



THE RISE OF THE SUPER SIRE: CONCENTRATION, BOOK SIZE & ECONOMICS HAVE RESHAPED THOROUGHBRED BREEDING



Dr. Steven A. Roman | courtesy of Steven Roman

by Steven A. Roman, Ph.D.

By the early 2000s, the commercial Thoroughbred breeding industry still resembled a relatively broad ecosystem. Elite stallions mattered enormously, but a wide range of sires maintained meaningful market share, regional programs remained viable, and biological limits naturally constrained how dominant any one stallion could become.

That landscape has changed dramatically.

A review of sire progeny earnings distributions from 2001 through 2025 reveals one of the clearest long-term structural shifts in modern Thoroughbred breeding: an increasingly small number of stallions now account for a growing share of the sport's economic output. At the same time, leading sires are producing far more runners than their predecessors two decades ago.

Yet despite this growing dominance, inflation-adjusted stud fees at the very top of the market have not risen proportionally and are actually lower in real-dollar terms than in the early 2000s.

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DUBAI WORLD CUP WINNER MAGNITUDE 'ON TARGET' FOR STEPHEN FOSTER

by Steve Sherack

Magnitude (Not This Time) continued preparations for the upcoming GI Stephen Foster Stakes with a five-furlong breeze in 1:01.80 (12/16) at Churchill Downs Sunday.

The Winchell Thoroughbreds colorbearer has now posted five workouts for Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen--all beneath the Twin Spires--since defeating the globe-trotting 2025 GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Forever Young (Jpn) (Real Steel {Jpn}) by a length in front-running fashion in the G1 Dubai World Cup at Meydan Mar. 28.

"Very impressive horse, continues to train forwardly," Asmussen said. "Have two more scheduled workouts between now and the Foster and think we're on target." **Cont. p8**

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Blake Heap, assistant to Wesley Ward, has his binoculars trained on G2 Queen Mary Stakes contenders Ruiva (*Munnings*), Melanie Moliere up, and Shining Moment (*Golden Pal*), Stevie Donohoe up, as they train in Newmarket toward Royal Ascot. | Emma Berry

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Taken together, the numbers suggest Thoroughbred breeding has quietly evolved into something closer to an industrialized "super-sire" economy driven by scale, concentration, commercial risk management, and increasingly centralized genetic influence.

A Dramatic Shift in Concentration

The clearest evidence of the shift appears in cumulative progeny earnings distributions.

In 2001, the top 10 sires accounted for 12.6% of progeny earnings generated by the top 150 sires. In 2012, the figure had increased only slightly to 13.4%. By 2025, it had risen to 19.7%.

The trend extended throughout the rankings. Among the top 25 sires, cumulative earnings share rose from 26.6% in 2001 to 28.6% in 2012 before reaching 37.9% in 2025. The top 50 followed a similar pattern, increasing from 46.3% to 49.3% to 58.7% over the same period.

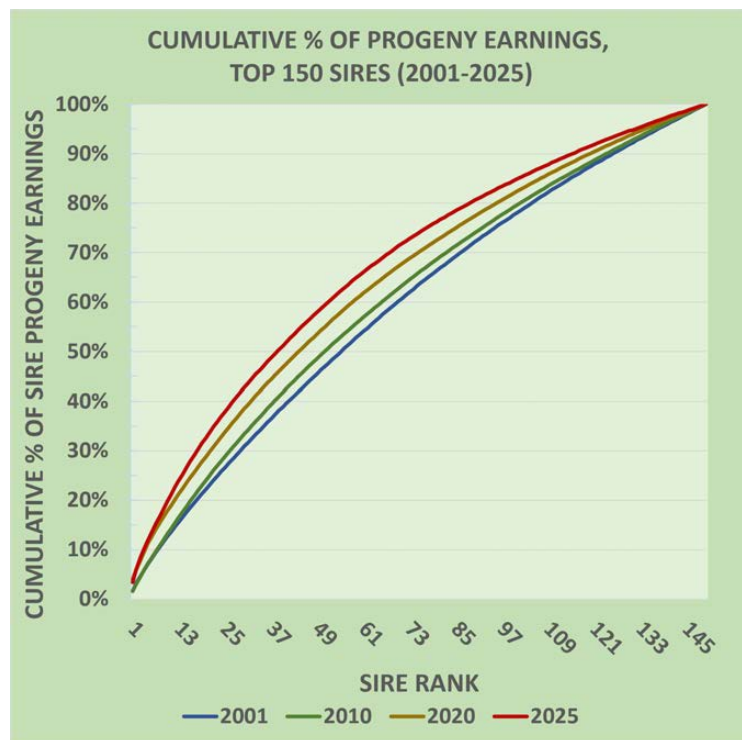


Figure 1. Cumulative % of Sire Progeny Earnings

Figure 1 graphically displays the change in the concentration curves over the years 2001, 2010, 2020 and 2025. Higher curves indicate greater concentration of progeny earnings among leading sires.

These changes are not incremental. They represent a significant redistribution of commercial and competitive influence toward a narrowing group of elite stallions. **Cont.**



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In practical terms, fewer sires now account for a much larger portion of earnings within the upper tier of the sire population. In 2001, roughly 56 sires were required to account for half of all progeny earnings among the top 150 sires. By 2025, that number had fallen to about 42 or 43.

The concentration curve has steepened throughout the rankings, indicating that the commercial middle tier of the stallion market has steadily weakened over the past two decades.

The Runner Explosion

The second major trend helps explain this shift.

Average runner counts among the top 10 sires have increased from 145 in 2001 to 321 in 2025--more than double. Meanwhile, average runner counts among the middle and bottom 10 sires have remained relatively flat, with a modest downward trend. These trends are captured in Figure 2.

That shift changes the economic structure of sire competition. A stallion producing 320 runners has dramatically more opportunities to generate earnings than one producing 140, even before accounting for mare quality.

Mare quality also matters. As elite sires become commercially dominant, they attract larger books, stronger mares, better sales

support, and greater visibility throughout the industry. The result is a reinforcing cycle in which elite sires become more dominant partly because they are already dominant. **Cont.**

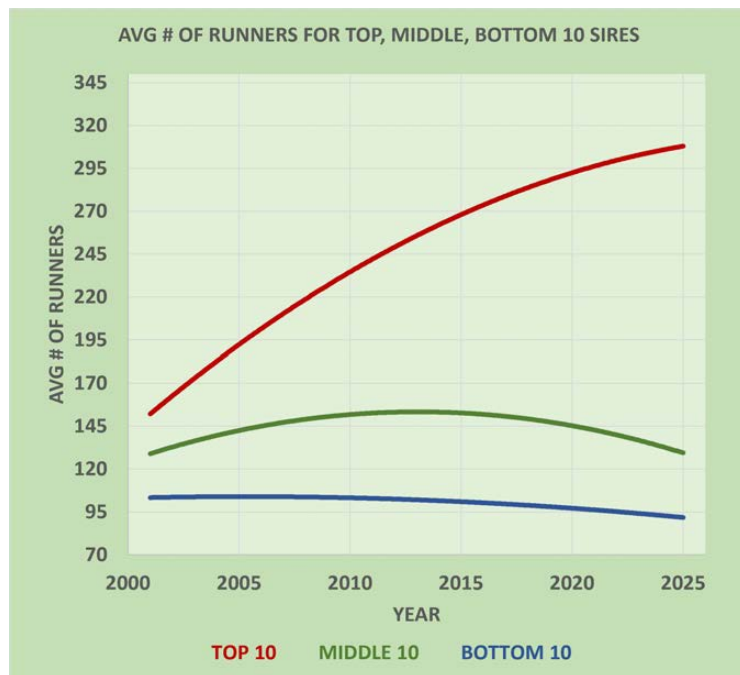


Figure 2. Average Annual Number of Runners for the Top, Middle and Bottom 10 Sires

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Scale Has Replaced Scarcity

One of the most notable aspects of the modern market is that increasing dominance has not translated into proportionally higher pricing power.

One might expect stallions controlling a growing share of the market to command significantly higher real-dollar fees. Yet the opposite has occurred. Adjusted for inflation, today's highest stallion fees are generally lower than those reached during the early-2000s boom.

In 2000, the five highest published stud fees in North America belonged to Storm Cat (by Storm Bird) at \$500,000, A.P. Indy (by Seattle Slew) at \$300,000, Seeking the Gold (by Mr. Prospector) at \$225,000, Kingmambo (by Mr. Prospector) at \$200,000 and Gone West (by Mr. Prospector) at \$125,000. Adjusted to today's dollars, those figures equal roughly \$967,000, \$580,000, \$435,000, \$387,000 and \$242,000.

By comparison, the top tier in 2026 includes Into Mischief (by Harlan's Holiday), **Not This Time** (by Giant's Causeway) and **Gun Runner** (by **Candy Ride {Arg}**) at \$250,000, followed by **Curlin** (by Smart Strike) at \$225,000 and **Justify** (by Scat Daddy) at \$200,000.

That divergence highlights a central paradox of the modern breeding economy: stallion influence has become more concentrated, but marginal pricing power has not kept pace.

The explanation lies in structure rather than valuation.

In the earlier era, elite stallions generally covered smaller books. Scarcity was embedded in the model.

Today's leading sires cover far larger books, producing more foals and yearlings, which increases total output but reduces marginal scarcity value.

In effect, the industry has shifted from a scarcity-driven luxury model to a scale-driven commercial model.



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Commercial Behavior Reinforces the Cycle

Large commercial farms now operate across multiple integrated segments of the industry, including stallions, broodmare bands, racing partnerships, and sales companies. Within that system, stallion selection often functions not only as a breeding decision, but also as a liquidity decision.

For many breeders, particularly in the commercial sector, using an elite sire is increasingly a risk-management strategy. The decision is less about differentiation and more about ensuring market acceptance at resale.

That behavior further concentrates demand at the top of the stallion market, reinforcing the dominance of a narrow group of sires.

Genetic and Structural Implications

Beyond economics, the long-term biological implications are becoming more pronounced.

As a smaller group of stallions accounts for a larger share of foals, effective genetic concentration within the commercial Thoroughbred population increases. While the breed remains a closed studbook, influence within that population is becoming more concentrated. **Cont.**

Rise of the Super Sires, cont.

At the same time, commercial incentives remain heavily weighted toward early maturity, speed, and sales-ring appeal. Those traits can correlate with shorter racing careers and reduced durability, further shaping selection pressure.

The combined effect is a system increasingly optimized for commercial efficiency rather than long-term athletic robustness.

Mid-tier and regional stallions face the greatest pressure in this environment. As breeders concentrate participation among a smaller group of elite sires, the competitiveness of the broader stallion market declines, reinforcing a more polarized structure.

What Comes Next?

If current trends continue, the Thoroughbred breeding industry is likely to see further concentration over the next two decades: fewer dominant sires, larger books, and deeper integration between breeding, racing, and sales infrastructure.

However, highly concentrated systems rarely evolve without countervailing forces. As scale increases, industries often encounter diminishing marginal returns, oversupply at the top, or renewed demand for differentiation.

In Thoroughbred breeding, those pressures could eventually manifest as increased interest in outcross pedigrees, durability-focused breeding decisions, or renewed discussion around structural constraints such as book-size limits.

Whether such a shift occurs remains uncertain. What is clear is that the modern Thoroughbred breeding landscape differs fundamentally from that of the early 2000s.

It is more concentrated, more industrialized, and more dependent on scale than at any previous point in the modern era, and the data suggest that transformation is still unfolding.

Postscript: Early 2026 Validation

While this analysis is limited to the years 2001 through 2025, early 2026 data reinforce the structural concentration trend observed over those years.

Through May 30, 2026, the top 10 sires account for 25.1% of progeny earnings generated by the top 150 sires, while the top 25 account for 42.5% and the top 50 for 62.6%. All three measures exceed their respective 2025 year-end levels of 19.7%, 37.9% and 58.7%, reinforcing the directional continuity observed in the prior period.

At the same time, dispersion has narrowed further at the top end of the distribution. Only 33-34 sires are now required to account for half of total progeny earnings among the top 150 sires, down from 42-43 at year-end 2025. Rather than suggesting a reversal or normalization, the early 2026 figures indicate that the long-running concentration process remains intact and continues to intensify. **Cont.**

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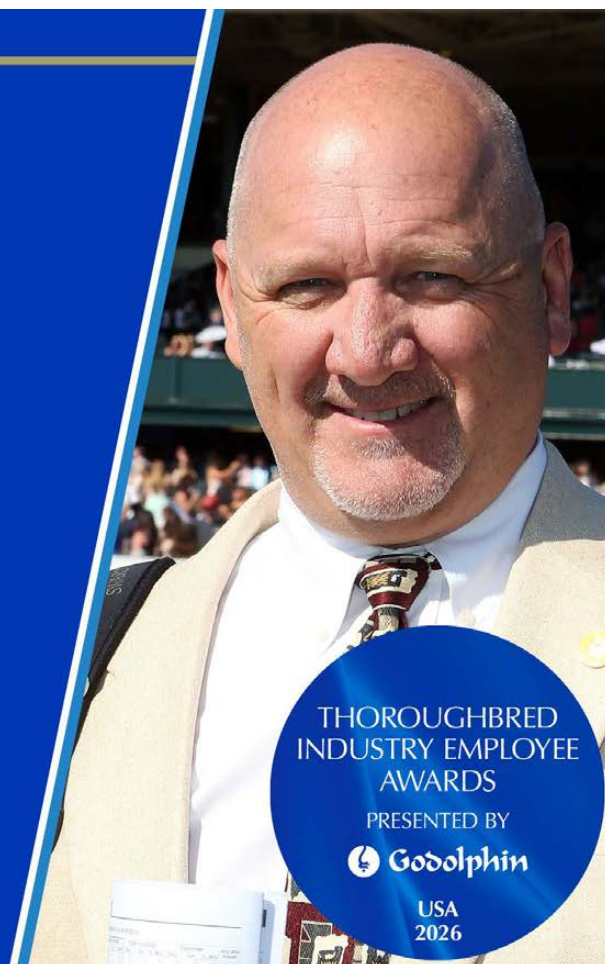
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However, early-year figures should be interpreted with some caution. High-value races, particularly the Breeders' Cup, fall meets, and major division races, are concentrated in the second half of the year.

As a result, the earnings pool through May could be smaller and more top-heavy than it will be at year-end. The 2026 figures reinforce the direction of the trend, though year-end comparisons will be more precise.



Sarah Andrew

Data Note

This analysis is based on cumulative sire progeny earnings distributions and runner-volume data compiled from industry statistics between 2001 and 2026. Because progeny earnings are influenced partly by purse structures, some portion of the observed concentration trend may also reflect increasing concentration of purse money at the upper levels of racing. The analysis also reflects broader structural changes within the global racing and breeding economy, including internationalization and increasing consolidation among major commercial breeding operations. However, the simultaneous expansion of elite sire runner volume and book size suggests the broader structural trend extends beyond purse distribution alone.

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Magnitude heads to the Foster riding a three-race winning streak. He concluded his sophomore campaign by defeating older horses in the GII Clark Stakes at Churchill Downs Nov. 28 and kicked off his 2026 campaign with a powerful win in the GIII Razorback Handicap at Oaklawn Feb. 28.

The \$2-million Stephen Foster on June 27, a 'Win and You're In' for the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland, is also expected to feature a rematch between 2023 Breeders' Cup Classic winner **White Abarrio** (Race Day) and 2025 Horse of the Year **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief), one-two in a dynamite renewal of the GII Oaklawn H. Apr. 18; as well as last year's GI Pennsylvania Derby winner **Baeza** (**McKinzie**), an unlucky third in his comeback in the GII Alysheba Stakes at Churchill Downs May 1.

**Magnitude** | Sarah Andrew

Magnitude was a well-beaten third behind Sovereignty in last summer's GI DraftKings Travers Stakes and a closing second to Baeza in the Pennsylvania Derby.

"I think it's obviously a great field being assembled," Asmussen said. "The only thing missing is Forever Young."

One of 13 top-level winners for leading young sire **Not This Time**, Magnitude was produced by the Bernardini mare Rockadelic, a daughter of MGISW and GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up Octave (Unbridled's Song). The \$310,000 Keeneland November weanling turned \$450,000 Keeneland September yearling was bred in Kentucky by Ron Stolich.

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UNCLE MO FILLY EARNS QUARTER-MILE BULLET AT OBS

by Jessica Martini

**Uncle Mo** | Sarah Andrew

On a day when seven horses tied for the fastest furlong work, a filly by the late Uncle Mo (**hip 220**) stood out when she worked the quarter-mile bullet of :20 2/5 during Wednesday's second session of the under-tack preview of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's June 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale. Consigned by Tom McCrocklin, the juvenile is out of stakes-placed Corey (First Samurai), who is a half-sister to graded winner Happy Farm (Ghostzapper).

Wednesday's work was the filly's second at OBS this spring. She worked a quarter-mile in :20 3/5 before RNA'ing for \$285,000 at the OBS Spring sale. **Cont.**



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Uncle Mo filly at OBS, cont.

"For whatever reason that I've had yet to figure out, we didn't get her sold," McCrocklin said of the April result. "We had enough confidence in her that we wanted to bring her back to June and let her show that she's a really fast filly. She has grown. She's never been the biggest filly, but she has grown. She's beautifully balanced, she looks like a runner, she looks like an Uncle Mo and I feel like she'll be appreciated."

Named Global Leader, the filly was purchased by Mustang Farms for \$210,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"She's balanced," McCrocklin said. "One of the words you're always going to hear with these horsemen is balance, athleticism. Beautiful neck and top line. Strong hind quarters, deep heart girth. Just all the things you need to be a race horse."

McCrocklin and Mustang Farms have had success with fillies RNA'ing at the OBS April sale, only to come back with strong results in June. In 2024, the consignor and owner had the co-top priced lots at the June sale when fillies by **Tiz the Law** and **Twirling Candy** both sold for \$400,000. Both were purchased by Mustang Farms as yearlings and both RNA'd at that year's April sale. And both worked in :20 2/5 ahead of the June auction.

The seven juveniles who shared the day's furlong bullet of :9 4/5 were: a filly by **Army Mule** (hip 237) consigned by Marcial Galan; a filly by **Practical Joke** (hip 239) consigned by Caliente Thoroughbreds; a colt by Jackie's Warrior (hip 314) consigned by Top Line Sales; a colt by Lotsa Mischief (hip 322) consigned by Kings Equine; a colt by Maximus Mischief (hip 363) consigned by Randy Miles; a colt by **Silver State** (hip 367) consigned by Goldencents Thoroughbreds; and a filly by Maximus Mischief (hip 383) consigned by Marco Hernandez Stables.

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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MGISW MIND YOUR BISCUITS DIES IN JAPAN AT 13

MGISW Mind Your Biscuits (Posse) has died at the age of 13 in Japan at Shadai Farm.

According to a Tuesday report by **Japanese media site ZBAT**, the horse "had been behaving normally and in good health, but his condition suddenly worsened after breeding in the afternoon of that day, and he passed away."

"I'm shocked that he suddenly passed away," Yoshida Teruya, the representative of Shadai Farm, told ZBAT. "He was only 13-years-old and still young, and he was producing good offspring, so it's truly regrettable."



Mind Your Biscuits with trainer Chad Summers | Sarah Andrew

Bred in New York by Jumping Jack Racing LLC, Mind Your Biscuits raced from the ages of two until five, earning more than \$4,279,000 across 25 starts. His major wins include the GI Malibu Stakes and not one but two victories in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen in 2017 and 2018.

Upon his retirement from racing in 2018, he was sold to Shadai Farm where he has stood ever since, producing the likes of 2023 GI Breeders' Cup Classic runner up Derma Sotogake (Jpn). He was named Japan's leading freshman sire in 2022.

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GUN RUNNER COLT FINGER BOSSES THEM FROM THE FRONT IN TOKYO DERBY

by Alan Carasso

M's Racing's American-conceived and Japanese-foaled **Finger (Jpn)** (**Gun Runner**) moved one step closer to a sweep of the Japan Dirt Triple Crown with a front-running victory in Wednesday's ¥170 million (\$1,059,270) Listed Tokyo Derby at Ohi Racecourse.

The bay colt entered Wednesday's 2000-meter contest having never finished worse than second in his seven previous career appearances. That included a runner-up effort behind **Rock Ptarmigan (Jpn)** (Siskin) in the Listed Keihin Hai over 1700 meters Mar. 25 before turning the tables on that rival in the first leg of the Dirt Triple Crown, the Apr. 29 Listed Haneda Hai going the metric nine furlongs.

The 9-5 second choice to Sunday Racing's recent G3 Unicorn Stakes hero **Silver Ratio (Jpn)** (Le Vent Se Leve {Jpn}), Finger was ridden forward from gate 12 by Keita Tosaki and took the field into the first turn as Rock Ptarmigan did his best to keep the front-runner honest. **Cont.**

Finger wins Tokyo Derby, cont.

In a nice rhythm down the backstraight, Finger was going clearly the better of the two entering the final 400 meters and was always holding Silver Ratio in the run to the wire. The latter commenced a rally from five furlongs out, came wide for the drive and stayed on well, but too late. **Realize Glint (Jpn)** (Kitasan Black {Jpn}), a \$933,000 yearling out of the Ontario-bred dual Japanese stakes winner Madras Check (Malibu Moon), was clear of Rock Ptarmigan in third.

Finger can sweep the Triple Crown, formally initiated in 2024, in the Listed Japan Dirt Classic--won that year by Forever Young (Jpn) (Real Steel {Jpn})--over this same course and distance on Oct. 7. Natural Rise (Jpn) (Kizuna {Jpn}) annexed the first two legs of the series in 2025 before finishing second to Narukami (Jpn) (Thunder Snow {Ire}) in the Dirt Classic.

Trainer Hiroyasu Tanaka is perhaps best known for conditioning Japanese champion dirt horse Lemon Pop (Lemon Drop Kid) and the top older dirt galloper Mikki Fight (Jpn) (Drefong). Just this past weekend, Tanaka sent out Sixpence (Jpn) (Kizuna {Jpn}) to upset the G1 Yasuda Kinen, a 'Win and You're In' qualifier for the GI Breeders' Cup Mile.

Winner of the GIII Bed O' Roses Stakes and placed in the GI Madison Stakes and GI Derby City Distaff Stakes, Estilo Talentoso was purchased by Japanese connections for \$600,000 at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton November Sale and was bred to this leading stallion prior to her export to Japan. The mare is also the dam of the 2-year-old colt All Bet (Jpn) (Kizuna {Jpn}) and a yearling filly by Kitanas Black.

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ROYAL PALM JUVENILE FILLIES WINNER LIBERTY RINGS TO SKIP ROYAL ASCOT

Royal Palm Juvenile Fillies winner Liberty Rings (Awesome Slew) will skip Royal Ascot and instead point toward the Debutante Stakes at Churchill Downs June 28, her trainer Nick Palmer told Gulfstream media Wednesday.

"I had a family member pass away in the interim and I didn't want to miss her service, and it takes a lot out of your horses to go over there. The purses aren't really anything spectacular," Palmer said. "Although, for me personally, for my career, it would have been awesome to go and to network and to be able to have a horse in the race, but I anticipate being able to have another chance to do that in the future."

Liberty Rings registered a front-running 1 1/4-length victory under Miguel Vasquez in the Royal Palm Juvenile Fillies, a race which earned her an automatic entry to the Royal Meet.

"I didn't know how she was going to take to the turf, because I'd never breezed her on the grass and she's not bred for the grass," Palmer said. "My thinking and Miguel's thinking was: 'Let's just get to the lead and try to make them catch us.' So that's what we did."

The six-furlong Debutante will be contested over the main track at Churchill.

"I'm feeling very confident," Palmer said. "All the works she's been doing the past couple of weeks have just been routine maintenance works, because there's such a stretch of time between her last race and the Debutante. So I kind of let her come down a little bit and now I'm bringing her back up. She's going to work in company with another horse of mine, Serac [Frosted], and they're both going to Kentucky. Serac is going to go in the [June 27] American Derby."

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THE FUTURE OF HORSE RACING STARTS IN THE CLASSROOM *by Annise Montplaisir*

On Thursday, May 7, MGSW United (Giant's Causeway) walked down the ramp of a Sallee Horse Vans trailer and onto the grounds of Bryan Station High School in Lexington, Kentucky. It was his first day of school, and the Bryan Station students' heads could be seen pressed against the glass of every classroom window facing him to catch a glimpse of a horse in their schoolyard.

For the next two hours, students came outside to visit United, classroom by classroom, meeting the embodiment of what they had spent the previous week learning about: a real racehorse.

So how did we get to this moment? And more importantly, why?

By the end of 2024, Amplify Horse Racing, the youth arm of the Thoroughbred industry, had identified a critical gap in equine education. While attending middle and high school career fairs in Lexington, we were often the only organization representing equine careers, despite the significant role horses play in Kentucky's economy and culture. We also began receiving an increasing number of requests from educators who wanted to teach their students about the Thoroughbred and broader equine industry but needed resources to guide them on what to teach and how to teach it.

In response to the challenge, Amplify launched the development of a high school curriculum titled "Racehorse to Workforce: Exploring the Science, Business and Careers Behind Horse Racing" in March 2025. This one-week set of lesson plans was intentionally designed to equip educators with equine-focused content they could teach regardless of their prior experience with horses. The materials spanned school subjects including Agricultural Education, Animal Science, Equine Science, Career Readiness, Business and Economics, and STEM and Life Sciences.



United with the Bryan Station students | *courtesy of Amplify*



United and the Amplify Team | *courtesy of Amplify*

Amplify was offered the opportunity to pilot our curriculum with Bryan Station High School's freshman seminar course, which is taken by all 500 9th grade students.

A core value of Amplify's curriculum is to directly expose students to horses. Our goal is that for every teacher with whom we share the curriculum, we'll be able to offer them and their class an experiential industry learning opportunity, whether that's a field trip to a racetrack or horse farm, a horse visiting their school, a virtual reality horse racing field trip (more good news on this coming soon!), or an Amplify Educator visiting their classroom to guide them through an activity.

Connection with the horse is essential for youth to fully engage with our industry.

One holdup at this early stage of the pilot was that we weren't yet ready to facilitate a field trip for 500 students to a track or farm. My solution was promising the teachers I would find a way to bring a horse to their school. This is where United entered the picture. Madison Scott is my Amplify co-founder and board member, and is also the current caretaker of United, who is still owned by LNJ Foxwoods.

Bryan Station rolled out the in-class portion of the curriculum the week leading up to the Kentucky Derby, and we visited the school with United the following week, May 7-8, with transportation generously donated by Sallee. For each group of students who came out to visit United, Madison shared his racing and second-career story before students had the chance to pet and take photos with him. For many students, it was their first close interaction with a horse. One boy, amazed by how soft United was, asked if he could kiss him on the neck.

Two weeks later, I sat down with Bryan Station teachers for a final focus group about the curriculum experience. They shared feedback with me about the materials, and then teacher Luis Castrillon shared this: **(cont.)**

Amplify in the classroom, cont.

United, Amplify and students from Bryan Station High School
courtesy of Amplify

"I think what you guys are doing with Amplify is a great thing for kids because, honestly, before this curriculum, I knew people in the industry, but I had no idea how many job opportunities there were. So if the industry needs people to work in it, you're doing it right, because this is exactly what high school students need to see: that they have opportunities and different career paths available to them."

"I think it's really, really smart to reach students directly and let them know, 'Hey, there are opportunities for you here.' And it doesn't have to be grooming horses or working in a shed row and feeding horses. There are many, many jobs connected to this industry."

Bryan Station has already asked to work with Amplify and the curriculum again next year.

This summer, Amplify will officially launch "Racehorse to Workforce" at the Annual Kentucky Career and Technical Education (CTE) Statewide Summer Program in Louisville, with plans to distribute it to middle and high schools across the state in collaboration with Kentucky's fall 2026 "All in for Agriculture Education Week" from Sept. 21-25. This is a statewide initiative designed to increase access to agricultural education. By placing high-quality, ready-to-use materials directly into classrooms, this project significantly expands access to equine education for students who may not otherwise have exposure to horses or the industry.

We're not the first organization to create a curriculum or bring a horse to a school. But maybe we're the first to work on creating a shared national infrastructure for youth education in the North American Thoroughbred industry. Amplify is building a system that can be adapted and expanded across states, regions, racetracks, and classrooms. Our ambition is to create a

pipeline of curriculum from elementary through high school, introduce industry careers and connections through mentorship, and teach students about post-secondary programs and internship opportunities.

The best way to help Amplify on this mission is to support us with a donation. If you're ready to help "amplify" youth education in horse racing, click [here](#) or contact info@amplifyhorseracing.org to learn more.

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FORMER BONNE CHANCE FARM REOPENED AS BOARDING FACILITY BY HARRELLS



Reverie Farm | Carolyn Simancik

Situated at the intersection of Pisgah and Old Frankfort Pikes, the former Bonne Chance Farm has been reopened under the new name of Reverie Farm by Curtis and Beth Harrell and will serve as a boarding facility, according to a press release from the outfit on Wednesday.

The Harrells, who have bred and raced under the names Alto Racing and Harrell Ventures, also plan to house their broodmare band at the farm.

"When we acquired this property, we were struck not only by its premier location and facilities, but by the exceptional stewardship of the land," said Curtis Harrell. "It has been cared for the right way for generations, and that is exactly the standard we intend to maintain. Our goal is not to fill every stall; it is to partner with like-minded clients, provide world-class care, and build a lasting legacy our family can be proud of."

The operation is under industry veteran John Durr, who has managed this acreage since 2013.

"I've been on this property for over a decade, and our philosophy remains unchanged: the horse comes first, before convenience, before anything else," said Durr. "The land here is truly exceptional." **Cont.**

Reverie Farm, cont.

"It has never been overgrazed or overworked, and you can see that in the caliber of horses that come off it. Good land produces sound, athletic horses. It's that simple."

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WEEKLY RULINGS

WEEKLY RULINGS: JUNE 4-10; TRAINER GUERRERO SEES 8-MONTH TESTOSTERONE BAN ESSENTIALLY ELIMINATED

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

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

Among this week's rulings, Pennsylvania-based trainer J. Guadalupe Guerrero saw his eight-month ban for two Testosterone positives essentially expunged after the period of ineligibility was back-dated to preclude the trainer from serving time on the sidelines--a result of the trainer providing compelling evidence that Testosterone had inadvertently entered the horses' systems. He was also fined a combined \$5,000.

Guerrero was facing three positives for Testosterone, a banned substance. Can't Stop a Chub tested positive for the substance after the mare suffered a catastrophic injury to her right hind midrace in the 3rd at Parx Racing on July 22 last year, and Silver City Kitty tested positive for Testosterone after finishing second at Parx Racing on Sept. 15.

The trainer's Rock Me Gently also had an out-of-competition Testosterone positive from a sample taken on Aug. 22 last year, but HIWU decided not to impose any charges as they were unable to prove the horse "was exposed to Testosterone after being claimed by Mr. Guerrero on April 8, 2025," according to HIWU's [case resolution](#) (concluded without a hearing or final decision).

Prior to arbitration, Guerrero provided evidence of a diagnosed medical condition for which his doctor had prescribed a Testosterone-containing gel that he'd been applying to his arms for about a decade.

While Guerrero's doctor had reassured the trainer that the risk of inadvertent transfer was low, Guerrero still took

precautionary measures including applying the product to his arms in the morning at his house, washing his hands before going to work (where he often groomed his own horses), applying an alcohol-based hand rub at the track, and wearing gloves when handling his horses' mouths, according to the case resolution.

After receiving notice in September last year of the first positive finding, however, "Mr. Guerrero contacted his doctor to switch to an alternative treatment for his condition. As of October 14, 2025, Mr. Guerrero had stopped using the Testosterone Gel," according to HIWU's case resolution.

Because Guerrero was able to establish the likely source of the positive tests, as well as outlining the steps he'd taken to avoid inadvertent contamination, HIWU placed the trainer's degree of fault at the low end of the light degree of fault range.

While HIWU imposed a combined eight-month ban for the two positives, they back-dated it to Sept. 15 of last year (with a completion date of May 15). Guerrero has never stopped training throughout these proceedings.

Resolved ADMC Violations

Dates: 06/09/2026

Licensee: Fidencio Jimenez, trainer

Penalty: Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$1,000 (\$500 per violation); imposition of 3 Penalty Points (1.5 Penalty Points per violation). Final decision of HIWU.

Explainer: Medication violation for the presence of Flunixin and Phenylbutazone--both class C controlled substances--in a sample taken from Merlin the Red, who finished fifth at Will Rogers on 4/7/26.



Sarah Andrew



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Dates: 06/04/2026**Licensee:** Steve Miyadi, trainer**Penalty:** Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision of HIWU.**Explainer:** Medication violation for the presence of Diclofenac--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Tom Seaver, who finished eighth at Santa Anita on 4/17/26.**Dates: 06/04/2026****Licensee:** J. Guadalupe Guerrero, trainer**Penalty:** 8-month period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on September 15, 2025; 6-month period of ineligibility for two of the Covered Horses, beginning on August 22, 2025 (for Rock Me Gently) and September 15, 2025 (for Silver City Kitty); a combined fine of \$5,000. For Silver City Kitty, disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable). No consequences were imposed in the Rock Me Gently case.**Explainer:** Medication violations for the presence of Testosterone--a banned substance--in samples taken from Can't Stop a Chub, who **according to Equibase** suffered a catastrophic injury to her right hind midrace in the third at Parx Racing on 7/22/25, and was subsequently euthanized; from Silver City Kitty, who finished second at Parx Racing on 9/15/25; and an out-of-competition sample from Rock Me Gently on 8/22/25.**Dates: 06/03/2026****Licensee:** Satchell Sayer Stevens, trainer**Penalty:** Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision of HIWU.**Explainer:** Medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Derby Day, who finished second at Will Rogers on 4/21/26.**Pending ADMC Violations****06/10/2026, Hector M. A. Morales, trainer:** Pending vet's list medication violation for the presence of Caffeine--a class B controlled substance--in a sample taken from Starship Mocha on 3/25/26.**06/09/2026, Steve Epley, Jr., trainer:** Pending vet's list medication violation for the presence of Omeprazole--a class C*Sarah Andrew*

controlled substance--in a sample taken from Call Me Toni on 5/12/26.

06/09/2026, John Jerry Robb, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Dexamethasone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Hoppetosse, who won at Laurel Park on 5/10/26.**06/09/2026, Roberto Rosado, trainer:** Pending medication violations for the presence of Mephentermine and Phentermine--both banned substances--in samples taken from H C Holiday, who finished second at Parx Racing on 4/1/26; from Happy Flyer, who finished second at Penn National on 4/3/26; and from Solemn Oath, who won at Parx Racing on 4/22/26.**06/09/2026, Thomas Amoss, trainer:** Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Methamphetamine--a banned substance--in a sample taken from Glen Airy on 3/18/26.**06/05/2026, Ryan Hanson, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Dantrolene--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Potica, who finished third at Santa Anita on 4/30/26.**06/05/2026, Dave Treharne, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Calthionone--a banned substance--in a sample taken from Amy's Star, who finished fourth at Mahoning Valley on 3/12/26.

06/05/2026, Kevin Buttigieg, trainer: Pending medication violations for the presence of Calthionone--a banned substance--in samples taken from Globetrotting, who won at Mahoning Valley on 3/6/26; and from Ernie's Martini, who won at Mahoning Valley on 3/10/26.

6/04/2026, Martin Orona, Sr., trainer: Pending out-of-competition medication violation for the presence of Albuterol (Salbutamol)--a banned substance--in a sample taken from Miss Fluffy on 3/22/26.

Crop Violations

Aqueduct

Javier J. Castellano--reporting date June 4; \$1,000 fine, two-day suspension, on appeal stay requested

Belterra Park

Victor M. Lebron--reporting date June 4; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Churchill Downs

Francisco J. Arrieta--reporting date June 5; \$750 fine, five-day suspension, on appeal stay requested

Delaware Park

Cipriano A. Gil--reporting date June 9; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Horseshoe Indianapolis

Micah Meeks--reporting date June 6; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Parx Racing

Patrick A. Henry--reporting date June 4; \$500 fine, three-day suspension

Penn National

Wilfredo Corujo--reporting date June 8; \$500 fine, three-day suspension

Prairie Meadows

Daniel V. Padron--reporting date June 5; \$500 fine, two-day suspension

Santa Anita

Welfin R. Orantes--reporting date June 6; \$1,000 fine, two-day suspension

Joel R. Mejia--reporting date June 5; \$87 fine, one-day suspension

Thistledown

Luis A. Gonzalez--reporting date June 8; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

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BREEDERS' CUP UNVEILS BELMONT LOGO FOR 2027 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



The new Breeders' Cup logo includes the NYC skyline
courtesy of the Breeders' Cup

Breeders' Cup Limited and the New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) unveiled the official logo for the 2027 World Championships, to be held Oct. 29-30 at the new Belmont Park, the organization said in a Wednesday press release.

This marks the sixth time the World Championships will be held in New York, joining 1985, 1990, 1995, 2001 and 2005.

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NEW VOCATIONS ALL-THOROUGHBRED CHARITY SHOW RAISES OVER \$180K

The 23rd New Vocations All-Thoroughbred Charity Horse Show Presented by Heider Family Stables raised over \$180,000 to support racehorse aftercare, New Vocations announced Wednesday. Proceeds from the event, which was held May 29-31 at Highfields Event Center in Aiken, SC, went directly towards New Vocations' efforts to rehab, retrain and rehome retiring racehorses. **Cont.**

New Vocations, cont.

The charity show brought together over 150 exhibitors from a dozen different states, all showcasing the versatility of their off-track Thoroughbreds. The show featured a wide range of classes including hunter, jumper, in-hand, Western and lead line. New in 2026 were obstacle classes, both in-hand and under saddle.



The lead line class at the New Vocations Charity Show
courtesy New Vocations

"Over the past 23 years it's been very rewarding to watch the event grow and highlight the versatility of the Thoroughbred while raising critical funds for our program," said Anna Ford, New Vocations' Executive Director. "We're deeply grateful for the generosity of our sponsors, many of whom are Thoroughbred owners, breeders, and industry organizations. Their continued support allows us to host a meaningful and successful show year after year."

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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

For a Grade III prep, this race came up extremely tough. Let's go with the Chad Brown-trained **Whiskey Demon** (Into Mischief). She's coming out of a very tough running of the GIII Modesty Stakes at Churchill, where she finished just behind GI Breeders' Cup Maker's Mark Filly & Mare Turf winner **Gezora (Fr)** (Almanzor ({Fr})). Prat to ride.

Gimme a Nother (Saf) (Gimmethelight ({Aus})) is coming off a win in the GII John C. Mabee at Del Mar and is an obvious contender. May need a race after a nine-month layoff. **Grayosh** (Yoshiga ({Jpn})) is the other starter from the Brown barn and how many times have we seen the "other" Brown horse win? --Bill Finley

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

After beating champion **Book'em Danno (Bucchero)** in the GII Carter, **Point Dume** (Into Mischief) had no chance against the best around in the GI Churchill Downs Stakes after he got off to a slow start. Should return to form.

'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Bishops Bay** (Uncle Mo) is obviously the one to beat. Classy sort won this race last year, but is a bit erratic. **Grande (Curlin)** will have to return to his best form after a disappointing showing in the GII Alysheba Stakes. --Bill Finley

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

Freedom's Not Free (Omaha Beach) was right there last year in the GII Del Mar Derby. Tries older horses for the first time, but has a lot of class and ran well at this distance in the Baffle Stakes last year. **Sumter** (**War Front**) is the one if you are a Beyer figure fan, but he's just 1-for-8 at this distance. **Irish Royalty** (Grazen) has never been better for Doug O'Neill. Can he handle stakes company? --*Bill Finley*

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

Marjoram (**Quality Road**) ran her best number on the grass, but did break her maiden in the dirt at Churchill. Has gate issues, but overcame them to win the Senorita Stakes. **Bank Shot** (Game Winner) was not a match for better in the GII Santa Anita Oaks, but has shown the ability to compete at this level. The Bob Baffert-trained **Mizumi** (**Justify**) is 4-5 in the morning line after a big maiden win at 6 1/2 furlongs. But she's going long for the first time and taking a major jump in class going into a stakes. Hard to take at a short price. --*Bill Finley*

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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	Grogu	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

Breeders: 1-Domenic Savides, 2-Machmer Hall, 3-Dr. Jerry Bilinski, 4-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 5-Fiona Craig, Dermot Cantillon &Sebastien Murat, 6-Mighty Universe Ltd, 7-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 8-Cannon Thoroughbreds, LLC, 9-Elm Racing, LLC, 10-Tropical Racing

Sad what has happened to what used to be a great race, Charlie Whittingham won it 14 times. How can you beat **Gold Phoenix (Ire)** (Belardo (Ire))? The 8-year-old is still going strong and has won at a mile-and-a-half. Has the figures and the class and should get the distance, Though it was at Turf Paradise, **Rimprotector** (Point of Entry) did win a stakes at a mile-and-three-eighths and got a respectable Beyer number of 86. **Goldeneye** (Hard Spun) has not been in good form of late, but back in 2025 he put together a bunch of efforts that would win this, Maybe Peter Eurton can wake him up. --Bill Finley

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Thursday, 6/11, Santa Anita, post time: 7:36 p.m. EDT

AFFIRMED S., \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	One More Freud	Tonalist	JP Racing Stable, Paradise Farms Corp., Bayer, Robert C., Diskin, Keith and Lambert, Jeffrey	Hess, Jr.	Smith	124
2	Mo Koko	Mo Town	Janavar Thoroughbreds LLC	Barocio	Ayuso	120
3	Secured Freedom	Practical Joke	Amestoy, Leslie A., Amestoy, Jr., Pierre Jean and Beasley, Roger K.	Yakteen	Rosario	120
4	Decisive Win	Nyquist	Great Friends Stables and Davis, Mark D.	O'Neill	Fresu	120
5	Constitution Andi	Constitution	Williams, Larry D. and Williams, Marianne	Puype	Espinoza	120
6	Court of Appeal	Constitution	Wilson, Holly and Wilson, David	Cerin	Hernandez	120

Breeders: 1-Larry Hirsch, 2-Janavar Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Audley Farm Equine, LLC, 4-RTA Family Trust, George E. Saufley, 5-Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Williams, 6-WinStar Farm, LLC



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First-time starter Authoritative is out of a half-sister to Dragoon Guard, seen here winning the GIII Indiana Derby | *Coady Media*

4th-BAQ, \$85k, Msw, 3yo/up, 1mT, 2:43 p.m. ET

The final few weeks of racing in the history of Aqueduct kick off Thursday following a 17-day break in the action for the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival. The afternoon's turf maiden features Juddmonte homebred **AUTHORITATIVE (Kingman {GB})**, a maternal grandson of GSW & MGISP Filimbi (Mizzen Mast), whose five winners from five to face the starter includes GIII West Virginia and Indiana Derby winner and GI Pennsylvania Derby third Dragoon Guard (Arrogate). Daughters of the GI Kentucky Oaks-winning third dam Flute (Seattle Slew) are responsible for the likes of GISW Weep No More (Mineshaft), recent GIII Pimlico Special Stakes hero Navajo Warrior (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) and SW Shipmate (Mendelssohn). Among the competition is Alley Oop (Skipshot), a full-brother to GISW and GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf runner-up Vasilika. **TJCIS PPs**

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4th-SA, \$65k, Msw, 2yo, f, 5f, 5:36 p.m. ET

JANIE NOT JEANIE (Mandaloun) fetched \$100,000 as a Keeneland September yearling last fall, breezed her eighth of a mile in :10 flat and was hammered down for \$290,000 at the OBS March Sale a few months ago. The Mar. 18 foal's dam is an unraced daughter of two-time Grade I winner Lady Tak (Mutakddim), who is responsible for Japanese SW & MGSP A Shin Spartan (Zensational), SW Casual (**Curlin**) and SW Melody Lady (Unbridled's Song), dam of both GISW sire **Volatile (Violence)** and SW Buy Sell Hold (**Violence**). **TJCIS PPs**

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8th-Churchill Downs, \$129,491, Alw (NW2\$X), Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 6-10, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:33.93, ft, nose.

TOUCHY (c, 4, Nyquist--Touch the Moon, by Malibu Moon) was stakes-placed no fewer than five times from his first seven starts, including a runner-up effort in last year's Chick Lang Stakes, and went missing off an allowance victory at Aqueduct in late June. The bay showed some early speed in his Apr. 4 return to action at Keeneland, but faded to finish a distant ninth and was the second-longest shot on the board at nearly 14-1 in this salty test. **Cont. p2**



Touchy (inside, Jose Ortiz) just gets the better of Rothko (Irada Ortiz, Jr)

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8th-Churchill, cont.

Settled in the second half of this sextet as John Hancock (**Constitution**) and Rothko (**Tapit**--Covfefe) eyeballed one another, Touchy traveled up strongly into the race to be just behind the leaders approaching the stretch. Taking a narrow gap inside of Rothko at the furlong grounds, Touchy bulled his way through and was on the winning end of a tight photo. The commonly owned Bullard (**Gun Runner**) tracked three deep, but lacked the needed response and could do no better than third at even-money. A half-brother to Royal Approval (Tiznow), GSW, \$117,400 and descending from the family of GI Kentucky Oaks winner Summerly (Summer Squall), Touchy has a 2-year-old full-sister that has been exported to England and a yearling half-sister by **Gun Runner**. Lifetime Record: MSP, 10-3-3-2, \$358,767. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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9th-Churchill Downs, \$123,758, Msw, 6-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.77, fm, 3 1/4 lengths.

LADY JANCIS (f, 3, Speightstown--Thyme For Roses {Aus} {GSW-Aus, \$104,310}, by Redoute's Choice {Aus}) took plenty of heat dueling inside on a strong pace on Keeneland turf-sprint debut Oct. 11 and stuck on well to be fourth beaten just under two lengths. Returning here as the 3-5 chalk and looking to become the fifth next-out winner from that first run, the beautifully bred dark bay gave those who swallowed the skinny price very little to worry about, cruising on the engine throughout en route to a much-the-best victory. Winner of the 2016 G3 Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes for the late Jon and Sarah Kelly and the training team of Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, Thyme For Roses was acquired by Stonestreet for A\$800,000 (\$595,200) at the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale in 2017 and brought back to the U.S. The mare's best foal to date is Zeitlos (**Curlin**), GSW, \$1,399,905, and her most recent produce is a **Not This Time** colt born Mar. 6. Lady Jancis is one of now 18 winners from the penultimate crop of champion Speightstown, who passed away in December 2023.

Sales history: \$275,000 RNA Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$73,584. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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Thyme for Roses at Magic Millions in 2017 | *Magic Millions photo*

4th-Churchill Downs, \$116,058, Msw, 6-10, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.03, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

BANANA FROST (f, 2, Authentic--Candy Jar, by Candy Ride {Arg}) capped a promising worktab with a half-mile drill in :47 4/5 from the gate on May 31 and was sent off as the 7-4 second favorite to open her account at first asking for a barn that is in 'flying' form. Off like a shot from the inside stall, the homebred quickly opened up on her rivals, covering the first couple of furlongs in :22.41. Making the running in the two path, Banana Frost was clear into the final furlong and had a margin of a length and three-quarters on favored Voyager (**Justify**) at the line. The latter was a step slow at the start and edged to her right while tossing her head just out of the stalls. She nevertheless made a big middle move to be a final-furlong threat, but had left herself too much to do and was forced to settle for a good second at 4-5. The win was the 11th from 33 starters at the current meet for Brian Lynch. Travis Boersma's Boardshorts Stables purchased the winner's dam for \$47,000 in foal to Enticed at the 2023 Keeneland January Sale and the mare foaled a filly that season, now named Sweetsweet Victory.

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4th-Churchill, cont.

Candy Jar was sold on for \$20,000 pregnant to Global Campaign on a May 1 cover at KEEJAN in 2025 and was exported to the Philippines. This is the female family of the late Scat Daddy. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$68,496. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Flying Dutchmen Breeding & Racing LLC; B-Flying Dutchmen (KY); T-Brian A Lynch.

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2nd-Churchill Downs, \$88,220, Msw, (R), 6-10, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.82, ft, 1 length.

ICEBREAK (c, 2, Twirling Candy--Alexandra Am I, by Exaggerator) made the trip down from his base at Belterra Park and took plenty of debut action as the 13-5 second choice between white-hot favorite Bon Voyage (**Olympiad**). Having scratched down to be drawn innermost in this field of six, the gray colt was fastest away, but had plenty of company up front in the form of Clonmacnoise (**Highly Motivated**) and Bon Voyage three deep. Unable to match strides with the top two as they hit the stretch, Icebreak was taken hold of for a stride or two by Jose Ortiz, came out and around his dueling rivals and forged past late for a game success. Bon Voyage, off at 3-5, held second over Clonmacnoise. Icebreak is the first starter and winner for his dam, who is also represented by a yearling colt by **Charlatan** and a **Prince of Monaco** colt foaled Feb. 15. Sales history: \$22,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$52,096. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & Fred Hertrich III; B-Fred W Hertrich (KY); T-Timothy E Hamm.



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2nd-Parx Racing, \$40,000, (S), Msw, 6-10, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.74, ft, 8 1/2 lengths.

NIKKI'S CHARM (g, 3, Weigelia--Nikki's Bad, by Awesome Again) was favored by \$91 over fellow firster Tedison (Mitole), but turned his debut into a one-horse affair. Away very quickly from the two hole, the homebred built an imposing advantage entering the turn, but allowed Tedison to cut into the advantage while getting a breather through the middle stages. Let loose again approaching the quarter pole, Nikki's Charm opened up at will to prove an impressive winner. From the family of Grade I-placed Connie and Michael (Roman Ruler) and her juvenile Grade III-winning son Curly Jack (**Good Magic**), Nikki's Charm has a yearling half-sister named So Fun (Warrant, by **Constitution**) and his dam was most recently covered by Enticed. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Smart Angle LLP (PA); T-Michael V Pino.

2nd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw, 6-10, 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:40.33, ft, 1 length.

ZIHNAI (g, 3, Quality Road--Theodora B. {Ch. Turf Female-Can, GSW-Can, SW & GSP-USA, \$661,009}, by Ghostzapper) earned a lofty 88 Beyer when filling the fourth spot behind Memory Uncle Mo) in a one-mile Santa Anita maiden Apr. 2, but was a distant ninth to 'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard Siyouincanada (Fr) (**Siyouni {Fr}**) trying the grass for the first time at Churchill Downs May 25. Content to track the pace from a three-wide third in this return to the dirt, the 3-5 choice was sent into the lead five-sixteenths of a mile from the wire and staved off a stiff challenge from Bold Stand (**Curlin**) for the win.



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2nd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, cont.

A daughter of English listed winner and U.S. multiple graded-placed Dyna Waltz (GB) (Dynaformer), Theodora B. is also the dam of a yearling colt by **Cody's Wish**. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$24,821. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Augustin Stables; B-George Strawbridge (KY); T-Jonathan Thomas.



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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JUNE 11

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Corniche (Quality Road), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000

109 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Santa Anita, 5:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Chaseher, 6-1
\$22,000 FTK OCT yrl

Early Voting (Gun Runner), Taylor Made Farm, \$12,500

116 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Churchill Downs, 6:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Lady Lux, 3-1
\$47,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$60,000 KEE SEP yrl

Epicerter (Not This Time), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000

206 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-Lone Star, 8:56 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Braken Luke, 5-2
\$8,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$72,000 TTA APR 2yo

Gretzky the Great (Nyquist), Ocala Stud, \$3,000

16 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Churchill Downs, 6:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, It'sthetwenthythird, 12-1
\$30,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$40,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Mandaloun (Into Mischief), Juddmonte Farms, \$10,000

100 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-Santa Anita, 5:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Janie Not Jeanie, 4-1
\$100,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$290,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Nashville (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$12,500

140 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-Churchill Downs, 6:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Honky Tonk Girl, 8-1
\$65,000 KEE SEP yrl

Sir Winston (Awesome Again), Crestwood Farm, \$5,000

29 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Churchill Downs, 6:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Clever One, 8-1
\$22,000 IGD SEP yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JUNE 11

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Knicks Go (Paynter), Kor, private

170 foals of racing age/46 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Santa Anita, 5:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Blockade, 12-1
\$65,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$170,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Lexitonian (Speightstown), Calumet Farm, \$7,500

93 foals of racing age/20 winners/4 black-type winners
2-Santa Anita, 4:33 p.m. EDT, \$100K Desert Stormer S., 6f, Revera, 5-1
\$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$47,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$85,000 OBS MAR 2yo

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6th-Parx Racing, \$41,820, (S), 6-10, (1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f,
1:18.06, ft, 1/2 length.

MISTER ME (g, 3, Uncle Lino--Queen of Winter, by Despite the Odds) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-4-0, \$97,600. O-Sylmar Farm; B-Elizabeth R Houghton (PA); T-T Bernard Houghton.

5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$41,000, (S), 6-10, (NW1X),
3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.52, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

Q'S GOT CLASS (g, 3, Qurbaan--Mi Tia, by Colonel John)
Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$54,631. O-Southwest Racing Stables Inc, Bruce & Lori Murphy; B-Bruce & Lorna Murphy (IN); T-Genaro Garcia.

2nd-Thistledown, \$31,400, 6-10, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f,
1:12.70, ft, head.

YELLOW FEATHERS (m, 5, Bayern--Big Release, by Mr. Big)
Lifetime Record: 13-4-0-2, \$87,002. O-Aldana Gonzalez Racing LLC, Lisa & Steve Ballou; B-George Krikorian (KY); T-Aldana Spieth. *\$4,000 Ylg '22 FTKFEB; \$75,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN.

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3rd-Louisiana Downs, \$27,000, (S), 6-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT,
1:36.88, fm, 1/2 length.

POCKETFUL OF MONEY (g, 4, Goldcents--Private Promise {SW, \$245,302}, by Private Vow) Lifetime Record: 10-2-0-1, \$51,920. O/B-Southern Legacy Thoroughbreds LLC (LA); T-David C Gomez. *1/2 to Marks Promise (Custom for Carlos), SW, \$242,443.

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4th-Finger Lakes, \$24,900, 6-10, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.43, gd,
1 1/2 lengths.

SQUIRE CREEK (g, 6, Uncle Mo--Covenant, by Speightstown)
Lifetime Record: MSP, 26-4-5-4, \$262,134. O-David S Carter; B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-Amy Albright. *\$525,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG.

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2nd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$19,600, 6-9, (NW2LX),
3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.94, fm, 3/4 length.

ROYAL SALUTE (g, 6, Oscar Performance--Eloquently {GB} {GSP}, by Dansili {GB}) Lifetime Record: 20-2-0-6, \$86,955. O-Annechino Racing LLC; B-Dr Luke Fallon & Amerman Racing LLC (KY); T-Jay P Bernardini. *\$43,000 Wlg '20 FTKNOV; \$130,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

9th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$19,600, 6-9, (NW1X),
3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.60, ft, 1 length.

MITICO (r, 7, Dialed In--Awesome Frances, by Awesome Again)
Lifetime Record: 31-6-2-9, \$122,860. O-Paula S Capestro; B-Echo Valley Horse Farm Inc (KY); T-Juan Pablo Silva. *\$27,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. **1/2 to Whyruawesome (Whywhywhy), GSP, \$479,540; and El Cugat (King Cugat), SW, \$130,543.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Angel From Marin, f, 3, Connect--Blushing Angel, by Macho Uno. Churchill Downs, 6-10, (C), 6f, 1:09.43. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$42,013. B-Cicero Farms LLC (KY).

Deckhand, c, 3, Lone Sailor--Indication, by Vindication. Louisiana Downs, 6-9, (S), 6f, 1:10.97. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,600. B-Daniel R Chicola (LA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Party in the Club, f, 3, Qurbaan--Party Club, by Sky Mesa. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-10, (S), 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46.01. Lifetime Record: 9-1-4-2, \$68,371. B-KP Thoroughbreds LLC (IN).

Stately Girl, f, 3, Silver State--Tri Delt Girl, by Sefapiano. Parx Racing, 6-10, 6f, 1:11.57. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$47,850. B-Patricia Ziefle (KY). *\$27,000 RNA Wlg '23 KEENOV; \$10,000 RNA Ylg '24 FTKOCT; \$25,000 RNA 2yo '25 OBSAPR; \$15,000 RNA 2yo '25 OBSOPN. **1/2 to The Gomper (Sky Mesa), GSP, \$157,691; and Alani (Competitive Edge), MSW, \$433,595.

Splendid Song, f, 3, Yaupon--Versailles Song, by Unbridled's Song. Delaware, 6-10, 5 1/2f, 1:04.81. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$53,725. B-Tuscany Bloodstock & Morehead (KY). *\$100,000 Wlg '23 KEENOV; \$140,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP.

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Storm Back, g, 4, Get Stormy--Scherzi, by Brahms. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-9, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:43.32. Lifetime Record: 14-1-3-0, \$33,403. B-Dawn Martin (IN). *\$7,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV.

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Authentic, Banana Frost, f, 2, o/o Candy Jar, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. MSW, 6-10, Churchill Downs

Bayern, Yellow Feathers, m, 5, o/o Big Release, by Mr. Big. ALW, 6-10, Thistledown

Connect, Angel From Marin, f, 3, o/o Blushing Angel, by Macho Uno. MCL, 6-10, Churchill Downs

Dialed In, Mitico, r, 7, o/o Awesome Frances, by Awesome Again. ALW, 6-9, Mountaineer

Get Stormy, Storm Back, g, 4, o/o Scherzi, by Brahms. MSW, 6-9, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Goldcents, Pocketful of Money, g, 4, o/o Private Promise, by Private Vow. ALW, 6-9, Louisiana Downs

Lone Sailor, Deckhand, c, 3, o/o Indication, by Vindication. MSW, 6-9, Louisiana Downs

Nyquist, Touchy, c, 4, o/o Touch the Moon, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 6-10, Churchill Downs

Oscar Performance, Royal Salute, g, 6, o/o Eloquently (GB), by Dansili (GB). ALW, 6-9, Mountaineer

Quality Road, Zihnal, g, 3, o/o Theodora B., by Ghostzapper. MSW, 6-10, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Qurbaan, Party in the Club, f, 3, o/o Party Club, by Sky Mesa. MSW, 6-10, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Qurbaan, Q's Got Class, g, 3, o/o Mi Tia, by Colonel John. ALW, 6-10, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Silver State, Stately Girl, f, 3, o/o Tri Delt Girl, by Sefapiano. MSW, 6-10, Parx Racing

Speightstown, Lady Jancis, f, 3, o/o Thyme For Roses (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). MSW, 6-10, Churchill Downs

Twirling Candy, Icebreak, c, 2, o/o Alexandra Am I, by Exaggerator. MSW, 6-10, Churchill Downs

Uncle Lino, Mister Me, g, 3, o/o Queen of Winter, by Despite the Odds. ALW, 6-10, Parx Racing

Uncle Mo, Squire Creek, g, 6, o/o Covenant, by Speightstown. ALW, 6-10, Finger Lakes

Weigelia, Nikki's Charm, g, 3, o/o Nikki's Bad, by Awesome Again. MSW, 6-10, Parx Racing

Yaupon, Splendid Song, f, 3, o/o Versailles Song, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 6-10, Delaware

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BOW ECHO TAKES 'NOTABLE STEP FORWARD' AS BOUGHEY OUTLINES ROYAL ASCOT PLANS



Bow Echo & Jack Callan in Newmarket on Wednesday morning
Bronwen Healy

By Emma Berry

"His work has undoubtedly got stronger" is undoubtedly a statement that rival trainers would not wish to hear from George Boughey when it comes to Bow Echo.

The Irish and French champion trainers Aidan O'Brien and Francis Graffard won't be running scared as such, but despite the fact they will be bringing their own Guineas winners Gstaad (**Starspangledbanner**) and Rayif (Sea The Moon) to Royal Ascot, Boughey's scintillating son of Night Of Thunder is plainly the one to beat in the clash of the Classic colts.

The unbeaten Bow Echo has indeed already got the better of Gstaad when the pair met at Newmarket in the 2,000 Guineas and drew eight lengths clear of the third home, Distant Storm (Night Of Thunder). The Guineas winner will now bid to follow the likes of Rock Of Gibraltar, **Frankel**, **Gleneagles** and Poetic Flare by backing up in the St James's Palace Stakes, for which nine horses stood their ground on Wednesday.

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OUTFIELDER HEADS WESLEY WARD'S SEVEN-STRONG ROYAL ASCOT TEAM

by Emma Berry

Wesley Ward has been the greatest international supporter of Royal Ascot in recent years and the American trainer has dispatched a team of seven runners in a bid to extend his record at the meeting of 12 wins to date.

The septet includes G1 Commonwealth Cup contender Outfielder (Speightstown), an imposing individual who was fourth in last season's G1 Prix Morny and has picked up a pair of black-type wins at Turfway Park and Churchill Downs this year.

Outfielder and Ez Tin, the **Golden Pal** filly who runs in the G2 Norfolk Stakes, had a stretch on Newmarket's July Course on Tuesday.

"Outfielder did not get to come to Royal Ascot last year as he had a little issue with a shin, so the timing was not right, but everything has gone perfect for him this year," said Ward's assistant trainer Blake Heap. "He is a good-minded horse, so the occasion should be no trouble to him. He knows what is going on."

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Ruiva (Melanie Moliere) and Shining Moment (Stevie Donohoe) are heading to the Queen Mary Stakes | Emma Berry

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Casting his mind back to the first weekend of May, Boughey says, "I think to put on the show that he did was a little bit of a surprise to us, but he took the race well and within a couple of days he needed to be back out and in full work."

"I have the confirmation that he is the horse that we hoped he would be. There's always a little bit of an unknown through the spring to see if he's a horse that's going to flourish, and luckily he has, and I think he's taken a notable step forward."

He adds, "But it's a time of the year where the generation is all changing, isn't it? There's often a horse that comes through - there's the Heron winner who was probably not physically ready for the Guineas at that time."

Indeed, let's not forget Talk Of New York (Wootton Bassett), who won impressively at the Craven meeting before earning his stakes stripes at Sandown at the end of May.

"I think he was impressive," Boughey says of the Godolphin colt. "There'd been a big rap on the horse through the spring. I just hope they go a good gallop - it would suit us."

From the straight mile at Newmarket, Bow Echo will switch to the round course at Ascot, but this holds no fear for his trainer, who says, "He's a horse that I want to ride with a bit of restraint on a straight track. If you do jump and you land in a prominent position, you're often a victim of circumstances. That's why I was

so happy where Billy was in the run [at Newmarket].

"Undoubtedly, you don't want to be too far back at Ascot on the round mile, they can get away from you on the front. But he jumped and travelled at Haydock, ran round a bend, he sat third, possibly hit the front too soon but they didn't have anything to take him far enough. So he's got quite a few of the attributes you need for that track."

Any physical ability is always helped by the presence of a good mind, and this is another attribute which Boughey feels is in Bow Echo's favour. Certainly he is the model of good behaviour as he and apprentice Jack Callan proceed along Newmarket's Farm Canter, the colt having visibly strengthened since his first appearance at a press morning on the Monday before his Classic victory.

"He was fast asleep five minutes before you arrived," he tells the press pack on his lawn. "He's always given me incredible confidence about his mental constitution for a test like that."

"I think he's a horse who will travel. He has improved, and it was interesting working him on the July Course the other day. It was good to soft ground, possibly the softer side of that, and I was a bit apprehensive the night before. It rained and we switched his work morning from Tuesday to Friday - he just worked on the all-weather on the Tuesday - and he was electric." [Cont. p4](#)

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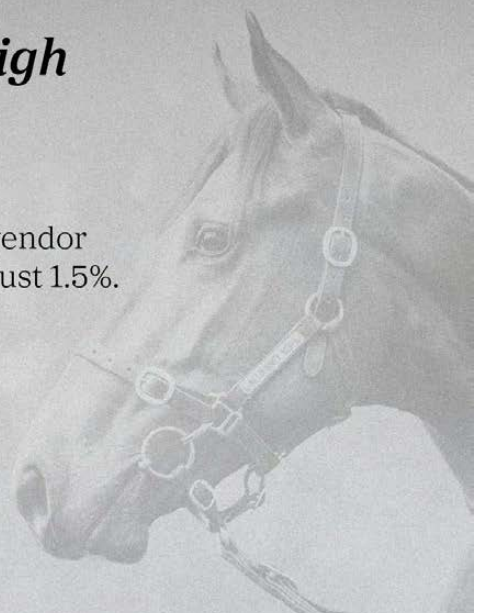
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Boughey's Royal Ascot Team Cont.

"Henry [Morshead], my assistant, and I were looking back at the videos of him through the autumn into the spring, and he's now a stronger animal, and that enables him to handle slightly slower conditions," he says.

He adds, ominously once more, "He's an unbeaten Guineas winner who, for me, looks like his best days are ahead of him. It's a long game with this horse, I hope. He's a horse who's going to keep improving and I just thought, having him right for Ascot, I had more confidence by not going to Ireland. I would have fancied him on the day, how he was working here on the Friday morning [before the Irish 2,000 Guineas]. But I thought that Ascot was not more important, but for the longevity of the horse, it was more important that he had the break."

With that long game in mind, there is also a future stallion career to consider for the late Sheikh Mohammed Obaid homebred. Boughey says that he believes Bow Echo can eventually race beyond a mile, though that is unlikely to happen this season.

"When he was sent to me, Sheikh Mohammed Obaid said he was the horse that was going to change my career," he says. "That was probably a bit bold from him as an unraced yearling, but he has that pedigree and he is by the stallion who is most upwardly mobile in a time where some of the top stallions are ageing. And to have a 126-rated son of Night Of Thunder who's unbeaten is a huge honour."

He continues, "I think as a horse who's shown a blistering turn of foot, and the fact that he does relax and he puts himself in the right mindframe, will allow him to get further but I don't think he needs to at the moment."

One horse who will be stepping up to ten furlongs for his Royal Ascot engagement is Protection Act, who heads to Thursday's G3 Hampton Court Stakes. The son of **Starspangledbanner** has run twice and won twice, notably beating Irish 2,000 Guineas third Pacific Avenue (Dubawi) on his second start at Goodwood for owner Teme Valley. Following that run, he was bought by Wathnan Racing.

"His work is progressive," Boughey says. "No one, myself included, will know quite what level he's at until he's stepping up to ten on the big occasion, but he's got a brilliant mind for the game."

"I slightly wish that he'd come a little bit sooner in the spring, but he had a trace clip when he won at Goodwood. He wasn't there. He's improved, certainly, for the run."

Another unbeaten three-year-old heading to Ascot in the same colours as Bow Echo is Westport (Blue Point), who will line up for the Palace of Holyroodhouse Stakes.

The trainer says, "He was still very behind himself in the early part of the spring and got very warm on his second start, but that was because he still had a winter coat, but he's starting to blossom."

Boughey will also bid to extend a real purple patch for Shapoor Mistry when he sends the owner's Rosy Affair (Havana Grey) to the G1 King Charles III Stakes on Tuesday following her last-start win in the Listed Cecil Frail Stakes at Haydock.

"She drops back to five, and I've been wanting to do that for a while," he says. "She's shown loads of pace at home. The quickest we've ever had a horse go over five furlongs was her

yesterday, so it gives me confidence to run five furlongs with her.

"She used to miss the kick but she's matured. She's a five-year-old now, and she's just starting to really learn how to sprint, I think is the terminology for it."

Mistry is likely also to be represented in the G2 Queen Mary Stakes by another Havana Grey filly, Havana Lightning, who won on her second start at Yarmouth.

Libertango (**No Nay Never**), a

400,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze-up purchase by Vefa Ibrahim Araci, and Byzantine (**St Mark's Basilica**), an Arqana breeze-up graduate who races for Teme Valley and Ed Babington, are also among the Ascot-bound juveniles.

"Libertango worked nicely just about an hour ago," Boughey said on Wednesday morning. "She goes to the Albany, and she was a good winner against the boys at Leicester."

"Byzantine was a good winner on debut in possibly fortunate circumstances, but he was entitled to win, his work had been good. He could go to the Chesham."

Boughey also plans to run Doreen Tabor's Survie (Churchill) on the opening day of the meeting in the Listed Wolferton Stakes, and "live chance" Hopewell Rock (New Bay), another recent Wathnan purchase, in the Duke of Edinburgh Stakes.



Bow Echo with Henry Morshead | Megan Rose Photography

Boughey's Royal Ascot Team Cont.

"Survie goes to the Wolferton - a Group 2 winner in a Listed race. It's not typically a race for the fillies, but I just felt that it looked like a nice spot for her," he says. "She stepped terribly from the gate in the Dahlia and was on the back foot, hated the track, and she missed the kick at Kempton the time before. So we've been working pretty intensely here with the Withefords on her stalls work, and she's so much better now."

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Ward's Royal Ascot Team Cont. from p1

"Ez Tina is doing very well. She scratched her leg in the swimming pool, which we are keeping an eye on. It has not healed up completely, although it doesn't seem to bother her. Her work yesterday was awesome - she outworked Outfielder. To me, that piece of work would be pretty hard to beat."

Ward could run up to four fillies in the G2 Queen Mary Stakes, including Shining Moment (**Golden Pal**), Ruiva (**Munnings**) and the Coolmore-owned Through The Years (**No Nay Never**), with Fanshell Beach (**Corniche**) also in contention for the Listed Windsor Castle Stakes.

"Ruiva is a beautiful filly - she has a great head on her. She won on the dirt first time out, but we worked her on the turf at Keeneland alongside Fanshell Beach and they both worked great," Heap said.

"Ruiva worked with Shining Moment this morning and both fillies breezed well. Shining Moment has had two races and looked real professional last time at Churchill Downs. In her debut at Keeneland, she went fast early with another filly and then Tom Morley's filly [More Champagne] came to beat them.

"I thought Fanshell Beach and Through The Years worked nicely today. They had a little head-to-head, which is what we wanted. Through The Years won great up in New York [at Aqueduct]. One trainer thought their runner in the race was a champion - he was really excited - but she beat them easily."

Ward also has three-year-old Bacio (**Maclean's Music**), a recent winner at Churchill Downs, entered for the Palace Of Holyroodhouse Stakes.

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JACQUES LE MAROIS ATTRACTS STRONG INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES



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The Aga Khan Studs Prix Jacques le Marois, which takes place on August 16, has attracted 34 entries, including four from Japan.

Embroidery is Japan's leading four-year-old filly over a mile and heads that list. A winner of this season's G1 Victoria Mile, Japan's Spring Championship for fillies over the mile, the daughter of Admire Mars had already established herself among the country's best fillies in 2025 after winning both the G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1,000 Guineas) in the spring and the G1 Shuka Sho in the autumn.

She adds a deep international flavour to a race that has attracted 12 entries from Great Britain, nine from France and the same number from Ireland.

The roll of honour for the Jacques le Marois features some all-time greats like Miesque, Dubawi, Goldikova, **Kingman**, Palace Pier and more recently Inspiral.

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THE LION IN WINTER SUSTAINS INJURY DURING TRAINING, EUTHANISED

Group winner **The Lion In Winter** was euthanised following a training accident at Ballydoyle, *The Sun* reported on Wednesday evening. The former Derby favourite, set to run in next Tuesday's G1 Queen Anne Stakes, was four.

By **Sea The Stars**, the Aidan O'Brien trainee was undefeated in two starts as a juvenile, taking the G3 Acomb Stakes. At three, the 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' ran third in the G1 Prix Jean Prat, filled the same spot in the G1 Prix Moulin, went one better in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes and turned in a third-place effort in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. **Cont. p6**

A Lion In Winter Cont.

A listed winner this year, The Lion In Winter was fifth in the G1 Lockinge Stakes in May last out, his 12th start.

"Sadly The Lion In Winter suffered a fracture on the gallops and had to be put down," O'Brien told the publication.

Bred by Sunderland Holdings, the bay was a €375,000 purchase by MV Magnier out of the Goffs Orby Yearling Sale in 2023. He is a son of the G3 Pinnacle Stakes third What A Home (Lope De Vega) from the same family as stakes winner and 2026 Oaks favourite Amelia Earhart (**Camelot**).

With the passing of The Lion In Winter, a total of 10 horses remain in the Queen Anne, including the Godolphin trio of **Notable Speech** (Dubawi), **Opera Ballo** (Ghaiyyath) and **First Conquest** (Teofilo). Defending champ **Docklands** (Massaat) is also signed on, as are the second and third from the Lockinge in **More Thunder** (Night Of Thunder) and **Zeus Olympios** (Night Of Thunder). G3 Tattenham Corner Stakes hero **Ten Bob Tony** (Night Of Thunder) will run, as will **Expanded** (Wootton Bassett), the lone Ballydoyle runner in the one-mile contest. The field is rounded out by **Damysus** (**Frankel**) and **Cicero's Gift** (Muhaarar).

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FOUR HAYDOCK PARK FIXTURES MOVED AS GROUND INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUE



Daniel Cooper | *Racingfotos.com*

Haydock Park has announced that the raceday scheduled for Saturday 20th June and the Old Newton Cup Meeting, due to take place from 2nd to 4th July, have been cancelled while investigations continue into the cause of the hole that occurred during racing last month.

The race programme scheduled for Saturday, 20th June will now take place at Nottingham Racecourse. The Tom Grennan concert originally scheduled to take place after racing will go

ahead at Haydock Park as planned. All ticket purchasers and hospitality guests will be contacted directly with further information about the concert and refund process.

The race programme scheduled to take place on Thursday 2nd July will be transferred to Nottingham Racecourse. The seven-race card planned for Saturday, 4th July, including the Betway Lancashire Oaks and the Betway Old Newton Cup will be moved to Newmarket Racecourse on the July Course. The British Horseracing Authority will announce plans for the rescheduling of racing on Friday, 3rd July in due course.

All ticket purchasers for the Old Newton Cup Meeting at Haydock Park will receive automatic refunds, while hospitality customers will be contacted directly by the racecourse team. For ticket information regarding the rescheduled fixtures visit the **The Jockey Club's website**.

Daniel Cooper, Clerk of the Course at Haydock Park, said, "Following extensive investigations, independent experts continue to investigate the cause of the hole which appeared on the outer course, but findings suggest it may be linked to historic mining activity in the area. However, further work is needed before any firm conclusions can be drawn and therefore, we are working closely with specialist contractors to confirm the cause and conduct the necessary remedial works in the affected area. In addition, we are utilising a Ground Penetrating Radar across the entire course to provide further information and assurance."

He added, "Given the time required to complete these surveys, analyse the findings, and identify and carry out the necessary repairs to the outer track, we wanted to provide clarity on upcoming fixtures for all participants, members and racegoers.

"We would like to thank the National Trainers Federation for their support and understanding with the need to transfer these racedays, as well as the BHA for their cooperation and flexibility to allow the changes to take place.

"We will provide a further update by the end of the month when we have the results of the ground surveys and are able to assess the progress of the remedial works and the impact on any other upcoming fixtures scheduled to take place at Haydock Park."

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HENRY DWYER GRANTED TRAINER'S LICENCE BY THE BHA

Australian native Henry Dwyer is set to ramp up his involvement in European racing having been granted a trainer's licence by the British Horseracing Authority (BHA).

Dwyer is best known in this part of the world for his exploits with the high-class sprinter Asfoora (Flying Artie), a regular visitor to these shores in recent years. **Cont. p7**



Henry Dwyer, pictured with King Charles III at Royal Ascot
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Henry Dwyer Cont.

In 2024, Asfoora announced herself to European racing fans with a first top-level success in the King Charles III Stakes at Royal Ascot, while last year she followed a fifth-place finish in the corresponding race with further Group 1 victories in the Nunthorpe Stakes and Prix de l'Abbaye.

Asfoora is set to line up in the King Charles III Stakes for the third consecutive year next week, spearheading a three-strong challenge for Dwyer at Royal Ascot as he embarks on this exciting new phase of his career, with Britannia Stakes hopeful Synners Kid (Ten Sovereigns) and G3 Albany Stakes contender Kochella (Kodiac) also set to represent him.

"Honoured to have officially been granted our UK trainer's licence by the BHA," read a statement issued by Dwyer on social media. "We've thoroughly enjoyed competing at all the major festivals the past two years, an experience we want to share with all our Australian owners.

"We plan to purchase and have in work 4-6 horses each summer in the UK, before repatriating them to Ballarat to continue their careers.

"We'll likely have three runners at Royal Ascot next week, something we'd love to build on each year."

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NOOSA SPORT LEADS ARKLE SALE'S WEDNESDAY SESSION AT GOFFS

A total of six lots made €200,000 or more during the second day of the Goffs Arkle Sale Part 1, and top of the heap was **Noosa Sport** (No Risk At All).

The three-year-old filly sold to Gordon Elliott Racing for

€240,000. Consigned by Liss House, lot 320 is a full-sister to G3 Prix Romati Chase heroine Geelong Sport (No Risk At All) and a half-sister to G1 Prix Maurice Gillois Chase victor Leader Sport (Nirvana Du Berlais).

The day's highest priced gelding was **Okekoko** (Cokoriko) (lot 350) who went to Harold Kirk and Willie Mullins for €210,000. His dam, Café Blum (Muhtathir) is a half-sister to Grade 1 winner Top Of The Sky (Kahyasi), as well, as well as to the dam of fellow Grade 1 winner Coko Beach (Cokoriko). He was offered by Treannahow Stables.

Metrics were up almost universally across the board. For Part 1 of the Arkle Sale, 368 sold from 416 offered (88%), an increase of 4% on 2025. The gross rose to €24,001,500 (+28%), while the average and median each rose 22% to €65,222 and €55,000, respectively.

For the two-year-old portion of the sale, 16 sold from 25 offered (64%)--a drop of 6%--for a gross of €1,068,000 (+27%). The average also rose 27% to €66,750 and the median rose by 66% to €65,000.

Goffs Group chief executive Henry Beeby said, "Gratitude. That is the overriding emotion of the Goffs Team following Part 1 of the 2026 Arkle Sale. In the first instance, thank you to our vendors for the trust they have placed in the Arkle Sale as we've always said we are nothing without the horses. As I said at the start of the week, this is the best bunch of NH horses ever assembled at Goffs and happily the market agreed with huge rises in all the metrics once again and no less than nine lots hitting the €200,000 mark, up from three last year along with 63 realising six figures compared to 29 in 2025. That's some progress and the other big numbers are the turnover, the average, and the median all of which are by our reckoning the highest of any store sale in history." [Cont. p8](#)



Noosa Sport | Sarah Farnsworth

Goffs Arkle Sale Cont.

“Our second vote of thanks goes to our purchasers who turned up and bid with intent from yesterday morning to the close of business this evening,” added Beeby. “We also want to express our appreciation to Defender for their support over a thirty-year period. They help make the Arkle Sale truly unique whilst we are always indebted to the team at Irish Thoroughbred Marketing for their hard work and assistance.

“I think the other sentiment to express is one of immense pride. I find it hard to express the pride we feel in the progress this sale has made in recent years which is, of course, principally down to our clients but also our passionate, driven and friendly team who will always go that extra mile to deliver and take a pride in exceeding expectations. I’m proud to be part of that team and we’re all proud of our Arkle Sale.”

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Perfect Power (Ire) (Ardad {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
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19:00-HAMILTON PARK, 6f, **Desert Move (Ire)**

State of Rest (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), Rathbarry Stud
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17:40-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, **Guadalevin (Ire)**
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DUBAI HONOUR'S HALF-SISTER MANAAR DEBUTS AT NEWBURY

4.40 Newbury, Novice, 3yo, f, 9fT

MANAAR (IRE) (St Mark's Basilica {Fr}) is an intriguing debutante for Shadwell and William Haggas, being a half-sister to the stable's four-times Group 1 winner Dubai Honour (Pride Of Dubai). A 370,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 purchase, she faces a clutch of bluebloods including the Thoroughbred Racing Corporation's Leicester winner **Miss Scott (Ire)** (Night Of Thunder {Ire}), a John and Thady Gosden-trained half-sister to the smart fillies Grand Stars (**Sea The Stars**) and Catalina Delcarpio (Lope De Vega) who was a 650,000gns purchase also at Tattersalls October Book 1.

HOW THEY FARED

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

Pequenita (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), the first foal out of Sibila Spain (**Frankel**), was sent off the 11-4 favourite and after racing prominently faded late to be fourth.

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BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

2nd-Kempton, £13,000, Novice, 6-10, 2yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:28.65, st/sl.

ROSEVANNION (GB) (f, 2, Zoustar {Aus}--Nozhar {Ire}, by Iffraaj {GB}), fourth on debut at Wolverhampton last month, raced in mid-division early. Surging between rivals to take control 1 1/2 furlongs out, the 5-1 shot asserted to score by 2 1/4 lengths from Guadalevin (State Of Rest).

The unraced dam is a half to three Stakes winners including the La Habra Stakes scorer Pasar Silbano (Elnadim) who is in turn the dam of Zoustar's Champagne Classic winner and multiple Group 1-placed Zousain. Her yearling colt is by Kameko, while she also has a filly foal by Vandeek. Sales history: 82,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$10,500.

O-C Campbell, Ballylinch Stud & Brook Stud; B-The Nozhar Partnership; T-Sean Woods.

3rd-Kempton, £12,000, Mdn, 6-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 10f 219y (AWT), 2:24.78, st/sl.

TRIBAL QUEEN (GB) (f, 3, Frankel {GB}--Wild Illusion {GB} {G1SW-Eng, MG1SW-Fr, GISP-US}, by Dubawi {Ire}), third on debut at Haydock last month, led early. Turning the screw in midstraight, the 13-8 second favourite stayed on powerfully to record a 5 1/2-length success from Gypsy Jazz Queen (St Mark's Basilica).

The winner is the third foal out of the Nassau, Prix de l'Opera and Prix Marcel Boussac-winning dam, whose second was the stable's Aphrodite Stakes winner Spirited Style ([Sea The Stars](#)). A full-sister to the Breeders' Cup Turf-winning champion Yibir, her 2024 and 2025 fillies are also by [Frankel](#). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$11,223.

O/B-Godolphin; T-Charlie Appleby.

2nd-Hamilton, £11,500, Mdn, 6-10, 2yo, 6f 6yT, 1:12.17, g/s.

ROYAL HERITAGE (GB) (c, 2, Blue Point {Ire}--Alaata, by Smart Strike), sent off the 30-100 favourite, was able to easily overcome a slow start and follow the pace before cruising to the fore two out. Sent clear under hands and heels by James Doyle, the €800,000 Arqana May Breeze-Up purchase who holds an entry in Tuesday's Coventry asserted for a 2 3/4-length success from Casino Star (Cotai Glory).

"Hopefully we'll see him at the Royal meeting," trainer Hamad Al Jehani said. "He came from one of the later Breeze-Ups, but he has a very good mind and in a week I'll be able to say whether the Coventry came too quick or not. James thinks he's a nice horse and he can stay further in time."

The unraced dam, who is responsible for the Irish Lincolnshire winner Lattam (Lope De Vega), is a daughter of Danzig's Firth of Clyde winner Alshadiyah whose progeny list includes the Listed-



Blue Point | Marc Ruehl

winning and multiple Group-placed Haatheq (Seeking The Gold) and Thunder Road Stakes scorer and Shoemaker Mile runner-up Farhaan (Jazil). A granddaughter of the 1,000 Guineas heroine Shadayid (Shadeed), the family also features the Vosburgh hero Takaful (Bernardini). Alaata's filly foal is by [Zarak](#). Sales history: 98,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT; €800,000 2yo '26 ARQBRU. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,308.

O-Wathnan Racing; B-Lofts Hall Stud & Willmo Bloodstock; T-Hamad Al Jehani.

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1st-Yarmouth, £10,000, Mdn, 6-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f 3yT, 1:27.97, g/s.

SHUSHU (IRE) (f, 3, Night Of Thunder {Ire}--Ms Gandhi {Ire}, by Kingman {GB}), runner-up on debut at Haydock last month, broke sharply to lead. Always in command, the 11-4 joint-favourite hit the line with two lengths to spare over Starlight Lass (Dubawi).

The winner is the first foal out of the dam, a daughter of the Orchid Stakes winner Dress Rehearsal (Galileo) whose two Stakes-winning progeny include the dam of the South African Fillies' Classic winner Let'sbefrankbaby ([Frankel](#)). From the family of the Group 1 performers My Prospero (Iffraaj), My Oberon (Dubawi) and My Astra (Lope De Vega) and the exciting My Ophelia (Wootton Bassett), her two-year-old colt Mr Gandhi is by [Saxon Warrior](#) while she also has a yearling filly by [Camelot](#). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$10,631.

O/B-Hussain Al Abbas Lootah; T-Roger Varian.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Glory Of The Seas (GB), g, 3, [Sea The Stars \(Ire\)](#)--Kitcarina (Fr), by Shamardal. Hamilton, 6-10, 11fT, 2:24.21. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, £16,259. B-Kitcarina Partnership & Sunderland. *550,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT.

IRELAND

Wednesday's Results:

3rd-Limerick, €15,000, Mdn, 6-10, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:49.14, g/y.
RES IPSA (GB) (c, 3, [Frankel {GB}](#)--Red Impression {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Dark Angel {Ire}), runner-up at Killarney last month, raced behind the leaders early. Overwhelming Stable Lane (Way To Paris) approaching the furlong pole, the 1-5 favourite drew away to win by six lengths.

The winner is the second foal out of the Listed-placed dam, whose first was the yard's classy [Frankel](#) filly Red Letter who took the Snow Fairy and has been placed in the Middleton and the Blandford. [Cont. p10](#)

3rd-Limerick Cont.

From the family of the luminaries Etoile Montante (Miswaki) and Obligatory (**Curlin**), she has two-year-old and foal full-sisters to the winner with the former named Maire Rua and also a yearling colt by Blue Point. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$15,077. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd; T-Ger Lyons.

FRANCE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tickea (Ire), f, 3, **Australia (GB)**--Femina (Ire) (SP-Fr), by **Siyouni (Fr)**. Argentan, 6-10, 12 1/2ft, 2:51.10. B-Wertheimer et Frere.
Loving Queen (Fr), f, 3, **Too Darn Hot (GB)**--Reine D'Amour (Ger) (MGSW-Ger), by Soldier Hollow (GB). Argentan, 6-10, 10 1/2ft. B-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard. *€170,000 Wlg '23 TATFOA.

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WINNERS**IN HONG KONG:**

Le Zonda (Ire), g, 4, **Beckford (GB)**--Young Daisy Miller (Ire), by Azamour (Ire). Happy Valley, 6-10, Hcp. (C3), 1800mT, 1:49.65, gd/fm. B-Newtown Anner Stud (Ire). *SP-Ire. **VIDEO**.

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LA MEXICANA DELIVERS DREAM START FOR PETER O'BRIEN BLOODSTOCK

Peter O'Brien could hardly have asked for a better launch pad for his new venture, with Group 3-winning mare **La Mexicana** topping the latest Inglis Digital Sale at A\$920,000. The eight-year-old daughter of I Am Invincible was the first offering under the newly-formed Peter O'Brien Bloodstock banner and attracted strong interest before being secured by Blue Gum Farm and Suman Hedge (FBAA).

The result comes as O'Brien prepares to depart Segenhoe Stud following its recent acquisition by Yulong, bringing to a close a long and successful association with the Hunter Valley operation.



Peter O'Brien

Offered on behalf of the Surace family, La Mexicana provided an ideal springboard for O'Brien's next chapter. The mare, carrying a pregnancy to leading sire Too Darn Hot, was one of the most sought-after lots of the sale.

"That is an outstanding result, incredible," a delighted O'Brien said. "For me, the Surace family are very close friends and they wanted people to know I'm launching Peter O'Brien Bloodstock so they wanted to put La Mexicana through me as a springboard for my next chapter in life. So, I can't thank them enough for the opportunity.

"The mare is a very special mare. Her first three foals are all outstanding, with her current weanling the best she's had, and being offered in foal to a champion stallion, it was a great package."

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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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