the same 2023 November Sale where he was sold as a weanling for \$240,000. In It for the Gold (Speightstown), winner of a turf sprint maiden, was by then a 9-year-old who had been given every chance with her first covers without immediately repaying the investment, albeit her first foals (by **Nyquist** and Into Mischief) had both won. She was allowed to go for \$75,000 to Country Life Farm.

Her **Gun Runner** yearling was retained, and as Thought Control last month won for the second time in four starts (like his dam, in a turf sprint). Meanwhile In It for the Gold had delivered the Authentic foal she was carrying at auction, who was sold for just \$25,000.

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By the time this filly reached OBS this April, however, Englishman had won his first two starts by an aggregate 15 lengths. His owners, with a shrewd sense of what they had, duly acquired his half-sister for \$425,000; and while Englishman succumbed to Crude Velocity (**Beau Liam**) in the GII Pat Day Mile, that form was comprehensively reversed in their rematch last weekend.

In It for the Gold has duly proved well named for her purchasers, who now find themselves with the dam of a Grade I winner on their hands. She's actually out of a highly accomplished runner, albeit one with few obvious genes to explain her talent. All Due Respect was remarkably consistent, on the podium in 17 of 22 starts, including 10 times in graded stake, notably when beaten a neck in the GI Santa Anita Oaks (on synthetic). While she had to settle for a single stakes win, against Florida-bred females, that still qualified her as an exceptional achiever for her sire, a son of Unbridled's Song named Value Plus whose marginal claims for a stud career rested on a narrow defeat in the 2004 GI Florida Derby and a \$1.1 million yearling tag. He ended up being sold for \$13,000 to continue his stud career in British Columbia.

In fairness, All Due Respect was one of just two foals out of her dam, an unraced Devil His Due half-sister to Ten Cents a Shine, a Grade II-placed juvenile who ran midfield in Funny Cide's Derby. And the next dam was at least hardy, as a 10-for-66 Ohio-bred. But you need to retreat another four generations to reach the dam of Clem, who set consecutive track records when beating Round Table twice in two weeks in 1958.

Overall this feels like pretty patchy soil to be producing a horse as brilliant as Englishman. **Maxfield** is additionally the sire of Danon Bourbon, the Japanese raider who burst clear in the Derby before fading into fifth, and his own template-as a Grade I winner at two and four-suggests that his stock should keep thriving.



Maxfield | Darley

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Bernardini rounded off another stunning weekend in this role with Explora, who followed up her GI Kentucky Oaks fourth by winning the Leslie's Lady Stakes. As a daughter of **Blame**, himself threatening to become a new Bernardini, Explora looks a priceless breeding prospect. (Her dam is yet another example of a mare cheaply discarded just as she was about to strike gold, in this case to Korea for just \$24,000 at the 2024 Keeneland November Sale. What a maddening game this is!)



Bernardini | Darley

The latest daughter of **Blame** to put his name in lights is Paradise Bay, dam of GI Jaipur Stakes winner Reef Runner (The Big Beast). Not even **Blame** can claim all the credit here, however, this mare being a half-sister to millionaire Paradise Woods (**Union Rags**). Their dam, the unraced Wild Forest (Forest Wildcat), is out of a half-sister to Mr. Greeley, so the Long Legend (Reviewer) dynasty (which has also given us **Street Sense** and Vekoma) grows ever "Longer".

Englishman's damsire Speightstown meanwhile continues to elaborate his own posthumous legacy in this sphere, with Deterministic (**Liam's Map**) retaining the GI Manhattan Stakes; likewise Scat Daddy, damsire of GI Just a Game Stakes winner Classic Q (Classic Empire) and also GIII Pennine Ridge scorer West End Kid (**Twirling Candy**).

As a sire of sires, meanwhile, Speightstown will be looking down with growing pride on **Charlatan**. Like **Essential Quality**, his fee this spring was slashed to \$25,000 (from \$50,000). But the GII Wonder Again Stakes success of Fitz Right makes **Charlatan**, already the only member of this intake with two graded stakes winners, also the first to have a third.



Leslie's Lady winner Explora, a granddaughter of Bernardini
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Red Alert for Roberto

Purely in terms of a pedigree's shape, the real doozy of the weekend is the maternal background of GII Intercontinental Stakes winner Roja (**Karakontie {Jpn}**).

Her dam Redmeansgo (Red Ransom) changed hands in a few claimers before scraping some Fairplex Park black type on her final start, back in 2006: she was fourth of five, but the third home was disqualified. Yet Roja, bred by the late Chuck Kidder, is the third of her dozen foals (11 starters, nine winners) to get some rather more meaningful stakes action onto the page.

The first, graded stakes-placed Pappascap, became an early contributor to Scat Daddy's success as a broodmare sire. She produced GII Best Pal Stakes winner Pappacap (**Gun Runner**), now standing at Walmac, and also GIII With Anticipation Stakes winner Boppy O (Bolt d'Oro); besides meanwhile becoming second dam of one of the top juveniles of 2025 in Brant (**Gun Runner**).

And all this traces to the boldest of mirror images contrived by the breeders of Redmeansgo: for she is by one son of Roberto, Red Ransom, out of a mare by another in Dynaformer. (Moreover Dynaformer's damsire His Majesty also gave us Pleasant Colony, who sired Redmeansgo's granddam.) The people who put this audacious genetic package together will certainly ring a few bells: Redmeansgo was bred by Dr. and Mrs. R. Smiser West and Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie Miller.

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Flightline at Lane's End | Sarah Andrew

Flightline cont.

In another work, I worked him out of the gate and he kind of broke bad and then he caught up with another horse and the horse he outworked was Riley Mott's first time starter by **Munnings** (How's Al Today) that won last week. He worked out of the gate with that horse and kind of played with him."

Casse conceded that the distance may not be long enough for a son of **Flightline**.

"The distance is a little short, but I didn't want to wait," he said. "He's ready to run. I like getting them started. If not, I would have had to wait a couple of weeks. I just wanted to get him started."

Owned by Greg Tramontin's Greenwell Thoroughbreds LLC, Greenwell was a \$500,000 Keeneland September purchase.

House Boat Party is a homebred owned by Flying Dutchman, the racing and breeding operation of the Boersma family. Her dam is Lake Garda (**American Pharoah**).

"When the Boersmas bought that **Flightline** share at Keeneland a few years back, we decided we'd buy a nice mare to breed to him," said Flying Dutchmen President Hunter Rankin. "We bought a mare named Lake Garda and she was in foal to Uncle Mo. She produced a nice filly, one that hasn't run yet. House Boat Party was the resulting foal of that deal. It was kind of the kickoff to this whole Flying Dutchmen enterprise.

"She is a very attractive filly and has done everything right in the morning and we're excited to run her. If you had any concerns, it would be the five-eighths distance. But she's shown some speed in the morning. We definitely think she'll be better the farther she goes, but she's ready to run and the race is there. I always think if they are ready that waiting for the next one can be a curse. She's done everything right and we are excited to run her.

"You hear nothing but great things about the Flightlines in terms of what people have. We have three that we either bred or bought. This one is the farthest along, but we like them all. It's really exciting, especially for us because we bought a couple shares in the horse, so we are invested on all sides. We are excited, as everybody else is, to see them run."

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MO DONEGAL FILLY AMONG FOUR TO SHARE FURLONG BULLET AT OBS TUESDAY

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Hip 93 is out of multiple stakes-placed Bakken Baby (Valid Expectations) and is a half-sister to stakes-placed Expect the Boss (Danza).



Mo Donegal | Sarah Andrew

A filly by **Central Banker** (**hip 59**) turned in her bullet furlong work shortly after the under-tack show opened at 7:30 Tuesday morning. Consigned by Omar Ramirez Bloodstock, the dark bay New York-bred is out of stakes-placed Amabilis (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}). She was purchased for \$11,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton October sale.

"I was pretty confident she would go in :9 4/5 because she's been really nice on the farm and has prepped really well here," Omar Ramirez said after the work. **Cont.**

"She did everything right. She's a good filly, she's tries really hard. She was not really that big when we got her, so we decided to give her plenty of time to get to the sale. I'm excited."

Also working early in the show's first session, a Florida-bred filly from the first crop of Colonel Liam ([hip 173](#)) earned a share of the day's bullet for the Champions of the Future consignment. The gray is out of Cat Diva (Uncaptured) and was purchased by Raidel Gonzalez for \$10,000 at the OBS October sale last fall.

Little Farm Equine sent out a filly by [Independence Hall](#) ([hip 142](#)) to share the furlong bullet Tuesday. The New York-bred juvenile is out of Boom Boom Vroom (Zensational), a half-sister to graded winner Sindy with an S (Broken Vow). She was purchased for \$20,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

The under-tack show continues through Saturday with sessions beginning each day at 7:30 a.m. The OBS June sale will be held next Tuesday through Thursday. Bidding begins each day at 10:30 a.m.

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KENTUCKY REDUCES VET'S LIST TIME FOR UNSOUNDNESS TO SEVEN DAYS, DOWN FROM 14

The Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation, which met Tuesday, will reduce the number of days a horse must be on the vet's list for unsoundness from 14 days down to seven. The rule change, first reported by Paulick Report, was announced during the meeting by Dr. George Mundy and will take effect immediately.

"Our whole mission is to have the same rules all over. This aligns with HISA and it helps the owners and trainers with these horses, if there's a realistic timeframe for them to get off the

vet's list instead of being on the list too long," Charlie O'Connor, Chairman of the Veterinary Procedures and Data Review Committee which deliberated the change, told the TDN. O'Connor said that the vote among the committee was unanimous.

"We all wanted this to happen," O'Connor continued. "The Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation wants to listen to everybody and we want to be there to help people and not to hinder people. We listened to a lot of people, we took notes and we took our time about deciding. When we created this new committee to help horses get off the vets list quicker, this was on top of our agenda to get this straightened out. I think it's a good thing. We're trying to have one rule for everyone. We're trying to be the leaders in doing that and it should be the same in every state."

The report notes that the horse must still be approved to work by the trainer's attending veterinarian and must also meet the state vet's requested diagnostic imaging requirements.

Mundy also revealed that the KHRGC will not continue on with a pilot program through the Kentucky HBPA meant to obtain a third-party veterinary opinion in cases of regulatory vet scratches. The news comes following several office-hour sessions held by Mundy to discuss concerns on the backstretch regarding vet scratches. In place of that pilot program, Mundy noted that the KHRGC would instead turn its attention to a proposal which would allocate up to \$500,000 to help subsidize the cost of advanced imaging for vet scratches through the Equine Drug Research Council.

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SIX FLEET FILLIES: JUNE 1-7

by Randy Moss

All six fillies and mares below ran during Saratoga's all-star Belmont Stakes Festival.

6. AG BULLET, SAR, June 6, Jaipur Stakes (Gr. I), 5 1/2 furlongs (turf) (VIDEO)

Beyer Speed Figure-99 (2nd)

(m, 6, by [Twirling Candy](#)--Noble Grey, by Forestry)

O-Calvin Nguyen and Joey Tran. B-H & E Ranch (Ky). T-Richard Baltas. J-John Velazquez.

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The defending Jaipur champ became a Gr. I winner in this race last year and again Baltas chose to face males for \$500,000 rather than females for \$250,000 in Thursday's Intercontinental. That decision looks sound in hindsight as both were tough: Reef Runner ran a 102 Beyer to edge her by a half-length Saturday, and Roja (below) got 101 Thursday. Ag Bullet earned \$100,000 in defeat and would have made only slightly more (\$137,500) with a win in the Gr. II Intercontinental.



Classic Q | Sarah Andrew

5. CLASSIC Q, SAR, June 6, Just a Game Stakes (Gr. I), 1 mile (turf) (VIDEO)

Beyer Speed Figure-99

(f, 4, by Classic Empire--Lovely Em, by Scat Daddy)

O-Gary Barber, Blue Crevalle Racing and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners. B-Winning Bloodstock (Ky). T-Mark Casse. J-John Velazquez.

EATON SALES SOLD
Dam Lovely Em another productive BMP flip by Mike Slezak! | BullOTheWoodsStables@gmail.com

The temperamental filly came undone entering the Saratoga paddock when two Air Force fighter jets roared overhead after the national anthem. "She did her own flyover when the flyover came," Casse cracked. With her short fuse lit, she then misbehaved during warmups and in the gate, and as usual, Velazquez sat chilly after the break for fear her speed would become unmanageable. Yet she controlled the pace and finished in :22.75 for her first Gr. I score after also taking the Distaff Turf Mile (Gr. II) on the Derby undercard. She may next try males in the Fourstardave (Gr. I) on August 8.

4. ROJA, SAR, June 4, Intercontinental Stakes (Gr. II), 5 1/2 furlongs (turf) (VIDEO)

Beyer Speed Figure-101

(f, 4, by Karakontie (Jpn)--Redmeansgo, by Red Ransom)

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The speedy \$70,000 yearling buy dominated at 5/1 odds in her graded debut and has now taken four of five grass starts. As a 3-year-old before her career began, Roja's turf breezes were so mediocre that Motion ran her twice on dirt. After the second loss, Ortiz told him, "You've got to get this filly on turf."

Following the Intercontinental, Irad offered additional feedback: "Breeders' Cup." She's small-framed and according to Motion, thrives on a light schedule, thus his early plan is to work back from the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (Gr. I) with one or two races in the interim.

3. GRAND JOB, SAR, June 5, Bed o' Roses Stakes (Gr. II), 7 furlongs (VIDEO)

Beyer Speed Figure-106 (2nd)

(m, 5, by Justify--Sure Route (GB), by Ishiguru)

O-Bell Tower Thoroughbreds, Medallion Racing and Mark Stanton. B-Fullbury (Ky). T-Bill Mott. J-Junior Alvarado.

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Talk about tough beats. In April, Grand Job blistered a 108 Beyer in the Madison (Gr. I) only to lose on the wire by a nose to Eclatant. Friday she delivered a 106 in the Bed o' Roses and looked a sure winner in midstretch but came up a nose short against Ways and Means (below). At least her connections can take solace that she took a Gr. II in January in the Inside Information--and that she's on the short list of favorites for what at present appears an ultrastrong Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint back at Keeneland.



Ways and Means (outside) and Grand Job (inside) in the Bed O' Roses at Saratoga | Tod Marks

2. WAYS AND MEANS, SAR, June 5, Bed o' Roses Stakes (Gr. II), 7 furlongs (VIDEO)

Beyer Speed Figure-107

(m, 5, by Practical Joke--Strong Incentive, by Warrior's Reward)

O/B-Klaravich Stables (Ky). T-Chad Brown. J-Flavien Prat.

Last year, Way and Means took the Bed o' Roses by 7 3/4 lengths with a 111 Beyer, then got sick and missed the remainder of the year. She had to work much harder Friday to repeat, surging in the final stride to edge Grand Job (above) by a nose. "When that filly sprinted away from her, a fair number of

horses would have had their hearts broken,” Brown said. “That says a lot about her heart and determination.” Ways and Means was kept in training because the Breeders’ Cup is at Keeneland and not California, and until then, fingers are crossed that she avoids setbacks that have interrupted her schedule in the past.



Nitrogen wins the Ogden Phipps | Sarah Andrew

1. NITROGEN, SAR, June 5, Ogden Phipps Stakes (Gr. I), 1 1-8 miles (VIDEO)

Beyer Speed Figure-113

(f, 4, by Medaglia d'Oro--Tiffany Case, by Uncle Mo)

O/B-D J Stable (Ky). T-Mark Casse. J-Jose Ortiz.

RAISED AT TAYLOR MADE FOR DJ STABLE

After a pair of losses at Oaklawn to start her 4-year-old campaign, Casse decided prior to the Ogden Phipps to try a strategy tweak for the 3-year-old filly champ. “I don’t give instructions often,” he said, “but I told Jose not to be afraid to let her roll.” Indeed, Ortiz let her roll to the early lead and Nitrogen kept on rolling to a 12 3/4-length romp. Her 113 Beyer ties for the highest among all females in the last seven years, and it’s the highest among two-turn dirt females since Beholder’s 114 in the 2015 Pacific Classic.

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MARK CASSE JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST PRESENTED BY

KEENELAND by Bill Finley

While the spotlight was rightly focused on Cherie DeVaux last week at Saratoga as she wrapped up two-thirds of the Triple Crown with Golden Tempo ([Curlin](#)) with the win in the GI Belmont Stakes, the week that Mark Casse had should not be overlooked. Casse won four stakes races, including three Grade I's. The stars were GI Ogden Phipps Stakes winner Nitrogen (Medaglia d'Oro), GI Just a Game Stakes winner Classic Q (Classic Empire) and GI Acorn winner Counting Stars ([Honor A.P.](#)).

Casse was the [Gainesway Guest of the Week](#) on this week's TDN Writers' Room Podcast presented by [Keeneland](#).

“I don't know that anything I've done ranks with this,” Casse said. “It was an amazing couple days.”

In a word, Nitrogen was sensational as she overcame any doubts that may have arisen after she suffered back-to-back defeats in the GII Azeri Stakes and the GI Apple Blossom Handicap. Showing the same form that led her to an Eclipse Award as last year's 3-year-old filly champion, she won the Phipps by 12 3/4 lengths.



[Click the photo above to watch the podcast](#) | Sarah Andrew

“In the Azeri, she just could not handle the track,” Casse said. “I know she had handled the slop previously, but she didn't handle it. (Jockey) Jose (Ortiz), who knows her so well, came back and said he's never felt her so exhausted. And then in her next race, the Apple Blossom, she ran a good race. The other filly (Claret Beret) just freaked. I was just so happy with the way she was training. I told Jose on Wednesday, 'Wait till you see the big mare.' She was ready like I've never seen her before.”

Casse also believes that sending her straight to the front was the right way to go.

“I told Jose that when she wants to go, let her go,” he said. “If they want to beat her, then let them come after her. And if you watch about the last two minutes before the race,

everybody was walking around there with their ponies except her. Jose was warming her up and he had her ready. Maybe we've been doing this all wrong. She has a tremendous turn of foot. If you watch when she ran in the Spinster, there were some fast horses. Even in the Breeders' Cup, they were rolling and you can see Jose just sitting there. I think maybe you just go with her. And if they want to try to run with her, fine. But it's not going to happen. And that's why she ran so fast."

Classic Q has proven to be an adept miler, so much so that Casse said he will try her against the boys next time out in the GI Fourstardave Stakes. Should she win there she may go in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile.

"We're going to find out a lot about her because we're going to run her in the Fourstardave," he said. "She's going to have to pick up her game. I've been very fortunate. I've won the Fourstardave a couple of times with fillies. I think this filly is as talented as Got Stormy was. She's going to have a target on her back now, and there will be some serious milers in there with a lot of speed."



Classic Q, Counting Stars, and Nitrogen | Sarah Andrew

The "Fastest Horse of the Week" was GI Woody Stephens Stakes winner Englishman (**Maxfield**), who earned a 115 Beyer figure. The Fastest Horse of the Week segment is sponsored by **WinStar, which stands the sire Two Phil's**.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the **PHBA, 1/ST TV**, and **West Point Thoroughbreds**, Randy Moss, Bill Finley, and Zoe Cadman reviewed the many graded stakes races on a spectacular weekend of racing at Saratoga. All agreed that, aside from the Belmont, the best performances came from Englishman and Nysos (**Nyquist**) in the GI Metropolitan Handicap. They also discussed a ruling from a hearing officer in Kentucky to reinstate trainer Maria Borell's license.

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HE THOUGHT HIS HORSE HAD BEEN RETIRED, SO WHY DID IT SHOW UP AT CHIPPEWA DOWNS? *by Bill Finley*



Nepal Up | Coady Media

After Nepal Up (Will Take Charge) finished fifth in a Sept. 1 handicap race at Monmouth last year, owner Brad Altschuld knew it was time to retire the horse. He was nine and had been put on the vet's list as the result of the general wear and tear that can develop when a horse races for so many years.

Nepal Up had made 46 career starts, earned \$283,630, and his claim to fame was that he won the 2025 Trail's End at Oaklawn, the mile-and-three-quarters race traditionally run as the last race on the last day of the meet. It has a purse of \$125,000.

But unlike many 9-year-olds, Nepal Up was a stallion. So Altschuld thought it might be a good idea to find someone who would be willing to stand the horse at stud. He knew the horse was a longshot to make it as a stallion, but was pleased to find someone who said they were willing to give the horse a chance to make it as a stallion in one of the sport's smaller markets.

According to Altschuld, Christina Nelson, who operates Acyn Farms in Curtis, Nebraska, agreed to take the horse. Altschuld said he gave her the horse for free and paid for the shipping.

He said that Nelson, who did not return a phone call from the TDN or answer an email, told him that Nepal Up had been bred to eight mares. It is not clear if the horse was ever bred. In a Jan. 1 Facebook post from the Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, Inc., he is listed as a "Nebraska-based stallion."

So Altschuld thought he had achieved his goal, that the horse had been retired and would have a good home. That is until he discovered that Nepal Up had a May 14 workout at Harrah's Columbus Nebraska.

"I asked (Christina) why did he work," Altschuld said. "She said he wasn't supposed to work and that she was going to kick

someone's ass for that. She said that was her other horse that was supposed to work and that they just wanted to exercise (Nepal Up) because he was too aggressive from being a stallion and they couldn't hold on to him."

Twenty-four days later, Nepal Up was entered in an allowance race with a \$4,000 purse at Chippewa Downs in Belcourt, North Dakota. He finished third and earned \$480. There was only \$109 bet in the mutuel pool and \$6 in the exacta pool.

Altschuld was livid, and he wanted his horse back.

"I am very worried about him," he said. "I have a great record so far with safety and retirement. I don't care about what they're trying to do in North Dakota. I just want the horse out of there."

He said he contacted both trainer Junior Dolphus and Nelson and asked what it would take for them to return the horse to him. He said he has yet to hear from either one.

He also contacted North Dakota Racing Commission Executive Director Bruce Johnson and exchanged several texts with him. The exchange started off as cordial, but then broke down.

In texts Altschuld shared with the TDN, Johnson wrote, "...as much as you see us as an unethical bush track, we work very hard to do things the right way with very little of the same support many of the larger tracks enjoy. Furthermore, many hardworking, conscientious horsemen work just as hard to make this meet happen."

He gave Altschuld the trainer's phone number and then continued: "That's as far as my efforts will go on this. Good luck Brad and please leave our racing secretary alone as well."

"His attitude is that I'm the bad guy because I'm bothering him and the racing secretary and they have a job to do and they are hard-working people and I am looking down on them," Altschuld said. "I don't care about that, I care about the horse and his safety."

This is what happens when horses fall through the cracks, and Nepal Up is not alone. On Jan. 6, a horse named Mischievous Intent (Into Mischief) finished second in a \$5,000 claimer at Chippewa. He cost \$1.4 million at the 2023 Keeneland September Sale.

Altschuld admits that he didn't handle the situation well, that he was naive and didn't do his due diligence. For one, he made the mistake of sending the foal papers to Nelson.

"I made two mistakes," he said. "I trusted someone I didn't know and thought they would follow through as intended. I also should have had his papers marked as retired with The Jockey Club. These were mistakes made from inexperience. I've only had horses since 2020 and my mom passed in 2024 and would have been the smart one to make sure everything was done. I honestly just wanted to find a home where he could be a stallion."

Now he just wants to get the horse back and find a home where he knows Nepal Up will be well treated and safe. He will continue to fight to do so. Perhaps his efforts will eventually pay off. He's not sure.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A DAY OF FIRST, FAITH, AND A RAINBOW

by Ambassador Earle I. Mack



Courtesy Earle Mack

There are days in racing that are remembered for the horse. There are other days remembered for the crowd, the weather, the setting, or the history. And then there are rare days when all of it comes together. Saturday at Saratoga was one of those days.

The final Belmont Stakes at Saratoga was not simply another great day of racing. It was a day of firsts. Nearly 50,000 people filled Saratoga Race Course to capacity. They came despite the threat of rain. And as the horses were entering the gate for the final Belmont Stakes ever to be run at Saratoga, the rain suddenly came pouring down.

Then, miraculously, just as the gate opened, the sun broke through. Through the dampened sand and dirt came Golden Tempo, surging with a burst that brought the crowd to its feet. Golden Tempo flew. The crowd went wild. Then, suddenly, a rainbow appeared. Then a double rainbow appeared.

Golden Tempo's victory in the Belmont Stakes was historic on its own. A horse bred through the great Phipps tradition and campaigned by a partnership that includes Daisy Phipps Pulito, and Vinnie Viola's St. Elias Stable, Golden Tempo represented something very special: the continuity of racing's past and the energy of racing's future.

The Phipps family represents a standard of class, stewardship, and commitment that has helped define American Thoroughbred racing for nearly a century. And then there is Vinnie Viola. Vinnie came from Williamsburg, Brooklyn. He is a patriot, a West Point graduate, a businessman, a sportsman, and a terrific person. That combination--Phipps and Viola, old money and new money, legacy and ambition--is exactly what racing needs.

I have been in racing for a long time, and I have learned not to ignore moments like that. Sometimes, signs from God are subtle. Sometimes, they are written across the sky. On Saturday, as Golden Tempo came running, it felt like the heavens themselves were reminding us that good things still happen in this sport when good people lead it the right way.



Daisy Phipps Pulito and Golden Tempo | Sara Gordon

The Phipps family is not merely a name in racing. It is a pillar. Ogden Phipps, Dinny Phipps, and now Daisy Phipps Pulito represent a standard of class, stewardship, and commitment that has helped define American Thoroughbred racing for nearly a century. And at the heart of it all stands Ande Phipps--the strength and bedrock of this family. She carries on the tradition with grace and quiet resolve, even as she faces challenges to her health. That she continues to show up for this sport, for this family, and for everything the Phipps name represents is a testament to a character that racing rarely sees and never forgets. The Phipps family has stood for breeding, patience, integrity, and the long view--qualities too often missing in modern life.

Saturday was also a day to celebrate Cherie DeVaux--and to recognize Phipps Pulito, who gave her the opportunity. What she has accomplished is extraordinary. No woman trainer had done what she has now done. To win the Kentucky Derby was historic. To come back and win the Belmont Stakes at Saratoga was something even greater. It was a moment that opened

doors for others and showed every young woman watching that there is no ceiling in this sport.

For Saratoga, the day was a triumph. The town came alive with the sound of music, conversation, excitement, and pride. The restaurants were full. The streets were alive. The grandstand was electric.

It is also important to recognize Governor Kathy Hochul. Her leadership has helped make possible the nearly half-billion-dollar transformation of Belmont Park. When the Belmont Stakes returns home in 2027, it will return to a new Belmont Park worthy of the race, the horses, the fans, and the history. NYRA deserves enormous credit as well. Today, NYRA is led by people who understand the responsibility they carry: Chairman Marc Holliday, CEO David O'Rourke, and Senior Vice President Glen Kozak.

Saturday's numbers were remarkable. Almost 50,000 in attendance. More than \$116 million in handle. A great race. A historic winner. A beloved Saratoga native trainer. A double rainbow blessing the Spa.

But the numbers are not what I will remember most. I will remember the feeling.

I will remember the sun breaking through. I will remember the crowd. I will remember the roar. I will remember Cherie DeVaux being celebrated. I will remember the Phipps legacy and Vinnie Viola's Brooklyn grit meeting in the winner's circle. I will remember a day when racing looked like what it can and should be.

Honorable. Joyful. Competitive. Beautiful.

A day of firsts. A day of faith. A day of great fun. And above all, a great tribute to racing.

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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE 2026 GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ON RACING DEC. 7-9

Registration for the 2026 Global Symposium on Racing, taking place Dec. 7-9 at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, Arizona, is now open. To register, click [here](#).

Over three days, attendees will participate in timely panel discussions, hear from influential industry leaders, and explore topics impacting the future of horse racing. A full agenda and speaker lineup will be announced later this summer.

"The Global Symposium continues to be the one place where every segment of the racing industry comes together for honest conversation, innovative thinking, and meaningful

collaboration,” said Robert Hartman, Chair of the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program. “The Symposium is the place for racing organizations to connect, conduct business, and create partnerships that will move the industry forward.”

The Symposium, which supports the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program (RTIP), is complimentary to all RTIP alumni.

Rooms at the Lowes Ventana Canyon Resort are expected to sell quickly at the discounted group rate of \$209 per night, including the resort fee and free parking.

Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities are available for organizations looking to connect with racing industry leaders and decision-makers. Visit www.racingsymposium.com for more information.

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Sarah Andrew

DE FRANCIS DASH DAY HANDICAPPING CHALLENGE SET FOR JUNE 27 AT LAUREL PARK

The De Francis Dash Day Handicapping Challenge, a one-day contest available both on-site and online, will take place Saturday, June 27, at Laurel Park. The Challenge can also be accessed via Xpressbet, TVG/4NJBETS, and HPI.

The \$500 contest (\$250 entry fee, \$250 bankroll) offers Win, Place, Show, Exacta, and/or Daily Double wagering on the full schedule of live races at Laurel Park, plus select races at Monmouth Park. Contestants must play at least five (5) Laurel Park races, with a minimum \$50 bet per race. The last race of the contest will be the final race at Laurel Park. Monmouth Park races are available for optional play only. There are no mandatory Monmouth Park races.

Based on 120 entries, the total prize pool is \$30,000, including one full seat to the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge (\$10,000 value) and two National Horseplayers Championship Prize Packs

(\$5,350 value, each including a \$400 flight voucher and a hotel stay).

Additionally, the top five finishers will split \$8,300 in prize money, with \$4,150 going to the winner, \$1,660 to the runner-up, \$1,245 to third place, \$830 to fourth place, and \$415 to fifth place.

All entry fees are returned as prizes. The listed prizes are estimates, and the actual prizes will depend on the final number of participants.

After the contest, the top finishers, in order, will choose their seats (BCBC or NHC).

Contest players at Laurel Park may register only via walk-up registration on Saturday, June 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The registration area is on the first floor of the Clubhouse. Only cash will be accepted. The \$500 contest buy-in is non-refundable, and entry includes a live program.

All online players from TVG/4NJBETS must pre-register with Brian Skirka (bskirka@monmouthpark.com) by 3 pm ET on Friday, June 26. All online players from Xpressbet can pre-register with Brian Skirka or directly through Xpressbet by the first post time on Saturday, June 27. HPI players must be registered with HPI by 3 pm ET on Friday, June 26. All online players must declare their tournament ADW (Xpressbet, HPI, TVG/4NJBETS) during registration.

Players must have an existing ADW account to participate in the De Francis Dash Day Handicapping Challenge.

For complete rules and registration details, please visit [here](#).

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LAVIN FOUNDATION PLEDGE OFFERS \$10K MATCHING CHALLENGE VIA TRF

Edited Press Release

A commitment from the Lavin Family Foundation has created an opportunity for the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation. The Foundation has pledged \$10,000 as a matching challenge with every gift made to the 2026 Annual Appeal between now and June 30 will be doubled, up to \$10,000.

The TRF has already raised \$1,650 in the first week of its match challenge.

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KEENELAND LIBRARY RECEIVES THOMAS D. CLARK AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FROM KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Scott Alvey and Sheila Mason of the Kentucky Historical Society with Keeneland Library Director Roda Ferraro (center)
Courtesy Keeneland Library

On June 6, Keeneland Library received the Thomas D. Clark Award of Excellence from the Kentucky Historical Society to recognize outstanding achievement in preserving, sharing and promoting Kentucky's rich heritage. The Clark award presentation kicked off Kentucky History Day--a celebration of the state's role in America's story on the eve of the nation's 250th anniversary.

The award, which is granted to one standout Kentucky entity each year, is significant in the world of history, research, education and cultural heritage stewardship.

An agency of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, the Kentucky Historical Society is an affiliate of the Smithsonian, has full accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums and is a founding member of the History Relevance Campaign.

"This award is a tremendous honor," Library Director Roda Ferraro said, "and affirmation of an impactful year of record-setting excellence across Keeneland Library's research services and education and outreach initiatives, which--in collaboration with 70 community organizations and 62 horse industry organizations--freely reached nearly 200,000 industry stakeholders, researchers, members of the media and community learners from every state and 39 countries."

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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING AND HALL OF FAME TO HOST ROYAL ASCOT TEA PARTY JUNE 20

The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame host a Royal Ascot Tea Party on Saturday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event is presented by Brown Road Racing.

In celebration of the Royal Ascot race meeting in England, guests are invited to gather in hats and race-day attire for an affair steeped in the traditions of British racing society.

An authentic set of racing silks belonging to Queen Elizabeth II from the Museum Collection will be on display throughout the event.

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Saturday, 6/13, Monmouth #4, post time: 2:20 p.m. EDT

EATONTOWN S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Gimme a Nother (Saf)	Gimmethelight (Aus)	Newstead Stables LLC	Motion	Ruiz	118
2	Creative Stuff	Creative Cause	Joann Bertone	Bertone	-	115
3	Strutsherstuff	Exaggerator	Twenty-Two Stable and Tackett, Paul W.	Meyers	-	118
4	Don't Jinx It	Kitten's Joy	Castleton Lyons	Clement	Marin	118
5	Pink Ruby	Connect	Larry Nafe	Schultz	Lopez	118
6	Grayosh	Yoshida (Jpn)	Flanagan Racing	Brown	Gaffalione	118
7	Whiskey Decision	Into Mischief	Alpha Delta Stables, LLC	Brown	Prat	118
8	Rhee Wall	Take Charge Indy	Daniel A. Castro	Bertone	Sutherland	115

Breeders: 1-Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein, 2-Isabelle Detomaso, 3-Paul Tackett Revocable Trust, 4-Fergus Galvin, Adrian Regan & HunterValley, 5-Knockgriffin Farm, 6-Susan E. Bedwell, 7-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 8-Hope H. Jones & Isabelle H. de Tomaso

Saturday, 6/13, Monmouth #9, post time: 5:01 p.m. EDT

SALVATOR MILE S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Giocoso	Not This Time	Rocker O Ranch LLC	Desormeaux	Marin	118
2	Grande	Curlin	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Maragh	124
3	Point Dume	Into Mischief	Bush Racing Stable	Kreiser	Cruz	124
4	Grand Mo the First	Uncle Mo	Granpollo Stable	Barboza, Jr.	Lopez	118
5	Otter Mischief	Maximus Mischief	Silver Trail Stables LLC	Preciado	Hernandez	118
6	Bishops Bay	Uncle Mo	KAS Stables	Cox	Prat	118
7	Sea Streak	Sea Wizard	Holly Crest Farm	Owens, Jr	Leon	118
8	Offaly Cool	Kantharos	Lawrence A. Rebbecchi, Jr.	Rodriguez	Adorno	118
9	East Avenue	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	118

Breeders: 1-Breed First, LLC, 2-KatieRich Farms, 3-Sea Horse Breeders, LLC, 4-John D. Gunther, 5-Kathie Maybee & Karen & Bernard King, 6-WinStar Farm, LLC, 7-Holly Crest Farm, 8-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 9-Godolphin



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Saturday, 6/13, Santa Anita #8, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT**DAYTONA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Friendly Confines 🦋	Twirling Candy	John Ford Racing, Inc., Debby & Richard Baltas, Vivian Li	Baltas	Ayuso	122
2	Later Than Planned (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables LLC and M Naify	D'Amato	Berrios	118
3	Nesso's Lastharrah	Sharp Azteca	Mark D. and Patricia L. Cofer Trust	Bonde	Jaramillo	122
4	First Peace	Funtastic	Rancho Temescal LLC, Red Baron's Barn LLC & R E. Orr	Glatt	Kimura	126
5	Irish Royalty	Grazen	Mayberry, Thomas and O'Neill, Doug F.	O'Neill	Frey	122
6	Modus Bestia 🦋	Maclean's Music	Nguyen, Calvin and Tran, Joey C.	Baltas	Aguilar	122
7	War At Sea	War Front	Doubledown Stables, Inc.	Ellis	Gonzalez	126
8	Anmer Hall	Palace Malice	MM Wilkes Racing LLC	Eurton	Fresu	122
9	Incanto (Ire) 🦋	Mehmas (Ire)	David A. Bernsen, LLC, TCC Stables, LLC and J. Lambert	Eurton	Pereira	124
10	Zio Jo 🦋	Nyquist	Quattro Navarro Farms LLC	O'Neill	Rosario	122
11	Freedom's Not Free 🦋	Omaha Beach	Blinkers On Racing Stable, Janlois Racing, LLC, Valinor Racing Stable, LLC, Corbett, Tom, Kwan, Andy and Wagner, Jay Lester	Glatt	Hernandez	124
12	Sumter	War Front	Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.	Mandella	Smith	126
13	The Old Nine (Ire)	No Nay Never	Tricar Stables, Inc.	Periban	Maldonado	122

Breeders: 1-Rigney Racing, 2-John Mangan & John Mangan, 3-Amaty Racing Stables, 4-Christopher Baker & Mullikin Thoroughbreds, 5-Moger & Neary Racing, 6-Country Life Farm & Make Amends, 7-Lewis Thoroughbred Breeding, 8-Schiano Racing, 9-Novidale Ltd & Eoghan Grogan, 10-Elm Racing, LLC & Mulholland Springs LLC, 11-Cove Springs, LLC, 12-Bass Stables, LLC, 13-Mr Charlie Brooks

Saturday, 6/13, Santa Anita #11, post time: 9:00 p.m. EDT**SUMMERTIME OAKS-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mizumi	Justify	Baoma Corp	Baffert	Hernandez	120
2	Sugaree 🦋	By My Standards	David A. Bernsen LLC	Barocio	Frey	120
3	Daring Pursuit 🦋	Not This Time	D K Racing, LLC, Radley Equine, Inc., Tyler Racing, LLC, Gold, Rick, Holmes, Mark and Holmes, Steve	Blacker	Berrios	120
4	Mo' Em Down 🦋	Caracaro	Altamira Racing Stable, Kagele, Tom and Marchosky, Ernest	Miller	Rosario	120
5	Wolf Hill 🦋	Upstart	Estate of Brereton C. Jones	Powell	Fresu	120
6	Bank Shot	Game Winner	WSS Racing	Hanson	Escobedo	120
7	Marjoram	Quality Road	Juddmonte	McCarthy	Jaramillo	120

Breeders: 1-Charles Chu, 2-Mullikin Thoroughbreds, 3-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-Pope McLean, Marc McLean & Pope McLean Jr., 5-Brereton C. Jones, 6-Buck Pond Farm & John Wilmot, 7-Juddmonte

Sunday, 6/14, Santa Anita #9, post time: 8:00 p.m. EDT**SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/4mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Grogue	Get Stormy	Ciaglia Racing, LLC and Savides, Domenic	Powell	Belmont	122
2	Factor Analysis 🦋	Vino Rosso	AJM Racing, Inc. and Walters Racing	Hess, Jr.	Pereira	122
3	Amplitude 🦋	Uncle Mo	John W. Sadler Racing, Inc., Opas, Larry, Sinatra, Frank R. and Stumbaugh, Jeffrey D.	Sadler	Kimura	122
4	American Hope 🦋	American Pharoah	Ferro Family Trust, DeBerdt, Bruno and Trommer, Evan	Koriner	Ayuso	122
5	Living Life 🦋	Flatter	Albert and Kathleen Mattivi, LLC	Ellis	Rosario	122
6	Gold Phoenix (Ire) 🦋	Belardo (Ire)	Agave Racing Stable, Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables, LLC and Naify, Marsha	D'Amato	Berrios	126
7	Rimprotector 🦋	Point of Entry	Desimone, Fred, Jarnig, Gordon and McCanna, Tim	McCanna	Frey	124
8	Smooth Salute 🦋	Midnight Lute	Robert T. Cannon	Marquez	Espinoza	122
9	Goldeneye 🦋	Hard Spun	David A. Bernsen LLC	Eurton	Maldonado	122
10	Poor Connection	Omaha Beach	James M. Daniell	McCarthy	Jaramillo	122

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1st-Finger Lakes, \$23,980, Alw, 6-9, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.81, ft, 12 lengths.

HIDDEN ROSE (f, 3, Connect--Emma Rose, by Bernardini), a debut winner at Delaware Park last October, went to the sidelines after a fourth-place effort at Laurel Nov. 15. Returning on the lawn, the bay filly was a non-threatening seventh at Aqueduct May 3. Sent off the 1-2 favorite, Hidden Rose was last in the compact four-horse field down the backstretch through moderate fractions. She rolled up three wide on the far turn, darted to the lead nearing the stretch and sailed home a 12-length victress. Emma Rose, purchased by Frankfort Park Farm for \$87,000 at the 2024 Keeneland November sale, has a 2-year-old filly by **Liam's Map** who sold for \$190,000 to Ben Colebrook at last year's Keeneland September sale, and a yearling filly by **City of Light** who sold for \$125,000 to McMahon and Hill Bloodstock at this year's Keeneland January sale. The mare produced a filly by Jackie's Warrior this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$44,130. O-Adelphi Racing Club and Cold Press Racing; B-Siena Farms LLC (KY); T-Miguel Clement.

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2026 Stud Fees Listed

Happy Saver (Super Saver), Airdrie Stud, \$7,500
49 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Churchill Downs, 1:14 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Very Classy, 6-1
\$28,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Highly Motivated (Into Mischief), Airdrie Stud, \$7,500
98 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Churchill Downs, 1:14 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Clonmacnoise, 7-2
\$19,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$65,000 FTK JUL yrl

Nashville (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$12,500
140 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Broadway Tootsie, 9-2
\$80,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$60,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$160,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Olympiad (Speightstown), Gainesway Farm, \$20,000
149 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Churchill Downs, 1:14 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Bon Voyage, 6-5
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Speaker's Corner (Street Sense), Darley, \$10,000
111 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Churchill Downs, 1:14 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Stazitto, 20-1
\$24,000 FTK OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Sombeyay (Into Mischief), Swifty Farms, private
26 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:16 p.m. EDT, \$100K Swifty Sired Fillies H., 5 1/2f, Imperial Merlot, 10-1


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9th-Prairie Meadows, \$47,410, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 6-8, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.32, ft, 7 3/4 lengths.

RUN FOR GOLD (g, 4, Goldcents--Run With the Brave {SW, \$157,441}, by Warrior's Reward) Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-1, \$87,851. O-Michael S. Hawbaker; B-River Ridge Ranch (IA); T-Lynn Chleborad. *\$35,000 Ylg '23 IOWOCT.

4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$41,200, (S), 6-9, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.87, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.

ANNIE EXPRESS (f, 4, Unbridled Express--Educating, by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 15-4-1-0, \$112,008. O-Raquel Soriano; B-Paul King (IN); T-Chaz Rechy. *\$12,000 RNA Ylg '23 FTKOCT.



6th-Fairmount, \$39,500, (S), (NW3L)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 6-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.93, ft, 1/2 length.

DISGUISED DEVIL (f, 4, Jimmy Creed--Nora in the Sky, by Sky Mesa) Lifetime Record: 10-3-4-1, \$87,370. O/B/T-Michael L. Reavis (IL). *1/2 to Verrazanointhesky (Verrazano), SP, \$163,715.

8th-Presque Isle Downs, \$37,130, 6-8, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.34, ft, 4 lengths.

(DH)--RETEKO (g, 4, Outwork--What's Bruin, by Curlin) Lifetime Record: 20-4-3-4, \$112,969. O-Controversial Racing; B-Branch Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Scooter Davis. *\$15,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT.



(DH)--ATWORK (g, 4, Outwork--Dancinginthestreet, by Street Boss) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$76,770. O-Daniel Atwood; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Randall R. Russell. *\$35,000 Ylg '23 FTKJUL. **1/2 to Princess Javoncia (Animal Kingdom), MSP, \$399,957; and to Dance Code (Honor Code), SW & GSP, \$232,533.



5th-Presque Isle Downs, \$32,670, (S), 6-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.17, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

KING MENDELSSOHN (g, 5, Mendelssohn--Crown Royal Queen, by Tale of the Cat) Lifetime Record: 16-3-4-2, \$99,970. O-Samuel Klein, Jr.; B-Forgotten Land Investment Inc (PA); T-Scooter Davis. *\$145,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTSAUG; \$47,000 RNA 3yo '24 KEEAPR.

4th-Finger Lakes, \$26,305, 6-9, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.03, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.

GO YOSHIDA (g, 4, Yoshida {Jpn}--Kat O Mine, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: 15-3-5-2, \$74,853. O-M. Anthony Ferraro; B-D. Cummings, J. Davis, K Kincaid, M. Newton & Yoshida Syndicate (NY); T-M. Anthony Ferraro. *\$7,500 Ylg '23 SARAUG.

6th-Finger Lakes, \$26,290, 6-9, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.73, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

NOT FOR HIRE (g, 4, Not This Time--She's a Truckin, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 11-2-4-0, \$113,148. O-Windylea Farm LLC; B-Windylea Farm-New York, LLC (NY); T-Jonathan B. Buckley. *\$200,000 Wlg '22 FTKNOV.

7th-Finger Lakes, \$24,500, (S), 6-9, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.59, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

IRISH JACKSON (m, 7, Union Jackson--Irish Penny, by Dublin) Lifetime Record: 17-4-4-4, \$150,033. O-Beast Mode Racing LLC and Stop Playing Stables; B-Mark Toothaker & Mike Evans (NY); T-Robert N. Falcone, Jr. *\$28,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEL; \$82,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Havemerconus, f, 3, Flameaway--Good Human Bean (MSP, \$141,160), by Langfuhr. Louisiana Downs, 6-8, (S), 6f, 1:12.32. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$20,800. B-Paul Pruett (LA). *\$20,000 Ylg '24 TTAYRL.

Dancewithmefiona, f, 3, Flatter--Spinstress, by Hard Spun. Fairmount, 6-9, 6f, 1:14.05. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$17,175. B-Sun Valley Farm (KY).

Stayfrostymyfriend, c, 3, Frosted--I'm Authorized, by Cryptoclearance. Finger Lakes, 6-9, 5 1/2f, 1:06.25. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$21,445. B-Linda & Bruce McConnell (NY).

Laken, f, 3, Good Magic--Pure Poison, by Honor Code. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-9, 1 1/16m, 1:43.32. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$22,855. B-Jackpot Farm (KY). *\$140,000 RNA Ylg '24 FTKOCT.



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Good Magic, Laken, f, 3, o/o Pure Poison, by Honor Code. MSW, 6-9, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Jimmy Creed, Disguised Devil, f, 4, o/o Nora in the Sky, by Sky Mesa. AOC, 6-9, Fairmount

Mendelssohn, King Mendelssohn, g, 5, o/o Crown Royal Queen, by Tale of the Cat. ALW, 6-9, Presque Isle Downs

Not This Time, Not for Hire, g, 4, o/o She's a Truckin, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 6-9, Finger Lakes

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Outwork, Reteko, g, 4, o/o What's Bruin, by **Curlin**. ALW, 6-8, Presque Isle Downs

Unbridled Express, Annie Express, f, 4, o/o Educating, by Elusive Quality. ALW, 6-9, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Union Jackson, Irish Jackson, m, 7, o/o Irish Penny, by Dublin. ALW, 6-9, Finger Lakes

Yoshida (Jpn), Go Yoshida, g, 4, o/o Kat O Mine, by Mineshaft. ALW, 6-9, Finger Lakes





"HE'LL NEVER DIE" - MEMORY OF FLEMING LIVES ON THROUGH ASCOT-BOUND THE HARV



The Harv [left]: named after John Fleming, made a winning debut at Goodwood on Sunday | [Racingphotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

By Brian Sheerin

Trainer Michael O'Callaghan has opened up about the emotion surrounding the Goodwood win of The Harv (Ten Sovereigns), named in honour of his late friend and business partner John Fleming, who helped source the Royal Ascot-bound juvenile merely hours before his untimely death back in April.

The Harv was heavily-punted into 5-6 favouritism before making a winning debut in a six-furlong novice on Sunday. That performance convinced his trainer that the colt was up to running in the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot, for which he is a general 33-1 chance.

Bought on behalf of his owner Eleanora Kennedy at the Goffs Breeze-Up Sale at Doncaster for £260,000, The Harv carries huge sentiment given he was selected by Fleming, affectionately known as Harvey by his friends, just hours before he was knocked down and killed by a bus at Dublin Airport when making his way home from that sale.

Speaking about The Harv's hugely emotional debut success, O'Callaghan, one of Fleming's closest friends, said, "It was a very special moment." [Cont. p3](#)

PRIX ROBERT PAPIN WINNER GREEN SENSE HEADLINES LONDON SALE CATALOGUE

Last year's G2 Prix Robert Papin winner **Green Sense** features among **16 initial entries** for the Goffs London Sale, held in association with ULYSSIA and Fitzwilliam Sports, which will take place at Kensington Palace Gardens on the eve of Royal Ascot (Monday, June 15).

Starman filly Green Sense, who also finished third in the G1 Phoenix Stakes as a two-year-old, holds a choice of engagements at Royal Ascot. The Joseph O'Brien trainee is entered in the G1 Coronation Stakes and also has the option of the G3 Jersey Stakes.

Another potential highlight is **Bamako Beach** (Sands Of Mali), who possesses an official rating of 102 after his seventh-place finish in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, while German Classic form is represented in the catalogue by **Asker** (Aclaim) and **Sky Watch** (Starman). [Cont. p5](#)

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*The progressive **Lost Boys** has been purchased by Wathnan Racing after adding his name to the illustrious roll of honour for the London Gold Cup at Newbury. The son of **Night Of Thunder** is reportedly being aimed at the Golden Gates Stakes at Royal Ascot. Racingfotos.com*

6 | KING GEORGE ATTRACTS 37 ENTRIES

Defending champion Calandagan and Japanese star Masquerade Ball are in line for a rematch in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot.

7 | BOUDOT BACK IN ACTION

Pierre-Charles Boudot is set to return to race-riding in France next week after having his licence reinstated.



Michael O'Callaghan: "We loved each other like brothers but at times like father and son." | *Tattersalls*

Michael O'Callaghan cont. from p1

"The word that is coming to mind the most over the past few days is surreal," O'Callaghan continued. "Harvey was such a unique man and had an impact on so many lives. Trying to digest what happened to him, then finding my own feet, putting one foot in front of the other and all the while keeping the show on the road and making him proud, it's been a strange time."

He added, "The Ten Sovereigns was the last horse that he had a hand in buying. We picked him out at Goffs on behalf of Eleanora Kennedy. We were both on loudspeaker to her as we were bidding and I think it was something that Harvey said that convinced her to bid again and to get the horse over the line for us. It was only when we were walking out of the sales complex that evening when he said, 'Fleck it, we didn't get anything for ourselves,' before backing it up with, 'Sure, maybe it's all for luck.' We'd usually buy one or two at a lower level to try and trade on but, typical Harvey, he always tried to flip a negative into a positive when we didn't get one. Obviously, between six or eight hours of us walking out of Goffs together, unfortunately he was gone. Since then, everything has been a whirlwind. We've tried to keep busy and the horses will help you to do that."

The fact that The Harv cemented his participation at Royal Ascot by landing the odds when making that winning debut at Goodwood doesn't exactly tell the full story. He overcame a nightmare final furlong before having his nose plonked on the wire just in the nick of time by a gifted Oisín Murphy. After all of that, he then had to overcome a stewards' enquiry. O'Callaghan, who describes himself as "incredibly deep" and "not one who believes in coincidences," was left in no doubt that his late friend was up to his old tricks on the day. [Cont. p4](#)

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Michael O'Callaghan cont.

He said, "We have a secret weapon now--there's no doubt he's looking over us and helping us to come out on the right side of these results. Sunday was incredible with the horse being who he was, Harvey's connection and even how the race panned out. The horse showed a great attitude on a tricky track and on ground that would have been far slower than ideal. He actually got struck by a whip across the nose about 125 yards before the line, but he still stuck his head down and battled. Then there was a photo finish and we only ended up winning a nose before a stewards' enquiry was called. That was just Harvey playing his tricks. He loved a bit of mischief. It was just surreal. It meant a lot to us and it meant a lot to his close friends and family. He'll never die."

O'Callaghan added, "We loved each other like brothers but at times like father and son. I know for a fact that I wouldn't be training if he wasn't in my corner as a mentor and a supporter. It's something I have thought quite a lot about since his passing. I'm 37 now and I didn't come from a horse racing background so I didn't work as an assistant to anyone and had to make my own mistakes through a lot of pig-headedness, a lot of arrogance and a lot of everything else. I had to knock those edges off myself and get to a stage where I am just about ready to really kick on."

"Between setting up our new yard to attracting the right owners, I very much feel that what happened with the Harv is a turning point in my life and career. It's very much about doing the absolute best that I can as a trainer but also as a man and as a person. It would be a good way to honour him, but not just to honour him because I don't want the pressure of that. But it has certainly put things into perspective. This is not a dress rehearsal. We only get one go at life."

"It's very difficult to put into words what sort of impact he had on me and it's probably not until the dust settles on the thing that you realise how truly special of a man he was. He was very unassuming and really only wanted to help everyone else. He just lived every day with no other intention other than to make it a better day than the day before. If I am in a tricky spot now, I find myself thinking, 'What would the Harv say or do?' He's left us with a lot of positive life lessons. I've no doubt that if he was around and we were going through what we are going through now, he'd put his arm around us for a few weeks and then he'd say, 'Come on now, kick on.' We've to try and do it for him."

For that reason, O'Callaghan made the trip to the Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up Sale just days after Fleming's funeral, where he signed for a Kodi Bear colt for 85,000gns under the name of Michael and Harvey. **Cont. p5**

ANOTHER SMART FIRST CROP 2YO WINNER...

FLYING PIRATE,

won a Novice Stakes at Salisbury first time out for Eve Johnson Houghton who won the same race last year with subsequent Group 1 winner Zavateri

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Michael O'Callaghan cont.

What is even more incredible about the fact that the trainer summoned up the energy to make it to the sale during that time of grief was the fact that a number of leading buyers, who, upon seeing O'Callaghan bid on the colt, opted against taking the trainer on in the ring.

O'Callaghan recalled, "Heading back to the sales the week after his passing was extremely difficult. It was raw. It was the Guineas Breeze-Up Sale and I'd say it was the first sale I'd been to in a long, long time on my own. But I had to do it. My wingman wasn't around anymore, but he would have wanted me to go there. When you lose someone very close to you, there are a lot of firsts after they pass. So that was my first sale, first airport and first horse I bought without him. It was a very special moment, which I had a feeling about at the time and had it confirmed to me afterwards, that there were some interested buyers in the Kodi Bear colt who actually stood down for me when they saw me bidding. They stood aside, which was very special, and when the clipboard came my way, I just signed down Michael and Harvey because I couldn't think of anything else. Harvey always shirked the limelight. We had over 150 winners together in partnerships, but he always wanted to keep his name away from it. Even bidding on a horse, he'd never even bid himself. So hopefully that Kodi Bear can be lucky for us."

More immediately, O'Callaghan has a nice blend of two-year-olds, stakes performers and potentially well-handicapped horses to look forward to at the royal meeting, headed by the hugely significant The Harv.

He concluded, "The obvious target for The Harv would be the Coventry. He doesn't qualify for the new Windsor Castle and I feel he's more of a six-furlong horse on fast ground than an out-and-out five-furlong horse, so he'll go to the Coventry. Celeron (Mohaather), who won a Curragh maiden, does qualify for the Windsor Castle and, funnily enough, Harvey is involved in

that partnership. His family were at the Curragh when he won and they will be at Ascot as well, so that will be something to look forward to. He's a very, very talented horse who could potentially get a mile next year. He has plenty of talent and, for our lad to do it in the style that he did, he's very exciting.

"After that, we have Black Forza in the Wokingham, if he gets in. Very happy with him lately and, if he can sneak in off 96, six furlongs on fast ground might be right up his street and he seems to have found his mojo again. Bamako Beach is in the Jersey and the Britannia and Sky Watch is in the Sandringham. They're both in the Goffs London Sale on the Monday because they are part of the traditional trading partnerships that Harvey and myself put together. We would always get the horses to a point that we're selling them when we don't want to because that's when they're most valuable and I've no doubt that their futures are bright. From Monday onwards, hopefully we can have a bit of luck because it's a tough place to get a winner. Crispy Cat finishing third in the Norfolk is the closest we've got to winning there so hopefully our luck can change. I know one thing, I am going there with a bit of special help from above this time."

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EUROPEAN NEWS

Goffs London Sale cont. from p1

The Henk Grewe-trained Asker was last seen finishing a close-up fifth in the G2 German 2,000 Guineas, while Sky Watch, a stablemate of Bamako Beach at Michael O'Callaghan's yard, was third in the G2 German 1,000 Guineas.

Noel Meade will offer the progressive **Bobby McGee** (Mayson), who is rated 93 after winning his last three starts, including the competitive Blackwater Handicap at Naas. He is likely to target the Britannia Handicap at Royal Ascot, which is also a potential destination for Clive Cox's **Blue Courvoisier** (**Sea The Stars**), who was last seen winning the valuable Silver Bowl Handicap at Carlisle.

Irish-trained juveniles are strongly represented by **Your Song** (Coulsty), who defeated two previous winners when scoring at Naas, and **Immortal Guard** (Persian Force), who followed a debut success at the Curragh with a creditable third in the G3 Marble Hill Stakes.

The two-year-old contingent also includes the blue-blooded Thirk scorer **Alfred Wallace**, a son of Dubawi and the G1 Falmouth Stakes heroine Snow Lantern (**Frankel**), plus the wide-margin maiden/novice winners **Green Sovereign** (Lope Y Fernandez) and **Ronson** (Ubettabelieveit). [Cont. p6](#)



Green Sense: headlines the catalogue for the Goffs London Sale
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Goffs London Sale cont.

Ronson followed his five-length victory at Beverley with a runner-up finish in the Beverley Two-Year-Old Trophy EBF Conditions Stakes over the same course and distance.

Henry Beeby, Goffs Group chief executive, said, "The London Sale has established itself as one of the most unique auctions anywhere in the world and these entries once again underline its international appeal. To offer horses with Royal Ascot aspirations alongside proven Group performers and progressive international prospects creates a catalogue unlike any other.

"The quality and diversity of entries is particularly pleasing, with strong representation from Britain, Ireland and Germany and a number of exciting young horses whose best days may still lie ahead. We will take entries up to the day of sale and so would welcome any enquiries, although, as ever, we have worked to maintain a very high quality which has resulted in a truly select catalogue.

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Further entries will be announced in the coming days, with the full catalogue, race videos, conformation footage and Royal Ascot targets available on the Goffs website ahead of the sale.

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INTERNATIONAL CAST ASSEMBLED AS KING GEORGE ATTRACTS 37 ENTRIES

Defending champion **Calandagan** (**Gleneagles**) and Japanese star **Masquerade Ball** (Duramente) are in line for a rematch in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot, which will be run for a record £2 million this year.

The pair met in the G1 Japan Cup last November, with Calandagan prevailing by a head at Tokyo on his way to being crowned Longines World's Best Racehorse for 2025. The Francis Graffard-trained five-year-old has already raced twice in 2026, first winning the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at Meydan, before floundering on the soft ground when well beaten in Saturday's G1 Coronation Cup at Epsom.

Meanwhile, this race has been a long-term target for Masquerade Ball, who returned to action with an honourable second behind the redoubtable Romantic Warrior (Acclamation) in April's G1 QEII Cup at Sha Tin.

Masquerade Ball's trainer Takahisa Tezuka said, "We started discussing about an international campaign for Masquerade Ball after he won the Tenno Sho (Autumn), when I got the impression that this horse could be competitive on the world stage.

"His owners, Shadai Race Horse, have been very keen to send him to the King George, and we agreed it should be the target. This race holds great significance for the owner, and we made our decision with that in mind. As a prestigious race for older horses in the UK, it provides an excellent opportunity and serves as a favourable alternative to competing in Japan during the hot season.

"This is the first time I will have a runner at Ascot, which is the royal track, and I am very excited and honoured."

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Calandagan (green) and Masquerade Ball lock horns in the Japan Cup
Japan Racing Association

King George entries cont.

He added, "The shipping, which takes 48 hours from door to door, will be a big challenge, but I believe Masquerade Ball is a horse worthy of representing Japan."

A total of 37 horses have been entered in the midsummer highlight, which will take place at Ascot on Saturday, July 25.

Masquerade Ball is set to be joined by fellow Japanese raider **Wurtemberg** (Kitasan Black)--for whom Oisin Murphy has been booked--while Graffard has also entered his 2024 winner **Goliath** (Adlerflug) and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero **Daryz** (Sea The Stars).

Best Secret (Persian King) for Stephane Wattel and **Cualificar** (Lope De Vega) for Andre Fabre complete the potential French challenge.

The first three home in the Derby--**Christmas Day** (Camelot), **Maltese Cross** (Sea The Stars) and **James J Braddock** (Zarak)--feature among the star names from Britain and Ireland, with Joseph O'Brien also entering his Oaks scorer **Thundering On** (Frankel) and runaway G1 Coronation Cup winner **Bay City Roller** (New Bay) in contention for George Scott.

As well as Christmas Day, Aidan O'Brien has **Benvenuto Cellini** (Frankel), **Constitution River** (Wootton Bassett) and **Minnie Hawk** (Frankel) among his 11 contenders.

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PIERRE-CHARLES BOUDOT TO RETURN NEXT WEEK AFTER LICENCE IS REINSTATED



Pierre Charles Boudot | Coady

Pierre-Charles Boudot is set to return to race-riding next week after having his licence reinstated.

Boudot has not ridden in public since his arrest on a charge of rape back in 2021. However, he was completely exonerated of those charges last week and is set for a return to the saddle as early as next week.

His agent, Herve Naggar, posted on X, "@PCBOUDOT will finally get back in the saddle next week in France. Bravo to you for having endured these five years of nightmare. Proud to have accompanied you through this ordeal. The best is yet to come."

Boudot was crowned champion jockey in France in 2015, 2016 and 2022. He also rode big-race winners for Aidan O'Brien but is best known for winning the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Waldgeist in 2019.

Confirming that Boudot had been granted a licence, France Galop said in a statement, "The application by jockey Pierre-Charles Boudot for a licence to ride has today been approved."

"In accordance with the Rules of Racing, the licence will come into effect following the completion of the mandatory medical examination required of licensed jockeys."

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GOFFS ARKLE SALE OFF TO A FLYING START WITH €275K GOLIATH DU BERLAIS GELDING



Alex Power (left) and Micheal O'Brien with the session-topping Goliath Du Berlais gelding | Goffs

Micheal O'Brien of Creighmore Stables was in a daze after topping Tuesday's opening session of the Goffs Arkle Sale with a Goliath Du Berlais gelding out of a Muhtathir half-sister to the Grade 3-winning hurdler Raffles Sainte (Saint Des Saints). Offered as lot 201, he was knocked down to Gordon Elliott for €275,000.

"It's a serious result for my farm in east Cork. It's not a big place and to turn that sort of money is a big help," said the consignor, who had pinhooked the top lot for €40,000. "I'm a big believer in the sire. He was a lovely yearling, in fairness, and he didn't have to change a whole lot to become a lovely three-year-old. It hasn't really sunk in yet. It's a lot of pressure looking after him for a long time. There's a lot of relief."

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Goffs Arkle Sale cont.

He added, "It's a brilliant sale, it's really fired up, in fairness to Goffs. Horses exist in a bubble of their own. It's a brilliant sport, it's been brilliant to me. What other sport could you do this in?"

There was strength in depth to the buying bench on Tuesday, including trainers from Ireland, Britain and France and their representatives, as well as point-to-point traders. That resulted in a robust clearance rate of 91%.

In addition, turnover was up by 27% compared to last year at €13,171,500, while the average increased by 19% to €64,885 and the median rose by 18% to €58,000.

Another vendor in clover at the end of the session was Tony Costello of Treannahow Stables, who topped the consignor's table after selling seven lots for a total of €733,000.

In the space of 10 minutes, Costello sold lot 71, a Doctor Dino gelding from the family of the top-class chaser A Plus Tard (Kapgard), to Harold Kirk and Willie Mullins for €265,000, and lot 74, a Beaumec De Houelle gelding from the family of Grade 1-winning hurdler Grivette (Antarctique), to the Holden family's Coolmeen Farms for €130,000.

"It's not easy," said the point-to-point trainer and producer. "I have travelled so many miles, all over France, Ireland and England, sourcing these horses. We've worked our socks off to put ten good stores together for this sale to meet that market.

"I've had great help from the staff at home and my own family, and great support from Willie Mullins and all the buyers. Paul Holden, who bought the second horse, underbid the first one. It's tremendous to think that the hard work is paying off. It doesn't always. You don't always get paid for it but, in this case, we've been paid in spades. I'm honoured to be here."

Goffs Arkle Part 1 continues at 10am on Wednesday, featuring a session of two-year-old stores in the evening, and will be followed by Arkle Part 2 on Thursday.

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MAWHOOB TOPS TATTERSALLS ONLINE ERA JEBEL ALI ONLINE SALE AT AED320,000

All 30 lots offered in Tuesday's Tattersalls Online Emirates Racing Authority Jebel Ali Online Sale sold for an aggregate of AED2,420,300 (around €571,000), led by **Mawhoob** (War Of Will), who was purchased for AED320,000 (€76,000) by Sayed Hashish.

The third auction hosted by Tattersalls Online on behalf of the Emirates Racing Authority (ERA), the catalogue featured a draft consigned exclusively by His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's Jebel Ali Stables in Dubai. Over 90 registered bidders from 10 countries competed throughout the auction, resulting in a 100% clearance rate.



Mawhoob: topped the sale when bought by Sayed Hashish for AED320,000 | Tattersalls Online

Heading the market at AED320,000 was Mawhoob, already a dual winner in the United Arab Emirates, who most recently enjoyed victory over a mile at Jebel Ali in March. The four-year-old son of War Of Will carried a current ERA rating of 85 and is one of four winners out of the Grade III-placed mare La Song (Unbridled's Song).

Other highlights included the three-time winner **Monfrid** (Zoustar), who sold to Fahad Haged W Alawni for AED260,000 (€61,000), and the talented sprinter **Ma Yetal** (**Flameaway**), who was knocked down to Ahmad bin Harmash for AED250,000 (€59,000).

Tattersalls Online sales manager Katherine Sheridan said, "The Emirates Racing Authority Jebel Ali Online Sale produced another excellent set of results, with all 30 lots changing hands and competitive bidding evident throughout the auction.

"Achieving a 100 per cent clearance rate is a strong endorsement of both the quality of the horses offered, as well as the reach and efficiency of the Tattersalls Online platform.

"We are grateful to His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's Jebel Ali Stables and the Emirates Racing Authority for their support and look forward to building on the success of this partnership in the future."

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PROLIFIC NATIONAL HUNT SIRE PASSING GLANCE DIES AT 27



Passing Glance winning at Epsom in 2003 | [Racingphotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

Passing Glance, who was a dual Group winner for Andrew Balding and later became a prolific National Hunt stallion, has died at the age of 27.

Successful in the G2 Oettingen-Rennen in 2003 and G3 Diomed Stakes the following year, Passing Glance also made headlines as a Flat stallion through the exploits of his second-crop son, Side Glance, whose victories included the G1 Mackinnon Stakes.

"It is with a heavy heart that we have to announce the loss of Passing Glance," read a statement from Batsford Stud, home to the son of Polar Falcon since 2017.

"Sadly, at the grand old age of 27, Passing Glance succumbed to age-related health conditions. He has stood at Batsford for the last 10 years when owners David and Kathleen Holmes asked us to stand their great stallion for them. Passing Glance has produced multiple Graded and black-type winners, including Dasher Drasher, Strong Leader, Millers Bank and Fountains Windfall, to name a few."

The statement continued, "Passing Glance was bred by the late Ian Balding and his wife Emma and trained by his son Andrew. He has been a stalwart sire for us here at Batsford. As many of you know, he was always full of life and covered his mares with enthusiasm!"

"This year Passing Glance has been crowned leading British National Hunt sire for the 2025/2026 season by prize-money. He leaves behind a legacy and he has so many exciting youngsters to run for him. He has left a very large void here at Batsford and he will be greatly missed.

"We would like to say on behalf of David and Kathleen Holmes and everyone here at Batsford thank you for supporting Passing Glance over the many years that he has been here."

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STRONG TURNOUT FOR HRI-BACKED NATIONAL EQUINE CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT DAY

Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) welcomed more than 140 representatives from across the racing industry, government, education and the local community to the National Equine Campus (NEC) Stakeholder Engagement Day at the Racing Academy & Centre of Education (RACE) on Monday.

The event provided attendees with an opportunity to learn more about plans for the National Equine Campus, a transformative redevelopment project that will expand the role of the current RACE facility to become a national centre for education, training, wellbeing, rehabilitation and high-performance services for the Irish racing industry.

Guests heard presentations outlining the strategic vision for the campus, the redevelopment plans, and the role the NEC will play in supporting the future workforce needs of Irish racing.

A panel discussion explored the future of workforce development in Irish racing, highlighting the importance of collaboration across the industry to attract, develop and retain talented people at all levels.

Attendees also enjoyed a riding demonstration in the indoor arena, showcasing training techniques and rider performance supports that will form an important part of the future campus offering.

The strong attendance and positive engagement throughout the day demonstrated widespread support for the project and a shared ambition to create a world-class facility that will serve the Irish racing industry for generations to come.

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Suzanne Eade CEO of Horse Racing Ireland, Nina Carberry MEP, Martin Heydon Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine with Carol Nolan Director of People and HRI Equip | [HRI](https://www.hri.ie)

NEC Stakeholder Engagement Day cont.

Martin Heydon, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, said, "The National Equine Campus represents a significant investment in the future of one of Ireland's most important indigenous industries. By bringing together education, training, wellbeing and high-performance services in one location, this project will help ensure Irish racing continues to develop the skilled workforce it needs to thrive into the future. It is encouraging to see such strong engagement from stakeholders across the industry as this vision takes shape."

Suzanne Eade, CEO, Horse Racing Ireland, added, "The National Equine Campus is one of the most important strategic projects currently under way in Irish racing. Monday's event demonstrated the enthusiasm, expertise and commitment that exists across the industry to make this vision a reality, with the contribution of the Irish Injured Jockeys being particularly significant. We are creating a campus that will not only serve the needs of today's workforce but will help shape the future success, sustainability and international competitiveness of Irish racing."

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OUTGOING CEO BJORN NILSSON NAMED SVENSK GALOPP CHAIRMAN



Björn Nilsson, pictured at the 2024 Stockholm Cup International fixture | *Dominique Grubstedt/Svensk Galopp*

Bjorn Nilsson, who in April announced his decision to step down as Svensk Galopp's CEO, has been appointed as the organisation's chairman, filling a post vacated by Anders Lilius in March. As a result of Nilsson assuming the chairmanship, his departure as CEO has been moved forward from July 31 and is now effective immediately.

Nilsson will lead a board that includes Anders Jonsson and the re-elected Gisela Jardby, plus new members Peter Wallin,

Magnus Alselind and David Crona. Gerhard Bley has resigned from the board but did so after the nomination committee had submitted its list of proposed members, meaning an extraordinary meeting will be held.

A CEO to succeed Nilsson is yet to be announced.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, June 10, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

Perfect Power (Ire) (Ardad {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
57 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
19:00-HAMILTON PARK, 6f, **Desert Move (Ire)**

State of Rest (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**), Rathbarry Stud
79 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
17:40-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, **Guadalevin (Ire)**
€32,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 60,000gns Tattersalls
October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

SIBILA SPAIN'S DAUGHTER PEQUENITA CATCHES THE EYE AT KEMPTON

5.40 Kempton, Novice, 2yo, f, 7fT

PEQUENITA (GB) (**Dubawi {Ire}**) is an intriguing debutante for her breeders Newsells Park Stud and the Andrew Balding stable, being the first foal out of the Prix du Muguet winner Sibila Spain (**Frankel**) who cost the operation €2 million at the 2023 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale. Another newcomer of note is the late Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum's homebred **Dark Reign (Ire)** (**Dark Angel {Ire}**), a Richard Hannon-trained relative of the Commonwealth Cup hero Inisherin and Group 3 winner King Of Cities.

7.00 Hamilton, Mdn, 2yo, 6f 6yT

ROYAL HERITAGE (GB) (**Blue Point {Ire}**) is the latest of Wathnan's big-money breeze-up purchases to debut ahead of Royal Ascot, being an €800,000 graduate from Arqana May. Saddled by Hamad Al Jehani, the half-brother to the useful handicapper Lattam (Lope De Vega) faces four peers.

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HOW THEY FARED

4.18 Salisbury, Mdn, 3yo, 9f 201yT

Centrum (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), the half-brother to Enable (Nathaniel), was all at sea on the testing ground and finished a well-beaten eighth.

BRITAIN

Tuesday's Results:

2nd-Carlisle, £13,000, Novice, 6-9, 2yo, 5fT, 1:04.65, g/s.

SYDNEY GRACE (IRE) (f, 2, Minzaal {Ire}--Pas De Soucis {Ire} {SW-Fr, GSP-US}, by Footstepsinthesand {GB}), who was sixth on debut at Yarmouth last month, stalked the early leader under cover. Delivered on the front end a furlong out, the 5-1 shot asserted to beat Rock Steady Beat (Minzaal) by a neck and provide her first-crop sire with his third winner and the one-two.

The Listed-winning dam, who was also third in the Kentucky Downs Ladies Turf Stakes, is a daughter of the fellow Listed scorer Whip And Win (Whipper), who was third in the Prix de la Grotte. The third dam is the Prix Robert Papin runner-up Queensalsa (Kingsalsa).

Sales history: €40,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$9,364.

O-Ms Sara Jayne Fuller; B-Cotton House Farm & Kildaragh Stud; T-Charlie Fellowes.

Purchased as a yearling by WILL DOUGLASS BLOODSTOCK

5th-Salisbury, £12,000, Mdn, 6-9, 3yo, 9f 201yT, 2:13.96, sf.

BESIEGED (GB) (c, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Snow Lantern {GB} {G1SW-Eng}, by Frankel {GB}), runner-up over this trip at Newbury last month, raced in third off the too-strong tempo early. Moving to the front with ease passing two out, the 4-9 favourite stayed on to record a 14-length success.

"We went a decent tempo and I had quite a lot of confidence in the horse, so what he did today was very much expected," jockey Lewis Edmunds said. "He has a lovely big action and seemed to relish the ground."

The winner is the first foal out of the Falmouth Stakes winner, who was also placed in the Coronation Stakes and the Sussex. A daughter of the four-time Group 1-winning 1,000 Guineas heroine Sky Lantern (Red Clubs), her speedier and more precocious two-year-old full-brother to the winner, Alfred Wallace, was a winner over seven furlongs at the end of last month. She also has a colt foal by **Kingman**.

Sales history: 525,000gns RNA Ylg '24 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$17,111.

O-Al Shaqab Racing & Rockcliffe Stud; B-Rockcliffe Stud; T-Harry Charlton.



Besieged | Racingfotos.com

3rd-Carlisle, £10,000, Novice, 6-9, 3yo/up, 9fT, 2:02.02, g/s.

TURRET (IRE) (c, 3, Kingman {GB}--First Flower {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}), who made little impact on debut at Lingfield last month, raced behind the leader throughout the early stages. Hard at work before the home straight, the 11-1 shot, who is catalogued in the upcoming Tattersalls July Sale, stayed on dourly to overwhelm Glory Road (Too Darn Hot) in the closing stages and prevail by a neck.

The winner is the first runner for the unraced dam, a full-sister to the top-level scorers Hermosa, The United States and Hydrangea. The latter is the dam of Wootton Bassett's Futurity Trophy winner and Prix du Jockey Club runner-up Hawk Mountain, while the dual Guineas heroine Hermosa has produced the Hampton Court winner and Grand Prix de Paris runner-up Trinity College (Dubawi).

Other full-siblings Salsa and Ring The Bell are responsible for last year's Nassau and Pretty Polly winner Whirl, also by Wootton Bassett, and **Kingman**'s Coronation Stakes third Sounds Of Heaven, respectively. First Flower's two-year-old colt is by **Sioux Nation**, while she also has a yearling son of Whirl and Hawk Mountain's sire Wootton Bassett, who was a 550,000gns purchase by Paddy Twomey Racing for Bond Thoroughbreds at Tattersalls December.

Sales history: €580,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$7,203.

O-Juddmonte; B-Diamond Creek Farm; T-Andrew Balding.

1st-Salisbury, £9,000, Novice, 6-9, 2yo, 6fT, 1:19.15, sf.

UNDISCOVERED (IRE) (c, 2, New Bay {GB}--Casimia {Ire}, by Siyouni {Fr}), sent off the 5-6 favourite, recovered from a tardy start to track the leading pair under cover. Driven to the front inside the final furlong, the newcomer asserted to score by two lengths from Green Titan (Lope Y Fernandez).

1st-Salisbury cont.

The dam, whose yearling full-brother to the winner was a 145,000gns purchase by Ballyphilip Stud at Tattersalls December, is a granddaughter of the Prix de Diane heroine Caerlina (Caerleon) and half to four stakes performers. They include Dream Ahead's Prix Jacques le Marois-winning sire Al Wukair and the dual Listed-placed Witches Brew (Duke Of Marmalade) who, in turn, produced Lope De Vega's recent Jenny Wiley heroine Expensive Queen and dual Group 3 winner Antonia De Vega. Casimia's 2026 foal is a colt by Al Wukair's sire. Sales history: 55,000gns Ylg '25 TADEY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,483.

O-RaceShare & Ballylinch Stud; B-Ballylinch Stud; T-Ralph Beckett.

2nd-Salisbury, £9,000, Novice, 6-9, 2yo, 6fT, 1:17.82, sf.

FLYING PIRATE (IRE) (c, 2, Blackbeard {Ire}--Karakatsie {GSP-US}, by Karakontie {Jpn}), sent off the 4-1 second favourite, followed the leading pair under cover throughout the early stages. Notably green when in the clear, the newcomer responded to overhaul Harry Knows (Mehmas) close home for a head success and a fourth for his first-crop sire.

The winner is the first foal out of the Goldikova Stakes-placed dam, whose second is a son of Mehmas sold for €38,000 to Luke Bleahan at Goffs November. The family includes Tapit's 2012 Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up He's Had Enough. Sales history: €40,000 Ylg '25 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,483.

O-J Allison & G C Stevens; B-Lannister Bloodstock; T-Eve Johnson Houghton.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lucky Luna (Ire), f, 3, Lucky Vega (Ire)--Fleur De Sel (GB), by Linamix (Fr). Salisbury, 6-9, 6f 213yT, 1:32.79. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$8,360. B-Nicola Kent. *40,000gns Ylg '24 TADEY. **1/2 to Salt Lake City (Fr) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), SP-Fr.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

8th-Toulouse, €20,100, 6-8, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:28.00, gd.

ALOYSIUS (FR) (c, 4, Hello Youmzain {Fr}--Shivajia {Ger} {GSW-Ger}, by Adlerflug {Ger}) Lifetime Record: 13-3-4-2, €72,647.

O-Ecuries Serge Stempniak; B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran, S Gilibert & SAS IEL; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€140,000 Ylg '23 ARQAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Golden Disc (Fr), f, 4, Telecaster (GB)--Discrete (Fr), by Doctor Dino (Fr). Compiègne, 6-9, 9fT, 1:50.49. B-Mme H Devin.

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BALLYCORUS STAKES-G3, €42,000, 3yo/up, 7f 35yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Audience (GB)	Iffraaj (GB)	Hamad Rashed Bin Ghedayer	D O'Meara	Colin Keane	135
2	Celestial Orbit (GB)	No Nay Never	J P Magnier & Mrs P Shanahan & Mrs M V Magnier	Joseph O'Brien	D B McMonagle	135
3	East Hampton (GB)	Cracksman (GB)	N Molloy	David Marnane	Luke McAteer	135
4	Native Warrior (GB)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Wathnan Racing	K R Burke	James Doyle	135
5	Zodiac Bear (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Seamus McPeake	Johnny Murtagh	Ben Coen	135
6	Wannabe Royal (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Coolmara Stables Limited	Henry de Bromhead	Ronan Whelan	132
7	Redemption Road (GB)	Without Parole (GB)	MRC International	David Marnane	Robbie Colgan	125
8	Oh Cecelia (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	David K Kelly	K J Condon	Shane Foley	122

Breeders: 1-Cheveley Park Stud Limited, 2-B. V. Sangster, 3-Manor Farm Stud & J. E. Rose, 4-Branton Court Stud LLP, 5-Mrs Jean Brennan, 6-Churchtown House Stud, 7-Abingdon & Witney College, 8-Capital Bloodstock

Some exposed types line up here, with the Prix Edmond Blanc runner-up **Native Warrior** possibly the one. **Celestial Orbit**, who took the Park Express in March, has a penalty to deal with which the Owenstown Stud Stakes winner **Wannabe Royal** does not and she needs to prove that was no fluke. [Tom Frary].

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