

RECORDS FALL AGAIN AS \$650K MEDAGLIA D'ORO COLT HEADLINES OBS JUNE FINALE



Session-topping Medaglia d'Oro colt | OBS/VidHorse

by Jessica Martini

OCALA, FL - The juvenile sales season, which set records at all its major 2026 stops, continued to churn out new highwater marks as it reached its conclusion with the end of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's June 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale Thursday. The three-day auction had its highest-priced offering ever when a filly by **Justify** sold for \$1.4 million Wednesday and it concluded Thursday with its highest-ever gross and an average that just edged past last year's previous record figure, while the median tied last year's record mark.

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MARYLAND MATCHES CHURCHILL OFFER, WILL OWN PREAKNESS BRAND by Bill Finley

Maryland Governor Wes Moore has announced that the state of Maryland has matched the \$85-million bid from Churchill Downs for the intellectual property and branding rights to the Preakness, which will now be held by the state.

The story was first reported by the *Baltimore Banner*.

Gov. Wes Moore said in a statement provided to the *Banner* that his administration has made "historic investments" to ensure the future of Maryland's racing industry, and that the \$85-million decision will secure a "vital asset for our state."

It will "preserve Maryland's position as a key power player in the Triple Crown for generations to come," he said.

According to the *Banner*, Moore wrote in a letter to 1/ST and Churchill on Thursday that he hoped the state could collaborate with Churchill and others to "unlock growth and drive innovation to benefit the Preakness Stakes, Maryland's horseracing industry, and the entire Triple Crown."

In April, it was reported that **Churchill was set to pay \$85 million** for the intellectual property, including all trademarks and associated rights, of the Preakness Stakes and the Black-Eyed Susan Stakes from 1/ST Maryland LLC. While Churchill's role in the future of the Preakness was never clearly defined, having Churchill involved created a degree of uncertainty about the future direction of the race.

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Craig Bernick's \$220,000 Keeneland grad Nola Soul (*Justify*) was one of two winners on the day for his Coolmore Ashford sire after taking out the Listed Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot. Later on the card, Scandinavia claimed the G1 Gold Cup. | Megan Rose Photography

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Steve Sherack checks in with Lee Searing of C R K Stable, who sends blue-blooded Baeza (*McKinzie*) to a star-studded renewal of the \$2-million G1 Stephen Foster S. at Churchill Downs June 27.

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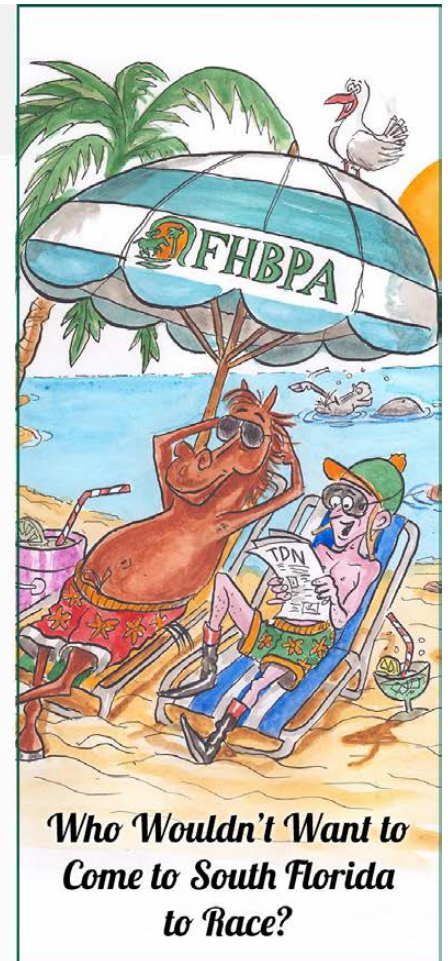
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OBS June, cont. from p1

Through three sessions, 556 juveniles sold through the ring in 2026 for a gross of \$28,488,500. That surpassed the auction's previous record gross of \$27,092,000 set in 2022. The average of \$51,238 just edged last year's previous record of \$51,107, while the median of \$25,000 matched the record mark set last year.

With the addition of post-sale transactions, the 2025 two-day June sale saw 507 horses sell for a gross of \$25,473,000, an average of \$50,243, and a median of \$25,000.

All three of the OBS 2-year-olds in training sales this spring set records, beginning with the March sale which produced its highest-ever gross and continuing on to the April sale which had its highest-ever gross, average and median.

"It's been a banner year for us, obviously, with the records that we've set through all three sales and ending on a high note with the June sale," said OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski.

"We're very excited and very happy with the results of the year."

From 999 catalogued head, 704 were offered and 148 failed to meet their reserves for a buy-back rate of 21.0%. That figure was continuing to decline Thursday evening with the addition of post-sale transactions.

The buy-back figure of horses through the ring a year ago was 17.1%.

"I think we sold a lot of horses at a lot of different price levels," Wojciechowski said. "You always want to see more, and more at different levels, but there was still plenty of trade of horses. Given the increase in gross and average, we still held pretty steady on the RNA rate."

Donato Lanni, who made an eye-popping \$10.5-million to acquire a colt by **Flightline** for Amr Zedan at the OBS Spring sale, made the highest bid of the final session of the juvenile sales season when going to \$650,000 to acquire a colt by Medaglia d'Oro on behalf of the Saudi businessman. The session-topping price at the end of the season was no surprise to Lanni.

"All year, there has been a lot of strong bidders for the good horses," Lanni said. "Every year, it seems to get stronger and stronger and stronger. I think there is a lot of money out there and people want to have fun."

Wojciechowski added, "When you watch the races, there always seems to be a shortage of horses. I think there is money out there for people who enjoy racing and the 2-year-old sales give people the opportunity to get to the races quicker. So, I think a combination of all of those things add up to a great sales season."

Jimbo Gladwell of Top Line Sales agreed the demand was there for the top horses throughout the spring. **Cont.**

OBS June, cont.

"I think the 2-year-old sales season was truly extraordinary overall, when you look at it from 1,000-foot view," Gladwell said. "It was really polarized at the top end. We saw some real fireworks. Everybody wants the creme of the crop and only the ones that hit that exact bull's eye. It's very difficult to hit the mark, but if you do, you really get paid for it."



Donato Lanni, left, with Susan and Charles Chu in the Met Mile winner's circle | Sarah Andrew

Pinhookers bought into a red-hot yearling market last fall. Was the market they sold in this spring up to that same level?

"The top end of the market was kind of the same [as the yearling sales]," Gladwell said. "It was very hot for the best horses, but once we breeze them, if you miss the mark at all, the real depth of the market showed. It was pretty thin across the middle and the bottom of the market. We were buying in such a hot market at the yearling sale and that even trickled into the weanling sale. So I think you're going to see the yearling pinhookers see a little bit of that probably."

As the yearling sales begin next month, Gladwell thinks the Top Line plan will remain the same.

"We are just going to go in there and try to buy the best horses we can buy," he said. "You always set numbers and just try to buy the best physical you can buy. We don't tend to put too much emphasis on pedigree, just try to buy the physical specimen and see what we can get done."

'Looks Fast': \$650k Medaglia d'Oro Colt to Zedan

On his way out of town as the final 2-year-old sale of the year wound down Thursday, bloodstock agent Donato Lanni made one last purchase going to \$650,000 to acquire a son of Medaglia d'Oro ([hip 824](#)) on behalf of Amr Zedan. **Cont.**

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The dark bay colt, who worked a furlong in a co-bullet :9 4/5 during last week's under-tack preview, was consigned by Marcial Galan on behalf of co-breeders Jason Hall, Herschel Martindale, Joe Wheeler and David Branch.

"He's by Medaglia and he looks very fast," Lanni said. "We want something that we are going on with him and hopefully get him ready to run this year."

The colt is out of Scarlet Emerald (Desert Party), a mare Jason Hall claimed for \$15,000 at Mountaineer in 2018. The mare is also the dam of multiple stakes-placed Naughty Lottie (Midnight Lute).

Following the colt's bullet work last week, Hall explained his presence in the June catalogue.

"About halfway through the winter, he bumped his forearm maybe just on a water bucket and developed a hematoma, but

that developed some bony growth," Hall said. "So this colt missed three months of training over the winter."

Thursday's result marked a career high sale for longtime consignor Galan.

"This is the highest price I've ever had in my life," Galan said.

"I've sold like 200 horses in my life and this was the highest. My wife and I were about to cry. We work really hard and when something goes wrong, we feel like what did we do wrong, why are things going wrong. So, we are really happy with this."

Of the colt, Galan said, "Whoever bought this horse is going to have a really good horse. I am pretty sure you are going to see this horse in a stakes race."

The colt helped the consignment go out on a high for the year.

"This was our last horse for the

year, so we are ready for vacation now," Galan said. **Cont.**

The now-pensioned Medaglia d'Oro enjoyed a pair of big results within minutes of each other at the June sale Thursday.



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Just three hips after hip 824 sold for \$650,000, an Ontario-bred colt by the sire (**hip 827**) sold for \$400,000 to D. J. Stable. The juvenile was consigned by 30-30 Ranch, which purchased him for \$25,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

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Cross Traffic Colt Puts Double R on the Map

Ronaldo Rodas's work at Mayberry Farm over the last two decades has seen him break all-time greats Zenyatta and **Flightline**, but the horseman enjoyed success under his own name at the OBS June sale Thursday. While he's been buying and selling horses for years, Rodas is consigning under his Double R Equine Sales banner for just the second year and the young consignment had its biggest result to date when selling a colt by Cross Traffic (**hip 715**) for \$170,000 to John Mentz. Rodas had purchased the gray for \$10,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

**Hip 715** | OBS/VidHorse

"He had long legs and he was skinny," Rodas said of the colt last fall. "I thought he would fill out a little more. And we started from there."

The colt, who is out of One Hot Romance (Rock Hard Ten), worked a furlong in :10 1/5 at last week's under-tack preview. He was always targeted at the June sale, according to Rodas.

"I knew he needed time," Rodas said. "That's why I didn't take him to March or April." **Cont.**



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OBS June, cont.

"He was telling me, 'Wait for me, wait for me.' He would let me know when it was time. And he told me it was time."

Of the change in the colt from September to June, Rodas said, "It was a double change--a triple change."

Rodas sold horses with his brother-in-law for years before deciding it was time to start his own consignment.

"We did good with him, too, but I thought it was time to let people know me," Rodas explained.

Double R had one-horse consignments at both the OBS March and April sales and offered three horses at the June sale.

"It's a small consignment," Rodas said of Double R. "Last year was a bad year for me. So this is really special for me."

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SESSION TOPPERS

OBS JUNE--THURSDAY'S TOP LOTS

HIP	SIRE DAM	SEX	PRICE (\$)
824	Medaglia d'Oro--Scarlet Emerald	C	650,000
	Breeder: Jason Hall, Herschel Martindale, Joe Wheeler, David Branch (KY)		
	Consigner: Marcial Galan, Agent III		
	Purchaser: Donato Lanni, Agt for Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.		
827	Medaglia d'Oro--Season Ticket	C	400,000
	(\$25,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP)		
	Breeder: Godolphin and John Ropes (ON)		
	Consigner: 30-30 Ranch		
	Purchaser: D. J. Stable LLC		

876	Vekoma--Sonora	F	400,000
	(\$100,000 Ylg '25 FTKOCT)		
	Breeder: Seth Gregory (NY)		
	Consigner: Hoppel LLC, Agent XI		
	Purchaser: Kimmel & Sallusto, Agt for Miguel Clement		
995	Cyberknife--Vertical Vision	C	310,000
	(\$110,000 Ylg '25 FTKOCT; \$235,000 Wlg '24 KEENOV)		
	Breeder: Warran J. Harang (KY)		
	Consigner: First Call, Agent		
	Purchaser: MorPlay Racing LLC		
974	Practical Joke--Tryingtolookpretty	C	285,000
	(\$150,000 Ylg '25 FTKJUL)		
	Breeder: Thoroughbred by Design (KY)		
	Consigner: Kings Equine, Agent III		
	Purchaser: Steven W. Young, Agent		
1019	Army Mule--Signadora	C	200,000
	(\$70,000 Wlg '24 KEENOV; \$240,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP)		
	Breeder: Patricia L. Moseley (KY)		
	Consigner: SGV Thoroughbreds LLC (Steven Venosa), Agt		
	Purchaser: Clark O Brewster/Bill & Corinne Heiligbrodt/K/Reimer		
805	Early Voting--Ruthenia	F	210,000
	(\$100,000 RNA Ylg '25 KEESEP)		
	Breeder: Gary Broad - Walmac Farm (KY)		
	Consigner: Julie Davis LLC, Agent VI		
	Purchaser: Doug O'Neill		
903	Omaha Beach--Strike Red	F	200,000
	(\$25,000 RNA Wlg '24 KEENOV)		
	Breeder: New Horizons Bloodstock (FL)		
	Consigner: Scenic Sales, Agent II		
	Purchaser: Legion Bloodstock, Agent		
925	Highly Motivated--Sweetnsour Kitty	F	200,000PS
	(\$325,000 RNA 2yo '26 OBSAPR; \$32,000 Ylg '25 FTKOCT)		
	Breeder: La Ciega (KY)		
	Consigner: Omar Ramirez Bloodstock, Agent XXII		
	Purchaser: Saffie Joseph, Jr		

TDN TAKEAWAYS

- Medaglia d'Oro, pensioned by Darley ahead of this year's breeding season, sired the day's top two lots--both colts--within three hips of one another.
- The top three hips showcased national diversity in breeding with Kentucky, Ontario and New York each represented along with a Florida-bred inside the top 10 and a Louisiana-bred also making six figures. **Cont.**

OBS June Takeaways, cont.

- Jesse Hoppel again finished as the day's leading consignor with seven sold for \$791,000. His Hoppel LLC was also the sale's top consignor, selling 18 lots for \$2,543,000.
- Purchasing the \$1.4-million topper put Speedway Stables at the top of the sale's buyers list while Jonathan Green's D. J. Stable picked up five for \$980,000.
- Compared to the two-day sale from one year ago, the 2026 average rose to \$51,238 while median held strong year over year at \$25,000.
- Eight horses last year made at least \$300,000. That number was easily eclipsed this year with 11 2-year-olds crossing that mark across the three days.

Maryland, cont. from p1

Maryland Gov. Wes Moore (far right) at this year's Preakness
Sarah Andrew

According to the *Banner*, funding for the \$85-million payout to 1/ST will come from bonds issued by the Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO), a quasi-governmental agency.

Officials at Churchill Downs, Inc. confirmed Thursday afternoon the state of Maryland had notified Churchill of the offer match.

"We understand why the state of Maryland would decide to acquire the Preakness IP rights as a state-owned asset from 1/ST Maryland LLC," said Bill Carstanjen, Chief Executive Officer of CDI. "We remain committed to working with the Governor and other elected leaders and horse racing constituents in Maryland to fully realize the potential of a redeveloped Pimlico and Preakness Stakes within the Triple Crown and the broader sports and entertainment landscape."

The Maryland Jockey Club (TMJC) shared an enthusiastic statement Thursday evening applauding Gov. Moore's decision.

"Thank you to Governor Moore and First Lady Dawn Moore for their leadership in making one of the most significant industry decisions in Maryland's history," said Jim Dresher, Chairman of the Board of TMJC. "Retaining the Preakness in Maryland safeguards the event's future, and TMJC and its Board of Directors are committed to advancing that vision."

Bill Knauf, President and General Manager of TMJC, added: "In keeping with Governor Moore's vision, the Maryland Jockey Club is ready to further elevate the Preakness into a world-class, bucket-list event for Marylanders and racing fans worldwide. We are also excited to work with our strategic partners on new events and entertainment options leading up to Preakness weekend. We very much look forward to collaborating with our Triple Crown partners." **Cont.**



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• Catalogued	327	
• No. Offered	222	
• No. Sold	171	
• RNAs	51	
• % RNAs	23.0%	
• High Price	\$650,000	
• No. Over \$200k	9	
• Gross	\$8,839,500	
• Average	\$51,693	
• Median	\$21,000	
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2026	2025*
• Catalogued	999	855
• No. Offered	704	603
• No. Sold	556	500
• RNAs	148	103
• % RNAs	21.0%	17.1%
• High Price	\$1,400,000	\$975,000
• No. Over \$200k	26	23
• Gross	\$28,488,500	\$25,553,500
• Average (% change)	\$51,238 (+0.25%)	\$51,107
• Median (% change)	\$25,000 (n/c)	\$25,000

*Figures through the ring. 2025 was a two-session sale.



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Greater Baltimore Committee President and CEO Mark Anthony Thomas also issued a statement late Thursday afternoon. In full, it read:

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"Ownership ensures that the decisions shaping the future of the Preakness are made in the interest of Maryland and that the value created through public investment benefits Maryland taxpayers, businesses, workers, communities, and the equine industry. The Greater Baltimore Committee applauds Governor Wes Moore for his thoughtful leadership, due diligence, and commitment to ensuring that this decision reflects the long-term interests of the State.

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'YOU CAN'T LINE UP A BETTER RACE' - BAEZA SET FOR SUMMER SHOWDOWN IN STEPHEN FOSTER *by Steve Sherack*

Baeza (**McKinzie**), winner of last term's GI Pennsylvania Derby and an unlucky third after completely missing the break in his 2026 return in the GII Alysheba S. May 1, is aiming to make his next start in a star-studded renewal of the \$2-million GI Stephen Foster S. at Churchill Downs June 27.

The 'Win and You're In' for the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland is also expected to showcase a highly anticipated rematch between 2023 Breeders' Cup Classic winner **White Abarrio** (Race Day) and 2025 Horse of the Year **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief), one-two in the GII Oaklawn H. Apr. 18; and last-out G1 Dubai World Cup winner **Magnitude** (**Not This Time**).

The blue-blooded Baeza, a \$1.2-million Keeneland September yearling and a half-brother to Classic winners **Mage** (**Good Magic**) and Dornoch (**Good Magic**), was also third in last year's GI Kentucky Derby and GI Belmont Stakes.

"You can't line up a better race," said Lee Searing of C R K Stable, who campaigns Baeza in partnership with the colt's breeder Robert Clay of Grandview Equine.



Baeza | Horsephotos

"Here come four, five outstanding horses that are gonna hook up in this race. Baeza is doing wonderful. I'm enjoying talking to Bill Mott and our conversations. He's a pleasure and the horse is doing great."

Bill Mott took over training duties on Baeza following the passing of John Shirreffs this past February. Shirreffs trained C R K's GISWs Beyond Brilliant (**Twirling Candy**), Express Train (**Union Rags**) and **Honor A. P.** (Honor Code).

Baeza has posted four workouts at Mott's Saratoga base since the Alysheba, most recently breezing five furlongs in 1:02.85 (3/5) over the Oklahoma Training Track June 13. Baeza was sixth in his final start for Shirreffs in the Breeders' Cup Classic.

"I miss John," Searing said. "I'm sure he's looking down and patting Bill on the back and saying, 'You're doing a good job.'"

C R K Stable's **Englishman** (**Maxfield**), meanwhile, has the GI H. Allen Jerkens Memorial ticketed as his major summer goal at Saratoga Aug. 29.

A well-beaten second behind Crude Velocity (**Beau Liam**) in the battle of unbeaten 'TDN Rising Stars, presented by Hagyard' in the GII Pat Day Mile S., he turned the tables on that rival with authority on the cutback to seven furlongs in the GI Woody Stephens S. on Belmont Stakes day.

The \$240,000 Keeneland November weanling turned \$400,000 Keeneland September yearling equaled Darby Creek Road's track record of 1:20.40 set in 1978. He earned a head-turning 115 Beyer Speed Figure for the effort.

"We knew that once we drew a better post position going a furlong shorter, it was going to be very difficult to catch our horse, but it was going to be a fun race to watch--two really good horses," Searing said.

"We've tied two track records and the horse is three out of four. He's a beautiful horse and is traveling really well today. We're onward to the Allen Jerkens." **Cont.**

Lee Searing on Baeza, cont.



Lee Searing (third from right) celebrates Baeza's win in the Pennsylvania Derby | Walter Wlodarczyk

He continued: "The horse is doing great, I hope it continues. I love the horse."

C R K Stable's 'Rising Star' **Remember Mamba** (Kitten's Joy), winner of the GIII UK HealthCare Transylvania S. at Keeneland and runner-up to Stark Contrast (Caravaggio) in the GI American Turf S. May 2, will make his next start in the GI Belmont Derby at Saratoga July 4.

Both Englishman and Remember Mamba are conditioned by Cherie DeVaux, trainer of this year's Kentucky Derby winner and Belmont Stakes winner and 'Rising Star' Golden Tempo (**Curlin**).

"Cherie is just a wonderful person and is the face of new trainers having quality horses," Searing said. "She's done a really good job. She's won a number of races for us."

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PLETCHER TO BEGIN SERVING SUSPENSION, REPOLE REACTS AND LEGAL TEAM VOWS TO FIGHT ON *by Bill Finley*

According to the rulings page of the New York State Gaming Commission, trainer Todd Pletcher began serving a 10-day suspension Thursday.

The suspension stems from the 2022 GI Hopeful Stakes when the Pletcher-trained Forte (**Violence**) tested positive for Meloxicam, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory. Pletcher has denied using the medication with Forte.

The Gaming Commission also ruled that Forte was officially disqualified from the Hopeful victory.

The news from the Gaming Commission led owner Mike Repole to post a **long and scathing tweet on X**.

"The New York State Gaming Commission @NYSGamingComm is everything that is wrong with horse racing regulation," Repole wrote. "In my opinion, they are incompetent, inflexible, arrogant, and completely disconnected from the people and horses they are supposed to serve. Todd Pletcher was just suspended 10 days over an issue that would not even be a violation under today's tougher national rules."

He continued: "This should have been resolved years ago. Instead, bureaucracy won. Egos won. Taxpayer-funded lawyers won. The sport lost. Then they tried to bully me into submission. Bad move. I have spent my entire life betting on myself, fighting for what I believe in, and standing up to people who think a government title gives them the right to push others around."

Attorney Drew Mollica, who is representing Pletcher, said that there are still legal avenues that can and will be taken.

"The only issue the Appellate Division, Third Department, has decided upon is they denied our motion to stay the suspension," Mollica said. "Still pending before the court is our motion to reargue what we know is an erroneous decision and leave to appeal this matter. We remain confident the court will correct this decision and short of that we reserve our right to take this matter to the New York State Court of Appeals, the highest court in the state."

"It should also be noted that Repole Stable's appeal on this matter is still in the courts and we look forward to a full fair airing of the facts in that matter and seeing that justice in this matter will be served. It has always been our position that the New York State Gaming Commission's prosecution in this matter is not only an affront to every license holder in this state but to both due process and common sense. In the final analysis we have faith the courts will agree."

Mollica said that since the matter is still under appeal, the matter of Forte being disqualified remains unresolved. **Cont.**



Todd Pletcher | Sarah Andrew

Todd Pletcher, cont.

Pletcher's suspension runs through June 27. The timing means he will be back by the beginning of the Saratoga meet.

Since the Meloxicam positive occurred before the implementation of HISA, the New York Gaming Commission has been in charge of adjudicating the matter.

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DRY POWDER PREPS FOR PITCHER IN LADY'S SECRET

Gold Square LLC's **Dry Powder** (**Gun Runner**), twice placed at the highest level during a productive 3-year-old season in 2025, drops out of graded company for Sunday's \$100,000 Lady's Secret Stakes at Monmouth Park, the final local lead-up for the \$500,000 GII Molly Pitcher Stakes on the Haskell undercard on July 18.

Third in the GI CCA Oaks and a neck second in the GI Cotillion Stakes either side of a victory in the Cathryn Sophia Stakes at Parx last season, the \$525,000 Keeneland September graduate--carrying the same colors worn by GI Preakness Stakes hero Napoleon Solo (**Liam's Map**)--was a runaway winner of a one-mile Gulfstream allowance Mar. 12, but never landed a blow when off the board in the GI La Troienne Stakes May 1 and in the GII Ruffian Stakes just eight days hence.

"With the money we spent on her as a yearling, there are expectations of being a Saturday afternoon horse when you put on the black and gold (silks)," said trainer Chad Summers, who has the Preakness winner pointed toward the Haskell the same afternoon as the Molly Pitcher. "We feel she's a graded stakes filly. Ultimately, that's the goal for this year--to get that graded stakes win."

"Since she is doing so well, we thought this was a race that makes sense since we're looking at the Molly Pitcher on Haskell day."



Dry Powder winning the Cathryn Sophia | Equi-Photo

The bay filly has worked three times since the Ruffian, including an easy half-mile in :49 flat (24/61) at Belmont Park June 11.

"She is doing super," said Summers. "We were excited when she won the race at Gulfstream the way she did. We took a swing in a Grade I after that. She just kind of got lost going into the first turn and ended up in no-man's land. She ran a little flat."

"But when she came out of the race she didn't even need any water afterward. So we did something a little unusual. We ran her back in eight days in the Ruffian. She ran good that day. The winner (Irish Maxima) was awesome. She ran everyone off their feet."

Dry Powder has amassed a record of 3-3-2 from 11 starts for earnings to date of \$543,400.

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HISA ANNOUNCES NEW MEMBERS TO VETERINARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Edited Press Release

Officials at the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) have announced the additions of Drs. Kevin Dunlavy, Vickie Heidlage-Williams, Jamie McAnly, Clayton McCook and Gabrielle Rivest to HISA's Veterinary Advisory Committee (VAC).

Established in 2024, the committee is composed of both regulatory and private racetrack veterinarians across the nation. Advisory committee members provide feedback to HISA's executive team and standing committees on the execution and development of HISA's policies and protocols surrounding veterinary care, racetrack safety, medication, equine research and other related issues.

Members are appointed for 18-month terms, and the new members succeed outgoing VAC members Drs. Nolton Pattio, Martha Misheff, Amy Narotsky and Horace "Sam" Ferguson, III.

"We look forward to the meaningful contributions our new members will make and are confident their clinical expertise and wide range of experiences will further strengthen the committee's efforts to provide informed guidance to the industry," said Dr. Jennifer Durenberger, HISA Director of Policy & Industry Initiatives.

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CLAIMING CROWN HOTY TO CONCRETE GLORY

Big Frank Stable's **Concrete Glory** (Bodemeister) has been named Claiming Crown Horse of the Year for 2025 by the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (NHBPA) and the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA), the co-founders of the Claiming Crown series.

The Pennsylvania-bred was claimed by owner Frank Rupolo out of a winning effort for the bottom-level price of \$6,250 out of a daylight victory at Gulfstream Park some 20 races into his career in December 2022. He has since won no fewer than a dozen races under the care of trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr., including back-to-back scores in the Claiming Crown Express at Churchill Downs in 2024 and 2025 and just two starts after defending his title last November, became a black-type winner in the Feb. 7 Pelican Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs.

"I knew he was good enough to be up there with the selected horses, but to be Horse of the Year, I couldn't believe it," Rupolo, a cancer survivor who believes Concrete Glory helps extend his life, said. "He's just a super horse....This is not a joke: The day after he runs in the Claiming Crown, I'm already thinking about next year. That is my favorite of all.

"I'm a low-level claimer (as an owner). I did have a horse once in the Derby, believe it or not, but I only had 10% of Closing Argument (second at 71-1 odds to 50-1 Giacomo in 2005). That was unbelievable, but I'll never get another chance like this. This is like my Breeders' Cup.... This is the best I've ever had. It's so much fun with him, and I just hope he just keeps continuing and I can run him at 8, 9 and 10."



Concrete Glory | Coady Media

Added Pennsylvania HPBA Executive Director Todd Mostoller, who chairs the National HBPA's Industry Awards Committee: "Concrete Glory is exactly the type of horse that the Claiming Crown series and our Claiming Crown Horse of the Year Award were created to honor.

"In addition to being a two-time winner who also ran in the Express in 2023, Concrete Glory epitomizes the heart, soul and resilience of the claiming horses that make American racing go by filling out the racing programs for the stakes horses. He was claimed for \$6,250, but 3 1/2 years later is in the same barn and has advanced to being an open stakes winner who has run 44 times and earned almost \$600,000. It's a testament to Concrete Glory as well as Saffie and his team."

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OPENING WEEKEND AT SARATOGA TO CELEBRATE AMERICA 250

A full slate of entertainment and family-friendly events are set for the July 4th Racing Festival, which will be held Friday, July 3 through Sunday, July 5, and serve as Opening Weekend of the summer meet at Saratoga Race Course, the New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) announced Thursday.

Saratoga's Opening Weekend festivities will align with the nationwide celebration commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

"Opening Weekend at Saratoga Race Course is one of the most anticipated events of the summer in New York, and this year provides a special opportunity to celebrate both the return of the summer racing season and the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding," said Dave O'Rourke, NYRA President and CEO. "We look forward to welcoming back fans to one of America's most revered sports venues during a festive and family-friendly July 4th holiday weekend."

Headlined by the GI Belmont Derby and GI Belmont Oaks on Independence Day, the July 4th Racing Festival will include six graded events among 10 stakes races held over three days of competition.

For more information about Saratoga Race Course and the 2026 Saratoga Summer Meet, visit [NYRA.com/Saratoga](https://www.nyra.com/Saratoga).

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SARATOGA SEASON PASSES NOW ON SALE AT STEWART'S SHOPS

Saratoga season admission passes for the 2026 summer meet at historic Saratoga Race Course are now available for purchase at more than 175 Stewart's Shops throughout the greater Capital Region, the New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) announced Thursday. On sale through Sunday, July 19, Saratoga season passes provide fans with general admission access to all 46 days of Thoroughbred racing this summer, including the Opening Weekend July 4th Racing Festival, Whitney Day, and DraftKings Travers Day. Season passes are available in hard copy or digitally for \$94 at Stewart's Shops, the equivalent of slightly more than two dollars per day. Season passes may also be purchased at [NYRA.com/SeasonPass](https://www.nyra.com/SeasonPass).

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STAKES NAMES ANNOUNCED FOR EMPIRE TRILLIUM SERIES

The names for the New York legs of the Empire Trillium Series, a 14-race program of stakes races at Belmont Park and Woodbine Racetrack restricted to horses foaled in New York or Canada worth \$3.2 million in total purses, have been revealed by the New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA).

Saturday, Dec. 26:

The Empire Trillium Series will begin with four \$200,000 events for 2-year-olds on Dec. 26 over the new Tapeta course at the reimagined Belmont Park. Each of the four stakes slated for Dec. 26 are named in honor of New York-breds. The inaugural **Tiz the Law** is a six-furlong sprint for juveniles, while juvenile fillies run the same distance in the Bar of Gold. The latter race was formerly the Maddie May. Juveniles will route 1 1/16 miles on the same card's Gander. Juvenile fillies will take on the same challenge in the Saratoga Dew.

Saturday, Jan. 23:

The marquee events of the series at Belmont Park will be the inaugural editions of the \$300,000 Long Island Derby and Long Island Oaks, over nine furlongs on Tapeta for sophomores and sophomore fillies, respectively.

Saturday, Feb. 27:

The NYRA legs of the series conclude with a pair of six-furlong \$200,000 sprints on the Tapeta, including the Elmont for sophomores and the Queens Village for sophomore fillies. The Elmont was formerly the Damon Runyon. The Queens Village was previously the East View.

Woodbine Racetrack will then host six races for 3-year-olds and up, including four \$200,000 events comprised of six-furlong sprints for both colts and fillies on Tapeta during Spring 2027, followed by seven-furlong sprints on Tapeta in the same categories in July 2027. The Woodbine Racetrack-based races are headlined in June 2027 by a pair of \$300,000 events, one each for older boys and girls, at one mile on the turf.

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Rank	Stallion	BTW/%NF	BTH/%NF	GSW/%NF	GSH/%NF	G1SW/%NF	G1SH/%NF	Earnings
1	Gun Runner (2013) by Candy Ride (Arg)	58/8.2	108/15.28	39/5.52	67/9.48	14/1.98	31/4.38	\$92,859,543 Sierra Leone
2	Practical Joke (2014) by Into Mischief	41/5.32	91/11.8	18/2.33	34/4.41	5/0.65	13/1.69	\$60,296,109 Skelly
3	Connect (2013) by Curlin	19/4.03	43/9.11	7/1.48	16/3.39	1/0.21	5/1.06	\$30,678,929 Rattle N Roll
4	Neolithic (2013) by Harlan's Holiday	11/5.91	21/11.29	--/--	3/1.61	--/--	1/0.54	\$10,957,585 Neoquos
5	Blofeld (2012) by Quality Road	10/4.74	20/9.48	--/--	3/1.42	--/--	--/--	\$10,680,877 Beach Daze
6	Unified (2013) by Candy Ride (Arg)	6/1.58	19/5.01	1/0.26	3/0.79	--/--	--/--	\$17,956,966 Idratherbeblessed
7	Cupid (2013) by Tapit	9/2.45	18/4.9	4/1.09	6/1.63	1/0.27	2/0.55	\$19,220,676 Carson's Run
8	Gormley (2014) by Malibu Moon	6/1.63	18/4.9	1/0.27	4/1.09	--/--	1/0.27	\$14,616,852 Bron and Brow
9	Keen Ice (2012) by Curlin	4/1.39	14/4.86	1/0.35	2/0.69	1/0.35	1/0.35	\$17,969,307 Rich Strike
10	Midnight Storm (2011) by Pioneerof the Nile	6/2.31	14/5.38	2/0.77	5/1.92	--/--	--/--	\$10,765,124 Great Escape
11	American Freedom (2013) by Pulpit	3/1.03	13/4.48	--/--	2/0.69	--/--	--/--	\$14,859,203 No Easy Days
12	Stanford (2012) by Malibu Moon	2/0.73	13/4.76	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	\$9,481,098 Man O Rose
13	Shaman Ghost (2012) by Ghostzapper	6/2.99	13/6.47	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	\$9,274,561 Ghost Hero
14	Divining Rod (2012) by Tapit	8/4	12/6	--/--	1/0.5	--/--	1/0.5	\$10,918,426 Precious Avary
15	Mohaymen (2013) by Tapit	5/2.86	11/6.29	4/2.29	4/2.29	1/0.57	3/1.71	\$11,833,174 Win for the Money

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Saturday, 6/20, Churchill Downs #9, post time: 10:11 p.m. EDT

CHICAGO S.-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Evanescence 	Munnings	Green Lantern Stables LLC	Kenneally	Saez	118
2	Eclatant	Into Mischief	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	123
3	Lotsandlotsofcandy	Twirling Candy	Jay Em Ess Stable	McGee	Bejarano	118
4	Zeitlos 	Curlin	Peter Leidel	Asmussen	Hernandez, Jr.	118
5	Usha	Tiz the Law	Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Prat	120
6	Beauty Reigns	Into Mischief	Tranquility Lake Farms LLC	Mott	Alvarado	118
7	Queen's Martini 	Mucho Macho Man	Fleur De Lis Stables	Moquett	Rosario	118
8	Foie Gras 	Volatile	Paradise Farms Corp., P Shooter Stable & Emcee Stable LLC	Maker	Santana, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Stud TNT, LLC, 2-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 3-Samantha Siegel, 4-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 5-Esler & Raine, 6-Wygod Equine, LLC, 7-Mucho Macho Man Syndicate & Kari Provost, 8-E. H. Beau Lane

The Chicago Stakes winner **Eclatant** (Into Mischief) has improved by leaps and bounds as a 4-year-old for trainer Brad Cox and is now among the fastest sprinting fillies in the country. As long as she runs back to her last two races, this should be no contest. **Usha** (**Tiz the Law**) is coming off a game win in the GIII Winning Colors Stakes and ran lights out at this distance in the GI La Brea Stakes. Just isn't fast enough to beat the top pick. **Foie Gras** (**Volatile**) missed by just a neck in the Winning Colors. Should fire again. --Bill Finley



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Saturday, 6/20, Thistledown #12, post time: 6:20 p.m. EDT

OHIO DERBY-GIII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Chad Allan	Union Rags	Gentry Farms	Young	Chavez	126
2	Robusta	Accelerate	Calumet Farm	O'Neill	Jaramillo	126
3	Chip Honcho	Connect	Leland Acklerley Racing, LLC, Sherwood, James, Jode Shupe and Cilia, John	Asmussen	Ortiz	126
4	Trendsetter 🌿	Modernist	Davant Latham	Colebrook	Kimura	126
5	Ocelli	Connect	Durr, Ashley, Tate, Anthony and Front Page Equestrian, LLC	Beckman	Gaffalione	126
6	Zihnal	Quality Road	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Esquivel	126
7	Bull by the Horns 🌿	Essential Quality	Peachtree Stable and Corrado, Mark	Joseph, Jr.	Husbands	126
8	Desert Gate 🌿	Omaha Beach	Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Prat	126
9	Jupiter 🌿	Upstart	Rivera Racing Stables, LLC.	Rivera	Diaz	126
10	Albus 🌿	Yaupon	Pin Oak Stud LLC	Mott	Torres	126

Breeders: 1-Gentry Farms, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Venneri Racing Inc. & Tony Fanticola, 4-Circle B Family Farm, 5-Rosedown Racing Stables, LLC, 6-George Strawbridge Jr., 7-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables, 8-Twin Oaks Bloodstock, 9-David Schwartz, 10-Susan Casner

Bob Baffert resisted the temptation to run **Desert Gate** (Omaha Beach) in the Triple Crown races and it has paid off. Even though the horse beat lesser in the Hot Springs Stakes and the Texas Derby, he's in terrific form and is earning the sort of Beyer numbers that make him the fastest horse in this race. On top of that, he looks like the main speed in the race. **Ocelli** (Connect), the sport's best maiden, will try again in graded stakes company. Third in the GI Kentucky Derby and fourth in the GI Preakness Stakes, he's got plenty of ability. The question for him will be will he get the kind of pace set up that he needs? **Trendsetter** (**Modernist**) has improved since returning to the dirt. Has a chance for a share. --Bill Finley



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WELL-BRED DAUGHTER OF CURLIN SET FOR HER FIRST START AT LOS ALAMITOS

5th-LRC, \$50K, Msw, 3yo/up, f&m, 6 1/2f, 6:03 p.m. ET.

RABEEBA (**Curlin**) gets unveiled for owner Michael Lund Petersen and trainer Bob Baffert. A \$750,000 Keeneland September grad, the 3-year-old filly has a younger full-brother in-training named Stone Aged who Juddmonte purchased for \$450,000 during the 2026 OBS Spring Sale. The siblings' dam is Arthur Hancock mare MSP Chatham (Maria's Mon). Out of her 10 foals to race, she has eight winners, including current sire Air Force Blue (by **War Front**). Rabeeba's extended female family includes MSW Shea D Summer (Summer Front) and GSW Trophy Chaser (**Twirling Candy**). **TJCIS PPS**

5th-BAQ, \$85K, Msw, 3yo/up, 1m, 3:07 p.m. ET.

Peter Brant bought Dunbar Road (**Quality Road**) for \$350,000 at the 2017 Keeneland September Sale and under the care of Chad Brown she won the GI Alabama Stakes. Once her racing days were over, Dunbar Road produced her first foal, **Collado Hueco** (Into Mischief), who makes his first start at the soon-to-be shuttered Big A. The 3-year-old colt has a 2-year-old full-sister in-training named Benediction. Down the colt's page we find MSW Secret Someone (A.P. Indy) and MGSW Private Mission (Into Mischief). **TJCIS PPS**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Belmont The Big A, \$85,360, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 6-18, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:36.38, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

CONCURRENTLY (f, 3, American Pharoah--Dreamcall {SW & GSP, \$307,364}, by Midnight Lute) missed by a nose going a mile in her second start at Aqueduct in late September, then broke her maiden at course and distance in early November. The filly, who hit the board in the GII Demoiselle Stakes Dec. 6, came off the bench as the 4-5 favorite here. Squeezed at the break, the 3-year-old was able to remain in the thick of the action up the backstretch and around the far turn. The Chad Brown trainee needed a way through by the top of the lane. When the chance came inside the final furlong, Concurrently fired on all cylinders, cruised the front and won by 2 1/4 lengths over Krissys Star (Authentic). The winner's dam is responsible for a 2-year-old colt named Regal Risk (Jackie's Warrior), who Don Adam bought for \$475,000 during Keeneland September, and a yearling colt by Taiba. A half-sister to SW Gangbuster (Langfuhr), Dreamcall was bred to **Gunita** for this past season. Concurrently's extended female family includes GI United Nations Stakes hero Hunter O'Riley (Tiz Wonderful) and GI Hollywood Starlet Stakes heroine Diplomat Lady (Forestry). Sales History: \$150,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSP, 5-2-1-1, \$142,750. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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MAIDEN WINNERS



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

1st-Churchill Downs, \$101,874, Msw, 6-18, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.22, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

RANDIE'S RASCAL (GB) (f, 2, Blue Point {Ire}--Foxy Rascal {Fr}, by Dabirsim {Fr}) faced males in both of her prior starts. The filly was third over the grass at Keeneland Apr. 23 and the runner-up on the Churchill Downs turf course May 21.

Facing the boys as a 3-1 shot here, the juvenile schooled her rivals by blazing a trail up the backstretch. Keeping to the task around the far turn, the bay set sail for home and proved best by 2 1/4 lengths. D J Stable's August (Into Mischief) served as the runner-up.

The winner is her dam's first registered foal. Last year, Foxy Rascal foaled a colt by Shaquille (GB), but she was not reported as bred for this past spring.

Randie's Rascal is part of an extended female family which includes French SW Une Pointure (Fr) (Dabirsim {Fr}) and G3 Albany Stakes winner Different League (Fr) (Dabirsim {Fr}). Sales History: 110,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$72,305. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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Randie's Rascal | Coady Media

2nd-Belmont The Big A, \$85,000, Msw, 6-18, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.02, fm, 1 length.

ARCTIC WOLF (c, 2, Frosted--Firewolves, by Practical Joke) served as the 2-1 choice in what was his unveiling here. The chalk took control from a longshot towards the end of the backstretch and motored on the engine around the far turn. The juvenile was chased down the lane, but no one could get to him in the end as he graduated by a length over fellow first-timer River of Deceit (**Hard Spun**) was the runner-up. Arctic Wolf is the first and only registered foal for Firewolves, who was bred to both **Timberlake** and **Tapit Trice**. The winner's extended female family includes Canadian GSW Creed's Gold (Jimmy Creed) and GSW Jeltrin (Tapizar). Sales History: \$19,000 Ylg '25 KEEJAN; \$47,000 Ylg '25 OBSOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$46,750.

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O-Dew Sweepers; B-Flying B Ranch Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Philip Antonacci.



Arctic Wolf | Coglianese

4th-Belmont The Big A, \$85,000, (S), Msw, 6-18, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:07.01, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

TIARA (f, 2, Vekoma--Elegant Curl, by Curlin), who was backed as a 7-1 shot for her debut from the rail here, fended off a pair of pursuers who dogged her track through the far turn. The filly was tough as nails though and she entered the lane with a new gear at her disposal.

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Tiara | Coglianese

Fighting to get to the wire, the 2-year-old sealed the deal with 2 3/4 lengths to spare over J'ray's Jewel (**Oscar Performance**). The winner's dam is responsible for a yearling colt by **McKinzie** and she was bred back to Vekoma for this past term. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$46,750. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-R. A. Hill Stable and Gargan, Danny; B/T-Danny Gargan (NY).

1st-Belmont The Big A, \$82,450, Msw, 6-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:35.70, ft, 2 lengths.

LONG TERM MARKET (f, 3, McKinzie--Minetta, by Khozan) was the runner-up on debut during the Belmont At The Big A May 14. Made the 1-1 second choice here, the filly tracked to the outside up the backstretch of \$1.2-million Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling Sale grad & favorite Phantom Blue (Ghostzapper). Long Term Market pulled even with her target by the quarter pole, cleared inside the final furlong and won by two lengths. Her dam's first foal, the winner has a 2-year-old half-sister in-training named Aminetta (**Twirling Candy**) and a yearling half-sister by **Dr. Schivel**. A \$70,000 purchase by MKW Investments during the 2022 Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale, Minetta was entered in **Annapolis's** book for this past spring and she is a half-sister to MGSW Warrior's Charge (**Munnings**). Sales History: \$100,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$63,750.

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4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw, 6-18, 3yo, f, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:41.48, ft, 10 3/4 lengths.

FASHION DESIGNER (f, 3, Into Mischief--Beach Walk, by Distorted Humor) made three attempts to break her maiden starting at Ellis Park last August with her best result coming when second at Churchill Downs in late September. Heading to the sidelines in the late fall, the Brad Cox trainee was entered as a 'Main Track Only' participant here and drew in when the race was taken off the grass. The 4-5 choice looked bullish when she took the lead around the first turn under what was a snug hold. Finally let loose around the far turn, Fashion Designer rolled out her complete line and walked the runway like a girl boss. Outro (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) was 10 3/4 lengths behind her. The winner is a full-sister to current sire **Life Is Good**, Hwt. Older Horse-UAE- at 9 1/2 - 11 f., MGISW, \$4,541,700 and a half-sister to Most Wanted (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), GSW, \$988,893. Beach Walk handed the winner a full-sister named Solana Beach, who is an unraced 2-year-old in-training, and she foaled a filly by **Gun Runner** last year. Fashion Designer's second dam is MGISP Bonnie Blue Flag (Mineshaft), who has as half-sisters MGISW Diamondrella (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) and SW Highest Honors (**Tapit**). Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$55,967. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

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



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1st-Hawthorne, \$30,000, Msw, 6-18, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52.23, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.

CRUISIN IN HARMONY (f, 2, Catalina Cruiser--Woodland Harmony, by Forestry) made her first start as an 8-1 shot here. The hooded filly moved quickly to race in second behind favorite Liams Fancy (**Liam's Map**) towards the end of the backstretch.

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Though she drifted out wide entering the top of the lane, the 2-year-old cranked up the pressure and went on to score by 5 3/4 lengths over the chalk. Out of an extended female family which includes GISW La Coronel (Colonel John), Woodland Harmony foaled a filly by **Timberlake** May 15. Sales History: \$6,000 Ylg '25 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Hanshin and Hakodate Racecourses:



The debuting Gun Finger, pictured here alongside his dam four weeks after being born at Margaux Farm | Sara Gordon

Saturday, June 20, 2026

5th-Hanshin, ¥14,880,000 (\$92k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1400mT
LUZ SOLAR (JPN) (c, 2, Karakontie {Jpn}--Light of My Eyes {Ire}, by Frankel {GB}) is set to become just the second Japanese runner for his Gainesway-based stallion, whose dam is a daughter of the legendary Sunday Silence. A \$325,000 Keeneland November acquisition by Shadai Farm in 2023, Light of My Eyes is a daughter of Niarchos Family champion Divine Proportions (Kingmambo), a dual French Classic winner in 2005,

whose five winners include G3 Prix Eclipse scorer Eightfold Path (Giant's Causeway). Divine Proportion's close relative Whipper (Miesque's Son) was a three-time Group 1 winner in France. *O-Shadai Race Horse Co Ltd; B-Shadai Corporation Inc; T-Tatsuya Yoshioka*

Sunday, June 21, 2026

3rd-Hanshin, ¥11,050,000 (\$68k), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m

KHAFRA (c, 3, American Pharoah--Ononimo, by Hard Spun) is the first foal out of an unplaced daughter of SP Oatsee (Unbridled), the dam of Shackelford (Forestry), whose three Grade I tallies include the 2011 Preakness Stakes; GI Alabama Stakes heroine Lady Joanne (Orientate); treble Grade III victress Baghdaria (Royal Academy); MGSW Afleeting Lady (Afleet Alex); and SW & GSP Stephanoatsee (A.P. Indy). Ononimo was bought back on a bid of \$270,000 with this colt in utero at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. *O/B-Hiroo Race Co Ltd (KY); T-Yoshito Yahagi*

5th-Hanshin, ¥14,880,000 (\$92k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1600mT

BAKUSO SHACHO (c, 2, Charlatan--Wind and Hope, by Tapit) cost Hideyuki Mori \$150,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale and there is plenty of turf in the female family to recommend him. The Apr. 28 foal's second dam, Wait Til Dawn (Giant's Causeway), took the Suncoast Stakes on the main track, but is a full-sister to GIII Virginia Oaks winner Excited. The latter produced the versatile Thrilled (Uncle Mo), a stakes winner and Grade II-placed on the dirt, but also second in the GIII Miss Grillo Stakes on the grass. This is also the family of Spain, GSW turfers Puerto Banus and Fantastic Spain and Japanese G1SP Cravache d'Or (Jpn). *O-Miki House H K Service Co Ltd; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori*

6th-Hakodate, ¥11,050,000 (\$68k), Maiden, 3yo, 1700m

GUADAGNINI (f, 3, Upstart--Great Family, by Harlan's Holiday), a \$170,000 Keeneland September buyback turned \$375,000 OBS March breezer, is a half-sister to SW Backtohisroots (Mark Valeski), multiple Puerto Rican black-type winner Dona Mussetta (Haynesfield) and to the Grade III-placed dam of recent Monomoy Girl Stakes third Point of Reference (Upstart). Great Family is herself a half-sister to Grade I winner Cash Included (Include), a \$650,000 purchase by Shadai out of the 2007 Fasig-Tipton November Sale and dam of six winners in Japan. *O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Brereton C Jones (KY); T-Yuichiro Nishida*

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GUN FINGER (c, 3, **Curlin--Daddy Is a Legend, by Scat Daddy)** is the first foal from his dam, a 'TDN Rising Star presented by Hagyard', who was a Grade III winner at two and three and twice placed in the GI Just a Game Stakes. Trainer Mits Nakauchida signed the ticket on behalf of Susumu Fujita for the Jan. 20 foal at Keeneland September, going to \$550,000. O-*Susumu Fujita*; B-*Jim & Susan Hill (KY)*; T-*Mitsu Nakauchida*

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IN BRITAIN:

Nola Soul, c, 2, **Justify.** See "Royal Ascot".

Scandinavia, c, 4, **Justify.** See "Royal Ascot".



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JUNE 19

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Corniche (Quality Road), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000
109 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Prairie Meadows, 7:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Prairie Avenue, 7-2
\$4,000 FTK OCT yrl

Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
136 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Belmontthe Big A, 1:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Freedom Charge, 3-1
\$145,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$250,000 KEE SEP yrl

Nashville (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$12,500
140 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-Belmontthe Big A, 1:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Georgie's Warrior, 9-2
\$215,000 SAR AUG yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JUNE 19

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Beau Liam (Liam's Map), Airdrie Stud, \$7,500
144 foals of racing age/35 winners/4 black-type winners
5-Churchill Downs, 2:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, King Crusher, 12-1
\$50,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Yaupon (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$60,000
324 foals of racing age/53 winners/11 black-type winners
5-Los Alamitos, 6:03 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Mi Flecha, 30-1
\$15,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$80,000 RNA CTB AJA yrl



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

1st-Woodbine, C\$52,870, Ocl (NW3L)/Opt. Clm (\$28,368), 6-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (AWT) (off turf), 1:23.77, ft, 1/2 length.

REGAL MOMENT (f, 4, Point of Entry--Regal Conqueror {MSW, \$222,875}, by Sky Conqueror) Lifetime Record: SP-Can, 10-3-3-1, \$108,693. O-Scott, Anne and William J.; B-JWS Farms (ON); T-Stuart C. Simon. *1/2 to English Conqueror (English Channel), MGSP-Can, GSP-USA, \$482,291.

8th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$42,440, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:44.70, sy, 11 1/2 lengths.

WATCHER (m, 5, Tapiture--Cadillac Kelly, by El Prado {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 23-7-4-5, \$199,050. O-Final Furlong Stables, LLC; B-Randy Haffner (IN); T-Aaron M. West.

5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$40,200, (S), 6-18, (NW2X),
3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:42.33, ft, 3 lengths.

HOOSIER PROMISE (f, 4, Mitole--Ghoststone, by Ghostzapper)
Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-4, \$99,760. O-Richard Perkins; B-Swifty
Farms Inc. (IN); T-Anthony J. Granitz. *\$57,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT.



7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$32,670, 6-17, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m,
6f (AWT), 1:09.63, ft, 1 length.

VALIANT VICTORIA (m, 6, Valiant Minister--Sweet Talkin Lady,
by Colony Light) Lifetime Record: 24-7-5-4, \$105,767. O-Aldana
Gonzalez Racing LLC and Thompson, Kathy; B-J D Farms (FL);
T-Aldana Spieth. *\$8,500 RNA Ylg '21 OBSOCT; \$5,000 3yo '23
OBSWIN.

7th-Fair Meadows, \$17,000, (S), 6-17, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f,
1:21.34, ft, 3/4 length.

RED MOUNTAIN (g, 5, Sky Mesa--Deputy's Whirl, by Deputy
Slew) Lifetime Record: SW, 30-6-4-4, \$151,617. O-Kevin
Alvarez-Reyes; B-Save Martin (OK); T-Mike Abney.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tarzana, f, 3, Street Boss--Glittering Jewel, by Bernardini.
Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-18, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:42.35.
Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$23,360. B-Godolphin (KY). *1/2 to
Encino (Nyquist), GSW, \$810,210.

Awesome Beat, g, 4, Point of Entry--Awesome Magnolia, by
Awesome Again. Woodbine, 6-18, (C), 7f (AWT) (off turf),
1:24.19. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-3, \$75,280. B-Adena Springs
(ON).

Artella, f, 4, Thousand Words--Zuzanna (GSW, \$272,096), by
Wilburn. Hawthorne, 6-18, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.51. Lifetime
Record: 4-1-0-0, \$19,084. B-Dreamfields Farm (KY). *\$37,000
RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR.

Urgent Action, g, 5, Oscar Performance--Rally Catcher, by
Greenwood Lake. Hawthorne, 6-18, (S), 1m 70y (off turf),
1:44.50. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$22,200. B-Team Block (IL).
*1/2 to Embarrassing (Fort Prado), SW, \$153,967.

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Long Term Market (by McKinzie) wins the Big A opener
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by Dabirsim (Fr). MSW, 6-18, Churchill Downs
Catalina Cruiser, Cruisin in Harmony, f, 2, o/o Woodland
Harmony, by Forestry. MSW, 6-18, Hawthorne
Frosted, Arctic Wolf, c, 2, o/o Firewolves, by **Practical Joke**.
MSW, 6-18, Belmont The Big A
Into Mischief, Fashion Designer, f, 3, o/o Beach Walk, by
Distorted Humor. MSW, 6-18, Horseshoe Indianapolis
McKinzie, Long Term Market, f, 3, o/o Minetta, by Khozan.
MSW, 6-18, Belmont The Big A
Mitole, Hoosier Promise, f, 4, o/o Ghoststone, by Ghostzapper.
ALW, 6-18, Horseshoe Indianapolis
Oscar Performance, Urgent Action, g, 5, o/o Rally Catcher, by
Greenwood Lake. MSW, 6-18, Hawthorne
Point of Entry, Awesome Beat, g, 4, o/o Awesome Magnolia, by
Awesome Again. MOC, 6-18, Woodbine
Point of Entry, Regal Moment, f, 4, o/o Regal Conqueror, by Sky
Conqueror. OCL, 6-18, Woodbine
Sky Mesa, Red Mountain, g, 5, o/o Deputy's Whirl, by Deputy
Slew. ALW, 6-17, Fair Meadows
Street Boss, Tarzana, f, 3, o/o Glittering Jewel, by Bernardini.
MSW, 6-18, Horseshoe Indianapolis
Tapiture, Watcher, m, 5, o/o Cadillac Kelly, by El Prado (Ire).
AOC, 6-17, Horseshoe Indianapolis
Thousand Words, Artella, f, 4, o/o Zuzanna, by Wilburn. MSW,
6-18, Hawthorne
Valiant Minister, Valiant Victoria, m, 6, o/o Sweet Talkin Lady,
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ROYAL CENTURY FOR O'BRIEN AS SCANDINAVIA STRIKES GOLD IN EPIC



Scandinavia outbattles Trawlerman (right) | Mathea Kelley

by Tom Frary

In one of the very finest of Gold Cups, **Scandinavia** (Justify) ousted **Trawlerman** (Golden Horn) to provide a fitting crowning moment for Aidan O'Brien as the Ballydoyle maestro reached 100 Royal Ascot winners.

Coming of age in the race that draws unusual sentiment, the 11-8 favourite needed every yard of the two-and-a-half mile trip to wear down the Gosdens' gallant title-holder and for most of it looked unlikely to do so. But, with Ryan Moore at his formidable best, Scandinavia got it done very late to add suitable drama and gravitas to his handler's momentous landmark.

Typically, O'Brien was deflecting praise elsewhere in the aftermath. "This is a very special day for myself and everybody in Ballydoyle. There are so many people involved to help a horse get this far," he said, struggling to comprehend the historic achievement. "It's just incredible really. It is something that we wouldn't dream of thinking about, because for that to happen you could not believe. Even this week, it's literally one race at a time and you don't even think what it could be or whether it could happen because it's so competitive, so hard to win races here." **Cont. p3**

FIVE THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR AT ROYAL ASCOT ON FRIDAY

By Brian Sheerin

Another absorbing day of action can be expected at Royal Ascot on Friday where the big match-up between Guineas winners True Love and Precise in the Coronation Stakes takes centre stage. Here are five things to look out for on Friday.

Donnacha O'Brien Has Big Chance Of Joining Aidan And Joseph On Scoresheet

One of the stories of the week has been the red-hot form of Aidan and Joseph O'Brien respectively. Donnacha could well join his father and brother on the scoresheet for the week on Friday given he has a host of big chances throughout the card. Breeders' Cup heroine Balantina (Ten Sovereigns) makes her seasonal return in the Coronation Stakes while Havana Anna (Havana Grey) brings some of the strongest form to the table in the Commonwealth Cup. Meanwhile, Glyfada (Camelot) and Spinning Around (Australia) make up a two-pronged attack on the Sandringham Handicap for a young trainer who also has speedball Comanche Brave (Wootton Bassett) to look forward to in Saturday's Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes. The depth of talent within those three stables really is frightening. **Cont. p18**



Balantina: one of a number of good chances for Donnacha O'Brien on Friday | Horsephotos

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Flaxman Stables' homebred Enceladus (*Sea The Stars*) delivered in the King George V Handicap (Heritage Handicap) on Thursday. | Megan Rose Photography

7 | HUNDRED UP: O'BRIEN REACHES ROYAL ASCOT MILESTONE

Trainer Aidan O'Brien reached a historic milestone at Royal Ascot on Thursday when Scandinavia (*Justify*) won the G1 Gold Cup, his 100th winner at the meeting. Emma Berry has more.

13 | NOLA SOUL PART OF JUSTIFY ROYAL ASCOT DOUBLE

The *Justify* colt won the Listed Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot.

14 | BERNICK CELEBRATES FIRST ROYAL ASCOT WINNER

Brian Sheerin chats with Glen Hill Farm's Craig Bernick on his first Royal Ascot winner, Nola Soul (*Justify*).

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G1 Gold Cup Cont. from p1

This was a home straight battle that will be reflected upon for many years, much like the renowned 1975 Grundy-Bustino King George fight or the Le Moss-Ardross encounters of 1980. At the culmination of the marathon and its climactic finale, last year's St Leger hero had a head to spare over Godolphin's warrior supreme, with a yawning nine-length gap back to **Sweet William** ([Sea The Stars](#)) in third.

At the other end of the spectrum, it could have been the raw two-year-old Aix La Chapelle who gave O'Brien his big moment in the opener so maybe it was a case of fate playing its hand as the colt was withdrawn at the start. That left the trainer's inevitable milestone delayed to this race, which he has made his own more than any other of the features at the meeting with his specialist tendency to turn middle-distance heavyweights into staying powerhouses.

"It is an honour and a privilege for me to be involved with the team and be the small part that I am with everybody," he added. "The reality is everyone puts in the work, we watch it going on and I can't tell you how grateful we are to everybody. We love the competitive nature of everything and we like everybody to build up the race, because that's what everyone has to feel. When he went to the front, the sound of the crowd went up—I was very surprised at that and the noise got louder and louder and that's what it's all about. What can I say? It was just an incredible feeling."

"We know when we go to bed tonight that tomorrow is another day and what happened yesterday is not going to be any good to us going forward, but we try not to get complacent in any way. We always think forward and don't think back no matter what. We will make sure to appreciate and celebrate this and then look forward to tomorrow." [Cont. p4](#)

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G1 Gold Cup Cont.

To provide the cherry on top of the cake, this was also the trainer's 10th Gold Cup and Moore, who was enjoying a fifth, was doing his own deflecting afterwards. "Aidan had him in a great place. He identifies these horses and brings them here absolutely jumping out of their skin and I'm lucky to ride them," he said. "The answer with Aidan is he won't care, he'll probably be thinking about the next 100, that's what separates him."

While Trawlerman, who is twice the age of the winner, was always going to be a tough nut to crack in the race he was threatening to make his own following the retirement of Kyprios, Moore was always happy he was going to prevail.

"He should have won easier! Oisin [Murphy] came up around me early and took me out of the race and I've had to work to get to Trawlerman," he explained. "I thought I had it and then had to

go again and Trawlerman is a brave horse and kept coming, but Scandinavia keeps finding a way to win."

Like Stradivarius, Scandinavia is already a Goodwood Cup winner before conquering this but with the Doncaster Classic

also in the bag is a rarity who could dominate for years to come. Now that this monster distance has been conquered, O'Brien was able to reflect on the blueblood's feat. "You don't know until you go past that two-furlong marker what's really going to happen, but we felt he was very brave," he said. "He always showed that in every race--he's relentless, he cruises."

"Ryan was incredible on him--he nursed him and nursed him and got him into a position where he wanted him for one

last surge," the Ballydoyle handler added. "He had to manoeuvre around and, at the same time he minded him and didn't waste any gas." [Cont. p6](#)



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He added, "I don't think anyone else could have done what he did, but we know that about Ryan day-in day-out. We knew the second horse was a great horse and very brave and Scandinavia is only a baby stayer. It is tough on a young horse, but he is an incredible horse."

"It has always been an incredibly special race for the lads, as horses have to have class. He is by **Justify** and we think **Justify** is going to change the world," he concluded. "They are unique. They are just a bit quicker than Galileos. We think, and hope, he is going to be the way forward for us."

John Gosden is a fan of the sport as well as a trainer and was able to pay tribute to the stirring finale as well as be magnanimous in defeat. "It was the most exciting race to watch, a phenomenal finish between two magnificent stayers," he said. "The staying division, when

it's like that, is beyond exciting."

"To do that as an eight-year-old off no prep race and limited preparation time-wise, it was an unbelievable run," he added.

"He just got caught in the last 10 yards--just there, the lack of a prep run cost him. Going a mile and a quarter on the July Course is not the same as having a two-mile prep run around Sandown, I can tell you!"

"Trawlerman is like his father, Golden Horn, he has that kind of guts and courage. In the last 20 yards, he had given all and then he had the lead and then it went back again. You can have nothing but enormous pride. It is great work by all the team, both the vets and all at Clarehaven, to produce him like this for the day. It's an honour to be around a horse like that. A phenomenal race--this is what racing needs

and it's great for the crowd."



King Charles III, Queen Camilla and the connections of Scandinavia
Mathea Kelley

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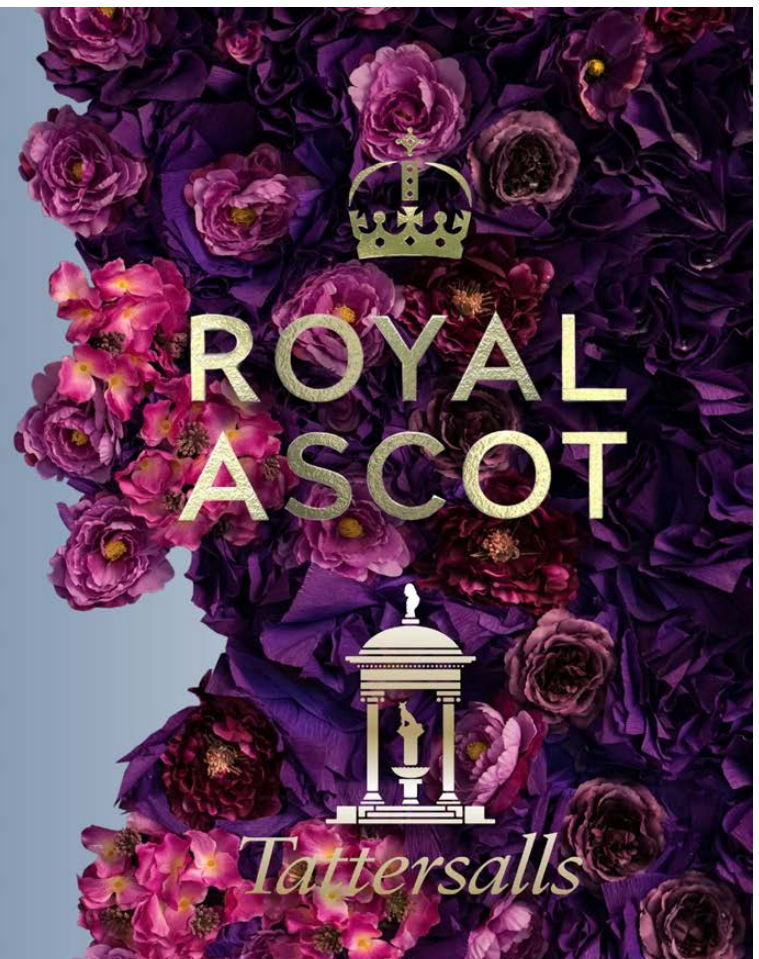
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EARTH SHOT

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G1 Gold Cup Cont.

Of Trawlerman's well-documented sight issues, Gosden added, "Having been sick, having looked like he would never race again, it's quite extraordinary. We thought, 'What are we going to do with him?' He was in agony at Easter, we were unable to train him, so we left him alone and only managed to train him in the last short period of time. He was in some pain with the eye trouble, but these goggles have helped and the vets have done a brilliant job."

Pedigree Notes

Scandinavia is the sixth foal out of the unraced Fabulous (Galileo), a daughter of the renowned Mariah's Storm (Rahy) and it is fair to say that he was channelling his inner Giant's Causeway here as he won with clear echoes of his relative the *Iron Horse*.

Mariah's Storm's other Storm Cat of note was the Cherry Hinton winner You're so thrilling, who was to establish herself as one of Coolmore's leading broodmares.

Producing top-class progeny of Galileo year upon year, she was responsible for the Classic winners *Gleneagles*, *Marvellous* and *Joan Of Arc*, as well as the fellow Group 1 performers *Happily*, *Taj Mahal*, *Coolmore* and *Toy*. Mariah's Storm's Butterflies, who is also by Galileo, is responsible for *War Front's* Balanchine Stakes runner-up *Yet* who showcases the versatility of this illustrious family as the dam of the yard's sensation *Albert Einstein* (Wootton Bassett) who goes to post in the big sprint on Friday.

Also connected to Galileo's Irish Champion-winning sire Decorated Knight, Fabulous already had a Group 1 winner to her name in *Above The Curve* (*American Pharoah*) who took the Prix

Saint-Alary before it was demoted. Also responsible for another smart daughter of *American Pharoah* in the dual Group 3-placed *Thinking Of You*, she has the two-year-old colt *Charleston* (*No Nay Never*), a yearling daughter of *Siyouni* and a filly foal by Wootton Bassett.

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Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain

GOLD CUP-G1, £700,000, Ascot, 6-18, 4yo/up, 19f 210yT, 4:18.53, g/f.

1--**SCANDINAVIA**, 129, c, 4, by **Justify**

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

2nd Dam: **Mariah's Storm**, by **Rahy**

3rd Dam: **Immense**, by **Roberto**

O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (KY); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. £396,970. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ire, 11-7-1-1, \$1,705,104. *1/2 to *Above The Curve* (*American Pharoah*), G1SW-Fr, GSW & G1SP-Ire, G1SP-Eng; and *Thinking Of You* (*American Pharoah*), MGSP-Ire. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.**

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2--**Trawlerman (Ire)**, 130, g, 8, *Golden Horn* (GB)--*Tidespring* (Ire), by *Monsun* (Ger). O/B-Godolphin; T-John & Thady Gosden. £150,500.

3--**Sweet William (Ire)**, 130, g, 7, *Sea The Stars* (Ire)--*Gale Force* (GB), by *Shirocco* (Ger). O/B-Normandie Stud Ltd; T-John & Thady Gosden. £75,320.

Margins: HD, 9, 1HF. Odds: 1.38, 3.33, 11.00.

Also Ran: *Al Riffa* (Fr), *Miss Alpilles* (GB), *Carmers* (Ire), *Al Nayyir* (GB), *Rahiebb* (GB), *Dubai Future* (GB), *Furthur* (Ire), *Caballo De Mar* (Ire).



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HUNDRED UP: O'BRIEN RAISES HIS BAT IN GOLD CUP FOR THE AGES

By Emma Berry

The King must by now be on pretty friendly terms with Aidan O'Brien, the trainer who has spent more time than any in his counting house. On Tuesday he handed him the trainer's prize for the five-furlong sprint named in His Majesty's honour and 48 hours later another was dished out for the longest Group 1 race run in Britain.

The Gold Cup, with its 219-year history, is also one of the most cherished races of the week. In these eyes it ranks above all others, and a huge portion of the noticeably larger crowd on course for what was the original Ladies' Day appeared to agree, for they were in full cry before the field had even rounded the turn for home.

It is fair to imagine that many would have been cheering for last year's winner Trawlerman, the kind of stayer who makes your heart burst with his no-nonsense genuineness. Calling to mind another favourite of old, he has that Persian Punch way of

going: jump, grab the front rank and crank up the pressure while daring those behind to come and have a go if they think they're hard enough. One horse was.

Scandinavia, a colt half Trawlerman's age, with 11 skirmishes in the book to Trawlerman's 24, is the coming force in the staying ranks.

He is the winner of the 2026 Gold Cup - it likely won't be his last - but it takes at least two horses to make a horse race. Trawlerman, begoggled in the preliminaries in an attempt not to exacerbate an aversion to

bright light which has dogged his spring, deserves equal credit in his narrowest of defeats. [Cont. p8](#)



Aidan O'Brien with Scandinavia, his 100th winner at Royal Ascot

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Scandinavia's win, however, was seismic not just in terms of the thrill the tussle gave those on course but for it bringing up the remarkable Royal Ascot landmark of a century of winners for Aidan O'Brien. Ten per cent of those have come in the Gold Cup, first with the record-breaking four-time winner Yeats, who was followed by Fame And Glory, Leading Light, Order Of St George, Kyprios twice, and now Scandinavia. The trainer's four winners this week, however, speak to his range. A two-year-old filly over the minimum trip through to a progressive older stayer - then throw in pretty much everything in between during a season in which he has already claimed seven Classics across Britain, Ireland and France.

Ask O'Brien a question following any of his big wins and he routinely namecheck the vast team behind him, and every

member - from the tight-knit bunch of owner-breeders to the farrier whose name we now know is Kieran (or perhaps Ciaran) - is undoubtedly important. But what about O'Brien himself?

Never really in danger of being overshadowed this week, except perhaps by his own son, Joseph, he must still feel the pressure under the spotlight at such a meeting.

"There is pressure. It really is all the time," said his wife Annemarie in the aftermath of the Gold Cup. "Sometimes things don't happen, but then what you've done earlier doesn't really matter. Each new race is a whole other thing."

It is indeed important to keep a sense of perspective, though the first-race scratching of O'Brien's favourite Aix La Chapelle, who reared in the

stalls for the Chesham, appeared to leave his jockey Ryan Moore distinctly unimpressed at being withdrawn.



Aidan O'Brien & Ryan Moore | Megan Rose Photography

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One **Justify** colt was out, clearing the way for another, Nola Soul, to become a popular winner for Fozzy Stack and Craig Bernick when chased home in the Chesham by yet another son of **Justify**, On Just Terms. The American Triple Crown-winning stallion still had another ace up his sleeve, however, and that was played to perfection via Scandinavia.

Assessing a red-latter day for the Coolmore team, MV Magnier said, "I know what this means to Dad, these **Justify** winners. He had first and second in the Chesham, and then to go and have a Gold Cup winner. In fairness to Michael [Tabor] and Derrick [Smith] and everyone, they've put so much faith into **Justify**, and for him to be able to do both of those within an hour is pretty incredible."

He continued, "It's a big deal to everyone. Aidan, is an incredible man. To get his 100 Royal Ascot winners in the Gold

Cup is pretty special.

"He's a very nice guy, and he's obviously a very good breeder himself - we can all see what Joseph and Donnacha are doing. Aidan's just a down-to-earth good fellow, and he works very hard."



Tom & MV Magnier with Queen Camilla | Bronwen Healy

On the regard in which Royal Ascot is held, he added, "It's what everybody strives to do, is to have a winner here and meet the King and Queen. We're a very, very lucky industry to have the two of them showing as much interest as they do."

The double strike for **Justify** follows a double on the opening day for another son of Scat Daddy in **No Nay Never**, whose sons Great Barrier Reef and Mission Central won the Coventry Stakes and King Charles III Stakes.

"Scat Daddy, what he was doing was pretty incredible. Sadly we lost him very early - we lost him way too early," Magnier said. [Cont. p10](#)

A photograph of a dark-colored horse running on a green grassy field. The horse is in mid-stride, with its front legs extended forward and its hind legs pushing off. A cloud of dust or grass is kicked up behind its hind legs. The horse is wearing a green saddle cloth with the word 'GOFFS' in white. In the background, there is a white fence and some trees.

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He continued, "Then **Justify** came along, and Michael and Derrick were very keen on trying to buy him. It was a big gamble and thankfully it is paying off."

Following three days of the royal meeting, Aidan O'Brien is tied with his son Joseph in the trainer rankings on four wins and three seconds apiece, with the latter providing a popular homebred winner for Maria Niarchos when Enceladus (**Sea The Stars**) struck in the King George V Stakes.

William Haggas, Andrew Balding and George Boughey have two winners each. Haggas supplied Wathnan Racing with a second victory at this year's Royal Ascot in Earth Shot, whose purchase was completed just a week ago. The Anthony Oppenheimer-bred daughter of Time Test had been bought by Jill Lamb as a yearling on behalf of Paul and Sally Flatt of Childwickbury Stud, in whose colours she had impressed at both Newmarket and Goodwood this season.

It was thus bittersweet for the Flatts to watch their erstwhile filly post an impressive win in the Ribblesdale Stakes, but they were welcomed into the winner's circle by the Wathnan team.

"I'm just so pleased for everyone involved," said Sally Flatt. "She fought really hard. It wasn't an easy race for her, she was thrown out wide, but she's proved to everyone what a filly she is, which is what Jill and I have always believed from the word go. We'll be following her, absolutely. This is not the end - we'll be following her journey."

Wathnan Racing's Richard Brown added, "Most of the races that you're looking at where you might be able to buy something that could come and win at the royal meeting, [the deadline] is always tight. I've known Jill Lamb for a long time and she is thoroughly professional to deal with. And Paul and Sally Flatt, all credit to them - they're trying to build a broodmare band, and hopefully they can use the sales proceeds to go and buy some nice mares."

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Country:	Wins:
Ireland	15
Great Britain	4
U.S.	2

WATHNAN'S EARTH SHOT GETS UP LATE IN THE RIBBLESDALE by Tom Frary



Earth Shot (right) | Mathea Kelley

By Thursday, it was taking almost a crowbar to deny Joseph O'Brien at Royal Ascot but luckily for Wathnan and James Doyle they had the equine equivalent as the operation's recent acquisition **Earth Shot** (Time Test) got up to deny the Owing Hill runner **Johanna Walsh** (**Sea The Stars**) late in a thrilling G2 Ribblesdale Stakes.

Rated highly from an early point by William Haggas, the bargain 90,000gns Tattersalls October Book 2 purchase who is a half-sister to Wednesday's Prince of Wales's pacemaker Devil's Advocate had been sold by Childwickbury Stud's Paul and Sally Flatt for considerably more after narrowly missing out to the subsequent Prix de Diane third Inis Mor in Goodwood's Height Of Fashion last month.

Needing to be nimble in a renewal in which Lady Roisia (**St Mark's Basilica**) stumbled and unseated Hector Crouch exiting the stalls and continued riderless among the group, the 4-1 second favourite who had been compromisingly wide on the home turn kept coming to overhaul Johanna Walsh close home and prevail by a head. **Gilded Prize** (**Frankel**) was a length away for Juddmonte, whose 13-8 favourite **Legacy Link** (Dubawi) was disappointing in seventh backing up from the Oaks.

"She's always been a beautiful filly and I thought she possibly should have won at Goodwood," Haggas said. "We always had hopes she would be good and, I guess, for a middle-distance filly, winning the Ribblesdale is second best to winning the Oaks--it's a hell of a prize to win."

Doyle was getting off the mark for the week and said, "When there's a loose horse involved, you're obviously hostage to fortune a bit but I found a lovely, relaxed rhythm--she is that way. She looks at things and takes it all in in a good way, so she saves plenty." [Cont. p11](#)



James Doyle & Earth Shot | Mathea Kelley

G2 Ribblesdale Stakes Cont.

Said Doyle, "When we got to the turn, she started to zoom into it really good and she really stuck her neck out."

"This is a meeting we always target and we know how important it is to have winners here, but we also know how humbling it can be," he added. "We've had lots of good chances over the past couple of days and fell a long way short, not just short, so it really does put manners on you and you really do have to take it in when you get a winner on the board here. You have to really enjoy it."

Joseph O'Brien said of Johanna Walsh, "It was a messy enough race with the loose horse, who probably interfered with us a bit but the winner was probably affected as much as we were. We are very proud of her run, delighted for Wells [Watson] who owns her and Andrew who bought her. Her best days are ahead of her."

Oisín Murphy said of Gilded Prize, "It was a super run. She got a lovely trip inside and it opened up nicely for her. It was a bit messy late on with the loose horse and Dylan's horse wandering about, but she had every chance."

Pedigree Notes

Earth Shot is the fourth foal out of the Bronte Cup winner and

Lancashire Oaks-placed Precious Ramotswe (Nathaniel), whose aforementioned son of Too Darn Hot, Devil's Advocate, is Listed-placed. She is a granddaughter of Rebecca Sharp (Machiavellian), who captured the Coronation Stakes here, while another family member is Frankel's Frankly Darling who won this in 2020 and went on to be third in the delayed Covid-19 Oaks.

Connected to the Derby and Arc-winning sire Golden Horn, Precious Ramotswe's two-year-old colt Sea Fortress (Sea The Stars) was a 400,000gns purchase by Stroud Coleman Bloodstock at Tattersalls October Book 1. She also has a full-sister to Devil's Advocate foaled this year.

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Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain

RIBBLESDALE STAKES-G2, £250,000, Ascot, 6-18, 3yo, f, 11f 211yT, 2:30.18, g/f.

1--**EARTH SHOT (IRE)**, 128, f, 3, by Time Test (GB)

1st Dam: Precious Ramotswe (GB) (GSW-Eng, \$118,998), by Nathaniel (Ire)

2nd Dam: Miss Pinkerton (GB), by Danehill

3rd Dam: Rebecca Sharp (GB), by Machiavellian

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (90,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT). O-Wathnan Racing; B-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd; T-William Haggas; J-James Doyle. £141,775. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$240,791. *1/2 to Devil's Advocate (GB) (Too Darn Hot {GB}), SP-Eng. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

2--**Johanna Walsh (Ire)**, 128, f, 3, **Sea The Stars (Ire)**--Miss Aiglonne (GB), by **Dawn Approach (Ire)**. **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€460,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY). O-Wells Watson; B-Sunderland Holding Inc; T-Joseph O'Brien. £53,750.

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3--**Gilded Prize (GB)**, 128, f, 3, **Frankel (GB)**--Grand Jete (GB), by Dansili (GB). **TDN Rising Star.** O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd; T-Francis-Henri Graffard. £26,900.

Margins: HD, 1, 2 3/4. Odds: 4.00, 9.00, 5.00.

Also Ran: Brilliant Star (GB), Composing (Ire), Warriors Whisper (Ire), Legacy Link (GB), Venetia (GB), Dark Lucinda (Ire), Golden Orbit (GB), Maldives (Ire). DNF: Lady Roisia (GB).

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DOUBLE FOR JAMES DOYLE AS GENERIC WINS THE HAMPTON COURT *by Tom Frary*



Generic | Mathea Kelley

One race after breaking his duck for the 2026 Royal Ascot meeting, James Doyle was riding the wave again as Jeff Smith's **Generic** (Kameko) brought up a quickfire double in the G3 Hampton Court Stakes.

Last seen finishing seven lengths adrift of **Constitution** River in Chester's Dee Stakes, the Andrew Balding-trained homebred stayed on best in a strongly-run renewal to deny Ballydoyle's 11-8 favourite **Endorsement** (Wootton Bassett) by a length at 18-1. The Hugo Palmer-trained **Glacius** (Too Darn Hot) was a head further back in third.

"There was a bit of a contest for the lead early and my only slight worry was getting daylight turning in, but he was very brave up to the line," Doyle said. "He's quite an exciting horse--he looked quite green and lost at Chester but kept going there and Oisin [Murphy] was very complimentary about him."

Balding added, "He probably was overpriced today. We thought we were in the mix, as it was a strong time at Chester. He was very difficult to train last year--he was quite heavy and had a few soundness issues, but he was gelded over the winter and it's made all the difference. I had put him in the handicap here on Saturday, but I just felt that this looked open enough and worth a go."

"I thought James gave him a peach of a ride and I'm really delighted for Jeff and thrilled as he's by Kameko who is so under-rated," he added. "This horse is very much like his dad. I think we have to let the dust settle now and look at our options, but I think this is the ideal trip and he's the type of horse who could go travelling, so we'll look at some nice international races."

Hugo Palmer was delighted that Glacius was beginning to show his true colours on his seasonal bow following a difficult spring.

"I think that, with a run, we would have won but he wasn't ready," he explained. "We've been waiting and waiting and waiting for this horse. I had a lot of belief in him. He was in the Guineas, he was in the Derby and had all those opportunities, but he wasn't there. He's only been there for the last three weeks. I hope that we can go on from here and have a fun season."

Pedigree Notes

Generic, who becomes the fourth Group winner for his sire, is out of Adalene (Makfi) who is also responsible for the Prix Cleopatre-placed Crohanne (Havana Gold). The second dam is the Group 3 winner Marine Bleue (Desert Prince), whose progeny list is headed by the dual Group 2 winner and Group 1-placed UAE runner Military Law (Dubawi) and the Listed scorer Marina Piccola (Halling).

The latter's sons of French Fifteen, French King and Mutabahi, scored at Group 1 and Group 3 level respectively while the family also includes the Falmouth heroine Nahoodh (Clodovil). Adalene's two-year-old filly Sally (Earthlight) was a €14,000 purchase by Razza Latina at the Goffs Autumn Horses-In-Training Sale, while she also has a yearling full-sister to Generic.

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Generic (right) | Mathea Kelley

Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain

HAMPTON COURT STAKES-G3, £175,000, Ascot, 6-18, 3yo, 9f 212yT, 2:04.94, g/f.

1--**GENERIC (IRE)**, 128, g, 3, by Kameko

1st Dam: Adalene (GB), by Makfi (GB)

2nd Dam: Marine Bleue (Ire), by Desert Prince (Ire)

3rd Dam: Mirina (Fr), by Pursuit Of Love (GB)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (€62,000 Wlg '23

GOFNOF). O-J C Smith; B-Adalene Partners; T-Andrew Balding; J-James Doyle. £99,243. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$171,834.

*1/2 to Crohanne (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}), GSP-Fr. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**, or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

2--**Endorsement (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Embellish (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Westerberg; B-Embellish Syndicate; T-Aidan O'Brien. £37,625.

3--**Glacijs (GB)**, 128, c, 3, Too Darn Hot (GB)--Predawn (Ire), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). O/B-Vefa Ibrahim Araci; T-Hugo Palmer. £18,830.

Margins: 1, HD, NO. Odds: 18.00, 1.38, 33.00.

Also Ran: Oceans Four (GB), Maho Bay (GB), Italy (GB), Mountain Cat (Ire), My Love Is King (GB), Morshdi (GB), Oxagon (Fr).

CRAIG BERNICK'S NOLA SOUL LEADS 1-2 FOR JUSTIFY IN THE CHESHAM

by Tom Frary

Justify had the favourite for Thursday's Listed Chesham Stakes Aix La Chapelle withdrawn at the start, but remarkably still filled the first two places with his sons **Nola Soul** and **On Just Terms**.

Bred by John Gunther, the Fozzy Stack-trained TDN Rising Star Nola Soul was always prominent under Seamie Heffernan and stayed on to gain the advantage approaching the furlong pole en route to a half-length verdict over the Joseph O'Brien-trained newcomer On Just Terms. **Aperoll** (Ghaiyyath) was a head back in third.

"From day one, he had the action of a good horse and I've loads of experience with the Justifys and know how to nurture them," Heffernan said of the 11-2 shot who had beaten Wednesday's Windsor Castle winner King Of Cloughan in the Leopardstown maiden won in recent times by Scorthy Champ.



Nola Soul prevails in the Chesham | Mathea Kelley



Nola Soul and his connections | Mathea Kelley

"The beauty is there's more to come. A lot of the Justifys have an engine and, once it's geared the right way, they're good."

"He always showed plenty. He is by the right stallion, with a big stride and big heart," he added. "When they give you the class feel from day one and they keep backing it up every week when you sit on them, it is usually a good sign. Big thumbs up to Craig--I think he picked him out himself and he sent him to Fozzy with a lot of confidence. We just kept agreeing that he is above where he should be. It is brilliant and I owe Craig a big thank you."

For Stack, this represented a landmark first Royal Ascot success in the race in which Thesecondadversary was second 12 months ago. "He's a lovely horse and we have a high opinion of him," he said. "Seamie has always loved him. He is a big strong galloper who can go fast for a long time. He is a January foal. I would say he would have no problem getting a mile and a quarter in time. I would hope he might turn up in a good race at the end of the year."

Dylan Browne McMonagle said of On Just Terms, who nearly emulated Holloway Boy in winning this on debut in 2022, "He was not the quickest away, but I just had to get him relaxed and find his feet in the first half. They went a nice even gallop, which gave me a chance to get into it. He came home well and hit the line good. He is one to look forward to."

Pat Dobbs said of Aperoll, "She over-raced a little bit for the first three furlongs. I am sure if she had settled, she probably would have won. She is not like that at home, so I do not know why she is like it at the racecourse--she just lights up a little bit."

Trainer Richard Hannon added, "You come to this place to see if you've got a good filly and the answer to that is a yes. If you come here and finish third and you're disappointed, then you're not in the real world! She is a filly for next year--she will be competitive at the top level, I would say." **Cont. p14**

Listed Chesham Stakes Cont.

Nola Soul is the second foal out of Sing Me Home (Muhaarar), a granddaughter of Marozia (Storm Bird) who produced a trio of sires. They are Bernardini's Travers and Cigar Mile hero Stay Thirsty and Fusaichi Pegasus's Belmont runner-up Andromeda's Hero and Champagne Stakes-placed Superfly. Marozia's other daughter producer of note is Without You Babe (Lemon Drop Kid), who was responsible for Speightstown's Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner Tamarkuz and **Frankel**'s St James's Palace Stakes-winning sire Without Parole. The latter's full-brother Rebel Red was also second in the Sword Dancer. Sing Me Home's yearling colt is by **Annapolis**, while she also has a filly foal by Yaupon.

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Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain

CHESHAM STAKES-Listed, £125,000, Ascot, 6-18, 2yo, 7fT, 1:26.85, g/f.

1--**NOLA SOUL, 131, c, 2, by Justify**

1st Dam: Sing Me Home (GB), by Muhaarar (GB)

2nd Dam: Smart Change, by Smart Strike

3rd Dam: Marozia, by Storm Bird

TDN Rising Star. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (\$220,000 Wlg '24 KEENOV). O-Craig Bernick; B-John D Gunther (KY); T-Fozzy Stack; J-Seamie Heffernan. £70,888. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$109,364.

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2--**On Just Terms, 131, c, 2, Justify--Elitiste (Ire)**, by Danehill Dancer (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (\$100,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP; 220,000gns 2yo '26 TATBRE). O-Gollan Racing/First Light Racing/Taylor; B-St Elias Stables LLC (KY); T-Joseph O'Brien. £26,875.

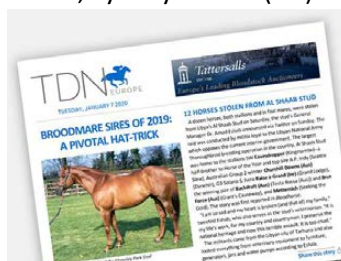
LANE'S END FOAL, RAISED & SOLD

Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock

3--**Aperoll (GB)**, 126, f, 2, Ghaaiyath (Ire)--Rue Cambon (Ire), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (62,000gns RNA Wlg '24 TADEWE; 80,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT). O-Mrs Johnny de la Hey; B-Plantation Stud; T-Richard Hannon. £13,450.

Margins: HF, HD, 3/4. Odds: 5.50, 28.00, 12.00.

Also Ran: South Dakota (Ire), Pikachu (GB), Sea Venture (Ire), Romanza (GB), Whispering Moon (GB), Revels (GB), Time For The Moon (GB), Celtic Charioteer (GB), Bayside (GB), Sword Salute, Sydney Carton (GB). Scratched: Aix La Chapelle.



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WHY BERNICK HAS HIS MOTHER TO THANK FOR FIRST ROYAL ASCOT SCORER NOLA SOUL *By Brian Sheerin*



Craig Bernick | Keeneland

It all began with a pretty innocuous suggestion. Little did Craig Bernick know at the time but his mother Carol's plan to go and try to buy some colts instead of concentrating solely on fillies at the breeding stock sales would bear fruit at Royal Ascot less than two years down the line.

But in Nola Soul, one of five colt foals that Bernick purchased in the winter of 2024, the family now has a potential stallion prospect on their hands after the son of **Justify** backed up his impressive Leopardstown success with victory in the Chesham Stakes.

Bernick couldn't be in attendance at Royal Ascot for the crowning of Nola Soul, who he purchased at Keeneland from Glenwood Farm for \$220,000. A long-planned family holiday meant that he watched his debut Royal Ascot winner from Colorado rather than the royal enclosure. But that didn't make the achievement any less special.

Explaining the backstory to the success, the successful owner-breeder, who operates from Glen Hill Farm, said, "It's an interesting one because my Mom, Carol, whose father Leonard Lavin started our farm, said to me that we needed to buy some colts a couple of years ago and she was absolutely right. So my trainer in America, Tom Proctor, and I picked out five foals at the sales and raised them in Ocala. Two of the five were by **Justify** and I just thought that Nola Soul looked the type who would do well in Europe."

He continued, "Tom was completely supportive of that. Fozzy had only ever had one other **Justify** for us and that was Aspen Grove, who won a Group race in Europe before coming over and winning her Grade I in the Belmont Oaks." **Cont. p15**

Craig Bernick/Nola Soul Cont.

He said, "I thought it made a lot of sense to send him over to Fozzy. He's a big horse but he's not weak - he looked like he would run well at two and I thought he'd work well with Fozzy."

Bernick's relationship with Stack extends far beyond your usual owner and trainer dynamic. The pair are friends, first and foremost, and for that reason, Thursday's victory means that bit more to Bernick.

He explained, "For me, he was always going to do well at Fozzy's place. You know, they did very little with him before he ran at Leopardstown. Fozzy called me one day to say they just did a half speed with him and that he loved him. So he just got him ready to run on debut at Leopardstown and he won and then everything has gone well for the Chesham as well.

"It's nice to have a good horse with Fozzy. As I have said before and, as I have told TDN before, with the right ammunition, Fozzy is very, very capable. He mostly trains horses that he buys himself or horses on behalf of friends who maybe didn't manage to sell as yearlings. So, with the right horse, he's a very capable trainer."

On future plans, he added, "Looking at him physically, you'd hope that he has the potential to develop into a three-year-old. At the same time, he is doing well now so we will have to be pretty judicious with where we place him. I will need to talk with Fozzy but I would say that the G2 Futurity Stakes at the Curragh would be a pretty logical race. He's won twice over seven furlongs and that race is over seven so it could work well. We have plenty of time to figure it out."

As well as having a fleet of classy horses in America and France, Bernick has become a massive supporter of Irish racing in particular in recent years. The majority of horses in that country are based with Stack, but he has also had success with Jessica Harrington. However, the majority of that success has been enjoyed with fillies, making Nola Soul's achievement a little different.

Speaking about the magnitude of the achievement, he said, "I

have been watching Royal Ascot all of my life. I have only run two horses at Royal Ascot - one was third in the Coronation Stakes and then I was part of a horse that was fourth in last year's Queen Mary - so we are not just trying to run horses there for a day out. I am obviously not there this year, which is disappointing, because I love the event, but we really only send a horse there if we think it's the right thing to do. But it's very nice. It's the first Royal Ascot winner for us and frankly only the second winner we have ever had in England. It's a thrill to win and, really, a lot of the Royal Ascot two-year-old races, that is really the goal for the horse's life. But with the Chesham, it is more forward-thinking as it's over seven furlongs, and most of

the horses running in that race are ones for the future. If he had just run well today, we would have been delighted. For him to win is a real thrill and we're all really excited."

On the prospects of the unbeaten Nola Soul developing into a stallion prospect, Bernick replied, "That would be exciting. I have been involved in the investing and managing of stallions for many years quietly. Usually, we are the ones bidding on the stallions, so it is very nice to have a horse who could potentially be a stallion. He's got to do more but this was really in the back of our mind when my Mom first said we need to go and buy more colts. This is the first one to hit the track and he's now two-from-two and a Royal Ascot winner so you can't do much better than that."

Mothers, eh? They always

know best.



Nola Soul | Mathea Kelley

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2nd-Ascot, £120,000, Hcp, 6-18, 3yo, 11f 211yT, 2:29.74, g/f.
ENCELADUS (IRE) (c, 3, [Sea The Stars {Ire}](#)--Martini Glass {MGSW & MGISP-US}, by Kitalpha), who shed maiden status at Cork in April when last seen, raced in fifth for most of this King George V Handicap. Inching into third on the home turn, the 7-1 chance gained a narrow advantage passing the quarter-mile marker and came under Ryan Moore power drive in the closing stages to deny Al Azd (Dubawi) and Believed ([Frankel](#)) by a half-length and a head.

"The race set up differently today than it usually does, with a slow pace, and Ryan made a good move early to change the plan a little bit," said Joseph O'Brien. "He got a good spot handy and that was the winning of the race, I think. The horse was very tenacious. I am really delighted for Maria [Niarchos]. She has been so good to me all my training career, and to have another Royal Ascot winner for her and the team is very special. We are very lucky to be able to train some nice horses with good pedigrees for Maria and the team. This guy had a very good two-year-old season, we thought he would enjoy stepping up in trip and the plan was to wait for today to do that. If you win a handicap at Royal Ascot, especially one of the three-year-old races, generally you're a Stakes horse or a Group horse in the making. He is potentially a G1 St Leger horse, but you'd have to go to a trial between now and then."

Moore added, "I had a nice smooth run. Enceladus began well and relaxed lovely on the outside of them. He didn't go mad at any stage of the race and found all the way in the straight. He was only having his fourth run, so everyone is probably still learning about him. He's a fine, big scopey horse and he may get further, but I don't think he has to. It just shows you the strength there is in Ireland. This is Joseph's fourth winner [of the week], which is quite incredible."



Enceladus | Mathea Kelley

Enceladus is the fourth of six foals and one of two scorers out of the dual Graded stakes winner and three-time Grade I-placed Martini Glass (Kitalpha), who hails from the family of G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Ta Rib (Mr. Prospector).

The winner is a half-brother to the unraced two-year-old colt Star Martini ([Starspangledbanner](#)) and a yearling colt by State Of Rest. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, \$95,890. O/B-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd; T-Joseph O'Brien.

5th-Ascot, £130,000, Hcp, 6-18, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:38.47, g/f.
MOONFALL (IRE) (g, 3, [Starman {GB}](#)--Lealas Daughter {Ire}, by Excelebration {Ire}), seventh in last term's G2 Superlative Stakes and fifth in a May 7 Chester handicap on seasonal return last time, tanked along racing third in the stands' side grouping from the outset of this Britannia Handicap. Easing into second at halfway, the 13-2 joint-third choice loomed large going well passing the quarter-mile marker and kept on strongly once seizing control approaching the final furlong to prevail by 3/4-of-a-length from Outback Heat (Too Darn Hot).

"This is unreal and to ride a winner here is very special," said antipodean rider Zac Lloyd after partnering his first Royal Ascot winner. "Everyone kept telling me, 'If you think you're going well, wait another five seconds' and that's all I was thinking about. By doing that, it enabled him to be strong in the last hundred [yards] or so, and he was holding his competitors quite comfortably. I was asked to come over here by George Boughey, but Billy Loughnane is an absolute star. I was under no illusion I was going to take any of his rides, but I can ride light which helps. He was probably my only bullet for the week. I wanted to come here not expecting a winner, but hopeful I could make connections. Then next year if I come back, and the year after that, it will grow. This is probably the hardest week of racing in the world, so to get a win is unexpected, but very pleasing. It is my mum's birthday as well, so there's a bit more sentimental value to it. I know they'll be awake at 2am or 3am in Australia and probably won't go back to sleep after that. I'm sure they'll be very happy. I've watched it all in Australia for the past 20 years and to be here competing and having a winner too is quite breathtaking."

Boughey added, "It has been the plan for a while to come here and he did it quite easily. Moonfall had a bit of an interrupted autumn last year and I hope he's a horse who can progress. He was just weak last autumn and I had him ready to go to Doncaster at the end of the year, but I wasn't happy with him when I saw him at the track and scratched him. Then the ground went. I ran him in the [G2] Superlative and we thought he was a Stakes horse, and I think that's what you need to win a race like this. I am delighted for Zac, he's a great mate of Billy's from when he was down there, and it's the first time Zac's sat on him." [Cont. p17](#)



Moonfall wins the Britannia | Mathea Kelley

5th-Ascot Cont.

Moonfall is the second of three foals and one of two scorers produced by an unraced half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint and dual GI Shoemaker Mile hero Obviously (Choisir).

The winner is a half-brother to Group 3-winning G1 Matron Stakes and GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup placegetter Soprano (**Starspangledbanner**) and a two-year-old filly by

Mehmas. Sales history: €120,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; 200,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$109,321. O-Exors of the Late Sheikh Mohammed Obaid; B-Empire Bloodstock Ltd; T-George Boughey.

7th-Ascot, £120,000, Hcp, 6-18, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:25.44, g/f.

MEZCALA (GB) (g, 4, Expert Eye {GB}--Why We Dream {Ire}, by Al Kazeem {GB}), the Lincoln Handicap winner who hit the board in a Newbury handicap last month, raced in mid-division on the stands' side through the early fractions of in this Buckingham Palace Handicap. Creeping closer once past halfway, the 9-2 joint-favourite moved into sixth passing the furlong marker and quickened smartly in the dying embers to deny Elarak (**Kingman**) by a neck.

"This is the first time Mezcala has had cover this year and, Jesus, he's got a good turn of foot," said trainer Jack Channon after notching his first Royal winner. "It's brilliant for everyone at West Ilsley, who do an amazing job with these horses, and it is a fantastic day. Jon and Julia [Aisbitt] have a good record of breeding these lovely miling horses. It's been 13 years since West Ilsley had a Royal Ascot winner [with Elidor], and they owned and bred the last one too. It is wonderful for them, they're great breeders and he's a very good horse." **Cont. p18**



Mezcala and Tom Marquand (red, right) | Mathea Kelley

7th-Ascot Cont.

Channon added, "He's a really good, clean-moving horse and a lot of the family do like a bit of juice in the ground, but touch wood, he's as good a mover as we've had from the family. Today was the first time he's had cover and he's shown the electric turn of foot he has when he gets it. I think he's definitely stakes class."

Winning rider Tom Marquand added, "This fellow takes a little while to get going and Jack told me to make sure we got a clear run. I was thinking it might be a tricky job, but he's done a fantastic job with this horse. It's fantastic for the Aisbitts, they're wonderful owner-breeders, and they will be absolutely thrilled. It is fun riding for people like them and hugely deserved with a lovely horse. I am glad to be aboard."

Mezcala is the second of five foals and one of two winners from three runners out of a dual-winning half-sister to G3 Desmond Stakes victor Johan (Zoffany).

His second dam, Listed Premio Eupili victrix and G3 Princess Margaret Stakes runner-up Sandreamer (Oasis Dream) is a half-sister to the multiple stakes-placed Assume (Fastnet Rock), herself the dam of G2 Wellington Guineas runner-up Midnight Train (Yes Yes Yes).

The winner is a half-brother to the unraced two-year-old filly Evelyn Bay (Cracksman) and a yearling colt by Nathaniel. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, \$158,626. O/B-Jon & Julia Aisbitt; T-Jack Channon.

Five Things To Look For Cont. from p1

Can Amo Racing Hit The Target?

It's been a week to forget so far for Amo Racing but all is not lost for Kia Joorabchian, who still has one big bullet to fire in the opening Albany Stakes in Silent Beauty. The €1 million daughter of Night Of Thunder looked potentially special when making a winning debut for in-house trainer Kevin Philippart De Foy at Yarmouth last month and boasts obvious claims in the Group 3 contest. Silent Beauty makes up a trio of runners for Amo, which is 0-12 so far this week, in the race. The Albany squad is completed by What A Girl Wants (Persian Force), recently switched from Robson Aguiar to Philippart De Foy, and fellow Freemason Lodge-based Roxelina (Havana Grey). However, a lot of the big-spending operation's hopes for the week would appear to be resting on Silent Beauty.

Ward Bidding To Bridge Five-Year Gap To Last Royal Ascot Winner

Wesley Ward is another high-profile name still waiting on a royal winner. In fact, Ward, who lit up this meeting down through the years with horses like **No Nay Never**, Hootenanny,

Acapulco and Lady Aurelia, is bidding to bridge a gap that extends back to Campanelle landing the Commonwealth Cup in 2021. In his bid to bag a 13th success at the royal meeting, Ward brought a seven-strong army to Ascot this year, and he has already hit the frame with Ruiva (**Munnings**) running a fine race to finish third in the Queen Mary. This week hasn't lacked for much in terms of colour but an international winner would really cap off what has been a memorable meeting. Ward has five more runners between Friday and Saturday, with Amo's Outfielder (Speightstown) holding lively each-way claims in the Commonwealth Cup.



Outfielder | Coady Media

Will The Money Prove Correct Again With Venetian Sun?

Credit where it is due, Fitzdares trader Mark Cancea has fairly knocked it out of the park with his pre Royal Ascot predictions. On the eve of the royal meeting, Cancea told TDN Europe readers that Bow Echo (Night Of Thunder) was the only horse that punters wanted on the Tuesday in the St James's Palace Stakes and that he was gunning to take on Daryz in the Prince Of Wales's Stakes himself. We all know how those predictions panned out but could the best be yet to come? Cancea said that by far the best-backed horse of the entire week with the firm was Venetian Sun (Starman) in the Commonwealth Cup. That bulletin came when the filly was hovering around the 2-1 mark. Now? She's as short as 11-8. Money talks.

Expect It To Be Third Time Lucky For Moore

Ryan Moore rarely gets it wrong, as we have been reminded time and time again this week. But to Wayne Lordan's good fortune, he opted to ride Precise (**Starspangledbanner**) when True Love (**No Nay Never**) won the 1,000 Guineas and then switched to True Love when Precise turned the tables in the Irish equivalent at the Curragh. **Cont. p19**

Five Things To Look For Cont.

It looks as though Precise might have improved past True Love and the market suggests that Moore will get it third time lucky about the Irish Guineas winner in the Coronation Stakes given she's long odds-on while Lordan's mount True Love is available at 3-1 generally. It promises to be a cracking race.

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KHOVIKHOV PREVAILS IN LONGCHAMP

FEATURE by Sean Cronin

Mauricio Delcher Sanchez trainee **Khovikhov** (Al Wukair) was under seven lengths adrift of Rayif (Sea The Moon) when ninth in ParisLongchamp's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains last month and stepped forward to best his elders and claim a first black-type success in Thursday's G3 Prix de la Porte Maillot back at the Bois de Boulogne venue.

He had previously encountered G2 Prix de Sandringham victrix Naomis (City Light) in his penultimate start when second in a hot renewal of April's Listed Prix Aymeri de Mauleon at Toulouse.

Sent forward from the break to track the pacesetting **Dino** (Hello Youmzain) after the initial steps here, the 77-5 chance became embroiled in a three-way tussle inside the final quarter-mile and was driven out in the closing stages to deny **Silius** (Dubawi) and **Dino** by inches in a pulsating finish.

"The four-kilogram [weight-for-age] allowance was a decisive factor and seven furlongs definitely suits him," commented rider Alexis Pouchin. "This was my first time riding him and I think he has quite a bit of speed. He could even drop down in trip without any problem."

Delcher Sanchez added, "He could run in the [G1] Prix Jean Prat at Deauville or the [G1] Prix Maurice de Gheest."



Khovikhov and his connections | Scoop Dyga

Pedigree Notes

Khovikhov, becomes the third pattern-race winner for his sire, is the latest of four foals and one of three scorers produced by a winning half-sister to the dual Grade II-winning GI Frank E Kilroe Mile second Easter (Exosphere), G3 Prix Miesque winner Sweetie Dream (Dream Ahead) and Listed Criterium de Lyon third Roccia Nera (Dream Ahead).

Sweetie Dream is the dam of G3 Prix Imprudence victrix Romantic Style (Night Of Thunder) and the stakes-winning Town And Country (Earthlight) and Are We Dreaming (Kendargent).

The winner's second dam is G3 Prix Cleopatre third Excellent Girl (Exceed And Excel), who hails from the immediate family of GI Garden City Breeders' Cup Stakes heroine Luas Line (Danehill)

Thursday, ParisLongchamp, France

SINGAPORE POOLS PRIX DE LA PORTE MAILLOT-G3, €73,200, ParisLongchamp, 6-18, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:20.55, gd.

1--**KHOVIKHOV (FR), 121, c, 3, by Al Wukair (Fr)**

1st Dam: Khyrova (Ire), by Canford Cliffs (Ire)

2nd Dam: Excellent Girl (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus)

3rd Dam: Dame Blanche (Ire), by Be My Guest

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Alain Jathiere & Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Alain Jathiere; T-Mauricio Delcher Sanchez; T-Alexis Pouchin. €36,600. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0, €77,916. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

2--**Silius (Ire), 130, c, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Silasol (Ire), by Monsun (Ger).** O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-C Ferland. €14,640.

3--**Dino (Fr), 130, c, 4, Hello Youmzain (Fr)--Dorotka (Fr), by So Long Slew.** **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O-DS Pegas; B-Ecurie Haras de Beaufay; T-Dalibor Torok. €10,980.

Margins: SHD, HD, 1 1/4. Odds: 15.40, 2.00, 23.00.

Also Ran: Synaran (Ire), Dark Trooper (Ire), Fort Payne (Fr), King Gold (Fr), Lancelot Gold (Fr). Scratched: No Limit Dream (Ire).

EUROPEAN NEWS

OMBUDSMAN TOPS TIMEFORM FLAT RANKINGS IN EUROPE

Electric dual G1 Prince Of Wales's Stakes hero **Ombudsman** (Night Of Thunder) is now the highest-rated Flat horse in Europe with a ranking of 134, according to Timeform. The Godolphin runner dominated Wednesday's Prince Of Wales Stakes by four lengths over multiple Group 1 winner **Minnie Hauk** (Frankel).

[Cont. p20](#)



Ombudsman tops Timeform's European Flat rankings | Alamy

Timeform/Ombudsman Cont.

John and Thady Gosden's son of Night Of Thunder powered clear of some high-class rivals, including Arc winner **Daryz (Sea The Stars)**, whose rating dropped one pound to 131 pounds. Previously, Ombudsman was rated 130 pounds, but thanks to his Prince Of Wales's Stakes heroics, he is now one pound better than the 133-rated **Calandagan (Gleneagles)** on the list. Timeform has Hong Kong sprinter **Ka Ying Rising (Shamexpress)** rated 137 to lead the world.

Timeform's middle-distance handicapper, Rory King said, "It has been decided to award a rating of 134 to Ombudsman for his emphatic repeat win in the Prince of Wales's Stakes, the highest achieved by a horse in Europe since Baaeed (**Sea The Stars**).

"That puts him just ahead of his Champion Stakes conqueror Calandagan which required plenty of deliberation, but, on balance it's a decision that looks justified given the time and closing sectionals of Wednesday's success.

"What's more, Buick appeared to have learnt from that Champion Stakes and, in a race that panned out very similarly, bided his time for longer to deploy Ombudsman's scintillating turn of foot to best effect.

"Being ridden like that could help him turn the tables on Calandagan when they meet again, for all there's clearly very little between those two top-class five-year-olds."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, June 19, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

Blackbeard (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
116 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
14:30-ASCOT, 125K GIII The Albany Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3)6f,
Dubai Charm (Ire)
£90,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

Good Effort (Ire) (Shamardal),
5 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
16:51-NEWMARKET, 7f, **Beautiful Effort (GB)**

Perfect Power (Ire) (Ardad {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
57 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
16:51-NEWMARKET, 7f, **Lady Miranda (GB)**
65,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; €85,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025

Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
99 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
14:30-ASCOT, 125K GIII The Albany Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3)6f,
Topaz (Ire)
72,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025
14:30-ASCOT, 125K GIII The Albany Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3)6f,
What A Girl Wants (Ire)
90,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025

Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), The National Stud
76 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
16:51-NEWMARKET, 7f, **Divine Concerto (GB)**

FRANCE

Blackbeard (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
116 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
4-CHANTILLY, 1200m, **Immatin Storm (Fr)**
€95,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearling Sale 2025

Perfect Power (Ire) (Ardad {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
57 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
4-CHANTILLY, 1200m, **Iloveyoumiamor (Fr)**
€35,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearling Sale 2025

Sealiway (Fr) (Galiway {GB}), Haras de Beaumont
81 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
4-CHANTILLY, 1200m, **Keskaviel (Fr)**
€31,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2024; €115,000
Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2025

Thunder Moon (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), Castillon Stallions
53 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-CHANTILLY, 1200m, **Moondance (Fr)**
€51,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearling Sale 2025

IRELAND

Highly Motivated (Into Mischief), Airdrie Stud
98 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
5-DOWN ROYAL, 7f, **High Morals**
\$3,000 Keeneland Association November Breeding Stock Sale
2024; €90,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025



Highly Motivated has a runner in Ireland | Sarah Andrew

BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

2nd-Ripon, £9,000, Nov, 6-18, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.07,
gd.

PERSAZZ (IRE) (c, 2, **Persian Force {Ire}**--**Imtiyaz {Ire}** {SP-Eng},
by **Starspangledbanner {Aus}**) chased the leaders in fourth
through the early fractions of this debut. Coming under pressure
approaching halfway, the 9-2 chance challenged underneath the
stands' side rail passing the quarter-mile marker and was ridden
out to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from State Of Gold (State Of Rest),
becoming the 10th winner for his freshman sire (by Mehmas).

Persazz, kin to a yearling filly by Mehmas, is the sixth of seven

foals and third scorer thrown by Listed Lansdown Fillies' Stakes
victrix Imtiyaz (Starspangledbanner).

The winner's dam is a half-sister to Listed Prix Francois Boutin
winner Bunker (Hurricane Run) and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas third
Imperial Fighter (The Gurkha). Sales history: 55,000gns Ylg '25
TATSOM. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,461.

O-Kennet Valley Syndicates I; B-Colm McEvoy; T-William Knight.

2nd-Great Yarmouth, £11,000, Mdn, 6-18, 2yo, f, 6f 3yT,
1:13.00, g/f.

BLUE FLIGHT (GB) (f, 2, **Blue Point {Ire}**--**Spatial {GB}**, by **New
Approach {Ire}**) was well away to race in a handy fourth from
the outset of this unveiling. Slipping to sixth with a quarter-mile
remaining, the 9-1 chance quickened to engage Dannahue
(Space Blues) entering the final furlong and was ridden out to
deny that rival by a head in a bobbing finish.

Blue Flight is the fourth live foal and scorer out of a winning
full-sister to Listed Newmarket Staked third Inigo Jones (New
Approach).

Her dam Spatial (New Approach), a daughter of the multiple
Group 1-placed G2 May Hill and G2 Windsor Forest victrix
Spacious (Nayef), is also a half-sister to the stakeswinning G3
Darley Stakes runner-up Gabr (Intello).

The winner is half to a yearling filly and weanling colt by
Kingman. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,654.
O/B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; T-James Fanshawe.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Southwell, £10,000, Nov, 6-18, 3yo/up, 8f 14y (AWT),
1:41.65, st.

CENTIGRADE (IRE) (c, 4, **Too Darn Hot {GB}**--**Turko Beach, by
Hard Span**) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$18,839. O-Highclere
Thoroughbred Racing (Buzzard); B-Al Shira'aa Farms; T-Ralph
Beckett. *140,000gns RNA Ylg '23 TATOCT; €120,000 2yo '24
ARQBRU.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Town Queen (Ire), f, 3, **Blue Point (Ire)**--Madly Truly (GSW-US),
by Malibu Moon. Southwell, 6-18, 6f 17y (AWT), 1:13.53.
Lifetime Record: 4-1-3-0, \$18,823. B-Barnane Stud Ltd.
*€160,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY.

Cape Fear (GB), c, 3, **Kameko**--Cape Spirit (Ire), by Cape Cross
(Ire). Lingfield, 6-18, 11f 133yT, 2:29.94. Lifetime Record:
6-1-2-2, \$17,421. B-Kingsclere Stud.

Celestra (Fr), f, 3, **Kingman (GB)**--Savaanah (Ire) (SP-Fr), by
Olden Times (GB). Great Yarmouth, 6-18, 8f 3yT, 1:39.61.
Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-1, \$19,513. B-Nawara Stud Ltd.
*200,000gns RNA Ylg '24 TATOCT. **1/2 to Remaat (GB)
(Kodiac {GB}), GSP-Eng.

Ekileem (GB), g, 3, **No Nay Never**--Stone Roses (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Rip Van Winkle (Ire). Ripon, 6-18, 8fT, 1:37.79. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$12,443. B-Stone Roses Bloodstock. *200,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. **1/2 to Abstinence (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), SP-Eng.

Rumble Ruby (GB), f, 3, **Rumble Inthejungle (Ire)**--Bakoura (GB), by Green Desert. Lingfield, 6-18, 6fT, 1:10.63. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$8,543. B-Mickley Stud Ltd. *25,000gns Ylg '24 TATSOM. **1/2 to Queues Likely (GB) (Massaat {Ire}), GSW-Ger.

Lady Magu (GB), f, 3, **Sea The Moon (Ger)**--Mary Elise (Ire), by Mastercraftsman (Ire). Ffos Las, 6-17, 10fT, 2:15.20. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$9,278. B-Elaine Chivers. *30,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT.

IRELAND

Thursday's Results:

1st-Leopardstown, €30,000, Cond, 6-18, 2yo, 7f 45yT, 1:31.65, gd.

APOLLO'S COMET (IRE) (f, 2, **Mehmas {Ire}**--**Maggie's Delight {Ire}**, by **Mastercraftsman {Ire}**), a June 5 debut third over this trip at Fairyhouse in her only prior start, tracked the leaders in fourth through halfway here. Making headway under pressure once into the home straight, the 2-1 favourite launched her challenge entering the final furlong and was driven out to deny Sea Of Rain (Naval Crown) and Miss Ellie Mae (Inns Of Court) by a nose and a neck in a thrilling three-way photograph.

"She had a lovely run the first day, but didn't get the clearest of gaps at the bottom of the home straight in Fairyhouse," said Kate Harrington. "I think she would have been a lot closer, but she didn't get a hard race that day. Not many Mehmas runners get into these auction races, so it just looked a nice opportunity for her, and she just got there and did enough. She is a lovely filly for next year, so we'll give her a bit of time and bring her back maybe at the end of July."

Apollo's Comet, kin to a yearling colt by Mehmas, is the first of two foals out of a winning half-sister to G3 Ballylinch Stud Priory Belle 1000 Guineas Trial victrix Keeper Of Time (Mehmas).

Her stakes-placed second dam Motheeba (Mustanfar) is a half-sister to Listed John Musker Fillies' Stakes runner-up Jabhaat (**Hard Spun**). Sales history: €48,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOF; 47,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$22,976.

O-Omega Racing, Seamus McGowan & Niall McInerney; B-Maggie's Delight Partnership; T-Jessica Harrington.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Leopardstown, €25,000, Cond, 6-18, 3yo, 8fT, 1:42.61, gd. **JOHNNY SODA (IRE)** (g, 3, **Cotai Glory {GB}**--**Maghzaa {Ire}**, by **Aqlaam {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, \$37,132. O-Go Nutz Racing Syndicate; B-Colm McEvoy; T-Adrian McGuinness. *€28,000 Ylg '24 TATIRY; €60,000 2yo '25 TATBRU.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Echo Inferno (GB), g, 3, **Too Darn Hot (GB)**--Solar Echo (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Leopardstown, 6-18, 13fT, 2:48.28. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$12,283. B-B V Sangster. *200,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT.

FRANCE

Thursday's Results:

PRIX DE THIBERVILLE-Listed, €50,300, ParisLongchamp, 6-18, 3yo, f, 12fT, 2:30.52, gd.

1--CALASITA (IRE), 126, f, 3, by **Zarak (Fr)**

1st Dam: Calayana (Fr), by **Sinndar (Ire)**

2nd Dam: Clariyn (Fr), by **Acclamation (GB)**

3rd Dam: Clodovina (Ire), by **Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Aga Khan Studs; T-Francis-Henri Graffard; J-Mickael Barzalona. €25,150. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €43,049. *1/2 to Calandagan (Ire) (**Gleneagles {Ire}**), MG1SW-Eng, G1SW-Fr, Jpn & UAE; and Calamandra (Fr) (New Bay {GB}), GSP-Fr.

2--Romantic Symphony (Ire), 126, f, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Rumh (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). **TDN Rising Star. 1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Godolphin; T-Charlie Appleby. €10,060.

3--Lefteye (GB), 126, f, 3, **Siyouni (Fr)**--Left Hand (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Andre Fabre. €7,545.

Margins: HF, 1HF, 5HF. Odds: 1.60, 4.70, 3.20.

Also Ran: Pierian (GB), Stealitwithakiss (Ire), Roccamare (Ire), Marylene Du Serre (Ire), Easy As Pie (Ire), Sea The Storm (Fr).

Francis Graffard may not have found the winning groove at Royal Ascot this week, but his domestic bandwagon rolled on when Aga Khan Studs homebred Calasita made a breakthrough in this black-type debut.

She had previously shed maiden status over this trip at Saint-Cloud in March before running second in a conditions heat at Compiègne last month.

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Calasita | Scoop Dyga

Listed Prix de Thiberville Cont.

Breaking in rear and employing patient tactics for the most part, the half-sister to Calandagan began her move forward off the home turn and kept on relentlessly inside the final quarter-mile to overhaul TDN Rising Star Romantic Symphony in the final strides.

Calasita, who becomes the 42nd stakes winner for her sire, is the third foal and black-type performer out of G3 Prix Minerve runner-up Calayana (Sinndar), who also produced five-time Group 1 winner Calandagan (**Gleneagles**) and G3 Prix Belle de Nuit third Calamandra (New Bay).

Calayana is the leading performer out of a winning half-sister to GI Belmont Derby Invitational runner-up Canndal (Medicean).

The winner's stakes-placed third dam Clodovina (Rock Of Gibraltar) is a half-sister to G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains-winning sire Clodovil (Danehill), G3 Gordon Richards victor Colombian (Azamour) and to the dam of G1 South African Derby hero Aragosta (Rafeef) and the dual Group-winning dual G1 South African Fillies Sprint placegetter Mrs Browning (Rafeef).

Calayana also has a two-year-old filly by Palace Pier to come.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

9th-ParisLongchamp, €16,500, Cond, 6-18, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:41.54, gd.

BLACK ULTRA (FR) (c, 4, Ultra {Ire}--Brillante Etoile {Fr}, by American Post {GB}) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-1, €29,304.

O-Julien Masanet, Olivier Trigodet, Gregory Boursier, Jonathan Daussy & Olivier Lassalle; B-Mme Francoise Perree; T-Olivier Trigodet. *€7,000 RNA Ylg '23 ARQNOV.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

BOTTY'S BLOODSTOCK BUYS RESERVE BANK DURING INGLIS BULL RING SALE



Reserve Bank | Sharon Lee Chapman

Group 1-winning sprinter **Reserve Bank** has been sold to Botty's Bloodstock during the inaugural **Inglis Bull Ring Sale**. The son of Capitalist won the G1 The Goodwood.

"I thought it was a great opportunity to secure a horse of his calibre," Aaron Bott said. "Reserve Bank was an outstanding racehorse with genuine top-class speed and was a Group 1 winner at three in open company, which is a rare accomplishment.

"He possesses an impressive physique and is a grandson of influential sires Written Tycoon and Fastnet Rock.

"I can't disclose the plans for his immediate future, but we're just thrilled to have secured him and excited for his future at stud.

"The Bull Ring concept is fantastic and Nick Melmeth from Inglis Digital was great throughout the process," Bott said.

The Bull Ring was developed by Inglis as a private auction platform in response to significant market feedback.

"There wasn't one stallion master that wasn't aware that Reserve Bank was going through the Inglis Bull Ring, which is a fantastic and unique concept combining transparency and confidentiality, two of the most important factors when facilitating sensitive stud deals," co-trainer Michael Kent, Jr. said.

"Everyone who needed to be contacted was engaged directly by the Inglis Bloodstock team, leaving no stone unturned in the pursuit of the best possible outcome." **Cont. p24**



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Reserve Bank Cont.

He added, "I think the whole process was brilliant, the digital reach that Inglis has is unmatched.

"From our perspective it was a beautifully seamless process, Inglis took all the hard work off our hands, their marketing was outstanding and we're delighted with the result.

"Offering a prospective stallion through the platform also opened our eyes to potential buyers that we may never have otherwise reached, which is a great example of the exposure provided by the Inglis Digital team."

Inglis Digital business manager Nick Melmeth said, "Reserve Bank attracted significant interest from both domestic and international parties, with multiple bidders on the horse, which is reassuring as it shows that the process of marketing the horse in this way was very effective.

"Ultimately our job is to connect quality stock with the right buyers and we're very pleased to have achieved that outcome here. The feedback we've received from participants throughout the process has been overwhelmingly positive and we're excited

about the opportunities the Bull Ring can create going forward.

"I'd like to thank the connections of Reserve Bank for placing their trust in us and we wish Aaron and his clients every success with the horse."

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Reliving Speciosa's 1000 Guineas Victory

Friday, Ascot, Britain, post time: 16:20

CORONATION STAKES-G1, £700,000, 3yo, f, 7f 213y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Balantina (Ire)	Ten Sovereigns (Ire)	Weston/Medallion/Reeves T'bred/McNulty	Donnacha O'Brien	Oisin Murphy	128
2	Black Caviar Gold (Ire)	Havana Grey (GB)	Bond Thoroughbred Ltd	Paddy Twomey	Billy Lee	128
3	Moon Target (GB)	Cracksman (GB)	Cheveley Park Stud	Sir Mark Prescott	Luke Morris	128
4	Precise (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Smith/Magnier/Tabor/Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
5	Rose Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Jaber Abdullah	Richard Hughes	Christophe Soumillon	128
6	Sukanya (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Opulence Thoroughbreds & Partner III	Jack Channon	Tom Marquand	128
7	Timeforshowcasing (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Jaber Abdullah	Charlie Johnston	Billy Loughnane	128
8	Touleen (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	Owen Burrows	Saffie Osborne	128
9	True Love (Ire)	No Nay Never	Tabor/Smith/Magnier	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128

Breeders: 1-Summerhill, Lynch Bages & S Murphy, 2-Gerard Corry & Ringfort Stud, 3-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 4-Whisperview Trading Ltd, 5-RJB Bloodstock & Pier House Stud, 6-Corps Commerce Ltd, 7-Lofts Hall Stud, 8-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd, 9-Coolmore.

This time last year, **True Love** was winning the Queen Mary so to be lining up as one of the favourites for this is an achievement in itself as only the real top ones can spread their speed from five furlongs to a mile. Unfortunately for her, there is a better one in her own yard at this trip and that is **Precise** who is probably up with some of the best to have won this in recent times. So impressive in the Irish 1,000 Guineas, she is the apple of her trainer's eye and granted a normal trip should be putting this to bed without too much stress. Tuesday's St James's Palace showed that no race on the round course is easy here, however, and last year's Albany third **Balantina** showed that the hustle and bustle of a race like the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf brings out the best in her. Sixth in the 1,000 Guineas, **Touleen** has plenty to find but the fact that Owen Burrows is keen to have another go means that she can't be completely written off. [Tom Frary].

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Friday, Ascot, Britain, post time: 15:05**COMMONWEALTH CUP-G1**, £700,000, 3yo, 6f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Albert Einstein (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Smith/Magnier/Tabor/Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
2	Aspect Island (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	The Gredley Family	James Owen	Cieren Fallon	128
3	Brussels (GB)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Magnier/Tabor/Smith/Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ronan Whelan	128
4	Charles Darwin (Ire)	No Nay Never	Magnier/Tabor/Smith/Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128
5	Coppull (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	David W Armstrong	Clive Cox	Rossa Ryan	128
6	Division (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Wathnan Racing	William Haggas	James Doyle	128
7	Havana Hurricane (GB)	Havana Gold (Ire)	J Allison & T Cartwright	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	128
8	My Calyx Cen (Ire)	Calyx (GB)	Yeguada Centurion SLU	Patrik Olave Valdivielso	Aurelien Lemaitre	128
9	Northern Champion (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	TBT Racing	Ed Walker	Jamie Spencer	128
10	Outfielder	Speightstown	Amo Racing/Jayson Werth/Wesley Ward	Wesley Ward	David Egan	128
11	Rock On Thunder (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Exors of the Late Sheikh Mohammed Obaid	Kevin Ryan	Kevin Stott	128
12	Samangan (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	Aga Khan Studs	Francis-Henri Graffard	Mickael Barzalona	128
13	Song Of The Clyde (GB)	Sergei Prokofiev	Middleham Park Racing CXX & M Parker	Clive Cox	Hector Crouch	128
14	Super Soldier (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	The JC Organization & Partners 1	Karl Burke	Pierre-Louis Jamin	128
15	Wise Approach (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
16	Fitzella (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	D R Passant & Hefin Williams	Hugo Palmer	James McDonald	125
17	Havana Anna (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Gaynor Bloodstock LLC	Donnacha O'Brien	Gavin Ryan	125
18	Kimi Rey (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Mrs Jane Newett	Francis-Henri Graffard	Clement Lecoeuvre	125
19	Midnight Tango (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Brightwalton Bloodstock Ltd	Ed Walker	Kieran Shoemark	125
20	Spicy Marg (GB)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	ELB Bloodstock Ltd	Michael Bell	Tom Marquand	125
21	Venetian Sun (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Tony Bloom & Ian McAleavy	Karl Burke	Clifford Lee	125
22	Zanthos (Fr)	Sioux Nation	Victorious Forever	Simon & Ed Crisford	Oisín Murphy	125

Breeders: 1-Coolmore, 2-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 3-Haras des Trois Chapelles, 4-Westerberg, Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith, 5-Highfield Farm LLP, 6-Rockcliffe Stud, 7-Lady Cobham, 8-Yeguada Centurion SLU, 9-Monceaux /Limerick Lanepty Ltd, 10-SF Bloodstock LLC, 11-J Hanly, A Stroud & Skymarc Farm, 12-Aga Khans Studs, 13-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 14-Drumlin Bloodstock, 15-Tally-Ho Stud, 16-Parks Farm Stud, 17-Dukes Stud & Overbury Stallions Ltd, 18-Jane Newett, 19-Brightwalton Bloodstock Ltd, 20-Branton Court Stud LLP, 21-Tally-Ho Stud, 22-Viktor Tymoshenko & Andriy Milovanov.

Last year's Prix Morny and Albany winner **Venetian Sun** roared back to form in the Sandy Lane last time, is unbeaten over shorter than seven furlongs and is the obvious choice for many reasons but this is Royal Ascot and the European sprints have been renowned for their unpredictability for some time now. Aidan O'Brien maintains that **Albert Einstein** possesses hidden magic that nobody except those privy to Ballydoyle gallops has yet seen, so he better start showing the rest of us soon because on bare form he wouldn't even be one of the favourites for this. Stablemate **Charles Darwin** took a backward step for the first time in his life at Naas last time, but he was so impressive in the Norfolk here last year that he deserves another chance, while the filly that shone that day **Havana Anna** is in danger of being underestimated. Donnacha O'Brien only brings live contenders to Royal Ascot and her love of Naas is a big deal as runners that enjoy that track tend to also run well here. **Coppull** is another who keeps performing and keeps getting overlooked and is sure to run his usual solid race, but the colt he beat in the Commonwealth Cup Trial, **Division**, was notably unlucky that day before getting put in his place by Venetian Sun at Haydock. And then there are the 16 others who all have a shout! [Tom Frary].

Friday, Ascot, Britain, post time: 17:35**KING EDWARD VII STAKES-G2**, £250,000, 3yo, c/g, 11f 211y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ancient Egypt (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Amo Racing Ltd	Charlie Johnston	David Egan	128
2	Causeway (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Tabor/Smith/Magnier	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
3	Echo Of Stars (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Mrs Fitri Hay	Oliver Cole	Jamie Spencer	128
4	Golden Story (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum	Karl Burke	Clifford Lee	128
5	Venetian Prince (GB)	St Mark's Basilica (Fr)	J C Smith	Andrew Balding	Jason Watson	128
6	Water To Wine (Fr)	Kingman (GB)	George Strawbridge	John & Thady Gosden	William Buick	128

Breeders: 1-Yulong Investments (Australia) Pty, 2-Coolmore, 3-Sunderland Holdings Inc, 4-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 5-Littleton Stud, 6-George Strawbridge.

No Benvenuto Cellini, but there is **Causeway** from Ballydoyle and he has looked a colt ready for elite company for a while now. In an ordinary year, he might well have taken the same path as **Paddington** from the Madrid and Tetrarch to the Irish Guineas but given that there were bigger names ahead of him in the pecking order he has been diverted to the Gallinule and here instead. He has the mammoth **Water To Wine** to contend with, who after soft races against lesser opposition is in deep on a track that will test his agility to the maximum. **Golden Story** took the Cocked Hat last time and is on the up, while **Ancient Egypt** will appreciate the faster ground having been bogged down at Epsom. [Tom Frary].

Friday, Ascot, Britain, post time: 14:30**ALBANY STAKES-G3**, £125,000, 2yo, f, 6f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Acclamation Star (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	Five Star Dreamers	James Owen	Oisin Murphy	128
2	Bated Benevolence (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Moore's Racing & C J Murfitt	Marco Botti	Marco Ghiani	128
3	Blue Sign (GB)	Blue Point (Ire)	Abdulla Al Mansoori	Mohammed & Santos	Kevin Stott	128
4	Crazy Cubana (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	West Paces Racing UK 2024 LLC	Ed Walker	Kieran Shoemark	128
5	Dark Issue (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Mrs E Roberts	Richard Hannon	Pat Dobbs	128
6	Dee's Funny Girl (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Medallion/Weston/Trommer	Michael Keady	D B McMonagle	128
7	Desert Sands (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Sultan Ali	Mohammed & Santos	Hector Crouch	128
8	Dubai Charm (Ire)	Blackbeard (Ire)	Abdulla Al Mansoori	Richard Hughes	Neil Callan	128
9	Glamorize (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Amo Racing Ltd	George Scott	Mickael Barzalona	128
10	Hidden Gift (Ire)	Sioux Nation	Wathnan Racing	Richard & Peter Fahey	James McDonald	128
11	Jolivette (GB)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Juddmonte	Andrew Balding	Colin Keane	128
12	King's Prize (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	HM The King & HM The Queen	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	128
13	Kochella (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	HDR Kochella Syndicate	Henry Dwyer	Silvestre De Sousa	128
14	Libertango (Ire)	No Nay Never	Vefa Ibrahim Araci	George Boughey	Billy Loughnane	128
15	Light Of Dawn (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Wathnan Racing	Karl Burke	James Doyle	128
16	Love Is (Ire)	Sioux Nation	Black Type/Regan/Young/Adkisson/Swinbank	Richard Hughes	Finley Marsh	128
17	Magnesium (GB)	Ubetabelieveit (Ire)	Abdulateef Al Zeer	John Butler	Ray Dawson	128
18	Ron's Angel (GB)	Harry Angel (Ire)	Ron Ford	John Butler	Luke Morris	128
19	Roxelina (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Amo Racing Ltd	Kevin Philippart de Foy	Clifford Lee	128
20	Silent Beauty (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd	Kevin Philippart de Foy	David Egan	128
21	Sun Goddess (Ire)	Sioux Nation	Smith/Magnier/Tabor/Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
22	Tall Trees (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Valda Burke & Partners	Brian Meehan	Charles Bishop	128
23	Topaz (Ire)	Persian Force (Ire)	Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Debussy)	Jack Channon	Tom Marquand	128
24	Valentina Bella (Fr)	Armor (GB)	NB Racing	Mathieu Brasme	Christophe Soumillon	128
25	What A Girl Wants (Ire)	Persian Force (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd	Kevin Philippart de Foy	Rowan Scott	128

Breeders: 1-P J Gleeson, 2-Pantile Stud, 3-Intisaar Partnership, 4-Tourgar Bloodstock Ltd, 5-The Long Ridge Partnership, 6-Tally-Ho Stud, 7-Aughamore Stud, 8-Lynch Bages Ltd, 9-Donnchadh Higgins, 10-Vimal & Gillian Khosla, 11-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd, 12-King Charles III, 13-Sabah Mubarak Al Sabah, 14-Lynch Bages & Camas Park Stud, 15-The An Ghalanta Partnership, 16-Denis Noonan, 17-Richard & Nell Kent, 18-Llety Farms, 19-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 20-SDCL & Alexander Bloodstock Ltd, 21-Owenstown Bloodstock Ltd, 22-Lofts Hall Stud, 23-Colm McEvoy, 24-Guillaume Vitse, Mme Camille Vitse Porin, Mme Axelle Vitse & Mme Valentine Vitse, 25-Tally-Ho Stud

All eyes on **Sun Goddess** here after her impressive Curragh maiden win, but it is worth noting that Aidan O’Brien has only won three of the last 10 renewals and had a similarly short-priced filly in Signora 12 months ago who finished ninth and only broke her maiden at the fifth attempt. Karl Burke has won two of the last six runnings and **Light Of Dawn** is drawn towards the stands which is usually an advantage, while Amo’s impressive Yarmouth winner **Silent Beauty** is by the Royal Ascot supremo Night Of Thunder. **Dark Issue** is by another sire who excels at this meeting in Dark Angel and could hardly have been more impressive at Goodwood last month. *[Tom Frary]*.

Saturday, Ascot, post time: 15:40

THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II JUBILEE STAKES-G1, £1,000,000, 4yo/up, 6fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Almeraq (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	131
2	Aramram (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	Mr Ziad A. Galadari	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	131
3	Comanche Brave (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Mr Muhaideb A. Al Muhaideb	Donnacha O'Brien	Pierre-Charles Boudot	131
4	Great Wish (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	The Foundation of Lone & Kaj Nielsen	Bent Olsen	Kieran Shoemark	131
5	Jasour (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	AlMohamediya Racing	Clive Cox	Rossa Ryan	131
6	Khaadem (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Mrs Fitri Hay	Charles Hills	C. Soumillon	131
7	Kind Of Blue (GB)	Blue Point (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	James Fanshawe	William Buick	131
8	Lake Forest (GB)	No Nay Never	Tony Bloom & Ian McAleavy	William Haggas	Cieren Fallon	131
9	Lugal (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Yoshimasa Ema	Haruki Sugiyama	Katsuma Sameshima	131
10	Overpass (Aus)	Vancouver (Aus)	Darby Racing Syndications	Bjorn Baker	Joshua Parr	131
11	Powerful Glory (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum	R & P Fahey	Jamie Spencer	131
12	Regional (GB)	Territories (Ire)	Future Champions Racing Regional	Edward Bethell	Callum Rodriguez	131
13	Sajir (Ire)	Make Believe (GB)	Prince A. A. Faisal	A. Fabre	Oisin Murphy	131
14	Satono Reve (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Mr Hajime Satomi	Noriyuki Hori	Ryan Moore	131
15	Stolen Kiss (Fr)	Chachnak (Fr)	Louis Baudron & Gousserie Racing	P. Cottier	Alexis Pouchin	131
16	Flora Of Bermuda (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	Andrew Balding	James Doyle	128
17	Joliestar (Aus)	Zoustar (Aus)	Cambridge Stud	Chris Waller	James McDonald	128
18	Sayidah Dariyan (Ire)	Dariyan (Fr)	Mr Jaber Abdullah	Richard Hughes	Billy Loughnane	128
19	Time For Sandals (Ire)	Sands Of Mali (Fr)	Mr D Bevan and Mrs D Bevan	Harry Eustace	Richard Kingscote	128

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This is such a fascinating renewal, with **Satono Reve** back at the scene of his painful defeat 12 months ago without Lazzat to trouble him and with Ryan Moore on board. **Joliestar** is some opponent and probably his equal with the sex allowance built in and she always looked the stronger Australian of the pair and much more suited to this stiff six than compatriot **Overpass**. Gelded this winter, the 2024 Golden Eagle winner **Lake Forest** looked more professional when storming home at Haydock last time and drops to six for the first time in two years. He was second in the Commonwealth Cup then and is probably a better horse by now, but he has a tricky wing draw on the far side which jockeys seem keen to avoid if possible. His stablemate **Almeraq** looked one of those Shadwell sprinters on the way to the top at Salisbury last time on his first run since a bad fall in September, but these are deep waters for one so inexperienced while **Sajir** has been sharpened in France. Last year's Prix Maurice de Gheest winner couldn't beat **Stolen Kiss** in two outings this year and that unexposed colt represents the Patrice Cottier yard and sire Chachnak whose Pink Panthera nearly won the Prix de Diane on Sunday! [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Ascot, post time: 15:05

THE HARDWICKE STAKES-G2, £250,000, 4yo/up, 11f 211yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Amiloc (GB)	Postponed (Ire)	Mrs David Aykroyd	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	129
2	Best Secret (Fr)	Persian King (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	S. Wattel	James Doyle	129
3	Ethical Diamond (Ire)	Awtaad (Ire)	H. O. S. Syndicate	W. P. Mullins	Dylan Browne McMonagle	129
4	Giavellotto (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Scuderia La Tesa Limited & Vaibhav Shah	Marco Botti	Oisin Murphy	129
5	Goliath (Ger)	Adlerflug (Ger)	Resolute Bloodstock/Baron P. Von Ullmann	Francis-Henri Graffard	C. Soumillon	129
6	Jan Brueghel (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Westerberg/Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	129
7	Lambourn (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Mrs John Magnier,Mr M.Tabor & Mr D.Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	129
8	Phantom Flight (GB)	Siyouni (Fr)	Victorious Forever	George Scott	Billy Loughnane	129
9	Sons And Lovers (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	H. O. S. Syndicate	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Pierre-Charles Boudot	129
10	West Wind Blows (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Mr Abdulla Al Mansoori	Simon & Ed Crisford	William Buick	129
11	Kalpana (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	Juddmonte	Andrew Balding	Colin Keane	126
12	Santorini Star (Ire)	Golden Horn (GB)	Tony Bloom & Ian McAleavy	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	126

Breeders: 1-Mr & Mrs David Aykroyd, 2-Hilary Erculiani, 3-Mr W. J. Kennedy, 4-Societa Agricola La Tesa SRL, 5-Gestut Schlenderhan, 6-Barronstown Stud, 7-Coolmore, 8-St Albans Bloodstock LLP, 9-Miss K. Rausing, 10-Godolphin, 11-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 12-Mrs Olivia Hoare.

Kalpana possesses freak speed for a mile-and-a-half performer and demonstrated that again in the John Porter last time, is back at a track at which she excels and gets three pounds from the males so good luck to the rest. **Jan Brueghel** was exposed over this course and distance in last year's King George, where Kalpana rushed by before duelling with Calandagan, but with a more patient ride could fill the places here while the likes of **Giavellotto**, **Goliath** and **Ethical Diamond** are up against it trying to repeat their big moments against such a talented mare. Provided he doesn't need it soft, **Best Secret** is the most interesting in the line-up following his Prix d'Hedouville romp, where **West Wind Blows** and the Wolferton winner Map Of Stars were left in his wake. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Ascot, post time: 14:30

THE NORFOLK STAKES-G2, £175,000, 2yo, 5fT



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SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 Agamemnon (GB)	Mehmas (Ire)	Jastar Capital & Murt Khan	Richard Hughes	Oisin Murphy	129
2 Blake's Monarch (Ire)	Ten Sovereigns (Ire)	The Good Racing Co Ltd & Partners	Ivan Furtado	Silvestre De Sousa	129
3 Carry The Flag (Ire)	No Nay Never	Smith,Magnier,Tabor,Westerberg,Brant	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	129
4 El Floridita (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Mr K. Dole	Nigel Tinkler	Rowan Scott	129
5 Flight Signal (GB)	Mehmas (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	Archie Watson	James Doyle	129
6 Force Noir (Ire)	Persian Force (Ire)	Amo Racing Limited	Kevin Philippart de Foy	David Egan	129
7 Mr Macartney (GB)	Ubettabelieveit (Ire)	Barham Masterton Sweeting Severn Eddis	Oli Rix	Ray Dawson	129
8 Mussab (GB)	Ten Sovereigns (Ire)	Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabah	Richard & Peter Fahey	Colin Keane	129
9 New Yorker	No Nay Never	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	129
10 Orthodox (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Mr J Goddard	Clive Cox	Rossa Ryan	129
11 Persian Spring (Ire)	Persian Force (Ire)	Mrs Fitri Hay	Richard Hannon	Jamie Spencer	129
12 Savage Mariner (Ire)	Blackbeard (Ire)	Mrs Fitri Hay	Hugo Palmer	Tom Marquand	129
13 Social Symbol	Violence	Rabbah Racing	Simon & Ed Crisford	William Buick	129
14 Sovereign Glory (GB)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Rosehill Racing IV	Charles Hills	Jason Watson	129
15 Star Prospect (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Mr John C. Oxley	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	129
16 Tribeca (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	Amo Racing Limited/Mrs A.O'Callaghan	Robson De Aguiar	Donagh O'Connor	129
17 Underdog (GB)	Perfect Power (Ire)	Phil Cunningham	Richard Spencer	Saffie Osborne	129
18 Where Love Lives (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	The Thoroughbred Racing Corporation Ltd	Kevin Ryan	Kevin Stott	129
19 Ez Tina	Golden Pal	Breeze Easy LLC/Resolution Road Stables	Wesley Ward	Juan J. Hernandez	126
20 Fanshell Beach	Corniche	Hat Creek Racing	Wesley Ward	James McDonald	126
21 Through the Years (Ire)	No Nay Never	Magniers, Shanahan, RT Racing, Twin Oaks	Wesley Ward	John R. Velazquez	126

Breeders: 1-Cheveley Park Stud Limited, 2-Lynn Lodge Stud, 3-Summerhill Bloodstock, 4-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 5-Hunscombe Stud Limited, 6-John Martin McLoughney, 7-Mickley Stud & Mr Tony Jones, 8-D. J. and Mrs Deer, 9-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 10-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 11-Michael O'Mahony, 12-Mr Gary Mullins, 13-Breffni Farm, 14-Cheveley Park Stud Limited, 15-Lynn Lodge Stud, 16-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd, 17-Crossfields Bloodstock Ltd, 18-Tally-Ho Stud, 19-I-Hope Farms LLC, 20-Betz Thoroughbreds, Inc./D.J. Stables/Brian Graves/Gainesway, 21-Lynch Bages Ltd & Rhinestone B/Stock.

Runner-up to Great Barrier Reef in the Marble Hill, **Carry The Flag** sets a smart standard from Team Ballydoyle who just seem to get better and better at winning Royal Ascot's two-year-old races with every passing year. It seems a long while now since Wesley Ward was dominating these races, but he is here with a trio to get back in the groove and **Ez Tina** is something of a buzz horse trying to go one better than her sire **Golden Pal**. Representing the big money-spending operations is Wathnan's Bath winner **Flight Signal**, who is charged with ending the bizarre drought of Mehmas at this meeting, and Amo's TDN Rising Star **Force Noir** and **Tribeca** who both look smart prospects on impressive wins in Ireland. **Orthodox** is from the family of the 2017 Queen Mary winner Heartache and Clive Cox is simply one of the best at nailing the sprints at the major meetings. [Tom Frary].

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Saturday, Ascot, post time: 16:20**THE JERSEY STAKES-G3, £175,000, 3yo, 7fT**

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dorset (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	D.Smith,Mrs J.Magnier,M.Tabor,Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	132
2	Thesecretadversary (Ire)	St Mark's Basilica (Fr)	Cayton Park Stud/Mrs John Magnier	J. A. Stack	Seamie Heffernan	132
3	Andab (Ire)	Saxon Warrior (Jpn)	Al Shaqab Racing/Trevor Stewart	Joseph O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	129
4	Ardisia (Ire)	Ardad (Ire)	Ardisia Partnership	Hugo Palmer	Colin Keane	129
5	Avicenna (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Godolphin	Roger Varian	Ray Dawson	129
6	Billecart (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd & Valmont	K. R. Burke	Rowan Scott	129
7	Catullus (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	129
8	Colori Forever (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Scuderia Archi Romani	Marco Botti	Marco Ghiani	129
9	Into The Sky (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Mrs D Tabor, Dr P Wilson & R Stanbridge	Jim Boyle	Oisin Murphy	129
10	Morris Dancer (Ire)	Palace Pier (GB)	Godolphin	J & T Gosden	Benoit de la Sayette	129
11	Neolithic (Ire)	Sioux Nation	Westerberg/Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	129
12	Saber Strike (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Victorious Forever	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	129
13	Take Charge Star (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Maribeth Sandford	J. P. Murtagh	Ben Coen	129
14	America Queen (Ire)	Havana Grey (GB)	Mr Jaber Abdullah	Richard Hughes	Billy Loughnane	126
15	Domina Ignis (Fr)	Pinatubo (Ire)	Amo Racing Limited	Kevin Philippart de Foy	David Egan	126
16	Green Sense (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Boyd Racing Llc	Joseph P O'Brien	James McDonald	126
17	The Prettiest Star (GB)	Starman (GB)	Wathnan Racing	Ed Walker	James Doyle	126

Breeders: 1-Snowflakes Syndicate, 2-Coolmore & Cayton Park Stud, 3-T. Stewart, 4-Lynn Lodge Stud, 5-Mrs Sue Ann Foley, 6-James F. Hanly, 7-Godolphin, 8-Scuderia Archi Romani, 9-Pier House Stud, 10-Godolphin, 11-T. Molan, 12-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 13-Niarchos Family, 14-Littlejohn Bloodstock Ltd, 15-Langlais Bloodstock, F Fiquet, 16-N. Hartery, 17-Northern Star Bloodstock Ltd.

It's Night Of Thunder's week and **Saber Strike** looked one of his best chances at the start of it, so impressive was he in the King Charles II Stakes at Newmarket at a time when the Haggas runners were needing their seasonal debuts. Fourth in the 2,000 Guineas, **Into The Sky** is a big threat and seems more straightforward than the colt that finished just behind him that day, **Thesecretadversary**, while **The Prettiest Star** was fourth in the 1,000 and open to improvement. **Avicenna** didn't turn up at all in the Guineas and is surely much better than that. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Dusseldorf, Germany, post time: 17:05**GROSSER PREIS VON GOTTFRIED SCHULTZ - DIANA TRIAL-Listed, €30,000, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	8	Gua Lipa (Fr)	Cloth Of Stars (Ire)	Suborics	Ricupa	130
2	2	Aida (Ger)	Alson (Ger)	Almenrader	Marie	126
3	5	Beautiful World (Ger)	The Grey Gatsby (Ire)	Nedorostek	Murzabayev	126
4	1	Chista (Fr)	Isfahan (Ger)	Nedorostek	Cadeddu	126
5	7	Giorgia (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	Weiss	Crublet	126
6	3	Night Breath (Ger)	Bated Breath (GB)	Weiss	Vogt	126
7	4	Salonglaenzende (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Vovcenko	Hammer-Hansen	126
8	6	The Magic Melody (Ger)	Alson (Ger)	Smrczek	Wolff	126

Last month's G3 Hoppegarten Diana-Trial victrix **Gua Lipa** will head postward as the likely favourite in this stepping stone to August's G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks). She finished three lengths ahead of **Salonglaenzende** last time and should have the measure of that rival once more, despite carrying a two-kilogram penalty for that victory. Her threats include G2 German 1000 Guineas eighth **Aida** and Gestut Wittekindshof's once-raced maiden winner **Night Breath**, who had subsequent Listed Preis der Neuen Bult fourth **Chista** in arrears at Dortmund last month. Another worthy of consideration is the twice-raced Hannover maiden winner **Beautiful World**. [Sean Cronin].

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