

## SARATOGA SET FOR 'SPA'-CTACULAR SUMMER SEASON



*Sarah Andrew photo*

*by Mike Kane*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.--Round three of the longest summer of racing in Saratoga starts Thursday with an 11-race program.

Officially, the New York Racing Association (NYRA) designated Friday, July 3 as the opening day of the record 46-day Saratoga season. It was the earliest opening day in the 158 seasons at America's oldest track. A year ago, the racing over the Fourth of July weekend was considered the end of the Belmont-at-Aqueduct meet and Saratoga started four days later. However, with Aqueduct Racetrack closing for good on June 28 and with meet-ending Labor Day falling on the latest possible day on the calendar, Sept. 7, this year, NYRA just stretched the Saratoga season to 10 weekends. The three days of racing last weekend will be followed by three four-day weeks. The now-standard five-day weeks begin on July 29.

With the third and final running of the GI Belmont Stakes at Saratoga on June 6 during the massive rebuild of Belmont Park, there will be a total of 51 race days--yes, that's a record, likely never to be threatened--spread over four months.

Of course, NYRA and the businesses in the Saratoga Springs region have benefitted from three summers of added racing at the Spa and NYRA, but it has given the meet a different feel.

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## TOP AMERICAN STALLIONS REPRESENTED AT JRHA SELECT SALE *by Alan Carasso*

Year in and year out, the very youngest progeny of mares sourced by Japanese connections at American breeding stock sales are sprinkled in and amongst the 550 or so offerings catalogued for the Japan Racing Horse Association (JRHA)'s annual Select Sale held on the northern island of Hokkaido. The yearling section of this year's auction is set for Monday, July 13, with the foal sale to take place on Tuesday, July 14.

The best and brightest of Japanese stallions can be found in this year's catalogue, including the likes of Contrail (Jpn), Drefong, Efforia (Jpn), Epiphaneia (Jpn), Equinox (Jpn), the latter's sire Kitanas Black (Jpn), Kizuna (Jpn), Lord Kanaloa (Jpn), Maurice (Jpn), Nadal, Saturnalia (Jpn) and Suave Richard (Jpn).

This year's catalogue includes--as in years past--a handful of US-conceived progeny by American-based sires (two stallions are represented by a pair of youngsters), and to follow is a bit of background on each of those: *(see page 6)*

## IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

### ELWICK STUD SIGNS FOR AEGINA AT TATTERSALLS

Bidding online, Elwick Stud acquired **Aegina** (Havana Grey) for 240,000gns to top the second day of the Tattersalls July Sale. Emma Berry has more.



**Foal inspections at the JRHA Select Sale** | *Emma Berry*

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*Richie Migliore heads to post two decades ago at Aqueduct aboard Eclipse champion Funny Cide before a second-place finish in the 2006 GIII Excelsior Breeders' Cup Handicap. Migliore, the all-time winningest rider at Aqueduct, is among those who share remembrances of the track in Christina Bossinakis's story and video. See p9. | Sarah Andrew*

## 11 | LOPEZ GIVEN 30-DAY SUSPENSION FOR SARATOGA SPILL

*Paco Lopez has been handed a 30-day suspension by the New York Gaming Commission as a result of his actions in a scary four-horse spill at Saratoga.*

## 11 | CASTELLANO SIDELINED FOLLOWING SARATOGA SPILL

*Hall of Fame jockey Javier Castellano is expected to be out for about three weeks with a minor lower back injury sustained in a July 3 spill at Saratoga.*



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**Saratoga, cont. from p1**

Even the matter of when the season really launches is up for debate.

Jason Fitch, who operates Kings Tavern across Union Avenue from the main gate with two of his brothers, had to deal with that question on July 3. While Fitch was helping compose the clever signs that sit on the sidewalk in front of Kings, one of his employees said he should reconsider the words he had chosen.

"I started writing 'Happy Opening Week', and one of my bartenders walks over and she said, 'What are you doing? It's not opening week.' I looked at her and I'm like, 'Oh my gosh, it's not. This is just the Fourth of July celebration.' She said, 'Yeah, opening week is next week, Jay.'"

While it's a matter of personal perspective, the meet did get underway last weekend, featuring a pair of Grade I races, the Belmont Derby and the Belmont Oaks, and the GII Suburban Stakes that will likely be returned to Belmont Park next summer. Chad Brown, who won the final race of the 2025 season to tie Hall of Famer Todd Pletcher for the training title, leads the way with three victories. Brown has won or tied for the training title for five consecutive seasons and has eight titles overall. Flavien Prat and Jose Ortiz are tied at the top of the jockey table with six winners.

Pletcher holds the track record with 15 training titles, but is not predicting that a 16th will come this summer.

"I'd say we're a huge longshot this year," Pletcher said. "We did have a good year last year with the 2-year-olds, and like I've said, in the past our success for the meet largely depends on how our 2-year-olds run. I think we won 19 2-year-old races last year, and that's unlikely to happen again."

Pletcher said he that he certainly did not enter the 2025 season expecting that his 2-year-olds would win 14 maiden special weight races and five stakes.

"We liked a few of them, sure, but you can never project that you win the (GI) Spinaway, and the (GI) Hopeful and a couple of grass races as well," he said. "You're always hoping that you have some of those in there but we had a pretty deep group last year. We would hope that it would be that good again."

Spendthrift Farm swept those historic juvenile Grade I races with 'TDN Rising Star presented by Hagyard' **Tommy Jo** (Into Mischief) taking the Spinaway and fellow 'Rising Star' **Ted Noffey** (Into Mischief) dominating the Hopeful by 8 1/2 lengths. Ted Noffey won the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile to finish the season unbeaten and lock up the 2-year-old male Eclipse Award. He was knocked off the Triple Crown trail by injury in January. Pletcher said he will return to the stable this summer but will not compete at Saratoga. Tommy Jo finished fifth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and is set to make her 2026 debut in the GIII Victory Ride Stakes on Friday. She is the 7-2 morning line favorite. **Cont.**



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Saratoga has long been the highest-profile meet in the country and often is the summer stage for that year's champions. This summer meet will offer 20 Grade I races among 73 stakes worth over \$23.575 million in total purses.

Ted Noffey was one of the six Eclipse Award-winning horses to compete at the track last summer. Godolphin's **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief), the 3-year-old male titleist and the Horse of the Year, after adding the GII Jim Dandy Stakes and the GI Travers Stakes to his top-level wins in the Kentucky Derby and Belmont in 2025, is being aimed for the GI Whitney Stakes on Aug. 8. D. J. Stable homebred **Nitrogen** (Medaglia d'Oro) won the 3-year-old filly title, blew away the field in the GI Ogden Phipps Stakes on June 5 and may take on a slew of top older males in the Whitney. Atlantic Six Racing's **Book'em Danno** (**Buccherò**) has won his last four starts at Saratoga and may return to try to repeat in the GI Forego Stakes on the Aug. 29 Travers program.



**Sovereignty** | Sarah Andrew

The \$1-million Whitney could be loaded with stars, including Winchell Thoroughbreds' **Magnitude** (**Not This Time**), winner of four straight, including the G1 Dubai World Cup and the GI Stephen Foster Stakes in his two most recent starts. In addition to Sovereignty, trainer Bill Mott said he is aiming C R K Stable LLC and Grandview Equine's Stephen Foster runner-up **Baeza** (**McKinzie**) for the 1 1/8-mile race. Trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr. has targeted the Whitney for **White Abarrio** (Race Day), the 7-year-old standout who won the prestigious event in 2023.

As per usual, the \$1.25-million Travers on Aug. 29 will bring together a number of the top 3-year-olds. That group of prospects for the marquee race of the season--first contested in 1864--could include Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes-winning 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Golden Tempo** (**Curlin**), who trainer Cherie DeVaux said will miss the Jim Dandy on Aug. 1. **Cont.**

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**Napoleon Solo** (**Liam's Map**), winner of the GI Preakness Stakes, is on course for the GI Haskell Stakes at Monmouth on July 18, which often is a stepping stone to the Travers.



**Golden Tempo** | *Walter Wlodarczyk*

Also likely to run in the Travers are Derby runner-up and Belmont Stakes third-place finisher **Renegade** (Into Mischief) and **Commandment** (Into Mischief), who was second in the Belmont. **Ocelli** (Connect), third in the Derby and fourth in the Preakness, could land in the field. Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse said that **Silent Tactic** (**Tacitus**), who missed the Triple Crown series due to a foot bruise, is close to racing again. Casse said he is considering running the filly **Counting Stars** (**Honor A.P.**) if she delivers another big performance in the GI Coaching Club American Oaks on July 25.

The old line that nothing changes at Saratoga sounds good, but is no longer germane, as the expanded meet proves once again. Of note is the renaming of the GI \$750,000 Sword Dancer Stakes on Aug. 15 to the Christophe Clement Turf to honor the trainer who died at the age of 59 last year. Clement won the race a record five times. Also, in the schedule changing, NYRA has moved the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup back downstate, where it will be the featured event on the program when Belmont Park reopens on Friday, Sept. 18.

Clement will be inducted into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame on Friday, Aug. 7. The Hall of Fame class includes trainer John Shirreffs, who died earlier this year, the late trainer David Whiteley, the horses Kona Gold, Gulch and Mongo, and five men into the Pillars of the Turf category: owners Prince Khalid bin Abdullah, Seth Hancock, G. Watts Humphrey and Joseph Widener, and veterinarian Dr. Robert Copelan.

The historic three-year transition period that changed Saratoga while Belmont Park was being rebuilt into a 21st Century facility will end on with the closing of this meet on Labor Day. **Cont.**

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Though it was exciting and often memorable, many will welcome the return to the more traditional Saratoga season.

Mott has been a regular since 1987 when Saratoga was still a 24-day meet run over four weeks, typically starting and finishing in August. He said that the expansion from 40 days in 2023 to a total of 51 days this year has been good for him, but cautions that too much Saratoga may not be good in the long run.

"We have a home up here, most of our horses are here, so for me personally, it's easy, and I enjoy it," Mott said. "I enjoy training here, and I like running here, so it's fine. I understand that there's a risk involved when you run too much at the same place, that it loses its luster. When something's new and short and fresh, like Keeneland or the old meet, here there is a lot of excitement. You don't want things to become boring."

Like many merchants, Fitch welcomed the arrival of the Belmont Stakes in 2024 and more dates that boosted tourism, but said 51 dates from early June to early September has changed the boutique-meet feel of Saratoga.

"It is long," Fitch said. "You talk to the people that are the locals that love it, and they love it, because that's what they love, but then you talk to some of the non-locals that come every year. During Belmont Week, talking to my buddy from Connecticut, he said, 'I don't feel the same buzz that I used to feel about Saratoga. I just feel like the number of days for the last three years that they're putting on has taken away from like the specialness of it.'"

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**American stallions at JRHA, cont. from p1****Yearlings****Hip 85, c, Curlin--Midnight Memories, by Mastery**

*Consigned by Shunsuke Yoshida, b. 4/20/25*

Racing as a homebred for Mike Pegram, Paul Weitman and Karl Watson, Midnight Memories was a three-time graded winner and third in the GI Beholder Mile Stakes before fetching \$1.45 million from Katsumi Yoshida at the 2024 Keeneland November Sale with this colt in utero. The 'Three Amigos' also campaigned the GSW & GISP second dam Tiz Midnight (Midnight Lute) and GI Ruffian Handicap-winning third dam Tough Tiz's Sis (Tiznow).



Midnight Memories | Keeneland

**Hip 101, c, Forte--Amalfi Coast, by Tapizar**

*Consigned by Shadai Farm, b. 2/9/25*

A three-time winner at the graded level for Terra Racing Stable and Kevin Attard, Amalfi Coast was purchased by Tracy Farmer for \$475,000 at KEENOV in 2021 and was kept in training at six with Mark Casse, finishing runner-up in the GIII Hendrie Stakes a few months after being named the Sovereign Award-winning female sprinter for the previous season. Amalfi Coast was sold to Shadai for \$650,000 in foal to **War Front** at Keeneland in the fall of 2024 and is the dam of the US-bred, but now Japanese-based juvenile colt Valor Hunt.

**Hip 137, c, Into Mischief--Daddysruby, by Frac Daddy**

*Consigned by Shadai Farm, b. 3/20/25*

This is the first foal from his dam, who led every step of the way and just managed to hold on to take the 2023 GI La Brea Stakes for Jethorse LLC, Gary Barber and Wachtel Stable and trainer Peter Miller. The mare was bought back on a bid of \$940,000 during the Fasig-Tipton Digital March Sale in early 2024, was covered by this all-conquering stallion the next month and was hammered down to Shadai for \$1.1 million at Fasig-Tipton November that fall. Daddysruby produced a filly by Kizuna this past Mar. 5. **Cont.**



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**Hip 331, c, Forte--Inconmensurable (Arg), by Cosmic Trigger (Arg)**

*Consigned by Northern Farm, b. 3/7/26*

Hailing from the second crop of his 'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard sire, this March-foaled bay colt is the first foal for his dam, the six-length winner of the 2024 G1 Seleccion at Palermo and named champion Argentinian 3-year-old filly of 2024.



Forever Dixie | Fasig-Tipton photo

**Hip 375, c, Into Mischief--Forever Dixie, by Quality Road**

*Consigned by Shimokobe Farm, b. 2/17/26*

A daughter of Grade III winner and GI Cotillion Stakes and Queen's Plate third Dixie Strike (Dixie Union), Forever Dixie won the Glorious Song Stakes at three and was twice placed at the graded level at four in 2024. Hailing from the family of Queen's Plate-winning champion 3-year-old filly Inglorious (Hennessy), Forever Dixie was knocked down to Polo Green Stable, agent for Shimokobe Farm, for \$525,000 at the 2025 Fasig-Tipton February Sale. The mare was bred to Into Mischief a short time thereafter and produced this colt on Feb. 17 of this year.

**Hip 404, c, Not This Time--Walkathon, by Twirling Candy**

*Consigned by Grand Stud, b. 2/21/26*

Trained by Ian Wilkes for Janis Whitham's Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC, Walkathon won seven of her 15 career starts on the turf, taking out the age-restricted GIII Regret Stakes at three before adding the GIII Endeavour Stakes and GIII Ladies' Turf Stakes in 2024. Unplaced in that year's GI First Lady Stakes, Walkathon made her next appearance in the Keeneland sales pavilion, where Grand Stud bought the daughter of Grade III winner Walkabout (Stroll) for \$1.5 million and she visited this stallion in her first year at stud. Third dam Arlucea, a daughter of Bayakoa (Arg), produced GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero Fort Larned (E Dubai). **Cont.**

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**American stallions at JRHA, cont.**

**Hip 490, f, Good Magic--Hawaiian Love (Arg), by Hurricane Cat**  
*Consigned by Northern Farm, b. 2/18/26*

This Feb. 18 foal's dam validated 3-1 favoritism in the 2024 G1 Estrellas Distaff, one of her four career victories, and was acquired privately and covered by this top stallion prior to her export to Japan. The cross of **Good Magic's** sire **Curlin** over Storm Cat mares has yielded MGSW Raging Sea.



**Constitution** colt, hip 509 | Japan Racing Horse Association

**Hip 509, c, Constitution--Amidst Waves, by Midshipman**  
*Consigned by Chiyoda Farm, b. 1/8/26*

Winner of the Colleen Stakes at two, **Amidst Waves** was third in the 2024 GIII Soaring Softly Stakes, but was bought back on a bid of \$195,000 out of the Fasig-Tipton July HORA Sale a couple of months later. The decision proved fruitful when the filly went on to win Saratoga's Bolton Landing Stakes and she was sold to Chiyoda Farm's Dr. Masatake Iida for \$625,000 carrying this colt at last year's Keeneland November Sale. **Amidst Waves** is the year-old half-sister to 2025 GII Eight Belles Stakes heroine and GI Acorn Stakes runner-up **Look Forward** (Bolt d'Oro).

**Hip 544, f, Maxfield--Story Land, by Candy Ride (Arg)**  
*Consigned by Byerley Farm Co Ltd, b. 2/28/26*

From the family of MGSW & GISP Feline Story (Tale of the Cat), **Story Land** was purchased by Hikaru Nakawaki for \$45,000 with this filly in utero at KEENOV last fall. The mare is a half-sister to Grade III winner **Arella Rockstar** (Astrology) and to the juvenile colt **Bermuda** (**Corniche**), a \$600,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling purchase by CHC, Maverick Racing and First Go Racing and in training at Keeneland.

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All too often in racing, as in life, when one rises another must diminish. With the unveiling of the new Belmont Park looming, the fortunes of the aging Aqueduct Racetrack really had only one way to go. Competition from alternate gaming in addition to intra-city pressure made the land the track stands on invaluable, and the writing appeared to be on the wall for the aging facility.

With 132 years packed under its belt, Aqueduct made its swan song on Sunday, June 28, closing out a history that spanned seven decades while playing host to numerous champions and some of racing's greatest stars. Secretariat, Seattle Slew, Ruffian, Kelso, Damascus, Kelso, Dr. Fager and Cigar are just a few of the champions whose hooves graced the Big A.

However, while the list of stalwarts who raced at the venue is long, it is arguably the hard-knocking horses and people that have created the backbone of the track.

Among the diehards seen frequenting the Big A on any given race day (yes, even in the winter), Aron Yagoda, a horse owner and longtime patron of the track, fell in love with Aqueduct early on and remained a hardcore regular to the very end.

"I've been coming out since I was a child," explained Yagoda. "I sit in my grandfather's old box, D17, when I run my own horses to this day. And I'm always out there, rain or shine. Whether it is two degrees or 100 degrees, I'll be out there every time my horse runs because it makes me think of my grandpa."

Offering some humor to add levity to counter the obvious nostalgia, Yagoda said, "I've been sitting in the same seat since 1976."

Flashing a grin, he added, "I haven't gone very far in life--eight feet."

Also introduced to the track as a youngster, Linda Rice came to the track with her father Clyde Rice, a highly respected trainer and horseman in his own right. Forging her own way on the track since, Rice has made a name for herself along the New

York circuit, in particular at the Big A. As of the track's closing, Rice holds the distinction of having trained the most winners at the oval (1,222).

"I was about nine years old when I came here with my father," she recalled. "My father would ship horses in and I would go everywhere he went. I built my career in New York, right here at Aqueduct because we would race here seven months a year."

The Wisconsin native, who recorded her 2,000th career victory at Aqueduct in 2020, has

built an enviable training resume, with many of her wins coming at Aqueduct. Earlier this March, Rice notched her fourth consecutive, and sixth overall, training title at the Big A winter meet.

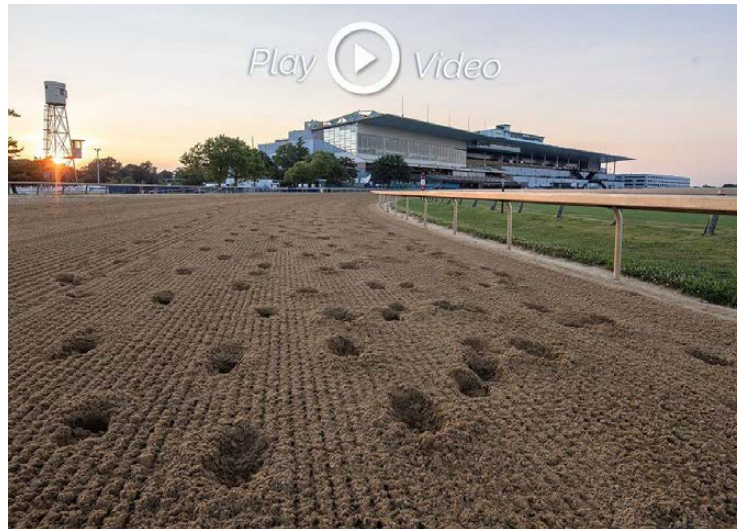
With Aqueduct having played such an integral role in her career, the trainer admits the track's closing is anything but easy.

"It'll be a big change and there are a lot of emotions," she admitted. "It's been pretty emotional to turn the page on Aqueduct. I have so many memories here, too many to even count."

"There have been lots of wins and plenty of losses along the way. [We've had] lots of fun with friends, family, bettors, clients and owners. It's just been an amazing run at Aqueduct and we'll miss it."

Another to feel the track's closing acutely is former jockey and television personality Richie Migliore.

A 10-time leading rider at the Big A, 'The Mig' rode at the track over the course of three decades, registering over 2,200 victories during that time. He remains the rider with the most victories at the venue. **Cont.**



Sun sets on Aqueduct Racetrack | Sarah Andrew



Display featuring past Wood Memorial winners | Sarah Andrew

### Remembering Aqueduct, cont.

"I had been coming to the racetrack here at Aqueduct since I was nine, 10 years old," he said. "And as a kid, I could tell you every winner of the Wood Memorial--jockey, trainer, owner, horse."

As a rider, Migliore ultimately won Aqueduct's marquee race for 3-year-olds, taking the 1985 renewal with Eternal Prince.

"As I was coming into the winner's circle [following the win], I wasn't that far removed from that kid that used to study that wall," he recalled. "And when it dawned upon me that I was going to be on that wall, it was extremely emotional and it honestly affected me deeply because I was that kid that fell in love with this and now I was part of it. That will always stand out."

Hall of Fame jockey Ramon Dominguez, whose sparkling career was curtailed by injury, won three Eclipse Awards during his time in the saddle. Among his career highlights at Aqueduct, he won the 2012 GI Cigar Mile with Stay Thirsty, who also won Aqueduct's GIII Gotham Stakes under Dominguez.

"Winning the Cigar Mile with Stay Thirsty was definitely a highlight," the Venezuelan rider said. "[The track's closing] is really a bittersweet moment for me. There are so many wonderful memories here. And I had my last ride ever here at Aqueduct, so it is a full-circle moment. I am really overwhelmed with so many great memories, more positive than the losses. I had a wonderful time riding at Aqueduct."

Since its opening in 1959, Aqueduct served as a stage for many of the sport's most influential trainers, owners and jockeys. However, the core that paved its foundation was the horsemen and women that called the track home year-round.

Among them is trainer Carlos Martin. A lifelong New Yorker, Martin is the son and grandson of renowned horsemen Jose Martin and Hall of Famer Frank 'Pancho' Martin, respectively.



**Stay Thirsty winning the Gotham under Ramon Dominguez**  
Sarah Andrew



**Hall of Famer Angel Cordero, Jr. on closing day** | Sarah Andrew

The third-generation trainer not only recorded his first career victory at Aqueduct with No Fear in 1989, but he also garnered his first career Grade I victory at the Big A, taking the 1991 Top Flight Handicap with Buy the Firm.

"I have memories of looking up at the pictures of my grandfather winning the 1959 Wood Memorial with Manassa Mauler, who beat the great horse First Landing from Meadow Stable," Martin recalled. "Watching my father win the Demoiselle Stakes with Goodbye Halo at 40-1 and she would later win the Kentucky Oaks for [Hall of Fame trainer] Charlie Whittingham. I have a lot of great memories at Aqueduct."

And what makes the track so unique and special?

"Aqueduct is the 'meat and potato' kind of place where all the horsemen kept New York racing going for the last 50 years, when it wasn't Saratoga or Belmont, and it was winter racing which was so important to the community," he explained. "It's a racetrack that holds so many memories for so many people and for so many years. The fans are so diversified, the ethnicities of different fans that you don't get any place else in the world but here in New York City."

While the track will remain open for simulcasting through to the opening of Belmont, closing day at the Big A marked the last chance for many to get a glimpse of the storied track. Fittingly, the final card was bolstered by a healthy crowd, an electric atmosphere and plenty of fun and laughter. However, if one looked closely, a tear or two could be seen being shed by even the most seasoned race goers.

And as the curtain drew to a close at the Big A, there was no sugarcoating the fact that the place that served as a second home to so many for so long would be no more.

Yagoda said, "The childhood memories are going down when this building goes down."

## LOPEZ GIVEN 30-DAY SUSPENSION FOR SARATOGA SPILL *by Bill Finley*

Paco Lopez has been handed a 30-day suspension by the New York Gaming Commission as a result of his actions that resulted in a scary four-horse spill on opening day at Saratoga. Lopez has appealed the ruling and has been granted a stay.

Lopez was riding **I Love Giraffes** (**Charlatan**) in the Wild Applause Stakes and may have triggered the spill, which occurred at the top of the stretch. Here is how the Equibase chart caller recapped the incident: "(I Love Giraffes) bumped with the hindquarters of PILLAR OF BEAUTY then clipped heels with her left foreleg outside the quarter-pole and fell."

The ruling states that Lopez was suspended for "gross careless riding during the running of the eighth race at Saratoga July 3rd, 2026. I Love Giraffes clipped heels with Pillar of Beauty and goes down causing Lovely Grey, Paris Carver and Smexy to fall as they (were) in close proximity behind the fallen horse."



Paco Lopez | Coady Media

I Love Giraffes suffered a broken hip. The three other horses were not seriously injured. Lopez was not hurt and neither were jockeys Tyler Gaffalione and Dylan Davis. Javier Castellano, who took off the remainder of the weekend, will be out for about three weeks with a minor lower back injury.

Lopez has been set down numerous times for a variety of infractions. On Sept. 23, 2025, he was suspended six months by HISA for multiple violations, including raising the riding crop above his helmet when riding **Book'em Danno** (**Buccherio**) to victory in the GI Forego Stakes at Saratoga Race. Before his suspension ended, he rode in Louisiana, a state that does not fall under HISA's jurisdiction.

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## CASTELLANO SIDELINED FOLLOWING SARATOGA SPILL



Javier Castellano | Horsephotos

Hall of Fame jockey Javier Castellano is expected to be out for about three weeks with a minor lower back injury sustained in a July 3 spill at Saratoga. Castellano, currently on 5,992 career wins according to Equibase, hopes to return to riding races on July 29.

The Venezuelan was aboard **Paris Carver** (Bolt d'Oro) in the Wild Applause Stakes and was involved in a nasty chain-reaction incident which saw four horses fall to the turf and their riders thrown from their mounts. Castellano was ultimately taken to Saratoga Hospital for observation and had accepted rides for Thursday's program at Saratoga, but will now take time off to allow for full healing.

"I'm feeling much better, and I appreciate all of the people that reached out with well wishes," Castellano said. "I'm disappointed to have to miss a few weeks at the start of the Saratoga meet, but my goal is to come back at the end of July and to continue to win races. I'm getting close to my 6,000th win and my other main goal is to win my eighth Travers."

Added his agent Kevin Meyocks, "He's doing really good. We're going to give him three more weeks off. The doctors advised us not to rush it, so we'll start back on July 29. We visited his doctor in the city, who looked at the X-rays and told us no surgery is required and to just give it a couple weeks and he'll be good to go."

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## CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE PROVIDES \$4-MILLION ANNUAL STATE COMMISSION SUBSIDY *by Dan Ross*

California's **state budget** approved at the end of last month included a \$4-million annual subsidy to help cover the state racing commission's costs over the next two years.

Historically, the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) has been funded using proceeds from wagering to grease the costs of drug testing and salaries.

"As the board knows, CHRB's spending authority is set by legislation. And each year, pursuant to statute, the stakeholders, in this case, tracks and owner groups, develop a wagering formula to fund our budget," said CHRB executive director Scott Chaney during Wednesday's board meeting.

"That negotiation was made slightly easier this year because part of the state budget bill included a \$4-million reduction in stakeholder regulatory burden," Chaney added.

When contacted after the meeting, Chaney said the \$4 million will come from the state's general fund and will be used to help offset the commission's annual costs which come close to \$17.1 million.

Chaney then stressed, as he did during the meeting, that the funds were secured both in part to help stabilize an industry that contributes significantly to the state's coffers--over **\$11 billion** in economic output annually--and in recognition of the work the state has done to improve its equine safety and welfare record.

"This reduction represented a commitment to agriculture, jobs, and industry stabilization, in addition to recognition of our hard work with respect to animal welfare over the last few years. Thanks to Governor Newsom, and the legislature for their work on this. It's very much appreciated," Chaney said during the meeting.

Commissioner Peter Stern, who joined the board last year, was central to these negotiations, said Chaney.

This year's state budget was a contentiously fought affair as Gov. Gavin Newsom grappled with a huge budget deficit coupled with massive cuts from the federal government to the state's social service safety net.

At the same time, these monies place California on more of an even keel with other states whose legislatures provide significant financial support to their racing industries. California is also something of an outlier in that it has no other revenues subsidizing its purses.

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## MATT BERNIER JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST PRESENTED BY KEENELAND



These have been tough times for the staff of FanDuel TV, which learned in March that the network would go off the air in 2027 and that it would be laying off several employees in June. One of those employees was the respected on-air talent Matt Bernier. Bernier joined the *TDN Writers' Room Podcast* presented by **Keeneland** this week to give his take on the situation. Bernier was the **Gainesway** Guest of the Week.

Bernier described what it felt like to learn that he and so many others had lost their jobs.

"I can't say I saw it coming," Bernier said. "I don't know many that did. Even if you thought perhaps there was an inkling at some point in the future, I don't think any of us thought it would be now. I've had enough people kind of ask me about it. I'm of the opinion that who am I to suggest what a company should or shouldn't do, or someone should or shouldn't do. If they decided that this was the best move going forward, then that's their prerogative. Unfortunately, for me and some others, we're the ones that will be taking the brunt of it. It happened on a Friday morning when we were in South Florida. There was an NBC show that Saturday as well. I was on-site at Gulfstream and we just kind of needed to regroup a little bit afterward. You have that sort of dazed moment of 'Am I hearing all this correctly?'"

Bernier said he was one of many who became a racing fan by watching TVG, FanDuel TV's predecessor.

"I was in college and we had a sports package at my parents' house primarily for European soccer," he said. "TVG happened to be part of it. I was just home one night going through the channels and there was a harness race on. I don't remember exactly which track it was, but I couldn't figure out why certain horses were certain odds." **Cont.**

**Matt Bernier on Writers' Room podcast, cont.**

"That just sort of sparked my interest. I've always had a little bit of a gambler in me. One thing led to another. You start reading books and you start doing your homework and doing research. Very quickly you realize from a gambling standpoint and an intellectual standpoint, there's definitely that part of it, a puzzle. It's different than just sitting there saying, 'You know, give me red on the roulette table.' There was definitely a little bit of input that went into this about making decisions and how the odds came about. So without that night going back home to my parents' house and happening to stumble across some harness race, I certainly wouldn't be here. I wouldn't have gotten to this point."

Will the loss of FanDuel TV not only mean there will be fewer racing fans going forward, but that handle will fall without the sport having a dedicated network?

"The question about handle, that's the million-dollar question," Bernier said. "I've always been of the opinion that there are so many different tiers of players. There is your very casual player who likes to turn the television on and whatever's on they're going to dive into. Then you've got your far more serious player who is pulling up a track feed, watching Santa Anita, watching Belmont Park, some of your smaller tracks. They're just locked into that circuit and that circuit only. So I'm going to be very interested. I know Ed DeRosa had put a few different things out there. It's still so early to have a definitive answer one way or the other. But the early returns would seemingly indicate that there is a meaningful sort of downturn as far as handle goes."

The "Fastest Horse of the Week" was **Phileas Fogg** (Astern {Aus}), who earned a 107 Beyer in his win in the GII Suburban Stakes at Saratoga. The Fastest Horse of the Week segment is sponsored by **WinStar, which stands the sire Two Phil's**.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the **PHBA, 1/ST TV** and **West Point Thoroughbreds**, Randy Moss, Bill Finley, and Zoe Cadman reviewed the opening weekend at Saratoga, which included several stellar stakes races. They also looked at whether or not Jose Ortiz has locked up an Eclipse Award, even though it is just July. The podcast concluded with a tribute to the recently deceased *Daily Racing Form* reporter Mary Rampellini.

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**Matt Bernier reflects on the end of an era at FanDuel TV**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**THE PROTECTED ERA IS OVER: RACING MUST EARN ITS CUSTOMERS AGAIN**

by Craig Bernick

My optimism about the future of Thoroughbred racing stems from a simple truth: we have yet to do even the most basic things to improve the wagering experience.

In any successful business, long-term success depends on delivering consistent value and quality to the customer. Consumers reward products that are easy to access, enjoyable to use, and worth returning to. Horse racing's greatest failure has been its inability to fully embrace this fundamental principle.



Craig Bernick | Sarah Farnsworth/Goffs

For a century, racing enjoyed a virtual monopoly as the only legal form of wagering in much of the country. Rather than capitalizing on that position, the industry received extraordinary advantages: national television exposure, Advance Deposit Wagering platforms, and eventually mobile betting. Over the past 35 years, these innovations dramatically expanded access--eliminating the need to visit a racetrack, bringing racing into living rooms and onto phones, and turning every smartphone into a potential betting terminal. Yet none of this translated into sustained consumer growth or loyalty. If easier access alone drove growth, wagering should have exploded. Instead, inflation-adjusted handle has declined substantially even as betting became easier than ever.

Purses have remained stable--and recently risen--not because wagering has grown, but because alternative revenues like casino subsidies and historical horse racing machines have filled the gap. **Cont.**

**Letter to the Editor, cont.**

This raises a critical question: if purses are now less dependent on wagering than at any point in modern history, why does the industry continue to impose takeout rates that often remove 20% to 30% from betting pools?

The uncomfortable truth is that, somewhere along the way, the industry stopped prioritizing the wagering customer. Distribution creates opportunity for trial, but it does not create loyalty. We have offered a product that can intimidate newcomers, restricted access to data that could fuel innovation and better experiences, and underinvested in acquisition, conversion, and retention--the exact opposite of what thriving consumer businesses do.

Many of racing's most prominent owners today first entered the sport, not through the sales ring or breeding shed, but through the betting windows at their local racetrack. Owners such as Mike Repole, Gary Barber, Seth Klarman, and many others began as racing fans and bettors before becoming major investors. That pipeline--wagering creates engagement, engagement creates passion, and passion creates ownership--has always been one of racing's greatest strengths.

That environment no longer exists. The legalization and rapid expansion of sports betting has given consumers abundant alternatives. Tomorrow's potential fans, bettors, and owners are not choosing between racing and nothing; they are choosing among racing, sports betting, online gaming, casinos, fantasy sports, and countless other options. If racing fails to deliver a compelling value proposition, we risk losing, not only today's handle, but the next generation of participants who will shape the sport's future.

Racing's challenges are neither mysterious nor unsolvable. We must seriously examine takeout levels, experiment with consumer-friendly pricing, and invest in promotions that lower the effective cost of participation. We should simplify the on-boarding experience so new bettors can enjoy their first interaction without needing an advanced degree in handicapping, while preserving the intellectual depth that makes racing unique. We must embrace open data, encourage innovation, uphold the highest standards of integrity and transparency, and remain open to modern formats such as fixed-odds betting where appropriate.

The goal is not to preserve every legacy structure. The goal is to increase consumer engagement and grow the overall wagering ecosystem.

The wagering customer has been answering that question for decades--not with words, but with dollars.

The lesson is not that racing lacks appeal. The lesson is that appeal must be matched by value. The protected era allowed the industry to ignore that reality. The competitive era does not. Consumers have spoken through their absence.

It is time we listened--and responded with better pricing, greater innovation, and a renewed commitment to earning their business.

**Craig Bernick**

**President & CEO, Glen Hill Farm**

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## BEST THING ABOUT RACING: LET ME COUNT THE WAYS *by Paul Manganaro*



**Paul Manganaro** | Christina Bossinakis

*The following is part of our ongoing series, **The Best Thing About Racing**. Want to submit your own answer? Email [garyking@thetdn.com](mailto:garyking@thetdn.com)*

There are three major areas that really make racing special.

Number one, it all starts and ends with the majestic equine athlete. Their beauty, their power, their courage, and their ability to bring out every emotion known to man in a two-minute period are unparalleled.

The uncontrollable emotion of joy in the winner's circle from the connections of the winning horse is difficult to achieve in any other part of life. We see it all the time. People from the highest positions in industry, and even rulers of a country, they can barely speak after winning a race. I think the common answer when someone is asked by a reporter on TVG after they've won a race, "What are you feeling right now?" is "I don't have any words to describe it."

So, you can't get that excitement, in my opinion, anywhere else. You're definitely not getting it in the stock market or any other sport. That's because it's so difficult to get to that winner's circle, especially in the big races. So, it starts and ends with the majestic equine athlete and the love for them because of their beauty, power, and courage. **Cont.**

**Paul Manganaro, cont.**

Number two, which I've been fortunate enough to experience since I was 14 years old, is the common bond that individuals share through the horse. The horse and the sport of Thoroughbred racing have a way of bringing people together regardless of their differences. Next time you're at a horse sale or a race, just look around and you will see people from many diverse ethnic, social, religious, and economic backgrounds. It is the horse and the sport that bring them together. Over the past five decades, and I can't believe I'm saying that because that's 50 years and I'm aging myself, I have shared many special moments and built memories with family members as a result of our involvement with racing.

I have also built many lifelong friendships. I met one of my dearest friends, John Williams, when I was around 15 years old in the late '70s. At the time, John was the general manager of Spendthrift Farm and was young enough to still have some black hair. We remain close friends to this day. We have attended each other's weddings and have developed a close bond with each other's families. During the past decade, I have developed many new friendships through my involvement with our Belladonna Racing partnership that I started with David Ingordo. He is another close friend. We have introduced our great sport to others at a high level. Over this time, I have become very close with many of our partners and consider them friends first.

The sport of racing has given me the opportunity to meet so many successful and good people that I wouldn't have met if not for our shared love of racing.

Number three, racing is still the most exciting two minutes in sports. Do we need to improve in some areas, such as branding, accessibility and providing access to our sport? Yes, we do. But look at this year's Kentucky Derby. We had an all-time record with 24.4 million viewers tuning in for the race. It's the pageantry, the intriguing personalities of our owners, jockeys and trainers, and the many human interest storylines that are areas that attract attention to our sport. That's something we can and should highlight to broaden interest in racing. Everyone also loves to cheer for the underdog. We see it in sports all the time.

In my opinion, Thoroughbred racing is the only sport where we may find a small group of former high school classmates joining together to own a horse and then get the chance to compete against titans in the industry at the highest level. A large bankroll can improve your chances for success in this sport, but the dream of success at the highest level is available to everyone.

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**FORMER TRAINER STEPHEN FERRARO****PASSES AGED 83** *by Dan Ross*

Stephen Ferraro, a California-based trainer from 1970 through 1990, passed away this past Monday at his home in Sierra Madre, California after a lengthy illness. He was 83 years of age.

"He liked horse people. He was so good to everybody. If you talk to anybody that ever worked for him, they'll say he was the best guy they ever worked for, whether it was his hotwalker or his swing groom. He took care of everybody and he treated everybody the same, no matter what station of life they were from," said Ferraro's son, Evan, Fasig-Tipton's director of marketing.

Ferraro's racing education came from the likes of Willard Proctor, an old school throwback of a trainer who believed there was no medication that could do a horse better than a routine spell away from the track.



**Stephen Ferraro** | *Ralph Merlino*

"They became very close friends and he really learned a lot about training horses from Willard," said Evan. "And Willard didn't like everybody."

Ferraro adopted these Proctor-learned habits into his own training regime, maintaining a small but successful barn of between 12 and 16 horses, with an emphasis on the details. Healthy, well-turned out horses. A barn kept spic and span.

"He took a lot of pride in how his horses looked, how his barn was presented," said Evan. "He liked to do it the old-time way."

One of Ferraro's greatest days at the track, said Evan, was courtesy of Painted Wagon, a son of Gummo who Ferraro trained to great effect in the late 1970s.

In the GI Santa Anita Handicap of 1979, Painted Wagon made Affirmed take a few deep gulps before the Triple Crown winner forged clear with the win. Painted Wagon kept on for a noble third. **Cont.**

**Stephen Ferraro, cont.**

"He nursed the horse through some foot issues, got him through the winter older horse series at Santa Anita. He ran the San Antonio Stakes in the slop and finished second. Then they ran him in the Big Cap against Affirmed, the year after the Triple Crown," said Evan.

"He said it was the most electric atmosphere he could ever imagine at Santa Anita that day," said Evan. "And I mean, the horse just ran a blinder."

After Ferraro retired from training, he worked for his family's vending machine business. But he maintained close ties to the industry and an annual box at Santa Anita, which he renewed even up to this year. He also proved a breeder of some note.

Ferraro purchased a Harris Farms-bred mare called Never to Excess from a female family he liked and sent her to Tribal Rule three times in a row.

The first foal was stakes placed on his second start. But the Ferraros really struck gold with the third, a 2009 filly they named Ismene. (She was Antigone's sister, never inclined to excess--Ferraro was an English Literature major).

Bill Spawr, a close friend of Ferraro's, trained Ismene to multiple stakes victories, making her champion Cal-bred 2-year-old filly of 2011.

Veteran trainer Spawr and Ferraro were friends from high school, which they both attended in Downey, a city in Southeast LA.

"He played football in high school. Quarterback. He was pretty good. He went to college thinking he would play football, but he ended up playing golf and being pretty good at that, too," said Spawr.

"We spent a lot of time together over the years," Spawr added. "He was a classy guy and a good trainer. He did things right and he did them well."

The Ferraros would go on to breed Ismene to Arrogate, producing the talented graded stakes winner Liberal Arts, who was on the GI Kentucky Derby trail the following year. He would go on to win the Knicks Go Stakes at Churchill Downs on the Kentucky Derby undercard as a 4-year-old.

"He knew the game in and out, and he just understood pedigrees really well. He had good success even though he didn't always breed to the most expensive horses, although Arrogate was a big deal for him," said Evan.

"He was such a gentleman and a top horseman who cared about California racing so much, particularly Santa Anita," said Evan. "That was a cherished place for him."

Ferraro was a long-time friend of Hall of Famer Neil Drysdale. "He was a great friend. We spent many years together in our youth," he said, pointing out how the two lived together for a period of years.

"He was very passionate about racing and he has passed that passion down to his son," Drysdale added. "He was a lovely man, and very special. I shall miss him."

Ferraro is survived by his wife of 46 years, Richmond; sons Charlie (Devony) and Evan (Chelsea); and his grandchildren Blaise and Roman Ferraro. Details around the service are still being arranged.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the [California Thoroughbred Horseman's Foundation](#).

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## WEEKLY RULINGS

### NATIONAL WEEKLY RULINGS: JULY 2–JULY 8

Every week, the *TDN* posts a round-up 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:** 07/06/2026

**Licensee:** Dominic C. Duree, trainer

**Penalty:** 2-year period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on beginning on June 28, 2026; a fine of \$25,000.

**Explainer:** Violation of Rule 3216(c), "Prohibited Association," for an event dated 1/5/26. There are no other details on this case publicly available at this time.

**Dates:** 07/06/2026

**Licensee:** Robert Pompell, trainer

**Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.

**Explainer:** Vets' list medication violation for the presence of Firocoxib—a class C substance—in a sample taken from Positiondumoni on 5/21/26.

**Dates:** 07/01/2026

**Licensee:** Carlos A. David, trainer

**Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.

**Explainer:** 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.

**Dates: 07/01/2026****Licensee: Jeremy J. H. Gillam, trainer****Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.**Explainer:** Vets' list medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone—a class C controlled substance—in a sample taken from Problematic on 6/4/26.**Dates: 07/01/2026****Licensee: Richard Baltas, trainer****Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.**Explainer:** Vets' list medication violation for the presence of Dantrolene—a class C substance—in a sample taken from Shop Till You Drop on 5/22/26.**Dates: 07/01/2026****Licensee: David Fawkes, 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 Triamcinolone—a class C substance—in a sample taken from Bachelor Party, who finished sixth at Churchill Downs on 5/17/26.**Pending ADMC Violations****07/08/2026, Reynaldo Yanez, trainer:** Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Methocarbamol—a class C controlled substance—in a sample taken from Zozan on 6/7/26.**07/08/2026, Diana McClure, trainer:** Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Acepromazine—a class B controlled substance—in a sample taken from Caramella Gee on 6/4/26.**07/08/2026, Guadalupe Preciado, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Albuterol—a banned substance—in a sample taken from Lookin at Roses, who won at Penn National on 4/17/26.**07/07/2026, Erin McClellan, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Dexamethasone—a class C substance—in a sample taken from Lewis the Robber, who won at Penn National on 5/2/26.**07/06/2026, Guillermo Morales, Jr., trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Dexamethasone—a class C substance—in a sample taken from My Satisfaction, who won at Tampa Bay on 5/1/26.*Equi-Photo***Crop Violations****Delaware Park**

Ferley Infante – reporting date July 2; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Jose R. Betancourt – reporting date July 7; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

**Gulfstream Park**

Wladimir E. Rengifo – reporting date July 2; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

**Parx Racing**

Noel Herman – reporting date July 3; \$45 fine, one-day suspension

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Following three years of renovation and rebuilding, the 'new' Belmont Park is set to open for live racing on Sept. 18, with the fall meeting set to continue through Dec. 6.

As previously announced by NYRA, the fall meeting will feature significant purse increases in overnight races. **Cont.**

### Belmont fall meet, cont.

Prize money for open allowance races has been increased by 15% to \$115,000, while first-level optional-claiming events will run for \$105,000. Second-level optional claimers will offer purse money of \$108,000.

The opening day program, featuring the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, will see the already record overnight purses bumped by an additional 50% to mark the occasion.

To coincide with the beginning of the fall meeting, NYRA will also launch the **Belmont Big Apple Bonus**, a new initiative created to reward owners and trainers for participating in the fall meet at the new Belmont Park. The Big Apple Bonus will provide up to \$8,500 in awards per horse shipping or relocating to Belmont Park from other racing jurisdictions. Owners and trainers currently based at NYRA are fully eligible for these bonuses, which complement the record overnight purses to be offered during the fall meet.

The expanded fall meet at the new Belmont Park will feature 32 graded events among 72 total black-type races worth \$17.7 million.

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## T.I.P. CHAMPIONSHIPS, THOROUGHBRED PREMIER SERIES PREVIEW OPEN FOR ENTRIES

*Edited Press Release*

The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program (T.I.P.) have announced that entries for all divisions of the 2026 T.I.P. Championships and the Thoroughbred Premier Series Preview Show are now open. Additionally, there is an online declaration form that can be used to declare horses for both shows. This form must be used for horses that are automatically qualified, for horses that require a Hardship Request to qualify, and to provide information on horses attending the preview show. More information about qualifying can be found below.

For more information regarding T.I.P. Championships and the Thoroughbred Premier Series Preview Show, click [here](#) or the "Championships" tab on the T.I.P. website. To enter, click [here](#).

For eventing, T.I.P. offers awards at the United States Eventing Association's American Eventing Championships. All qualifications and entries are through USEA. For information on USDF Dressage Finals, click [here](#).

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## TRAINING EXPENSES DISCUSSED IN LATEST OWNerview WEBINAR

OwnerView's 2026 Thoroughbred Owner Conference continued Tuesday with a fifth webinar panel featuring discussions on the cost of owning a racehorse in training and interpreting trainer invoices. Hosted by Gary Falter, project manager for OwnerView, the session featured expert insights from Tracy Attfield (TLore), Emily Anderson (Dean Dorton Equine), and David Donk (New York-based trainer).

Panelists discussed annual expense ranges, day rates, veterinary fees, and best practices for owners to understand billing. The session also showcased sample invoices with explanations on what owners should expect and what questions they should be asking.

"As an owner reviewing an invoice for the first time, if you do own less than 100%, really make sure your horse is being billed at the correct percentage," Anderson said.



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Attfield emphasized how important it is to have detailed invoices.

"The more detail they put on there, the owners seem happier about knowing exactly what the charge is for," she said. "So, we try to break it down and give as much detail as possible."

From a trainer's perspective, Donk mentioned that trainers don't make money from a day rate, and a good business model should be based on commission.

"Being a trainer wasn't meant to be wealthy," Donk said. "You're making money on the success of your horses, and obviously, the better quality of horse you have, the better chance you have of that."

The conference was hosted by The Jockey Club and the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association and presented by Bessemer Trust, Keeneland, and Dean Dorton Equine.

**Cont.**

**OwnerView, cont.**

This latest panel was sponsored by Centennial Farms and the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association. A Q&A was sponsored by West Point Thoroughbreds.

The replay of Tuesday's Thoroughbred Owner Conference panel is available [here](#).

Five additional Thoroughbred Owner Conference virtual panels are scheduled for 2026. The next session, "Aftercare: Know when to retire your Racehorse," will be held Aug. 25 at 2 p.m. ET. A full schedule for the series can be found [here](#).

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## DAVID REID INDUCTED INTO HARNESS RACING HALL OF FAME

**David Reid**, co-founder of the Preferred Equine sales agency and the Ice Wine Stable racing partnership, was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame during a ceremony in Goshen, New York Sunday.

Reid added Thoroughbred sales to the record-breaking Standardbred consignments of his Preferred Equine in 2013 and, through his Ice Wine Stable partnership, co-owned Royal Ascot group winner **No Nay Never** (Scat Daddy).

"To be standing here tonight being inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame is something I truly never imagined when I got involved in the sport," Reid said. "I'm deeply honored, humbled, and grateful.

"I've been very fortunate in my life and in my career. It's given me tremendous opportunities to meet people from all walks of life, experience tremendous diversity, create memorable moments from many countries. Like many of you, my career has been a major part of my life and during that time I continually learned from the sport's great and influential leaders. Like so many in the room tonight, love, luck and loyalty have all played significant roles in my journey.

"This is not an individual honor. That couldn't be further from the truth. So many people share this award; I can't thank them all. Some are gone, but they're never forgotten."

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## 2027 ECLIPSE AWARDS DATE, LOCATION CONFIRMED

The 56th Annual Eclipse Awards will once again be held at The Breakers Palm Beach in Florida in 2027, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA), Daily Racing Form (DRF), and the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters (NTWAB) announced Wednesday. The black-tie event will be held Tuesday, Jan. 19.

"The Breakers Palm Beach continues to be a great host for the Eclipse Awards, and we're thrilled to return for our fifth year," said NTRA President and CEO Tom Rooney. "Getting everyone together to celebrate the success of our sport's equine and human competitors is the highlight of the year. The Breakers is the perfect venue to honor the best we have to offer in Thoroughbred racing."

Tickets will go on sale Nov. 9. For more information, [click here](#).

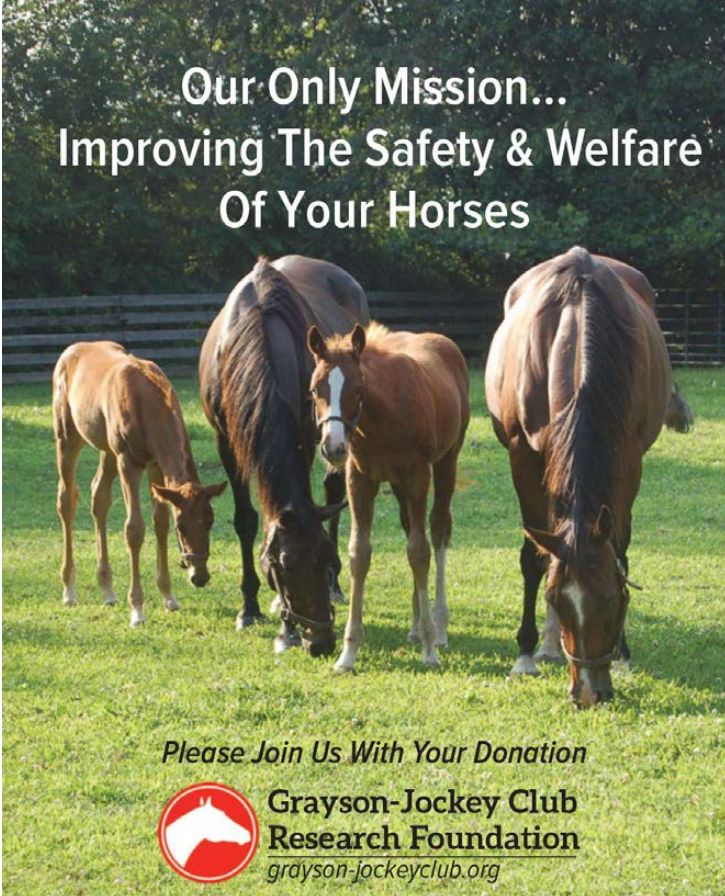
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## Friday, 7/10, Saratoga #9, post time: 5:40 p.m. EDT

### VICTORY RIDE S.-GIII, \$225,000, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f

| PP | HORSE             | SIRE             | OWNER                                                                                                                                                   | TRAINER     | JOCKEY         | WT  |
|----|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----|
| 1  | Sippin Pretty 🐾   | Yaupon           | Bloch, Randall L., Six Column Stables LLC, Davis, Mike and Rice, Gene E.                                                                                | Wilkes      | Santana, Jr.   | 120 |
| 2  | Iron Orchard 🐾    | Authentic        | KatieRich Stables LLC                                                                                                                                   | Asmussen    | Rosario        | 124 |
| 3  | Carmel Coast 🐾    | Omaha Beach      | Legion Racing, MHM Stables LLC, Stefanski, Ed and Conlin, William                                                                                       | Beckman     | Gaffalione     | 120 |
| 4  | Sneaky Good 🐾     | Into Mischief    | NK Racing and LNJ Foxwoods                                                                                                                              | Cox         | Ortiz          | 122 |
| 5  | Tommy Jo          | Into Mischief    | Spendthrift Farm LLC                                                                                                                                    | Pletcher    | Velazquez      | 124 |
| 6  | Peach Tie 🐾       | Preservationist  | Estate of Brereton C. Jones                                                                                                                             | Russell     | Franco         | 124 |
| 7  | Mythical          | St Patrick's Day | Arindel                                                                                                                                                 | Delgado     | Zayas          | 124 |
| 8  | Tessellate 🐾      | McKinzie         | Magic Cap Stables, Braverman, Paul, Pinch, Timothy Castle Gate Farm LLC, BAG Racing Stables, Reinhardt, Jonathan and Thoroughbred Acquisition Group LLC | Joseph, Jr. | Davis          | 122 |
| 9  | A Fine Chardonnay | Maclean's Music  | Philip Griesinger                                                                                                                                       | Wilkes      | Hernandez, Jr. | 124 |
| 10 | Goodall           | Yaupon           | Spendthrift Farm LLC                                                                                                                                    | Asmussen    | Prat           | 122 |

**Breeders:** 1-Clarkland Farm LLC, 2-Pine Ridge Stable LLC, 3-Hunter Valley Farm, 4-Andrew N. Warren, 5-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 6-Brereton C. Jones, 7-Arindel, 8-Castle Gate Farm LLC, 9-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 10-Mark Allen Toothaker, WilliamHeiligbrodt & Corrine Heiligbrodt

Not sure what happened to **Goodall** (Yaupon) in the GII Eight Belles Stakes, but, otherwise, she's been a terror at the sprint distance. Was easily the best in the Jersey Girl. 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Tommy Jo** (Into Mischief) was quite the sensation when winning the GI Spinaway last year, but didn't live up to the hype. Can Pletcher get her back to her very best off the long layoff? **Iron Orchard** (Authentic) debuts for Steve Asmussen after a dull effort in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Shows a bullet work for her return. Dangerous. --Bill Finley

## Saturday, 7/11, Saratoga #5, post time: 2:47 p.m. EDT

### CARESS S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT

| PP | HORSE          | SIRE          | OWNER                                                       | TRAINER     | JOCKEY     | WT  |
|----|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|-----|
| 1  | Zeitlos 🐾      | Curlin        | Peter Leidel                                                | Asmussen    | Ortiz      | 120 |
| 2  | Movin' On Up   | Accelerate    | Kenneth L. Ramsey                                           | Joseph, Jr. | Gaffalione | 120 |
| 3  | Italian Soiree | Uncle Mo      | Hit The Bid Racing Stable and CMNWLTH                       | Motion      | Davis      | 120 |
| 4  | Sunna          | Dominus       | Leverett S. Miller                                          | Sweezey     | Rosario    | 122 |
| 5  | Obstreperous   | Sky Mesa      | J A G Racing, Jettany Thoroughbred Corp. & Exclusive Equine | Simone      | Rodriguez  | 120 |
| 6  | In Our Time 🐾  | Not This Time | Resolute Racing and Miller Racing LLC                       | Joseph, Jr. | Prat       | 124 |

**Breeders:** 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-Estate Of Harvey A. Clarke, 3-Repole Stable, Inc., 4-Leverett S. Miller, 5-Pillar Property Services Inc, 6-Brian Kahn

**Sunna** (Dominus) will be facing the toughest assignment of her career after winning three straight, but it looks like she could have a big advantage here as the primary speed in the race. **Italian Soiree** (Uncle Mo) is the horse to beat. She's coming off a strong second-place showing in the GII Intercontinental Stakes where she earned a 97 Beyer. Will be tough with a repeat effort. **In Our Time** (Not This Time) should also press the pace. Stumbling at the start in the Intercontinental didn't help her cause. --Bill Finley

**Saturday, 7/11, Saratoga #10, post time: 5:39 p.m. EDT**

**BOWLING GREEN S. PRESENTED BY EMERALD EVOCATIONS-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT**

| PP | HORSE            | SIRE              | OWNER                                                                        | TRAINER    | JOCKEY       | WT  |
|----|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|-----|
| 1  | Ole Crazy Bone 🦋 | Ghostzapper       | Flying P Stable                                                              | Maker      | Prat         | 124 |
| 2  | Soleil Volant 🦋  | Karakontie (Jpn)  | Dupuis, Jr., Jacques, Bourque, Luke and Sutton, Bobby                        | Motion     | Gaffalione   | 120 |
| 3  | Desvio 🦋         | Yoshida (Jpn)     | Bonnie Rye Stable and Stonelea Stable                                        | Meyers     | Velazquez    | 124 |
| 4  | Fort George (GB) | Territories (Ire) | Mrs. Fitriani Hay                                                            | Walker     | Shoemark     | 122 |
| 5  | Carson's Run 🦋   | Cupid             | West Point Thoroughbreds and Bouchey, Steven                                 | Clement    | Rosario      | 120 |
| 6  | Minaret Station  | Instilled Regard  | OXO Equine LLC                                                               | Walden     | Ortiz        | 120 |
| 7  | Carcano 🦋        | Bolt d'Oro        | BBN Racing, LLC                                                              | Oliver     | Franco       | 120 |
| 8  | Yo Daddy         | Yoshida (Jpn)     | Winning Move Stable and Sigler, Wesley                                       | Rice       | Santana, Jr. | 124 |
| 9  | Kinetic          | Street Sense      | Goldfarb, Sanford J., Kantarmaci, Ilkay and Zilla Racing Stables             | Kantarmaci | Prat         | 124 |
| 10 | Dr. Kraft        | The Lieutenant    | Kantarmaci, I, Zilla Racing Stables, Black Jack Racing & Forst, S Kantarmaci | Gonzalez   |              | 124 |

**Breeders:** 1-Adena Springs, 2-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 3-Eliza St George & Lee Mauberret, 4-K. A. Bartlett & J. M. Beever, 5-Frankfort Park Farm, 6-OXO Equine, 7-Scott and Debbie Pierce & Dermot and Emma Quinn, 8-Big Chief Racing LLC & Rocker O Ranch LLC, 9-Godolphin, 10-Sequel Stallions New York

**Fort George (GB)** (Territories {Ire}) is an intriguing candidate. He finished only 5 3/4 lengths behind Ombudsman (Ire) (Night of Thunder {Ire}), arguably the best turf horse in the world, in the G1 Dubai Turf Cup, and finished just behind Eclipse Award winner Rebel's Romance (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in his prior start. Should find this spot much easier. Turf-distance specialist Mike Maker will send out **Ole Crazy Bone** (Ghostzapper), who looks primed for a big effort. Won the GII Kentucky Turf Cup at Kentucky Downs at a mile-and-a-half and then had time off before returning in a middle distance allowance at Churchill. That race looks like a perfect prep for this. **Minaret Station** (Instilled Regard) is in good form, but is an unknown at the distance. --Bill Finley

**Saturday, 7/11, Horseshoe Indianapolis #11, post time: 5:55 p.m. EDT**

**INDIANA OAKS-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

| PP | HORSE           | SIRE         | OWNER                                                          | TRAINER | JOCKEY     | WT  |
|----|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|-----|
| 1  | Star Actress    | Justify      | George Krikorian                                               | Mott    | Alvarado   | 118 |
| 2  | Nahla 🦋         | Authentic    | Shadwell Stable                                                | Cox     | De La Cruz | 118 |
| 3  | Maximum Offer 🦋 | Maxfield     | Baccari Racing Stable, LLC, Riccio, Alfred and Cotrone, Robert | McPeck  | Saez       | 124 |
| 4  | Betty's Pearl 🦋 | Munnings     | William K. Werner                                              | Lynch   | Gutierrez  | 124 |
| 5  | Prom Queen      | Quality Road | Delta Squad Racing, LLC                                        | Cox     | Ortiz, Jr. | 124 |
| 6  | Mizumi          | Justify      | Baoma Corp                                                     | Baffert | Geroux     | 124 |

**Breeders:** 1-George Krikorian, 2-Taylor Made Stallions Inc., Joel Politi, Ramspring Farm, et al, 3-KMN Racing, LLC, 4-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 5-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 6-Charles Chu

Bob Baffert reports that **Mizumi** (Justify) will scratch here to run in the Iowa Oaks. Seemingly out of nowhere, **Betty's Pearl** (Munnings) turned in a sizzling effort to win a Churchill allowance by 6 1/4 lengths while earning a 90 Beyer. She could bounce, but if she doesn't and if she runs back to that race, she can easily win this. Based on class, **Prom Queen** (Quality Road) is an obvious favorite. Just don't like the way she fizzled out after her big win in the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks. Is beatable at a short price. **Maximum Offer** (Maxfield) beat the top pick two starts back. Erratic filly will need to deliver her best. --Bill Finley



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**Saturday, 7/11, Horseshoe Indianapolis #12, post time: 6:40 p.m. EDT****INDIANA DERBY-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

| PP | HORSE            | SIRE                | OWNER                                                                      | TRAINER | JOCKEY       | WT  |
|----|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------|-----|
| 1  | Lighter 🦋        | <b>Constitution</b> | Harrison, Ann M. and Hendrickson, Renata D.                                | Brisset | Pedroza, Jr. | 118 |
| 2  | Mister T         | Sahara Sky          | Baileyboy Racing, LLC                                                      | Bailey  | Murrill      | 118 |
| 3  | Zihnal           | <b>Quality Road</b> | Augustin Stables                                                           | Thomas  | Rispoli      | 118 |
| 4  | Our Moneyman     | Mr. Money           | Allied Racing Stable, LLC                                                  | Calhoun | Concepcion   | 118 |
| 5  | Bricklin 🦋       | <b>Nyquist</b>      | Imagine Racing                                                             | Brisset | De La Cruz   | 124 |
| 6  | Creole Chrome    | <b>Volatile</b>     | Three Diamonds Farm                                                        | Sharp   | Alvarado     | 118 |
| 7  | Out of the Woods | <b>Constitution</b> | Little Red Feather Racing, Madaket Stables, Panic Stable & William Strauss | D'Amato | Saez         | 124 |
| 8  | Leading Change 🦋 | <b>Gun Runner</b>   | Wathnan Racing                                                             | Cox     | Ortiz, Jr.   | 118 |
| 9  | Desert Gate 🦋    | Omaha Beach         | Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul                         | Baffert | Geroux       | 124 |

**Breeders:** 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-FK Bailey & Justin Clay Bailey, 3-George Strawbridge Jr., 4-Allied Racing Stable, LLC, 5-Haymarket Farm LLC, 6-Gulf Haven Farms, LLC, 7-Daniel Burke & Kathleen Burke Schweizer, 8-WinStar Farm, LLC, 9-Twin Oaks Bloodstock

Bob Baffert reports that morning-line favorite **Desert Gate** (Omaha Beach) will scratch here to run in the Iowa Derby. **Out of the Woods** (**Constitution**) is coming off a solid effort in the Delaware Derby. Finished ahead of **Our Moneyman** (Mr. Money) two starts back. One of many in here with a chance. Our Moneyman ran a career-best race when second behind Further Ado (**Gun Runner**) in the GIII Matt Winn Stakes. A repeat effort might be good enough. 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Leading Change** (**Gun Runner**) romped in his debut for Brad Cox. It's just that it's hard to go straight from a maiden sprint to a two-turn graded stakes. --*Bill Finley*

**Saturday, 7/11, Prairie Meadows #8, post time: 10:20 p.m. EDT****PRAIRIE MEADOWS CORNHUSKER H.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m**

| PP | HORSE            | SIRE                    | OWNER                                                                                                             | TRAINER     | JOCKEY    | WT  |
|----|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----|
| 1  | Bullard 🦋        | <b>Gun Runner</b>       | By Talla Racing LLC, St. Elias Stables LLC, Three Chimneys and West Point Thoroughbreds                           | McCarthy    | Kimura    | 118 |
| 2  | Render Judgment  | <b>Blame</b>            | Baccari Racing Stable, LLC, Dream Walkin Farms, Inc., MJM Racing, Rocket Ship Racing and Magdalena Racing         | McPeck      | Esquivel  | 117 |
| 3  | Heroic Move      | <b>Quality Road</b>     | Bennewith, Arnold, Wiest, Rick, Wiest, Clayton, Wiest, Lana Tremblay, Norman, R 6 Stable and Regan, Sheila        | Diodoro     | Vazquez   | 122 |
| 4  | Cornishman 🦋     | <b>Curlin</b>           | Joseph A. Schumer                                                                                                 | McFarlane   | Gonzalez  | 119 |
| 5  | San Siro 🦋       | Classic Empire          | Andrew Farm, Mountmellick Farm, Ocean Reef Racing White Mountain Stables and Stonecrest Farm                      | Walsh       | Geroux    | 119 |
| 6  | Gigante 🦋        | <b>Not This Time</b>    | L and N Racing LLC and Brewster, Clark O.                                                                         | Asmussen    | Smith     | 117 |
| 7  | Spellmaker       | <b>Gun Runner</b>       | Osmel Nunez                                                                                                       | Irion       | Arrieta   | 110 |
| 8  | Navajo Warrior 🦋 | <b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> | BAG Racing Stables, Miller Racing, LLC, Paul, Dr. Derek K. Mathis Stable, LLC, Braverman, Paul and Pinch, Timothy | Joseph, Jr. | Husbands  | 121 |
| 9  | Spenard 🦋        | Spun to Run             | Joseph A. Schumer                                                                                                 | McFarlane   | Hernandez | 115 |

**Breeders:** 1-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 2-Green Lantern Stables, 3-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 4-Godolphin, 5-Frankfort Park Farm, Bemart, Equinow, Valle Falcone & K. Byrne, 6-Ann Mudge Backer & Smitten Farm, 7-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 8-Hinkle Farms, 9-Marylou Whitney Stables LLC

It looks like local trainer Dan McFarlane may have **Cornishman** (**Curlin**) set up for a repeat win in this race. Cornishman has won two straight, including the same prep that was used for this race last year. Trainer is winning at 38% at the meet. Saffie Joseph, Jr. is always dangerous and he brings in **Navajo Warrior** (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) He's coming off a win that isn't as good as it looks on paper since he stole the race in the GIII Pimlico Special. But there's little speed in here and the same thing could happen. **Heroic Move** (**Quality Road**) is a little inconsistent, but did earn a 99 Beyer when winning the GIII Steve Sexton Mile. A threat if he delivers his best. --*Bill Finley*

## SUMMER BREEZES:

Expensive **Mandaloun** Colt Gets Going at Ellis



Some of the most highly anticipated races during the summer season are the 'baby' races during the boutique meetings at Saratoga and Del Mar and at Ellis Park, which attract its fair share of high-priced juveniles from a variety of top national outfits. Summer Breezes, sponsored by OBS Sales, highlights debuting and stakes-entered 2-year-olds at those meetings that have been sourced at the breeze-up sales earlier in the year, including links to their under-tack previews. Here are the horses entered for Thursday at Saratoga and Ellis Park. Information gathered by Alan Carasso.

### Thursday, July 9, 2026

#### Saratoga 2, \$115k, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:44 p.m. ET

| Horse (Sire)                   | Sale   | Price (\$) | Breeze |
|--------------------------------|--------|------------|--------|
| Captain G ( <b>Nashville</b> ) | OBSMAR | 275,000    | :10    |

C-Kings Equine, agent; B-Golden Star Farm LLC

#### Ellis 6, \$100k, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 3:12 p.m. ET

| Horse (Sire)                       | Sale   | Price (\$) | Breeze |
|------------------------------------|--------|------------|--------|
| Tactical Tune ( <b>Mandaloun</b> ) | OBSMAR | 560,000    | :10    |

C-Wavertree Stables Inc (C Dunne), agt; B-J Casse For CKDS Rcg

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## FULL-BROTHER TO CLASSIC WINNER PRETTY MISCHIEVOUS DEBUTS AT ELLIS



Talleyrand is a full-brother to Kentucky Oaks heroine Pretty Mischievous (pictured) | Sarah Andrew

by Christina Bossinakis

6th-ELP \$100k, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2f, post time: 3:12 p.m.

Godolphin's impeccably bred **TALLEYRAND** (Into Mischief) marks his debut for trainer Brendan Walsh. Out of GI Spinaway winner Pretty City Dancer (**Tapit**), the Kentucky-bred colt is a full-brother to Kentucky Oaks heroine Pretty Mischievous and a half-brother to dual Grade II winner and Bella Ballerina (**Street Sense**). Both of the Walsh-trained fillies were named a 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' following their debut wins.

Also making a career start, **Tactical Tune** (**Mandaloun**) kicks off for Norm Casse. The colt was a \$560,000 buy at OBS this past March. **TJCIS PPS**

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## MAIDEN WINNERS



## IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**6th-Horseshoe Indianapolis**, \$32,000, Msw, 7-8, 2yo, f, 5fT, :56.63, fm, 3 3/4 lengths.

**DOWNFORCE** (f, 2, Roadster--Mighty Souper {MSP, \$122,866}, by War Front) was favored at 9-5 to become the fifth winner for her freshman sire (by Quality Road). She forced the early issue from an outside second, began to shake clear entering the far turn and wasn't for catching en route to a 3 3/4-length graduation. The winner is a half to Forever Souper (American Pharoah), MSW, \$565,647; and an American Pharoah colt of this year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O/B-Dream Big Racing, LLC (KY); T-John Alexander Ortiz.



## FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JULY 9

2026 Stud Fees Listed

**Channel Cat** (English Channel), Calumet Farm, \$7,500  
8 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Del Turf Pick 3, 1:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Cat's Meow, 5-2

**Corniche** (Quality Road), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000  
109 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Del Turf Pick 3, 1:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Mi Amor Morena, 12-1  
\$60,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$30,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Cyberknife** (Gun Runner), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
167 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Ellis, 2:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Velvet Beretta, 30-1  
\$55,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$15,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$37,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

**Drain the Clock** (Maclean's Music), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000  
134 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Ellis, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Tic Tic Tic, 12-1

\$125,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Golden Pal** (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000  
204 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Del Turf Pick 3, 1:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Martiniwithatwist, 3-2

\$75,000 FTK JUL yrl

**Happy Saver** (Super Saver), Airdrie Stud, \$7,500  
49 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Ellis, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Very Classy, 30-1  
\$28,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Highly Motivated** (Into Mischief), Airdrie Stud, \$7,500  
98 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Ellis, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Clonmacnoise, 20-1  
\$19,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$65,000 FTK JUL yrl

**Jackie's Warrior** (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000  
136 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
6-Ellis, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Caribbean Warrior, 8-1  
\$250,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$300,000 FTS AUG yrl  
6-Ellis, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Jackies Einor, 30-1  
\$30,000 FTK OCT yrl  
4-Ellis, 2:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Sheza Go Getter, 6-1  
6-Ellis, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, War Ready, 10-1  
\$400,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Life Is Good** (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$60,000  
133 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner  
4-Ellis, 2:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Prevail, 20-1  
\$15,000 KEE JAN yrl

**Mandaloun** (Into Mischief), Juddmonte Farms, \$10,000  
100 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Ellis, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Tactical Tune, 9-2  
\$130,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$560,000 OBS MAR 2yo



**Mystic Guide** (Ghostzapper), Darley, \$7,500

101 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
6-Ellis, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Mystic D, 30-1  
\$65,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$80,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$20,000 OBS APR 2yo

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

140 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Saratoga, 1:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Captain G, 12-1  
\$125,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$275,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Speaker's Corner** (Street Sense), Darley, \$10,000

111 foals of racing age/1 winner/1 black-type winner  
2-Saratoga, 1:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Call Attendant, 6-1  
\$120,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$250,000 OBS APR 2yo  
4-Ellis, 2:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Speak for Yourself, 9-2  
\$32,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$165,000 FTK JUL yrl

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JULY 9***2026 Stud Fees Listed***Galawi (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Northview Stallion Station, \$1,000

31 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Del Turf Pick 3, 1:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Springtime Diva, 8-1

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-Delaware, \$48,000**, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 7-8, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.61, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**PRIDE'S PRINCE (g, 4, Munnings--Tonasah {MGSP, \$196,660}, by Malibu Moon)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-2, \$154,509.

O-Holleman, John & Compton Racing, LLC; B-Lucky Ones LLC (KY); T-Greg Compton. \*\$260,000 Ylg '23 FTSAUG. \*\*1/2 to Union Gables (Speightstown), GSP, \$115,980; **Curlin's Malibu (Curlin)**, MSP, \$321,677.

**8th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$41,000**, (S), 7-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.83, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

**STARRY EYE JUSTICE (f, 3, Harry's Holiday--Katara Princess, by Tale of the Cat)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$63,365. O-Spiess Stable LLC, Turner, Charles, Turner, Gran & Klopp, Randy L.; B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (IN); T-Randy L. Klopp. \*\$3,500 Ylg '24 INDYRL.

**1st-Thistledown, \$40,100**, (S), 7-8, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.12, ft, nose.

**SMALL TOWN GOSSIP (f, 4, Dominus--Nava, by Even the Score)**

Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-1, \$108,126. O/B-Elkhorn Oaks, Inc. (OH); T-James R. Jackson. \*Full to City Scene, MSW, \$494,625; Candlelight Hours, MSW, \$775,320; 1/2 to Timeless Bounty (Elusive Hour), SW, \$339,712.

**5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$39,400**, (S), 7-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.54, ft, nose.

**RELENTLESS CHICK (f, 3, Shagaf--Moon Mining {Ire}, by Orb)**

Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$78,308. O-Southwest Racing Stables, Inc., Murphy, Bruce and Murphy, Lori; B-Roger Leon Lewis (IN); T-Genaro Garcia.

**3rd-Presque Isle Downs, \$34,200**, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 7-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.62, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

**EYE CANDY WARRIOR (f, 3, Warrior's Reward--Unimagineable, by Twirling Candy)**

Lifetime Record: SP, 9-4-3-1, \$137,610. O/B-Warrior's Reward LLC (PA); T-Brandon L. Kulp. \*Full to Candy Reward, MSW, \$321,235.

**7th-Thistledown, \$32,000**, 7-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.24, ft, neck.

**CLOUD STORAGE (m, 6, Cloud Computing--Sexy Suzy, by After Market)**

Lifetime Record: 54-10-13-9, \$272,163. O/T-Benny Feliciano; B-Destiny Oaks of Ocala (FL). \*\$47,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

**1st-Finger Lakes, \$24,800**, 7-8, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.42, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

**WITHOUT PRETENCE (h, 5, Bernardini--Ponder Lea {GSP,**

**\$144,508}, by More Than Ready)** Lifetime Record: 22-3-4-2, \$101,680. O-Michael S. Foster; B-Edwin C. Anthony (KY); T-Charlton Baker. \*\$20,000 2yo '23 EASMAY; \$14,000 5yo '26 FTDMAR.

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**7th-Finger Lakes, \$24,500**, (S), 7-8, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.38, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

**KATIE KING (f, 4, Joevia--Wy Not Candy, by Candy Ride {Arg})**

Lifetime Record: 14-4-2-1, \$92,362. O/B-M. Anthony Ferraro; B-Fazio Stables, LLC (NY).

**5th-Fort Erie, C\$23,846**, 7-7, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.63, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**IF YOU INSIST (g, 5, Frac Daddy--Ok One More, by Include)**

Lifetime Record: 24-7-4-0, \$95,499. O-Orth, Tonya, Zaniol, Dean & Green, David M.; B-Daniel A. Mooney (ON); T-Mark Fournier. \*C\$22,000 Ylg '22 CANSEP.

**5th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$19,200, 7-7, (NW2LX),**  
3yo/up, 6f, 1:14.50, gd, head.

**RHODES (g, 3, Uncle Mo--Royale Paradise, by Unbridled's Song)**

Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-1, \$44,505. O-Charlie J. Williams, LLC;

B-Pollock Farms (KY); T-Jose Bracho, Jr. \*\$550,000 Ylg '24

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#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Mount Vernon, c, 3, Constitution--Ayers Rock, by More Than Ready.** Horseshoe Indianapolis, 7-7, 1m, 1:38.91. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$19,200. B-Emory A. Hamilton (KY).

\*\$450,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. \*\*Full to Belle of Rights, SP, \$174,975.



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**Rollin in Spiders, g, 3, Dialed In--Richmond Spider, by Union Rags.** Thistledown, 7-8, (S), 1m, 1:42.40. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$32,523. B-Sherri Williams (OH). \*1/2 to Here's the Spider (Tapiture), SW, \$278,386.

**Banker Matt, g, 3, Goldencents--Joyce, by Rock Hard Ten.** Assiniboia Downs, 7-7, 6f, 1:13.10. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$10,599. B-Sally Thomas & Morgan's Ford Farm (KY). \*\$4,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT.

**Honorisia, f, 3, Honor Code--Arisia, by Declaration of War.** Penn National, 7-7, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:45.70. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-0, \$44,618. B-Green Lantern Stables, LLC (KY).

**Silverdart, f, 3, Mendelssohn--Macallan Gal, by Stormy Atlantic.** Fort Erie, 7-7, 7fT, 1:26.93. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$21,841. B-Ballycroy Bloodstock (ON). \*C\$85,000 Ylg '24 CANSEP.

**Drive by Johnny, g, 3, More Than Ready--Crescent Lady, by Scat Daddy.** Presque Isle Downs, 7-8, (S), 1m (AWT), 1:39.97. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$22,360. B-More Than Ready Syndicate & Equivine Farm LLC (PA). \*\$40,000 Ylg '24 EASOCT. \*\*1/2 to Surfside Moon (Malibu Moon), MSP, \$199,858.

**Ladies Legacy, f, 3, Shogood--Ladies Drink Free, by Exclusive Quality.** Fairmount, 7-7, (S), 6f, 1:13.89. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$24,897. B-Donald J. McCrosky (IL).

**Pink Picture, f, 4, Thousand Words--Andapinkcarnation, by Uncle Mo.** Horseshoe Indianapolis, 7-7, (S), 1mT, 1:36.79. Lifetime Record: 15-1-5-4, \$74,565. B-Deann Baer & Greg Baer DVM (IN). \*\$21,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT.



**Bernardini, Without Pretence, h, 5, o/o Ponder Lea, by More Than Ready.** ALW, 7-8, Finger Lakes

**Cloud Computing, Cloud Storage, m, 6, o/o Sexy Suzy, by After Market.** ALW, 7-8, Thistledown

**Constitution, Mount Vernon, c, 3, o/o Ayers Rock, by More Than Ready.** MSW, 7-7, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Dialed In, Rollin in Spiders, g, 3, o/o Richmond Spider, by Union Rags.** MSW, 7-8, Thistledown

**Dominus, Small Town Gossip, f, 4, o/o Nava, by Even the Score.** ALW, 7-8, Thistledown

**Frac Daddy, If You Insist, g, 5, o/o Ok One More, by Include.** ALW, 7-7, Fort Erie

**Goldencents, Banker Matt, g, 3, o/o Joyce, by Rock Hard Ten.** MSW, 7-7, Assiniboia

**Harry's Holiday, Starry Eye Justice, f, 3, o/o Katara Princess, by Tale of the Cat.** ALW, 7-7, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Honor Code, Honorisia, f, 3, o/o Arisia, by Declaration of War.** MSW, 7-7, Penn National

**Joevia, Katie King, f, 4, o/o Wy Not Candy, by Candy Ride (Arg).** ALW, 7-8, Finger Lakes

**Mendelssohn, Silverdart, f, 3, o/o Macallan Gal, by Stormy Atlantic.** MSW, 7-7, Fort Erie

**More Than Ready, Drive by Johnny, g, 3, o/o Crescent Lady, by Scat Daddy.** MSW, 7-8, Presque Isle Downs

**Munnings, Pride's Prince, g, 4, o/o Tonasah, by Malibu Moon.** AOC, 7-8, Delaware

**Roadster, Downforce, f, 2, o/o Mighty Souper, by War Front.** MSW, 7-8, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Shagaf, Relentless Chick, f, 3, o/o Moon Mining (Ire), by Orb.** ALW, 7-8, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Shogood, Ladies Legacy, f, 3, o/o Ladies Drink Free, by Exclusive Quality.** MSW, 7-7, Fairmount

**Thousand Words, Pink Picture, f, 4, o/o Andapinkcarnation, by Uncle Mo.** MSW, 7-7, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Uncle Mo, Rhodes, g, 3, o/o Royale Paradise, by Unbridled's Song.** ALW, 7-7, Mountaineer

**Warrior's Reward, Eye Candy Warrior, f, 3, o/o Unimagineable, by Twirling Candy.** AOC, 7-8, Presque Isle Downs



## ELWICK STUD SIGNS FOR SMART SPRINTER AEGINA AT TATTERSALLS



AEGINA may yet race on for Elwick Stud | Tattersalls

By Emma Berry

The stakes-placed sprinter AEGINA (Havana Grey) will join the team at Elwick Stud in County Durham after being bought online for 240,000gns. Sold by The Castlebridge Consignment on behalf of Skara Glen Stables, the three-year-old filly (lot 522) had been trained by Donnacha O'Brien to win on her last of four starts in 2025 after she had also finished third in the Listed Legacy Stakes at Dundalk. Her winning dam Twist Of Hay (Showcasing) is a half-sister to the G3 Athasi Stakes winner Twilight Spinner (Twilight Son).

"She was the only one we wanted to buy and she'll come back to us for a rest before we make any plans," said Gary Moore, manager of the Turnbull family's Elwick Stud.

"She's got a bit of a quarter crack so we'll fix that and see what she's like. We'll do what's best by her, we don't want to do anything daft, but we'll aim to send her back into training, whether that's this year or next year. Hopefully she can pick up some more black type. We bought her to be a broodmare really, the racing bit is an added bonus to be honest.

"Nick [Turnbull] picked her out, I went down and saw her and loved her straight away. She's not over big but she's strong, she's a real strong filly."

## FUTURE PROSPECTS BEST OF THE JULY DELIGHTS by Tom Frary

Now that the vast majority of the Classics and the high-pressure events of Royal Ascot are recent history, racing's summer loosens up a touch with Newmarket's July Festival next on the endless circling timeline. What those amazing hardwoods in the pre-parade ring could tell you, looming over decades of choice thoroughbreds and interactions, hushed awe and nervous tension. The meeting's agenda reads like a mini-Saratoga and is Newmarket's finest week of the year.

While Saturday's G1 Al Basti Equiworld, Dubai July Cup is the key race, the July Festival is really about the two-year-olds. No sooner is the Derby run, the radar is already out for next year's kingpins and they have a habit of showing up here. Saturday's G2 Superlative Stakes has hosted **City Of Troy**, Native Trail, Master Of The Seas and Dubawi since the turn of the century and may have another special one this year in **Abraham Lincoln** (Wootton Bassett). The Curragh winner is held in high regard at Ballydoyle and with his big name could be on his way to the top.

Thursday's opening day boasts the G2 Kingdom of Bahrain July Stakes, the week's six-furlong two-year-old feature where Charlie Appleby looks to turn the page with his exciting **Inner City Blues** (Blue Point). [Cont. p6](#)



Abraham Lincoln in the ring in Deauville | Zuzanna Lupa

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Mike Kane previews round three of the longest summer of racing in Saratoga, which begins on Thursday.



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*Spain (Forza Toro) beat Norway (Podium) in the first running of the Hong Kong Jockey Club's World Cup-themed race, the 'Eight To Glory' Handicap presented by Lenovo. The FIFA World Cup continues on Thursday with France versus Morocco at 16:00 EST in Boston. HKJC*

## **7 | FLORESTA PREVAILS IN STANERRA STAKES**

*The G3 Darley Irish EBF Stanerra Stakes went to Floresta (Waldgeist) at Fairyhouse on Wednesday evening.*

## **8 | BREEDERS HONOURED AT THE TBA FLAT BREEDERS' AWARDS**

*Colin and Melba Bryce were among the honourees at the TBA Flat Breeders' Awards at Chippenham Park on Wednesday evening.*

## **9 | SWEET WILLIAM RETIRED**

*The popular staying son of *Sea The Stars* has been retired after 24 career starts.*



Gary Moore | Tattersalls

### Tattersalls July Sale Cont. from p1

Moore added, "He'll want to see her himself before he decides anything like who might train her. We're always trying to upgrade our mares though and she looked like an ideal candidate."

The trade in the ring was almost as hot as the temperature around the grounds on another roasting day at Park Paddocks, where 93% of the 185 horses offered found new homes at a wide range of destinations around the world.

An eye-catching fifth-place finish in the ultra-competitive Britannia Handicap at Royal Ascot was all it took for wild card Capall Rasa to become the most expensive gelding sold on the middle day of the Tattersalls July Sale at 215,000gns.

The three-year-old son of **Footstepsinthesand** (lot 504F) will remain in Britain, switching trainers from Tom Dascombe to Ed Bethell after being bought by Raj Singh.

"He's really very progressive, and he's got a nice profile," Bethell said. "His new owner Mr Singh is new to the game and wants some horses to take him to the good days - fingers crossed he's that type."

A €68,000 yearling purchase at Tattersalls Ireland, Capall Rasa previously raced in the colours of Laurence Bellman and won twice at Southwell last autumn.

If Tuesday was all about Godolphin, Wednesday's session at Tattersalls featured a strong draft from Juddmonte. Head of that smartly-bred cohort was Guardian Of Realm, a three-year-old daughter of **Kingman** (lot 495) who was an easy winner on her most recent start for Ger Lyons over ten furlongs at Fairyhouse. She will now return to Ireland after being signed for by Colm Sharkey at 210,000gns with Haras d'Etreham's Fernando Laffon Lomba filling the role of underbidder.

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Out of the four-time Listed winner Principal Role (Empire Maker), Guardian Of Realm is a half-sister to another prolific winner in Flight Leader (**Frankel**), whose finest hour came in the G3 Prix Noailles.

"We had a mark of 200,000gns on her, and were not going to lose her for a bid," said a determined Sharkey, who bought the filly on behalf of an undisclosed Irish client. "We will be looking for some black type. She's a progressive sort and comes recommended."

Through Mags O'Toole and Mouse O'Ryan, National Hunt trainer Gordon Elliott snapped up the most expensive colt of the Juddmonte draft when going to 120,000gns for lot 490, Contador (**Kingman**). The three-year-old is a brother to the Group 3-placed Colombier and is out of a Galileo half-sister to 1,000 Guineas winner Special Duty (Hennessy).

Heading into a sale with good recent form is never a bad thing and wild card entry Yaupon De Replay brought a bid of 200,000gns from Charlie Swan, who was bidding from the back stairs against Mick Flanagan.

Bought at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2yo Sale by trainer Joseph O'Brien, the first-crop daughter of Yaupon raced in the 'double green' silks of Simon Munir and Isaac Souede, winning the Listed Ballyhane Blenheim Stakes on debut last September. In her most recent start on Saturday she was beaten just a short-head by L L Koulsty (Coulsty) off a mark of 96.

Qatar's leading trainer Gassim Al Ghazali is a standing dish at the horses-in-training sales at Tattersalls and he was kept busy again on Wednesday, signing for four horses including lot 436, the Havana Grey gelding Seagolazo, whose half-brother A Boy Named Susie (**Starspangledbanner**) was runner-up in the G1 Coral-Eclipse Stakes on Saturday. [Cont. p5](#)



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Now four, Seagolazo, who sold for 160,000gns, is also from the family of leading sire Mehmas. A winner at two at Chester for Hugo Palmer, he has also been placed on six occasions and had been declared to run on Friday at Ascot.

Al Ghazali, who confirmed that the horse had been bought for Mansoor Ebrahim S I Al-Mahmoud, said, "His son is with me today and it is his first trip to Tattersalls. This horse has good form and goes on quick ground and looks as though he will suit Qatar. Hopefully, he will be one for the HH The Amir Shalfa, a race won by [the same owner's] Basalt this spring."

Will Douglass has a wide network of contacts in Qatar and that is where another of the day's leading lots will be heading in the immediate future. The Andrew Balding-trained Regal Ulixes (Ulysses) was another of the wild card entries (lot 504D), and he too had posted a decent effort at Royal Ascot when third in the Duke of Edinburgh Handicap behind Opportunity. Initially unsold in the ring, Douglass agreed a private sale of 200,000gns with the four-year-old gelding's owner Gary Gillies.

Kia Joorabchian's Amo Racing bought out partner Al Shaqab Racing when going to 150,000gns to retain You'll Think Of Me (Kingman) for breeding purposes. Bred by recent Royal Ascot-winning owner Craig Bernick from the Group 3 winner Love Locket (No Nay Never), the three-year-old filly was a 500,000gns Book 1 yearling for the two racing entities and won on her first start for Kevin Philippart de Foy at Kempton in December after being transferred from Ireland.

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# SESSION TOPPERS

## TATTERSALLS JULY SALE DAY 2 WEDNESDAY'S TOP LOTS

| Lot         | Name                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Status                   | Price (gns)    |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| <b>522</b>  | <b>Aegina (GB)</b><br>(f, 3, Havana Grey {GB}--Twist Of Hay {GB}, by Showcasing {GB})<br>Bred by Mr J. A. & Mrs. M. A. Knox (GB)<br>Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment<br>Purchased by Elwick Stud        | <b>Horse-in-Training</b> | <b>240,000</b> |
| <b>504F</b> | <b>Capall Rasa (Ire)</b><br>(g, 3, Footstepsinthesand {GB}--Point Reyes {Ire},<br>by Competitive Edge)<br>Bred by Castletown Bloodstock Ltd. (Ire)<br>Consigned by Tom Dascombe Racing<br>Purchased by Raj Singh | <b>Horse-in-Training</b> | <b>215,000</b> |

|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                          |                |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| <b>495</b>  | <b>Guardian of Realm (GB)</b><br>(f, 3, Kingman {GB}--Principal Role, by Empire Maker)<br>Bred by Juddmonte Farms Inc. (GB)<br>Consigned by Juddmonte<br>Purchased by Colm Sharkey, agent                                                 | <b>Horse-in-Training</b> | <b>210,000</b> |
| <b>472</b>  | <b>Yaupon De Replay</b><br>(f, 3, Yaupon--Malibu Mischief, by Goldencents)<br>Bred by Drumkenny Farm & American Equistock Inc. (KY)<br>Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment<br>Purchased by BBA Ireland                              | <b>Horse-in-Training</b> | <b>200,000</b> |
| <b>504D</b> | <b>Regal Ulixes (GB)</b><br>(g, 4, Ulysses {Ire}--Regal Realm {GB}, by Medicean {GB})<br>Bred by Cheveley Park Stud Limited (GB)<br>Consigned by Kingsclere Training Stables (A. Balding)<br>Purchased by Will Douglass Bloodstock (P.S.) | <b>Horse-in-Training</b> | <b>200,000</b> |



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|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| • Catalogued         | 304                  | 337           |
| • Number Offered     | 185                  | 211           |
| • Number Sold        | 175                  | 193           |
| • Not Sold           | 10                   | 18            |
| • Clearance Rate     | 95%                  | 91%           |
| • No. 500K+          | 0                    | 1             |
| • High Price         | 240,000gns           | 550,000gns    |
| • Gross              | 5,579,500gns (-28%)  | 7,775,000gns  |
| • Average (% change) | 31,883gns (-21%)     | 40,285gns     |
| • Median (% change)  | 16,000gns (-20%)     | 20,000gns     |
| CUMULATIVE TOTALS    | 2026                 | 2025          |
| • Catalogued         | 593                  | 671           |
| • Number Offered     | 374                  | 446           |
| • Number Sold        | 336                  | 385           |
| • Not Sold           | 38                   | 61            |
| • Clearance Rate     | 90%                  | 86%           |
| • No. 500K+          | 1                    | 1             |
| • High Price         | 500,000gns           | 550,000gns    |
| • Gross              | 10,535,500gns (-14%) | 12,202,200gns |
| • Average (% change) | 31,356gns (1%)       | 31,694gns     |
| • Median (% change)  | 14,000gns (-12.5%)   | 16,000gns     |



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On a big day for the stable, with the favourite in all three of the Group races, he is the key member of the cast representing the future at a time when the present isn't too rosy.

Won by the likes of Green Desert, Noverre, Shalaa and Mehmas, this isn't a race that favours one with such little experience but last year Zavateri showed it could be done with the right raw material. Smart on debut at York, the top-priced colt of the Arqana May Breeze-Up carries a weight of expectation from his team. "We feel he has stepped forward since York and hopefully will take a bit of beating," Appleby said.

On Friday, the juvenile fillies have their chance to shine in the G2 Duchess of Cambridge Stakes, which is the old Cherry Hinton captured by the luminaries Mysterious, Diminuendo and Attraction and countless others who also hit the heights.

**Libertango** (No Nay Never) looks to emulate last year's winner Venetian Sun in following up her success in the Albany and Vefa Ibrahim Araci's 400,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up purchase will be a warm order to do so.

Before the Superlative on Saturday, the Rossdale British EBF Maiden Stakes takes place with both recent and past history suggesting it is one of Europe's more important races of its kind. Restricted to just colts, the old "Strutt & Parker Maiden" has been won by Alhaarth, Bahhare, Dubai Destination, Rio De La Plata and Field Of Gold. Twelve months ago, Distant Storm edged **Constitution** River in a photo and it is anybody's guess what we'll see this time.

At present, William Buick is jockeyed up on Charlie Appleby's newcomer **Al Wathba** (Wootton Bassett), a €900,000 Arqana Deauville August purchase while Aidan O'Brien has entered three. They are **Haffner** (Justify), runner-up to Abraham Lincoln on debut; and **Oklahoma** (Wootton Bassett) and **Shakespeare** (Dubawi) who chased home Giant Sequoia also at The Curragh.

Thursday's card sees Appleby unveil **Peaceful Charm** (Dubawi),

the €2million Arqana Deauville August sensation in the seven-furlong fillies' maiden he has won in five of the last nine years. The subsequent 1,000 Guineas heroine Desert Flower was the latest and best of them and this relative of Magic Wand, Chicquita and Diamond Necklace is one of the meeting's most exciting propositions.

Away from the two-year-olds, the July Cup will witness the attempt of **Venetian Sun** (Starman) to conquer the colts again and her elders for the first time, with Habibt in 1983 the last of her age and sex to prevail in the six-furlong feature. A daughter of the 2021 July Cup hero, Tony Bloom and Ian McAleavy's Prix Morny and Commonwealth Cup heroine was the subject of a positive bulletin from Karl Burke on Wednesday.

"Saturday will be a tough race, certainly the toughest sprint she's been in, taking on the older horses--she's got to step up again, but she looks fantastic," he said. "She did a real good piece of work at the end of last week and did a little breeze yesterday. She did show a little bit in season yesterday, which we've never really noticed with her before, so we'll keep an eye on that but she hasn't been showing any signs this morning, so hopefully that's nothing."

"I don't think it was three weeks between Ascot and the race she ran in at this meeting last year--it came a little bit quick on her and maybe she was in front a little bit too soon as well when she nearly got collared by the Lowther winner of Ed Walker's. I'm not worried about the ground and I'm not worried about the course. I'm sure they'll put plenty of water on and it will be very safe. I think, potentially, Venetian Sun still could prove herself to be a superstar."

Of the older horses, the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes one-two **Almeraq** (Dark Angel) and **Satono Reve** (Lord Kanaloa) stand out along with Ballydoyle's King Charles III Stakes winner **Mission Central** (No Nay Never), who bids to become Aidan O'Brien's sixth winner for the outright record. [Cont. p7](#)



Venetian Sun | Mathea Kelley

## July Festival Preview Cont.

Friday's highlight is the G1 Tattersalls Sceptre Sessions Falmouth Stakes, where another Ballydoyle raider looms ominously in the Irish 1,000 Guineas and Coronation Stakes heroine **Precise** ([Starspangledbanner](#)). Juddmonte's Duke of Cambridge Stakes winner **Blue Bolt** (Blue Point) looks the most obvious threat with the 1,000 Guineas winner, with **True Love** ([No Nay Never](#)) instead heading to Sunday's G1 Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard Prix Jean Prat.

Deauville's seven-furlong highlight has nine remaining entries, with The Aga Khan Studs leaving options open for their Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero **Rayif** (Sea The Moon) and Fozzy Stack taking aim with the Jersey winner **Thesecondadversary** ([St Mark's Basilica](#)). Elsewhere at the weekend, Ascot's G2 Juddmonte Summer Mile features a rematch between Night Of Thunder's Queen Anne second and fourth **More Thunder** and **Zeus Olympios**, just one of many talking points during a fascinating four days of action.

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## WALDGEIST'S FLORESTA NOTCHES CAREER BEST IN FAIRYHOUSE FEATURE

by Sean Cronin

Last year's Listed Vinnie Roe Stakes victrix **Floresta** (Waldgeist) bounced back off two unplaced efforts and dipped into deep reserves to notch a career high in Wednesday's G3 Darley Irish EBF Stanerra Stakes at Fairyhouse.

Finding a smooth rhythm off the tempo in seventh for most of the 14-furlong marathon, the 6-1 chance made headway under pressure in the straight to engage G1 Melbourne Cup runner-up **Goodie Two Shoes** (Fastnet Rock) soon after passing the quarter-mile pole and was driven out to deny that rival by 1 1/2 lengths. Paddy Twomey trainee **Perfect Your Craft** (Mastercraftsman) fared best of the remainder and finished 5 1/2 lengths back in third.

"I don't know what happened last time [at Gowran], but I really fancied her and that was very good today," said Johnny Murtagh. "From three to four she did really well and she came back in great form. I couldn't explain her latest run, so I just gave her a bit of time and she was starting to come in the last couple of weeks. I think she is a good stayer, she's won a Group 3 now so we'll probably step her up. She ran well in the Group 2 [Park Hill Stakes] at Doncaster last year and I kind of had that on my mind again this year. We'll see how she is and she has the chance of being a real good one."

### Pedigree Notes

Floresta is the fifth of six foals and one of four scorers out of a winning half-sister to this contest's 2018 third Naughty Or Nice

(Fastnet Rock) and G3 Give Thanks Stakes runner-up Dark Crusader (Cape Cross).

Dark Crusader is the dam of G1 Caulfield Cup hero Duke De Sessa (Lope De Vega) while descendants of her second dam Monty's Girl (High Chaparral) also include multiple Group-winning G1 Deutsches Derby runner-up Convergent (Fascinating Rock) and G3 Fritz Henkel-Preis second Molten Rock (Fascinating Rock). The winner is a half-sister to Listed Rothsay Stakes and Listed Victor McCalmont Memorial second Angels Wrath (Dark Angel).



Floresta | [Racingfotos.com](#)

### Wednesday, Fairyhouse, Ireland

**DARLEY IRISH EBF STANERRA STAKES-G3**, €80,500, Fairyhouse, 7-8, 3yo/up, f, 14fT, 2:56.38, gd.

#### 1--**FLORESTA (IRE)**, 135, f, 4, by Waldgeist (GB)

**1st Dam:** Cailini Alainn (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)

**2nd Dam:** Monty's Girl (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire)

**3rd Dam:** Mosaïque Bleue (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB)

**1ST GROUP WIN.** O/B-Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd; T-Johnny Murtagh; J-Ben Coen. €42,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$100,806. \*1/2 to Angels Wrath (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), SP-Eng & Ire. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#), or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

2--**Goodie Two Shoes (Ire)**, 135, m, 7, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Fits Like A Glove (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). O-John P McManus; B-Mrs Noreen McManus; T-Joseph O'Brien. €14,000.

3--**Perfect Your Craft (Ire)**, 135, f, 4, Mastercraftsman (Ire)--Pandora (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (110,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT; 300,000gns 3yo '25 TATMA). O-Cheeky Pups Syndicate; B-Newstead Breeding; T-Paddy Twomey. €7,000.

Margins: 1HF, 5HF, 3/4. Odds: 6.00, 2.75, 1.75.

Also Ran: Nuit (Ire), Jannah Star (Ire), Bloom (Ire), Galileo Dame (Ire), Dreamkeeper (Ire), Ice Dancer (Ire).

## EUROPEAN NEWS

### COLIN AND MELBA BRYCE AND SIMON COOPER HONOURED AT TBA FLAT BREEDERS' AWARDS



Colin and Melba Bryce | Emma Berry

Colin and Melba Bryce and Simon Cooper featured among the headline winners at the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA) Flat Breeders' Awards for the 2025 season, sponsored by Ace Stud, which took place at Chippenham Park on Wednesday evening.

The Bryces received the prestigious Andrew Devonshire Bronze, which recognises exceptional achievement and contribution to the British thoroughbred breeding industry, in front of 170 guests, including their daughter and awards host, Gina Bryce.

Laundry Cottage Stud has become one of British breeding's great boutique success stories with the Bryces at the helm. Established in 2004, the Hertfordshire operation and its paddocks have witnessed the formative years of two of the most talked-about horses of recent times. Wootton Bassett, the Group 1-winning juvenile-turned-supersire, was born there in 2008, before the champion racemare Via Sistina came along a decade later. Having sold for just 5,000gns as a yearling, Via Sistina retired in January as the winner of 12 Group 1 races and over \$12.6 million in prize-money.

Meanwhile, Cooper was awarded the Dominion Bronze in recognition of his exceptional service to the administration and governance of thoroughbred breeding; for his international leadership; and for his enduring commitment to the sustainability of the breed.

Having held roles in the United Kingdom, Hong Kong and New Zealand, Cooper became director of the General Stud Book in 2016 and is also company secretary at Weatherbys. He played a key part in the development of the Weatherbys e-Passport and has been closely involved in some of the most important issues facing the modern thoroughbred.

The following is a full list of the winners at the TBA Flat Breeders' Awards for the 2025 Flat season:

- Andrew Devonshire Award - **Laundry Cottage Stud**
- Dominion Award - **Simon Cooper**
- TBA Stud Employee Award, sponsored by New England Stud - **Darrell Tampin, general manager of Aislabie Bloodstock Ltd**
- TBA Silver Rose Bowl (Flat Breeder of the Year), presented by Ace Stud - **Juddmonte**
- TBA Silver Salver (Flat Special Merit Award), sponsored by Streets Bloodstock - **Dukes Stud and Overbury Stud**
- Langham Cup (Small Breeder of the Year), sponsored by The National Stud - **Kelly Thomas, Maywood Stud**
- Filly of Merit Award (Breeder of a British-bred filly who had significant racecourse success in 2024), sponsored by Cheveley Park Stud - **Royal Fixation**
- HJ Joel Silver Salver (Flat Broodmare of the Year), sponsored by Barton Stud - **Mosa Mine**
- International Award, sponsored by Newmarket Equine Hospital - **Lush Lips, the Pocock family**

Statistical Award winners for 2025 (as previously announced):

- BBA Shipping Silver Cigar Box (Leading British-based sire by earnings in 2025) - **Dubawi**
- Queen's Silver Cup (Leading British-based Flat breeder, by earnings), presented by Newsells Park Winery - **Godolphin**
- EBF Barleythorpe Stud Silver Cup (Leading British-based sire by Flat winners in 2025) - **Havana Grey**
- Tattersalls Silver Salver (Britain's leading first-season sire in 2025), sponsored by Tattersalls - **Palace Pier**

Philip Newton, chairman of the TBA, said, "The TBA Flat Breeders' Awards is about celebrating the achievements of British-bred successes, and tonight's winners once again reflect the significant depth and quality of our thoroughbreds and breeding establishments in Britain along with some incredibly worthy and highly respected winners of our individual awards.

"Significant thanks must go to our headline sponsor Ace Stud along with all the other sponsors this evening who make this event such a special occasion and for whom we are extremely grateful."

## POPULAR STAYER SWEET WILLIAM RETIRED



Sweet William | Getty Images

The dual Doncaster Cup winner **Sweet William** has been retired from racing, with jockey Robert Havlin, who partnered the son of **Sea The Stars** in every one of his 24 career starts, describing him as his "favourite horse of all time to ride".

Trained by John and Thady Gosden for owner-breeder Philippa Cooper, Sweet William retires as a seven-time winner and with over £1.2 million in career earnings to his name. Successful in the G2 Doncaster Cup in both 2024 and 2025, he can also count the 2024 G3 Henry II Stakes and this year's G3 Sagaro Stakes among his notable victories.

The seven-year-old was last seen finishing third in the G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot for the second time in three years, having also occupied that position behind Kyprios in 2024. Remarkably, when he finished fourth in the 2025 Gold Cup won by stablemate Trawlerman, it was the only time in his career that he finished outside of the first three places.

"He's going to leave a big hole in my career, as he's been a big part of it," said Havlin. "He has been my favourite horse of all time to ride because he was a character and by the end he had some fan base.

"People used to call him names, but the only time he was out of the first three was last year's Gold Cup. That was only because, before the race, I'd convinced myself that he was going to win. I rode him too handy and that probably cost me third.

"When I cantered him at Ascot to the start the other week, I could hear people shouting, 'Go on, William!' He had a big fan base and the important thing is that he's going out in one piece.

"We always said that, if there was any slight issue, that would be it. But, apart from when he had those screws in his leg as a young horse, he never took a lame step. He owes us nothing and he'll be happy as Larry out in a field."

Havlin continued, "He's bumped into all the best stayers down

the years - Trawlerman, Trueshan, Kyprios.

"Last year on Champions Day, for a brief second I thought that he was going to collar Trawlerman, but those are names that will be remembered for a long time. That is why these stayers are great, as they are around a while so you get attached to them.

"He was second in the Ebor [in 2023] and Philippa said, 'That's his last handicap.' It was and it's been Group races all of the way.

"I had been looking forward to the Doncaster Cup as I always felt that he was better at that time of year, but we've got to look after him and he'll enjoy his retirement."

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, July 9, 2026:

### UNITED KINGDOM

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

85 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners

17:45-NEWBURY, 6f, **Ouragan (Ire)**

€10,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025; £15,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026

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

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

17:45-NEWBURY, 6f, **Cubbie's Dream (GB)**

£15,000 Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2025

**Dubawi Legend (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Starfield Stud

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

18:17-NEWBURY, 6f, **Desert Legend (Ire)**

€8,000 Goffs February Sale 2025; £35,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

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

115 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner

14:10-DONCASTER, 7f, **Bulletsnap (Ire)**

€85,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 68,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025; £120,000 RNA Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026

14:35-CARLISLE, 7f, **Mohaymenah (Ire)**

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

57 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners

16:10-NEWMARKET, 7f, **Lady Miranda (GB)**

65,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; €85,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025

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

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

18:17-NEWBURY, 6f, **God of Titans (Ire)**

€20,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; €17,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025; £8,500 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026

14:25-NEWMARKET, 125K GII The Kingdom Of Bahrain July Stakes (Class 1) (Group 2)6f, **Persian Spring (Ire)**

100,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

**Space Traveller (GB)** (**Bated Breath {GB}**), Starfield Stud

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

17:13-NEWBURY, 6f, **Global Success (Ire)**14:10-DONCASTER, 7f, **Night Star (Ire)**

€46,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; £60,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

**State of Rest (Ire)** (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**), Rathbarry Stud

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

18:40-EPSOM DOWNS, 7f, **Chaise Longue (GB)**

€58,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 38,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2025

17:13-NEWBURY, 6f, **Invicta Rose (Ire)**

€16,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025; £25,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026

18:17-NEWBURY, 6f, **Old Oak (Ire)**

€42,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025



Minzaal has a runner at Doncaster | Morgan Treacy/INPHO

# OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

## GODOLPHIN'S ARQANA DEAUVILLE AUGUST SENSATION PEACEFUL CHARM DEBUTS AT NEWMARKET

**4.10 Newmarket, Mdn, 2yo, f, 7fT**

**PEACEFUL CHARM (FR)** (**Dubawi {Ire}**) is a fascinating runner for Godolphin and Charlie Appleby on a day when the yard are signalling their intent to turn things around for the better in 2026. At €2million the second-highest-priced filly at the Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale, the daughter of the Group 3 winner Paix (Muhaarar) hails from the one of the finest families around with Chicquita, Diamond Necklace and Magic Wand just three of its many stars. Interestingly, the Andrew Balding-trained **Scommessa Sicura** (Cracksman) will tell us where she stands in the Moulton Paddocks pecking order, having been narrowly denied over this course and distance last time by Peaceful Charm's smart stablemate Musical Times.

**2.10 Doncaster, Novice, 2yo, 7f 6yT**

**OTTOMAN CHIEF (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) is yet another Charlie Appleby representative of note on a huge day for the stable, being Godolphin's 2.2million gns sensation at last year's Tattersalls October Book 1. A hood is fitted for the debut of the half-brother to the operation's classy money-spinner Ottoman Fleet (**Sea The Stars**), whose peers include stablemate and €700,000 Arqana Deauville August purchase **Quest For Stars (Fr)** (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). Also in the mix is Ace Stud's 550,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 buy **Arctic Force (Ire)** (**Night Of Thunder {Ire}**), a Karl Burke-trained full-brother to the Group 3 winner and dual Group 1-placed Thunder Kiss.

**4.50 Leopardstown, Mdn, 2yo, f, 7f 50yT**

**MAIRE RUA (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) is an intriguing debutante for Juddmonte, being a full-sister to the Group 3 winner and Pretty Polly third Red Letter. Ger Lyons has charge of the homebred relative of Etoile Montante (Miswaki), who is entered in the Moyglare Stud Stakes in which her full-sibling was a close fourth two years ago.

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# BRITAIN

## Wednesday's Results:

**3rd-Kempton, £12,000, Nov, 7-8, 3yo/up, f, 10f 219y (AWT), 2:22.42, st/sl.**

**ALSHERA (IRE) (f, 4, **Sea The Stars {Ire}**--Adool {Ire} {SW & GSP-Ire}, by Teofilo {Ire})**, a Nov. 4 debut winner going 9 1/2 furlongs at Wolverhampton in her only prior start, asserted for an early lead and maintained control throughout. Turning for home with a six-length buffer, the 4-5 favourite was stoked up with a quarter-mile remaining and was ridden out in the latter stages to account for Kashooda (Study Of Man) by 4 1/2 lengths.

Alshera is the fifth of seven foals and one of three scorers produced by Listed Hurry Harriet Stakes winner and G3 Meld Stakes third Adool (Teofilo), herself a daughter of G3 Nell Gwyn Stakes victrix Khulood (Storm Cat).

The winner, whose third dam is G2 Prix d'Astarte-winning matriarch Elle Seule (Exclusive Native), is kin to the hitherto unraced two-year-old filly El Bahra (Baaeed) and to the dam of last year's G3 Solario Stakes victor A Bit Of Spirit (Palace Pier). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$13,837.

O/B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; T-John & Thady Gosden.

**2nd-Kempton, £11,000, Nov, 7-8, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:14.20, st/sl.**

**SPIRIT TANGO (IRE) (f, 2, **Sioux Nation**--Jolie Chanson {Fr}, by Mount Nelson {GB})**, a June 18 debut fifth going six furlongs at York last time, tracked the leaders in third through halfway. Bustled along approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 2-1 pick quickened to the fore with 150 yards remaining and was ridden out to assert by 2 3/4 lengths from Iris Olivia (Persian Force).

Spirit Tango is the seventh of eight foals and fifth scorer out of an unraced half-sister to G3 La Coupe victor Slow Pace (Distorted Humor), GIII Pat Day Mile winner Funny Duck (Distorted Humor) and the multiple Graded-placed Segway (Giant's Causeway).

Descendants of her stakes-winning second dam Slow Down (Seattle Slew) include GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf heroine Hard To Justify (Justify), GI Spinster Stakes victrix Gin Gin (Hightail) and G1 July Cup-winning sire Starman (Dutch Art).

The winner is a half-sister to the dual Group 3-placed Listed Festival Stakes victor Majestic Dawn (**Dawn Approach**), G2 Mill Reef Stakes runner-up Rousing Encore (Acclamation) and a yearling colt by Lope De Vega. Sales history: €185,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOF; 475,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,384.

O-Lady Bamford; B-Hunting Hill Stud; T-Ralph Beckett.

**3rd-Great Yarmouth, £10,000, Nov, 7-8, 3yo/up, f, 8f 3yT, 1:35.85, g/f.**

**STARLIGHT LASS (GB) (f, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Monsoon Moon {GB}, by Kingman {GB})** impressed when shedding maiden status at Newmarket last month and went postward for this three-runner affair as the 6-5 second favourite. Holding sway racing under a seven-pound penalty from flagfall, she was shaken up approaching the final furlong and ridden out in the latter stages to comfortably outpoint Raneem (**Frankel**) by 2 1/4 lengths.

Starlight Lass is the first of four foals produced by a winning daughter of Listed Snowdrop Fillies' Stakes third Scuffle (Daylami), herself a half-sister to sires **Bated Breath** (Dansili) and Cityscape (Selkirk).

Scuffle is the dam of five black-type performers, headed by G1 St Leger hero Logician (**Frankel**) and the dual Grade III-winning GI E P Taylor Stakes runner-up Suffused (Champs Elysees), and her descendants include dual GI Diana Stakes heroine Whitebeam (Caravaggio) and recent G1 Pretty Polly Stakes victrix Estrange (Night Of Thunder).

The winner is kin to the unraced two-year-old colt Mount Meru (Baaeed), a yearling filly by Night Of Thunder and a weanling filly by Too Darn Hot. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$17,405.

O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd; T-John & Thady Gosden.

**3rd-Catterick Bridge, £8,350, Nov, 7-8, 2yo, f, 5fT, :58.01, g/f.**

**WARBY (GB) (f, 2, Ardad {Ire}--One Kiss {GB}, by Sayif {Ire})**, a June 22 debut runner-up over course and distance last time, broke alertly from the inside stall and led for most of this return. Nudged along with a quarter-mile remaining, the 11-4 second favourite was safely clear entering the final furlong and kept on strongly to defeat Inglewood (Showcasing) by two lengths.

Warby is the fifth foal and scorer out of a winning half-sister to G3 Prix de Meautry victor Jimmy Styles (Inchior). The winner, whose second dam is G3 Molecomb Stakes victrix Inya Lake (Whittingham), is kin to a yearling colt by Havana Grey. Sales history: 62,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$9,369.

O-Valmont, Obank & Partners; B-Llety Farms; T-Tim Easterby.

 **ELLIOTT BLOODSTOCK SERVICES** 

**4th-Great Yarmouth, £12,000, Mdn, 7-8, 3yo/up, 10f 23yT, 2:12.04, g/f.**

**ANCESTOR (GB) (g, 3, **Sea The Stars {Ire}**--Tidal Stream {GB}, by Redoute's Choice {Aus})**, a May 14 debut fourth at Salisbury in his only prior start, bowled along in second through sedate early fractions here. [Cont. p12](#)

#### 4th-Great Yarmouth Cont.

Easing ahead on the home turn, the 12-1 chance came under pressure soon after passing the three-furlong pole and kept on strongly under continued whipless rousting to prevail by 1 1/4 lengths from Waterford Castle ([Sea The Stars](#)).

Ancestor is the third of six foals and first scorer out of an unraced half-sister to G3 Solario Stakes winner Reach For The Moon ([Sea The Stars](#)), stakes-winning G3 N E Manion Quality Cup third Chalk Stream ([Sea The Stars](#)), and G1 Winx Stakes runner-up Mainstream (Dansili).

Descendants of his second dam, the dual Group 3-placed dual Listed winner Golden Stream (Sadler's Wells), also include GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint victrix Twilight Gleaming (National Defense) and G3 Mercury Stakes winner Spartan Arrow ([Sioux Nation](#)). The winner is kin to the unraced two-year-old filly Valley Rising (Sea The Moon), a yearling colt by Baaeed and a weanling filly by Modern Games. Sales history: 200,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$9,686. O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Oak); B-Highclere Stud & Sunderland Holding Inc; T-William Haggas.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Golden Oasis (GB)**, f, 2, **Oasis Dream (GB)**--All Things Gold (GB), by Ulysses (Ire). Chepstow, 7-8, 7f 16yT, 1:23.96. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$7,214. B-Brook Stud Bloodstock Ltd. \*19,000gns RNA Wlg '24 TADEWE; 4,500gns Ylg '25 TATOCT.

## IRELAND

#### Wednesday's Results:

**2nd-Fairyhouse, €22,000, Mdn, 7-8, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.05, gd.**  
**LIVENKA (GB)** (f, 2, **Bated Breath {GB}**--Pavlosk {SW-Eng}, by **Arch**), third behind TDN Rising Star performers at Naas in April and at the Curragh last month, broke well from the inside stall and seized immediate control of this third start. Comfortable on the lead throughout, the 5-6 favourite was stirred into action passing the two pole and ridden out to easily hold the late bid of Star Of State (State Of Rest) by 1 1/2 lengths.

"I ran her over the wrong trip the last day and she was just a bit gassy," said Ger Lyons. "I left her a bit fresh and I had no problem running her back quickly over this trip. We'll discuss it with everybody, but she holds an entry in the Ballyhane Stakes [at Naas] and that would be her first option as there is good prizemoney there. Then obviously black-type would be very important. We think she's a stakes filly, she's muscling out and she's growing on me. She's going to be a fine model at three. Until she tells us otherwise, I'd be surprised if we stretched her any further than six [furlongs] at the moment."

Livenka is the eighth of nine foals and seventh scorer out of Listed Michael Seely Memorial victrix Pavlosk (Arch), herself a full-sister to Listed Prix Casimir Delamarre victrix Rostova and a half to the dual Group 3-winning G1 Gran Premio di Milano third Exhibit One (Silver Hawk).

The winner is kin to G1 Phoenix Stakes heroine Babouche (Kodiac), the multiple Group winner Zarinsk (Kodiac), the stakes-placed Derevo (Dansili) and a weanling filly by [Frankel](#). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$21,910. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd; T-Ger Lyons.

**3rd-Fairyhouse, €22,000, Mdn, 7-8, 2yo, 6fT, 1:14.09, gd.**  
**NAIL HOUSE (IRE)** (c, 2, **No Nay Never--J'Ouvert {Ire}**, by **Dawn Approach {Ire}**) was positioned in second from the outset of this debut. Looming large with a quarter-mile remaining, the 3-1 favourite inched ahead entering the final furlong and was ridden out to deny the tenacious pacesetter Banks Of The Boyne (Space Traveller) by a half-length.

"I thought it was a messy race and he did well to win," said Joseph O'Brien. "He was a bit keen and it was a bit rough early for his debut. He was green and it was probably hard to get him organised. We probably ended up a place further forward than we expected to be. He looks like a nice horse and I suppose he'll probably be sticking to six [furlongs] for the moment."

Nail House is the second foal and scorer out of a winning half-sister to the stakes-winning duo Go Angellica (Kheleyf) and Bredenbury (Night Of Thunder) and to the dam of G3 Cornwallis Stakes and G3 Lacken Stakes victor Twilight Jet (Twilight Son). The winner is kin to a yearling colt by [Sioux Nation](#). Sales history: 80,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,064. O-Tropical Racing; B-Lynn Lodge Stud; T-Joseph O'Brien.

#### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**4th-Fairyhouse, €20,000, Cond, 7-8, 4yo/up, 13f 200yT, 2:59.80, gd.**

**TOUNSIVATOR (FR)** (g, 7, **Motivator {GB}**--Tounsi {Fr}, by **Sendawar {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 14-4-1-1, \$54,789. O-Temple Bloodstock Tounsiator Syndicate; B-Jean-Claude Seroul; T-Willie Mullins. \*1/2 to Fadela Style (Fr) (Desert Style {Ire}), SW & GSP-Fr; Santa Ponsa (Fr) (Slickly {Fr}), SW & GSP-Fr; Tounsi (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), SW-Fr; and Carnevalo (Ire) (Slickly {Fr}), SP-Fr.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Bamako Beach (Ire)**, c, 3, **Sands Of Mali (Fr)**--Joyous (GB), by Assertive (GB). Fairyhouse, 7-8, 7fT, 1:24.71. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$18,068. B-Tom Foley. \*€5,500 Ylg '24 GOAUyr; 72,000gns 2yo '25 TATGBU; £320,000 RNA 3yo '26 GOFLO.

## FRANCE

## CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**5th-Saint-Cloud, €17,400, Cond, 7-8, 4yo/up, 15fT, 3:18.17, gd.**  
**DEMPY (FR) (g, 5, Intello {Ger}--Sextine {GB}, by Dunkerque {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 33-3-2-6, €100,594. O-Mme Prinda Wattanavrangkul, Davy Bonilla & Mme Michele Blanc; B-Haras du Quesnay; T-Davy Bonilla. \*€5,500 Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

**4th-Dax, €13,700, Cond, 7-8, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:20.80, gd.**  
**APAX (FR) (g, 6, Guignol {Ger}--Arctica {Ger}, by Iffraaj {GB})** Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 36-6-5-7, €211,283. O-Laurent Moutoussamy, Ecurie Renk, Ecurie Jacques Joel Leveau, Bernard Santiago, Michael Peter Reichstein & Le Haras des Sens; B-Appapays Racing Club; T-Sandrine Gavilan. \*€85,000 HRA '23 ARQJUL. \*\*1/2 to Amellata (Fr) (Pomellato {Ger}), GSW-Ger & MSP-Fr.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Silvarole Fal (Fr), f, 3, Without Parole (GB)--Silverville, by Badge Of Silver.** Dax, 7-8, 11 1/2fT, 2:24.60. B-Fal Stud SAS.



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## IN HONG KONG:

**Forza Toro (GB), g, 4, Aclaim (Ire)--Twist Of Magic (Ire), by Arcano (Ire).** Happy Valley, 7-8, Hcp. (C4), 1650mT, 1:39.33, gd. B-Twist Of Magic Partnership (GB). **VIDEO.**

**Le Zonda (Ire), g, 4, Beckford (GB)--Young Daisy Miller (Ire), by Azamour (Ire).** Happy Valley, 7-8, Hcp. (C3), 1800mT, 1:48.49, gd. B-Newtown Anner Stud (Ire). \*SP-Ire. **VIDEO.**

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**Wings Of War (Ire), g, 7, Dark Angel (Ire)--Futoon (Ire) (MSP-Eng), by Kodiak (GB).** Happy Valley, 7-8, Hcp. (C3), 1200mT, 1:09.60, gd. B-Grangemore Stud (Ire). \*£140,000 Ylg '20

GOFSEP. \*\*Full to Charyn (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Hwt. Older Horse-Euro, Eng & Fr at 7-9 1/2f, MG1SW-Eng, G1SW-Fr, \$2,863,657. \*\*\*GSW-Eng & GSP-Fr. **VIDEO.**

## ASIA

## Wednesday's Result:

**SPARKING LADY CUP-Listed (Jpn-G3),** ¥51,000,000, Kawasaki, 7-8, 3yo/up, f, 1600m, 1:41.60, yl.

**1--TAGANO MIST (JPN), 121, m, 5, Majestic Warrior**

**1st Dam: Mythos (Jpn), by Empire Maker**

**2nd Dam: Rebelano, by Rubiano**

**3rd Dam: Skillful Joy, by Nodouble**

O-Ryoji Yagi; B-Niikappu Tagano Farm (Jpn); T-Kunihiko Watanabe; J-Kohei Matsuyama; ¥30,000,000. Lifetime Record: 19-7-2-4, ¥147,526,000.

**2--Tamamo Freesia (Jpn), 115, f, 3, Le Vent Se Leve (Jpn)--Tamamo El Dorado (Jpn), by Gold Allure (Jpn).** O-Tamao Inc.; B-Okada Farm (Jpn); ¥10,500,000.

**3--Appealing Look (Jpn), 123, m, 5, Pyro--Bright Living (Jpn), by Wild Rush.** O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shiraoi Farm (Jpn); ¥6,000,000.

Margins: 1HF, NK, 3. Odds: 0.70, 5.60, 3.80.

Also Ran: Holy Grail (Jpn), Ange Field (Jpn), Proud Fleur (Jpn), Marble Macaron (Jpn), Two Shadow (Jpn), Ka Pilina (Jpn), L'Ecrin Sourire (Jpn). **Click for the [NAR chart and video.](#)**

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**Thursday, Newmarket, post time: 15:35**

**THE PRINCESS OF WALES'S STAKES-G2**, £165,000, 3yo/up, 12fT

| SC | HORSE                 | SIRE                   | OWNER                   | TRAINER         | JOCKEY        | WT  |
|----|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----|
| 1  | Rebel's Romance (Ire) | Dubawi (Ire)           | Godolphin               | Charlie Appleby | William Buick | 137 |
| 2  | Almeric (GB)          | Study Of Man (Ire)     | Miss K. Rausing         | Andrew Balding  | Oisin Murphy  | 134 |
| 3  | Arabian Crown (Fr)    | Dubawi (Ire)           | Godolphin               | Charlie Appleby | James Doyle   | 134 |
| 4  | Convergent (Ire)      | Fascinating Rock (Ire) | Newtown Anner Stud Farm | K. R. Burke     | Clifford Lee  | 134 |
| 5  | Tenability (GB)       | Frankel (GB)           | Miss Yvonne Jacques     | William Haggas  | Tom Marquand  | 134 |

**Breeders:** 1-Godolphin, 2-Miss K. Rausing, 3-GB Partnership, 4-Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd, 5-Carisbrooke Stud.

Virtually unstoppable at this level, **Rebel's Romance** is 11-13 in Europe with his two defeats coming in the last two editions of the King George. Boasting 10 wins elsewhere, including three from his last four outings in the Grosser Preis von Berlin, the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic and the Dubai City Of Gold, the nine-times top-level scorer is back to spur on Charlie Appleby's stable which continues to miss out where it matters. All that said, he is eight now and if the yard's current lean spell has any kind of influence **Convergent** will be there to pick up the pieces. One of those sunk without trace at Epsom, he had previously won the John Porter in the style of a colt going places and may just need this quick ground. **Tenability** has a lot to do to be competitive here, but as an unexposed Haggas runner coming off a career-best has to be respected. [Tom Frary].

**Thursday, Newmarket, post time: 14:25**

**THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN JULY STAKES-G2**, £125,000, 2yo, c/g, 6fT

| SC | HORSE                   | SIRE                 | OWNER                           | TRAINER         | JOCKEY        | WT  |
|----|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----|
| 1  | Adaay Of Scarlett (Ire) | Mehmas (Ire)         | SVG, Exact Lifestyle Ltd & Owen | Hugo Palmer     | Oisin Murphy  | 128 |
| 2  | Hickory Lad (Ire)       | James Garfield (Ire) | Mr J Toes & Mr J O'Loan         | Phillip Makin   | Sam James     | 128 |
| 3  | Inner City Blues (Ire)  | Blue Point (Ire)     | Godolphin                       | Charlie Appleby | William Buick | 128 |
| 4  | Persian Spring (Ire)    | Persian Force (Ire)  | Mrs Fitri Hay                   | Richard Hannon  | Jamie Spencer | 128 |

**Breeders:** 1-Tally-Ho Stud, 2-Rathbarry Stud, 3-Attlehill Ltd T/A Ridge Manor Stud, 4-Michael O'Mahony.

Once it was announced that Abraham Lincoln was going for the Superlative on Saturday, **Inner City Blues** became the hot favourite for this but despite the obvious promise of his York maiden win has it to do to get to the standard of the Coventry runner-up **Adaay Of Scarlett**. Any horse capable of getting within half a length of Great Barrier Reef has to be taken seriously, while the Woodcote winner **Hickory Lad** also has an experience edge over the Godolphin runner and is probably being underestimated. [Tom Frary].

**Thursday, Newmarket, post time: 13:50**

**THE BAHRAIN TROPHY STAKES-G3**, £200,000, 3yo, 13fT

| SC | HORSE             | SIRE               | OWNER                                  | TRAINER                | JOCKEY        | WT  |
|----|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----|
| 1  | Alderman (GB)     | Study Of Man (Ire) | Mrs J Wood                             | Richard Hannon         | Pat Dobbs     | 129 |
| 2  | Del Maro (Ger)    | Camelot (GB)       | Godolphin                              | Charlie Appleby        | William Buick | 129 |
| 3  | Galiyan (GB)      | Galiway (GB)       | Rashid Al Saud                         | Andrew Balding         | Oisin Murphy  | 129 |
| 4  | Nil Bua Gan Dua   | American Pharoah   | A.K. Whelan/Reeves Thoroughbred Racing | Joseph Patrick O'Brien | Ryan Moore    | 129 |
| 5  | Point Of Law (GB) | Frankel (GB)       | HM The King & HM The Queen             | John & Thady Gosden    | James Doyle   | 129 |

**Breeders:** 1-Emma Capon Bloodstock, 2-Gestut Brummerhof, 3-Newsells Park Stud & Merry Fox Stud, 4-Thor-Bred Stables, LLC, 5-King Charles III.

We probably won't be seeing another Scandinavia this year, but Charlie Appleby's third Group-race favourite on the card **Del Maro** is an improver over staying trips and was a close second over a mile and three quarters in the Queen's Vase. He holds the fourth **Point Of Law** and sixth **Galiyan** on that form and his main danger may come from the eye-catching Derby fifth **Alderman**, but the way he was finishing on that horrible ground suggests this surface may compromise him. [Tom Frary].

#### Thursday, Leopardstown, post time: 17:55

##### XIN GIN IRISH EBF BROWNSTOWN STAKES-G3, €42,000, 3yo/up, 7f 50yT

| SC | HORSE                  | SIRE                 | OWNER                       | TRAINER              | JOCKEY          | WT  |
|----|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----|
| 1  | Bella Isabella (Ire)   | Wootton Bassett (GB) | Moyglare Stud Farm          | D K Weld             | Chris Hayes     | 135 |
| 2  | Chantez (Ire)          | Wootton Bassett (GB) | Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd | G M Lyons            | Gary Carroll    | 135 |
| 3  | Duckadilly (Ire)       | Churchill (Ire)      | Duckadilly Partnership      | Daniel McLoughlin    | Scott McCullagh | 135 |
| 4  | Fingerpaint (GB)       | Kingman (GB)         | Juddmonte                   | D K Weld             | Colin Keane     | 135 |
| 5  | Nancy J (Ire)          | Ten Sovereigns (Ire) | Mrs Orla Murtagh            | John Patrick Murtagh | Ben Coen        | 135 |
| 6  | Phenomenal Filly (Ire) | Sioux Nation         | Bond Thoroughbred Limited   | P Twomey             | Billy Lee       | 127 |

**Breeders:** 1-Moyglare Stud Farm, 2-B. V. Sangster, 3-Murcot Investments, 4-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 5-Lynn Lodge Stud, 6-David Byrne & Pierce Molony.

**Bella Isabella** has the pedigree to be a lot better than she is, but perhaps a confidence-restoring win in an apprentice handicap at Leopardstown will do the trick. In a disappointing renewal, it may be significant that Paddy Twomey pitches his three-year-old **Phenomenal Filly** back into action but she has a long lay-off to defy having last been seen finishing fifth in the Goffs Million. [Tom Frary].

#### Thursday, Newmarket, post time: 16:45

##### THE EDMONDSON HALL SOLICITORS SIR HENRY CECIL STAKES-Listed, £60,000, 3yo, 8fT

| SC | HORSE               | SIRE                 | OWNER                                   | TRAINER             | JOCKEY        | WT  |
|----|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----|
| 1  | Oxagon (Fr)         | Frankel (GB)         | Prince A. A. Faisal                     | John & Thady Gosden | Oisin Murphy  | 136 |
| 2  | Colori Forever (GB) | Bated Breath (GB)    | Scuderia Archi Romani                   | Marco Botti         | Marco Ghiani  | 131 |
| 3  | Conclave (Ire)      | Sioux Nation         | Highclere Thoroughbred Racing - Cypress | Andrew Balding      | James Doyle   | 131 |
| 4  | Lyneham (Fr)        | Wootton Bassett (GB) | Hollymount/Ec Waldeck/A. Hoyeau         | Christophe Ferland  | Tom Marquand  | 131 |
| 5  | Morris Dancer (Ire) | Palace Pier (GB)     | Godolphin                               | John & Thady Gosden | William Buick | 131 |
| 6  | Shayem (Ire)        | King Of Change (GB)  | Mr Abdulrazaq Mohamdi                   | K. R. Burke         | Clifford Lee  | 131 |
| 7  | Wild Desert (Ire)   | Too Darn Hot (GB)    | Godolphin                               | Charlie Appleby     | Ryan Moore    | 131 |

**Breeders:** 1-Nawara Stud Co Ltd, 2-Scuderia Archi Romani, 3-Andrew Hogan, 4-Ecurie La Vallee Martigny, 5-Godolphin, 6-Mr Abdul Razaq Mohamdi, 7-Godolphin.

With the likes of Opera Ballo and Baaeed on the recent honour roll, this is usually a strong race for its type but lacks one with star presence this time. Perhaps last year's Stonehenge winner **Morris Dancer** holds the key, having shaped well on his seasonal debut when third in the Jersey, while Godolphin's other runner **Wild Desert** remains interesting reappearing for the first time since finishing runner-up in Woodbine's Summer Stakes in September. **Oxagon** has gone the wrong way since winning the Craven over this trip on the Rowley Mile, but the drop back to this distance and the application of blinkers could see him bounce back. [Tom Frary].

**Friday, Newmarket, post time: 15:35**

**THE TATTERSALLS SCEPTRE SESSIONS FALMOUTH STAKES-G1**, £375,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT

| SC | HORSE               | SIRE                     | OWNER                                    | TRAINER          | JOCKEY        | WT  |
|----|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----|
| 1  | Blue Bolt (Ire)     | Blue Point (Ire)         | Juddmonte                                | Andrew Balding   | Colin Keane   | 135 |
| 2  | Jancis (Ire)        | Tamayuz (GB)             | Mr Arturo Cousino                        | W. McCreery      | Sean Levey    | 135 |
| 3  | Balantina (Ire)     | Ten Sovereigns (Ire)     | Weston/Medallion/Reeves T'Bred/McNulty   | Donnacha O'Brien | Oisin Murphy  | 126 |
| 4  | Evolutionist (Ire)  | Night Of Thunder (Ire)   | Ace Stud                                 | K. R. Burke      | Shane Foley   | 126 |
| 5  | Precise (Ire)       | Starspangledbanner (Aus) | D.Smith,Mrs J.Magnier,M.Tabor,Westerberg | Aidan O'Brien    | Ryan Moore    | 126 |
| 6  | Venetian Lace (Ire) | Masar (Ire)              | Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum    | Charlie Johnston | William Buick | 126 |
| 7  | Venosa              | Gun Runner               | Mrs John Magnier,Mr M.Tabor & Mr D.Smith | Aidan O'Brien    | W. M. Lordan  | 126 |

**Breeders:** 1-C-Squared Investments, 2-Mr Arturo Cousino, 3-Summerhill/Lynch Bages/S. Murphy, 4-Gigginstown House, 5-Whisperview Trading Ltd, 6-Godolphin, 7-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt.

**Precise** will be hard to beat with a nine-pound weight-for-age advantage, but this race has a history of upsets and it can't be said with 100% confidence that she would have won the Coronation had Touleen been able to get out earlier. **Blue Bolt** was impressive at Royal Ascot and is a fully-matured, high-class miler who could still be on the upgrade, while if she gets a hard pace to run at **Jancis** must be respected on her emphatic win in the Rowley Mile's Dahlia Stakes in May. Throw in the 1,000 Guineas second and third **Evolutionist** and **Venetian Lace** and you have a genuine puzzle which is not in any way clear-cut, but as we are talking about Aidan O'Brien in 2026 it will probably be a case of business as usual in the end. [Tom Frary].

**Friday, Newmarket, post time: 14:25**

**THE DUCHESS OF CAMBRIDGE STAKES-G2**, £125,000, 2yo, f, 6fT

| SC | HORSE                   | SIRE                     | OWNER                | TRAINER                | JOCKEY                 | WT  |
|----|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 1  | Acclamation Star (GB)   | Acclamation (GB)         | Five Star Dreamers   | James Owen             | Marco Ghiani           | 128 |
| 2  | Alwaysanangel (Ire)     | Harry Angel (Ire)        | Ms Janine Byrne      | Joseph Patrick O'Brien | Dylan Browne McMonagle | 128 |
| 3  | Etonnante (Ire)         | Havana Grey (GB)         | Mrs Anne Marie Hayes | K. R. Burke            | Clifford Lee           | 128 |
| 4  | Jolivette (GB)          | Wootton Bassett (GB)     | Juddmonte            | Andrew Balding         | Colin Keane            | 128 |
| 5  | Libertango (Ire)        | No Nay Never             | Mr V. I. Araci       | George Boughey         | Billy Loughnane        | 128 |
| 6  | Ruby Moon (Ire)         | No Nay Never             | Mrs Richard Henry    | Richard & Peter Fahey  | Ryan Moore             | 128 |
| 7  | Senorita Bonita (Ire)   | Starspangledbanner (Aus) | Victorious Forever   | Simon & Ed Crisford    | Oisin Murphy           | 128 |
| 8  | Troublesome Guest (Ire) | Kodi Bear (Ire)          | John Guest Racing    | George Margaron        | David Egan             | 128 |

**Breeders:** 1-P. J. Gleeson, 2-Mr R. Kavanagh, 3-Cotton House Bloodstock, 4-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd, 5-Lynch Bages & Camas Park Stud, 6-Premier Bloodstock, 7-Hawes Stud & Churchtown House Stud, 8-Woodstock B/S Ltd & Troy Bloodstock Ltd.

**Libertango** looks the obvious candidate on her impressive Albany success and there is very little reason to suspect she will not continue to improve as the year goes on. **Senorita Bonita** came up against a very smart filly in Victorious in the Queen Mary and this is probably, as the market suggests, a two-horse race. Of the unexposed types, the Ripon novice winner **Etonnante** could be the most interesting from the Karl Burke stable with so many to measure her against. [Tom Frary].



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Friday, York, post time: 14:45  
THE WILLIAM HILL SUMMER STAKES-G3, £100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT

| SC | HORSE                   | SIRE                     | OWNER                             | TRAINER               | JOCKEY             | WT  |
|----|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1  | Celandine (GB)          | Kingman (GB)             | Rockcliffe Stud                   | Ed Walker             | Charles Bishop     | 132 |
| 2  | First Instinct (GB)     | Bated Breath (GB)        | Dunchurch Lodge Stud Company      | William Haggas        | Cieren Fallon      | 132 |
| 3  | Flora Of Bermuda (Ire)  | Dark Angel (Ire)         | Wathnan Racing                    | Andrew Balding        | James Doyle        | 132 |
| 4  | Fluorescence (GB)       | Twilight Son (GB)        | Sigsworth Partners                | Edward Bethell        | Daniel Tudhope     | 132 |
| 5  | Hold A Dream (Ire)      | Bated Breath (GB)        | Mr J. C. Smith                    | Clive Cox             | Finley Marsh       | 132 |
| 6  | Kinswoman (GB)          | Mehmas (Ire)             | Cheveley Park Stud                | William Haggas        | Joanna Mason       | 132 |
| 7  | America Queen (Ire)     | Havana Grey (GB)         | Mr Jaber Abdullah                 | Richard Hughes        | Paul Mulrennan     | 126 |
| 8  | Catching The Moon (Ire) | No Nay Never             | Mrs Richard Henry                 | Richard & Peter Fahey | Oisin Orr          | 126 |
| 9  | Figjam (Ire)            | Dandy Man (Ire)          | Lamont Racing                     | Katie Scott           | Kevin Stott        | 126 |
| 10 | Fitzella (GB)           | Too Darn Hot (GB)        | Mr D. R. Passant & Hefin Williams | Hugo Palmer           | W. J. Lee          | 126 |
| 11 | Royal Fixation (GB)     | Palace Pier (GB)         | Ace Stud                          | K. R. Burke           | Sam James          | 126 |
| 12 | Soul Love (GB)          | Starman (GB)             | David Ward                        | K. R. Burke           | Pierre-Louis Jamin | 126 |
| 13 | Spicy Marg (GB)         | Starspangledbanner (Aus) | Elb Bloodstock Ltd                | Michael Bell          | Hector Crouch      | 126 |

Breeders: 1-Rockcliffe Stud, 2-Dunchurch Lodge Stud Company, 3-Mr Francisco Bernal, 4-West Moor Stud, 5-Cotton House & Beshellstown Trading Co, 6-Cheveley Park Stud Limited, 7-Littlejohn Bloodstock Ltd, 8-Premier Bloodstock, 9-Sandy & Liz Persse, 10-Parks Farm Stud, 11-D. J. Weston, 12-Northern Star Bloodstock Ltd, 13-Branton Court Stud LLP.

So close to winning the Commonwealth Cup, **Spicy Marg** sets the standard but it is worth noting that the only time she has come to this specialist track she was last of 17 in the Nunthorpe. Contrastingly, **Royal Fixation** showed her best form on the Knavesmire when winning the Lowther at last year’s Ebor Festival while **Flora Of Bermuda** took this in 2024 and was runner-up in last year’s Duke of York here. The Lowther runner-up **America Queen** returns to sprinting after failed attempts at further and may be ready to land the decent prize she has always promised. [Tom Frary].

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