



RACING'S BIGGEST PROBLEM, AND THE SOLUTION: TOM RYAN



Tom Ryan | Keeneland photo

This is the final entry in our series where we have been asking people what racing's biggest problem is, and what the solution is.

I've been thinking a lot about where we are as an industry right now.

Honestly, I think one of our biggest problems is how much time we spend arguing about what the biggest problem is. There's a lot of noise, and while some of it is fair, it can take away from the fact that there is also real progress happening.

The 2026 Kentucky Derby had around 24 million viewers. That's a huge number for what people call a niche sport, and it's right in line with the biggest events in the world. By comparison, The Masters final round drew somewhere in the mid-teens in millions of viewers. That doesn't happen in a dying game.

We're still running roughly 30,000 races a year. The foal crop, in that 16,000-18,000 range, is not wildly out of line with demand, especially in a commercial market like ours where most of the product is sold publicly. That system still gives people at every level a chance to participate and compete.

Handle is still over \$10 billion annually. Maybe that's a low point in the cycle, but it's also a foundation. And when you look at the investment going into places like Belmont, Keeneland, Churchill and others, it's clear people are building for the future, not walking away from it.

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SIX SPEEDY FILLIES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 20-26 by Randy Moss

Some fine female performances last week were topped--we think--by a potential superstar.

6. CONCEIT, CD, 6/26, Allowance, 1 mile (VIDEO) Beyer Speed Figure-94

(f, 3, **Not This Time**--Pachinko, by Tapit)

O/B-Juddmonte (Ky). T-Brad Cox. J-Irad Ortiz, Jr.

Her Juddmonte full-brother Final Gambit's only two victories have been on Tapeta (featuring the GIII Jeff Ruby), so it makes sense that in her previous four starts she had run twice on turf, once on Tapeta and once in an off-the-turf dirt maiden. But now Conceit has raced twice on dirt: a 9 1/2-length win last September and this fast 10 1/4-length triumph. And despite Final Gambit's history on Tapeta and grass, one could argue his dirt numbers are just as good.

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CROMWELL STRIKES AT ARQANA SUMMER SALE

Gavin Cromwell has described the demand for National Hunt stock as "stronger than ever" after spending €230,000 on classy juvenile hurdle prospect Le Citadin (City Light) at the Arqana Summer Sale on Wednesday. Brian Sheerin has the details.



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Then and now. On December 3, 2023, horses trained on Belmont Park's main track in front of the old grandstand for the final time. On July 1, 2026, horses trained on Belmont Park's main track in front of the new grandstand for the first time. Both horses are Mark Hennig trainees. | Sarah Andrew (top photo), Susie Raisher (bottom photo)

6 | STEVE ASMUSSEN JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST

Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen couldn't contain his emotions after *Magnitude* (*Not This Time*) won Saturday's loaded GI Stephen Foster Stakes at Churchill Downs.

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Tom Ryan, cont. from p1

Are there issues? Of course. Some are complicated. Some aren't. This is also a fragmented sport, and progress takes time when you don't have one central voice driving everything.

At the same time, there are a lot of things moving in the right direction.

Horses are safer today than they were a decade ago. National medication rules, stronger testing, and better track monitoring have helped bring fatality rates down, even if the job is not finished. Medical care is on a completely different level than it was not that long ago--MRI, CT, PET and other tools are being used every day to keep horses sounder and spot issues earlier.

Aftercare is improving and getting the attention it deserves. Off-track Thoroughbreds are showing their value in the show ring, in therapy, and in education programs, and more long-term funding models are being built out.

Ownership is more accessible than ever. Syndicates, micro shares, and online platforms are opening the door for new people to come in at all levels. That matters for the long-term health of the game.

The fan experience is evolving. Better streaming, bigger event days, and more effort around content are starting to connect with a younger audience, here and overseas. There is still a long way to go, but the direction is better than it's often portrayed. Integrity and transparency are now baseline expectations. Advanced wagering tools--including CAWs--are a real part of the ecosystem and at some tracks important for liquidity, but they have to be managed in a way that keeps everyday players confident the game is fair.

We're not starting from scratch--we're building from something that still has strong bones.

We should be honest about the challenges, but just as honest about the progress. The opportunity now is to build on what's working, keep improving what isn't, and make the sport easier to understand and more welcoming for the next wave of owners, fans, and bettors.

Our horses, our investors, our fans, and our bettors all deserve a better, more modern sport. I don't think that's a fantasy. I think it's where we're headed--if we stay focused and spend a little less time tearing the game down and a little more time building on what's right.

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 **Fasig-Tipton.**

Six Speedy Fillies, cont. from p1**5. MOVIE NIGHT, CD, 6/24, Allowance, 6 1/2 furlongs (VIDEO)
Beyer Speed Figure-96****(f, 3, Speightstown--Savvy Star, by Medaglia d'Oro)**

O/B-WinStar Farm (Ky). T-Will Walden. J-Flavien Prat.

★ FARM to STABLE ★

This was a second consecutive eye-catching performance by 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' Movie Night, a 5 1/2-length victory on the heels of an eight-length maiden runaway. She also has turf genes: half-sister Stellify (*Justify*) has made \$1.4 million on grass, almost all at nine furlongs or farther. If you look at her pedigree using the wayback lens, you see a succession of Phipps stars. More recently, it's all WinStar--her dam is a half-sister to the farm's GI Haskell winner and Kentucky Derby runner-up Bluegrass Cat.

4. MISS VYVYANNE, WO, Jun 27, Highlander Stakes (Gr. II), 5 furlongs (turf) (VIDEO)**Beyer Speed Figure-97****(m, 6, Rainbow Heir--Caribbean Beat, by Half Ours)**

O-Ralph Murray and Calstar Farm. B-Tom McCrocklin & Gerald Martin (Fla). T-Gail Cox. J-Pietro Moran.

Her name is difficult to decipher, but not her form: she has

now taken seven of her last nine, all in turf sprints and each win on the front end. And based on Beyers, she is getting better since her current connections claimed her for \$32,000 last June. The Highlander was her first start against males, and she outgassed proven turf sprinters like Western Whirl, Outlaw Kid and Golden Afternoon.

3. KERRY'S KISS, GP, 6/27, Musical Romance Handicap, 6 1/2 furlongs (VIDEO)**Beyer Speed Figure-97****(f, 4, Vino Rosso--Abuntia, by Olmodavor)**

O-Epic Horses, Bag Racing Stables and The White House Stables. B-Virginia Moore & Malia Hopkins (Ky). T-Saffie Joseph, Jr. J-Edwin Gonzalez.

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Joseph's Plan A for this new acquisition was a one-turn mile allowance, but when those races didn't fill, his back-up plan was this 6 1/2-furlong handicap. She got a helpful five-pound weight concession from 2-5 favorite My Indy and ran away from her convincingly for her first stakes victory. Kerry's Kiss was purchased privately by Mark Cornett; his C2 Racing Stable isn't part of the official ownership group but he has been quite the talent scout, finding not only White Abarrio but GII Pimlico Special winner Navajo Warrior. *Cont.*



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Six Speedy Fillies, cont.

2. HIGHWAY HARMONY, BAQ, 6/28, John Hettinger Stakes (NY-breds), 6 furlongs (turf) (VIDEO)

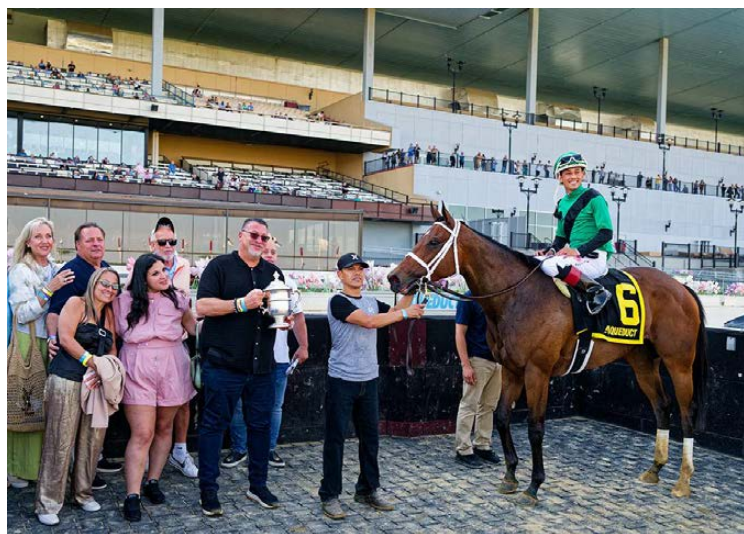
Beyer Speed Figure-98

(m, 6, Mo Town--Tweet Street, by Quality Road)

O-Lucky Hat Racing, Fugget About It Racing Stables and Sportsmen Stable. B-Twin Farms (NY). T-Amelia Green. J-Edgard Zayas.

Purchased by AMANDA L. GILLMAN

Mark her down for future trivia: on Sunday she won the final stakes race run at Aqueduct--fittingly for New York-breds. And she not only led from start to finish to put 2 1/2 lengths on the competition, she helped the Big A go out in style with a course-record 1:06.44 clocking. It was her first start in a stakes and her first start for her new ownership and Green, a former Todd Pletcher assistant. Just two races back, she was beating \$17,500 claimers at Gulfstream for the second straight time.



Highway Harmony | Tod Marks

1. MAIDA, LRL, 6/27, Alma North Stakes, 6 1/2 furlongs (VIDEO)

Beyer Speed Figure-101

(f, 4, Improbable--Eve Giselle, by Five Star Day)

O/B-Goodfella's/Harry Papaleo (Ky). T-Brittany Russell. J-Sheldon Russell.



Maida wins the Alma North Stakes | Jim McCue/MJC

Our top-ranked female Beyer was actually a figmaking conundrum. The talented Maida put on a speed show in walloping a good field by 10 1/2 lengths, and that margin combined with the consistent Beyers usually run by the horses behind her--a key element in figure making--would put Maida's Beyer closer to 110 than 100. Yet after her sizzling pace, she ran her final quarter in :26.24 and final three furlongs in :39.18. Her final time of 1:18.44 equated to a Beyer of only 93, which would have inexplicably given the five horses chasing her Beyers of 19, 28, 34, 38 and 61 points slower than their most recent efforts. In the end, the Beyer team split the difference and went with 101, still good enough to lead our list, and the race has been marked for future monitoring.

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STEVE ASMUSSEN JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST PRESENTED BY KEENELAND

Steve Asmussen isn't necessarily the most exuberant trainer in the sport, but he couldn't contain his emotions after Magnitude (**Not This Time**) won Saturday's loaded GI Stephen Foster Stakes at Churchill Downs. Three days later, little had changed as he appeared on the Thoroughbred Daily News Writers' Room Podcast presented by **Keeneland**. Asmussen, the **Gainesway** Guest of the Week, couldn't hide his pride or passion.

When asked if Magnitude is edging closer to becoming one of the best horses the Hall of Famer has ever trained, he replied: "I've thought about that a lot since Saturday. This was obviously an extremely emotional victory for the team. We just wanted validation of what he had done in Dubai in beating Forever Young. Then they assemble Sovereignty, White Abarrio and Baeza to run against us. This race really showed how special a horse he is. For him to have beaten Forever Young in Dubai and then come back over here and beat the Derby winner at Churchill and two of the hottest older horses in the sport as well, what else could you ask for as far as validation from a race horse to prove how good he is?"

Magnitude went just 3-for-6 in 2025 and was beaten by 20 3/4 lengths when facing Sovereignty (Into Mischief) in the GI Travers Stakes. Why is he so much better this year?

"The talent has been there," Asmussen said. "Now, it's the confidence. He's grown into a man and he's been giving us the results that we're getting. But the talent has always been there and it's just a culmination of him being exactly where he needs to be mentally and physically to get done what he's getting done."



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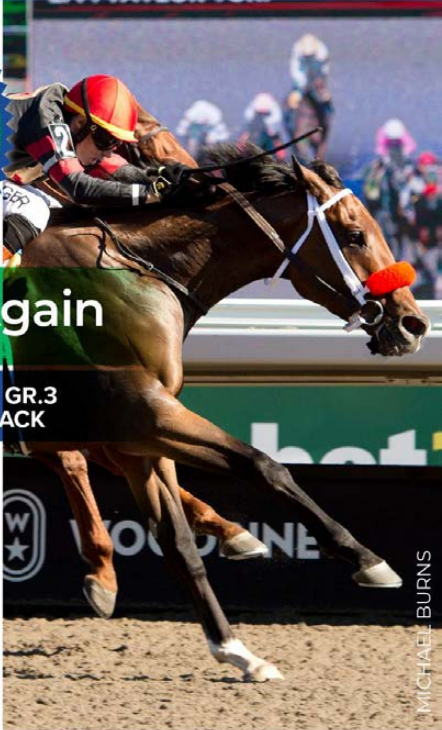
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There were some anxious moments as Magnitude broke through the gate prior to the start.

"You could have knocked me out with a feather," the trainer said. "My anticipation and expectation of how fast he was about to run was at an all-time high. And with that variable at that exact moment, it made you recalculate everything you're thinking. How much did that take out of him? And they reload him and when they open the gates the willingness was there. There was no hesitation in the first two jumps, How special is that?"

The "Fastest Horse of the Week" was Magnitude. He earned a 114 Beyer figure in that race. The Fastest Horse of the Week segment is sponsored by **WinStar**, which stands the sire **Constitution**.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the **PHBA**, **1/ST TV**, the **KTOB**, and **West Point Thoroughbreds**, Randy Moss, Bill Finley, and Zoe Cadman reviewed the Stephen Foster and made note of the huge race run by Baeza (**McKinzie**), who got off to a poor start before finishing second. Finley gave his report from closing day at Aqueduct and the team previewed the three big stakes that will be run Saturday at Saratoga.

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HOT DEAL: FASIG-TIPTON JUNE DIGITAL SALE 'TAYLORED' FOR RACING OUTFITS

by J.N. Campbell

As the calendar flips to a scorching July and with several meets ready to start their summer engines, potential Thoroughbred owners are on the hunt for racing prospects. The Fasig-Tipton Digital Sale for June wrapped on Tuesday and there was no shortage of runners ready for their next draw.

The \$190,000 topper from the sale was **Long Pour** (Tom's d'Etat) (**hip 2**), a 4-year-old colt who was consigned by Taylor Made Sales on behalf of Calumet Farm. A New York-bred, the dark bay was taken home by Sullivan Lane Stable.

Long Pour broke his maiden at second asking at Saratoga last August and continued to be competitive at the allowance level

until he cleared the condition in gate-to-wire fashion upstate June 7.

Mark Taylor, the President and CEO of Taylor Made Sales, said

that the online market is the perfect opportunity to land a horse with potential because someone might want to move stock between sales.

"Taylor Made was in on the digital movement early," said Taylor. "I have to give my brother Duncan [Taylor] the credit, who really saw what was coming and knew we needed to be in on it. He saw what was going on in Australia. COVID changed everyone's mindset about doing business remotely and it got people comfortable with the process."

Since the advent of digital sales, Taylor Made has hired a full-time person in Maxine Pina and it is her job to handle all the logistics and paperwork which Taylor said makes for a seamless process. **Cont.**



Long Pour cleared an allowance at the Spa June 7 | Sarah Andrew

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Long Pour, cont.

"People might want to turn horses into cash and when you don't have a sale coming up, the online auctions meet that demand perfectly," he said. "Your horse can stay put, never has to miss any training and their day-to-day pattern continues uninterrupted."

Taylor said that his team has refined its market segmentation and works closely with potential buyers, which makes the digital sales arena more like private selling.

"You have a captive audience at a brick-and-mortar sale," Taylor said. "There are people wandering the sales barns, so you don't have that online. We constantly message folks that we know might be looking for say a filly, and remind them that the sale is ending at a specific time."

Long Pour comes out of a big racing stable at Calumet and Taylor said that keeping their costs under control by pruning their roster can lead to great opportunities for other outfits to snag a really good horse.

"Farms that are really good caretakers have to make some difficult decisions about which ones to sell and which ones to keep," he added. "Consumers are the ones benefitting and really getting some meat on the bone, so to speak. Not every colt will become a stallion and not every filly will be added to a broodmare band."

With the Saratoga and Del Mar meets upon us, Taylor also said that racing stables are looking to add experienced runners to their lineups. Long Pour is just such a competitor.

"Running that 89 Beyer last time out makes Long Pour a horse headed in the right direction," Taylor said. "The New York program is so strong and with the new Belmont getting ready to open he's the kind of horse that has the potential to be versatile."

Clearly, hot deals during the Fasig-Tipton Digital June Sale matched the current weather as summer is officially here.

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'INSTANT RESULTS': FASIG-TIPTON HORSES OF RACING AGE CATALOGUE ONLINE

The initial catalogue for the Fasig-Tipton July Selected Horses of Racing Age Sale is now online. The sale will be held at the company's Lexington headquarters July 14, immediately following its July Selected Yearlings Sale.

"The July Selected Horses of Racing Age Sale has a proven track record of success, with graduates producing instant results for their new owners the world over," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. **Cont.**

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Fasig-Tipton HORA catalogue, cont.**Rodriguez** | Sarah Andrew

"This year's catalogue offers a diverse selection of high-class offerings that will appeal to racing stables from around the globe as we head into the heart of the summer racing season."

Offerings of note include: **R Bee Gee** (**Constitution**) (**hip 301**), a half-sister to champion Moira and to stakes winner Jungle Cry, consigned by Warrendale Sales, agent; **Rodriguez** (**Authentic**) (**hip 302**) winner of last year's GII Wood Memorial Stakes consigned by ELiTE, agent; **Rose Ruler** (**American Pharoah**) (**hip 303**), most recently a 1 1/2-length winner in allowance company at Churchill Downs June 11, consigned by John Ennis Training, agent; **Venencia** (**Fr**) (**Recoletos**) (**hip 314**), winner of last year's GIII Dowager Stakes and most recently second in the Keertana Stakes at Churchill May 23, consigned by Gainesway, agent; **West Hollywood** (**Uncle Mo**) (**hip 316**), a graded stakes winner and a half-brother to GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Pizza Bianca who was third in the GIII Arlington Stakes at Churchill in June, consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, agent; **Madaket Road** (**Quality Road**) (**hip 320**), Grade I-placed 4-year-old coming off an allowance victory at Churchill May 8, consigned by ELiTE, agent; **Arctic Wolf** (**Frosted**) (**hip 321**), a 2-year-old colt who broke his maiden on debut in maiden special weight company at Belmont at the Big A June 18, consigned by Paramount Sales, agent; **Celtic Dispute** (**Leinster**) (**hip 326**), 2-year-old winner of the Royal Palm Juvenile Stakes at Gulfstream in May, consigned by Paramount Sales; Grade II-placed 4-year-old **Gunmetal** (**Gun Runner**) (**hip 338**) coming off a June 6 allowance win at Churchill, consigned by ELiTE, agent; **Life's Dynamic** (**Practical Joke**) (**hip 341**), a 3-year-old filly who broke her maiden on debut in special weight company at Colonial Downs June 28, consigned by ELiTE, agent; **Hedge Ratio** (**Speightstown**) (**hip 343**), last-out winner of the Long Branch Stakes at Monmouth Park May 10, consigned by ELiTE, agent;

Pagode (**Constitution**) (**hip 349**), a 4-year-old who was second, beaten just a head, in allowance company at Churchill June 13, consigned by ELiTE, agent; and **Pot's Right** (**Bolt d'Oro**) (**hip 350**), a 2-year-old filly who won her debut at Keeneland in April and is entered in the Schuylerville Stakes at Saratoga Friday, consigned by Paramount Sales, agent.

Entries for the sale can be viewed on Fasig-Tipton's **enhanced online catalogue**, which features pedigrees, race replays, statistical links, Ragozin "sheet" numbers, and continuously updated *Daily Racing Form* and Thoroughmanager past performances. Prospective buyers may also sign up for **email alerts** to receive pedigree and race-record updates, as well as notifications of new sale entries as they are accepted.

Fasig-Tipton will continue to accept approved entries up until sale time.

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MONMOUTH PARK GRANTED \$10 MILLION PURSE SUPPLEMENT FOR 2027 RACING SEASON AS GOVERNOR SHERRILL SIGNS NEW BUDGET

Edited Press Release

Monmouth Park is set to receive the annual \$10-million purse subsidy in 2027, thanks to the state budget signed by New Jersey Governor Mikie Sherrill late Tuesday night.

In her original budget proposal, Sherrill had called for a purse subsidy of only \$5 million to be split between Monmouth and the harness races at the Meadowlands. Dennis Drazin, who heads the management team that runs the tracks, had threatened to cut the meet to 25 days if it looked like there was not going to be enough revenue to maintain a competitive purse structure. That is no longer a problem. **Cont.**

**Monmouth Park** | Sarah Andrew

Monmouth, cont.

"We are grateful to the Governor and the entire legislature for recognizing how important horse racing is to New Jersey," said Dennis Drazin, Chairman and CEO of Darby Development LLC, operators of Monmouth Park. "In addition to a personal thank you to Governor Sherrill, I want to thank Senators Vin Gopal and Paul Sarlo for their tireless work to support this industry and appreciating its impact across the State."

In addition to its vital role of preserving farmland and the agricultural support services that come with it, horse racing in the Garden State provides an economic impact of over \$4 billion, accounts for nearly 4,000 jobs and provides over \$75 million in tax revenues.

"As anyone in business knows, uncertainty is the enemy," Drazin added. "With \$10 million secured for next year's purses, we can move on from uncertainty and continue to build a better industry and a better Monmouth Park."

The 2026 Monmouth Park racing seasons runs through Sept. 13, with the highlight of the meet, the Grade I, \$1-million NYRA Bets Haskell set for July 18.

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"WE'VE REALLY COME A LONG WAY": WELFARE AND SAFETY SUMMIT EXPLORES ADVANCEMENTS IN SAFETY TECHNOLOGIES AND DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT *by Sara Gordon*

Lexington, KY - A sense of optimism filled the Keeneland sales pavilion Tuesday, June 30 as the 2026 Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit's second and final session provided attendees with an in-depth overview of advancements, from the racetrack to the vet clinic, in safety technologies and diagnostic equipment.



Sara Gordon

Though the use of biometric sensors on racehorses to monitor movement patterns with the goal of detecting early signs of unsoundness or injury risk is not a new concept, the elevation and variety of the technology available is an ever-evolving field.

This April, the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) released findings from a first-of-its-kind prospective **study**, the AAEP Wearable Biometric Sensor Research Project, which evaluated the effectiveness of sensor technology in detecting impending musculoskeletal injuries in Thoroughbred racehorses. Arioneo, Stable Analytics, and StrideSAFE were among the four companies that successfully submitted sufficient data reports for analysis in the study, and representatives from each were on hand to speak to Summit attendees.

Arioneo

Created in 2014, Arioneo is a French equine technology company that provides a wide variety of advanced, scientifically validated tools for monitoring racehorse performance and training. Along with the Equimetre Training System, Arioneo's flagship product which utilizes a unique sensor to track speed, locomotion, and cardio, the company offers EQUISYM, a tool for quantifying locomotion; and the Vision app, a video analysis app that uses artificial intelligence to detect lameness.

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The Arioneo Racing System, launching in September, will utilize a new ultra-thin race-day girth that integrates ECG electrodes and locomotion sensors. Sitting under the saddle cloth, the technology will measure cardiac and stride patterns in real time.

"It is being tested in the UK and France in real racing conditions at the moment," said Rapin.

Stable Analytics

Ben Bernhard, vice president of his family's Pin Oak Stud near Versailles, Ky., spoke about the development of Stable Analytics, a company he created to bring modern engineering and data science into the traditional world of horse racing. A former engineer for SpaceX, Bernhard has utilized his experience and worked with his team to develop Equigraph, a biometric sensor system that captures high-resolution motion and physiological data to allow for early identification of biomechanical irregularities in racehorses. **Cont.**



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Welfare and Safety Summit, cont.**Ben Bernhard | Sara Gordon**

“Eventually, that horse that I spoke about that won that Grade I [Geaux Rocket Ride], broke down while training up to the [2023] Breeders’ Cup. Since then, I’ve decided to focus most of my attention to figure out how I can use my expertise in engineering to try to prevent things like that happening in the future,” said Bernhard.

The Equigraph sensor, which will be offered commercially by the end of the year, goes on the girth of the horse during training with the goal of identifying if the movement of the horse is changing. Collecting and compiling data on stride parameters, symmetry, impact loading, and other biomechanical indicators, the program offers an individualized metric through the Gait Risk Index to indicate the risk level of a horse suffering a musculoskeletal injury.

StrideSAFE

Dr. David Lambert, the CEO of StrideSAFE, provided a candid opening statement ahead of his presentation Tuesday.

“What I would like to do is leave you all with a feeling of great optimism and the anticipation of pride in this industry,” said Lambert. “The good news is that all of these [advancements] lead to a better and brighter day, where you can use modern technology to care for your athletes in the very best way possible.”

Having long been a frontrunner in biometric sensor technology utilized in the sport of horse racing, the StrideSAFE sensor is placed in a pocket on the underside of the saddle cloth and contains sensors that measure acceleration and the stride pattern at various gaits. With the ability to flag any changes or irregularities, the data produced by this technology can indicate which horses may be at risk of a fatal or career-ending injury.

“We have the data to find the horses, we have the expertise to

diagnose the horses, we’re just not doing it. The data is right there for us to follow and if we can just persuade the industry at large to embrace this and move forward, then these [fatal] fractures are going to become a thing of the past,” said Lambert. “That is not an outlandish statement.”

Lambert also spoke about the benefit of the data collected by the StrideSAFE algorithms which provides connections with information to identify attrition--when a horse is approaching the need for time off--along with indicators of Exercise-Associated Sudden Death (EASD), and establishes a baseline of performance characteristics for each horse.

*Stride Safe***Equinosis Q with Lameness Locator**

Dr. Kevin Keegan, founder and chief science officer of Equinosis Q with Lameness Locator, explained the company’s use of microelectric sensors, placed on the head, hip, and right forelimb of a horse, to track movement and detect lameness. This technology quantifies motion asymmetries directly associated with decreased weight bearing.

“You can’t just look once. You have to look many times and we have to make it easy to look many times,” said Keegan in reference to the importance of having as many measurements as possible when assessing lameness, which body-mounted inertial sensor (BMIS) systems like Equinosis Q with Lameness Locator provide.

Sleip

Unlike other safety technologies that employ sensors to collect data when detecting signs of lameness or early indicators of injury, Sleip is ‘a markerless gait analysis system that is app-based,’ explained Dr. Jamie Textor. With the use of AI, the system enables frame-by-frame measurements by video.

Cont.

Welfare and Safety Summit, cont.

"Sleip is unique in that it is anatomically scaled to the individual horse you're looking at, making results comparable in terms of severity between animals of different sizes," said Textor.

Used by racing jurisdictions such as the New York Racing Association (NYRA) and the Kentucky Horseracing & Gaming Corporation (KHRGC), Sleip is an asymmetry detector that measures gait type at the trot and analyzes individual strides, stride variation, and more to provide objective data in terms of soundness. Recordings can be made of a horse being jogged in hand or with a rider in the saddle.

"The goal here is transparency and we think Sleip provides that in a very user-friendly, approachable way, along with collaboration, and that leads to teamwork. With those things together, we can improve racehorse safety," said Textor.

Presentations on the ever-growing and advancing variety of safety technologies available to the racing industry complemented an in-depth presentation, led by Dr. Evan Becker and Dr. Laura Werner of the Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, on the advances in diagnostic technology that are transforming how injuries in racehorses are detected, evaluated, and prevented.

According to Becker and Werner, modern imaging technology has not only improved the accuracy of assessing injuries and their severity, along with planning of treatment and recovery, but also the ability to share that crucial information among veterinarians, trainers, and owners.

"Now, we have portable systems that are wireless and sometimes they're based with your cell phone or tablet for use, which comes in handy in remote locations when imaging these horses. We've really come a long way with the technology," said Werner.

Tuesday's session also featured a video presentation from Equimetrix, an Irish-based company providing wearable and remote monitoring solutions for equine health, performance, and well-being. The video explained the technology behind the wearable sensors that Equimetrix has developed which provide real-time biometric data both during exercise and at rest. Annemarie O'Brien, a champion National Hunt trainer and rider, is the CEO and co-founder of Equimetrix.

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NYRA BETS NOW AVAILABLE IN NEW JERSEY

NYRA Bets, the official online and mobile wagering platform of Saratoga Race Course and The New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA), has launched in New Jersey, the site announced Wednesday. Effective immediately, New Jersey residents can download the NYRA Bets app to bet on races anytime from tracks across the country.

"We are excited for the opportunity to introduce NYRA Bets to horseplayers in the Garden State," said Tony Allevato, NYRA Chief Revenue Officer and President of NYRA Bets. "Thanks to our regulatory partners and stakeholders in New Jersey, who have worked diligently on this effort for the last two years, NYRA Bets has arrived to expand consumer choice and help grow the sport."



Walter Wlodarczyk

In addition to its user-friendly wager pad featuring a customizable race menu, NYRA Bets provides horseplayers with a host of handicapping tools including in-depth analysis and insights for all NYRA races, horse-specific replays and stats, multiple video feeds, and ongoing promotions throughout the year.

NYRA Bets offers lucrative rewards, instant sign-ups, free funding options, no wagering transaction fees and three convenient ways to wager: the NYRA Bets app, online or on-track at NYRA venues.

As part of the previously announced agreement between Darby Development, LLC (Darby Development) and the New Jersey Sports and Exhibition Authority, NYRA Bets is now the managing vendor of New Jersey's online and mobile pari-mutuel account wagering system for horse racing. Accordingly, all account wagering platforms can gain entry to the New Jersey market by seeking the required approval of NYRA Bets, Darby Development and the New Jersey Racing Commission. **Cont.**



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NYRA Bets, cont.

Additionally, 4NJBets will continue to operate in New Jersey as an online and mobile wagering site without disruption of service.

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WEEKLY RULINGS

WEEKLY RULINGS: JUNE 25-JULY 1

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

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

Resolved ADMC Violations**Dates:** 06/30/2026**Licensee:** Blake A. Kelly, trainer**Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.**Explainer:** Vets' list medication violation for the presence of Naproxen--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from My Ronda on 5/19/26.**Dates:** 06/30/2026**Licensee:** John Jerry Robb, trainer**Penalty:** Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.**Explainer:** Medication violation for the presence of Dexamethasone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Hoppetosse, who won at Laurel Park on 5/10/26.**Dates:** 06/29/2026**Licensee:** Jose Camejo, trainer**Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.**Explainer:** Vets' list medication violation for the presence of Methocarbamol--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Gazar on 5/12/26.**Dates:** 06/29/2026**Licensee:** Lane Johnston, trainer**Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.**Explainer:** Vets' list medication violation for the presence of

Glycopyrrolate--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Threeneener on 5/7/26.

Dates: 06/26/2026**Licensee:** Regulo G. Rodriguez, trainer**Penalty:** Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.**Explainer:** Medication violation for the presence of Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO)--a class C substance--in a sample taken from Economic Hangover, who won at Belterra Park on 5/10/26.Pending ADMC Violations**6/30/2026, Keri Brion, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Methamphetamine--a banned substance--in a sample taken from Brockton, who won at Penn National on 5/7/26.**6/30/2026, Horacio De Paz, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Methylprednisolone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from I'm a Sure Thing, who won at Laurel Park on 4/10/26.**6/29/2026, Carlos A. David, trainer:** Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Sheila Magic on 5/30/26.**6/29/2026, Valerie Shanyfelt, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Diclofenac--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Candy Crushem, who finished fourth at Thistledown on 5/27/26.

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6/26/2026, Jeremy J. H. Gillam, trainer: Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Problematic on 6/4/26.

6/26/2026, Andrew Simoff, trainer: Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Dantrolene--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Chicken Parm on 5/31/26.

6/26/2026, Carlos R. Figueroa, Jr., trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Betamethasone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Enduring Spirit, who finished third at Monmouth Park on 5/25/26.

6/25/2026, Hector Palma, trainer: Pending out-of-competition medication violation for the presence of Methamphetamine--a banned substance--in a sample taken from Hemet Gold on 5/22/26.

6/25/2026, Michael Simone, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Methamphetamine--a banned substance--in a sample taken from Gridlock, who finished third at Monmouth Park on 5/10/26.

Crop Violations

Colonial Downs

Jose C. Montalvo – reporting date June 28; \$500 fine, one-day suspension

Churchill Downs

Summer Lou Pauly – reporting date June 30; \$1,000 fine, two-day suspension

Irad Ortiz, Jr. – reporting date June 30; \$500 fine, one-day suspension

Keith J. Asmussen – reporting date June 30; \$1,000 fine, two-day suspension

Delaware Park

Marvin R. Fernandez – reporting date July 1; \$1,000 fine, two-day suspension, on appeal stay requested

Marvin R. Fernandez – reporting date July 1; \$750 fine, one-day suspension, on appeal stay requested

Ferley Infante – reporting date June 30; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Juan M. N. Rodriguez – reporting date June 30; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Jose R. Betancourt – reporting date June 30; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Wesley Gene Ho – reporting date June 25; \$37 fine, one-day suspension

Emerald Downs

Lenny A. Seecharan – reporting date June 27; \$500 fine, one-day suspension

Penn National

Jomar Torres – reporting date June 29; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Los Alamitos

Pedro Flores – reporting date June 28; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Ricardo Ramirez – reporting date June 27; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Armando J. Aguilar – reporting date June 27; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Thistledown

Mauro Cedillo – reporting date June 30; \$500 fine, two-day suspension

Ricardo Feliciano – reporting date June 30; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Mauro Cedillo – reporting date June 25; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

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MONMOUTH, INDIANAPOLIS, ELLIS CANCEL CARDS DUE TO HEAT; WOODBINE CANCELS DUE TO SEWER LEAK

Monmouth Park has canceled its live race card Friday and Horseshoe Indianapolis canceled its Thursday card in the face of extreme heat.

The six races originally scheduled for Monmouth's Friday card will be used as extras for Sunday.

Horseshoe Indianapolis had already transferred its Wednesday card to next Monday and scheduled earlier post times for the rest of the week before announcing it was cancelling its Thursday card.

“With the forecasted heat index approaching 110 degrees, we are being proactive and canceling racing on Thursday,” said Eric Halstrom, the track's vice president and general manager of racing. **Cont.**

Track cancellations, cont.

"We work closely with our horsemen's groups to determine the best decision in these cases. We fully expect to be racing Saturday, July 4th as the heat subsides a bit in Central Indiana."

The races cancelled Thursday will be brought back on the track's schedule next week.

Ellis Park has moved Friday's card in its entirety to next Thursday, July 9.

There are currently no changes to Saturday-Monday's schedule at Ellis, with first posts of 11:50 a.m. each day. Ellis Park officials had already announced that Thursday's card would shift in its entirety to Monday due to the excessive temperatures.

Additionally, after a sewer line leak occurred at the half-mile pole on Woodbine's main track, Woodbine Entertainment has cancelled both live racing and training Thursday. Contractors will continue to work Thursday to repair the issue.

Pending review, Woodbine will move the seven races scheduled Thursday to Sunday for a 15-race July 5 card. The moved races will not be redrawn.

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OLYMPIC CHAMPION ELANA MEYERS NAMED KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR 2026 HORSE RACING WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Olympic champion Elana Meyers Taylor has been named as the keynote speaker at this year's Horse Racing Women's Association Conference, which returns to Lexington, Kentucky for the second year in a row and will be held Oct. 12-14.

The fifth annual HRWA Conference offers attendees the opportunity to enjoy a welcome reception, an esteemed slate of speakers and three panel discussions, a special presentation of the Jane Goldstein Award, a guided networking session, and an afternoon of racing at Keeneland.

Through an in-depth conversation, hosted by Britney Euron, Host and Reporter on NBC and Prime Video, six-time Olympic medalist and bobsled champion Taylor will explore her experiences overcoming challenges, balancing motherhood and elite sports, breaking barriers, building community and creating opportunities for others to provide attendees a firsthand look at the defining moments and experiences that have shaped her remarkable journey.

"Every meaningful opportunity in my life came because someone believed in me, encouraged me, or gave me a chance--a chance I often had to fight for. The medals are great, but the people are what matter most. That's why communities like HRWA are so important--they create those opportunities for others," said Taylor. "I'm honored to be part of this year's HRWA

conference and excited to share my experiences while discussing the power of mentorship, meaningful relationships, and creating opportunities for the next generation of women leaders."

The featured speakers of the afternoon will be the Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes winning trainer-owner duo of Cherie DeVaux and Daisy Phipps Pulito.

In addition to the featured speakers, attendees of this year's HRWA Conference will have the opportunity to sit in on a unique trio of panel discussions hosted by a talented array of panelists that come from all corners of the Thoroughbred industry.

The panels include: Ambition & Agency: Women Navigating and Shaping Racing, Future Proofing: Technology, AI & the Next Era of Racing, and The Power Network: Mentorship, Sponsorship & Opening Doors.

"Each year, the HRWA Conference brings together women from across Thoroughbred racing to learn from one another, build meaningful connections, and inspire the next generation of leaders," said Jodie Vella-Gregory, HRWA Event Logistics Committee Chair. "This year's program features an exceptional lineup of speakers whose talent, leadership, and innovation are driving our industry forward. They represent just a few of the many remarkable women making an impact across Thoroughbred racing, and their diverse experiences will spark meaningful conversations, new ideas, and lasting connections."

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Saturday, 7/4, Saratoga #9, post time: 5:20 p.m. EDT

BELMONT DERBY S.-GI, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Blackmail	Not This Time	Gary Barber	Casse	Castellano	122
2	Bottas	Vekoma	Dahman	Clement	Franco	122
3	Remember Mamba 🦋	Kitten's Joy	C R K Stable LLC	DeVaux	Ortiz	122
4	Third Coast	Uncle Mo	Glen Hill Farm	Proctor	Lezcano	122
5	Turf Star	Caravaggio	Calumet Farm	Motion	Davis	122
6	Pacific Avenue (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Buick	122
7	Tiernanogue 🦋	Quality Road	Michael Gregg	Walsh	Santana, Jr.	122
8	West End Kid 🦋	Twirling Candy	Mo Speed Racing	Walden	Gaffalione	122
9	Title Role (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Will Stroud, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor, and Derrick Smith	Crisford	Velazquez	122
10	Touch of Fire	Constitution	Juddmonte	Cox	Prat	122

Breeders: 1-Don Alberto Corporation, 2-BCS Thoroughbreds, 3-Burning Daylight Farms, Inc. & November Hill, Inc., 4-Glen Hill Farm, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-Godolphin, 7-Gary Holland, 8-Fred W. Hertrich III, 9-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd, 10-Juddmonte

The huge year trainer Will Walden is having should continue with **West End Kid (Twirling Candy)**. The horse has really blossomed, has won three straight and is definitely the one to beat. 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Remember Mamba** (Kitten's Joy) has a ton of acceleration and will be flying late. Ran into a tough one in **Stark Contrast** (Caravaggio) in the GI American Turf Stakes. Charlie Appleby will send out 'Rising Star' **Pacific Avenue (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), but note the horse was 40-1 in the G1 Irish Guineas when third. Is this a second-stringer?

--Bill Finley

Saturday, 7/4, Saratoga #7, post time: 4:06 p.m. EDT

BELMONT OAKS S.-GI, \$600,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Just Aloof	Justify	Whisper Hill Farm LLC	Brown	Franco	121
2	Time to Dream	Not This Time	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Zayas	121
3	Kensington Lane (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Agave Racing Stable, Medallion Racing & Evan Trommer	O'Brien	Rosario	121
4	Faithful Departed	Yoshida (Jpn)	Frank Ferrogine, Richard Rendina, Nick Coniglio, and Greywood Farms, LLC	Forster	Ortiz	121
5	Storm's Wake	Oscar Performance	William K. Werner	Lynch	Davis	121
6	Fitz Right 🦋	Charlatan	Michael Dubb, William H. Lawrence, The Elkstone Group, LLC and Michael E. Kisber	Brown	Prat	121
7	Carmensita (Arg)	Treasure Beach (GB)	Club Sixty Five Racing	De Paz	Santana, Jr.	125
8	Abashiri (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Buick	121
9	Ultimate Love	Curlin	Live Oak Plantation	Trombetta	Velazquez	121
10	Imaginationthelady 🦋	Not This Time	Mark Dobbin	Walsh	Gaffalione	121

Breeders: 1-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 2-Maggie Gieseke, 3-Almost Always Partnership, 4-Robert K. Johnson, 5-William Werner, 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 7-Abolengo, 8-Godolphin, 9-Live Oak Stud, 10-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables

A brutally tough race to handicap, but a great betting race. **Fitz Right (Charlatan)** checks a lot of boxes. She is trained by Chad Brown, will be ridden by Flavien Prat and is on fire, having won three straight. Brown is excellent when pointing to a Grade I race. Charlie Appleby will shoot for another Grade I win in the U.S. when he sends **Abashiri (GB) (Frankel {GB})**. Filly is coming off a solid effort in the G1 Irish 1,000 Guineas and obviously has a lot of class. **Faithful Departed (Yoshida {Jpn})** has to prove herself at this level, but is in great form and might be ready for the next step. --Bill Finley

Saturday, 7/4, Saratoga #8, post time: 4:42 p.m. EDT
SUBURBAN S. PRESENTED BY SUBOURBON LIFE-GII, \$500,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Classicist	Curlin	St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Castellano	120
2	Forged Steel	Vekoma	C Two Racing Stable, Mathis Stable LLC, and TCC Stables LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Prat	124
3	Yo Daddy	Yoshida (Jpn)	Winning Move Stable and Wesley Sigler	Rice	Santana, Jr.	122
4	Parchment Party 🌿	Constitution	Pin Oak Stud LLC	Mott	Lezcano	122
5	Tiztastic 🌿	Tiz the Law	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor, and Derrick Smith	Asmussen	Ortiz	124
6	Phileas Fogg 🌿	Astern (Aus)	Jupiter Stable LLC	Rodriguez	Carmouche	124
7	Antiquarian 🌿	Preservationist	Centennial Farms	Pletcher	Velazquez	124
8	Hit Show	Candy Ride (Arg)	Wathnan Racing	Cox	Franco	124
9	Stars and Stripes 🌿	Not This Time	Frassetto Stables LLC	Mott	Alvarado	122
10	Original Sin	Curlin	Calumet Farm	Walsh	Gaffalione	122
11	Obstacle (Brz)	Hofburg	Duplo Ouro Stables LLC	Lobo	Rosario	124

Breeders: 1-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 2-Richard E. Wilson, 3-Big Chief Racing LLC & Rocker O Ranch LLC, 4-B. Flay Thoroughbreds, 5-Capital Bloodstock, 6-Godolphin, 7-Breton C. Jones, 8-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 9-Pam & Martin Wygod, 10-Calumet Farm, 11-Haras Santa Maria de Araras

Scratched out of the GI Stephen Foster Stakes for this, **Forged Steel** (Vekoma) is a true mile-and-quarter horse, which he showed when romping by 9 1/2 in the GII Hollywood Gold Cup. Will need to avoid a speed duel with longshot **Phileas Fogg** (Astern {Aus}), who won this race last year. **Antiquarian** (Preservationist) has lacked consistency but his win in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup and his close runner-up showing in last year's Suburban also point him out as a true 10-furlongs horse. 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Parchment Party (Constitution)** is another horse that loves a distance. Actually, this race may be too short for him. --Bill Finley

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SANFORD S.-GIII, \$225,000, 2yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Waggley 🐾	Life Is Good	Ten Broeck Farm, Inc.	Ward	Alvarado	119
2	Booked 🐾	Yaupon	Jackpot Farm, Alvin Fults, Jason Itkin, & Michael D. Smith	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
3	Goodbye to Romance 🐾	Complexity	Pure Bred Funding LLC	Antonucci	Prat	122
4	Pocket Listing	Listing	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Franco	122
5	Vissino 🐾	Preservationist	Blue Crevale Racing and Quintessential Racing Florida	Casse	Ortiz	122
6	Jack's Golden Goal 🐾	Omaha Beach	Next Level Stables	Arriaga	Rosario	120
7	Ashcroft Lane	Keepmeinmind	James Politano and Northeast Racing, LLC	Falcone, Jr.	Davis	122
8	Regent's Park	Bolt d'Oro	Amo Racing USA LLC	Delgado	Velazquez	122
9	Rasasi	Honor Code	RRR Racing	Sano	Gaffalione	122

Breeders: 1-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 2-Peace Of Heaven Thoroughbreds, 3-Haymarket Farm LLC, 4-Reddam Racing, LLC, 5-Mr. Theodore R. Kuster & Estate of Brereton C. Jones, 6-Matt Jackson & Family, 7-Sequel Stallions New York LLC & James Politano, 8-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 9-RRR Racing, Inc.

In a very tough race, we'll go with the Monmouth shipper and 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Regent's Park** (Bolt d'Oro). A \$1.4-million purchase by Amo Racing USA, he only beat three rivals in his debut but toyed with them. Looks like he's got a lot of talent. You have to respect **Waggley** (Life Is Good) after the Wesley Ward-trained filly beat the boys in the Kentucky Juvenile at Churchill. In a big field, the one post could be a problem. Yes, **Pocket Listing** (Listing) only beat California-breds in his debut, but he could not have been more impressive. Shipping the horse across the country and running him back on short rest. Doug O'Neill is showing a lot of confidence.

--Bill Finley

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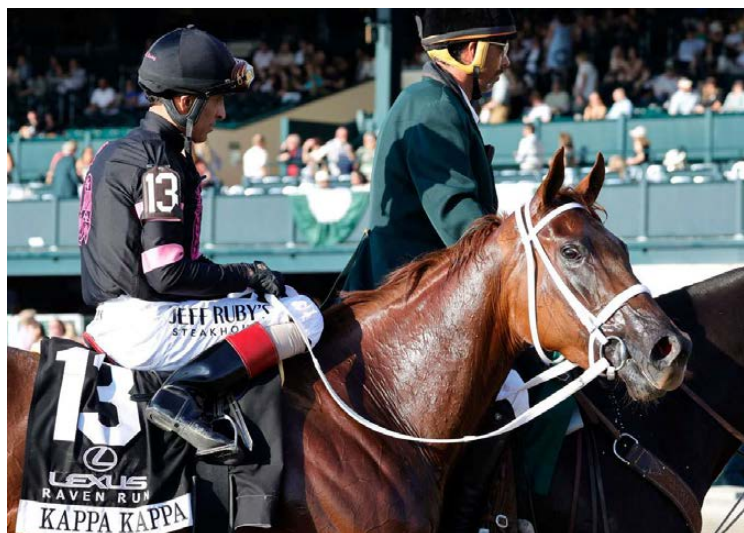
8th-Parx Racing, \$66,768, Alw (C), Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 7-1, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.47, ft, 2 lengths.

KAPPA KAPPA (f, 4, Omaha Beach--Pharoah's Princess, by Pioneer of the Nile), upset winner of last year's GII Lexus Raven Run Stakes at Keeneland, closed the season with a sixth in the GIII Comely Stakes Dec. 7 and resumed with an even fourth in Laurel's Skipat Stakes May. 16. Heavily favored here at 10 cents on the dollar against allowance rivals, the Pennsylvania-bred worked her way to the front from an outside drive and made the running from off the inside into the turn. Never truly looking like losing at any stage, Kappa Kappa kept on to take it by a couple of lengths. Produced by a winning half-sister to GSW Pat On the Back (Congrats) and SW Sarah Accomplished (Performing Magic), Kappa Kappa has a yearling half-sister by **Tiz the Law**.

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2nd-Delaware, \$44,250, Msw, 7-1, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.70, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

INTOGAGE (g, 3, Engage--Ecliptical Mary, by In Summation) trained forwardly at this conditioner's Penn National base and was crunched into 6-5 favoritism from a morning line of 6-1. Ridden positively from gate six by Inoel Beato, the \$14,000 OBS October yearling turned \$120,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic breezer showed the way while taking some token pressure from Aqueduct shipper Grey Bull (**Essential Quality**), the 27-10 chief market rival. Intogage looked to lose focus for a stride or two nearing the stretch, but kicked on strongly in the final furlong to score comfortable. Grey Bull just held for second. The Maryland-bred has a yearling half-sister by Great Notion and a full-brother foaled Feb. 8. Sales history: \$14,000 Ylg '24 OBSOCT; \$120,000 2yo '25 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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Drain the Clock (Maclean's Music), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
134 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Colonial Downs, 12:37 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Charlie's Clock, 5-2
\$47,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$100,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$125,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$135,000 OBS MAR 2yo

First-Crop Starters To Watch cont.**Idol (Curlin)**, Taylor Made Farm, \$5,00081 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Thistledown, 1:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Box Office Hit, 5-1
\$30,000 FTK OCT yrl2-Thistledown, 1:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Starlit **Idol**, 10-1**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JULY 2****2026 Stud Fees Listed****Independence Hall (Constitution)**, WinStar Farm, \$10,000196 foals of racing age/43 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Evangeline Downs, 7:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Comedy Hall, 5-1
5-Colonial Downs, 12:37 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Freedom Hall, 5-1


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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:****6th-Parx Racing, \$62,410**, 7-1, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.19, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.**MORE THAN GRACE (f, 4, More Than Ready--Trace of Grace {MSW, \$489,652}, by Petionville)** Lifetime Record: 14-5-2-1, \$193,190. O-Just In Time Racing LLC; B-WMT Stables Inc & More Than Ready Syndicate (PA); T-Michael V Pino. *\$80,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$180,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR.

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8th-Delaware, \$51,700, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 7-1, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.06, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.**SASSAFRASSNESS (f, 4, Unified--Hartigan {MSW, \$197,300}, by Include)** Lifetime Record: 18-9-1-3, \$291,225. O-Morris E Kernan Jr & Jagger Inc; B-Jagger Inc (MD); T-Jamie Ness. *1/2 to Starry Moon (Malibu Moon), MSP, \$200,516; Speedyness (Great Notion), MSW, \$486,990; and Royal Number (Palace Malice), SP, \$184,030.**6th-Delaware, \$45,850**, 7-1, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.38, ft, 1/2 length.**EMBRACE MY UNCLE (g, 9, Shanghai Bobby--Midnight Embrace, by Midnight Lute)** Lifetime Record: 69-12-19-7, \$318,758. O-Dana Barber; B-Yvonne Schwabe Thoroughbreds (ON); T-Christopher Seale. *\$9,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$20,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Midnight Mascot (**Army Mule**), SW & GSP, \$253,301.**7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$41,000**, (S), 6-30, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.07, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.**SLY GUY (g, 3, Qurbaan--Nora's Song, by War Chant)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$53,113. O/B-KP Thoroughbreds LLC (IN); T-Devarus Douglass. *1/2 to Touchdown Pass (Pass Rush), SW, \$176,720.**1st-Thistledown, \$35,800**, (S), 7-1, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.06, ft, 4 lengths.**COMMISSIONER D (m, 5, Mobil--Angel Falls, by City Zip)** Lifetime Record: 21-7-1-5, \$128,351. O-HMDC Racing Stables LLC & Taste of Victory Stables; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm LLC (OH); T-Justin Radosevich. *\$25,000 Ylg '22 OTBOMX.**6th-Fort Erie, C\$24,513**, 6-30, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:24.55, fm, 2 lengths.**MYMATHES CORRECT (g, 4, Frac Daddy--Lady Sarah, by Whywhywhy)** Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-1, \$33,578. O-David J Mathes; B-Megan Allan & Lesley Kraus (ON); T-Julie Mathes. *C\$12,000 Ylg '23 CANSEP. **Full to Derzkii, SP, \$240,017.**5th-Fort Erie, C\$23,078**, 6-30, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.05, ft, neck.**SHORT STORY LONG (g, 4, Reload--Yolie, by Menifee)** Lifetime Record: 18-3-0-0, \$42,724. O/T-Lindsay L Hoad; B-Frank Di Giulio Jr (ON).

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5th-Assiniboia Downs, C\$22,070, (S), 6-30, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:07.52, ft, 1/2 length.

RISE AGAIN (f, 3, Speculating--Marianda, by Going Commando) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$20,507. O-A2 Thoroughbreds & True North Thoroughbreds; B-Julien Thomas Denis Fouillard & Stephane Fouillard (MB); T-Michael Nault. *C\$11,000 Ylg '24 CTHMAN.

3rd-Fort Erie, C\$21,543, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$8,444-\$8,796), 6-30, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:23.81, fm, 1/2 length.

MAD DOG N JOE (g, 8, Reload--Hannah Sue, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 62-9-5-3, \$238,557. O-ICON Racing Stables; B-Bay Ridge Orchards Limited (ON); T-Anthony Adamo. *C\$2,500 Ylg '19 CANSEP. **1/2 to Tabloid Material (Souper Speedy), MSP, \$180,702.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Which Side R U On, g, 3, Paynter--Aurea Aura, by Temple City. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-30, (S), 1mT, 1:36.02. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$26,960. B-Lucky J Stable (IN).

Practical Joker, c, 3, Practical Joke--Daddy's Duo, by Scat Daddy. Delaware, 7-1, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.22. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$52,261. B-Cicero Farms LLC (KY). *\$250,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Grazed My Heart (Grazen), SW, \$207,300.

Whiskey Point, c, 3, Yaupon--Capable, by Bernardini. Thistledown, 7-1, 6f, 1:12.08. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-1, \$41,348. B-Danzel Brendemuehl & Colleen Smith (NY). *\$80,000 Wlg '23 KEENOV; \$300,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT.

Me Promesa, g, 4, Yockey's Warrior--Lady Fitzgerald, by Proudinsky (Ger). Louisiana Downs, 6-30, (S), 5fT, :57.06. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$22,800. B-Ray Whitley (LA).

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Me Promesa, g, 4, Yockey's Warrior--Lady Fitzgerald, by Proudinsky (Ger). Louisiana Downs, 6-30, (S), 5fT, :57.06. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$22,800. B-Ray Whitley (LA).

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Mobil, Commissioner D, m, 5, o/o Angel Falls, by City Zip. ALW, 7-1, Thistledown

More Than Ready, More Than Grace, f, 4, o/o Trace of Grace, by Petionville. ALW, 7-1, Parx Racing

Omaha Beach, Kappa Kappa, f, 4, o/o Pharoah's Princess, by Pioneerof the Nile. AOC, 7-1, Parx Racing

Paynter, Which Side R U On, g, 3, o/o Aurea Aura, by Temple City. MSW, 6-30, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Practical Joke, Practical Joker, c, 3, o/o Daddy's Duo, by Scat Daddy. MSW, 7-1, Delaware

Qurbaan, Sly Guy, g, 3, o/o Nora's Song, by War Chant. ALW, 6-30, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Reload, Mad Dog N Joe, g, 8, o/o Hannah Sue, by Stormy Atlantic. AOC, 6-30, Fort Erie

Reload, Short Story Long, g, 4, o/o Yolie, by Meniffee. ALW, 6-30, Fort Erie

Shanghai Bobby, Embrace My Uncle, g, 9, o/o Midnight Embrace, by Midnight Lute. ALW, 7-1, Delaware

Speculating, Rise Again, f, 3, o/o Marianda, by Going Commando. ALW, 6-30, Assiniboia

Unified, Sassafrassness, f, 4, o/o Hartigan, by Include. AOC, 7-1, Delaware

Yaupon, Whiskey Point, c, 3, o/o Capable, by Bernardini. MSW, 7-1, Thistledown

Yockey's Warrior, Me Promesa, g, 4, o/o Lady Fitzgerald, by Proudinsky (Ger). MSW, 6-30, Louisiana Downs

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CROMWELL VOWS NOT TO 'TAKE FINGER OFF PULSE' AGAIN AFTER BIG SPEND AT ARQANA



Cromwell: "If I am being completely honest, I feel like I took my finger off the pulse a bit this time last year." | [Racingfotos.com](#)

By Brian Sheerin

Gavin Cromwell has described the demand for National Hunt stock as "stronger than ever" after the multiple Cheltenham Festival-winning handler rounded off a busy few weeks at the sales by spending €230,000 on classy juvenile hurdle prospect Le Citadin (City Light) at the Arqana Summer Sale.

Dual winner Le Citadin was one of the most expensive horses sold at the Summer Sale, which mirrored the red-hot trade at the premier store sales in Ireland over the past few weeks.

One of the busiest buyers on that beat, Cromwell explained how a feeling of taking his finger off the pulse on the exact same sales circuit 12 months previously provided him with the ambition to remain strong from the beginning of the Goffs Arkle Sale, on to the Tattersalls Ireland Derby Sale and right through to the action at Arqana this week.

Speaking shortly after securing Le Citadin on behalf of the Furze Bush Syndicate, who have enjoyed huge success with the likes of Stumptown and Will The Wise within his County Meath-based yard, Cromwell said, "Trade was very strong and there were a lot of nice horses at Arqana." [Cont. p3](#)

OZZIE KHEIR SECURES A STAKE IN DERBY FOURTH BAY OF BRILLIANCE

The Ralph Beckett-trained **Bay Of Brilliance** (New Bay), last seen finishing fourth in the Derby, will sport new colours when he lines up in Sunday's G1 Deutsches Derby at Hamburg, with Australian owner Aziz 'Ozzie' Kheir having bought into the colt since his excellent effort in defeat at Epsom.

Purchased for 140,000gns at Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, Bay Of Brilliance went to post for the Derby as the winner of two of his four previous starts for owners Valmont, having won twice in the autumn of his two-year-old campaign, before returning to action with a narrow defeat to Maltese Cross (**Sea The Stars**) in the Listed Lingfield Derby Trial Stakes.

That form was upheld at Epsom when Maltese Cross occupied the runner-up spot behind Christmas Day (**Camelot**), with Kheir also being represented by a key player in that Classic, namely the third-place finisher, James J Braddock (**Zarak**). [Cont. p4](#)

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The five-year-old Miss Wood headlined Wednesday's session of the Arqana Summer Sale when knocked down to Erwan de Chambord for €340,000. The daughter of Choeur Du Nord is a full-sister to this year's G1 Ryanair Chase hero Heart Wood.

| Zuzanna Lupa

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*The late additions include Capall Rasa (*Footsteps in the sand*), who was last seen finishing fifth, beaten only two lengths, in the Britannia Stakes at Royal Ascot.*

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Arqana Summer Sale cont. from p1

"I bought a breezer who could develop into a nice dual-purpose horse, and I also bought a store and a nice horse by City Light [Le Citadin] to go juvenile hurdling," Cromwell continued. "He looks a fine model and has already been schooled over hurdles. The lads who own Stumptown and Will The Wise have bought him."

He may be best known for winning the Champion Hurdle with Espoir D'Allen and the Gold Cup with Inothewayurthinkin, but Cromwell has proved himself equally as talented on the level and enjoyed Royal Ascot success with Quick Suzy and Snellen.

Therefore, Cromwell is uniquely placed to comment on appetite within the ownership ranks across both spheres, and he admits to being bowled over by the demand for top-notch jumps prospects at present.



Le Citadin goes through the ring at Arqana | Zuzanna Lupa

"I think it's easier to sell the better jumps horses," Cromwell explained. "Definitely, the appetite has been there for the top end of it, and they are very hard to buy. I can't remember it

being this strong. Just from my own experience, it has become so hard to buy the nicer point-to-pointers, unless you have a big budget, say 400 grand or more, so then the end user seems to be shopping more at the store sales with a view towards buying a horse that could turn out to be nice. That's part of what's driving the store market but, of course, the point-to-point lads have had a great year so they are strong as well. It's a combination of everything.

"A few new owners have come to me in recent weeks asking me to buy them a horse at the store sales, which has been great."

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Arqana Summer Sale cont.

"Generally, the Flat owners in my yard are purchasing yearlings with a view towards trading, while the National Hunt owner seems to be looking for the nice horse--more end users. They are a very different type of owner over the two codes," Cromwell continued.

"I'm very happy with the business we did here in France and over the past few weeks at the store sales. We have been very busy and I was conscious that we needed to restock. If I am being completely honest, I feel like I took my finger off the pulse a bit this time last year and didn't hit the sales hard enough. By the time the jumps season rolled around, I knew my fate because we had a lot of badly-handicapped horses and didn't have enough young horses coming through. I felt like we were very light in the bumper and maiden hurdle department last season and I didn't want to let that happen again.

"To be fair to Gordon [Elliott], he has always been the one who has been really strong at the sales. As he always says, if you can win at the sales, you'll win at the races. He's one hundred per cent right with that. So hopefully we've unearthed a few nice horses to go to war with next season. I think we have."

Fellow Irish-based trainer Willie Mullins, the dominant force over jumps, splashed out €250,000 on Noble Sea. That winning son of Irish Derby winner Latrobe was purchased alongside agents Pierre Boulard and Harold Kirk.

Meanwhile, Erwan de Chambord went to €340,000 to secure Miss Wood (Choeur Du Nord) on behalf of Edward James, the owner of the leading hurdler-turned stallion Nietzsche Has. And while that top lot was secured by the home team, it would appear that the plan for the sister to Henry de Bromhead's Ryanair Chase hero Heart Wood is to continue her career in Britain.

"She was purchased on behalf of Edward James, who owned Nietzsche Has, now a stallion at my family's stud Haras de Montaigu," de Chambord explained. "She was bought by Edward and the plan is to race her, probably in England, although that is not 100 per cent. Then, hopefully she will become a very nice broodmare. She has good prospects for that--she is by Choeur Du Nord, who is flying, and she has some very good performances in France. She is also a full-sister to a very good horse in Heart Wood. This is what Edward wants to do--buy the best mares that he can and then cover by his own stallion."

He added, "This sale was very strong and, overall, the National Hunt market is very good. To find good horses, it has been very tough. When you see the results at the store sale on Tuesday, it was also very strong, but it is very good for the National Hunt sector. We breed many National Hunt horses here in France. That market was quite difficult in the past few years, but now it is starting to get better, so that is very good."

The Arqana Summer Sale concluded with an aggregate of €10,909,000 (-13%) and a clearance rate of 77% (-4%). That is despite the fact there were 44 less horses offered compared to 12 months ago. The average rose by 3% to €41,479, while the median was up from €22,000 to €26,000.

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Bay Of Brilliance going to post for the Derby | [Racingfotos.com](#)

Bay Of Brilliance cont. from p1

Now, Kheir and his partners have ramped up their involvement in European racing by securing an interest in Bay Of Brilliance, albeit with a view to potentially racing the son of New Bay in Australia towards the end of the season.

"Our Australian partners were keen to go to Germany, as the aim is to take him to Australia at the end of the year," explained Alex Elliott, racing adviser to Valmont. "But, to qualify for those 'Cup' races out there, you need to have finished in the first three of a Group 1 to gain automatic entry. Doing that in any Group 1 is not easy, but Germany felt the easiest choice to achieve that.

"If he finishes in the three this weekend, then he could race on in Europe a bit longer than anticipated. If he wins the German Derby, we could be thinking St Leger. We'll take things one step at a time, but he was sold under the pretence that he would head to Australia later on this year."

A maximum field of 20 runners was confirmed for the Deutsches Derby on Wednesday, with the multiple Group winner **Gostam** (**Saxon Warrior**) and G2 Union-Rennen hero **Englishman** (Nathaniel) leading the home defence.

Bay Of Brilliance will be the only runner from Britain and Ireland after the Ballydoyle pair of **Causeway** (Wootton Bassett) and **Hawk Mountain** (Wootton Bassett) failed to appear in the final field, with Elliott optimistic that he goes there with "a first or second favourite's chance".

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Bay Of Brilliance cont.

He added, "We're drawn in six, which is perfect, but there is rain forecast and we don't really want much as we think he's better on better ground. He finished closer to Maltese Cross on firm ground at Lingfield than he did at Epsom, and he's a good moving horse.

"It was a very attritional race, the Derby, and we were toying with the Irish Derby, but Benvenuto Cellini went back there, as did Christmas Day and James J Braddock, so we thought we might be 33-1 at the Curragh when we could be 3-1 in Germany.

"The ground would probably have suited us better in Ireland but, as long as they don't get too much rain, he should be okay. He did win on soft as a two-year-old. Our biggest worry would be if Epsom left its mark as they did finish very tired and, as we saw in the Irish Derby, James J Braddock ran no sort of race.

"But the extra week will have helped us, we think, and Ralph says the horse is in good form. We look forward to going there with a first or second favourite's chance."

O'Brien confirms Eclipse plans

Meanwhile, Hamburg's loss will be Sandown's gain on Saturday, with Aidan O'Brien confirming that Hawk Mountain is an intended runner in the G1 Coral-Eclipse. He will be joined in the line-up by his Prix du Jockey Club conqueror and stablemate **Constitution River** (Wootton Bassett), who currently heads Coral's betting at 5-4.

"It looks like they are both going to run," said O'Brien. "It's exciting for everybody. They've followed a similar programme all year. Everything has been good with the pair of them since they ran in the French Derby and the Eclipse looks the right race for both of them."

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Constitution River (second right) and **Hawk Mountain** (left): will lock horns again in the Coral-Eclipse | *Scoop Dyga*

JULY FIXTURES AT HAYDOCK PARK CANCELLED, RACING TO RETURN IN AUGUST



There will be no racing at Haydock Park in July | *Getty Images*

The Jockey Club has announced that Haydock Park plans to resume racing on Friday, August 7 following the cancellation of fixtures after a hole appeared in the Flat outer track during a raceday in May.

To support the return to racing in August, the fixtures scheduled to take place on Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18 have been cancelled, allowing time for the necessary repair works to the outer course to be completed.

The fixture scheduled for Saturday, July 18 will now take place at Nottingham Racecourse on the same date. The British Horseracing Authority will finalise the race programme for Nottingham and announce plans for the rescheduling of the meeting on Friday, July 17 in due course.

The Madness concert originally scheduled to take place after racing on Saturday, July 18 will go ahead at Haydock Park as planned. All ticket purchasers and hospitality guests will be contacted directly with further information about the concert and refund process.

All ticket purchasers for racing on Friday, July 17 will receive automatic refunds, while hospitality customers will be contacted directly by the racecourse team.

Daniel Cooper, clerk of the course at Haydock Park, said, "While it is disappointing to cancel our fixtures in July, we are confident that this is the right decision to allow us to work with the relevant experts to complete further investigations and carry out the recommended repair to the outer track.

"Our investigations have narrowed down the cause of the issue to a fissure associated with historic mining activity in the area and that elements of a previous repair deteriorated, which created a pocket of instability beneath the turf, which led to the hole that appeared in May." **Cont. p6**

Haydock Park cont.

Cooper continued, "Working with independent structural engineers and experts in this field, we have traced the fissure and will replace the previous repair with a more robust and durable solution. This will involve using a membrane and repair technique utilising modern materials and layers of material found in the natural makeup of the land.

"We also conducted a Ground Penetration Radar Survey across the entire course. As you would expect, the survey identified some anomalies which we have checked. The results will enable us to produce an up-to-date map of the racecourse to support our enhanced maintenance programme which will now be put in place.

"We have always been of the view that, in the interests of safety, it would not be appropriate to race on the inner course while the excavated area remained exposed on the adjacent outer course. However, having spent considerable time investigating and analysing the results, we are now confident that once we have repaired and filled in the excavated areas of the outer course, we will be able to race on the inner course. While we allow the outer course time to recover from the necessary work, the team will work hard to ensure the inner course is in the best condition possible to stage all racing in the meantime.

"We would like to thank the British Horseracing Authority for their support in rescheduling our cancelled fixtures, and the National Trainers Federation, Professional Jockeys' Association, Racecourse Owners' Association and our annual members and racegoers for their understanding and patience while we have conducted our investigations over the past few weeks."

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ROYAL ASCOT FORM ON SHOW AS 12 WILDCARDS ADDED TO TATTERSALLS JULY SALE

Twelve wildcards have been added to the Tattersalls July Sale, which will take place from Tuesday, July 7 to Thursday, July 9, including **Capall Rasa** (**Footstepsinthesand**), who produced a highly encouraging performance when fifth in the Britannia Stakes at Royal Ascot, finishing just two lengths behind the winner.

The Tom Dascombe-trained three-year-old boasts a Timeform rating of 102, having contested the Esher Cup and London Gold Cup before his Royal Ascot run. He is catalogued as lot 504F.

Another with Royal Ascot form is **Regal Ulixes** (Ulysses), who was placed in the Duke Of Edinburgh Stakes and is to be offered as lot 504D by Andrew Balding's Kingsclere Training Stables with a Timeform rating of 106.



Regal Ulixes: added to the Tattersalls July Sale | *Tattersalls*

Meanwhile, Consign will offer the 98 Timeform-rated **Super Soldier** (Dark Angel), who was placed in last year's G2 Prix Robert Papin for Karl Burke, alongside the consistent **Dapper Valley** (Dark Angel), a winner or placed in 11 starts for James Owen with a Timeform rating of 98.

The three-day Tattersalls July Sale numbers 815 lots and features high-class consignments from leading owner-breeders including Godolphin, Juddmonte and Shadwell Estate Company. The catalogue can be viewed online at www.tattersalls.com.

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CHALKSTONE RACING COME TO THE PARTY WITH PAIR OF TATTERSALLS ONLINE BUYS

Last weekend's Curragh maiden winner **Suspicious Mindz** was the most expensive lot to change hands during Wednesday's Tattersalls Online July Sale when bought for 50,000gns by Chalkstone Racing, a new venture operating out of Malton.

One of four lots in the sale consigned by Jessica Harrington's Commonstown Stables, the three-year-old son of **Bated Breath** boasts a current Timeform rating of 88 and is a half-brother to the G2 Norfolk Stakes winner The Ridler (Brazen Beau).

Chalkstone Racing also came away with fellow last-time-out winner **Great Dream** (Invincible Spirit) for 30,000gns. Consigned by William Haggas' Somerville Lodge, the three-year-old showed improved form when scoring by 11 lengths at Ffos Las a fortnight ago.

"Both will come and join our newly-established operation in Malton," Chalkstone Racing's Stuart McFarlane said of the two new additions to the team. "We have long-term plans for the stable and some shorter-term plans as well where we are looking to secure some quality horses in training who have demonstrated plenty of potential."

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Suspicious Mindz (left) | Racingfotos.com

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He added, "We are delighted to have secured these two horses from the top stables of Jessica Harrington and William Haggas. We felt they represented excellent value and look the type to keep progressing and compete in some valuable races."

Elsewhere, a yearling filly from the first crop of the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Ace Impact was purchased by Bold Lines for 42,000gns.

Consigned by Haras de Beaumont, who also stand European champion Ace Impact, the filly is out of the G3 Prix d'Aumale winner Shahah (Motivator) and is a half-sister to four winners, including the Listed-placed Ursuly (Olympic Glory).

Another highlight was the young broodmare **Comply (St Mark's Basilica)**, who was offered in foal to European champion two-year-old **Little Big Bear**. Consigned by Castlehyde Stud, the three-year-old went the way of CV Bloodstock for 39,000gns and is herself out of the G1 Cheveley Park Stakes heroine Rosdhu Queen (Invincible Spirit).

The Tattersalls Online July Sale realised turnover of 439,300gns for 47 lots sold at an average price of 9,347gns. Unsold lots remain available and offers can be made through the Make An Offer facility on the **Tattersalls Online website**.

Enquiries are also welcome by phone or via email to the Tattersalls Online team at tattersallsonline@tattersalls.com.

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HORSE RACING IRELAND LAUNCHES EXPANDED EDITION OF WELL-BEING GUIDE

Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) has launched an expanded and updated edition of its Health, Safety and Well-Being Guide for the thoroughbred racing and breeding sectors in Ireland.

Marking a major step forward in the industry's continued commitment to workplace safety, employee welfare and best practice standards, the updated 2026 edition builds on the foundation established by the original 2022 publication.

The revised guide introduces enhanced operational guidance, expanded worker welfare measures and strengthened compliance supports designed to assist employers, employees and industry stakeholders in maintaining safer and more inclusive working environments.

The publication reflects a broader evolution within the industry from viewing health and safety solely as a compliance requirement towards embedding a proactive culture of safety, care, accountability and continuous improvement.

Suzanne Eade, CEO of HRI, said, "It is the responsibility of everyone within the racing industry to comply with health and safety obligations and we would encourage employers to share these updated guidelines with employees, which provide practical tools and advice to help meet those obligations." [Cont. p8](#)



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Eade added, "By implementing best practice, it becomes the fabric of everyday life, reducing risk and creating a safer environment for our people and our horses."

Speaking on the updated publication, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Martin Heydon TD said, "I commend HRI for setting human and equine safety and care as their highest priority in their Strategic Plan 2024-2028. The success of this industry cannot be taken for granted, and the welfare of its people and animals remains a key priority and is always at the forefront of our minds."

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TREO EILE HOSTS THOROUGHBRED POLO PERFORMANCE CLASSES



Treo Eile director Diana Cooper, pictured with Stephen Power and Zorka, the winners of the Three-Year-Old Class | Alexandra Hourigan

Thoroughbred Polo Performance Classes took place at Dublin's All Ireland Polo Club last Friday, hosted by Treo Eile, Ireland's thoroughbred retraining organisation.

Fledgling polo ponies, split into three different classes, showcased their ability to perform polo movements to renowned thoroughbred retrainer and polo player Ross Ainsley. The winner of each class received a €1,000 prize, sponsored by the Irish EBF.

Stephen Power won the Three-Year-Old Class with Flintshire filly Zorka and Siobhan Herbst's unnamed Order of St George filly out of Ciara's Oscar won the Four-Year-Old Class. Meanwhile, Richard Tyrone took the Five/Six-Year Old Class with Lady Ravena, a daughter of Raven's Pass.

The performance classes were followed by a demonstration by Ainsley. He explained how he starts young horses, what attributes he looks for in a thoroughbred and how he has learnt to use different tack and bits.

"If you get a very good thoroughbred in polo, a thoroughbred that wants to stop and turn, they're the best horses in the world," said Ainsley. "They're the ultimate athlete."

The event was part of Treo Eile's ongoing commitment to showcasing the versatility of the thoroughbred beyond racing, highlighting polo as an exciting and rewarding second career. Through initiatives such as the Polo Performance Classes, Treo Eile aims to encourage greater awareness of the opportunities available for retired racehorses, while supporting owners and trainers in exploring new careers for these horses.

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Thursday, July 2, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford

204 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners

19:25-NEWBURY, 6f, **Shakwaa** (GB)

90,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 210,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025

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

115 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners

14:00-NOTTINGHAM, 6f, **Yahaira** (Ire)

€35,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025

18:03-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, **Rhodes Runner** (Ire)

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

Perfect Power (Ire) (Ardad {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud

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

18:50-NEWBURY, 6f, **Perfect Hope** (GB)

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

99 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners

14:30-NOTTINGHAM, 6f, **Nicely** (Ire)

€19,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; £95,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026

18:50-NEWBURY, 6f, **Topaz** (Ire)

72,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025

IRELAND

Thunder Moon (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), Castillon Stallions

53 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

1-BELLEWSTOWN, 8f, **Celtic Moon** (Fr)

€15,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2024; €18,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

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APPLEBY LOOKS TO MUSICAL TIMES AND NABATI TO TURN THE PAGE

3.40 Yarmouth, Novice, 2yo, f, 7f 3yT

MUSICAL TIMES (IRE) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) beat a fair yardstick at Newmarket on debut last month and sticks to novice company for now, with Charlie Appleby looking for a change of fortune for his yard. Out of the Cheshire Oaks winner and Fillies' Mile fourth Dubai Fountain (Teofilo), she holds a Group 1 entry and even under a penalty should be following up here.

3.09 Yarmouth, Mdn, 2yo, 6f 3yT

NABATI (IRE) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) is the first of the two Appleby hot favourites on the card, being the 850,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 purchase whose half-brother Chicago Call (Oasis Dream) was Listed-placed and fourth in the Richmond last term. Out of the Group-placed Pronouncement (Declaration Of War), he could be bound for the July Stakes if all goes well in this race the yard won with Shadow Of Light two years ago.

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BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

2nd-Thirsk, £8,000, Novice, 7-1, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.22, g/f.

ARAPAHO GOLD (IRE) (g, 2, Bayside Boy {Ire}--Call Of The Jungle {Ire}, by Bungle Inthejungle {GB}), who beat the division one winner Kodiak Breeze on debut here in May, stalked the early leader. Taking command passing two out, the 2-9 favourite drew away to win easily by 3 3/4 lengths from Mick's The Boy (Coulsty).

The dam, whose yearling filly is by Coulsty, is a half to the Listed winner Company Asset (Fast Company) and to the dam of another Listed scorer in Bungle Inthejungle's Funny Money Honey, who was also third in the Mercury at Group 3 level. Sales history: €42,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$11,413.

O-Doug Graham and Carole Dods; B-Newlands House Stud; T-Michael Dods.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Thirsk, £8,000, 7-1, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.46, g/f.

KODIAK BREEZE (IRE) (g, 2, Kodi Bear {Ire}--Caryatid {GB}, by Intello {Ger}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$14,154. O-Hambleton Racing Ltd XXXVI; B-Rathbarry Stud (IRE); T-Kevin Ryan.

*£18,000 Ylg '25 GOFFUK.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Wise And Wonderful (GB), f, 2, Oasis Dream (GB)--Great And Small (GB), by Galileo (Ire). Epsom, 7-1, 7f 3yT, 1:24.57.

Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$12,808. B-Coln Valley Stud.

Theheatison (GB), c, 2, Too Darn Hot (GB)--All Out (GB) (GSP-Eng), by Acclamation (GB). Bath, 7-1, 5f 160yT, 1:11.71.

Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$5,729. B-W & R Barnett, Ltd.

*30,000gns RNA Ylg '25 TATOCT; £18,000 2yo '26 GOUKB.

North Force (Ire), c, 3, Frankel (GB)--Move Swiftly (GB)

(GSW-Eng), by Farhh (GB). Thirsk, 7-1, 7f 218yT, 1:40.98.

Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-2, \$18,951. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited.

IRELAND

Wednesday's Results:

1st-Fairyhouse, €25,000, Cond, 7-1, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.33, gd.

ALWAYSANANGEL (IRE) (f, 2, Harry Angel {Ire}--Totsiyah {Ire}, by Dalakhani {Ire}), sent off at 15-2, was forced to chase from rear early. Coming on strong to take control approaching the furlong marker, the newcomer asserted to record a three-length success from Crayons In The Sky (St Mark's Basilica).

Dylan Browne McMonagle was impressed. "She's a good filly, I think. She's showing plenty at home," he said. "I just wanted to get her relaxed early, being a breezer, get her doing things right and to hit the line. Once I pulled her out off the cover, she quickened up really well. She put it to bed in a couple of strides. She's got a bit of class."

The unraced dam, who unfortunately died last year, is a half to the Listed scorer Junia Tepzia (Rock Of Gibraltar) and to the dam of the Prix Francois Boutin winner Cowardofthecounty (Kodi Bear). The family features the Guineas-winning sires **Footstepsinthesand** and Power.

Sales history: £78,750 2yo '26 TATGBU. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,133.

O-Janine Byrne; B-Mr R Kavanagh; T-Joseph O'Brien.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ashikita (Fr), m, 5, Camelot (GB)--Askerana (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). Roscommon, 6-30, 12f 17yT, 2:41.61. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$7,982. B-Aga Khans Studs. *€3,000 3yo '24 GOFNOV.

**1/2 to Asakir (Ire) (Zarak), SP-Ire.



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FRANCE

Wednesday's Results:

6th-La Teste, €24,700, Cond, 7-1, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.45, gd.
JUMBOTRON (GB) (g, 2, Havana Grey {GB}--Band Practice {Ire} {SW-Fr}, by Society Rock {Ire}), who scored over this course and distance on debut last month, enjoyed a lead until the end of the back straight. Taking control approaching two out, the 9-10 favourite stayed on strongly to score by six lengths from Askam Chope (Fr) (Gutaifan {Ire}).

The Listed-winning dam, whose colt foal is by Shaquille, is a granddaughter of the dual Group 3 winner Majestic Desert (Fraam) from the family of the dual graded stakes-placed Zaffinah (Casamento).

Sales history: 100,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,500.

O-LNJ Foxwoods SC; B-Branton Court Stud; T-Christopher Head.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-Nantes, €27,400, 7-1, 3yo, 12fT, 2:35.75, gd.

TICKEA (IRE) (f, 3, Australia {GB}--Femina {Ire} {SP-Fr}, by Siyouni {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, €32,810.

O/B-Wertheimer et Frere; T-Yann Barberot.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Medronho (GB), c, 2, Territories (Ire)--Bengali (Fr), by Dark Angel (Ire). La Teste, 7-1, 7fT, 1:26.78. B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm.
 *€5,000 Ylg '25 ARQAUG.



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GERMANY

Wednesday's Results:

SPARKASSE HOLSTEIN - HAMBURGER STUTEN CUP-Listed,

€30,000, Hamburg, 7-1, 4yo/up, f/m, 11fT, time, g/s.

1--**INNORA (GER)**, 123, f, 4, **Lord Of England (Ger)**--**I Think So (Ger)**, by **So You Think (NZ)**. **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** (€30,000 Ylg '23 BBASEP). O-Stall Route 66 & Bernd Reese; B-Gestut Elsetal; T-Henk Grewe; J-Leon Wolff. €18,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Ger, 8-2-3-0, €143,500.

2--**Princess Valentina (Ger)**, 123, m, 5, **Soldier Hollow (GB)**--**Princess Lala (Ger)**, by **Royal Dragon**. O/B-David & Hans-Peter Schon; T-Axel Kleinkorres. €6,000.

3--**Dune (Fr)**, 123, f, 4, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**--**Sablonniere (Fr)**, by **Verglas (Ire)**. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€260,000 Ylg '24 ARQOCT; €145,000 HRA '25 ARQDEC). O-Stall Stars & Friends IV; B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm; T-Henk Grewe. €3,750.

Margins: 3 3/4, 2HF, HF. Odds: 1.80, 3.50, 4.40.

Also Ran: Aglaia (Ger), Ruby Lips (Ire), Namouria (Fr).



IN HONG KONG:

Motor (Ire), g, 4, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**--**Orangey Red (Ire)**, by **Lawman (Fr)**. Sha Tin, 1-7, Hcp., 1200mT, 1:08.75, gf. B-Ringfort Stud Ltd (Ire). *€26,000 RNA Wlg '22 GOFNOV; €0 RNA Ylg '23 TATSEP. **VIDEO.**

Frantanck (GB), g, 7, **Frankel (GB)**--**Janey Muddles (Ire)**, by **Lawman (Fr)**. Sha Tin, 1-7, Hcp., 1600mT, 1:34.02, gf. B-Eminent Kind Ltd (GB). *200,000gns RNA Ylg '20 TATOCT. **1/2 to Awesometank (GB) (Intense Focus), GISP-USA, MSW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-Fr, \$352,767. **VIDEO.**



IN HONG KONG:

Ka Ying Attack (NZ), g, 4, **Too Darn Hot (GB)**--**Refreshing (Aus)**, by **Stratum (Aus)**. Sha Tin, 7-1, Hcp., 1400mT, 1:20.78, gf. B-Jamieson Park Ltd (NZ). *NZ\$30,000 Wlg '22 NZBJUN. **VIDEO.**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Wednesday, Oi, Japan

TEIO SHO (Jpn-G1)-Listed, ¥136,000,000, Oi, 7-1, 4yo/up, 2000m, 2:02.80, yl.

1--**MIKKI FIGHT (JPN)**, 126, h, 5, by **Drefong**

1st Dam: Special Groove (Jpn), by **Special Week (Jpn)**

2nd Dam: Sonic Groove (Jpn), by **French Deputy**

3rd Dam: Air Groove (Jpn), by **Tony Bin (Ire)**

O-Mizuki Noda; B-Northern Farm; T-Hiroyasu Tanaka; J-Keita Tosaku; ¥80,000,000. Lifetime Record: 13-8-3-2, ¥508,387,000. *1/2 to Jun Light Bolt (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), G1SW-Jpn, \$2,696,315; and Groove It (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}), GSW-Jpn, \$1,139,900.

2--**Outrange (Jpn)**, 126, h, 6, **Regalo (Jpn)**--**Queen Pirates (Jpn)**, by **King Kamehameha (Jpn)**. O-Toshio Terada; B-North Hills; ¥28,000,000.

3--**Diktaean (Jpn)**, 126, g, 8, **King Kamehameha (Jpn)**--**Medeia (Jpn)**, by **King Halo (Jpn)**. O-G1 Racing; B-Oiwake Farm; ¥16,000,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, NK, 3/4. Odds: 0.70, 6.00, 13.50.

Also Ran: Seraphic Call (Jpn), Ramjet (Jpn), Lord Couronne (Jpn), Kazu Tanja (Jpn), Natural Rise (Jpn), Kazeno Runner (Jpn), Night Of Fire (Jpn), Nansei White (Jpn), Marukan Lani (Jpn), Saint Honore (Jpn). **Click for the goracing.jp chart.**

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Thursday, Hamburg, Germany, post time: 18:30

GROSSER PREIS VON LOTTO HAMBURG-G3, €55,000, 3yo/up, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	6	Atoso (Ger)	Guiliani (Ire)	S Schutz	Malacova	130
2	8	Delgardo (Ger)	Best Solution (Ire)	Wohler	Pedroza	128
3	4	Cold Heart (Brz)	Alpha	Schiergen	Wolff	126
4	7	First Constitution (Chi)	Constitution	Massaad	Liska	126
5	5	Lazio (Ger)	Make Believe (GB)	Hickst	Piechulek	126
6	2	Name Lord (Ger)	Lord Of England (Ger)	Hickst	Hammer-Hansen	126
7	9	Wilddieb (Ger)	Brametot (Ire)	Schleusner-Fruhriep	Vogt	126
8	1	Soft Winds (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Baum	Panov	122
9	3	Seguro (Ger)	Romanised (Ire)	Suborics	Marie	120

Stall Simply Red's recent G3 Baden-Baden Derby Trial winner **Seguro** is the lone sophomore in this opening Group-race event of Hamburg's G1 Deutsches Derby meeting. Dangers include Stall Lucky Owner's ultra-consistent Derby third **Lazio**, who is accompanied by last year's Derby also-rans **Name Lord** and **Delgardo**. Gestut Brummerhof's **Soft Winds** has run third five times at Listed level and is the only distaffer on show, while 2024 victor and last season's fifth **Atoso** also merits respect. [Sean Cronin].

Friday, Sandown post time: 14:25

THE CORAL DRAGON STAKES-Listed, £45,000, 2yo, 5f 10yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	A Bear Affair (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	A Bit On The Side & Partner	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	130
2	Bill The Bull (Ire)	Coulsty (Ire)	Vicarage Dreamers	Adam Kirby	Pat Cosgrave	130
3	It Dunt Marra (GB)	A'Ali (Ire)	Pompey Ventures 8 and Partner	Ollie Sangster	Rossa Ryan	130
4	Ronson (GB)	Ubettableieveit (Ire)	D Caslin, P Wilcock & Partner	Nigel Tinkler	Rowan Scott	130
5	Underdog (GB)	Perfect Power (Ire)	Phil Cunningham	Richard Spencer	Saffie Osborne	130
6	Bint Archange (Ire)	Ubettableieveit (Ire)	Mr Jaber Abdullah	Richard Hughes	Ryan Moore	125
7	Divine Whisper (GB)	Mehmas (Ire)	Mr M. Fitzpatrick	SCR	SCR	SCR
8	Havana Flash (Ire)	Havana Grey (GB)	Ed Babington & George Boughey	George Boughey	Billy Loughnane	125
9	Miss Lizzy (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Mr A.Abukhadra	Charlie Fellowes	Paddy Bradley	125

Breeders: 1-Rathbarry Stud, 2-Rathasker Stud, 3-Newsells Park Stud, 4-Donna Caslin & Partner, 5-Crossfields Bloodstock Ltd, 6-Kildaragh Stud, 7-Lady Bamford, 8-Ballylinch Stud, 9-Mr Ahmaed Abu Khadra

The race that boasts Liberty Beach, Havana Grey and The Last Lion on its honour roll looks a bit weak this year, with the Brocklesby winner and Windsor Castle sixth **A Bear Affair** one of the standard-setters. Ryan Moore is an eye-catching booking for **Bint Archange**, but she hardly stands out having finished last in the Queen Mary. [Tom Frary].