

SARATOGA NOTEBOOK, PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS: IRAD ORTIZ, JR. GIVING OTHER SARATOGA RIDERS A HEAD START



Ortiz, Jr., with Angel Cordero, accepts the 2025 title | Sarah Andrew

by Tim Wilkin

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. - If he is going to win his eighth riding title at Saratoga Race Course, Irad Ortiz, Jr. is going to have to be a closer.

The perennial champion jockey at Saratoga has won the last four championships at the Spa, but the playing field has been leveled this year.

The 33-year-old Ortiz won't begin his Saratoga summer until Sunday, giving his competitors a six-day head start. Ortiz has been serving a six-day suspension which came about from Saratoga last summer and Delaware Park last month.

Four of the days were the first four of the Saratoga meet. He is also sitting out Friday after being suspended for one day by the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) for a whip violation.

On Saturday, Ortiz is riding at Horseshoe Indianapolis where he will be the pilot of the Brad Cox-trained **Leading Charge** (**Gun Runner**) in the \$300,000 GIII Indiana Derby. He is named to ride seven horses on the card, five of them for Cox.

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GREG MAFFEI, DANNY EPSTIEN LAUNCH HORSE RACING LEAGUE

A new team-based Thoroughbred racing league--with planned stops in Santa Anita, Gulfstream Park, and Keeneland--is being launched by Greg Maffei and Danny Epstien and is expected to debut next February, according to a Thursday morning press release. Maffei is the former CEO of Liberty Media, parent company of Formula 1, and he oversaw the motorsport's transformation into one of the world's most valuable sports properties. Epstien is the founder of the incubation and investment firm Skylark.

"Formula 1 demonstrated what can happen when you bring fans to a historic sport in a modern way through storytelling and social media," Maffei said. "Horse racing has all the thrilling elements: exciting competition, heritage, drama, glamour, and star power," said Maffei. "The Horse Racing League brings the excitement of teams to follow, dramatic rivalries, high-stakes betting, and a championship that builds race by race." **Cont. p3**

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SEA FORCE TOPS THIRD AND FINAL TATTERSALLS JULY SESSION

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Tommy Jo (Into Mischief), pictured breezing at Saratoga on July 3, makes her 3-year-old debut in Friday's GIII Victory Ride Stakes. See page 12. | Sarah Andrew

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Chris McGrath checks in with the McLean family of Crestwood, who bred, raised, and sold 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' He Is No Lie (*Early Voting*).

10 | PROM QUEEN PURCHASED PRIVATELY BY DELTA SQUAD RACING

GII Gulfstream Park Oaks heroine and 'Rising Star' Prom Queen (*Quality Road*), who heads to Saturday's GIII Indiana Oaks, has been purchased privately by Josh Isner's Delta Squad Racing. Steve Sherack has the details.

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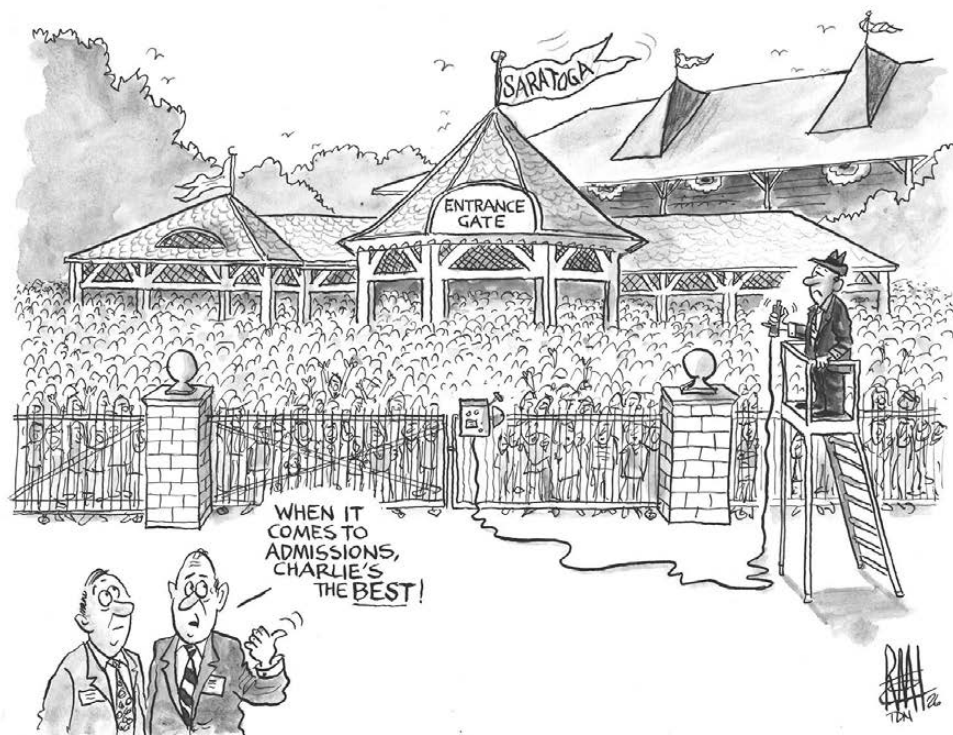
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Horse Racing League launch, cont. from p1

The Horse Racing League (HRL) is expected to launch with 10 teams, which will include some of the sports leading owners, Godolphin, WinStar, Vinnie Viola, and Gary Barber, according to the press release. Also expected to participate, according to the release, are "top-tier celebrities spanning sports, music, and entertainment brands--a combination designed to preserve the sport's legacy while ushering in a new generation of fans."

"Horse racing already commands one of the largest single-day audiences in American sports," said Viola. "Investing in a team-based concept designed to carry that momentum across a full season is what makes the HRL so exciting for us."

Barber added, "This is a rare opportunity to be a part of something from the ground up in a sport that I am incredibly passionate about."

The 10 teams will compete in a points-driven, season-long championship across three cities: Los Angeles, Miami, and Lexington. Points will be awarded based on finishing position in each race and accumulate throughout the season to determine the winning team. With a 10-horse field for every race and more than \$10 million in purses and end-of-season prizes on the line each year, the HRL offers the structure to deliver consistent,

high-stakes horse racing competition that fans can engage with all year long.

The HRL will host a live draft event in November 2026 where each team will select eight horses to form their rosters. The draft is designed to create competitive parity across the league while delivering a marquee offseason moment for fans, media, and partners.

"We're excited to see a new concept come to life in our sport, and we know this is the right leadership group to make it a success," said Everett Dobson, Chair of The Jockey Club. "We have a common goal to attract new fans and give longtime enthusiasts more exciting experiences. It's a win for everyone in the industry, from the tracks to the horsemen who make race day happen."

Additional details on the HRL's schedule, broadcast partners, and teams is expected to be announced in the coming months.

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HONG KONG RACING INSIGHTS

HONG KONG SEASON WRAP UP

by Dick Powell

The 2025-26 Hong Kong Racing season wraps up Wednesday, July 15 at Happy Valley, and you can bet every starting stall will be filled. As on the previous 87 race days, Hong Kong's field sizes are the envy of the racing world, averaging 12.50 starters per race — and with most races carrying an also-eligible list, that number would be higher still with more stalls.

The result is fiercely competitive racing. Every trainer and rider is here by invitation, licenses limited and coveted. Once you're in, the goal is to stay, so winning is paramount. With almost every race a handicap, winning means more weight — but there's no other way. If you're not moving forward, you're going backward.

This season was tough on favorites, only 29% winning so far, down from a healthy 33% a year ago. The average win price climbed to just over \$19 from around \$18, and field size rose from 12.21 to 12.50 starters per race.

Zac Purton was his indomitable self, holding a huge lead from September to July. As last year, he has more wins than the second- and third-place jockeys combined, with no end in sight. Amazingly, he rides like the lowest-ranked jockey in the room, and until that fire dies he'll stay on the perch.



Ka Ying Rising winning the Group 1 Chairman Sprint Prize

The trainer race has been far tighter. Caspar Fownes surged when Joao Moreira returned, but his lead isn't safe. With three meetings left — two at Happy Valley, where he usually dominates — he's five wins clear of Danny Shum and six clear of Mark Newnham. It should be enough, but trainers often win in bunches, so nothing's settled.



Caspar Fownes currently sits at the top of the Trainers' Championship

After his undefeated 2024-25, much was expected of Ka Ying Rising, and he delivered and then some. He shipped to Australia to win the G1 Everest Stakes, then returned to rule an international field in December's G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint. A measure of his brilliance: all six domestic 1200m starts came in 1:07 and change, his lone 1400m run in 1:19.36. David Hayes has managed him perfectly and will point him Down Under again.

If Ka Ying Rising's season was expected, Romantic Warrior's was a surprise. His grueling prior campaign — trips to Saudi Arabia and Dubai — ended in ankle surgery, and at seven there was no guarantee he'd compete at all. Yet Danny Shum's team had him better than ever: he won all six starts and remains the all-time leading money earner.



Romantic Warrior (left) clinches the Triple Crown with victory

His longevity shouldn't surprise anyone who studies his pedigree. Zenyatta, by Street Cry, won her first 19 starts before just missing in the G1 Breeders' Cup Classic at six. Winx, also by Street Cry, won her last 33, including 25 Group 1s. And Folk Memory, Romantic Warrior's dam, is likewise by Street Cry. Since May, he's been in light training and swimming at Conghua. We can only hope!

The 2026-27 season begins in September and runs through July, with four meetings at Conghua Racecourse on the mainland — exposing the sport to even more fans. Ka Ying Rising may race there in the G2 Jockey Club Sprint on Saturday, November 21.

Whatever happens, the coming season should top anything we've seen. As much fun as it is to look back, looking forward is even better — and September can't come soon enough, with more history waiting to be written.

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Saratoga Notebook, cont. from p1

He will make his 2026 Saratoga debut on Sunday and is named on horses in seven of the nine races.

"We have a shot," Ortiz said Thursday morning at the Oklahoma Training Track. "We still have the whole meet. It has only been two weeks. It won't be easy, but we have to take the challenge. I love challenges."

He admits that he was not able to watch the Saratoga races during his exile. It was too hard for him. He arrived in Saratoga earlier this week and said he has been working horses on the Oklahoma.

Missing the competition has been hard.

"I love to be out there," he said. "I ride all year; we don't have any breaks. I hate it when I can't ride."

While Ortiz has been on the sidelines, his top two rivals for the crown--brother Jose and Flavien Prat--have been doing solid work early at the meet.

Jose Ortiz won three races on the Thursday Saratoga card and has nine winners for the meet. Prat, with one winner Thursday, has seven winners.

"It's a head start, of course," Jose Ortiz said. "But Irad has a lot of business, and he can recover from it."

Jose Ortiz has won the Saratoga riding title three times. Prat has never won but was third last year and second in 2024. **Cont.**



Irad Ortiz, Jr. | Sarah Andrew

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"Jose and Flavien have had good starts," Ortiz said. "They are tough, they are winners. It's not going to be easy, but it's not impossible. I love to win here. I love the fans. We are ready."

Napoleon Solo Works at Belmont, Summers Not Sure if he'll Need a New Rider

Trainer Chad Summers liked what he saw as he drove back to Saratoga from Belmont Park on Thursday. He was there to watch GI Preakness winner **Napoleon Solo** (**Liam's Map**) work four furlongs in :46.79 (1/58) as he prepares to run in the \$1-million GI Haskell Stakes at Monmouth Park July 18.

Working on the training track, Napoleon Solo went in company with 4-year-old filly **Dry Powder** (**Gun Runner**), who is being pointed to the \$500,000 GII Molly Pitcher Stakes on Haskell Day.

"He went super," Summers said by phone while driving north. "I was just looking for him to keep four feet on the ground. With him, I stopped looking at the times because the times he works are so ridiculous. We just want him happy and that's what he was."



Napoleon Solo wins the Preakness | Sarah Andrew

Summers is hoping that he will have Paco Lopez as his jockey in the Haskell.

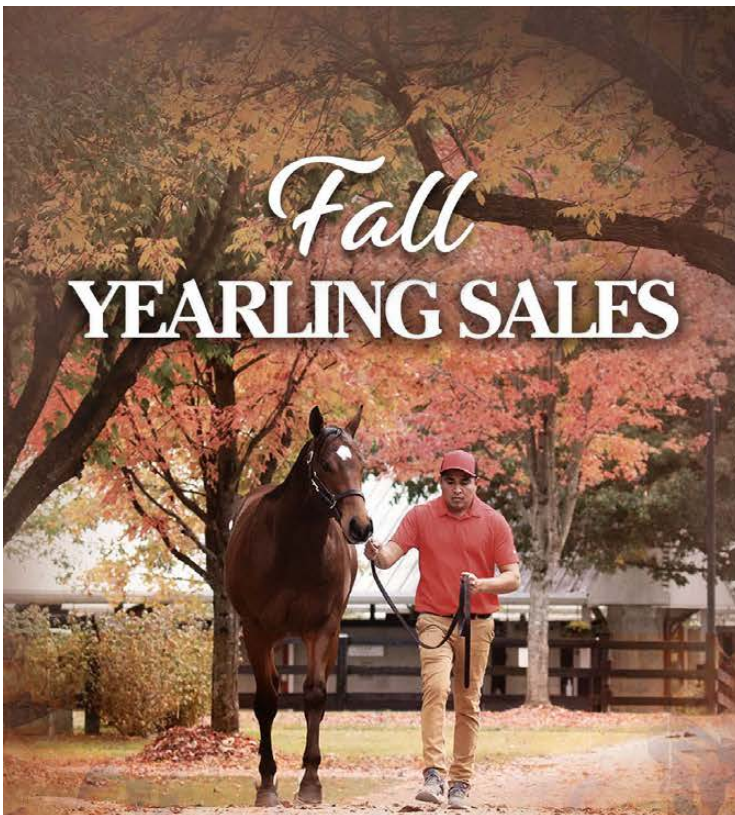
Lopez, who rode Napoleon Solo in the Preakness (and to a fifth-place finish in the GII Wood Memorial), was issued a 30-day suspension by the New York State Gaming Commission for "gross careless riding" following a four-horse spill on opening day at Saratoga.

Lopez has appealed the ruling and was granted a stay, which will allow him to keep riding pending a hearing. That has not been scheduled yet and Lopez has been riding at Colonial Downs.

"I am just as unsure as you are," Summers said as to whether Lopez will be available July 18. **Cont.**

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"We want Paco to ride the horse; I thought he rode him perfectly in the Preakness. The Haskell is probably the race that he wants to win more than any other race in the world. He loves that track."

Lopez has won 12 riding titles at Monmouth and the last eight. He is one shy of the all-time record of 13, held by Joe Bravo.

If Napoleon Solo runs well in the Haskell, the next stop for the colt, owned by ESPOIR USA Inc., which purchased him from Al Gold for an undisclosed amount after the Preakness, could be the \$1.25-million GI DraftKings Travers at Saratoga Aug. 29.

"That will be a decision for the ownership and management," Summers said. "The Travers is a historic race, and we know the 3-year-old championship goes through Golden Tempo (**Curlin**), we are aware of that. With us, it's just one step at a time."

Ocelli Appears to be Bound for Haskell

Ocelli (Connect) is going to win a race one of these days. Isn't he?

Whit Beckman, the trainer of the hard trying but never winning Ocelli, hopes that day comes in the Haskell Stakes. That looks to be the landing spot for the horse, who finished third in the GI Kentucky Derby and fourth in the GI Preakness Stakes.

In his most recent start, Ocelli, owned by Ashley Durr, Anthony Tate and Front Page Equestrian LLC, finished second in the GIII Ohio Derby.



Ocelli | Sarah Andrew

Ocelli has started nine times and has two seconds and four thirds. He has earnings of \$829,800. This year he has started seven times and has one second and three thirds.

Beckman was also considering the GII Jim Dandy Stakes at Saratoga and the **Curlin** Stakes. The Haskell was more appealing to him because of field size. There are as many as 10 horses expected at Monmouth. **Cont.**

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The Saratoga races, historically, have drawn half that.

"He is better with more horses," Beckman said at his office at the Oklahoma Training Track Thursday morning.

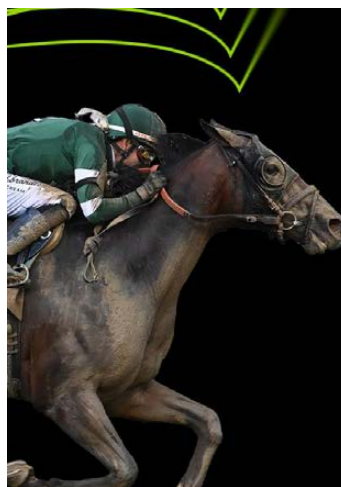
Ocelli has shown a willingness to take the lead in the stretch, but, once he does that, he begins to idle.

Beckman has seen it several times, in the Kentucky Derby and, most recently the Ohio Derby.

"Tyler [jockey Gaffalione] has to work where he doesn't make the lead too early," Beckman said. "That is the biggest issue we are having. We are making the lead too far out from the wire. He'll put his head in front and then he'll idle. After the Ohio Derby, Tyler came back and said, 'Whit, if he would have kept the same speed that he had when we passed them, he would have won by 10.'"

Beckman's ultimate summer goal is the Travers. Ocelli, who worked four furlongs in :49.20 (42/94) at Churchill Downs on Saturday, will have one more work there before shipping to Monmouth.

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NO LIE TELLS IT STRAIGHT FOR CRESTWOOD *by Chris McGrath*



Pope McLean, Jr. | Sarah Andrew

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As it happens, much the same applies to those responsible for conferring the status of 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard.' They must be confident that a young horse will only strengthen the brand, not depreciate it. And that's certainly proving the case, despite a first defeat, of Crestwood graduate He Is No Lie.

After an eight-length debut success, for Purple Rein Racing and Mark Davis, this **Early Voting** colt locked horns in the Bashford Manor Stakes with favorite Hey Tuff Guy (**Life Is Good**) in :22.10 and :44.69. As their duel told on his rival, He Is No Lie powered on and was clear at the eighth pole. But Blessed Flyer (**Dialed In**), conserved from those molten fractions, was bearing down all the while and ultimately nailed him on the line.

Though a monster effort in its own right, this looked a valuable learning experience for a raw animal. And if He Is No Lie is named for authenticity, he showed all the honest rigor of his grounding. **Cont.**



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Crestwood, cont.

Looking up the transaction that brought his dam Truth in the Lies (Hold Me Back) to Crestwood, as a \$19,000 maiden mare deep in the 2019 Keeneland November Sale, one thing leaped off the page: a 8-for-43 record across six seasons. For this is a farm, often standing conspicuously resilient stallions, that prides itself on producing runners.

Pope McLean, Jr., who operates Crestwood alongside brother Marc and sister Grandison, does not demur. "That's exactly what drew us to her," he acknowledges. "The family was certainly okay, and she had lots of speed, but it was mainly her race record that stood out. She was towards the end of the sale, but we liked that soundness and we liked the physical."

While not one of the industrial Bluegrass farms, Crestwood does a little of everything: stallions to sales prep, foaling to lay-ups. So the team, being routinely plugged into the sales scene, always has an eye on refreshing a broodmare band numbering around 30. (These include several owned in partnership; with boarders, Crestwood typically foals out 100 mares.)

"We try to be in the market every year," McLean says. "Just trying to identify, not necessarily value so much as something we think can work for us, whether we'd be breeding her commercially or to our stallions."



He Is No Lie | Benoit

This mare's deployment was typical: she has both supported the home roster and taken commercial covers like the one that produced He Is No Lie--bought by Gina Fennell for \$70,000 at Keeneland last September, before reaching \$150,000 at OBS in March.

"We try to be fluid," McLean explains. "There are always so many horses rolling through those sales that you just have to work hard and keep evaluating." **Cont.**



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Crestwood Farm | Sarah Andrew

"We're not going to buy ultra-expensive mares to breed to modestly priced stallions. That doesn't make sense. But we've shown that you can breed Grade I winners from our stallions without having to spend a fortune. In this particular case, we bred the mare to Caracaro, then bred her off the farm, then brought her back to Stage Raider. We put a lot of time and thought into these things. But then Mother Nature has to take over, right? That's the beauty of the game."

Mother Nature did not quite co-operate this time round: by the time Truth in the Lies delivered her Stage Raider colt, she couldn't catch on a single return to **Early Voting**. But she has a Vekoma filly heading towards September. "She's nice," McLean says. "She's an April 29 foal and growing, but we think she'll have plenty of size by sale time."

If the mare's sire Hold Me Back proved one of his lesser sons, the duplication of Giant's Causeway doubtless appealed to bloodstock consultant Robert Keck in the mating. (**Early Voting's** sire **Gun Runner** is of course out of a Giant's Causeway mare.)

"We work hard on the matings," McLean says. "Rob did this one and helped us find the mare. He's worked with us 25, 30 years. He'll be looking at mares while we're working at the barn, narrowing it down for us, and then we'll all get our heads together. Because we're interacting with clients, we're selling horses, and can't do everything at once. But we manage to cover a lot of ground, and together we get it done."

Crestwood has been freshening up its roster, with **Justify's** half-brother Stage Raider last year and Il Miracolo this spring, joining Sir Winston and Caracaro.

Having produced stakes winners from two small books, Caracaro welcomed a stampede of 151 mares in 2024. The resulting crop is heading to the upcoming yearling sales.

"We've a few, and think they'll be okay, and we're getting good reports on others too," McLean says. "He ended up close

to 80 mares this year, so not a huge book, but enough that he's not going to have a hollow year. Certainly we're still supporting him. We'll see what happens, but we're excited."

Now the young guns must seize their window of opportunity the same way.

"When we first started with stallions, Storm Boot had two millionaire fillies in his first crop with fewer than 40 foals on the ground," McLean says. "So while obviously you'd rather have huge numbers, it's not impossible. You never know what you have until you get it out there. Lightning in a bottle, right?"

Rather than cynically play a system, the McLeans just do what feels best for each horse in each division. Nonetheless it aggregates to a serious enterprise: they're taking 80 yearlings to September, off 1,000 acres of prime Bluegrass. There are mares grazing here of the caliber of Spanish Star (**Blame**). Bought for a client for \$275,000, she produced a \$225,000 **Twirling Candy** filly who has since become GI Test winner Kilwin. Spanish Star's priceless daughter Starry Flight (**Flightline**) is nearing a debut for Ian Wilkes, while a **Cody's Wish** filly heads under the hammer at Keeneland.

Like any farm, Crestwood must have faith that the way babies are raised can make a difference.

"We do put a lot of pride in that," McLean affirms. "Our yearling division has big, open fields. They're handled plenty, but they need to be outside. They're not going to be afraid of other horses when it's time to race. They'll get a little banged up here and there, but we want them to know that they're horses. Herd dynamics are strong, and mean something."

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"We've been doing this since 1970," McLean reflects. "It's not so much about salesmanship, convincing somebody to buy a horse they're not interested in. **Cont.**"



Pope McLean, Sr. with adult children Grandison and Pope, Jr.

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Crestwood, cont.

"It's having them ask: 'Did you raise this horse? Has it been on your farm the whole time?' Because I think our track record gives people confidence.

"These horses are so fragile, so you learn just to hope for the best. But it sure is fun when they go on and do things like this. It almost makes us want to keep going!"

He gives a chuckle. "Just teasing," he confirms. "But no, that's why everybody's in it. To have good horses, right?"

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PROM QUEEN PURCHASED PRIVATELY BY DELTA SQUAD RACING, FAVORED FOR INDIANA OAKS *by Steve Sherack*



Prom Queen | Sarah Andrew

Prom Queen (**Quality Road**) will be carrying a new pair of silks in Saturday's GIII Indiana Oaks at Horseshoe Indianapolis.

Previously campaigned by breeders Gary and Mary West, the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks heroine and 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' was purchased privately by **Josh Isner's Delta Squad Racing**. She has remained with trainer Brad Cox.

Isner's fledgling operation also co-owns the Cox-trained **Margie's Intention** (**Honor A. P.**), a last-out winner of Laurel Park's Allaire DuPont Distaff S. over Preakness weekend.

"I've had such a good experience with Margie's Intention over the last six months that the idea of investing in route fillies that one day will make great broodmares but for a couple of years will also be very competitive--we saw that exact thing in Prom Queen," Isner said.

"It's been a lot of fun."

Isner continued, "Brad Weisbord, who is my bloodstock agent, found the horse and approached the potential sellers. It was a great find by him.

"We talked to Brad Cox a little about her and he's bullish on her prospects and how she's doing. We have so much respect for Brad and Blake (Cox) and their team that this was a pretty easy decision."

Prom Queen, a rallying fifth from way-too-far-back in the GI Kentucky Oaks, was a disappointing fourth after finding some early trouble from her inside draw in the GI Draftkings Acorn S. at Saratoga June 5.

The half-sister to the unbeaten 4-year-old Money Game (**Candy Ride** {**Arg**}) is the 9-5 morning-line favorite in the six-deep Indiana Oaks. Irad Ortiz, Jr. takes over the controls.

"We have a lot of trust in Brad (Cox)," Isner said. "He identified the spot, and, looking at the race, certainly we think she's got a great chance, especially with Irad on her. We're excited to see where she's at. If she runs the type of race we think she's capable of, we should have an exciting August ahead of us."

Isner has also recently partnered with Marcus Osborn of Cosmo Stables on the GI NYRA Bets Haskell S.-bound NYRA Bets Pegasus S. winner **Baby Vino** (Vino Rosso) and John Stewart on **Woodburn** (**Good Magic**), the Resolute Bloodstock-bred unraced 2-year-old full-brother to Classic winners Dornoch and **Mage** and half-brother to GISW Baeza (**McKinzie**).

"We have a little over 20 horses now," Isner said. "We're excited for the summer."

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THIS WEEK'S FIVE FLEET FILLIES:

JUNE 29-July 5 *by Randy Moss*

All but the fastest of this week's fleet fillies appeared on the turf, while three of the six came from the GI Belmont Oaks and a 'TDN Rising Star presented by Hagyard' returned to winning ways at Saratoga.

6--FITZ RIGHT, SAR, 7-4, GI Belmont Oaks, 1 1/8mT VIDEO
Beyer Speed Figure: 89 (3rd)

(f, 3, **Charlatan--I'm a Looker, by Henny Hughes)**

O-Michael Dubb, William H. Lawrence, The Elkstone Group and Michael Kisber. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (Ky).

T-Chad Brown. J-Flavien Prat.

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After winning the GII Wonder Again at 8 1/2 furlongs, Fitz Right stepped up in class and distance and repeated her Beyer in defeat with an admirable run. From **Charlatan**'s first crop, she is his first turf stakes winner, only two-turn turf stakes winner and first graded turf winner. **Charlatan** was never tried on grass during his brief five-race career, nor were his accomplished sire and dam, Speightstown and Authenticity. Fitz Right's graded stakes-winning dam tried turf only twice, finishing seventh and sixth. **Cont.**

Five Fleet Fillies, cont.



Kensington Lane, followed home by Faithful Departed and Fitz Right in the Belmont Oaks | Sarah Andrew

5--FAITHFUL DEPARTED, SAR, 7-4, GI Belmont Oaks, 1 1/8mT VIDEO

Beyer Speed Figure: 89 (2nd)

(f, 3, Yoshida {Jpn}--Speed Seeker, by Heatseeker {Ire})

O-Frank Ferrogine, Richard Rendina, Nick Coniglio and Greywood Farms. B-Robert K. Johnson (Ky). T-Grant Forster. J-Jose Ortiz.

She ran as well at Saratoga as she did in her GIII Regret victory at Churchill Downs, following Fitz Right (above) through along the rail then slipping inside her to take second. Ortiz believes her slightly sluggish break and the slower pace worked against her.

"I think she's the best 3-year-old turf [filly] in America right now," Ortiz said. "Hopefully we get them in the [Aug. 7] GIII Saratoga Oaks."

4--MAJAZ (GB), WO, 7-5, Allowance, 1 1/16mT VIDEO

Beyer Speed Figure: 90 (2nd)

(f, 4, Dubawi {Ire}--Cushion {GB}, by Galileo {Ire})

O-D J Stable. B-Floors Stud and Coolmore Stud (GB). T-Mark Casse. J-Rafael Hernandez.

As the 3-5 favorite following a strong maiden win in her North American debut, Majaz raced as a team inside Power of Destiny (below), was outkicked around the turn then was gradually catching back up to eventually lose by a neck with a sharply improved Beyer. D J Stable purchased her from Shadwell in December at Tattersalls for 450,000gns (approximately \$630,000) and she is performing at a higher level here than in her seven starts in England.

3--POWER OF DESTINY (GB), WO, 7-5, Allowance, 1 1/16mT VIDEO

Beyer Speed Figure: 90

(m, 5, Sea the Stars {Ire}--Rux Power {GB}, by Kingman {GB})

O-Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners, Upland Flats Racing, Jonathan Wilmot and Nick Bauer. B-King Power Racing Co (GB). T-Jamie Begg. J-Pietro Moran.

Like Majaz (above), she was sent to Woodbine after being acquired in December at Tattersalls --but for only 40,000gns (about \$56,000). She ran poorly in a Grade III in late May when Begg's preferred allowance failed to fill, but she rebounded Sunday to just last over Majaz in her third North American outing. She won twice in 15 starts in England against moderate opposition.

2--KENSINGTON LANE (IRE), SAR, 7-4, GI Belmont Oaks, 1 1/8mT VIDEO

Beyer Speed Figure: 92

(f, 3, Starspangledbanner {Aus}--Almost Always {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})

O-Agave Racing Stable, Medallion Racing and Evan Trommer. B-Almost Always Partnership (Ire). T-Donnacha O'Brien. J-Joel Rosario.



Medallion's Phillip Shelton strategized with Rosario that if "she ends up on the lead because nobody goes, that's fine." Rosario obliged by seizing command on the first turn and rating Kensington Lane through fractions of :48.82 and 1:13.17, saving enough energy for a strong :22.52 closing quarter that kept her safely in front. She had just tussled in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas with what might be the world's best 3-year-old turf filly in Precise, thus Shelton was a "bit surprised" at her generous 23-1 odds. She loves firm turf and could remain in the U.S. to run next in the Saratoga Oaks or possibly at Del Mar.

1--MASHALLAH, SAR, 7-4, Allowance, 6 1/2f VIDEO

Beyer Speed Figure: 96

(f, 3, Maxfield--All in With Aces, by Quiet American)

O-JR Ranch. B-Taylor Made Stallions, Louis Brooks Ranch, Baysore Stables et al (Ky). T-Brendan Walsh. J-Tyler Gaffalione.



After making headlines with her surprising 106 debut Beyer at six furlongs--which earned her 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard,' honors--Mashallah regressed significantly in a subsequent mile allowance, creating a quandary. **Cont.**

Five Fleet Fillies, cont.



Mashallah | Sarah Andrew

Her Grade I-winning half-brother Hard Aces excelled at long distances, but racing manager Ramiro Restrepo noted the rest of her family were “all six-furlong horses.” Walsh picked out this 6 1/2-furlong allowance, Gaffalione rode her conservatively, and Mashallah did the rest—vindicating her maiden win with a seven-length romp that now has connections searching for suitable stakes spots.

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TOMMY JO FACES TALL TASK IN VICTORY

RIDE by Alan Carasso

Perfect in a pair of starts at Saratoga last summer, 'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard **Tommy Jo** (Into Mischief) makes her much-anticipated 3-year-old debut in Friday's GIII Victory Ride Stakes at the Spa.

Having defeated next-out 'Rising Star' Tennessee Belle (Yaupon) to graduate on her six-furlong debut last July 26, the homebred filly added an eighth of a mile and ran-out a very easy winner of the GI Spinaway Stakes over seven panels at the end of August. Promoted to the victory in the GI Darley Alcibiades Stakes in October, the bay was a wide-trip fifth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Oct. 31 and sprinting may just prove to be her sweet spot.

“I think [trainer] Todd [Pletcher] was still not 100% convinced she’s not a two-turn filly, but I think she has to learn to relax a

little bit more,” Spendthrift's Ned Toffey said. “She’s a high-energy filly and that seems to work well for her [in sprints]. She’s grown up and developed into a bigger and stronger filly than she was last year and we’re pleased with what we’re seeing from her. We’re looking forward to it.”

The commonly owned **Goodall** (Yaupon) could prove the biggest fly in the ointment for Tommy Jo, as the \$525,000 OBS April grad atoned for a fifth in the GII Eight Belles Stakes on May 1 to easily defeat the re-opposing **Carmel Coast** (Omaha Beach) and **Mythical** (St Patrick's Day) in the course-and-distance Jersey Girl Stakes July 4.

“Goodall has been running, and certainly you would think would have a fitness edge in there,” Toffey said. “She’s a classy filly, and she’s not quite a homebred, but it feels like that when she’s by our own sire. She’s very professional, and we’re looking forward to good things from her.”



Tommy Jo | Sarah Andrew

Mythical has won seven of her 10 career trips to the post, including last year's Listed Tremont Stakes and GIII Adirondack Stakes ahead of a distant fifth at skinny odds in the Spinaway.

New York-bred **Iron Orchard** (Authentic) ran the table in her first three career starts, including a nose success in the GI Frizette Stakes, but was a distant last of nine in the Juvenile Fillies after being acquired by Larry and Karen Doyle's KatieRich Stables for \$2.5 million in a flash sale on the Fasig-Tipton Digital platform. She makes her first start for the Steve Asmussen barn in this spot.

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PURSE AND DISTANCE INCREASE FOR REBEL, ARKANSAS DERBY DATE MOVED TO APR. 10

Oaklawn Park has increased the purse and distance of one of the signature races in its 3-year-old series for 2027, with the GII Rebel Stakes to be worth \$1.25 million when it is contested over 1 1/8 miles Mar. 13. The race, which offers qualifying points to the Kentucky Derby, had previously been run over 1 1/16 miles.

Overall, the Arkansas track will offer 61 stakes races worth \$18.79 million during its 2026-2027 racing season, which opens Nov. 27.

"We're continuing to invest in our horsemen while building a schedule that strengthens Oaklawn's place among the nation's premier racing destinations," said Oaklawn president Louis A. Cella. "Our goal is to elevate our 3-year-old and older horse stakes programs, while creating an exciting race meet that attracts our fans and horsemen to Oaklawn."



2026 Rebel Stakes | Coady Media

Oaklawn's 3-year-old series begins with the \$250,000 Smarty Jones Stakes Jan. 2 and continues with the \$750,000 GIII Southwest Stakes Feb. 6. The Rebel is followed by the \$1.5-million GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 10.

Oaklawn will again offer the nation's richest 3-year-old fillies program, featuring the \$300,000 Martha Washington Stakes on Jan. 23, the \$750,000 GIII Honeybee Stakes on Feb. 20, and the GII \$1-million Fantasy Stakes on Mar. 27.

Oaklawn's older stakes program is highlighted by the GI Apple Blossom Handicap and GII Oaklawn Handicap Apr. 17. Both races will carry \$1.5-million purses--a \$250,000 increase. The Mar. 6 GII Azeri Stakes will receive a purse increase from \$400,000 to \$500,000.

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HORSEMEN, COMMISSION APPRECIATE PRODUCTIVE TURF PARADISE OFFSEASON

by T.D. Thornton



Racing at Turf Paradise | Coady

Turf Paradise, which spent recent years mired in a never-ending cascade of controversy, is enjoying a quiet, productive summer of projects and improvements, according to reports from both the Arizona Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (AZHBPA) and the Arizona Racing Commission (AZRC) during the commission's monthly meeting Thursday.

"The Turf team is doing a wonderful job, improving all the areas, not only inside, but outside as well," said Brian Duncan, the AZRC's racing enforcement and operations manager. "The department does remain pleased with the steady progress they're making on the property."

Duncan detailed some of the offseason work: "They continue to level all the areas in between the barns, adding in clean fill dirt to raise and improve the stall flooring.

"There was an electrical issue in K row, which was completed, along with the timer issues as well.

"There was buildup in the infield of debris. That has all been removed near the ponds.

"Sprinkler system is being added to the paddock, and there's many other backside areas that are being attended to as well," Duncan said.

"What a difference a year makes," quipped the AZRC's chairman, James Padish, after Duncan concluded his report.

The AZHBPA's executive director, Leroy Gessmann, agreed.

"It's a pleasant change from last year, definitely."

Neither elaborated, but their remarks alluded to previous difficulties between the Arizona racing community and the track's former operator, Jerry Simms, who still retains ownership of the property. **Cont.**

Turf Paradise, cont.

For much of the last decade, conflicts involving Turf Paradise have played out in the courts and at highly charged AZRC meetings, with horsemen battling management over issues like race dates, purses, OTB privileges, simulcast signals and safety concerns.

Within a four-month period in 2023-24, two separate sales of Turf Paradise fell through.

Prior to the 2025-26 meet, Simms leased the track and its network of 38 off-track betting (OTB) facilities to a limited liability company headed by Gary Hartunian, a California-based real estate businessman who races horses under the stable name Rockingham Ranch. The lease was **reported at the time** as being for two years, with options to extend.

Both Hartunian and Tom Ludt, the general manager he hired, have since said the company is banking on a long-term future for Arizona racing, even if that means transferring the racing operation to another location if Simms eventually does sell the property.

Ludt kept his remarks brief when called to speak during the July 9 meeting.

"We're continually making improvements and working on getting ready for the upcoming meet," Ludt said.

Added Gessmann, "We're just looking forward to finalizing the dates and the purses, and hopefully within the next 30 days we'll have that accomplished."

The most recent Turf Paradise season--the track's 70th--spanned 102 dates over Nov.10-May 2.

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'TDN RISING STAR' PROVENANCE TO STAND AT COUNTRY LIFE FARM IN MARYLAND

Edited Press Release

Spendthrift Farm's Provenance, a graded-placed 3-year-old son of seven-time leading sire Into Mischief and the first foal out of dual champion mare Monomoy Girl (Tapizar), has been retired from racing and will enter stud for 2027 at Country Life Farm in Bel Air, Maryland, for a fee of \$2,000.

As a 2-year-old for trainer Bob Baffert last year, Provenance debuted going a mile at Del Mar in August and finished third.

In his second start, going six furlongs at Santa Anita in September, Provenance again was the prohibitive favorite. He led every step to win by 1 3/4-lengths and garnered a 'Rising Star' for the effort.

His Hall of Fame trainer then pointed him for the GII Los Alamitos Futurity. Provenance set the early fractions, but dropped off the lead in deep stretch and finished third. Post-race X-rays revealed a career-ending condylar fracture.

Though he had earned points for the 2026 Kentucky Derby, he was off the trail. Following surgery, he returned to Spendthrift and was officially retired.

"We truly bred the best to the best to get Provenance," said Spendthrift General Manager Ned Toffey. "His dam won the [GI] Kentucky Oaks, and his sire now has three Kentucky Derby-winning sons. Provenance was on target for the Classics until his injury."

Spendthrift purchased Monomoy Girl for \$9.5 million at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton "Night of the Stars" November Mixed Sale, the day after she won her second GI Breeders' Cup Distaff.

Retired to the Spendthrift broodmare band after her six-year-old season, her career earnings totaled \$4,776,818, with 14 wins and three seconds in 17 starts. She won the Eclipse Award as champion 3-year-old filly of 2018 and a second Eclipse Award in 2020, as champion older dirt female.



Provenance | Benoit

Monomoy Girl foaled Provenance on Feb. 17, 2023. She produced a full-sister in 2024; named Effusive, the 2-year-old filly is presently in-training at Keeneland for Spendthrift and trainer Brad Cox. Monomoy Girl foaled a 2026 colt by **Gun Runner**, and she is back in foal to that sire for next term.

Provenance will stand as the property of Spendthrift and Country Life. The two farms first partnered with A.P. Indy's lightly raced son Malibu Moon 25 years ago. Malibu Moon sired 22 crops that included three champions and Kentucky Derby winner Orb among 141 stakes winners.

"Both Provenance and Malibu Moon were fast 2-year-olds sired by great stallions and out of top mares," Toffey noted. "Their profiles entering stud are remarkably similar."

Spendthrift Farm's former owner B. Wayne Hughes sent Malibu Moon to Country Life. Current co-owner Eric Gustavson and Toffey showed Provenance to Country Life co-owner Mike Pons two days before this year's Kentucky Derby. **Cont.**

Provenance, cont.

"Provenance is a great physical," said Pons. "He looks like a Classic horse, yet he had early 2-year-old form. He stands over a lot of ground. He's leggier than Into Mischief. Breeders are going to love him. He takes your breath away."

Added Toffey: "We've been tracking the positive developments in the Maryland horse industry. Kentucky needs to support the regional breeding programs, and Maryland's is among the best. We've got a number of mares in our broodmare band heading to Maryland to support Provenance, just as we did with Malibu Moon."

Country Life is Maryland's oldest Thoroughbred breeding farm. Said co-owner Josh Pons: "Our dream is to have the first Maryland-bred to win the Preakness Stakes at the new Pimlico. That lofty goal seems within reach given Provenance's promising racing form and his Classic pedigree, by a Derby sire out of an Oaks mare."

Bookings for Provenance are already being accepted for the 2027 breeding season.

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THE ROAD BACK: RETIRED JOCKEY HERBIE CASTILLO, JR. RECLAIMS HIS LIFE THROUGH STABLE RECOVERY *by Sara Gordon*

Over the span of two decades as a professional jockey, Herbie Castillo, Jr. experienced success at the highest level of the sport. Among his 2,113 career victories, Castillo scored at the graded stakes level 36 times, including back-to-back wins in the 1993-94 GI Donn Handicap at Gulfstream Park aboard Pistols and Roses (Darn That Alarm), success at Belmont Park in the 1999 GI Matron Stakes with Finder's Fee (Storm Cat), and a win in the 2000 GI Metropolitan Handicap with Yankee Victor (Saint Ballado).



Herbie Castillo, Jr. | Sara Gordon



Herbie Castillo, Jr. aboard Randaroo winning the 2003 Top Flight Handicap | Horsephotos

To an outsider, Castillo had everything going for him. A native of Panama, he immigrated to the United States at a young age with his family where they established themselves in New Orleans, Louisiana. Inspired by various family members' involvement, along with his jockey-turned-trainer father, Castillo carved his own path into the sport. By the time he was 16, he had officially kicked off his career as a jockey at Fair Grounds.

Castillo's success in the saddle grew as he was given opportunities to ride top-level horses for some of the country's most successful trainers. But along with his career achievements came personal and physical detriments as Castillo faced injury after injury and struggled to maintain his weight. To numb the pain and quell the pressure, he turned to drugs and alcohol.

"Between losing weight, which involves disciplining yourself to a diet that's really not for anyone, and the peer pressure that comes when you're on the spot having to perform within two minutes of a race, it's a lot," said Castillo. "I've been fortunate enough that I had the opportunity to ride with and for a lot of Hall of Famers and I learned a lot. I've been blessed in that perspective of the business. But as a jockey, you're a self-contractor, so you're only making money when you ride. With that, injuries come into play and you don't know what the length of recovery time will be, which leads some to get hooked on drugs.

"I'll admit, I was hooked on Oxycodone after I had some knee surgeries. I got off of them on my own, thank God, but at the same time I substituted [Oxycodone] with alcohol to kill the pain. I'd blackout at night, but when tomorrow came around, I still had the pain."

Castillo officially retired from his career as a jockey in 2006 but remained involved in the industry, later transitioning to work in a variety of roles including exercise rider, foreman, and assistant trainer for different barns. **Cont.**

Herbie Castillo, Jr., cont.

"The pressure of the industry can get to someone mentally. It's not an easy sport [to work in]. You put it all on the line, and that's what you get paid the big bucks for, but when you're on that pedestal, you better prove that you're worth it. As easy as you got there, it's just as easy for you to be replaced, you know?"

"I had dwindled to the point that I had given up on life. I had no ambition to keep going and all I wanted to do was drink. I think it was partially due to being in relationships that I came out of, I couldn't handle it. My weight also got to me, which was the reason I had to retire from riding at such an early age, and I became more or less bored," said Castillo. "Being around the track escalated my drinking to a point where I couldn't get a grip on it. I tried a long-term recovery program for a while, but came back [to the track] within months and found myself in the same situation. In the process, I ruined a lot of friendships and my own family lost respect for me."



Herbie Castillo, Jr. with his Stable Recovery Legacy Graduate banner | courtesy of Herbie Castillo, Jr.

By January of 2025, Castillo was in Florida working for trainer Kenny McPeck. It was McPeck, along with Steve Hayes and his mother, Ann, who arranged for Castillo to ride in a horse van to Lexington, Kentucky to enter the Stable Recovery program.

"Through the process, I think God was trying to tell me something because not long after I committed to the year-long program, I found out that I had pneumonia. I also found out I had cirrhosis of the liver, a cyst on my kidney, and that the lymph nodes in my lungs were enflamed. The last thing was my hips. I couldn't walk, or function at the barn trying to do the manual labor, so Frank [Taylor] took me to his friend and I got two new hips in a year's time," said Castillo.

Though Castillo spent his life surrounded by horses, it was the structure and responsibility instilled in him while in Stable Recovery that helped him rediscover that passion for the animal, the healing qualities they emanate, and that feeling of once

again being useful and having a purpose. For a man whose life had revolved around the notoriety of competing and succeeding at the top of the sport, Castillo was reminded of true achievement: not the trophies or purse earnings, but the opportunity to change lives—his own included.

"I've won some big races in my life, and accepted those trophies, but getting that banner for being a Stable Recovery legacy graduate and seeing it hung in the Preston House was the most amazing thing," said Castillo.

While health issues and limited mobility prevented Castillo from pursuing a new chapter working hands-on with horses, an opportunity to work as a house manager for Stable Recovery was the next best thing. It's a role Castillo accepted following his graduation from the program in late January of this year.

"I've been fortunate enough to stay here and help these guys. These guys are always asking for my advice as far as handling situations. I put myself in their shoes and think about how I would approach the situation with them," said Castillo. "I'm grateful that I've had a second chance at life. I try to do everything that I'm supposed to be doing. This is not an easy fix. It's 24 hours a day, every day, applying what I've learned in this program. They instilled in me responsibility, discipline, accountability, and structure, which I had when I was riding, but I lost it all somewhere. Whether it was for the wrong reasons or right reasons, I didn't have that [foundation]. I'm glad I came here."

After retiring from race riding, Castillo felt he had lost his way. Today, a year and a half sober, he has found something the winner's circle could never offer: a renewed sense of purpose.

Stable Recovery is a recovery housing program in Lexington, Kentucky that offers men and women in the early stages of recovery access to 12-step meetings, life skills training and, through the Taylor Made School of Horsemanship, the opportunity to develop a trade in the equine field.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A GROUND-UP SOLUTION: THE NET-NEUTRAL AFTERCARE PROGRAM *by Matt Cutair*

For decades, the Thoroughbred racing industry has operated less like a unified sport and more like a collection of feuding factions. We protect our individual borders, engage in bitter internal disputes, and litigate our differences in the court of public opinion. While we have been busy fighting over our slice of the pie, however, the pie itself has been shrinking.

We find ourselves in a defining moment for the future of our sport. We face a stark choice...We can continue our negative focus, public infighting, and short-sighted posturing, or we can finally get into the same boat and row in the same direction. In a contracting industry, collaboration isn't just a buzzword, it is a requirement for survival.

At Adelphi Racing Club, we want to move past the rhetoric and make actual progress. We are ready to launch a new ground-up aftercare initiative, but to do it right, we need the industry's collective expertise to solve a critical piece of the puzzle.

Nowhere is the need for collective action clearer than in our responsibility to the horses themselves. Many industry participants have repeatedly and rightfully, on this platform, called on the industry to support Thoroughbred aftercare in a meaningful way. Historically, top-down institutional mandates have left massive funding gaps. It is time for a ground-up approach driven by the participants themselves.

We are launching the framework for a Net-Neutral Aftercare Program, a concept inspired by the "carbon neutral" models of other industries. The goal is simple. Participants actively fund the lifetime retirement gap for their entire roster of incoming horses (2-year-olds) to ensure their stable's footprint is entirely "neutral."



Matt Cutair | *Walter Wlodarczyk*

We understand how the lifecycle works. A percentage of horses will have their lifetime care covered "naturally" through breeding value or successful private placement into second careers. Others will require decades of intensive sanctuary care. A portion of that care is already cushioned by current, excellent aftercare donations and registry programs.

But to make this program viable, we must accurately define the baseline. And that is where we need the industry's help.

The Roadblock: Defining "Natural" and Challenging the Math

To launch this effectively, we need to move past guesswork. If a stable brings six 2-year-olds into the ecosystem, how do we correctly estimate the real lifetime gap?

We need to collectively define what percentage of horses "naturally" exit the racing cycle into self-sustaining situations versus those who will rely entirely on the aftercare safety net. What is the true, adjusted dollar amount required per crop to bridge that gap?

If the true average lifetime gap to protect a horse after racing is \$1,000 (a purely demonstrative figure), then a stable bringing in six horses would need to generate \$6,000 in dedicated funding to achieve net-neutrality. But before Adelphi, or any other stable, writes that check, the math must be checked.

Adelphi Racing Club is ready to champion this model, but we cannot calculate the data in a vacuum.

We are challenging the industry participants reading this--the analysts, bloodstock agents, trainers, track executives, aftercare organizations, The Jockey Club, owners, and breeders--to come to the table. Help us analyze the transition percentages, define what a "natural" transition truly looks like, and calculate a definitive, universally accepted baseline figure.

Once we have that mathematically sound baseline, the blueprint is there for every owner and breeder to do their part from the ground up. Let's stop waiting for an institutional savior. Let's work together, let's define the math, and let's make some tangible progress.

Matt Cutair has owned horses on the New York racing circuit for over 20 years, starting out as a partner with Sovereign Stables, eventually running under his own stable, Cutair Racing, and now running the Adelphi Racing Club partnership group. Cutair currently owns and campaigns over 35 horses in New York (with more than half of them being New York-breds). In addition to his racing interests, he also owns New York-based broodmares and has a small group of retired horses (including OTTBs) stabled at the barn at his primary residence in nearby Greenwich, CT.



ONTARIO'S THOROUGHBRED INDUSTRY RECEIVES FUNDING BOOST

Over \$10 million will be infused into the Ontario Thoroughbred horse racing industry as part of the regional government's plan in Canada to increase support to protect agriculture and rural jobs across the province, Ontario Racing said via a press release on Thursday.

The organization's representative board of directors voted to direct 83 percent of the additional funds toward Ontario's breeding sector and racing participants.

Highlights of how the additional funding will be allocated this year specific to the Thoroughbred industry include:

- An increase of \$5 million for the Thoroughbred Improvement Program (TIP). The additional funds will

be used to bolster Ontario Bred and Sired stakes races, increase breeders' awards and incentivize the breeding, raising and racing of Thoroughbreds in the province;

- An additional \$4.5 million will be directed through TIP to restricted opportunities for Ontario-bred and sired horses at Woodbine Racetrack;
- At Fort Erie, the average per card purse level will rise 15 percent from nearly \$127,000 in 2025 to more than \$146,000 in 2026.

The funding is part of \$35 million in additional funding for all three racing breeds for each of the next five years.

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EQUINE EYES INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT AT RACING MUSEUM AND HALL OF FAME JULY 23

The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame will debut an interactive exhibit entitled Equine Eyes during an open house July 23 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Presented at the museum with support from the Thoroughbred Education Research Foundation (TERF), Equine Eyes is rooted in extensive research by Dr. Alan Hook of Ulster University and aims to foster empathy, care, safety awareness, and interspecies connection. The exhibit utilizes a specially developed headset with mounted cameras to provide visitors with an immersive visual and sensory perspective of equine vision. This technology highlights key differences in field of view and color spectrum compared to human vision, offering a deeper understanding of how horses navigate their environment, leading to discussion about how horses experience the world.

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Rank	Stallion	BTW/%NF	BTH/%NF	GSW/%NF	GSH/%NF	G1SW/%NF	G1SH/%NF	Earnings
1	Yaupon (2017) by Uncle Mo	12/4.43	21/7.75	2/0.74	4/1.48	--/--	--/--	\$6,491,945 Albus
2	Maxfield (2017) by Street Sense	5/2.96	16/9.47	1/0.59	2/1.18	1/0.59	2/1.18	\$3,922,439 Englishman
3	Essential Quality (2018) by Tapit	6/3.16	9/4.74	1/0.53	1/0.53	--/--	1/0.53	\$4,385,233 The Puma
4	Charlatan (2017) by Speightstown	7/2.77	9/3.56	3/1.19	5/1.98	--/--	1/0.4	\$4,023,514 Fitz Right
5	Rock Your World (2018) by Candy Ride (Arg)	3/1.55	9/4.64	1/0.52	2/1.03	--/--	--/--	\$3,157,726 Taken by the Wind
6	Leinster (2015) by Majestic Warrior	3/5.45	8/14.55	--/--	1/1.82	--/--	--/--	\$1,777,438 Lennilu
7	Beau Liam (2018) by Liam's Map	4/3.15	7/5.51	1/0.79	2/1.57	--/--	1/0.79	\$3,001,820 Crude Velocity
8	Lexitonian (2016) by Speightstown	4/5.33	7/9.33	1/1.33	1/1.33	--/--	--/--	\$1,676,563 She Be Smooth
9	Independence Hall (2017) by Constitution	2/1.2	6/3.59	--/--	2/1.2	--/--	1/0.6	\$2,739,389 Victory Hall
10	Modernist (2017) by Uncle Mo	2/1.74	6/5.22	1/0.87	2/1.74	--/--	--/--	\$1,966,729 Trendsetter
11	Basin (2017) by Liam's Map	3/3.7	6/7.41	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	\$1,099,389 Bolero Bay
12	Silver State (2017) by Hard Spun	1/0.69	4/2.78	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	\$1,735,064 Miss Call
13	Raging Bull (Fr) (2015) by Dark Angel (Ire)	--/--	3/2.83	--/--	1/0.94	--/--	--/--	\$1,091,973 Proletariat
14	By My Standards (2016) by Goldencents	--/--	2/1.75	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	\$1,476,954 Zeus's Echo
15	Known Agenda (2018) by Curlin	1/0.72	2/1.44	--/--	1/0.72	--/--	--/--	\$1,428,259 Squad Goals

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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	Sweezy	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 Bouchev, 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 🦋	Constitution	Harrison, Ann M. and Hendrickson, Renata D.	Brisset	Pedroza, Jr.	118
2	Mister T	Sahara Sky	Baileyboy Racing, LLC	Bailey	Murrill	118
3	Zihnal	Quality Road	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Rispoli	118
4	Our Moneyman	Mr. Money	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Concepcion	118
5	Bricklin 🦋	Nyquist	Imagine Racing	Brisset	De La Cruz	124
6	Creole Chrome	Volatile	Three Diamonds Farm	Sharp	Alvarado	118
7	Out of the Woods	Constitution	Little Red Feather Racing, Madaket Stables, Panic Stable & William Strauss	D'Amato	Saez	124
8	Leading Change 🦋	Gun Runner	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 🦋	Gun Runner	By Talla Racing LLC, St. Elias Stables LLC, Three Chimneys and West Point Thoroughbreds	McCarthy	Kimura	118
2	Render Judgment	Blame	Baccari Racing Stable, LLC, Dream Walkin Farms, Inc., MJM Racing, Rocket Ship Racing and Magdalena Racing	McPeck	Esquivel	117
3	Heroic Move	Quality Road	Bennewith, Arnold, Wiest, Rick, Wiest, Clayton, Wiest, Lana Tremblay, Norman, R 6 Stable and Regan, Sheila	Diodoro	Vazquez	122
4	Cornishman 🦋	Curlin	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 🦋	Not This Time	L and N Racing LLC and Brewster, Clark O.	Asmussen	Smith	117
7	Spellmaker	Gun Runner	Osmel Nunez	Irion	Arrieta	110
8	Navajo Warrior 🦋	Candy Ride (Arg)	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*

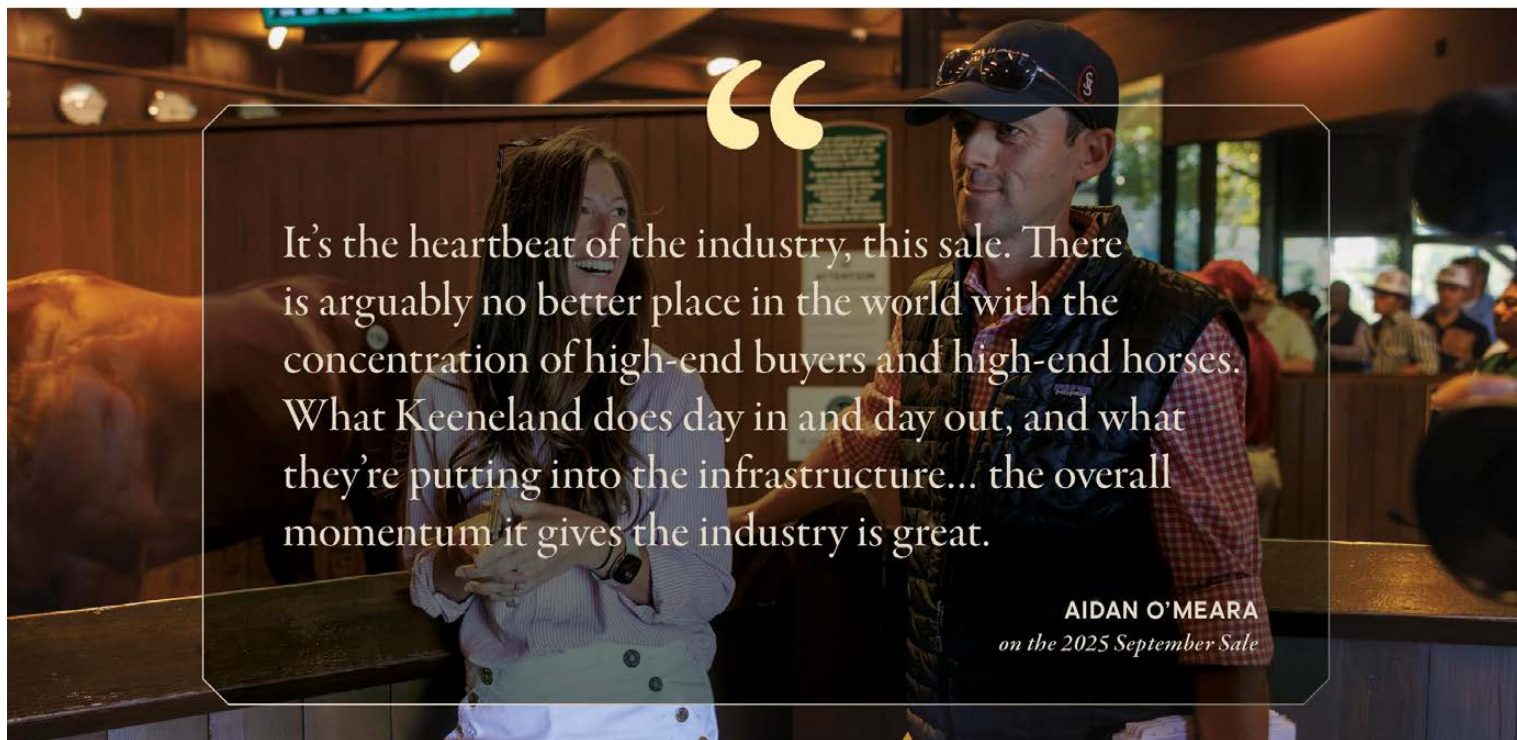
Friday, 7/10, Prairie Meadows, post time: 9:53 p.m. EDT

IOWA OAKS, \$225,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mizumi	Justify	Baoma Corp	Baffert	Geroux	122
2	Knickleandime	Knicks Go	Richard Bahde	Morse	Saez	120
3	Shilling	Global Campaign	Fern Circle Stables	McPeck	Esquivel	116
4	Grace Is Free	American Freedom	Dreamchaser Thoroughbreds	Jacquot	Birzer	116
5	Go to Girl	Knicks Go	WSD Stable	McPeck	Corbett	116
6	Brooklyn Blonde	Gun Runner	Sun-Kissed Stable and Flay, Bobby	McCarthy	Kimura	116

Breeders: 1-Charles Chu, 2-Daniel Mallory & Torie Gladwell, 3-Joe B. Mulholland Jr. & John P. Mulholland, 4-Dreamchaser Thoroughbreds, 5-Titletown Racing Stables (Paul Farr), 6-Benson Farm

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2nd-Saratoga, \$115,000, Msw, 7-9, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.28, fm, 3/4 length.

GENERATIONAL (c, 2, Collected--You Flatter Me, by Flatter), installed the 5-2 second choice to get the job done in his second career start, closed to score going 5 1/2-furlong on the Saratoga turf on Thursday afternoon. Taken off the pace as Just a Holiday (**Justify**) and slight 5-2 choice Call Attendant (**Speaker's Corner**) punched out an opening quarter in :21.25, the Steve Asmussen trainee began to pick up the tempo through a :44.34 half. With the front-running pair joined by Excessif (**Quality Road**) straightening for home, the 5-2 second choice picked off his rivals through the stretch, took over late and was 3/4-of-a-length clear of Just a Holiday at the wire. Beach Sandals (Omaha Beach) rounded out the trifecta. The favorite was sixth.

"Honestly, he jumped well out of there," explained winning rider Flavien Prat. "He could have been closer, but there was some speed and I was happy where he was."

He continued, "I felt very confident around the turn. He came underneath me nicely and at that point I felt like he was going to make a good run and it was just a matter of if someone was going to make a run with me. I felt very confident at that point."



Generational | Sarah Andrew

Sent off 7-1 in his career bow going 5 1/2 furlongs over the Churchill Downs turf on June 18, the bay overcame a troubled start to finish a respectable fifth, beaten five lengths.

A \$60,000 purchase by Jessie Longoria from the Knockgriffin Farm consignment at Keeneland last September, the Kentucky-bred colt, who was bred by Erv Woolsey and Ralph Kinder, developed into a \$320,000 juvenile when selling to Leland Ackerly Racing at the OBS April Sale earlier this spring.

From the family of MGSW and MGISP Venetian Harbor (**Munnings**), You Flatter Me produced a colt by Fulsome in 2025. Sales history: \$4,500 Wlg '24 FTDDE; \$60,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP; \$320,000 2yo '26 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$66,850.

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O-Leland Ackerly Racing, Sherwood, James, Shupe, Jode and Cilia, John; B-Erv Woolsey & Ralph Kinder (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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VELVET BERETTA A FIRST WINNER FOR FRESHMAN SIRE CYBERKNIFE



Velvet Beretta | Coady Media

Let go at odds approaching 16-1 for her career debut Thursday afternoon at Ellis Park, Mana Racing's **Velvet Beretta** (f, 2, **Cyberknife--Make Me Laugh, by Distorted Humor**) came from off the pace to register the upset en route to becoming the first winner for Spendthrift Farm freshman stallion Cyberknife (by **Gun Runner**).

Given a positive ride by Francisco Arrieta from an outside gate, the chestnut was a forward factor and had aim on pacesetter **Summer Dream** (Into Mischief) three deep entering the stretch.

To the front with better than a furlong to travel, the blinkered filly was always holding **Sheza Go Getter** (Jackie's Warrior) in the run to the line to top a 1-2 finish for Spendthrift freshmen. Summer Dream made it a clean sweep of the top three spots for the Lexington-area nursery, while odds-on favorite **Tambelina** (Into Mischief) failed to land a serious blow in fifth.

From the family of the versatile multiple Grade I winner Critical Eye (Dynaformer), Velvet Beretta has a yearling half-brother by **Army Mule** and a foal half-sister by **Liam's Map**.

The sire of 167 reported foals from his first crop, Cyberknife carried the colors of Al Gold's Gold Square to victories in the GI Arkansas Derby and GI Haskell Stakes ahead of a runner-up effort in the GI Travers Stakes. He later missed by a head behind **Cody's Wish** (**Curlin**) in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile.

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FIRST WINNER FOR FRESHMAN SIRE

4th-Ellis, \$100,000, Msw, 7-9, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.34, ft, 3 lengths.

VELVET BERETTA (f, 2, **Cyberknife--Make Me Laugh, by Distorted Humor**) Sales history: \$55,000 Wlg '24 KEENOV; \$15,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP; \$37,000 RNA 2yo '26 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$59,884. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#). O-Mana Racing; B-Stoneriggs Farm (KY); T-Michel Douaihy.



FRIDAY'S INSIGHTS: DAUGHTER OF GRADE I WINNER LOVE AND PRIDE DEBUTS AT ELLIS



MGISW Love and Pride, dam of Heart of a Gunner | Coglianese

by Christina Bossinakis

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

HEART OF A GUNNER (**Gun Runner**) gets her start for Twin Oaks Bloodstock and trainer Eddie Kenneally. The \$650,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase is out of dual Grade I winner Love and Pride (A.P. Indy), who sold for \$4.9 million at Fasig-Tipton November in 2013. Bred by Three Chimneys Far, the chestnut will be ridden by Luan Machado.

Also marking her debut, **Homeawayfromhome** (**Nyquist**) posted a bullet four-furlong work in :48 1/5 at Turfway on July 1. Out of Gherardini (Bernardini), the bay filly brought \$735,000 at Keeneland last September. Brendan Walsh trains.

Making her turf bow is **Epic Fashionista** (**Epicerter**), who faded to sixth at 5-2 odds in her career debut sprinting on the dirt at Churchill Downs on June 13. Francisco Arrieta gets the return call on the \$450,000 OBS March buy for Hall of Famer Mark Casse. **TJCS PPS**

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6th-Saratoga, \$125,000, Alw (NW2\$X), Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 7-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.09, fm, neck.

QUEEN OF HAWAII (IRE) (f, 3, Kingman {GB}--Hibiscus {Ire} {SP-Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) split horses decisively deep inside the final furlong to defeat a stakes-quality field in her first start since finishing an even seventh in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf last Halloween. A Leopardstown maiden winner at second asking for Joseph O'Brien last July, the €250,000 Goffs Orby graduate took out the G3 Irish EBF Stakes at the Curragh the following month, accounting for--among others--future Group 3 winner and recent G1 Investec Oaks third Sugar Island (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). Settled behind midfield and riding the rails throughout on the back of favored Play With Fire (Oscar Performance), the 23-5 overlay was continued to save ground into the lane. The bay continued to progress to be within striking distance at the furlong grounds and knifed through to score impressively over the favorite, giving Jose Ortiz three on the program. Brisbane (Fr) (Zelzal {Fr}) was a further neck back in third. A half-sister to Up And Under (Fr) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), MGSP-Ire, \$122,218, Queen of Hawaii is out of a stakes-placed full-sister to the late GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf hero Line of Duty (Ire) and GSW & MG1SP Jackie Oh (Ire) and a half to SW & GSP Onassis (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). Hibiscus's youngest produce include a 2-year-old colt by Lope de Vega (Ire) and a yearling colt by Too Darn Hot (GB).

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Queen of Hawaii | Sarah Andrew

The mare was not bred for 2026. Sales history: €250,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ire, 5-3-0-0, \$137,536. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).

O-Lindy Farms; B-Mrs Susan Roy & Mr Nicolas Wrigley (IRE); T-Philip Antonacci.

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5th-Saratoga, \$120,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$55,000), 7-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.60, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

SOARING HIGH (f, 3, Curlin--Songbird {Ch. 2-year-old Filly, Ch. 3-year-old Filly, MGISW, \$4,692,000}, by Medaglia d'Oro), seventh in her career bow sprinting at Churchill last September, launched her 2026 campaign with a narrow victory in an 8 1/2-furlong test in Louisville on May 1. Let go at 10-1 going a mile at that venue last time, the bay filly was a well-beaten second. Installed the 3-5 choice in this return, Soaring High settled in a ground-saving fourth in :24.17. In contention while third through a half in :47.84, the Whisper Hill homebred needed racing room and soon found it leaving the far turn. Swung out wide turning for home, the favorite caught Hidden Rose (Connect) midstretch and drew off to score by 3 1/4 lengths.

Soaring High is a daughter of champion 2 and 3-year-old Songbird, who was purchased by Whisper Hill for \$9.5 million at Fasig-Tipton November in 2017. A 10-time Grade I winner and earner of over \$4.6 million, Songbird produced a colt by [Gun Runner](#) in 2024 followed by a filly by the sire last season. This term, she foaled a colt by [Justify](#). Sales history: \$375,000 RNA Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$161,061. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#). O/B-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux.

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8th-Ellis, \$102,000, Alw, 7-9, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:22.91, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

TWIRLING ACES (f, 3, Twirling Candy--Kidoro, by Medaglia d'Oro), a 2 3/4-length winner in a sales restricted race over six furlongs at Churchill Downs on June 3, was installed the 6-5 favorite here. Taken to the lead straight away by Ben Curtis, she led throughout and proved best, scoring by 4 1/4 lengths over Bet the Gray (**Essential Quality**). The victory gave trainer Brendan Walsh his fourth consecutive victory on the card.

Kidoro, a half-sister to a pair of stakes winners and graded placed runners, has a juvenile filly by **Nyquist** and a yearling colt by **Oscar Performance** in the pipeline. She produced a filly by **Arabian Knight** earlier this season.

Sales history:\$50,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$113,560. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Pocket Aces Racing LLC; B-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

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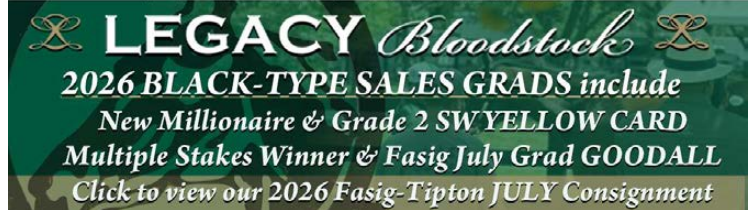
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Velvet Beretta (by Cyberknife) gives her Freshman sire his first career winner with her victory at Ellis on Thursday.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Saratoga, \$115,000, Msw, 7-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17.85, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

COLD SPELL (f, 3, Gun Runner--Chalon {MSW & GISP, \$992,495}, by Dialed In) finished runner-up behind ultimate 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' Mashallah (**Maxfield**) in her career debut going six furlongs at Keeneland on Apr. 23 before filling the same position behind My Gun's Loaded in a seven-panel Saratoga test on June 6.

Installed the 1-5 choice to go one better this time, the chestnut broke quickly and settled behind Collective Bargain (**Maxfield**) through quick early splits of :21.87 and :44.87. Overhauling that rival approaching the quarter pole, the homebred lugged out in early stretch, but proved good enough to score by 2 1/4 lengths over 7-1 chance Fletch's Rockette (**Tiz the Law**).

Cold Spell is out of MSW and GISP Chalon, who is also responsible for a juvenile colt by **Gun Runner** in addition to a yearling filly by **Quality Road**. In 2026, she dropped a colt by **McKinzie**. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$107,975. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Lael Stables; B-M. Roy Jackson (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.



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Gun Runner's Cold Spell | Sarah Andrew



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9th-Saratoga, \$115,000, Msw, 7-9, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.61, fm, 1/2 length.

IRON PALACE (c, 3, **Palace Malice**--**Daisy Elle**, by **Ghostzapper**) capped off the day on a longshot note, belying debut odds of 27-1 to take this field from gate to wire beneath Edgard Zayas. Aggressively ridden from the two hole, the \$150,000 OBS April breezer was prompted to his outside by favored Coordinator (**Kingman {GB}**) through sensible early fractions of :23.60 and :47.50. Clinging to a short advantage as they raced into the final five-sixteenths of a mile, the scopey bay colt turned away the chalk as they neared the stretch, pinched a break when asked to sprint and remained clear to the wire. Bull Shoals (Mo Forza) enjoyed the run of the race from the box seat and was in with every chance turning for home, but could not quite match strides with the winner. Pay the Piper (**Twirling Candy**) came from far back to round out the triple. Daisy Elle, a half-sister to GISW Salutos Amigos (Salute the Sarge) and GSW Sarah's Secret (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), was acquired by Paul Farr's Titledown Racing Stables for \$40,000 with this colt in utero at the 2022 Keeneland November Sale. The mare's lone produce since is a Forte colt foaled Mar. 24 and she was bred back to **Mindframe**. Sales history: \$150,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$63,250. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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5th-Ellis, \$98,500, Msw, 7-9, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.25, fm, 1/2 length.

IRISH LAW (g, 3, **Tiz the Law**--**Nimble Foot {Ire}**, by **Danehill Dancer {Ire}**), runner-up last time out while going a mile at Kentucky Downs last summer, was given 7-2 in this first start with Lasix and since being gelded. Sent quickly to the front, the chestnut led through initial splits of :24.09 and :48.18. Narrowly on top turning for home, the gelding had enough left to score by a half-length over Clark's Corner (Omaha Beach). The latter, who cut off favored Swerve (**Tonalist**) turning for home, was ultimately disqualified and placed seventh behind the 2-1 choice.

The winner is a half to Irish Aces (Mshawish), SW & MGSP, \$609,044; and to Amazonka (Mendelssohn), G1SP-Per. Nimble Foot, a half-sister to MGSW and MG1SP Maraahel (Ire) (Alzao), is also responsible for a yearling filly by **Practical Joke** and a filly foal by **Golden Pal**. Sales history: \$27,000 Wlg '23 KEENOV; \$50,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$97,161.

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O-Pocket Aces Racing LLC; B-Lynch Bages LTD (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

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6th-Ellis, \$95,000, Msw, 7-9, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.44, ft, head.
TALLEYRAND (c, 2, Into Mischief--Pretty City Dancer {GISW, \$286,344}, by **Tapit),** a full-brother to 'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard Pretty Mischievous (Ch. 3yo Filly, MGISW, \$2,112,560, the 2023 GI Kentucky Oaks winner; and a half-brother to fellow 'Rising Star' Bella Ballerina (**Street Sense**, \$561,525), a two-time winner at the Grade II level including this year's Rachel Alexandra Stakes, did just enough to open his account at first asking with a narrow victory at Ellis Park Thursday afternoon. Off as the 13-10 chalk, Talleyrand showed a bit of early speed, but so, too, did three of the rivals drawn underneath him and that consigned the bay colt to a four-wide trip down the back and into the turn. He worked his way into the race nicely while still trapped out at the quarter pole and at one point looked as if he was on his way to a daylight victory. But his inexperience was on full display just after overtaking the well-backed Town Man (**Mo Town**), as Talleyrand wanted to lug in badly while failing to put the race to bed and allowing Town Man to come back at him at the fence. But Ben Curtis kept the Godolphin runner up to his task and they were home a short head to the good. An \$825,000 Keeneland September yearling, Pretty City Dancer shared the spoils in this track's GI Spinaway Stakes in 2016 and was purchased by Godolphin for \$3.5 million out of the 2018 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. A half-sister to GISW Lear's Princess (Lear Fan), runner-up in the GI CCA Oaks and GI Alabama Stakes at this venue 20 years ago, Pretty City Dancer was barren to Into Mischief for 2025 and produced a colt by **Gun Runner** this past Feb. 17. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$59,512. **Click for the [Equibase.com](#) chart.**
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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JULY 10

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Cancun (Into Mischief), Beau Ridge Farm, \$1,000
 9 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Charles Town, 7:32 p.m. E, Msw 4 1/2f, Cut the Mischief, 15-1

Corniche (**Quality Road**), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000
 109 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Saratoga, 1:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Inside Edge, 12-1
 \$80,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$210,000 KEE SEP yrl

Early Voting (**Gun Runner**), Taylor Made Farm, \$12,500
 116 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Prairie Meadows, 9:22 p.m. EDT, \$100K Prairie Gold Lassie S.,
 5 1/2f, Valkyrie, 4-1
 \$30,000 KEE NOV wnl

Epicenter (**Not This Time**), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
 206 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2ft, Epic
 Fashionista, 7-2
 \$35,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$450,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Fire At Will (Declaration of War), Mountain View Farm, \$2,500
 24 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Saratoga, 1:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Fire Angel, 10-1
 \$4,000 FTD APR wnl

Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
 204 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Colonial Downs, 2:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Hide N Watch, 6-1
 \$105,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl

Highly Motivated (Into Mischief), Airdrie Stud, \$7,500
 98 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Charles Town, 7:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Cabin Creek Zeke,
 2-1

Jack Christopher (**Munnings**), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000
 187 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2ft, Glycogen, 6-1
 \$180,000 FTK JUL yrl
 2-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2ft, Syrax, 12-1
 \$65,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$65,000 KEE SEP yrl

Malibu Max (Malibu Moon), WorkWise Stables, \$2,300
5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Century Mile, 10:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Max Charisma, 6-1
CAN\$7,000 RNA ALB MIX yrl; CAN\$5,000 CAN NOV yrl

Nashville (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$12,500
140 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Colonial Downs, 2:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Gray Knight, 6-1
\$75,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$200,000 FTK JUL yrl
6-Prairie Meadows, 9:22 p.m. EDT, \$100K Prairie Gold Lassie S.,
5 1/2f, Potential Sam, 12-1
\$95,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$160,000 KEE SEP yrl

Olympiad (Speightstown), Gainesway Farm, \$20,000
149 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Ellis, 3:42 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Techwerkian, 10-1
\$40,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$20,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tap Master (Tapit), Esquirol Farms, \$2,500
14 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Century Mile, 10:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Asiniy's Storm,
12-1
CAN\$3,000 RNA ALB MIX wnl; CAN\$10,000 RNA ALB MIX yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JULY 10

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Basin (Liam's Map), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
95 foals of racing age/23 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Prairie Meadows, 8:21 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Valina, 4-1

Knicks Go (Paynter), Kor, private
170 foals of racing age/52 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Prairie Meadows, 9:53 p.m. EDT, \$225K Iowa Oaks, 1 1/16m,
Go to Girl, 10-1
\$42,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$130,000 KEE SEP yrl
7-Prairie Meadows, 9:53 p.m. EDT, \$225K Iowa Oaks, 1 1/16m,
Knuckleandime, 8-1
\$15,000 FTK OCT yrl

Known Agenda (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
171 foals of racing age/39 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Prairie Meadows, 8:21 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Classy Legend, 8-1
\$10,000 IOW OCT yrl

Maxfield (Street Sense), Darley, \$50,000
196 foals of racing age/42 winners/5 black-type winners
2-Iowa Oaks Derby Double, 9:53 p.m. EDT, \$250K Iowa Derby
PRM - R7, 1 1/16m, Maximum Effort, 10-1
\$600,000 KEE SEP yrl

Rock Your World (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
224 foals of racing age/54 winners/3 black-type winners
6-Prairie Meadows, 9:22 p.m. EDT, \$100K Prairie Gold Lassie S.,
5 1/2f, Fizzypopberrytwist, 15-1
5-Century Mile, 10:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f,
Iwannabearockstar, 10-1
CAN\$20,000 RNA ALB MIX yrl

Yaupon (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$60,000
325 foals of racing age/60 winners/12 black-type winners
9-Saratoga, 5:40 p.m. EDT, \$225K GIII Victory Ride S., 6 1/2f,
Goodall, 3-1
\$62,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$525,000 OBS APR 2yo
9-Saratoga, 5:40 p.m. EDT, \$225K GIII Victory Ride S., 6 1/2f,
Sippin Pretty, 20-1
\$150,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$190,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$75,000 FTK
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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Kokura and Hakodate Racecourses:

Saturday, July 11, 2026

1st-KOK, ¥11,280,000 (\$69k), Maiden, 2yo, 1200mT

BAKUSO SHACHO (c, 2, **Charlatan**--Wind and Hope, by **Tapit**) was tried over a mile on the dirt in a newcomers' test at Hanshin June 21, where he was beaten just over four lengths into sixth. The \$175,000 Keeneland September yearling, who retains the services of top rider Yuga Kawada, switches to the turf for this second go and has some pedigree for it. **Cont. p8**

The chestnut is a maternal grandson of Wait Til Dawn (Giant's Causeway), winner of the Suncoast Stakes on the dirt, but a full-sister to GIII Virginia Oaks heroine Excited, whose versatile stakes-winning daughter Thrilled (Uncle Mo) was just beaten in the grassy GIII Miss Grillo Stakes as a 2-year-old. Wait Til Dawn is also the second dam of Cravache d'Or (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), Group 1-placed on the turf in Japan as a juvenile. This sire's four Japanese winners (six starters) includes the listed-placed Princess Moko. *O-Miki House H K Service Co Ltd; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori*



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Sunday, July 12, 2026

5th-HAK, ¥14,880,000 (\$92k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1800mT

NINA LARGO (JPN) (f, 2, Corniche--Kralice {Per}, by Bay of Plenty) is the first foal from her dam, winner of the G1 Clasico Enrique Ayulo Pardo in her native land and exported to the U.S. to visit this stallion in early 2023. The filly's dam, a half-sister to a champion 2-year-old colt in Peru, hails from the family of multiple European champion Mrs Penny. The mare's Alydar Stakes-winning sire is a Godolphin homebred son of Medaglia d'Oro and is a half-brother to top Argentinian stallion Fortify (Distorted Humor). Nina Largo is bred on a similar cross to Eclipse Award and three-time Grade I winner National Treasure. *O/B-Takaya Shimakawa; T-Hiroyuki Uehara*

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7th-Colonial Downs, \$90,300, (C), 7-9, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.35, gd, 1 3/4 lengths.

GRAMP'S LEGACY (g, 3, Funtastic--Ridgester {GSP, \$176,245}, by Cactus Ridge) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$95,408. O/B-Tyler J Sliney (VA); T-Jeremiah O'Dwyer.

8th-Colonial Downs, \$76,800, 7-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:02.23, fm, 3/4 length.

GRADE A (f, 4, Army Mule--Downtown Drifter, by Devil His Due) Lifetime Record: SP, 16-2-4-2, \$159,245. O-Howling Pigeon Farms LLC and High Schticking Thoroughbreds LLC; B-San Francisco Stables LLC (FL); T-Jeremiah O'Dwyer.

*\$20,000 Ylg '23 OBSWIN; \$15,000 RNA Ylg '23 OBSOCT; \$40,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR.

7th-Ellis, \$70,185, 7-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:33.53, fm, 3/4 length.

ICONA (IRE) (f, 4, Kingman {GB}--A New Dawn {Ire} {MGSP-Ire}, by Zoffany {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$110,254. O-Heider Family Stables LLC; B-Mr Scott Heider (IRE); T-Brendan P Walsh.

2nd-Colonial Downs, \$68,400, 7-9, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:16.87, ft, nose.

BOLT DIOR (f, 3, Bolt d'Oro--Vibrant Ginger, by Mineshaft)

Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-1, \$132,279. O-Richard H. Bosshard, Jr.; B-Richard Bosshard Jr. & Bryan Minnich (KY); T-Tim Girten.

*\$23,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT.

1st-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$43,000, (S), 7-9, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.36, ft, 3 lengths.

TERMINALLY HANDSOM (g, 4, Isotherm--Serena's Hope, by Strong Hope) Lifetime Record: 21-3-2-4, \$174,921. O/B-Chris & Alan Walsh (IN); T-Tianna Richardville.

7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$41,000, (S), 7-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.43, fm, nose.

POLAR DRIFT (g, 4, Isotherm--Big N Lucky, by Pollard's Vision)

Lifetime Record: 18-2-2-1, \$87,143. O-Marion F. Gorham Revocable Trust; B-H. Allen Poindexter (IN); T-Robert M. Gorham.

7th-Thistledown, \$40,100, (S), 7-9, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.56, ft, 6 1/2 lengths.

TROUBLE IN MOTOWN (g, 4, World of Trouble--Boxford Belle, by Afleet Alex) Lifetime Record: 9-4-3-0, \$110,769. O-Charlie J Williams LLC; B-Sheltowee Farm (OH); T-Justin Radosevich.

*\$28,000 RNA Ylg '23 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Cadet Corps (Will Take Charge), MGSP, \$503,246.

4th-Penn National, \$39,770, (S), 7-8, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.01, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

GUITAR MONEY (g, 3, Golden Lad--Chapel of Chimes, by Etched) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, \$57,200. O-Spring Hollow Racing; B-Elizabeth R Houghton (PA); T-T Bernard Houghton.

3rd-Penn National, \$38,758, 7-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :58.21, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

SHINING SPIRIT (m, 5, Mor Spirit--Street Talk, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 30-7-6-6, \$164,720. O-Erin C McClellan & Richard Tabor; B-Kathryn Nikkel & Sanford Robertson (KY); T-Erin C McClellan. *\$30,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$67,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$62,000 2yo '23 EASMAV.

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9th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$38,400, (S), 7-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.07, ft, 2 lengths.

MAGNUS GOLD (g, 3, Catholic Boy--Belle's Home, by Came Home) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, \$53,890. O-Gumpster Stable LLC; B-Robert Brandstetter & Carol M Ricker (IN); T-Cipriano Contreras. *\$10,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Danessa Deluxe (Summer Bird), GSP, \$130,200; 1/2 to Belleofthebeach (Master Command), MSW, \$291,499.

5th-Penn National, \$37,000, 7-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:41, ft, 1 length.

BRINDANO (g, 5, Vino Rosso--Toasted, by Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: 18-3-5-3, \$95,760. O-Elena A Pradenas; B-Lantern Hill Farm LLC (KY); T-Sergio H Pradenas. *\$32,000 2yo '23 FTDDE.

3rd-Thistledown, \$38,400, (S), 7-9, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.32, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

JASPER MAXIMUS (f, 3, Maximus Mischief--Atlantic Zip, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$67,996. O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC, Ella D Racing Stable, S G M Thoroughbred Racing LLC and Fulks, Craig; B-Daniel J Yates & Patricia J Yates (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm. *\$40,000 Wlg '23 FTKNOV. **1/2 to Dare Day (Can the Man), SP, \$165,856; Full to Alwaysintomischief, SP, \$173,990.

5th-Thistledown, \$35,800, (S), 7-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.42, ft, 4 lengths.

SADIE'S SILVER KID (g, 5, Kiss the Kid--Silver Sadie, by Meadow Prayer) Lifetime Record: 16-4-4-2, \$111,718. O-RCL Racing Stable; B-Valorie & Richard A. Powers (OH); T-Richard J. Rettele.

5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, 7-9, (NW1SX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.80, fm, head.

ASTERIA (f, 4, Dialed In--La Luna Latte, by Candy Ride {Arg}) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, \$47,403. O-Rolling Fields Thoroughbreds; B-Popato LLC (KY); T-Anna Navarrete. *\$9,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEEJAN; \$50,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT.

2nd-Thistledown, \$29,000, 7-9, (NW16M), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.50, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

CHANNEL FURY (g, 8, Even the Score--Star Sheba {SP, \$104,472}, by Elusive Hour) Lifetime Record: 36-13-11-5, \$320,145. O-Elkhorn Oaks, Inc.; B-Elkhorn Oaks Inc. (KY); T-James R. Jackson. *Full to Command Strike, SW, \$249,309; Full to Shadow Tracer, SP, \$320,296.

4th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$21,120, 7-8, (C), 3yo/up, 5fT, :57.15, gd, 2 3/4 lengths.

HONEYQUIST (g, 6, Nyquist--Honey Chile {MGSP-USA, GSP-Can, \$344,924}, by Invisible Ink) Lifetime Record: MSP, 26-10-9-4, \$335,908. O-Mammas Boys Thoroughbred Racing Group LLC, Ultra Championship Racing LLC & James F Miller; B-James F Miller (WV); T-Anthony Farrior. *\$170,000 Ylg '21 FTKFEB; \$175,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP. **1/2 to Mendys Honey (Mendelssohn), SP, \$230,862.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Golden Cheero, f, 3, **Buccherio**--Antebellum, by Birdstone.

Assiniboia Downs, 7-8, 6f, 1:14.58. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$12,648. B-Scott Herbertson (FL).

Turbo Duck, g, 3, **Turbo Compressor**--Younoseme, by Sangaree.

Horseshoe Indianapolis, 7-9, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:46.14. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-1, \$30,173. B-Jim Edgar, Brandi Steele & Haynes Charles (IN).

Quick to Charm, f, 4, **Goldencents**--Trophy Girl, by Warrior's Reward. Ellis, 7-9, (C), 6f, 1:10.19. Lifetime Record: 12-1-4-4, \$151,600. B-Tracy Farmer (KY). *1/2 to Blazing Sevens (**Good Magic**), GISW, \$998,850.



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Army Mule, Grade A, f, 4, o/o Downtown Drifter, by Devil His Due. ALW, 7-9, Colonial Downs

Bolt d'Oro, Bolt Dior, f, 3, o/o Vibrant Ginger, by Mineshaft. ALW, 7-9, Colonial Downs

Bucchero, Golden Cheero, f, 3, o/o Antebellum, by Birdstone. MSW, 7-8, Assiniboia

Catholic Boy, Magnus Gold, g, 3, o/o Belle's Home, by Came Home. ALW, 7-8, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Collected, Generational, c, 2, o/o You Flatter Me, by Flatter. MSW, 7-9, Saratoga

Curlin, Soaring High, f, 3, o/o Songbird, by Medaglia d'Oro. AOC, 7-9, Saratoga

Cyberknife, Velvet Beretta, f, 2, o/o Make Me Laugh, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 7-9, Ellis

Dialed In, Asteria, f, 4, o/o La Luna Latte, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. ALW, 7-9, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Even the Score, Channel Fury, g, 8, o/o Star Sheba, by Elusive Hour. ALW, 7-9, Thistledown

Funtastic, Gramp's Legacy, g, 3, o/o Ridgester, by Cactus Ridge. ALW, 7-9, Colonial Downs

Golden Lad, Guitar Money, g, 3, o/o Chapel of Chimes, by Etched. ALW, 7-8, Penn National

Goldcents, Quick to Charm, f, 4, o/o Trophy Girl, by Warrior's Reward. MCL, 7-9, Ellis

Gun Runner, Cold Spell, f, 3, o/o Chalon, by **Dialed In**. MSW, 7-9, Saratoga

Into Mischief, Talleyrand, c, 2, o/o Pretty City Dancer, by **Tapit**. MSW, 7-9, Ellis

Isotherm, Polar Drift, g, 4, o/o Big N Lucky, by Pollard's Vision. ALW, 7-9, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Isotherm, Terminally Handsom, g, 4, o/o Serena's Hope, by Strong Hope. ALW, 7-9, Horseshoe Indianapolis

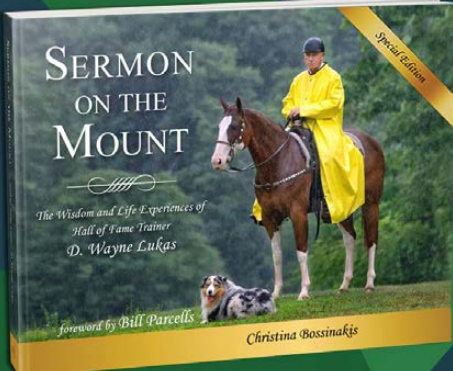
Kingman (GB), Icona (Ire), f, 4, o/o A New Dawn (Ire), by Zoffany (Ire). ALW, 7-9, Ellis

Kingman (GB), Queen of Hawaii (Ire), f, 3, o/o Hibiscus (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). AOC, 7-9, Saratoga

Kiss the Kid, Sadie's Silver Kid, g, 5, o/o Silver Sadie, by Meadow Prayer. ALW, 7-9, Thistledown

Maximus Mischief, Jasper Maximus, f, 3, o/o Atlantic Zip, by Stormy Atlantic. ALW, 7-9, Thistledown

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Mor Spirit, Shining Spirit, m, 5, o/o Street Talk, by Street Cry (Ire). ALW, 7-8, Penn National

Nyquist, Honeyquist, g, 6, o/o Honey Chile, by Invisible Ink. ALW, 7-8, Mountaineer

Palace Malice, Iron Palace, c, 3, o/o Daisy Elle, by Ghostzapper. MSW, 7-9, Saratoga

Tiz the Law, Irish Law, g, 3, o/o Nimble Foot (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). MSW, 7-9, Ellis

Turbo Compressor, Turbo Duck, g, 3, o/o Younoseme, by Sangaree. MSW, 7-9, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Twirling Candy, Twirling Aces, f, 3, o/o Kidoro, by Medaglia d'Oro. ALW, 7-9, Ellis

Vino Rosso, Brindano, g, 5, o/o Toasted, by Successful Appeal. ALW, 7-8, Penn National

World of Trouble, Trouble in Motown, g, 4, o/o Boxford Belle, by Afleet Alex. ALW, 7-9, Thistledown

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SEA FORCE CAPS BAHRAIN'S BIG DAY WITH STAR TURN AT JULY SALE FINALE



Jaber Ramadhan will train Thursday's topper Sea Force | Tattersalls

By Adam Houghton

On Bahrain's big day in Newmarket, it was perhaps only fitting that the top lot on the final day of the Tattersalls July Sale should be destined to continue his racing career in that corner of the Middle East, with the dual winner Sea Force (**Sea The Stars**) (lot 765) soon to enter the care of leading local trainer Jaber Ramadhan after being purchased for 170,000gns.

Earlier in the day, The Kingdom Of Bahrain had again put its weight behind Newmarket's July Festival as the sponsor of the three Group races staged on the opening day, with Godolphin's globetrotting king Rebel's Romance featuring among the horses to have his head in front where it mattered, today a winning post engulfed in the bright red livery of the Bahrain Turf Club.

Out of luck at a sunbaked July Course was William Haggas, but the Newmarket trainer was a keen observer to the left of the auctioneer's rostrum as Sea Force took his turn in the ring. Formerly owned by Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum, the four-year-old will now carry the colours of Hasan Mefareh Alajmi after being signed for under the name of Billy Jackson-Stops, who was instructing Ramadhan from afar.

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'HE'S A HORSE WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE': APPLEBY WINS FIRST JULY STAKES WITH INNER CITY BLUES by Tom Frary

Facing only two rivals in Thursday's G2 Kingdom of Bahrain July Stakes, Godolphin's **Inner City Blues** (Blue Point) simply had to deliver and made no mistake to provide Charlie Appleby with some cheer.

At €900,000 the top-priced colt at the Arqana May Breeze-Up, the winner who had scored on debut at York last month was in behind the more-experienced **Adaay Of Scarlett** (Mehmas) and **Hickory Lad** (James Garfield) throughout the early stages. Asked to close by William Buick passing two out, the 5-6 favourite took a while to get organised but was able to overhaul his peers in the last half furlong and assert for a 1 1/4-length success. Adaay Of Scarlett stuck on for second as he had in the Coventry, with Hickory Lad 1 1/2 lengths further back.

This was a first renewal for the stable at a time when it was badly needed given the absence of big-race success in 2026.

"He's a horse with a bright future. Physically he's a strong individual, but he still shows that bit of mental immaturity," Appleby said. "A lot of horses travel and when they come off the bridle they go backwards, but what I love about him is when he comes off the bridle he just keeps finding." [Cont. p7](#)



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IRAD ORTIZ, JR. GIVING OTHER SARATOGA RIDERS A HEAD START

In the Saratoga Notebook, presented by NYRA Bets, Irad Ortiz Jr won't start until Sunday, as he is coming off a suspension.

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2024 G1 Falmouth Stakes heroine Porta Fortuna (Caravaggio) (right), is pictured enjoying life with Happiest (**Camelot**) alongside some cattle at Coolmore. | *Coolmore*

7 | REBEL'S ROMANCE TAKES PRINCESS OF WALES'S STAKES

The well-traveled gelding won for the 22nd time in his storied career when taking the G2 Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket on Thursday.

10 | FRANKEL SIRES 49TH 'TDN RISING STAR'

Maire Rua ran out a 2 1/2-length winner at Leopardstown en route to being named a 'TDN Rising Star', presented by Hagyard'.

12 | BREEDERS' CUP BREAKTHROUGH: FRANCIS GRAFFARD

Gezora (Almanzor) became the first Breeders' Cup winner for trainer Francis-Henri Graffard. Sue Finley finds out more in this ongoing series.



Sea Force topped the third and final day of the July Sale | Tattersalls

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"He's a good horse so, if we can get him to run to the same level as master trainer William Haggas, we'll be lucky," said Ramadhan. "We thought we might get him for 120,000gns or 130,000gns, but the owner was keen and I think 170,000gns is the right price.

"Hopefully, we can run him in the [Bahrain] Turf Series. This year, there is a mile division in the Turf Series and, because he's

rated 93, he will get in. He will go well on our ground as well. As it's July, it's suitable for us to get him to Bahrain. We've got four or five months, so we can give him a rest and then get him ready for December."

The disruption caused to the latest season in Bahrain due to the conflict in the Middle East has been well documented, but one British-based trainer who will not be deterred from targeting the programme again is George Baker, who also set his sights on the Turf Series after signing for another of the top lots on Thursday.

The three-year-old King's Trust (**Kingman**) (lot 771), a winner in the royal silks at Southwell in October last year, was the horse in question. Offered by The Castlebridge Consignment, he was knocked down to Baker for 110,000gns, having been beaten just a nose from a BHA mark of 83 on his latest outing at Doncaster.

"It will be a syndicate of regular Bahrain supporters, people who have been for the last four or five years and have all expressed an interest in being involved again," Baker said of King's Trust's new ownership. "They gave me a mandate and we had a few horses to look at. They're making their money and he made his money. He probably cost me a little bit more than I hoped for, but he's a lovely horse and he's hopefully perfect for that gig over there [racing in Bahrain]."

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Kingdom Of Bahrain July Stakes (Gr.2)

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Breeders: Attlehill Ltd & Ridge Manor Stud

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Price: €900,000

Buyer: Godolphin

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He continued, "Bahrain has been a huge part of our lives for the last six years. We've supported them and they've supported us. It's tough out there at the moment and we are committing to supporting them. It might be a tough winter for them, but they've got their first Group 1 and they're putting on the Turf Series again. There might be slightly fewer people looking for horses for the Middle East next winter but, where there is disruption, perhaps there is opportunity. We're committed to them and you have to support your friends in troubling times."

'An unmissable event for many'

A clearance rate of 91% for this year's July Sale--up from 88% in 2025--is indicative of the fact that Tattersalls benefited from the consistent support of a wide range of buyers over the past three days, friends both new and old. With 128 fewer lots being offered compared to 12 months ago, total turnover was down by 18% at 13,837,500gns, but the average and the median both held steady. The average was down by just 1% at 29,822gns, while the median was identical to last year at 15,000gns.

At the conclusion of the July Sale, Tattersalls managing director Matthew Prior said, "The Tattersalls July Sale is one of the highlights of the bloodstock sales calendar and, together with top-class racing at Newmarket, makes 'July Week' an unmissable event for many and we have welcomed a wide range of domestic and international visitors to a sun-drenched Park Paddocks this week.



King's Trust went to George Baker | Tattersalls

"Whilst the catalogue may have lacked some of the stars of previous years, we have nonetheless witnessed vibrant trade for top-class breeding stock and racing prospects, particularly among the highly sought-after consignments from Godolphin and Juddmonte, which included two of the top ten prices ever achieved at this fixture, both purchased by Ace Stud.

"The sale has also attracted the customary strong contingent of buyers from throughout the Middle East who, despite the ongoing challenges facing the region, have attended in large numbers and made their usual impact at Park Paddocks. As ever, we are extremely appreciative of their continued patronage.

"They have been joined by buyers from throughout Europe and further afield, thanks in no small part to the endeavours of our overseas representatives. Visitors have included buyers from Australia, France, Germany, Italy, India, Malaysia, the Philippines, Scandinavia, Spain and North America.

"We now look forward to the yearling sales season, with the Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale kicking off the action at Park Paddocks on Wednesday, September 2."

He's Waliim heads to Qatar

The pre-racing session at Park Paddocks was headlined by the three-year-old gelding He's Waliim (Too Darn Hot) (lot 664), who was offered by James Tate's Jamesfield Stables as the winner of two of his six starts to date for Jaber Abdullah, having doubled his career tally when easily defying a BHA mark of 89 in a Sandown handicap last time. [Cont. p5](#)

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1	131	Ombudsman (IRE)	GB
3	126	Bow Echo (IRE)	GB
3	126	Daryz (FR)	FR
3	126	Romantic Warrior (IRE)	HK
6	125	Notable Speech (GB)	GB
6	125	Nysos (USA)	USA



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Ibrahim Al-Malki | *Tattersalls*

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The son of Too Darn Hot will now continue his career in Qatar after being sold for 150,000gns to trainer Ibrahim Al-Malki, whose notable triumphs on home soil include last year's Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Cup with General Panic (Outstrip), a 65,000gns purchase at the Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale back in 2021.

Al-Malki also bought two horses on Wednesday for a combined sum of 85,000gns, with his total outlay of 235,000gns identifying him as one of the week's leading buyers.

"He's going to Qatar for some stakes races we have over there," the trainer said of He's Waliim. "I think the horse will be running over 1,400 [metres] or a mile and Qatar will suit him very well, especially as he likes firmer ground. He impressed us on his last run and I think he will do the job in Qatar. He will ship straight away, so he can have some time to acclimatise there."

Al-Malki will be hoping to have He's Waliim ready to rock and roll by the time the Qatari season gets underway in October, with the trainer explaining that the timing of this sale helps in that regard, whilst acknowledging that the number of horses fitting his criteria was thin on the ground this week.

He added, "We also bought two horses yesterday, horses for handicaps. I'll be honest with you, we haven't found too many good horses. It's a pity that we don't find the horses here like at the October sale [Autumn Horses-in-Training]. The October sale always has better horses, but there is no time to send them to Qatar and acclimatise them before they race. In October, we have already started racing in Qatar."

Thorne makes Excellent purchase for Shamrock Thoroughbreds

The first six-figure lot of the day was another horse leaving the ownership of Jaber Abdullah, namely the four-year-old Excellent

Believe (Make Believe) (lot 650), a three-time winner for Jack Channon who ran his best race in defeat when filling the runner-up spot behind the high-class Zeus Olympios (Night Of Thunder) in last year's G3 Superior Mile at Haydock.

Stephen Thorne will be the man tasked with trying to revive Excellent Believe after a couple of lacklustre efforts more recently, a downturn in form that potentially worked in favour of the Co. Dublin-based trainer, who struck the winning bid of 100,000gns on behalf of Shamrock Thoroughbreds.

"He strung five solid efforts in stakes company together. Obviously, we have to forgive the last two runs, but I feel like when we come to these sales, we have to forgive a recent run or two to try and get what we want, otherwise we're competing in a market where we have nowhere near enough money to compete," Thorne explained.

"I thought he was one of the better horses in the sale. He was drawn very wide in Sandown last week and he was drawn on the wrong side in the Hunt Cup. He could be targeted now at a big premier handicap somewhere back home and, hopefully, he'll get back to the stakes form that he showed back in the spring [when third in the Listed Amethyst Stakes at Leopardstown]. I'd say he'll have a little break and we'll plan for an autumn campaign. I think he handles some juice in the ground."

Certainly, it won't be the first time that Thorne has worked his magic if he can find the key to Excellent Believe, with the trainer having enjoyed some great days with recruits from the July Sale over the years, both in his own name and in his previous role as long-time assistant trainer to Ado McGuinness.

He added, "We only have two opportunities a year to buy this type of horse. At this sale, the pool of quality horses gets narrower and narrower every year, but we've always had plenty of luck here." **Cont. p6**



Stephen Thorne | *Tattersalls*

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Said Thorne, "Current Option was bought here many years ago, a Group 3 and Listed winner, and Bowerman was the same. He won a big pot in Qatar. I bought Sir Les Patterson from this sale last year and he's worked out very well for us, too. We're trying to increase the quality in the stable all of the time and, fingers crossed, he [Excellent Believe] will add to it."

Ra-Ra-Raspoutine

Fergal O'Brien and Syd Hosie were among the National Hunt trainers to get in on the action later on Thursday, with O'Brien first off the mark when forking out 100,000gns for the three-year-old Raspoutine (Time Test) (lot 725) from the draft of Sir Mark Prescott's Heath House Stables.

The 77-rated Raspoutine will now embark on a career over jumps for Tom Hayes, a new owner to the yard for whom O'Brien has reportedly been trying to buy a horse "for the best part of three months".

"The store sales have been very strong," O'Brien explained. "We went to Doncaster and there were horses there that we could have bought for 100 grand, but they didn't really fit the bill. This lad, I thought he'd be somewhere between 80,000gns to 120,000gns. That was what we valued him at. But it's no good just having the money, you have to try and get a bit of value as well."

He continued, "We bought one here on Tuesday and I went to Sir Mark's to see Raspoutine. I just loved him when I saw him and he vetted really well. Looking at his videos, he looks like he's getting outpaced over 1m2f and 1m3f. Hopefully, we can get him to jump some hurdles and Mr Hayes can have a bit of fun. He's a beautiful horse and I came back especially for him today. When I saw him again, I actually loved him even more. I'm absolutely delighted. It's a lot of money, but you pay your money, you take your chance."

Those sentiments were echoed by Darren Dwyer who, along with Hosie, signed for another choice lot from Haggas's Somerville Lodge draft in the 83-rated Poetry Of Time (Ulysses) (lot 759), the winner of his last two starts in handicaps at Salisbury and Chepstow.

"With the way the sales are going--and there was a lot of good people on him--we knew it was going to be tough," Dwyer said of the gelding's price tag. "You never like to spend that kind of money, but that's what they cost."

"We just liked his profile. He has won over 7f at Chepstow on soft ground and he's by Ulysses. He's been bought as a dual-purpose horse. Hopefully, he can jump and then we'll have a nice juvenile on our hands. And if not, we can go back to the Flat with him and contest some nice races."

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SESSION TOPPERS

TATTERSALLS JULY SALE DAY 3 THURSDAY'S TOP LOTS

Lot	Name	Status	Price (gns)
765	Sea Force (Ire) <i>(g, 4, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Pretty Baby {Ire}, by Orpen) Bred by Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (Ire) Consigned by Somerville Lodge Ltd. (W. Haggas) Purchased by JS Bloodstock</i>	Horse-in-Training	170,000
664	He's Waliim (GB) <i>(g, 3, Too Darn Hot {GB}--Phiz {Ger}, by Galileo {Ire}) Bred by Minster Stud (GB) Consigned by Jamesfield Stables (J. Tate) Purchased by Ibrahim Al-Malki</i>	Horse-in-Training	150,000
778	Comical Point (Ire) <i>(c, 3, Blue Point {Ire}--Dandy's Beano {Ire}, by Dandy Man {Ire}) Bred by JC Bloodstock & Goodwill Bloodstock (Ire) Consigned by Kingsclere Training Stables (A. Balding) Purchased by SackvilleDonald</i>	Horse-in-Training	140,000
771	King's Trust (GB) <i>(g, 3, Kingman {GB}--Award Scheme {GB}, by Siyouni {Fr}) Bred by King Charles III (GB) Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment Purchased by George Baker Racing</i>	Horse-in-Training	110,000
650	Excellent Believe (GB) <i>(g, 4, Make Believe {GB}--Lambeth Walk {GB}, by Charm Spirit {Ire}) Bred by David Ward (GB) Consigned by West Ilsley Stables (J. Channon) Purchased by Shamrock T'breeds/Stephen Thorne Racing</i>	Horse-in-Training	100,000
725	Raspoutine (GB) <i>(g, 3, Time Test {GB}--Intrigued {GB}, by Darshaan {GB}) Bred by Denford Stud, Ltd. (GB) Consigned by Heath House Stables (Sir Mark Prescott, Bt.) Purchased by Fergal O'Brien Racing</i>	Horse-in-Training	100,000
759	Poetry Of Time (GB) <i>(g, 3, Ulysses {Ire}--Elmetto {GB}, by Helmet {Aus}) Bred by Meon Valley Stud (GB) Consigned by Somerville Lodge Ltd. (W. Haggas) Purchased by D P O'Dwyer Bloodstock/Syd Hosie</i>	Horse-in-Training	100,000



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• Catalogued	223	271
• Number Offered	137	193
• Number Sold	128	179
• Not Sold	9	14
• Clearance Rate	93%	93%
• No. 500K+	0	1
• High Price	170,000gns	775,000gns
• Gross	3,302,000gns (-30%)	4,726,500gns
• Average (% change)	25,797gns (-2%)	26,405gns
• Median (% change)	16,000gns (+23%)	13,000gns
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2026	2025
• Catalogued	816	942
• Number Offered	511	639
• Number Sold	464	564
• Not Sold	47	75
• Clearance Rate	91%	88%
• No. 500K+	1	2
• High Price	500,000gns	775,000gns
• Gross	13,837,500gns (-18%)	16,928,700gns
• Average (% change)	29,822gns (-1%)	30,015gns
• Median (% change)	15,000gns (N/C)	15,000gns

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“He hits that flat spot where he just goes through the gears, but when he hits top gear he is away,” he added. “Coming out towards the centre was always going to be more of a challenge for him, but full credit to the horse as he did it in good style. Obviously, being by Blue Point my heart’s always going to rule my head with him. I’m not saying he’s similar, but he’s got the stature of his father. Will [Buick] said he wouldn’t say to step up to seven straightaway, as he feels he could get quicker as he gets wiser.”

Buick added, “He does everything right, he just shows a bit of greenness and I expect him to improve again. He’ll get stronger and he’s a very straightforward horse who is pretty fast. Whether Charlie and the team want to go over seven down the line, we’ll see, but he may get quicker the more racing he has.”

Pedigree Notes

Inner City Blues is the second foal out of Dancin Inthetstreet (Muhaarar), a daughter of the Prix Eclipse winner Souvenir Delondres (**Siyouni**) whose son Dr Zempf (Dark Angel) was a Group 3-winning TDN Rising Star who was runner-up in the Phoenix Stakes. Also connected to the Schuylerville winner

Distinct Habit (Distinctive Pro), her yearling colt by **Starspangledbanner** was a 230,000gns purchase by Jamie McCalmont Bloodstock at Tattersalls December while she also has a filly foal by Vandeek.

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Thursday, Newmarket, Britain

KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN JULY STAKES-G2, £125,000,

Newmarket, 7-9, 2yo, c/g, 6fT, 1:11.35, g/f.

1--**INNER CITY BLUES (IRE)**, 128, c, 2, by **Blue Point (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Dancin Inthetstreet (GB)**, by **Muhaarar (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Souvenir Delondres (Fr)**, by **Siyouni (Fr)**

3rd Dam: **Dilag (Ire)**, by **Almutawakel (GB)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN. (€180,000 Wlg '24

GOFNOF; 375,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT; €900,000 2yo '26

ARQBRU). O-Godolphin; B-Attlehill Ltd T/A Ridge Manor Stud;

T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. £70,888. Lifetime Record:

2-2-0-0, \$112,186. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*.

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free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

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2--**Adaay Of Scarlett (Ire)**, 128, c, 2, Mehmas (Ire)--Adaay To

Remember (GB), by Adaay (Ire). (€110,000 Ylg '25 TATIRY).

O-SVG, Exact Lifestyle Ltd & Owen; B-Tally Ho Stud; T-Hugo

Palmer. £26,875.

3--**Hickory Lad (Ire)**, 128, c, 2, James Garfield (Ire)--Park Glen

(Ire), by Tagula (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK**

TYPE. (€9,000 Ylg '25 GOAUJR). O-Mr J Toes & Mr J O'Loan;

B-Rathbarry Stud; T-Phillip Makin. £13,450.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 0.83, 2.00, 4.50.

Scratched: Persian Spring (Ire).

GODOLPHIN'S REBEL'S ROMANCE BOLSTERS RESUME WITH PRINCESS OF WALES'S TRIUMPH *by Sean Cronin*

Godolphin's storied globetrotter **Rebel's Romance** (Dubawi) defied a Group 1 penalty and took his European record to 12-from-14, and registered a 22nd career success, in Thursday's Kingdom Of Bahrain-sponsored G2 Princess Of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket.

“It's like watching one of your kids go up and down in the relay race and what can I say, everybody knows about him,” said Charlie Appleby. “He broke his turf maiden here back in the day and that's when he taught me that he was probably a turf horse rather than a dirt horse. I felt it was fitting for him to come up here and have this as his summer target. People asked why he wasn't at [Royal] Ascot and I just felt that that race might be just tough enough.” **Cont. p8**

G2 Princess of Wales's Stakes Cont.

Said Appleby, "Also, he was just coming and to be fair to the team at home, they're doing a great job. Will [Buick] sat on him plenty at home and Mark Halford knows him inside out. He's been up here for a couple of gallops and he showed all the signs that he still wants it. I don't think anyone can question mark him out there today."



Rebel's Romance | Racingfotos.com

Added, Appleby, "I have to give full credit to what we call old Moulton Paddocks. He's up in the old original part of where it all started off for Godolphin and that's his house up there. All the team up there do a fantastic job of looking after him and he is like a pet.

"People can ask what questions they want to ask and should a horse like him keep running. If I were to leave him in second lot and change his lots over, he'd be charging the door down and getting himself very wound up that he's missed out on a bit of exercise or a gallop. Those are the signs you look for and he'll tell us the day he doesn't want to do it anymore. I think it's for everyone to see out there today that he still wants it. I'm not saying he's as good as he was, but he's still out there doing what he enjoys and that's the main thing."

Looking ahead, the trainer added, "What I will say, and very openly, is that we will take it day by day, or race by race with him. I'm not going to try pigeonholing him and saying he's going to go here or everywhere. We'll see how he comes out of it today and if he still shows as much enthusiasm next week as he did this week, that will be taken into consideration. I hope everyone's enjoyed it because he's a horse that deserves all the recognition he's got."

Buick added, "He's amazing and I really want the crowd to see him coming back in. He's an eight-year-old now, so he's in the twilight of his career and a very special horse. People deserve to

see him and his will to win and his resilience is amazing. For him to be in my career is something very special. Charlie and the team will make a plan for him. I'm guessing at the age of eight, it's very much one step at a time."

The 8-11 favourite, whose only domestic defeats came in the two latest renewals of Ascot's G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes, stalked his pacesetting stablemate **Arabian Crown** (Dubawi) for most of the 12-furlong contest.

Coming under pressure with three furlongs remaining, he gained an edge approaching the final furlong and was driven out on the climb to deny the rallying Arabian Crown by a half-length.

Almeric (Study Of Man) plugged on to claim third-place prize-money, 3 1/4 lengths adrift, with **Convergent** (Fascinating Rock) trailing home 12 lengths back in fourth.

Pedigree Notes

Rebel's Romance is the leading performer out of Listed Height Of Fashion Stakes second Minidress (Street Cry), who also threw G1 Jebel Hatta and G1 Manhattan Stakes heroine Measured Time (**Frankel**) and Listed Cairn Rouge Stakes third Petticoat (Cape Cross).

Minidress is a full-sister to G3 Nad Al Sheba Trophy victor Volcanic Sky out of G3 Musidora Stakes-winning G1 Oaks and G1 Yorkshire Oaks placegetter Short Skirt (Diktat).

Rebel Romance's third dam is the excellent producer Much Too Risky (Bustino), whose quartet of stakes winners includes G2 Prix de Pomone winner Whitewater Affair (Machiavellian), herself the dam of multiple Group 1-winning Dubai World Cup hero Victoire Pisa (Neo Universe) and G1 Yasuda Kinen victor Asakusa De'nen (Singspiel).

Short Skirt's sibling Little Rock (Warning) annexed this contest, while Much Too Risky is kin to G1 Irish St Leger hero Arctic Owl (Most Welcome) and G1 Sydney Cup winner Marooned (Mill Reef). Minidress has the unraced three-year-old colt Fortitudine (Dubawi) to come.

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Thursday, Newmarket, Britain

PRINCESS OF WALES'S STAKES (SPONSORED BY THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA)-G2, £165,000, Newmarket, 7-9, 3yo/up, 12ft, 2:27.83, g/f.

1--**REBEL'S ROMANCE (IRE)**, 137, g, 8, by Dubawi (Ire)

1st Dam: Minidress (GB) (SP-Eng), by Street Cry (Ire)

2nd Dam: Short Skirt (GB), by Diktat (GB)

3rd Dam: Much Too Risky (GB), by Bustino (GB)

O/B-Godolphin; T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. £93,572.

Lifetime Record: MG1SW-US, MG1SW-Ger & HK, MG1SW-Qa & MG1SP-Eng, 32-22-1-2, \$15,650,493. *1/2 to Measured Time (GB) (**Frankel** {GB}), G1SW-UAE, GISW-US & SP-Eng; and

Petticoat (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), SP-Ire. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**
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free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--**Arabian Crown (Fr)**, 134, g, 5, Dubawi (Ire)--Dubai Rose (GB),
 by Dubai Destination. (€600,000 Ylg '22 ARAUG).

O-Godolphin; B-GB Partnership; T-Charlie Appleby. £35,475.

3--**Almeric (GB)**, 134, c, 4, Study Of Man (Ire)--Alvarita (GB), by
 Selkirk. O/B-Kirsten Rausing; T-Andrew Balding. £17,754.

Margins: HF, 3 1/4, 12. Odds: 0.73, 18.00, 5.00.

Also Ran: Convergent (Ire).

Scratched: Tenability (GB).

POINT OF LAW BATTLES TO BAHRAIN

TROPHY SUCCESS by Tom Frary

It was a case of hat's off to the King in the opener to Newmarket's July Festival as **Point Of Law (Frankel)** saw off **Galiyan** (Galiway) to capture the G3 Bahrain Trophy.

Having beaten the day's novice winner Hatteen at Newbury in May, the homebred had finished fourth from a compromising position in the Queen's Vase to demonstrate his stamina and was placed more prominently here as a result. Taking over two out, the 5-2 second favourite stayed on gamely for James Doyle to beat the Queen's Vase sixth Galiyan by half a length.



Point Of Law (left) | Racingfotos.com

"He's quite a big striding horse and could have relaxed slightly better for sure, he could have conserved a bit more energy through the early part but he definitely stays well enough," Doyle said. "We got poleaxed at the start at Ascot, but he finished off really well and was quite an unlucky loser I felt."

"He probably wants a sound surface, as he's quite a slick-moving horse," he added, before turning his attention to a possible St Leger tilt. "It was a sound surface today and he floated across it very well. It would concern me if it were to be a

bog and a stamina sapping test at Doncaster, but I think the distance would be good for him and within his compass."

John Warren, racing manager to The King and The Queen, added, "It was wonderful to see. I would have thought one of the options that has to be considered is the St Leger, just to look at. What John [Gosden] flags up before then we will obviously discuss, but he's a lovely horse. He is big and raw with a future in front of him."

Pedigree Notes

Point Of Law is the first foal out of the Listed-placed Portfolio (Deep Impact), whose second is a colt foal by Churchill. The second dam Diploma (Dubawi) was a Listed winner, while the third dam Enticement (Montjeu) took two at that level and was third in the Musidora. The latter's half-brother Surfrider (Dansili) was third in the Prix de la Foret, while her half-sister Soul Search (Zoffany) was multiple Group-placed.

Thursday, Newmarket, Britain

BAHRAIN TROPHY-G3, £200,000, Newmarket, 7-9, 3yo, 13fT, 2:45.11, g/f.

1--**POINT OF LAW (GB)**, 129, c, 3, by **Frankel (GB)**

1st Dam: **Portfolio (Jpn)** (SP-Eng), by **Deep Impact (Jpn)**

2nd Dam: **Diploma (GB)**, by **Dubawi (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Enticement (GB)**, by **Montjeu (Ire)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN. O-HM The King & HM The Queen; B-King Charles III; T-John & Thady Gosden; J-James Doyle. £113,420. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$185,880. **Werk Nick Rating: F.** **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Galiyan (GB)**, 129, c, 3, Galiway (GB)--Via Manzoni (Ire), by Monsun (Ger). **1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.**

(180,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT). O-Rashid Al Saud; B-Newsells Park Stud & Merry Fox Stud; T-Andrew Balding. £43,000.

3--**Del Maro (Ger)**, 129, c, 3, **Camelot (GB)**--Diamanta (Ger), by Maxios (GB). (€850,000 Ylg '24 BBAGS). O-Godolphin; B-Gestut Brummerhof; T-Charlie Appleby. £21,520.

Margins: HF, 1 1/4, 2HF. Odds: 2.50, 3.00, 2.25.

Also Ran: Nil Bua Gan Dua, Alderman (GB).

DUCKADILLY MAKES PATTERN-RACE BREAKTHROUGH IN LEOPARDSTOWN'S

BROWNSTOWN by Sean Cronin

Listed Kooyonga Stakes victrix **Duckadilly** (Churchill) bounced back off a reversal on the Irish Derby undercard last month with a determined effort to secure a career high in Thursday's G3 Xin Gin Irish EBF Brownstown Stakes at Leopardstown.

G3 Brownstown Stakes Cont.

"She was my first winner as a licenced trainer and every year she has put me on the map," said trainer Danny McLoughlin. "She won a rated race last year and got her stakes win in a Listed race at the start of this year. She has really let down into herself and, as the saying goes with fillies when they get older, they do tend to improve. It's brilliant to get a Listed race at the start of the year and to now win a Group race for value and everything else, even my training career, is brilliant.

"I won't say it's unbelievable because it is believable when you work for it. All the lads in the yard, they work very hard and it's just reward for all them. It makes you get up every day when you love what you're doing. Chris [Mullins] was the first man to have a horse with me and has supported me all the way. When I was starting off with three horses, he was with me, so it's rewarding that he is the owner of my first Group winner. Long may it last. She's in the [G1] Matron Stakes and we learned how to ride her from how she ran in it last year. She deserves a crack at it again and that would be her main target."



Duckadilly and her connections | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

The 4-1 chance was steadied off a solid tempo in fourth after an alert getaway, but came under pressure when slipping to fifth on the home turn. Powering forward in the straight, she made her challenge approaching the final furlong and was driven out to prevail by a half-length and the same from **Phenomenal Filly** (**Sioux Nation**) and **Nancy J** (Ten Sovereigns). The win provided rider Scott McCullagh with the ideal birthday gift.

Pedigree Notes

Duckadilly is the sixth of nine foals and one of four scorers from as many runners produced by a multiple-winning half-sister to three-time Group-winning G1 Haydock Sprint Cup third

Magical Memory (Zebedee (GB) and to the dam of G3 Ballycorus Stakes third Dont Bother Me (Dark Angel).

She is a half-sister to an unnamed two-year-old colt by Crystal Ocean and a yearling filly by the same sire.

Thursday, Leopardstown, Ireland

XIN GIN IRISH EBF BROWNSTOWN STAKES-G3, €70,000, Leopardstown, 7-9, 3yo/up, f, 7f 50yT, 1:28.85, gd.

1--**DUCKADILLY (IRE)**, 135, m, 5, by **Churchill (Ire)**

1st Dam: Alutiq (Ire), by **Kodiak (GB)**

2nd Dam: Marasem (GB), by **Cadeaux Genereux (GB)**

3rd Dam: Balaabel, by **Sadler's Wells**

1ST GROUP WIN. (€12,000 2yo '23 GOFHIT; 150,000gns RNA 4yo '25 TATMA). O-Duckadilly Partnership; B-Murcot Investments; T-Daniel McLoughlin; J-Scott McCullagh.

€42,000. Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-0, \$122,795. **Werk Nick**

Rating: A++. Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**, or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

2--**Phenomenal Filly (Ire)**, 127, f, 3, **Sioux Nation**--Delhi (GB), by High Chaparral (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€72,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; €135,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY). O-Bond Thoroughbred Ltd; B-David Byrne & Pierce Molony; T-Paddy Twomey. €14,000.

3--**Nancy J (Ire)**, 135, f, 4, Ten Sovereigns (Ire)--Anne of Kiev (Ire), by Oasis Dream (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€90,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR; 22,000gns 3yo '25 TATAHI). O-Mrs Orla Murtagh; B-Lynn Lodge Stud; T-Johnny Murtagh. €7,000.

Margins: HF, HF, 1HF. Odds: 4.00, 1.50, 10.00.

Also Ran: Chantez (Ire), Bella Isabella (Ire), Fingerpaint (GB).

JUDDMONTE'S MAIRE RUA BECOMES 49TH RISING STAR FOR FRANKEL AT

LEOPARDSTOWN by Sean Cronin

Juddmonte's well-related **Maire Rua** (**Frankel**), a G1 Moyglare Stud Stakes entry, delivered an impressive debut performance for the Ger Lyons stable and attained TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard, status with a taking 2 1/2-length tally in Thursday's Irish Stallion Farms EBF Fillies Maiden at Leopardstown.

She becomes the 49th Rising Star for her sire.

"She's a nice filly and, as Colin [Keane] says and we've said all along, if we have a good one at home it's her," said Lyons. "First day away, I tend to get stall 14 of ten when I'm up here with a nice filly, but she's done it and there should be plenty of improvement on it. That's the first time she's ever been off the bridle with me."

Maire Rua Cont.

"We'll bring her home and see how she comes out of it, but it's nice to win first time out. There's a new Listed in Cork on 14th August and that type of race we'll look at. Then you'd like to hope that she's going to keep doing that. The ultimate dream in Glenburnie is always to try and win a Moyglare. Hopefully if you win a Moyglare, you know you have one of the main characters for next year's Classics and that's what the dream is. As I said, if we have a good one, it's her."

The 13-8 favourite was trapped wide in fifth early and eased forward into third after the opening exchanges of this unveiling. Coming under pressure rounding the home turn, she quickened stylishly to launch her bid approaching the final furlong and was ridden out to comfortably account for **Bellesque (St Mark's Basilica)** in impressive fashion.

Maire Rua is the third foal and scorer produced by Listed Chelmer Fillies' Stakes victrix Red Impression (Dark Angel), herself the leading performer out of a winning half-sister to G1 Prix de la Foret heroine Etoile Montante (Miswaki).

The winner is a full-sister to Group 3-winning G1 Pretty Polly Stakes third Red Letter and a weanling filly. She is also kin to a yearling colt by Blue Point.

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1st-Leopardstown, €22,000, Mdn, 7-9, 2yo, f, 7f 50yT, 1:30.13, gd.

MAIRE RUA (GB), f, 2, by Frankel (GB)

1st Dam: Red Impression (GB) (SP-Eng), by Dark Angel (Ire)

2nd Dam: Purissima, by Fusaichi Pegasus

3rd Dam: Willstar, by Nureyev

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,070. *1/2 to Red Letter (GB), GSW & G1SP-Ire, GSP-Eng. **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd; T-Ger Lyons; J-Colin Keane.



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BREEDERS' CUP BREAKTHROUGH: GEZORA'S WIN WAS THE ICING ON GRAFFARD'S CAKE OF A YEAR by Sue Finley



Click on the photo to watch Francis Graffard's Breeders' Cup breakthrough | *Breeders' Cup Eclipse Sportswire*

By any standard of measure, 2025 was a career-defining year for Francis Graffard; in fact, over entire careers, many top trainers won't accomplish what Graffard did in that one year alone.

He set a record for Group 1 wins by a French-based trainer with 14. He finished on top of the French trainers' list for wins and money earned. He won nine Group 1s in France, including the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe with Daryz ([Sea The Stars](#)), and also won Group 1s in England and Germany as well as Japan, where he sent Calandagan ([Gleneagles](#)) out to become the first foreign winner of the Japan Cup in 20 years.

But it was his first win in a Breeders' Cup race, when Gezora (Almanzor) came from the outside to wear down She Feels Pretty (Karakonie) to win the 2025 Filly & Mare Turf, that was "right at the top of last year's big racing days," he says.

A big statement, indeed, after a year like that.

Graffard, the son of a trainer, grew up watching the Breeders' Cup on t.v. in France.

"The Breeders' Cup is a very famous meeting, an incredible meeting," he said. "When I was young, we organized a Breeders' Cup dinner party to watch all the races. It was a dream to watch the races and these good horses. And I remember (Arqana's) Eric Hoyerou organizing a big event around the Breeders' Cup in Saint-Cloud with a lot of people and a big screen. It's a very

special meeting and when I started training, as soon as I had a horse that was able to go to the Breeders' Cup, I never refused. I was so keen to go; it's a meeting you want to be part of and enjoy."

He had run horses in seven Breeders' Cup races—including two races earlier on the card in 2025—suffering through a grueling day of defeat—leading up to Gezora's win losing with Goliath (Adlerflug) in the Turf and Sahlan (Wootton Bassett) in the Mile, as well as with Temptable ([Kingman](#)) on the Breeders' Cup undercard.

"My best performance was with Malavath (Mehmas)," he said of the filly who finished second in the Juvenile Fillies Turf in 2021. "I took Karar (Invincible Spirit) two times. He was a seven-furlong horse, and unfortunately in Del Mar, he had a very bad draw in the Turf Sprint and it didn't suit him. So I was a little bit unlucky. But I learned. You know what type of horses you need and how to ride them also and so all these previous trips helped me to get my first winner. Malavath was a fantastic second, so that was a great day but I was really waiting for a winner."

Gezora came from fairly modest beginnings, finishing fourth in a maiden at Dieppe in the beginning of 2024. But by the end of the year, she would be a graded stakes winner, taking the Darley Prix des Reservoirs at Deauville. That attracted the attention of Oceanic Bloodstock's Michel Zerolo, who buys promising horses for owner Peter Brant in France.

"She came to me over the winter and she was very wintery in her coat and a very light-framed filly," said Graffard. "It took me a while to understand her. But the first time she raced in the Prix Vanteaux for me (at the beginning of 2025), she was third, but she ran really well. I was pleased with that. And then she won the (G2) Prix Saint-Alary and she really quickened with a beautiful action. So, yeah, it was just a very slow start, a bit of an unknown for me. As I said, she's a light-framed filly so I have never really pushed her in the morning. But I learned her from races." [Cont. p13](#)



Gezora wins the Prix de Diane | *Scoop Dyga*

Breeders' Cup Breakthrough Cont.

The Prix Saint Alary is a trial for the crowning jewel of a French filly's summer--the Prix de Diane Longines, the French Oaks.

"It was a no-brainer to go to the Prix de Diane with her," said Graffard. "She deserved the chance and Christophe Soumillon gave her a beautiful ride that day."

"Peter (Brant) was there with his family," he recalled. "It was a beautiful day and it's a very special race. The win was fantastic. We had a lot of emotions, and I think Mr. Brant was very excited and happy. It's a beautiful race to win. There are some beautiful photos of her after the race. She's a smart filly, and she looked so proud."

Gezora was given July and August off, and returned in the Prix Vermeille, where she finished a good second. Graffard debated between the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and the Prix d'Opera on the same card for her next start.

"We decided to go to the Arc," he said. "Maybe that was a mistake I made, really. She had no chance, unfortunately. She was too far back and the ground was a bit too soft, so it was really a race we had to draw a line through."

Despite that loss, they pressed on to the Filly & Mare Turf.

"Peter Brant was planning to keep her in America after the Breeders' Cup," he said, "so I was keen to go for the race with her, and Mr. Brant was very happy to take the challenge. I took four horses. I had Goliath, I had Sahlan, and the day didn't go well. Goliath

went too fast in front and didn't perform well. Sahlan was much too inexperienced and he finished like a bullet for fifth, which was a bit frustrating so Gezora was the last runner of the day and I was thinking it wasn't going to happen. But Mikael (Barzalona) rode her perfectly, and she has a big heart, and the straight was incredible, and when she came on the wire, it was amazing."

Graffard is asked why that moment might have been the most special in the midst of the incredible year he was having.

"It was a very special trip because my daughters came to America and they did a tour with Lisa, my wife, and they met me in Del Mar, and I had some friends also with me who came as well. So it was the build-up to the races was great because we just enjoyed Del Mar, going to the track. It was just a fantastic time and the weather was beautiful and all of the branding of the Breeders' Cup around the event makes it very special. Earlier

in the day, as I said, I was a little bit frustrated, but in the stretch of the race, you've probably seen videos of me and my daughters shouting and going mad. It was amazing. And the joy Mr. Brant had to see this filly winning, it was very special also for him. And after we had a great party. So it's just a very good memory, because when you have your family, your friends, and you give the owner a lot of good emotions, it's what it's all about."

Was the year almost too good to be true?

"I always wonder, did I enjoy it enough?" mused Graffard.

"Because it was so amazing, we were going from weekend to weekend after next, just winning all these big meetings. It was just incredible, but I was lucky I had fantastic horses last year, but hopefully I will be able to keep winning these big races. That's my goal. As soon as I started training, I wanted to travel. And be competitive in international meetings. And we seem to

be achieving this at the moment.

So we need to keep going and now I've already start thinking about my Breeders' Cup potential runners for November. So it's something we target. I was very lucky last year, and hopefully we can reproduce it."

Before completing the Darley Flying Start course, Graffard studied law. His father imagined him as a future Formula One driver. On Breeders' Cup Day, 2025, an alternate version of Francis Graffard could have found himself in a courtroom or on an entirely different kind of

racetrack. Did he choose the right path, he is asked?

"I think a law degree has helped me in terms of approaching and solving problems," he said. "I was lucky because my parents, they always supported me, whatever I wanted to do, and they believed in me. I had my competitive side from my dad from training, you have that all the time. I'm really competitive and I love winning. Training a job that produces emotions--good or bad emotions--but at least it makes life fantastic. There are very few jobs that give you that. And I think studying law has been a big help also for my career and being selected in the Darley Flying Start and my law degree helped me with approaching and solving problems. I think I definitely made the right choice. I'm just lucky that I wanted to be at the top level and at the moment, we seem to be competing at the top."



Gezora wins the 2025 GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf
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EUROPEAN NEWS

VENETIAN SUN HEADS CAST OF 11 IN NEWMARKET'S G1 JULY CUP

Likely favourite **Venetian Sun** (Starman) will encounter 10 rivals in Saturday's G1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai July Cup after declarations for Newmarket's £800,000 feature were confirmed Thursday morning.

The Karl Burke-trained G1 Commonwealth Cup heroine has drawn stall nine and is reopposed by Commonwealth Cup third **Division** (**Kingman**), who will exit stall one.

The latter's William Haggas stablemate **Almeraq** (Dark Angel) finished a nose in front of **Satono Reve** (Lord Kanaloa) in G1 Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes, with the duo allocated stalls four and eight in this rematch.

Completing the set of Royal Ascot Group 1 sprint winners on parade, Ballydoyle's G1 King Charles III Stakes hero **Mission Central** (**No Nay Never**) will bid to provide Aidan O'Brien with a

record sixth edition of the six-furlong charge from stall seven.

Other contenders of note in a mouthwatering renewal include Ace Stud's progressive Wokingham Handicap victor **Double Rush** (Blue Point), Jubilee seventh **Comanche Brave** (Wootton Bassett), King Charles III eighth **Big Mojo** (Mohaaather) and Commonwealth Cup eighth **Coppull** (**Bated Breath**). [Cont. p15](#)



Venetian Sun | Scoop Dyga



Godolphin's five-time Group 1 winner Notable Speech made a special guest appearance on the Darley stallion lawn during a parade for breeders in Newmarket. His illustrious sire Dubawi, looking magnificent at the age of 24, brought the curtain down on the parade at Dalham Hall Stud

Emma Berry

July Cup Draw Cont.

They have drawn stalls 11, 10, two and six, respectively.

Last year's G1 British Champions Sprint third **Quinault** (Oasis Dream), drawn three, and fellow outsider **Prince Of India** (Wootton Bassett), drawn five, complete the line-up.

Powerful Glory (Cotai Glory) and **Flora Of Bermuda** (Dark Angel) were the only overnight defections.

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LOST BOYS BENCHED WITH TRAINING INJURY



Lost Boys | Megan Rose Photography

Wathnan Racing's talented Royal Ascot winner **Lost Boys** (Night Of Thunder) has been injured in training and will be out of action for some time.

A winner of the Golden Gates Stakes, Lost Boys is unbeaten this year (three from three) and was aiming for a start at the Qatar Goodwood Festival. His overall record stands at four victories from six starts and two thirds.

Richard Brown, the racing adviser to Wathnan Racing, said, "Lost Boys is a fabulous horse and gave us one of the highlights of our week. James McDonald was extremely bullish about his future. This is obviously unwelcome news and very disappointing for us all, especially David and his staff. But the prognosis is good, and he'll get the very best care on his road to recovery.

"Gregory (Golden Horn) and Paborus (Recoletos) have both recently returned with big-race wins after a year on the sidelines, and we'll be doing everything we can to bring Lost Boys back better than ever."

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OMBUDSMAN AND KA YING RISING LEAD LONGINES WBRR AT 131



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Ka Ying Rising (Shamexpress) and **Ombudsman** (Night Of Thunder) are co-leaders of the latest Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings at 131.

The former, currently riding a 20-race winning streak, saw his mark increased from 130 to 131 after a review of his success in the G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize, with the subsequent performances of Satono Reve (Lord Kanaloa), Raging Blizzard (Per Incanto) and Comanche Brave (Wootton Bassett).

Godolphin's Ombudsman improved his ranking from 125 to 131 off the back of a four-length victory in the G1 Prince of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot. Arc winner **Daryz** (Sea The Stars) (126) ran third, with **Almaqam** (Lope De Vega) (122) fourth. Ombudsman also holds victories in the G3 Brigadier Gerard Stakes and G1 Dubai Turf this year.

Other Royal Ascot results include **Scandinavia** (Justify) (123) defeating **Trawlerman** (Golden Horn) (122) in the G1 Gold Cup, with Group 1 winners **Giavellotto** (Mastercraftsman) (121) winning the G2 Hardwicke Stakes over **Kalpana** (Study Of Man) (120). **Ten Bob Tony** (Night Of Thunder) (121) claimed the G1 Queen Anne Stakes.

Newcomers to the top 10 include G1 Prix du Jockey Club hero **Constitution River** (Wootton Bassett) (124), who won Saturday's G1 Eclipse Stakes, and **Magnitude** (Not This Time). The latter, a winner of the G1 Dubai World Cup, added the G1 Stephen Foster Stakes at Churchill Downs over **Baeza** (McKinzie) (121), with reigning U.S. Horse of the Year **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief) third and **White Abarrio** (Race Day) (124) fourth. Magnitude defeated **Forever Young** (Real Steel) (123) in his Dubai effort.

In Japan, **Meisho Tabaru** (Gold Ship) improved his ranking to 123 from 120 after winning the G1 Takarazuka Kinen over **Croix Du Nord** (Kitasan Black) (122). [Cont. p16](#)

Longines WBRR Cont.

The Aga Khan Studs' **Calandagan** (**Gleneagles**) was in action over the weekend and scooped the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud. A winner of the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic earlier this year, he is now rated 122 from 121.

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FULL-SISTER TO GERMAN OAKS HEROINE MUSKOKA LEADS BBAG YEARLING CATALOGUE



Classic winner Novemba's **Sea The Stars** filly topped the 2025 edition BBAG

A full-sister to German Oaks heroine Muskoka (Sea The Moon) (lot 67) is one of 227 lots **catalogued** for the BBAG Yearling Sale on Friday, September 4. Set to begin at 10 a.m., the sale is part of Baden-Baden's Grand Week, which also features several group races, among them the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden.

Four of the last five winners of the G1 Deutsches Derby (German Derby) have been graduates of the sale, while the first three past the post this year in Dardanos (Soldier Hollow), Chiefland (Study Of Man) and Salitos (In Swoop), are also alumni. There are 24 half- for full-siblings to group winners, as well as 52% of the yearlings on offer are either out of black-type-winning or -placed mares or are siblings to black-type horses.

Other lots of note are: lot 61, a Sea The Moon filly who is out of G3 Grosser Preis von St Leger heroine Hey Little Gorl (Sternkonig); a Torquator Tasso half-sister to German Derby winner Sammarco (**Camelot**) (lot 72); a **Frankel** half-brother (lot 85) to German Derby winners Windstoss (Shirocco) and Weltstar (Soldier Hollow); a Torquator Tasso half-brother to the aforementioned German Derby scorer Dardanos (lot 148); and lot 161, a **Siyouni** filly out of G2 German1000 Guineas victress

Novemba (**Gleneagles**).

In 2025, 153 yearlings sold from 198 offered (77%) for a gross of €8,404,100. The average was €54,929 and the median was €55,120. Novemba, who is the dam of lot 161, above, foaled the topper, a daughter of **Sea The Stars**, who caught the eye of Godolphin at €750,000.

All yearlings are nominated for the lucrative BBAG auction races.

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FRANCE GALOP TO PRESENT 2026 BUDGET ON JULY 16

France Galop will present the 2026 budget to the France Galop Committee on Thursday, July 16, *Jour de Galop* reported on Thursday. The Board of Directors will then vote, although a date has not been given as of yet.

This follows the unanimous adoption of the PMU's 2026 budget, which took place on June 30, after several months of discussion. Set at €725 million, compared to €802 million in 2025, this new budget enables the two parent companies to finalise and submit their own 2026 budgets to their respective governing bodies. The SETF has already approved its own.

A net loss of €26.2 million is predicted, while incorporating €16.5 million in cost savings compared to the previous budget.

The Board of Directors also reaffirmed that preserving prize-money incentives remained its top priority. Monetary reserves, built up since 2019, could, if necessary be utilised to fill the gap.

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YORK AND DUBAI RACING CLUB PARTNER TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL ROAD TO DUBAI RACING CARNIVAL

A new international partnership between Dubai Racing Club and York Racecourse was announced by the DRC on Thursday. The partnership will further strengthen the pathway for Europe's leading middle-distance horses to compete at Meydan Racecourse during the Dubai Racing Carnival.

Under the agreement, the winner of the G2 Great Voltigeur Stakes will receive an automatic entry into the February 27 G2 Dubai City of Gold on Emirates Super Saturday next year. International shipping freight will be provided by Dubai Racing Club. The Dubai City of Gold is one of the world's best trials for the \$6-million G1 Longines Dubai Sheema Classic, one of the flagship races on Dubai World Cup night.

Great Voltigeur winners to have completed the double in the Dubai City of Gold include Postponed (Dubawi) in 2016 and Old Persian (Dubawi) in 2019. **Cont. p17**



York and the DRC have joined forces to strengthen international participation in the Dubai City of Gold | DRC

York/DRC Partnership Cont.

His Excellency Ali Al Ali, CEO and board member of Dubai Racing Club, said, "The Dubai Racing Carnival continues to strengthen its position as a truly international racing programme, and partnerships such as this create meaningful opportunities for the world's best horses to compete on the global stage.

"York Racecourse is one of Britain's most iconic sporting venues, and the Great Voltigeur has consistently produced horses of the highest calibre. By creating a direct pathway from York to Meydan, we are providing connections with another opportunity to compete internationally while enhancing the quality and competitiveness of the Dubai City of Gold.

"We are delighted to partner with William Derby and his team, and we look forward to welcoming this year's Great Voltigeur winner to Meydan as they continue their journey towards the Longines Dubai Sheema Classic and Dubai World Cup night."

William Derby, chief executive and clerk of the course at York Racecourse, said, "We are delighted to establish this partnership with Dubai Racing Club. The Great Voltigeur Stakes has long been recognised as one of Europe's leading trials for middle-distance horses, and this exciting initiative provides winning connections with a valuable opportunity to extend their campaign onto the international stage at Meydan."

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TOWCESTER TO HOST NATIONAL HUNT RACING AFTER 10-YEAR BREAK

Towcester Racecourse will once again host National Hunt racing, after bookmaker Betway partnered with racecourse owners Orchestrate. It has been 10 years since jumps racing was conducted at the track, and, racing is slated to return to the

course for the 2027/2028 NH season.

Betway will become the principal strategic partner of the Northamptonshire track, which will officially be renamed Betway Towcester Racecourse. Towcester last staged a race meeting in May 2018, although it does successfully hold greyhound racing, including the Greyhound Derby. Over £2 million in renovations have already started on the course, and its revival will be documented in a fly-on-the-wall series scheduled for release in 2027.

Orchestrate chairman Mike Davis said, "We are thrilled to welcome Betway as principal strategic partner of the refurbished racecourse.

"It has always been our ambition to bring horse racing back to Towcester for the local community and fans of the sport. This partnership turns that vision into a reality.

"We are now working with the BHA (British Horseracing Authority) to secure the necessary racecourse licences to enable us to race in the autumn of 2027. Positive conversations are also under way to finalise fixtures for that period, and it is amazing to see the racing community all working together to promote the sport."

Betway PR manager Lewis Knowles said, "Towcester has such a rich history within British racing, and we're delighted to be partnering with the team there to bring horse racing back to what is such an iconic racecourse."

The British Horseracing Authority confirmed they are just waiting on the new ownership group to apply for a licence to operate the track.

A BHA spokesman said, "We have had some initial conversations with the group involved at Towcester and await a licence application to be submitted."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, July 10, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

Bayside Boy (Ire) (New Bay {GB}), Ballylinch Stud
85 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
16:10-NEWMARKET, 6f, **Hout Bay (Ire)**
€20,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 40,000gns Tattersalls
October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2025; €150,000 Tattersalls
Ireland Breeze Up 2026

Blackbeard (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
116 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
17:15-CHESTER, 6f, **Towelontheterrace (Ire)**
€40,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 62,000gns Tattersalls
October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025; £10,000 Goffs UK 2yo
Breeze Up Sale 2026

Naval Crown (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
71 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
17:15-CHESTER, 6f, **Eighth Immortal (Ire)**
20,000gns RNA Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025;
£40,000 RNA Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026
15:20-YORK, 6f, **Naval Cop (GB)**

Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
99 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
17:15-CHESTER, 6f, **Maximus Meridius (Ire)**
£2,100 Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2026
14:35-ASCOT, 6f, **Persazz (Ire)**
55,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025
18:25-CHESTER, 7f, **Persian Land (Ire)**
€20,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; £32,000 Goffs UK
Premier Yearling Sale 2025
15:20-YORK, 6f, **Striking Force (Ire)**
52,000gns 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
14:35-ASCOT, 6f, **Keep Grating (Ire)**
€35,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025

State of Rest (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), Rathbarry Stud
79 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
16:10-NEWMARKET, 6f, **Pure Majesty (Ire)**
300,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025

FRANCE

Sealiway (Fr) (Galiway {GB}), Haras de Beaumont
81 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
2-COMPIEGNE, 1400m, **Storm Run (Fr)**
€15,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearling Sale 2025

Texas (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), Castillon Stallions
29 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
2-COMPIEGNE, 1400m, **Le Texan (Fr)**



Texas has a runner in France | Castillon Stallions

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

HOW THEY FARED

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

Godolphin's 2.2-million guineas Book 1 graduate **Ottoman Chief (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) lacked the necessary kick in the latter stages and finished a close-up fifth on debut.

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

Peaceful Charm (Fr) (**Dubawi {Ire}**), Godolphin's €2million Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale purchase from the family of Chicquita, Diamond Necklace and Magic Wand, missed the break and looked green left behind by the main protagonists in fourth.



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Thursday's Results:

EDMONDSON HALL SOLICITORS SIR HENRY CECIL STAKES-

Listed, £60,000, Newmarket, 7-9, 3yo, 8fT, 1:39.70, g/f.

1--**SHAYEM (IRE)**, 131, c, 3, by **King Of Change (GB)**

1st Dam: **Sounds Of April (Ire)**, by **Exceed And Excel (Aus)**

2nd Dam: **Wickwing (GB)**, by **In the Wings (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Chetwynd (Ire)**, by **Exit to Nowhere**

(€12,000 RNA Ylg '24 TATIRY). O/B-Abdul Razaq Mohamdi;

T-Karl Burke; J-Clifford Lee. £34,026. Lifetime Record: GSP-

Ger, 9-4-1-1, \$146,130.

2--**Colori Forever (GB)**, 131, c, 3, **Bated Breath (GB)**--Colorando (GB), by Territories (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. (18,000gns RNA Ylg '24 TATSOM). O/B-Scuderia Archi Romani; T-Marco Botti. £12,900.

3--**Conclave (Ire)**, 131, g, 3, **Sioux Nation**--Anniemaymarie (GB), by Cacique (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. (€62,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; €75,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY; €170,000 2yo '25 ARQBRU).

O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing - Cypress; B-Andrew Hogan;

T-Andrew Balding. £6,456.

Margins: 2 3/4, NK, NK. Odds: 5.50, 6.50, 6.50.

Also Ran: Lyneham (Fr), Oxagon (Fr), Wild Desert (Ire), Morris Dancer (Ire).

One of a trio of subsequent Stakes winners in the Dee Stakes to feel the power of **Constitution** River, Shayem who had been 10 lengths adrift of Ballydoyle's rare gem at Chester before chasing home the Belmont Derby hero Title Role in Cologne's German 2,000 Guineas in May had his day in the sun here.

Enjoying a widely-perceived stand's-rail advantage heading all bar the lone far-side runner Oxagon to the furlong pole, he powered to the line as that Craven winner faded late in isolation.



King Of Change | Emma Berry

"He was second in the German Guineas and was unlucky there, as he was pushed wide off the bend," jockey Clifford Lee said. "He's improving with each run and we'll see what he can do."

Trainer Karl Burke added, "He probably was unlucky last time and the winner has franked the form in America, so we came here very hopeful. There is a race at Haydock in August [the Superior Mile] that Zeus Olympios won last year and if we have time we could go for something like the Celebration Mile after that."

The unraced dam is a daughter of the Italian Group 3 winner Wickwing (In The Wings), whose dual Group-placed Delicatezza (Danehill Dancer) was in turn responsible for the Oaks d'Italia third Made In Italy (Mukhadram). Also connected to Galileo's Irish 2,000 Guineas-winning sire Roderic O'Connor, she has the two-year-old colt Mugheer (Soldier's Call) and a yearling full-sister to Shayem to come.

3rd-Newmarket, £100,000, Hcp, 7-9, 3yo, 6fT, 1:10.22, g/f.

JAZL (IRE) (g, 3, **No Nay Never**--**Mummy Bear {Ire}**, by **Kodi Bear {Ire}**), who went into Royal Ascot's Palace Of Holyroodhouse Handicap off two wins, failed to fire when last of 27 there but looked a different proposition this time forcing it from the front against the stands' rail. Staying on strongly to the line, the 12-1 shot had a neck to spare over the centre-group "winner" Calico Blue (Calyx).

"He was on the wrong side of the track at Ascot, but he was never at the races there and I don't know why--maybe the five-furlong trip was a bit too sharp for him," Simon Crisford said. "He is a bit revvy, but when he dropped his head today he had enough petrol to get home. He's not quite good enough for the fancy races yet, but I do think one day he will get there when he improves mentally as well as physically."

"I think next year we'll see the real Jazl, so we need to mind him this year and not disappoint him," he added. "He's done all of his winning over this trip, so I don't see why we would change it and I don't think it would help him to go back in distance. He's a really good horse."

The winner is the first foal out of the dam, whose unraced two-year-old colt The Honey Thief (Wootton Bassett) was a 200,000gns purchase by SackvilleDonald for TBT Racing at Tattersalls October Book 1. A half-sister to the Kilboy Estate Stakes, Matchmaker Stakes and Park Express Stakes winner and Beverly D-placed Lemista (Raven's Pass) and the Mill Reef winner Sakheer (Zoffany) from the family of the prolific Stakes winner and Stakes producer Indian Maiden (Indian Ridge), her filly foal is by **No Nay Never**. Sales history: 170,000gns Ylg '24 TADEY. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$93,272.

O-Mr Mohammed Sultan; B-Bridget Hanbury; T-Simon & Ed Crisford.

2nd-Doncaster, £80,000, Novice, 7-9, 3yo, 11f 197yT, 2:29.65, g/f. HATTEEN (IRE) (c, 3, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Loyal {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}), who was runner-up to the day's Bahrain Trophy winner Point Of Law when last seen in a 10-furlong Newbury maiden in May, was sent off at 11-2 for this St Leger Trial Novice Stakes which ensures free initial entry to the track's Classic. Tracking the leading group throughout the early stages, he surged to the front passing two out en route to an authoritative 4 1/4-length success from According To Mark (**St Mark's Basilica**).

"Andrew [Balding] was confident the step up in trip would help him and he's a horse who has been campaigned lightly," jockey PJ McDonald said. "He's big and he's raw and that time he's had early in his career has stood him in good stead. I loved the way he took me to the two pole and his last furlong was very strong."

"The ground was quick enough for him, he wouldn't want it much quicker, but I loved the way he travelled through the race," he added. "He needs to keep improving to get in the Leger picture, but the extra two furlongs there brought out a big improvement."

The winner is the first foal out of the dam, who also has a two-year-old filly by State Of Rest and a colt foal by Make Believe. A daughter of the Listed scorer and multiple Group-placed Chartreuse (Lawman), she hails from the family of Acclamation's sire Johnny **Barnes** and the 1,000 Guineas third Hathrah (Linamix). Sales history: 120,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$67,293.

O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Ballylinch Stud; T-Andrew Balding.

1st-Doncaster, £50,000, Nov, 7-9, 2yo, 7f 6yT, 1:25.51, g/f. QUEST FOR STARS (FR) (c, 2, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Singforthemoment {Ire} {SW-Fr}, by No Nay Never) broke well and led from the outset of this Betfred Champagne Trial EBF Novice Stakes. Shaken up with a quarter-mile remaining, the 18-1 chance came under sterner urging when tackled by Amir Lehabab (**No Nay Never**) approaching the final furlong and was ridden out to deny that rival by a short-head in a bobbing finish.

"I think he got quite an easy lead, he's very straightforward and he showed a good attitude," said assistant trainer Alex Merriam. "He's very unassuming and does nothing flashy, but has always done what has been asked of him. I'm not quite sure why he was such a big price and he is definitely a horse who will appreciate going further. The other horse [fifth home Ottoman Chief] could have done with them going faster, he's still run a nice race first time up. I expect the winner will step up to a mile, but we'll see what Charlie [Appleby] wants to do."

Quest For Stars, a €700,000 Arqana August graduate, is the lone reported foal produced by Listed Grand Criterium de Bordeaux victrix Singforthemoment (**No Nay Never**), herself a full-sister to Listed National Stakes runner-up Jm Jackson.

Jm Jackson, in turn, is the dam of G1 Haydock Sprint Cup hero and G1 July Cup second Big Mojo (Mohaather), while the winner's second dam Kawn (Cadeaux Genereux) is kin to three black-type performers headed by G1 Lockinge Stakes runner-up and dual Group-winning sire Trans Island (Selkirk). Sales history: €700,000 Ylg '25 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$34,504. O-Godolphin; B-Ind. N. Singforthemoment 2024; T-C Appleby.

3rd-Newbury, £30,000, Nov, 7-9, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.86, g/f. MIRZIMAAN (IRE) (c, 2, Mohaather {GB}--Altaayshah {Ire}, by Dark Angel {Ire}), last of a baker's dozen tackling six furlongs at Newmarket in her May 15 debut last time, raced towards the rear after a sluggish break here. Nudged closer once past halfway, the 20-1 chance quickened to challenge approaching the furlong pole and was ridden out in the closing stages to defeat Minster Boy (Calyx) by 1 1/4 lengths.

Mirzimaan is the second of three foals and first winner out of an unraced full-sister to four-time Group 1 victor Battaash (Dark Angel) and the dual Group 3-winning G1 Prix Morny and G1 Middle Park placegetter **The Antarctic** (Dark Angel).

His second dam Anna Law (Lawman) is a half-sister to G2 Champagne Stakes winner and G1 July Cup third Etlaala (Selkirk) and to the dam of the dual Group-winning G1 Diamond Jubilee, G1 Haydock Sprint Cup and G1 British Champions Sprint runner-up Tasleet (Showcasing). The winner is kin to a yearling filly by Blue Point. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$21,690.

O/B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; T-George Boughey.

5th-Newmarket, £40,000, Mdn, 7-9, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:25.66, g/f. SCOMMESSA SICURA (IRE) (f, 2, Cracksman {GB}--Pure Art {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Dutch Art {GB}), who had been runner-up to the talented trio Silent Beauty, Aperoll and Musical Times so far, soon led against the stands' rail. Tough and tenacious when threatened inside the final two furlongs, the 2-1 second favourite registered a length success from Tall Trees (Showcasing).

Owned in partnership with England footballer Reece James, Scommessa Sicura was winning a key maiden which saw the subsequent 1,000 Guineas heroine Desert Flower score two years ago. "That win was well deserved, as she is a smashing filly," trainer Andrew Balding said. "She was a bit unlucky last time, as she bumped into one and the time before that as well, but she is improving all the time. She will probably stay a bit further as well. We could quite possibly look at the Sweet Solera back here."

The Listed-placed dam, whose son Stanhope Gardens (Ghaiyyath) was second in the Autumn Stakes on the Rowley Mile here before sadly dying last year, is a half to Romsdal (Halling) who was placed in the Derby, the St Leger and the King George. **Cont. p21**

5th-Newmarket Cont.

A granddaughter of the Irish Oaks and Yorkshire Oaks heroine Pure Grain (Polish Precedent), her yearling colt by Native Trail was a €150,000 purchase by Coolmara Stables for Mark O'Keeffe at Goffs November. Sales history: €88,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOF; 100,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-1-3-0, \$38,959. O-Mr James & Opulence Thoroughbreds; B-Tullpark Ltd; T-Andrew Balding.

1st-Newbury, £12,000, Novice, 7-9, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:12.23, g/f. MASHOOGA (GB) (f, 2, Sergei Prokofiev--Miss Villanelle {GB}, by Ivawood {Ire}), sent off at 5-1, missed the break but was quickly able to recover and track the leaders racing on the wing. Delivered on the front end passing two out, the newcomer asserted to beat Global Success (Space Traveller) a shade cosily by a length.

The winner is the second of two foals out of the dam, with the first being last year's St Hugh's Stakes runner-up Palmeira (Havana Grey). A half to the dual Group winner Psychedelic Funk (Choirir) and dual Listed scorer Gale Force Maya (Gale Force Ten), she is a granddaughter of the Atalanta Stakes winner Zietory (Zieten). Sales history: 19,000gns Wlg '24 TADEWE; 27,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,410. O-Mr Sultan Ali; B-Kentford Farm Stud/Whitsbury Manor Stud; T-William Knight.

2nd-Newbury, £12,000, Novice, 7-9, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:11.90, g/f. SUGAR YES PLEASE (GB) (f, 2, Mohaather {GB}--Alezan {GB}, by Dawn Approach {Ire}), fourth on debut over course and distance last month, travelled smoothly towards the rear before creeping closer on the wing at halfway. In front approaching the furlong pole, the 5-4 favourite asserted to score by 1 1/2 lengths from Ouragan (Bayside Boy).

The winner is the first of two current foals out of the dam, with the second being a yearling daughter of Mostahdaf. A daughter of the German Listed scorer Sarinda (Dubawi) and a half to the multiple Listed-placed Zain Sarinda (Churchill), she hails from the family of the Ballydoyle heavyweight Rock Of Gibraltar. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £7,042. O/B-Marc Middleton-Heath; T-Eve Johnson Houghton.

1st-Carlisle, £10,000, Nov, 7-9, 3yo/up, 7f 173yT, 1:38.66, g/f. WID (IRE) (f, 3, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Qemah {Ire} {G1SW-Eng & Fr, G1SP-Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}), a June 23 runner-up at Ffos Las when last seen, broke swiftly from the outside stall and seized immediate control of this third start. Comfortable on the lead for the most part, the 11-8 pick came under pressure when threatened by Bella Angelina (Kingman) in early straight and was driven out in the closing stages to hold that rival by a

length.

Wid is the fifth of six foals and first scorer produced by G1 Coronation Stakes and G1 Prix Rothschild heroine Qemah (Danehill Dancer), herself kin to G1 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St Leger) winner Ask Victor More (Deep Impact).

The winner is a half-sister to the unraced two-year-old colt Qesaco (No Nay Never). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$10,589. O/B-Al Shaqab Racing; T-Ralph Beckett.

2nd-Carlisle, £13,000, Mdn, 7-9, 2yo, f, 6f 195yT, 1:26.81, g/f. CELESTIA (GB) (f, 2, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Nativia {GB} {SW-Eng}, by Nathaniel {Ire}), a June 19 debut third going seven furlongs at Newmarket last time, was restrained to race at the tail of the five-runner field after the initial strides here. Taking closer order once into the straight, the 5-2 second favourite locked horns with Rogue Passion (Sioux Nation) approaching the final furlong and was driven out to deny that rival by a short-head after a ding-dong tussle.

Celestia is the fifth of seven foals and second scorer out of Listed Newbury Oaks Trial victrix Nativia (Nathaniel), herself a half-sister to G1 Falmouth Stakes heroine Spinning Queen (Spinning World) and Listed Acomb Stakes third Shannon Springs (Darshaan).

Spinning Queen is the dam of the stakes-winning duo Trade Commissioner (Montjeu) and Gallipot (Galileo), with the latter being the second dam of Listed Criterium de Lyon runner-up Family Secret (Victor Ludorum)

The winner is a half-sister to G3 Aston Park Stakes victrix and G1 St Leger fourth Haskoy (Golden Horn), a yearling colt by Siyouni and a weanling colt by Lope De Vega. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$11,315. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd; T-Harry Charlton.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Eabha (Ire), f, 2, Space Blues (Ire)--Ebeliya (Ire), by Le Havre (Ire). Epsom, 7-9, 7f 3yT, 1:23.60. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$11,701. B-Kildaragh Stud. *€24,000 RNA Ylg '25 TATIRY.

IRELAND

HANDICAP RESULTS:

5th-Leopardstown, €100,000, Hcp, 7-9, 3yo/up, 9fT, 1:51.17, gd.

THREAD OF GOLD (IRE) (g, 3, Ghaiyyath {Ire}--Woven Lace {GB} {GSP-Fr}, by Hard Span) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$84,201.

O-Team Valor International LLC & Gary Barber; B-Ringfort Stud Ltd; T-Willie Mullins. *100,000gns Wlg '23 TADEWE; 40,000gns RNA Ylg '24 TATOCT. *1/2 to Broderie (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), SW & MGSP-Ger.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

8th-ParisLongchamp, €25,600, Cond, 7-9, 3yo, 10fT, 2:06.11, gd.

SHARPSHOOT (GB) (g, 3, Too Darn Hot {GB}--Sparkle Roll {Fr} {GSP-Eng}, by Kingman {GB}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €24,516. O-Wathnan Racing; B-The Sparkle Roll Partnership; T-Alban de Mieulle. *200,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT.

4th-ParisLongchamp, €17,400, Cond, 7-9, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:20.83, gd.

ALABAMA MOON (FR) (m, 5, Jimmy Two Times {Fr}--Adira {Ger}, by Lomitas {GB}) Lifetime Record: 27-4-5-2, €97,146. O-Stall Maca-Ronni; B-Marcell Pargmann; T-Hans Blume. *€9,500 RNA Wlg '21 ARQDEC; €1,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

1st-ParisLongchamp, €14,600, Cond, 7-9, 4yo/up, 11 1/4fT, 2:26.01, gd.

LA BONITA (FR) (m, 5, Martinborough {Jpn}--La Buenaventura, by Monsun {Ger}) Lifetime Record: 27-3-2-5, €54,029. O/T-Gwendoline Guillard; B-Julien Dubois.

3rd-Dieppe, €14,600, Cond, 7-9, 4yo/up, 9fT, 1:58.70, sf.

ZVALIKOVA (FR) (m, 5, Le Havre {Ire}--Zvalinska {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Sea The Stars {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 23-5-4-5, €83,950. O-Eric Conoir, Mme Agathe Fouassier, Hubert Gorecki & Charly Bertho; B-Alain Jathiere; T-Adrien Fouassier.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lameloise (Fr), f, 3, Almanzor (Fr)--Lapulced'acqua (Ire) (GSW-Itly), by Epaulette (Aus). Dieppe, 7-9, 12fT, 2:37.50. B-Gestut Zur Kuste AG.

The Last Foal (Fr), g, 4, Taareef--Sirene Doloise (Fr) (GSW-Fr), by Marchand De Sable. Dieppe, 7-9, 12fT, 2:41.10. B-Alain Bonin & Mme Maureen Bonin. *1/2 to Wingate (GB) (Zamindar), SW-Fr.



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Rolston joins Yulong after four years with the Hong Kong Jockey Club as executive manager international sale/owner advisory services, where his responsibilities included overseeing and supporting the objectives for the Hong Kong International Sale. He also contributed to the Club's ongoing strategy in developing pathways for new and prospective racehorse owners across Hong Kong and Mainland China.

Prior to his time in Hong Kong, Rolston worked for Godolphin in both the USA and the UAE. Rolston also spent 18 years with New Zealand Bloodstock, where he most recently served as director of sales.

"Yulong has made a tremendous impact on the global breeding, racing and bloodstock industry," said Rolston. "To join an already strong leadership team during such an exciting period of growth is both an honour and a privilege."

"Having reviewed the existing racing team and the quality of the young horses coming through for the new season, I believe the success of the bottle green silks is only heading in one direction."

Yulong General Manager Jun Zhang welcomed the appointment, saying, "Danny's industry knowledge, strategic mindset and extensive network will be invaluable assets as we continue to grow."

"Combined with his proven leadership credentials, he is a fantastic addition to our team. We look forward to the significant contribution he will make as we build on our success and continue striving for excellence on the track."

Rolston's role with Yulong will officially start on August 1.

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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].

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].

Saturday, Newmarket, post time: 16:35**THE AL BASTI EQUIWORLD, DUBAI JULY CUP-G1**, £800,000, 3yo/up, 6fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Almeraq (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	134
2	Big Mojo (Ire)	Mohaather (GB)	RP Racing Ltd	Michael Appleby	William Buick	134
3	Comanche Brave (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Mr Muhaideb A. Al Muhaideb	Donnacha O'Brien	Billy Loughnane	134
4	Double Rush (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	Ace Stud	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	134
5	Prince Of India (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Walter Moraes & Renato Bruni	Marco Botti	Pat Dobbs	134
6	Quinault (Ger)	Oasis Dream (GB)	TJE Racing	Stuart Williams	Marco Ghiani	134
7	Satono Reve (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Mr Hajime Satomi	Noriyuki Hori	Christophe Lemaire	134
8	Coppull (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Mr David W. Armstrong	Clive Cox	Saffie Osborne	128
9	Division (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Wathnan Racing	William Haggas	James Doyle	128
10	Mission Central (Ire)	No Nay Never	Tabor/Smith/Magnier/Westerberg/Brant	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
11	Venetian Sun (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Tony Bloom & Ian McAleavy	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	125

Breeders: 1-Shadwell Estate Company Limited, 2-Ringfort Stud Ltd & The Ladies, 3-Whisperview Trading Ltd, 4-Yulong Investments, 5-Westerberg, 6-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof, 7-Shirai Stud Farm, 8-Highfield Farm LLP, 9-Rockcliffe Stud, 10-Gigginstown House Stud, 11-Tally-Ho Stud.

A barnstorming renewal that has it all. A significant international presence, the usual hard-knocking older sprinters and the cream of the three-year-old crop, both colts and fillies. **Venetian Sun** is the current favourite, with an unbeaten record at this trip or shorter and two Group 1s and two Group 2s in the bag, but this is another level with the older horses thrown in and will be a real test of her credentials. Having handled the track and lively ground when taking the Duchess of Cambridge in 2025, there aren't many weaknesses in her armoury and she should put up a bold bid to end a 43-year drought for the three-year-old fillies in this. **Mission Central** is the star colt among the younger generation and has already upstaged some high-class elders in the King Charles III at the Royal meeting. Four of Aidan O'Brien's five winners of this were three-year-olds, so it bodes well for one of the stable's rare geldings. **Almeraq** inched out **Satono Reve** in Royal Ascot's other Group 1 sprint and is open to more improvement as a lightly-raced type, but this hasn't been a great race for Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes winners of late with Slade Power the last to do the double in 2014. Unproven in this company, **Double Rush** remains of interest having enjoyed the Rowley Mile earlier in the season and winning the Wokingham. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Ascot, post time: 14:27

THE JUDDMONTE SUMMER MILE-G2, £165,000, 4yo/up, 7f 213yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	No Lunch (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Wertheimer et Frere	Christophe Ferland	Maxime Guyon	132
2	Docklands (GB)	Massaat (Ire)	O.T.I. Racing	Harry Eustace	George Wood	129
3	Holloway Boy (GB)	Ulysses (Ire)	N White, S White, T White & E Burke	K. R. Burke	Callum Rodriguez	129
4	Jonquil (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Juddmonte	Andrew Balding	Colin Keane	129
5	More Thunder (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Mr Saeed Suhail	William Haggas	Cieren Fallon	129
6	Naqeeb (Ire)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Mr N. O'Keeffe	Julie Camacho	Ryan Sexton	129
7	Seagulls Eleven (Ire)	Galileo Gold (GB)	Two Plus Three Two Plus Four	Hugo Palmer	David Probert	129
8	Zeus Olympios (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Exors of the Late Sheikh Mohammed Obaid	K. R. Burke	Sam James	129

Breeders: 1-Wertheimer et Frere, 2-Mickley Stud, 3-Cheveley Park Stud Limited, 4-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd, 5-Woodstock B/S Ltd & Troy Bloodstock Ltd, 6-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd, 7-Tally-Ho Stud, 8-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum.

As consistent as they come, **More Thunder** looks for a first win at this trip having gone so close in the Queen Anne and chased home the real Notable Speech at Newbury. **Zeus Olympios** has 2 1/2 lengths to find with that rival from Royal Ascot and it is becoming clearer all the time that he beat a below-par Opera Ballo in the Joel at Newmarket last term. **No Lunch** beat the subsequent Diomed winner **Seagulls Eleven** in the Prix du Muguet and hasn't tasted defeat since September, but these are deeper waters than he has become accustomed to. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Newmarket, post time: 16:00

THE BOODLES SUPERLATIVE STAKES-G2, £125,000, 2yo, 7fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Abraham Lincoln (GB)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Coolmore,Westerberg,P Brant,Jp Dubois	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	129
2	Alfred Wallace (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Rockcliffe Stud	Ed Walker	Billy Loughnane	129
3	Al Hudaiba (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	129
4	Green Sovereign (GB)	Lope Y Fernandez (Ire)	Teme Valley	Harry Eustace	Tom Marquand	129
5	Notable Dream (Ire)	Bayside Boy (Ire)	Scuderia Sagam Srls	Marco Botti	Marco Ghiani	129
6	Pikachu (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Amo Racing Limited	Charlie Johnston	Rowan Scott	129
7	Silver Dominion (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Hay/Cannings	Oliver Cole	Oisin Murphy	129

Breeders: 1-Mr Jean Philippe Dubois, 2-Rockcliffe Stud, 3-Godolphin, 4-Mr J. A. Knox and Mrs M. A. Knox, 5-Mountarmstrong Stud, 6-Yulong Investments, 7-D. Farrington And Canning Downs.

All eyes on the impressive Curragh maiden winner **Abraham Lincoln**, who looks like one of those Ballydoyle runners going places with inexperience probably his biggest problem here. Charlie Appleby has won this six times in the last 10 years and relies on **Al Hudaiba**, who is probably better than his bare form so far and had the energy to jink sideways at Yarmouth despite being in the closing stages. **Notable Dream** scored by six lengths at Lingfield when last seen in May and flies the flag for his first-crop sire Bayside Boy. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, York, post time: 16:55

THE JOHN SMITH'S SILVER CUP-G3, £100,000, 4yo/up, 13f 188yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Arabian Force (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum	William Haggas	Jason Hart	126
2	Duke Of Oxford (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Mr A Cope, Mr B Roberts and Mr J Biggane	Michael Bell	Rob Hornby	126
3	Epic Poet (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Akela Thoroughbreds Limited	David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope	126
4	Mount Atlas (GB)	Masar (Ire)	Kingsclere Racing Club	Andrew Balding	P. J. McDonald	126
5	Tabletalk (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Mr Abdulla Al Mansoori	Tom Clover	Rossa Ryan	126
6	Peace Belle (GB)	Massaat (Ire)	Hzs Stainless Steel	Jennie Candlish	William Pyle	123

Breeders: 1-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 2-Ed's Stud Ltd/A Swinburn, 3-George Kent, 4-Kingsclere Stud, 5-Cottage Bloodstock, 6-Richard Kent & Clare Lloyd.

Having chased home Jan Brueghel in the Ormonde, it was a touch disappointing that **Mount Atlas** lost out to Gregory and **Tabletalk** over this course and distance in the Grand Cup last time. Third in the Voltigeur here in August, **Arabian Force** may be the answer. [Tom Frary].

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