

## KEENELAND CASE STUDY: NOLA SOUL GETS NEW GLEN HILL VENTURE OFF TO FAST START



Click here for our Case Study on Royal Ascot winner Nola Soul  
*Megan Rose Photography*

by Katie Petrunyak

Glen Hill Farm's Craig Bernick had just enough left in the bankroll to try for one more weanling when he bid on **Nola Soul (Justify)** at the 2024 Keeneland November Sale.

With a \$2-million budget, Bernick purchased five colts at the 2024 breeding stock sales in the hopes of coming out with a stallion prospect. Nola Soul was the last to be bought and at \$220,000, was the bargain of the bunch. This year, he was the first to make the races, becoming a 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard,' and he is now a Royal Ascot winner.

Bernick said that in the four weeks since Nola Soul captured the Chesham Stakes, the response to securing his operation's first Royal Ascot victory has been unlike anything he has ever experienced as an owner.

"It's funny," he reflected. "It's only a listed stake, but people texted me like it was a Group 1. I guess that's Royal Ascot for you. We've won Grade I races and gotten less press and less congratulations. It's kind of like the Kentucky Derby. It's one of the few events that breaks out of the horse world. Everybody knows it."

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## BROWNING EXCITED BY 230-STRONG FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA SALE CATALOGUE

Fasig-Tipton has catalogued 230 selected yearlings for the 105th Saratoga Sale, to be held on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 10 and 11, in Saratoga Springs, New York.

Sessions will begin each evening at 6:30 pm in the Humphrey S. Finney Sales Pavilion.

"We've set a high standard in recent years with a series of exceptional Saratoga sales, and this year's catalogue is every bit as strong--if not stronger--than those acclaimed renewals," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "Elite individuals, leading sire power, and depth of pedigree will once again be on full display at our historic Saratoga sales grounds."

The auction has produced six individual Grade I winners over the past year. Recent sales graduates include champion and 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Sierra Leone (Gun Runner)**, who last year added the GI Whitney Stakes to his remarkable resume; and Journalism (**Curlin**), who followed up his win in last year's GI Preakness Stakes with a victory in the GI Haskell Stakes.

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Saratoga Sale grad Journalism, winner of last season's  
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## Nola Soul, cont. from p1

The road to securing an Ascot victory began with a calculated game plan. Nola Soul was part of the inaugural crop of colts Bernick bought as weanlings in 2024. With so many deep-pocketed syndicates shopping for stallion prospects at the yearling sales, Bernick decided to take a less conventional route.

"Most of our best mares are graded stakes horses on turf, so in the aim of producing a stallion, we decided to go to the sales and buy some colts. We've got a great farm in Ocala so we said, 'Why don't we just buy foals?'"

Nola Soul was slated to go through the ring early in Book 2 at Keeneland. The **Justify** colt bred by Glennwood Farm was from the family of dual Grade I winner Stay Thirsty (Bernardini) and Without You Babe (Lemon Drop Kid), the dam of GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile champion Tamarkuz (Speightstown) and G1 St James's Palace Stakes victor Without Parole (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**).

"I think **Justify** is just an outstanding stallion," said Bernick. "His statistics are remarkable, especially in Europe with the percentage of stakes horses and Group 1 horses from the number of horses that have actually been tried over there. I couldn't believe this horse was in Book 2. The Gunthers raised a fantastic horse. He was out of a Muhaarar mare, so a little bit of a turf broodmare sire, but definitely a Kentucky pedigree behind him. He was a big, rangy horse with a big walk. He was maybe too much of a turf horse for some of the pinhookers, but he was pretty obvious to us."

When the acquired quintet of weanlings was sent to be raised and broken at Glen Hill Farm in Ocala, Nola Soul was the lone youngster slated for an overseas campaign. Believing the colt possessed the precocity to thrive in an early campaign, Bernick was also influenced by his rapport with Irish trainer Fozzy Stack. The duo had celebrated top-level success with another progeny of **Justify** in Aspen Grove (Ire), who captured a Group 3 in Ireland before crossing the pond to claim the 2023 GI Belmont Oaks Invitational Stakes.

Bernick was on hand at Leopardstown this past May when Nola Soul made his first start, overcoming some greenness to win going seven furlongs and earn his 'Rising Star' honors. **Cont.**



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Breeder: DJ Legacy LLC



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**Nola Soul, cont.**

When the runner-up of that debut, King of Cloughan (Ire) (**St Mark's Basilica {Fr}**), captured the Windsor Castle Stakes less than 24 hours before the Chesham, it reinforced the confidence Bernick had always had in his colt.

"He's a big horse, but not a big one that looks like he'd take a lot of time," explained Bernick. "He looks a lot like **Justify** to be honest. I'm not saying he's **Justify**. He's got totally different markings and he's bay. But he's big in his proportions and he really reminds you of **Justify** in how he runs. He's got such a big stride and he does things in such an efficient way that he covers a lot of ground."

The Nola Soul team's primary concern at Royal Ascot was how the inexperienced colt would handle the boat ride and the pre-race buzz, especially as the Chesham immediately followed the Royal Procession as the first

race on Thursday's card. The atmosphere did get to the juvenile a bit and he required a blindfold to go into the gate.

"That's why he was so keen because he was so amped up going in the gate that he kind of blew up," Bernick explained.

"Hopefully we'll get him over some of those pre-race antics and he'll be a little bit more relaxed in his racing. It's hard to say for a horse that's won twice from two starts, but he needs to learn how to run. And if he does, he's going to be pretty dangerous."

Bernick was not able to witness the Ascot festivities in person because of a family vacation in Colorado, but he hopes to be in attendance as the colt's juvenile campaign continues. Nola Soul is targeting the G2 Futurity Stakes at the Curragh on August 22.

From there, Bernick said the 2-year-old should make one or two more starts this year, but the Breeders' Cup is likely not one of the races in consideration. **Cont**



Craig Bernick with Aspen Grove after winning the 2023 GI Belmont Oaks Invitational Stakes | Sarah Andrew

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### Nola Soul, cont.

"We really want to make sure we have a horse next year because he could be a good horse in some of those really big races if he does things right," he noted.

Among the other four members of Nola Soul's crop, Roll Wave (Into Mischief) may be the next to debut. A \$900,000 Keeneland November buy, the son of Grade III winner Eres Tu (Malibu Moon) is in training with Tom Proctor in Saratoga. He worked a bullet four furlongs in :46.59 on June 28 and breezed from the gate on July 4. The other three colts--by **McKinzie**, Jackie's Warrior and **Justify**--are also with Proctor at the Spa.



Nola Soul wins the Chesham Stakes | Mathea Kelley

Bernick was back in action during the last round of Keeneland breeding stock sales. In November, he bought a \$550,000 **Elite Power** colt out of a daughter of GISW Miss Shop (Deputy Minister), as well as colts by **Munnings**, Yaupon and **Street Sense**. He also purchased a \$675,000 Into Mischief half-brother to GISW **Cogburn (Not This Time)** at the January Sale.

"It wasn't as easy to buy," he admitted. "I think in 2024, we didn't get outbid for a horse. We bought the five we liked."

He continued, "This year the three we liked the most we actually got outbid for. Buying foals to race is a normal thing in other parts of the world, but it's mostly pinhookers here. We got a chance to outbid the pinhookers in 2024, but everybody figured it out last year. I think people that didn't get horses purchased in September because of the prices probably said, 'Well, let's get some of these things as foals.'"

Two years into the weanling-buying venture, Bernick said he now actually prefers purchasing racing prospects as foals.

"They can be at our farm and in our program for an extra year essentially," he explained. "They've been through a sales prep, but as a foal, not as a yearling. With a foal that you're going to race, it's not quite a homebred, but it essentially is for us because [the Glen Hill homebreds] come down to Ocala once they're weaned, so it actually works out pretty well. I like buying the foals. We'll do it again this year."

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Horses train under a hazy Saratoga sky Wednesday morning as smoke from Canadian wildfires drifts into the U.S. Midwest and Northeast

Sarah Andrew

### KEENELAND CASE STUDY

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Others include Clicquot (**Quality Road**), winner of the GI Cotillion Stakes; Commandment (Into Mischief), winner of this year's GI Florida Derby; 'Rising Star' Shred the Gnar (Into Mischief), who captured the GI Fasig-Tipton La Troienne Stakes on Kentucky Derby day; and Hope Road (**Quality Road**), who claimed the GI Ballerina Stakes at Saratoga.

In addition to success at the Grade I level, Saratoga has produced 10 additional individual graded stakes winners over the last 12 months in **Barnes** (Into Mischief), Call Sign Seven (Speightstown), Final Score (**Not This Time**), Fulleffort (**Liam's Map**), Litmus Test (**Nyquist**), Nafisa (**Quality Road**), Paladin (**Gun Runner**), Perfect Shot (**Gun Runner**), Potente (Into Mischief), and Zany (**American Pharoah**).

"To produce such a high number of graded stakes winners each year at Saratoga, from just one book of 200 to 240 yearlings, is truly remarkable," continued Browning. "It's a testament to the depth of quality that can only be found at The Saratoga Sale."

The catalogue may now be **viewed online**, and will also be available via the equineline sales catalogue app. Print catalogues are now available from all Fasig-Tipton offices.

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## CHAD SUMMERS JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST PRESENTED BY KEENELAND

It's been a good year for trainer Chad Summers, who won his first Triple Crown race when Napoleon Solo (**Liam's Map**) won the GI Preakness Stakes by 1 1/4 lengths. It might get even better Saturday as Napoleon Solo is the 5-2 second choice in the morning line for the \$1-million GI Haskell Stakes at Monmouth Park. **Cont.**

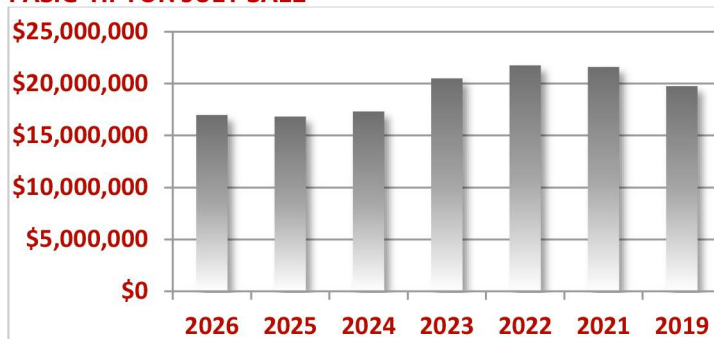


Trainer Chad Summers celebrates the Preakness | Sarah Andrew

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### FASIG-TIPTON JULY SALE



*"The Fasig-Tipton July Selected Yearlings Sale recorded both its highest-ever average and median Tuesday in Lexington. In all, 146 yearlings grossed \$16,981,000 during the first yearling sale of the season. The average was a sale record \$116,308 and up 7.8% from the 2025 figure of \$107,872, while the median was \$92,500--up 2.8% from last year's figure of \$90,000."*

- Jessica Martini

| YEAR | CAT | RING | SOLD | % W/D | % S/R | % S/C | GROSS        | AVE       |
|------|-----|------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-----------|
| 2026 | 238 | 190  | 146  | 20.0% | 76.8% | 61.3% | \$16,981,000 | \$116,308 |
| 2025 | 261 | 217  | 156  | 16.9% | 71.9% | 59.8% | \$16,828,000 | \$107,872 |
| 2024 | 286 | 231  | 154  | 19.2% | 66.7% | 53.8% | \$17,319,000 | \$112,461 |
| 2023 | 370 | 304  | 207  | 17.8% | 68.1% | 55.9% | \$20,507,000 | \$99,068  |
| 2022 | 302 | 248  | 189  | 19.9% | 76.2% | 62.6% | \$21,763,500 | \$115,511 |
| 2021 | 348 | 277  | 208  | 20.0% | 75.1% | 59.8% | \$21,608,500 | \$103,887 |
| 2019 | 349 | 282  | 196  | 19.2% | 69.5% | 56.2% | \$19,762,500 | \$100,829 |

**Chad Summers on Writers' Room, cont.**

To take a look back at how he navigated his way to the Preakness, what he expects in the Haskell and his thoughts on his controversial jockey Paco Lopez, Summers joined this week's TDN Writers' Room Podcast presented by **Keeneland**. He was the **Gainesway** Guest of the Week.

After Napoleon Solo had some ups and downs to his year, Summers said he has been on the right path for quite some time now.

"You're looking for consistency," he said. "When you're able to not miss training and you're able to just kind of come up with a plan and follow that plan, which in horse racing a lot of times is easier said than done. It's one of those things where you have to roll with the punches. Really since the Wood Memorial, he hasn't really had anything to kind of get in his way. It was a little hot a couple of days in New York a few weeks ago,

so he skipped a breeze, but that was because we wanted to, not because the horse made us. That made us a lot more confident going into the Preakness and going into the Haskell as well."

It was not easy getting to or winning the Preakness. It had to be a gratifying experience for Summers.

"It was kind of justification for what we've thought of him all along," Summers said. "I mean, people wanted to kind of Twitter train us. It was backseat driving. We'll call it Twitter trainers. They wanted to Twitter train us when we skipped the Breeders' Cup and when things didn't go our way early on in the start of his 3-year-old year. But we always were very confident with the horse that we had. We saw how

brilliant he was as a 2-year-old and then we saw it again as a 3-year-old. Sometimes it takes a little while to get your feet underneath you and do everything the way that needs to be done." **Cont.**

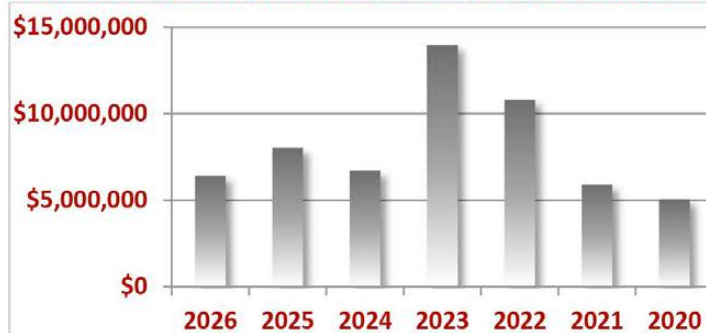


Chad Summers at Monmouth Wednesday | Bill Denver/EQUI-PHOTO

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### FASIG-TIPTON JULY SELECTED HORSES OF RACING AGE SALE



"Our Moneyman was the final horse through the ring Tuesday when selling to Pedro Lanz and his record-setting \$2-million price tag--which bettered the \$1.7-million record set just last year--helped lead the horses of racing age auction to a record average price of \$167,641. The previous record of \$157,588 was set last year."

- Jessica Martini

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|------|-----|------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-----------|
| 2026 | 65  | 45   | 39   | 20.8% | 86.7% | 60.0% | \$6,428,000  | \$167,641 |
| 2025 | 70  | 54   | 51   | 22.9% | 94.4% | 72.9% | \$8,037,000  | \$157,588 |
| 2024 | 123 | 82   | 65   | 33.3% | 79.3% | 52.9% | \$6,708,500  | \$103,208 |
| 2023 | 245 | 170  | 142  | 30.6% | 83.6% | 57.9% | \$13,982,000 | \$98,465  |
| 2022 | 217 | 159  | 129  | 26.7% | 81.1% | 59.4% | \$10,814,000 | \$83,829  |
| 2021 | 175 | 105  | 79   | 40.0% | 75.2% | 45.1% | \$5,905,500  | \$74,753  |
| 2020 | 182 | 119  | 81   | 39.6% | 68.0% | 44.5% | \$5,072,000  | \$62,617  |

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### ***Chad Summers on Writers' Room, cont.***

After the Preakness, Napoleon Solo was sold by Al Gold to a group called Espoir USA Inc. Summers knew that there were no guarantees that he would be retained as the trainer.

"It was tough," he said. "We got the offer on Tuesday following the Preakness. I was at the Maryland Timonium sale. And when the offer came I presented it to Mr. Gold and it was a very, very generous offer and one that we had to talk about and had many conversations about what to do. Obviously Mr. Gold loves his horses, loves the sport of horse racing, loves the Haskell. It was not an easy decision by any stretch of the imagination.

"Once we made that decision to sell, I didn't know who the owners were. Most of you guys don't know who the owners are now. I wasn't sure what was going to happen. I wasn't sure if I was going to get the opportunity to keep him or not. I understand that when you make an offer like they made there's no assumption at all that they're going keep the horse with somebody who's got 110 career victories. With the super trainers, some people win that many races in a month."

The "Fastest Horse of the Week" was Navajo Warrior (**Candy Ride** ({Arg}), who earned a 106 Beyer when winning the GIII Prairie Meadows Cornhusker Handicap. The Fastest Horse of the Week segment is sponsored by WinStar, which stands the sire **Life Is Good**.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the **PHBA**, **1/ST TV**, the **KTOB** and **West Point Thoroughbreds**, Randy Moss, Bill Finley, and Zoe Cadman debated whether or not Paco Lopez deserved a 30-day suspension for his ride in the Wild Applause Stakes. Cadman, a former rider, was particularly hard on Lopez. The team also discussed the formation of the Horse Racing League, which will attempt to turn racing into a team concept when it runs 12 races next year. They also previewed this weekend's big races, highlighted by the Haskell.

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## **NY THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE DAY 2026-- A SALUTE TO RACETRACK PONIES**

*Edited Press Release from TAKE2*

There are many second-career opportunities for retired racehorses. Some head to the breeding shed to produce the next generation of potential stars, some become show horses, some help humans through equine-assisted therapy programs--and some provide support to their fellow Thoroughbreds, accompanying them in training and to the starting gate in the essential role of racetrack pony. This year, New York Thoroughbred Aftercare Day will honor the former racehorses who now serve as ponies.



*Marie Kizenko photo*

This sixth annual New York Thoroughbred Aftercare Day will be held Friday, July 24, in conjunction with the \$200,000 Rick Violette Stakes at Saratoga Race Course. More than a dozen racetrack ponies will parade before the first race on Aftercare Day, sporting saddle towels that show off their racing names, and one will be named as this year's winner of the Down Broadway Award for the Retired Racehorse of the Year.

The event was created by the New York Racing Association (NYRA), New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NYTHA), New York Thoroughbred Breeders (NYTB) and New York Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund (NYTBDF) in 2021 to highlight the New York Thoroughbred industry's commitment to aftercare. Collectively, the state's owners, trainers, breeders, jockeys and NYRA contribute more than \$1.8 million to aftercare efforts each year.

"New York leads the way when it comes to coordinated Thoroughbred aftercare efforts, and this is a day to celebrate that success and pay tribute to the organizations working to re-home and re-train these athletes," said Andrew Offerman, NYRA Senior Vice President of Racing & Operations. "We thank NYTHA, NYTB and the Fund for helping to establish the annual Thoroughbred Aftercare Day at Saratoga, and our many partners in the aftercare community."

NYTHA President Tina Marie Bond said, "There is a lingering misconception that the racing industry does not have a structure in place to provide for safe retirement for our racehorses. That couldn't be further from the truth. All of the stakeholders in the Thoroughbred industry in New York are united in our support, both financial and organizational, of aftercare, and this event is the perfect opportunity to showcase both our efforts and our retired racehorses." **Cont.**

**NY Thoroughbred Aftercare Day, cont.**

Tracy Egan, Executive Director of the Breeding Fund, added, "As you watch yesterday's racehorses performing professionally today as 'track ponies,' you will gain a better understanding of why we are confident that ex-racehorses can make the best equine partners, whether you want a backyard riding horse or a top-level hunter or jumper."

"We are proud to once again join with NYTHA, NYRA, and the Fund in celebrating New York Thoroughbred Aftercare Day. This day reflects our industry's shared commitment to the lifelong care and well-being of our equine athletes while highlighting the many organizations that support Thoroughbreds after their time on the racetrack. We are especially pleased to recognize racetrack ponies this year, whose continued service and dedication exemplify the versatility, intelligence, and lasting value of the Thoroughbred," said Najja Thompson, NYTB Executive Director.



Walter Wlodarczyk photo

In addition to the Racetrack Pony Parade, representatives of ACTT Naturally, Long Shadows Charitable Foundation, Lucky Orphans, New Vocations, Old Friends at Cabin Creek, Second Chance Thoroughbreds, Therapeutic Horses of Saratoga and Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation will be on hand in the Community Booth behind the jockeys' quarters from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to talk about their efforts on behalf of New York's retired racehorses. There will also be interviews and videos about aftercare aired throughout the day.

The Rick Violette Stakes was named in memory of the late NYTHA President, who championed the aftercare cause during his tenure at the helm of the horsemen's association. Violette launched the TAKE2 Program, a second-career incentive program that provides awards and prize money in Thoroughbred-only hunter and jumper classes across the country; and TAKE THE LEAD, which works with owners and

trainers to find homes with accredited aftercare organizations for horses retiring from the NYRA circuit.

"TAKE THE LEAD will soon reach a milestone, with 1,500 horses transitioned to second careers through our program since we started," said TAKE2/TAKE THE LEAD President Rick Schosberg. "Rick brought Thoroughbred retirement to the forefront in New York, and it's an honor to carry out his mission."

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## BREEDERS' CUP CHANGES NEW FOAL NOMINATION FEE STRUCTURE; WILL BE BASED ON STALLION'S FEE

Beginning in 2027, the Breeders' Cup will offer a new structure for foal nomination fees to be based on the stallion's advertised fee, the group announced Wednesday. The change was approved by the Breeders' Cup Board of Directors "recognizing the economic challenges facing today's Thoroughbred breeding industry."

Beginning with next year's foal crop, all 2027 foals sired by North American-nominated stallions with an advertised fee of \$5,000 or less will be assigned a \$200 nomination fee, which is a 50% decrease of the current \$400 nomination fee for 2026. This reduction will benefit approximately 3,500 foals each year.

Foals born in 2027 sired by North American-nominated stallions advertised as standing for \$100,000 or more will be increased to a \$600 nomination fee. The nomination fee for foals by stallions advertised as standing for \$5,001 to \$99,999 will remain at \$400.

"Our Board recognizes that the breeding industry has changed significantly over the past two decades, and our nomination program must evolve with it," said Dora Delgado, Executive Vice President and Chief Racing Officer of Breeders' Cup Limited. **Cont**



Sarah Andrew

**Breeders' Cup nominations, cont.**

"Making participation more equitable for breeders across all segments of the industry is a top priority, while simultaneously preserving the exceptional lifetime value of a Breeders' Cup nomination."

All horses must be nominated to the Breeders' Cup program, either as a foal or later through the racehorse nomination process, to be eligible to compete in the 14 Breeders' Cup World Championship races, which offer more than \$34 million in purses and awards. Once nominated, a horse remains eligible for the Breeders' Cup World Championships and all Breeders' Cup purse and awards programs for the remainder of its racing career without any additional nomination payments.

For 2026, early foal nominations must be submitted by midnight Aug. 1, 2026 (\$400 US per foal for those weanlings entered in a fall or winter stock sale) and standard foal nominations must be submitted by midnight Oct. 15, 2026 (\$400 US per foal).

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## WEEKLY RULINGS

### NATIONAL RULINGS FOR JULY 9 - 15: TRAINER DIAZ BANNED 18 YEARS, THOMPSON BANNED TWO YEARS

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

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

Among this week's rulings, trainer Luis Diaz has been banned a combined 18 years and fined a combined \$225,000 for possession of prohibited substances.

According to HIWU's **final written decision**, HIWU investigators searched Diaz's barn and vehicle at Turf Paradise in Arizona on Jan. 21. They found the following items in front of the stalls along his shedrow and in a car parked in the track parking lot.

A bottle of injectable "Be Quiet," a bottle of injectable "Complenay Amino Max," a bottle of injectable "Iron 100" (Iron Hydrogenated Dextran), a bottle of injectable "Cardio Bee 15," a bottle of injectable "Buta-fenil Compuesto," a bottle of an unnamed injectable liquid substance from Custom Compounding Pharmacy, and a bottle of injectable "Bovine Pituitary Extract."

"Diaz repeatedly told HIWU Investigators that a set of car keys found hanging on the wall in his barn did not belong to him and that he had been dropped off at the track that day," according

to the final decision. "A Nissan Murano in the Turf Paradise parking lot responded to the key fob found in Mr. Diaz's barn, and HIWU Investigators later determined that the car was registered to Mr. Diaz."

HIWU sent the Cardio Bee 15 to its Kentucky laboratory for testing. The lab found it contained the banned substances Diisopropylamine and Trenbolone.

After HIWU personally served an equine anti-doping charge notice to Diaz on March 3, the agency reached out to Diaz on multiple occasions seeking a response as to how to proceed with the case. Diaz, the final decision states, failed to respond to these efforts. Because of this, Diaz was deemed to have waived his right to a hearing and to have admitted the charges against him.

Also this week, trainer Erin Thompson has been banned for two years, beginning on July 10, and fined \$25,000 after her trainee Motion to Adjourn tested positive for Clenbuterol, a banned substance except in specific circumstances, after finishing fifth at Belterra Park on June 5 last year.

The case was heard before an arbitrator, Hugh Fraser. In arguing her case, Thompson made several contentions.

They include how she's a longtime trainer with a spotless record; that the horse was stabled at a Belterra receiving barn that was dirty and contaminated from prior occupants (opening the door to possible environmental contamination); that the extraordinarily high Clenbuterol levels were suggestive of near-race administration, meaning that "any experienced trainer would know that such near-race administration would guarantee detection"; and that the horse had possibly been given the drug by somebody else, according to the **arbitrator's final decision. Cont.**



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***Weekly Rulings, cont.***

Fraser ultimately determined that while Thompson was open and cooperative during the investigation, she had failed to provide sufficient proof to support her various contentions.

"Denial is the coin of the realm, available to the innocent and the guilty alike," wrote Fraser, quoting the arbitrator in a separate HIWU case involving a medication violation.

"According it too much weight would weaken the fight against doping in equine and human sport alike, and disserve the very Rules that must be enforced."

**Resolved ADMC Violations**

**Dates:** 07/14/2026

**Licensee:** Horacio De Paz, trainer

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

**Explainer:** Medication violation for the presence of Methylprednisolone-a class C controlled substance-in a sample taken from I'm a Sure Thing, who won at Laurel Park on 4/10/26.

**Dates:** 07/14/2026

**Licensee:** Andrew Simoff, trainer

**Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision by HIWU.

**Explainer:** Medication violation for the presence of Methamphetamine-a banned substance-in a sample taken from Gridlock, who finished third at Monmouth Park on 5/10/26.

**Dates:** 07/14/2026

**Licensee:** Carlos Rafael Figueroa, Jr., trainer

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

**Explainer:** Medication violation for the presence of Betamethasone-a class C controlled substance-in a sample taken from Enduring Spirit, who finished third at Monmouth Park on 5/25/26.

**Dates:** 07/09/2026

**Licensee:** Carlos Munoz, trainer

**Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision by HIWU.

**Explainer:** Vets' list medication violation for the presence of Betamethasone-a class C substance-in a sample taken from Antrax on 5/24/26.

**Dates:** 07/08/2026

**Licensee:** Erin Thompson, trainer

**Penalty:** 2-year period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on July 10, 2026; 60-day period of Ineligibility for the Covered Horse, beginning on July 10, 2026; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results on 06/05/25 and 06/27/25, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$25,000. Final decision by an arbitral body.

**Explainer:** Vets' list medication violation for the presence of Clenbuterol-a banned substance except in specific circumstances-in a sample taken from Motion to Adjourn, who finished fifth at Belterra Park on 6/5/25.

**Dates:** 07/08/2026

**Licensee:** Luis Diaz, trainer

**Penalty:** A combined 18-year period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on July 9, 2026; a combined fine of \$225,000.

**Explainer:** Breach of rule 3214(a), concerning "Possession of a Banned Substance," along with the alleged breach of rule 3216(a), concerning "Tampering or Attempted Tampering by a Covered Person with any part of Doping Control or Medication Control," for an event dated 1/1/26. The substances in question are Iron Dextran Complex, Be Quiet; Cardio Bee 15; Complenary Amino Max; Buta-Fenil; injectable liquid substance from Custom Compounding Pharmacy; Bovine Pituitary Extract.

**Pending ADMC Violations**

**07/14/2026, Joel M. Campbell, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone-a class C controlled substance-in a sample taken from She Stopped Short, who finished fourth at Hawthorne on 6/4/26.

**07/10/2026, Benny Cadahia, trainer:** Pending medication violations for the presence of Methocarbamol-a class C controlled substance-in samples taken from Secret Power, who finished second at Gulfstream Park on 5/30/26, and who finished fourth at Gulfstream Park on 6/13/26.

**07/10/2026, Gene Sandrowski, trainer:** Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Methamphetamine-a banned substance-in a sample taken from Lily's Home on 4/18/26.

**07/09/2026, Rolando Quinonez, trainer:** Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Omeprazole-a class C controlled substance-in a sample taken from Amigo G A on 6/6/26.

**07/09/2026, Tim McCanna, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Triamcinolone-a class C controlled substance-in a sample taken from Everydayissaturday, who won at Aqueduct on 6/5/26.

**07/09/2026, William Morey, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Clenbuterol-a banned substance except under certain circumstances-in a sample taken from Fiddling Felix, who won at Aqueduct on 4/4/26.

### **Crop Violations**

#### **Albuquerque**

Flavio Lozano - reporting date July 13; \$500 fine, three-day suspension

#### **Churchill Downs**

Summer Lou Pauly - reporting date July 13; \$500 fine, two-day suspension

Keith Asmussen - reporting date July 13; \$500 fine, two-day suspension

Adam Beschizza - reporting date July 9; \$500 fine, two-day suspension

#### **Colonial Downs**

Jean A. Briceno - reporting date July 13; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

#### **Emerald Downs**

Lenny A. Seecharan - reporting date July 13; \$500 fine, three-day suspension

#### **Hawthorne**

Emmanuel Giles - reporting date July 13; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

#### **Saratoga**

Jose Ortiz - reporting date July 10; \$500 fine, one-day suspension

#### **Thistledown**

Rocco R.R. Bowen - reporting date July 14; \$207 fine, three-day suspension, on appeal stay requested

Ricardo Feliciano - reporting date July 13; \$52 fine, one-day suspension, on appeal stay requested

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## **BANKE, HANCOCK, LYSTER AND WALDEN RE-ELECTED TO BREEDERS' CUP BOARD**

Barbara Banke (Stonestreet Farms), Walker Hancock (Claiborne Farm), Gray Lyster (Ashview Farm), and Elliott Walden (WinStar Farm) have been re-elected to the Breeders' Cup Board of Directors, and each will serve a four-year term according to Breeders' Cup Limited.

Banke will continue as Chairman of the Board of Directors, a role to which she was appointed in 2021 and re-elected in 2023 and 2025.

"We congratulate Barbara, Walker, Gray, and Elliott on their re-election to the Breeders' Cup Board," said Antony Beck, Vice-Chairman of the Breeders' Cup Limited Board of Directors. "Each brings exceptional experience, leadership, and a deep commitment to the Thoroughbred industry. Their continued service will help guide the future of the Breeders' Cup as we build upon our position as a premier global championships while continuing to invest in initiatives that strengthen the sport for generations to come."

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## Leading 2026 Sires of Yearlings

*by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America through Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July*

| Rank | Name             | FYr | Loc | 2024 Fee  | Ring | Sold | Avg       | Median    |
|------|------------------|-----|-----|-----------|------|------|-----------|-----------|
| 1    | Into Mischief    | F10 | KY  | \$250,000 | 1    | 1    | \$420,496 | \$420,496 |
| 2    | Curlin           | F10 | KY  | \$250,000 | 1    | 1    | \$371,026 | \$371,026 |
| 3    | Twirling Candy   | F13 | KY  | \$60,000  | 1    | 1    | \$260,000 | \$260,000 |
| 4    | Vekoma           | F22 | KY  | \$15,000  | 7    | 6    | \$242,000 | \$185,000 |
| 5    | Highly Motivated | F24 | KY  | \$7,500   | 1    | 1    | \$240,000 | \$240,000 |
| 6    | Cody's Wish      | F25 | KY  | \$75,000  | 1    | 1    | \$220,000 | \$220,000 |
| 7    | Taiba            | F25 | KY  | \$35,000  | 4    | 4    | \$210,000 | \$210,000 |
| 8    | Blame            | F12 | KY  | \$25,000  | 1    | 1    | \$200,000 | \$200,000 |
| 9    | Liam's Map       | F17 | KY  | \$40,000  | 3    | 3    | \$188,333 | \$190,000 |
| 10   | Practical Joke   | F19 | KY  | \$45,000  | 3    | 3    | \$188,333 | \$200,000 |
| 11   | Forte            | F25 | KY  | \$50,000  | 6    | 4    | \$187,124 | \$156,000 |
| 12   | Gunite           | F25 | KY  | \$35,000  | 5    | 5    | \$185,000 | \$180,000 |
| 13   | Girvin           | F20 | KY  | \$30,000  | 5    | 5    | \$172,000 | \$150,000 |
| 14   | McKinzie         | F22 | KY  | \$30,000  | 4    | 3    | \$163,333 | \$130,000 |
| 15   | Upstart          | F18 | KY  | \$30,000  | 2    | 2    | \$162,500 | \$162,500 |

## Leading 2026 Freshmen Sires of Yearlings

*by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America through Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July*

| Rank | Name           | Sire's Sire   | Loc | 2024 Fee | Ring | Sold | Avg       | Median    |
|------|----------------|---------------|-----|----------|------|------|-----------|-----------|
| 1    | Cody's Wish    | Curlin        | KY  | \$75,000 | 1    | 1    | \$220,000 | \$220,000 |
| 2    | Taiba          | Gun Runner    | KY  | \$35,000 | 4    | 4    | \$210,000 | \$210,000 |
| 3    | Forte          | Violence      | KY  | \$50,000 | 6    | 4    | \$187,124 | \$156,000 |
| 4    | Gunite         | Gun Runner    | KY  | \$35,000 | 5    | 5    | \$185,000 | \$180,000 |
| 5    | Mage           | Good Magic    | KY  | \$25,000 | 5    | 4    | \$161,250 | \$150,000 |
| 6    | Up to the Mark | Not This Time | KY  | \$25,000 | 3    | 2    | \$160,000 | \$160,000 |
| 7    | Fulsome        | Into Mischief | KY  | \$7,500  | 2    | 1    | \$140,000 | \$140,000 |
| 8    | Arabian Lion   | Justify       | KY  | \$30,000 | 5    | 5    | \$126,000 | \$90,000  |
| 9    | Pappacap       | Gun Runner    | KY  | \$12,500 | 4    | 3    | \$96,666  | \$110,000 |
| 10   | Proxy          | Tapit         | KY  | \$25,000 | 2    | 2    | \$90,000  | \$90,000  |
| 11   | Arcangelo      | Arrogate      | KY  | \$35,000 | 2    | 1    | \$75,000  | \$75,000  |
| 12   | Loggins        | Ghostzapper   | KY  | \$7,500  | 12   | 9    | \$73,555  | \$70,000  |
| 13   | Dr. Schivel    | Violence      | KY  | \$12,500 | 3    | 2    | \$68,000  | \$68,000  |
| 14   | Two Phil's     | Hard Spun     | KY  | \$12,500 | 12   | 11   | \$59,136  | \$30,000  |
| 15   | Annapolis      | War Front     | KY  | \$12,500 | 4    | 2    | \$57,500  | \$57,500  |



**Saturday, 7/18, Monmouth #12, post time: 5:45 p.m. EDT**

**NYRA BETS HASKELL S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**



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| PP | HORSE           | SIRE                     | OWNER                                                          | TRAINER     | JOCKEY      | WT  |
|----|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----|
| 1  | Star Sweeper    | Rock Your World          | Bran Jam Stable and David W. Clark                             | Linder, Jr. | Rivera, Jr. | 119 |
| 2  | Further Ado 🌿   | <b>Gun Runner</b>        | Spendthrift Farm LLC                                           | Cox         | Ortiz, Jr.  | 122 |
| 3  | Baby Vino       | Vino Rosso               | Cosmo Stables and Delta Squad Racing, LLC                      | Schultz     | Vargas, Jr. | 119 |
| 4  | The Puma 🌿      | <b>Essential Quality</b> | OGMA Investments LLC, JR Ranch, and High Step Racing LLC       | Delgado     | Saez        | 119 |
| 5  | Iron Honor 🌿    | <b>Nyquist</b>           | St. Elias Stable, William H. Lawrence, and Glassman Racing LLC | Brown       | Prat        | 119 |
| 6  | Napoleon Solo 🌿 | <b>Liam's Map</b>        | Espoir USA, Inc.                                               | Summers     | Lopez       | 122 |
| 7  | Ocelli          | Connect                  | Ashley Durr, Anthony Tate, and Front Page Equestrian, LLC      | Beckman     | Gaffalione  | 119 |

**Breeders:** 1-Tami D. Bobo, 2-John C. Oxley, 3-Lisa Parks, 4-Hidden Brook Farm & Brian Kahn, 5-Mike Freeny & Pat Freeny, 6-John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock, 7-Rosedown Racing Stables, LLC

**The Puma** (**Essential Quality**) was the pick in the GI Kentucky Derby before he was scratched, so I have to stick with him. He was coming off a huge effort in the GI Florida Derby and seemed to be on the improve. It's a concern that he hasn't run since March 28, but if crafty trainer Gustavo Delgado has him ready, The Puma will have a big shot.

**Napoleon Solo** (**Liam's Map**) got his act together in time to win the GI Preakness under Paco Lopez, backing up his scintillating win in last year's GI Champagne Stakes. Just not sure who he beat in the Preakness. It looks like Paco can take the lead here if he wants it as Napoleon Solo is as fast early as anyone in here. 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Further Ado** (**Gun Runner**) is the morning-line favorite and can't be dismissed after winning the GIII Matt Winn last out. Still waiting for him to run back to that huge 106 Beyer he earned in the GI Blue Grass Stakes.

**Ocelli** (Connect) will do what he always does, close for third or fourth and enhance his reputation as the sport's best maiden. --Bill Finley

**Saturday, 7/18, Saratoga #5, post time: 2:46 p.m. EDT**

**DUNKIN' DIANA S.-GI, \$500,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT**

| PP | HORSE                   | SIRE                    | OWNER                                | TRAINER           | JOCKEY       | WT  |
|----|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----|
| 1  | Dynamic Pricing (Ire)   | Night of Thunder (Ire)  | Klaravich Stables, Inc.              | Brown             | Zayas        | 124 |
| 2  | Cathedral (GB)          | Too Darn Hot (GB)       | Amo Racing USA LLC                   | Philippart De Foy | Santana, Jr. | 120 |
| 3  | Kathynmarissa 🌿         | <b>American Pharoah</b> | Caruso, Michael J. and Dubb, Michael | Brown             | Ortiz        | 122 |
| 4  | Portfolio Duration (GB) | Night of Thunder (Ire)  | Klaravich Stables, Inc.              | Brown             | Franco       | 124 |
| 5  | Five G                  | Vekoma                  | Gatsas Stables                       | Weaver            | Velazquez    | 120 |
| 6  | Segesta                 | Ghostzapper             | Juddmonte                            | Brown             | Davis        | 124 |
| 7  | Ozara (Ire)             | Lope de Vega (Ire)      | Cheyenne Stables LLC                 | Clement           | Rodriguez    | 120 |

**Breeders:** 1-Epona Bloodstock Ltd, 2-Exors of the Late Sir Robert Ogden, 3-Don Alberto Corporation, 4-Michael E Wates CBE, 5-Gatsas Stable LLC, 6-Juddmonte, 7-Fleche D'Or Partnership

Chad Brown has won this race 10 times and will likely send out the first four favorites. So which Chad Brown is it? They are hard to separate. The slight nod goes to **Segesta** (Ghostzapper). She's consistent, should be stalking a slow pace and is 2-for-3 at the mile-and-an-eighth distance. **Kathynmarissa** (**American Pharoah**) was compromised by a slow pace in the GI New York Stakes, won by stablemate **Portfolio Duration (GB)** (Night of Thunder {Ire}), who stole the race. **Cathedral (GB)** (Too Darn Hot {GB}) doesn't have great form in Great Britain, but European shippers are always dangerous in these races. --*Bill Finley*

**Saturday, 7/18, Monmouth #6, post time: 2:24 p.m. EDT**

**MOLLY PITCHER S.-GII**, \$500,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

| PP | HORSE              | SIRE              | OWNER                                          | TRAINER  | JOCKEY      | WT  |
|----|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|-----|
| 1  | Scalable 🐾         | Speightstown      | Repole Stable                                  | Pletcher | -           | 122 |
| 2  | Lost Horizon       | Into Mischief     | Peter M. Brant                                 | Brown    | Gaffalione  | 122 |
| 3  | Dry Powder 🐾       | <b>Gun Runner</b> | Gold Square LLC                                | Summers  | Lopez       | 122 |
| 4  | Lika Rolling Stone | Bustin Stones     | Aci Racing Stable LLC                          | Arriaga  | Rivera, Jr. | 118 |
| 5  | Nerazurri          | Protonico         | Michael H. Eiserman                            | Casse    | Saez        | 122 |
| 6  | Alpine Princess 🐾  | Classic Empire    | Full of Run Racing Two and Madaket Stables LLC | Cox      | Ortiz, Jr.  | 124 |
| 7  | Splendor           | <b>Audible</b>    | Boyd Racing LLC and By Talla Racing LLC        | Baffert  | Prat        | 124 |

**Breeders:** 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-White Birch Farm, Inc., 3-Corser Thoroughbreds LLC, 4-Dr. Jerry Bilinski & Roddy Valente, 5-Porta Pia Stables LLC, 6-Betz/DJ Stables/Peter V.Lamantia/Classic Empire Syndicate, 7-The Elkstone Group LLC

No one on the planet was going to beat Nitrogen (Medaglia d'Oro) in the GI Ogden Phipps Stakes, so don't put a lot of stock in the last race from **Alpine Princess** (Classic Empire). If she runs back to her win in the GII Doubledogdare Stakes, she might be able to beat **Splendor** (**Audible**). No knocks on Splendor, especially after she proved she can win at this distance in the GII Shawnee Stakes. The one to beat. **Lost Horizon** (Into Mischief) tries graded stakes company for the first time after a blowout win in the Serena's Song Stakes. Will need to improve a bit more. --*Bill Finley*

**Saturday, 7/18, Monmouth #11, post time: 5:09 p.m. EDT**

**UNITED NATIONS S.-GII**, \$500,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT

| PP | HORSE                | SIRE                    | OWNER                              | TRAINER   | JOCKEY      | WT  |
|----|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----|
| 1  | Eldest Son           | Into Mischief           | John J. Reilly                     | Simone    | -           | 118 |
| 2  | Telescopic 🐾         | <b>American Pharoah</b> | BBN Racing, LLC                    | Oliver    | Rivera, Jr. | 118 |
| 3  | Echo Lane            | Treasure Beach (GB)     | Anthony Rogers                     | Crichton  | Saez        | 118 |
| 4  | Program Trading (GB) | Lope de Vega (Ire)      | Klaravich Stables, Inc.            | Brown     | Prat        | 122 |
| 5  | Thundering           | <b>Mosler</b>           | Dastur Racing                      | Ryan      | Gaffalione  | 122 |
| 6  | Uncle's Gold         | Uncle Mo                | Live Oak Plantation                | Trombetta | Lopez       | 118 |
| 7  | Just a Touch 🐾       | <b>Justify</b>          | Qatar Racing LLC and Marc Detampel | Cox       | Ortiz, Jr.  | 122 |
| 8  | Post Command         | Il Postino              | Prancing Horse Farm, LLC           | Rabadan   | Marquez     | 118 |

**Breeders:** 1-Godolphin, 2-Westerberg Ireland ULC, 3-Echo Lane Of Ocala, LLC, 4-Fittocks Stud & Arrow Farm & Stud, 5-Jal Dastur, 6-Live Oak Stud, 7-Don Alberto Corporation, 8-Law Legacy Stables LLC

The key here is finding a horse who can get that distance, and that is **Just a Touch** (**Justify**). He wired the field in the 12-furlong Cape Henlopen Stakes at Delaware in his first try at a marathon distance. The mile-and-three-eighths should be right up his alley. Chad Brown sends out **Program Trading (GB)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), who would be the horse to beat at a shorter distance, but is a complete unknown going this far. **Echo Lane** (Treasure Beach {GB}) ran the best race of his life at this distance in the GII Mac Diarmida Stakes. Might be the value in the race. --*Bill Finley*

**Saturday, 7/18, Del Mar #8, post time: 8:30 p.m. EDT**

**SAN DIEGO H.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

| PP | HORSE              | SIRE                | OWNER                                                                                                                                                                                            | TRAINER  | JOCKEY    | WT  |
|----|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----|
| 1  | Mc Vay             | <b>Constitution</b> | C R K Stable LLC                                                                                                                                                                                 | Eurton   | Berrios   | 118 |
| 2  | Mirahmadi 🐾        | Into Mischief       | SF Racing, LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, LLC<br>Bashor Racing, LLC, Robert Masterson,<br>Waves Edge Capital, Catherine Donovan & Tom J. Ryan                                           | Baffert  | Hernandez | 119 |
| 3  | Shea Brennan       | Tough Sunday        | Nicholas B. Alexander                                                                                                                                                                            | D'Amato  | Ayuso     | 118 |
| 4  | Iron Man Cal 🐾     | Collected           | Little Red Feather Racing and Madaket Stables LLC                                                                                                                                                | D'Amato  | Fresu     | 119 |
| 5  | Journalism         | <b>Curlin</b>       | Bridlewood Farm, Don Alberto Stable<br>Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Elayne Stables 5, LLC<br>Robert V. LaPenta, Mrs. John Magnier-Lessee<br>Smith-Lessee, Derrick and Tabor-Lessee, Michael B. | McCarthy | Rispoli   | 125 |
| 6  | Full Serrano (Arg) | Full Mast           | Hronis Racing LLC                                                                                                                                                                                | Sadler   | Rosario   | 122 |
| 7  | The Goat (Chi)     | <b>Midshipman</b>   | Don Alberto Stable and Paola Stable                                                                                                                                                              | Sadler   | Jaramillo | 120 |

**Breeders:** 1-Band of Brothers, 2-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 3-Nick Alexander, 4-Brereton C. Jones, 5-Don Alberto Corporation, 6-Stud Haras Gran Muneca S.a., 7-Haras Don Alberto

After running against seemingly every star in the sport over his last two campaigns, **Journalism (Curlin)** finally gets some class relief. Towers over the field and should win at a short price. Now healthy, Umberto Rispoli returns for the assignment. **Mirahmadi** (Into Mischief) hasn't been seen since running second behind 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' Nysos (**Nyquist**) in this race last year. Will set the pace. **Full Serrano (Arg)** (Full Mast) has been chasing some tough company. On his best day might be good enough for second or third. --Bill Finley

**Saturday, 7/18, Del Mar #9, post time: 9:00 p.m. EDT**

**SAN CLEMENTE H.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1mT**

| PP | HORSE                    | SIRE                 | OWNER                                                                                                                     | TRAINER     | JOCKEY    | WT  |
|----|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----|
| 1  | Raiding Party (Ire)      | <b>Sioux Nation</b>  | Rodgers, Larry R., Coast Racing and Fick Farms                                                                            | Walsh       | Curtis    | 120 |
| 2  | Wild Like the West 🐾     | Into Mischief        | Sayjay Racing LLC                                                                                                         | Baltas      | Berrios   | 119 |
| 3  | Ground Support           | <b>Army Mule</b>     | NBS Stable                                                                                                                | Danner      | Beschizza | 123 |
| 4  | Spirit Doll              | <b>Tiz the Law</b>   | Peachtree Stable                                                                                                          | Joseph, Jr. | Hughes    | 121 |
| 5  | Peanutbutterbombe        | Collected            | Little Red Feather Racing and Strauss, William                                                                            | D'Amato     | Fresu     | 120 |
| 6  | Light Won Up 🐾           | <b>City of Light</b> | Purple Rein Racing and Davis, Mark D.                                                                                     | O'Neill     | Jaramillo | 121 |
| 7  | Marjoram                 | <b>Quality Road</b>  | Juddmonte                                                                                                                 | McCarthy    | Hernandez | 121 |
| 8  | Inbox (GB)               | Ectot (GB)           | Hopeless Stables, Little Red Feather Racing,<br>Sterling Stables and Naify, Marsha                                        | D'Amato     | Rosario   | 119 |
| 9  | Lookin At Diamond        | Lookin At Lucky      | Diamond 100 Racing Club LLC                                                                                               | Powell      | Rispoli   | 118 |
| 10 | Somerset West            | <b>Kantharos</b>     | Keith Abrahams                                                                                                            | Sadler      | Ayuso     | 117 |
| 11 | Cortina d'Amprezzo (Ire) | Lucky Vega (Ire)     | Hopeless Stables, Little Red Feather Racing<br>Medallion Racing, McNulty Thoroughbreds, Veranda Stables & Aldabbagh, Omar | D'Amato     | Leparoux  | 117 |

**Breeders:** 1-Barry Moorhead, 2-White Birch Farm, 3-Champion Equine, 4-Peachtree Stable, 5-Speedway Stables, 6-Betz Thoroughbreds/ J.Betz/ DJStables/Epona/Lamantia, 7-Juddmonte, 8-Orbis Bloodstock (UK) Limited, 9-Diamond 100 Racing Club, 10-Keith Abrahams, 11-Mountarmstrong Stud

Brendan Walsh wouldn't be shipping **Raiding Party (Ire) (Sioux Nation)** all this way off a Churchill allowance win if he didn't have a ton of confidence in her. Savvy trainer can get the job done. **Lookin At Diamond** (Lookin At Lucky) gets a little bit better with every race and might be ready to win this at a nice price. Gets jockey upgrade with Rispoli. **Ground Support (Army Mule)** didn't fire her best shot in the Tepin Stakes, but can't be ignored after a third-place finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf. --Bill Finley

**Saturday, 7/18, Monmouth #4, post time: 1:22 p.m. EDT**

**MONMOUTH CUP S.-GIII, \$350,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m**

| PP | HORSE                | SIRE             | OWNER                                          | TRAINER     | JOCKEY     | WT  |
|----|----------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|-----|
| 1  | Money Game           | Candy Ride (Arg) | Gary and Mary West                             | Cox         | Ortiz, Jr. | 120 |
| 2  | Kinetic              | Street Sense     | Sanford J. Goldfarb                            | Kantarmaci  | -          | 118 |
| 3  | Alexander Helios     | Cairo Prince     | John Fradkin and Diane Fradkin                 | Joseph, Jr. | Lopez      | 118 |
| 4  | Knightsbridge        | Nyquist          | Godolphin, LLC                                 | Mott        | Prat       | 124 |
| 5  | Skippylongstocking 🌿 | Exaggerator      | Daniel Alonso                                  | Joseph, Jr. | Gaffalione | 124 |
| 6  | Sergeant Capps 🌿     | West Coast       | Panagiotis A. Synnefias and Malamo Racing, LLC | Synnefias   | Ferrer     | 118 |

**Breeders:** 1-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 2-Godolphin, 3-John Fradkin & Diane Fradkin, 4-Godolphin, 5-Brushy Hill, LLC, 6-Offshoot Farm, LLC

'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Knightsbridge (Nyquist)** never lived up to the hype after his three-race winning streak at Gulfstream but bounced back in a big way when second behind fellow 'Rising Star' Nysos (**Nyquist**) in the GI Metropolitan Handicap. **Skippylongstocking** (Exaggerator) is no slouch either. Once an inconsistent sort, he's firing every time now and will be dangerous. It's a two-horse race for sure. **Money Game (Candy Ride {Arg})** is undefeated in four starts but has never faced this caliber of competition. --Bill Finley

**Saturday, 7/18, Monmouth #7, post time: 2:56 p.m. EDT**

**WINSTAR MATCHMAKER S.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT**

| PP | HORSE          | SIRE            | OWNER                                                                        | TRAINER | JOCKEY     | WT  |
|----|----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|-----|
| 1  | Sweet Treasure | Twirling Candy  | Full of Run Racing II LLC and Frank Silva                                    | Cox     | Ortiz, Jr. | 124 |
| 2  | Grayosh        | Yoshida (Jpn)   | Flanagan Racing                                                              | Brown   | Gaffalione | 118 |
| 3  | City Girl (Fr) | City Light (Fr) | Madaket Stables, LLC, Michael Dubb, Michael E. Kisber, and Michael J. Caruso | Brown   | Prat       | 124 |
| 4  | Creative Stuff | Creative Cause  | Joann Bertone                                                                | Bertone | Sutherland | 115 |
| 5  | Cheetah Lady 🌿 | Quality Road    | Pick View LLC                                                                | Beckman | Saez       | 118 |
| 6  | Five G         | Vekoma          | Gatsas Stables                                                               | Weaver  | -          | 118 |
| 7  | Long Ago (GB)  | Roaring Lion    | Christopher S. Nolan                                                         | Morey   | Lopez      | 118 |

**Breeders:** 1-Don Alberto Corporation, 2-Susan E. Bedwell, 3-Herald Bloodstock Ltd, Veronique Dubois & Nicolas Baudron, 4-Isabelle Detomaso, 5-Rigney Racing LLC, Denali Stud & ValliRose Equine LLC, 6-Gatsas Stable LLC, 7-Let It Be Me Partnership

**City Girl (Fr)** (City Light {Fr}) had everything go against her in the GI New York Stakes. She was taken up, rank and then sat last while going up against a slow early pace. Did well to only lose by 2 3/4 lengths. **Sweet Treasure (Twirling Candy)** showed a new dimension when going to the front to win the GIII Mint Julep Stakes. The same tactic might work here. **Grayosh** (Yoshida {Jpn}) is the "other Chad Brown", often a winning angle. But she'll have to step it up here to get the win. --Bill Finley

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**Saturday, 7/18, Saratoga #8, post time: 4:29 p.m. EDT****CORONATION CUP S.-GIII, \$225,000, 3yo, f, 5 1/2fT**

| PP | HORSE                  | SIRE           | OWNER                                                                                               | TRAINER   | JOCKEY       | WT  |
|----|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----|
| 1  | Quiet Street           | Street Boss    | Godolphin, LLC                                                                                      | Mott      | Alvarado     | 124 |
| 2  | Cy Fair                | Not This Time  | Medallion Racing, Swinbank Stables LLC,<br>Platts, Joey and Stanton, Mark                           | Weaver    | Velazquez    | 124 |
| 3  | Sapphire Beach (Ire) 🦋 | No Nay Never   | Three Diamonds Farm                                                                                 | Arnold II | Ortiz        | 122 |
| 4  | Cadenza 🦋              | Charlatan      | Stonestreet Stables LLC                                                                             | Cox       | Franco       | 124 |
| 5  | Hark Theangelssing     | Mendelssohn    | Estate of R. Larry Johnson                                                                          | Trombetta | Rodriguez    | 124 |
| 6  | Snow Face Princess     | Midshipman     | Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC                                                                          | Asmussen  | Santana, Jr. | 124 |
| 7  | Niche                  | Yaupon         | Red White and Blue Racing LLC                                                                       | Atras     | Davis        | 124 |
| 8  | Hot Currency           | Central Banker | Winning Move Stable, Sanford H. Robbins LLC,<br>Lady Sheila Stable, Silverwood Stables & IEE Racing | Rice      | Franco       | 124 |

**Breeders:** 1-Godolphin, 2-Marc Keller, 3-Mr Charlie Brooks, 4-KMN Racing, LLC, 5-R. Larry Johnson, 6-Paul Tackett Revocable Trust, ChrisTackett & Julie Tackett, 7-Summerfield Sales Agency, Inc. & EtaripStables, 8-BHMFR, LLC

**Sapphire Beach (Ire) (No Nay Never)** finished ahead of the likely favorite and 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Cy Fair (Not This Time)** two starts back in the GIII Limestone Stakes and followed that up with a handy score at Churchill in a tough allowance. Might represent some value. Grade I winner Cy Fair rebounded in the GIII Mamzelle Stakes and is clearly the one to beat. **Cadenza (Charlatan)** is in good form for Brad Cox but probably isn't fast enough to beat either of the top two picks. --*Bill Finley*

**Sunday, 7/19, Saratoga #9, post time: 5:45 p.m. EDT****QUICK CALL S. PRESENTED BY THE THOROUGHBRED RETIREMENT FOUNDATION-GIII, \$225,000, 3yo, 5 1/2fT**

| PP | HORSE                | SIRE             | OWNER                                                                                      | TRAINER  | JOCKEY       | WT  |
|----|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------|-----|
| 1  | Ewing 🦋              | Knicks Go        | D. J. Stable LLC, West Point Thoroughbreds<br>and Kenneth Freirich                         | Casse    | Ortiz        | 124 |
| 2  | Learntodiscover (GB) | Havana Grey (GB) | Mark Dobbin                                                                                | Walsh    | Gaffalione   | 120 |
| 3  | Throckmorton 🦋       | Caracaro         | Gold Square LLC                                                                            | Summers  | Saez         | 124 |
| 4  | Intricate Spirit 🦋   | Complexity       | West Point Thoroughbreds, Madaket Stables LLC,<br>Kenneth G. Beitz, and Gail P. Beitz      | Clement  | Franco       | 124 |
| 5  | Monster              | Leinster         | Arindel                                                                                    | D'Angelo | Zayas        | 122 |
| 6  | Unwritten Rule 🦋     | Justify          | Glen Hill Farm                                                                             | Proctor  | Lezcano      | 124 |
| 7  | Longshoreman 🦋       | Twirling Candy   | For the People Racing Stable LLC, John R. Haagsma,<br>and James Cestaro                    | Ward     | Rodriguez    | 120 |
| 8  | Cy Fair              | Not This Time    | Medallion Racing, Swinbank Stables LLC, Joey Platts,<br>and Mark Stanton                   | Weaver   | Velazquez    | 119 |
| 9  | Stradale             | Yaupon           | Kaleem Shah, Inc.                                                                          | Asmussen | Santana, Jr. | 122 |
| 10 | Johnny's Red Storm 🦋 | Twirling Candy   | John J. Cronin, Jr. and RAP Racing                                                         | Weaver   | Prat         | 124 |
| 11 | Rockies Balboa       | Girvin           | Charles Monfort, America's Pastime Stables,<br>Bloom Racing Stable LLC and Edwin S. Barker | Romans   | Davis        | 122 |
| 12 | Bobrovsky 🦋          | Daredevil        | Dale L. Romans and Steve Berg                                                              | Romans   | Alvarado     | 124 |
| 13 | El Magnate 🦋         | Into Mischief    | M Racing Group LLC                                                                         | Casse    | Ortiz, Jr.   | 122 |
| 14 | Oscar's Hope 🦋       | Twirling Candy   | Michael McLoughlin                                                                         | LaRose   | Rider TBA    | 124 |

**Breeders:** 1-John Gardiner, 2-Mr G. Wilding, 3-Sierra Fria Farm LLC, 4-Ben Henley, Rebekah Henley & Jim Gray, 5-Dr. Ross Russell & Deeann SmithCavanaugh, 6-Glen Hill Farm, 7-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 8-Marc Keller, 9-Richard Bremer & Cheryl Sprick, 10-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 11-Tonya Hunt, 12-Mike G. Rutherford, 13-B. Flay Thoroughbreds, 14-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

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SUMMER BREEZES:

Tacitus Firster Tops State-Bred Maiden at the Spa



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



Tacitus | Sarah Andrew

**Thursday, July 16, 2026**

Saratoga 5, \$115k, 2yo, f, (S), 5 1/2fT, 3:30 p.m. ET

| Horse (Sire)                | Sale   | Price (\$) | Breeze  |
|-----------------------------|--------|------------|---------|
| All Star Leigh (Golden Pal) | OBSMAR | 40,000     | :10 1/5 |

C-Sequel Bloodstock, agent; B-Daniel Sullivan

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C-King of Kings, agent; B-Peter Martine

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**8th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw, 7-15, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.64, fm, neck.**

**DEERFIELD (c, 3, Twirling Candy--Lightscameraaction {GSP, \$223,825}, by Will Take Charge)** ran a well-beaten ninth on debut for trainer Cherie DeVaux going a mile over the grass at Fair Grounds Mar. 7. Coming off the shelf as a 4-1 shot here, the bay settled midpack with stablemate Shuggy (Twirling Candy) right on his heels as the field made for the first turn. Deerfield started to launch his bid towards the end of the backstretch and he put an aggressive four-wide move around the far turn. Firing on all cylinders, the 3-year-old gunned to the lead inside the final furlong and reached the wire in the nick of time as Shuggy was bearing down like a freight train. Shuggy's jockey lodged a claim of foul against the winner, but the stewards ruled there would be no change to the Twirling Candy-DeVaux Exacta. **Cont.**



Deerfield inside of Shuggy | Coady Media

Lightscameraaction handed the winner a full-sister in 2024, who was taken home by P & G Stable for \$140,000 during Keeneland September. She also foaled him a full-brother April 28. Under Deerfield's third dam we find GI Whitney Invitational Handicap hero Cross Traffic (Unbridled's Song). Sales History: \$120,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP; \$450,000 2yo '25 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).** O-Lael Stables; B-Team Block (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux.

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**3rd-Presque Isle Downs, \$30,225, Msw, 7-15, 3yo/up, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:42.52, ft, 2 lengths.**

**GUIARIST (c, 3, [Quality Road](#)--Bernina Star {GISP, \$251,516}, by Harlan's Holiday)** began his career in the career of Chad Brown and after being well-beaten on debut at the Spa last August was transferred to trainer Jorge Delgado. After missing by a nose over the all-weather at Gulfstream Park Apr. 11, the colt finished eighth in the Jersey Derby at Monmouth Park May 30. Guitarist tried the turf in Oceanport once again June 21 against maiden special weight company and ran third. Removing the blinkers here, the 1-1 favorite swept over to the rail at the break and raced in the third spot in the early stages of the race. The 3-year-old remained on hold up the backstretch and needed a way through around the far turn. Shifting to the two path for the drive home, the bay struck the front at the eighth marker and won by two lengths over Hey Kenny (More Than Ready). The winner's dam is responsible for a yearling colt by [Gun Runner](#) and she foaled a filly by that same sire in late February. Bernina Star's half-brothers include GSW National Flag (Speightstown) and MGSP Perfect Flight (Uncle Mo). Her own dam is a half-sister to GISW Eddington (Unbridled). Sales History: \$900,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$37,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Amo Racing USA; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Jorge Delgado.

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#### IN AUSTRALIA:

**Band Of Brothers (Aus), g, 4, Omaha Beach--Medgrinda (Aus),** by Medaglia d'Oro. Clarence River JC, 7-15, Listed Ramornie Handicap, 1200mT, 1:07.92, gd. B-Hesket Bloodstock (Vic).  
\*GSW-Aus.



#### FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JULY 16

*2026 Stud Fees Listed*

**Channel Cat** (English Channel), Calumet Farm, \$7,500  
8 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Channelurambition, 5-1

**Colonel Liam** ([Liam's Map](#)), Ocala Stud, \$6,500  
75 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
5-Saratoga, 3:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, I'm Not Kidding, 8-1  
\$60,000 OBS OCT yrl

**Epicenter** ([Not This Time](#)), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000  
206 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Saratoga, 3:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Seismic Activity, 8-1  
\$120,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$270,000 SAR AUG yrl

**Golden Pal** (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000  
204 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Saratoga, 3:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, All Star Leigh, 7-2  
\$40,000 OBS MAR 2yo  
5-Saratoga, 3:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Extravaganzoo, 4-1  
\$375,000 FTS AUG yrl  
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, My Pal Patron, 8-1

**Greatest Honour** ([Tapit](#)), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500  
117 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Saratoga, 3:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Blessednotbothered, 8-1  
\$30,000 KEE JAN wnl

**Happy Saver** (Super Saver), Airdrie Stud, \$7,500  
49 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Delaware, 10:48 a.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Nazeer, 5-2  
\$16,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Highly Motivated** (Into Mischief), Airdrie Stud, \$7,500  
98 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Saratoga, 3:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Champagne in Paris, 12-1  
\$21,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl; \$55,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$25,000 OBS MAR 2yo  
**Cont.**

**Life Is Good** (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$60,000  
133 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Saratoga, 3:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Beach Life, 5-1  
\$350,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Speaker's Corner** (**Street Sense**), Darley, \$10,000  
111 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-Delaware, 10:48 a.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Sound Check, 7-2

## SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JULY 16 2026 Stud Fees Listed

**Galawi (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Northview Stallion Station, \$1,000  
31 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Colonial Downs, 11:21 a.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Millford Lass, 9-2  
\$14,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Independence Hall** (**Constitution**), WinStar Farm, \$10,000  
196 foals of racing age/45 winners/2 black-type winners  
4-Colonial Downs, 11:21 a.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Whatwould  
Larry Do, 5-1

**Modernist** (Uncle Mo), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000  
141 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners  
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Cash Per Trip, 5-2

**Rock Your World** (**Candy Ride** {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500  
224 foals of racing age/55 winners/3 black-type winners  
2-Delaware, 10:48 a.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Rockyroad, 8-1  
\$20,000 OBS OCT yrl

**Sombeyay** (Into Mischief), Swift Farms, private  
26 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Rolling Start, 6-1  
\$1,800 FTD FEB wnl

**Tacitus** (**Tapit**), Taylor Made Farm, \$5,000  
199 foals of racing age/31 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Saratoga, 3:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Tappin Magic, 15-1  
\$50,000 OBS APR 2yo



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## STAKES RESULTS:

**CANADA S.**, (NB) C\$50,750, Assiniboia Downs, 7-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2f, 1:34.23, ft.

1--**MAD ABOUT MARIE**, 124, f, 4, **Game Winner--Media Madness, by Empire Maker**. (\$75,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP). O-Drop'en Racing, P DUBB RACING, Laducer, Chelbi and Keplin, James; B-RMJ Stables, LLC (KY); T-Steve Keplin, Jr.; J-Sven Balroop. C\$30,600. Lifetime Record: 20-5-2-2, \$230,496. \*1/2 to Demolition Duke (**Good Magic**), MSP, \$310,461 and Union Blues (**Union Rags**), SP, \$156,265.

2--**Dontgiveupthefight**, 124, f, 4, Jimmy Creed--Miselly, by Jack Milton. (\$10,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT). O-Charles Garvey; B-Highclere, Inc. (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro. C\$10,200.

3--**Welcometohollywood**, 122, f, 4, Omaha Beach--Arch of Troy, by Archarcharch. (\$45,000 RNA Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$7,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT). O-Brown, Jared and Ganas, John; B-Endeavor Farm (KY); T-Jared Brown. C\$5,100.

Margins: 3 1/4, 1 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 3.10, 1.55, 7.15.

**JACK HARDY S.**, (NB) C\$50,250, Assiniboia Downs, 7-14, 3yo, f, 7 1/2f, 1:34.98, ft.

1--**EVOLUTION**, 122, f, 3, **Brethren--Sweet Khaleesi (SP, \$189,490), by Maimonides**. O-Cattleman's Club Stable; B-Arindel (FL); T-William Tourangeau; J-Antonio Whitehall. C\$30,600. Lifetime Record: SP-US, 13-4-1-1, \$163,491.

2--**Steal Your Soul**, 122, f, 3, **Silver State--Crazy Mary**, by Super Saver. (\$42,000 RNA Ylg '24 SARAUG; \$120,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR; \$5,000 2yo '25 KEENOV). O-Drop'en Racing, Keplin, James and Keplin, Steve Sr; B-Windylea Farm-New York, LLC (NY); T-Steve Keplin, Jr. C\$10,200.

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3--**What a Force**, 122, f, 3, Counterforce--Everything's a Blur, by Joey Franco. (C\$25,000 Ylg '24 BRCAUG). O-Peter, David, Welsh, Ed and Dale, Dennis; B-Paul Caravetta (BC); T-Tim Rycroft. C\$5,100.

Margins: 11 3/4, 3/4, 2HF. Odds: 2.95, 4.15, 2.10.

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# ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**9th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$42,160**, 7-14, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.71, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

**V MAX (g, 5, Unbridled Express--Fighting Xena, by Noble Causeway)** Lifetime Record: 16-6-3-0, \$186,482. O-Marianne Hunt; B-Robert J. Hunt (IN); T-Ethan W. West.

**4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$42,160**, 7-15, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:40.62, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

**WATCHER (m, 5, Tapiture--Cadillac Kelly, by El Prado {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 24-8-4-5, \$227,610. O-Terry L. Stephens; B-Randy Haffner (IN); T-Aaron M. West.

**1st-Thistledown, \$40,500**, 7-15, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.42, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**RONNIS SECOND WIND (g, 4, Indy Wind--Ronni's Secret, by Sun King)** Lifetime Record: SP, 20-7-4-1, \$252,583. O-Nana's Nest, Cline, Robert & Metz, Bryan; B-Frank Ballard (OH); T-Robert Cline.

**5th-Thistledown, \$38,500**, 7-15, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.96, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.

**COUNTRY PROMISES (f, 4, Country House--Moonshine Promise, by Will He Shine)** Lifetime Record: SP, 12-5-4-0, \$150,077. O-Marion F. Gorham Revocable Trust; B-Eric Heyman (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham.

**7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$35,100**, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 7-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:41.58, ft, 2 lengths.

**STYLET (f, 4, Caracaro--Naked Bootleg, by Pass Rush)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-4-0, \$101,128. O-Ferraro, Robert A., Fisher, James and S. Matthew Kintz Racing and Sales, Inc.; B-Paul King (KY); T-S. Matthew Kintz. \*\$20,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$225,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR; \$11,000 3yo '25 KEENOV.



**8th-Presque Isle Downs, \$32,670**, (S), 7-14, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:40.73, ft, 6 lengths.

**JUSTIFIABLE STEEL (f, 3, Justify--Northern Beauty, by Munnings)** Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$44,000. O-Terry L. Stephens; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Aaron M. West. \*\$200,000 RNA Wlg '23 FTKNOV; \$100,000 RNA Ylg '24 KEESEP; \$50,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT.



**6th-Presque Isle Downs, \$32,670**, 7-15, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10.02, ft, 1 length.

**MR. HOOLIGAN (c, 3, Tapwrit--Travel Wish, by Into Mischief)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-2, \$70,887. O-Bella Mia Stables, LLC; B-Kevin Welsh (KY); T-Kevin Rice.

**5th-Finger Lakes, \$27,150**, 7-15, (C), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.29, ft, 7 lengths.

**CRESCENDO'S REIN (g, 5, Not This Time--Vibrato, by Unbridled's Song)** Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, \$110,960. O-Happy Face Racing Stable; B-Sequel Thoroughbreds, Burleson Farm & McKenzie Bloodstock (NY); T-Charlton Baker. \*1/2 to Sacrosanct (**Honest Mischief**), MSW, \$649,170.

**3rd-Finger Lakes, \$26,900**, 7-15, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.68, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

**LORD KING (g, 3, King for a Day--Higher Incentive {MSP, \$339,863}, by Freud)** Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-2, \$96,280. O-Colon, Peter, Serrano, Emilio and Oh Happy Days Stable; B-Peter J. Colon (NY); T-Luis Gutierrez. \*\$1,000 RNA Wlg '23 FTNMIX.

**7th-Finger Lakes, \$24,500**, (S), 7-15, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.35, ft, nose.

**CAPT JAX PARROW (g, 4, Honest Mischief--Miz Midtown, by Exchange Rate)** Lifetime Record: 19-4-2-4, \$120,500. O-Three Player's Stable; B-William Butler (NY); T-Luis Gutierrez. \*1/2 to Midtown Lights (Redesdale), MSP, \$576,016.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Forever Release**, f, 2, **Forever d'Oro**--Big Release, by Mr. Big. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 7-15, (S), 5f, 1:00.49. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$34,600. B-Dawn Martin (IN).

**Miss Complicated**, f, 3, **Complexity**--Cause for Praise, by Creative Cause. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 7-15, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.48. Lifetime Record: GSP, 8-1-3-2, \$138,281. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY). \*\$225,000 RNA Ylg '24 KEESEP.

**Rock Steady Babe**, f, 3, **King for a Day**--Very Accomplished, by Borrego. Finger Lakes, 7-15, 1m, 1:40.71. Lifetime Record: 11-1-2-4, \$90,520. B-Charlton Baker (NY).



**Seen You Later**, g, 3, **Qurbaan**--Bayerly Seen (SP), by Bayern.

Horseshoe Indianapolis, 7-15, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:43.31. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$51,308. B-James Lonnie Reynolds (IN). **Cont.**

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 **LEGACY Bloodstock SALES GRAD** 



**Brethren**, Evolution, f, 3, o/o Sweet Khaleesi, by Maimonides. Jack Hardy S., 7-14, Assiniboia

**Caracaro**, Stylet, f, 4, o/o Naked Bootleg, by Pass Rush. AOC, 7-14, Presque Isle Downs

**Complexity**, Miss Complicated, f, 3, o/o Cause for Praise, by Creative Cause. MSW, 7-15, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Country House**, Country Promises, f, 4, o/o Moonshine Promise, by Will He Shine. ALW, 7-15, Thistledown

**Forever d'Oro**, Forever Release, f, 2, o/o Big Release, by Mr. Big. MSW, 7-15, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Game Winner**, Mad About Marie, f, 4, o/o Media Madness, by Empire Maker. Canada S., 7-14, Assiniboia

**Honest Mischief**, Capt Jax Parrow, g, 4, o/o Miz Midtown, by Exchange Rate. ALW, 7-15, Finger Lakes

**Indy Wind**, Ronnis Second Wind, g, 4, o/o Ronni's Secret, by Sun King. ALW, 7-15, Thistledown

**Justify**, Justifiable Steel, f, 3, o/o Northern Beauty, by **Munnings**. ALW, 7-14, Presque Isle Downs

**King for a Day**, Lord King, g, 3, o/o Higher Incentive, by Freud. ALW, 7-15, Finger Lakes

**King for a Day**, Rock Steady Babe, f, 3, o/o Very Accomplished, by Borrego. MSW, 7-15, Finger Lakes

**Not This Time**, Crescendo's Rein, g, 5, o/o Vibrato, by Unbridled's Song. ALW, 7-15, Finger Lakes

**Quality Road**, Guitarist, c, 3, o/o Bernina Star, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 7-15, Presque Isle Downs

**Qurbaan**, Seen You Later, g, 3, o/o Bayerly Seen, by Bayern. MSW, 7-15, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Shancelot**, Reb, c, 4, o/o Well Spun, by **Hard Spun**. MSW, 7-15, Thistledown

**Tapiture**, Watcher, m, 5, o/o Cadillac Kelly, by El Prado (Ire). ALW, 7-15, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Tapwrit**, Mr. Hooligan, c, 3, o/o Travel Wish, by Into Mischief. ALW, 7-15, Presque Isle Downs

**Twirling Candy**, Deerfield, c, 3, o/o Lightscameraaction, by Will Take Charge. MSW, 7-15, Horseshoe Indianapolis

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## 'WE DO THE BEST WE CAN IN TRACY'S MEMORY'

*Charlie Vigors Continues a Tradition of Excellence at Hillwood Stud*



Charlie Vigors of Hillwood Stud | Tattersalls

by Emma Berry

It is a truism of the bloodstock world that when a member of that tight-knit community is facing times of trouble their friends and colleagues rally round in support. It is also one which we all hope not to have to test.

For Charlie Vigors, the death of his wife Tracy in September 2024 was not only a deeply personal loss for him and their two young sons Harry and Oliver, but also to the business that he and Tracy had built up over two decades at Hillwood Stud, just outside the quintessentially English village of Aldbourne.

The strong Anglo-Irish roots of the Vigors family are burrowed deep into the turf of both countries. When Charlie's grandfather Terence sold Burgage Stud in Co Carlow in 1978, the farm near Leighlinbridge had been in Vigors ownership for more than two centuries. The brothers Terence and Tim Vigors, though born in England, had grown up largely at Tullamaine Castle in Co Tipperary. Tim inherited Coolmore Stud from their father and was one of the founding partners - with Vincent O'Brien and Robert Sangster - of what has become the world-renowned racing and breeding syndicate. While Tim eventually sold the farm and his stake in that partnership to John Magnier, who had been managing Coolmore Stud, Terence returned to England following the sale of Burgage to buy Kingwood Stud in the Lambourn Valley. [Cont. p3](#)

## 'I'M GIVING HER A GOOD CHANCE' - BOLGER SEEKS THIRD IRISH OAKS WITH SPARAN NUA

Jim Bolger is more than happy to roll the dice with **Sparan Nua** (**Dawn Approach**) in his quest for a third success in the Juddmonte Irish Oaks at the Curragh on Saturday.

Give Thanks was the veteran trainer's first winner of the Classic in 1983, with Margarula then doubling his tally when successful in 2002.

Bolger has not registered a Group 1 triumph since Poetic Flare won the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot in 2021, but it would be folly to underestimate Sparan Nua when she tries to end that drought at the weekend, with the unbeaten G3 Munster Oaks heroine having been supplemented at a cost of €50,000 on Tuesday.

"She's unbeaten in three runs, she's a filly who is improving, and she's already won a Group 3," Bolger told *Racing TV* on Wednesday. "We didn't want to leave her hanging around, so we thought we'd give the [Irish] Oaks a go.

"She seems to stay well and she's in very good form, so I'm hopeful that she'll give her true running. I do think she's improving and I think she'll continue to improve for some time-- they're the indications she's been giving us." [Cont. p6](#)



Sparan Nua winning the Munster Oaks | [Racingfotos.com](#)

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## **6 | ST LEGER OR ARC POSSIBLE FOR MALTESE CROSS**

The son of *Sea The Stars* is possible for the G1 St Leger or the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

## **7 | WINDSOR NEXT FOR CONSTITUTION HILL**

The Listed Weatherbys Digital August Stakes is on the radar for *Constitution Hill* (Blue Bresil).

## **9 | LOVE'S DAUGHTER STARTS AT LEOPARDSTOWN**

So Lovely (Wootton Bassett) will step out for the first time at Leopardstown on Thursday.

### Charlie Vigors/Hillwood Stud Cont. from p1

His son Nicky - Charlie's father - would later train from Lambourn before becoming a stipendiary steward.

Just as Charlie's mother Fiona Marner has made her own notable contribution to the bloodstock industry while at the helm of Kingwood Stud and later Windmill Farm, so too did Tracy Vigors play an important role in the development of what remains a thriving concern at Hillwood Stud.

"My plan was always to go down the training side," Charlie Vigors admits. "I rode as a bad amateur, but was lucky enough to ride some good horses for the likes of Nicky Henderson, who I was also assistant to, as well as Sir Mark [Prescott] and Richard Hannon Sr. I was probably very lucky to be riding horses that had a lot more ability than I had in the saddle, so I did manage to ride the odd winner."

He continues, "When I left Sir Mark's, I went out to America and was always hoping to train one day, but then when my stepfather [Christian Marner] was ill and Mum was wanting some help at home, I think the realisation was that the stud side was probably going to be the more obvious opening to go down."

"I was very green, so I obviously needed quite a lot of help, and I met Tracy when we were there and she probably taught me as much as anyone did on the stud side. But I think the combined stud and racing experience that we brought together was probably what helped us set up here and offer a service covering a bit of everything."

As is evident from his retelling of those formative years, Vigors is a man of immense modesty. Such a disposition, while commendable, is increasingly at odds with today's shouty world of self-promotion which has been exacerbated by the uprising of

social media.

Before Twitter morphed into X and became less agreeable, Tracy Vigors inhabited a space on that platform which not only promoted the joys of life at Hillwood but which was also a wonderful advertisement for the behind-the-scenes world of young racehorses. Her followers could witness newborn foals often being welcomed into the world by young Harry and Oliver. It was a snapshot of the racing industry that few are privileged to witness at firsthand and her posts of the mares and foals, along with the farm's star resident, Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Bobs Worth, were appreciated by many.

Vigors says, "She loved giving and sharing that - I'm rubbish at it, I'm afraid - but she took great pride in people enjoying seeing that side of things."

That Tracy, who had suffered from depression, took the decision to end her own life is something which naturally those closest to her are still grappling to come to terms with.

Her husband continues, "She loved seeing young people coming through and helping

them progress. If they'd spent a season here and they went on to get a good job somewhere else in the industry she'd take huge pride in that, and I think she was very, very good at it. That was the great sadness of it, that she so loved helping other people and probably didn't help herself when she needed to.

"That's the bit that we're never going to have answers for - you can't look for answers and expect to find answers, however much you ask why, when there was someone in need and she was always the one that was there to help them and encourage them to speak about their problems, but I think that's part of the nature of the illness." [Cont. p4](#)



Oliver, Charlie, Tracy and Harry Vigors | Hillwood Stud

NEW STAKES WINNER

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### Charlie Vigors/Hillwood Stud Cont.

He says, "It's the terrifying part of it, but then you can't go round looking at every outgoing, gregarious person wondering if they are outgoing and gregarious because they're trying to hide what's going on underneath or you'd never stop questioning life. But we all try our hardest to do the best we can in Tracy's memory."

There is a terrific memoir by Tim Vigors recounting his time as a fighter pilot during World War II. It is an account made all the more moving by the realisation that this is the story of a man only just out of his teenage years. Death came frequently back then, and the survivors of the war carried their own sorry burden. The book's title *Life's Too Short To Cry* is to an extent a motto that has been unwittingly continued by Charlie, Harry and Oliver Vigors.

"The boys have been amazing and I think that's her grounding," Vigors says. "I said to someone not long afterwards, 'She's done an amazing job and now it's my job to make sure I don't F it up at the end.' But for two teenage boys to go through what they've been through and to be, I hope, on the right track."

"The systems in place here haven't changed and it's very much her systems in place that we're trying to maintain. That has been hugely important for all of us."

"Harry went back riding out three days after she died and I was thinking 'Is this the right thing?' And actually it was totally the right thing. It was his time - he'd just turned 15 and a 15-year-old boy shouldn't sit around moping. [Archie Watson's] team were brilliant with him and he's happiest when he's on a horse and not thinking about stuff. It's all he's ever wanted to do and he's been so focused on it since he was 12 or 13. Oliver enjoys his pony racing and I think he'd probably like to have a few rides as an amateur but hopefully he's the sensible one that'll get an education and a proper job. He told me he wanted to train the other day so we've got to knock that out of him somehow."

Just before last Christmas, Harry rode his first winner under Rules for his boss Archie Watson. Now 16, he has added another 24 victories to his tally since then and is one of the rising stars of the apprentice ranks. The brothers, both regular faces on the sales circuit, were also involved in successfully pinhooking a

Perfect Power foal - recent Windsor runner-up Mithaaly - just as their parents had done before them.

"They love the foal sales, so hopefully there's a succession plan in place," says Vigors. "When I was working for my mother at Kingwood we set up a fun little syndicate to try and do something with our own identity. We got very lucky in the first year because we bought a Dr Fong colt for 27,000gns and he then came back and made 115,000gns, and he was Dubai's Touch, who was a good horse, a stakes winner, for Mark Johnston. So that got that ball rolling and it's something we've always enjoyed and that we carry on doing."

"It's fun, the competition against your mainly Irish counterparts and some other good English pinhookers at it as well, but it's also an important part of the cycle to be involved in - even if you worked the foal sales hard and didn't buy anything you'd learn a lot about the new stallions and what their stock

are looking like."

The cycle keeps turning at Hillwood Stud without much let-up. After the foaling season come the jumpers for their holiday from nearby Lambourn, with **Constitution** Hill having been another recent star boarder before returning to Vigors's former boss Nicky Henderson.

Now the work has already begun on preparing yearlings for the earliest of the sales, which for Hillwood means a quintet bound for the Goffs Premier Yearling Sale, to be

followed by another five for the Somerville and around 30 for the Tattersalls October Sale.

To wander around the elevated Hillwood paddocks with their views of the rolling Wiltshire countryside is to encounter some well known names from the Flat, too. The Listed winner and Group 2-placed Primo Bacio (Awtaad) was a recent acquisition at 1.1 million gns, and she occupies a paddock alongside a number of mares with 'Vega' in their names, stemming from the belief which client Patrick Veitch had placed in Ballylinch Stud's Lope De Vega.

"It's everyone's aspiration to have as high-quality stock as they can on the farm and we've been very lucky," Vigors says. "We had the investment from Patrick Veitch a few years ago and then Tony Bloom and Ian McAleavy have joined forces with Patrick and have bought some lovely high-end mares, which is very much as a commercial project." **Cont. p5**



Harry and Oliver Vigors with their pinhook Mithaaly | Tattersalls



Charlie Vigors with Book 1-bound colts at Hillwood | Emma Berry

### Charlie Vigors/Hillwood Stud Cont.

He says, "From their racing programme there are good fillies like Venetian Sun and Santorini Star to hopefully come back into the broodmare band in time, so hopefully there are some exciting years ahead."

In looking for an edge in either the stallion or betting markets, Veitch and Bloom are well known for taking a data-driven approach to their venture.

Vigors adds, "Whatever happens, and I'm not just talking about our situation here, but whatever AI or data comes into it I think you're still always going to need the element of the horseman's eyes. When you combine the two, with people that are interpreting data and probably looking at pedigrees and interpreting them differently to how we do, and then getting a horseman's opinion on it and putting it all into the same pot, hopefully the recipe works well."

He adds, "You have what are perfectly successful commercial stallions being exported from this country and if you want to try and find a proven sire over a certain trip that's standing for less than Y, they're very difficult to find. The stallion market is becoming increasingly polarised."

"You've got the unproven stallions, which you are taking a massive chance on because it's a pretty low percentage that are actually going to make good stallions, and then you're obviously having to pay a premium for the proven successful stallions, and you can't blame the stallion master for that, because again it's supply and demand, and if they want to charge X and 200 people want to go to their stallion at that price then they're not going to say, 'Well, I'll do it for less.'

"But it is increasingly difficult and the knack is to try to be slightly ahead of the curve. In the early days of Lope De Vega Patrick was very strong on him and had all the Waverley Racing horses - such as Manuela De Vega, Antonio De Vega, Dancing

Vega - that we're breeding from now. We were lucky, through Patrick's knowledge, to get into him ahead of the curve and we had equity in him. That's helped build the whole project over the last few years."

The majority of the yearlings consigned by Vigors and his team are bred and raised at Hillwood, with a small number joining them for ten weeks of prep.

"I've always liked to do it that way," he says. "We have in the past occasionally met one or two at the sales and you just don't feel like you know the horses as well as you do your own and I don't feel like we do as good a job at selling them if we don't know their ins and outs."

He describes selling horses as "an enjoyable pressure" and, putting his clients' considerations first, opts not to sell foals.

"Because we're buying foals, and I feel I'm not clever enough or good enough to be able to do both jobs," he explains. "I just think if I'm selling a foal for someone I should be stood outside the door trying to sell their foal rather than going around looking at other foals to buy."

It is easy to understand how some significant investors have placed their faith in Vigors, who maintains an old-school air of decency while running a thoroughly modern breeding and consigning business with a work ethic which has already been picked up by the next generation.

He says of his sons, "I think they appreciate that it is hard work and actually I think it shines through with Harry in his general empathy around horses. I think he did get a lot of that from his mother and being involved in the foaling and the nurturing early on. I hope it's second nature to both of them now."

"Obviously the riding is the focus for Harry at the moment but I think he also likes the fact that he enjoys this and when the riding does stop he's got a back-up plan in place. He might have to go and be knocked into shape around the world a few times."

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Apprentice jockey Harry Vigors | Racingfotos.com

### Charlie Vigors/Hillwood Stud Cont.

And for himself, the sheer nonstop nature of a life with horses has been, to a degree, part of the healing process after losing Tracy.

"You have to be busy and to get back out there, and the team here were absolutely amazing. For the first year afterwards I was probably no use to anyone really, but they kept the show on the road.

"We obviously deliberately didn't consign last year at the Premier and Somerville sales but I feel another year down the line that we're ready to do that again. Time does heal, and I know we'll always have to carry it on our shoulders but we certainly won't be burdened by it, and hopefully she would be proud of the job we're trying to do."

That she would. Life is indeed short, for some more than others. And for those left behind, there's no shame in crying, especially not when that life's work continues in such admirable fashion.

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### Sparan Nua Cont. from p1

He said, "Last season we didn't get to do anything with her, because she was too weak, and we didn't start too early in the spring time, either, so that's how I knew very little about her. We've been finding out race by race and, fortunately, she doesn't take much work, so she's easy enough to handle."

Bolger is hoping for a suitable racing surface at the Curragh and expects to have a clearer idea of whether his filly, who holds entries in the Nassau Stakes and the Yorkshire Oaks, is up to Group 1 level after the weekend.

He continued, "I've been around that circuit before, so it was easy enough to work out where she should be entered, anyway. Fortunately, I have a very game owner [Maurice Regan of Newtown Anner Stud] who is willing to have a go and it should be easy enough to place her after Saturday. Hopefully, she'll get a clear run and all will be well afterwards. Wherever she finishes, she's going to be telling us more about her.

"This filly wouldn't be as well tutored and wouldn't be as well practised as the other two [Irish Oaks winners] were--they were ready for Group 1 class at that stage, whereas this filly is more or less at the experimental stage.

"I'm giving her a good chance. She seems to have a nice level of ability, she gets the trip well and handles good ground, so I'm happy enough on all those scores. She's probably a nice

each-way chance."

Bolger added, "I'm told the going will be good and I'll be very happy with that. I don't like to see any firm in the going because it's no help to any horse. I think good ground in the summer time should be more suitable for everybody. They've access to plenty of water, so there's no excuse for not having good going."

Officials have reported a slight ease in conditions at the Curragh ahead of the two-day fixture.

Following an extended period of dry weather, the official going at the home of Irish Flat racing was described as good to firm, firm in places on Tuesday, but ground staff have been busy watering to ensure conditions are safe.

Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board clerk of the course Paddy Graffin said on Wednesday, "We had been good to firm, firm in places and watering. They've been watering here since last week and I'm pleased to say I've taken the firm out of it.

"It's beautiful [ground], fast side of good everywhere with loads of moisture--they're doing a fine job and will continue watering into the weekend.

"These conditions are set to continue into the weekend with temperatures of mid to high 20s with a blowing breeze here at the Curragh, so given all that I think they're doing an excellent job here.

"We have fresh ground for the round track and the straight track for Sunday. It's good to firm--lovely conditions for a great weekend."

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## ST LEGER AND ARC TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MALTESE CROSS

Trainer William Haggas is in no hurry to commit to another Classic bid with his St Leger favourite **Maltese Cross** ([Sea The Stars](#)), with a return to ParisLongchamp for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe also under consideration after the colt's last-gasp victory in the Grand Prix de Paris on Tuesday.

"It was terrific to see him win," Haggas said of that battling performance. "It was an interesting race and not a comfortable watch, but it was okay in the end and he got there just in time, so I'm delighted. He's an interesting horse as he just keeps winning. He's really good and is going the right way.

"The two races for him clearly are the St Leger and the Arc. That's the long and short of it and, at the moment, I don't know which one it will be. We'll give them both some thought."

Maltese Cross shares favouritism with his Derby conqueror Christmas Day ([Camelot](#)) at the head of Betfred's ante-post market for the St Leger, with both colts currently trading at 3-1, while the son of [Sea The Stars](#) can be backed at a general 14-1 for the Arc. [Cont. p7](#)



Maltese Cross | Scoop Dyga

### Maltese Cross Cont.

The Great Voltigeur Stakes at York could be the next port of call for Maltese Cross should his connections decide to have a tilt at the Arc, according to Haggas, with the alternative being a direct route to Doncaster.

"We've got bags of time to discuss and decide what we're going to do," the trainer added. "I've not a clue which way we'll go at this stage. I think he will stay the St Leger trip, but last night showed me that a strong pace will suit him well and they usually go fast in the Arc.

"I guess the only problem is he loves the fast ground and, although he ran well on soft ground in the Derby, I'm not sure he would want it bottomless in the Arc.

"He would need another race if he goes to the Arc, but I don't know if we can get another race into him if he goes for the St Leger. I would think it would be Great Voltigeur then Arc if we go that route, or nothing and straight to the St Leger."

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## NICKY HENDERSON NOMINATES WINDSOR AS NEXT PORT OF CALL FOR CONSTITUTION HILL

The Listed Weatherbys Digital Solutions August Stakes at Windsor could be the next port of call for **Constitution Hill** (Blue Bresil), with trainer Nicky Henderson continuing to weigh up all future options as the nine-year-old prepares to return from a midsummer break.

Unbeaten in two starts on the Flat, **Constitution Hill** was last seen winning a novice event at Kempton in March, with an intended appearance at Newbury the following month having to be shelved due to the prospect of fast ground.

Conditions will continue to dictate plans for the one-time outstanding hurdler as he bids to continue his winning sequence on the Flat, but Henderson is optimistic that the August Stakes--which takes place over 1m3f at Windsor on Saturday, August 29--will provide a suitable starting point to what could be an adventurous autumn campaign.

"There are other options, but I think the Windsor race is the right one," said Henderson. "The timing is good and it's a race that looks good for him.

"It's just down the road, we don't have to travel too far, and the Windsor ground hopefully tends to be quite kind. A figure of eight shouldn't worry him and it's 1m3f which should be all right. Most importantly, it's a Listed race and that is ideal for him.

"We don't need to be running in Group races yet, that is for sure. He's coming back from a break, so it'll be the run that is getting him ready for whatever we are aiming at--and I don't have any idea what we are aiming at yet!"

While the short trip across Berkshire to Windsor remains the preferred plan, Henderson will also hand **Constitution Hill** an entry for Deauville's G2 Prix Kergorlay on Sunday, August 23, a race nominated by Ryan Moore as a possible option after he partnered the son of Blue Bresil at Kempton.



Constitution Hill | Adam Houghton

"Ryan always thought that the Prix Kergorlay would be a good race for him, but he can't go to both Deauville and Windsor," Henderson continued.

"We'll put him in the Kergorlay this morning, but I think Windsor would be my premier option. I just like the idea of running in a Listed race, which I think is the right level for him. After that he can run in a handicap and it opens up plenty of doors." [Cont. p8](#)

## Constitution Hill Cont.

He added, "The people from Australia came to see us on Monday. One minute we think the Melbourne Cup will be fun and then the next a stupid idea, but there you go.

"Of course it will be fun, but it has to be sensible fun. There are lots of other options in England, Ireland and France. You do have to bear in mind that he is nine and he's enjoying himself--we're going to enjoy it as well."

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## UK OPENS DIRECT EQUINE EXPORT ROUTE FROM SOUTH AFRICA

SA Equine Health & Protocols NPC (SAEHP) has announced that the British Government has confirmed a decision permitting the direct import of live horses from South Africa to Great Britain.

Following a positive assessment of South Africa's disease control measures, imports will be permitted from the approved vector-protected quarantine station in Cape Town, for registered equines complying with UK import conditions.

This milestone is a result of sustained collaboration between SAEHP, the South African Department of Agriculture and the Western Cape Department of Agriculture in maintaining South Africa's equine disease control measures to the highest international standard and translating that credibility into real market access.

It follows South Africa's opening of imports from Dubai, New Zealand and Australia earlier this year, making two-way trade a reality for the South African equine industry.

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## 'THE BEGINNING OF A LASTING INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION'

The International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) held its inaugural Climate Change and Sustainability Summit on Monday, July 13 and Tuesday, July 14 in Porto, Portugal. The event brought together approximately 50 international delegates comprising global racing leaders and sustainability experts.

The summit focused on sharing good practices, exchanging insights and fostering collaboration aimed at advancing the climate change and sustainability agenda across horse racing and beyond.

Closing remarks were provided by Brant Dunshea, CEO of the British Horseracing Authority (BHA), who said, "The conversations over the past two days have shown that, while racing jurisdictions face different environmental challenges, we share a common ambition: to safeguard the long-term future of our sport."



**BHA chief executive Brant Dunshea provides his closing remarks at the IFHA's inaugural Climate Change and Sustainability Summit | IFHA**

He added, "None of us has all the answers, but every one of us has something to contribute. If every organisation leaves Porto committed to taking practical action and sharing what it learns with others, this summit will have achieved something truly valuable.

"Climate change does not recognise borders, and neither should the solutions. By continuing to collaborate internationally, we can strengthen the resilience of racing worldwide and ensure our sport continues to thrive for generations to come. This summit should not be remembered as the end of a conversation, but as the beginning of a lasting international collaboration."

More information about the IFHA's inaugural Climate Change and Sustainability Summit can be found [here](#).

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## OSARUS YEARLING SALE FEATURES HELLO YOUNZAIN RELATIVE OF TEXAS

A total of 238 lots will be offered at the Osarus Yearling Sale, held for the first time **in partnership with Arqana**. The catalogue's release was reported by *Jour de Galop*.

Set for September 8-9, the **catalogue** features yearlings by established sires like Calyx, City Light, Galiway, Goken, Hello Youmzain, Intello, Kendargent, Mehmas, Muhaarar, Persian King, Pinatubo, Romanised, **Saxon Warrior**, **Sioux Nation**, Sottass, Territories, Victor Ludorum, Wooded, and Zelzal. A host of young sires also have yearling selling, among them: Ace Impact, Angel Bleu, Belbek, **Chaldean**, **Erevann**, Kenway, Lone Eagle, Lusail, Military Style, Mishriff, Onesto, and Rubis Vendome.

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### Osarus Yearling Sale Cont.

A filly (lot 150) by Hello Youmzain out of a half-sister to young stallion Texas (Wootton Bassett) is one of the highlights; and she is joined by an Intello filly (lot 201), a granddaughter of Group 2 winner and G1 Matron Stakes-placegetter Cladocera (Oasis Dream); as well as a Galiway filly (lot 93), who counts G2 German 1000 Guineas heroine Unforgettable Filly (Sepoy) as her second dam.

There is also a Goken colt (lot 80, who is a half-brother to group winners Hargeisa (Speightstown) and Zabeel Light (City Light); and a **Chaldean** colt out of a full-sister to Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Mangoustine (Dark Angel) (lot 134).

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, July 16, 2026:

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Caturra (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}), Overbury Stud  
68 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
13:40-HAMILTON PARK, 5f, **Caturra Lights (GB)**  
10,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 42,000gns  
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2025

### IRELAND

**Caturra (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}), Overbury Stud  
68 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 6.5f, **Scotty Cameron (GB)**  
28,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 50,000gns  
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2025

**Naval Crown (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud  
71 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-LEOPARDSTOWN, 7.25f, **Sea of Rain (Ire)**  
€12,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2025

**Perfect Power (Ire)** (Ardad {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud  
57 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 6.5f, **Not You Too (Ire)**  
€60,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 125,000gns Tattersalls  
October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

**Persian Force (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud  
99 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 6.5f, **Someday Somewhere (Ire)**  
€12,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; €16,000 Goffs

Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025; £45,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze  
Up Sale 2026

**State of Rest (Ire)** (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**), Rathbarry Stud  
79 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
2-LEOPARDSTOWN, 7.25f, **Old Joanie (Ire)**  
€38,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025  
4-LEOPARDSTOWN, 8f, **Spectrolyte (Ire)**  
€42,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2025  
1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 6.5f, **Star of State (Ire)**  
€85,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025



Perfect Power has a runner in Ireland | Darley

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

### LOVE'S DAUGHTER SO LOVELY STARTS AT LEOPARDSTOWN

**6.00 Leopardstown, Mdn, 2yo, f, 8fT**  
**SO LOVELY (Wootton Bassett {GB})** is the first live foal out of Coolmore's five-times Group 1-winning 1,000 Guineas and Oaks heroine Love (Galileo), who broke her maiden here in 2019. Debuting in the race the stable won with their luminary Opera Singer in 2023, Ballydoyle's blueblood will have to be smart to overcome the Pat Smullen Stakes runner-up **Sarah's Choice (Ire)** (**Blue Point {Ire}**) from the Jessica Harrington stable. Tellingly, Wayne Lordan rides So Lovely over **City Of Troy's** experienced half-sister **Exceptionally (Into Mischief)**.

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## BRITAIN

### Wednesday's Results:

**3rd-Yarmouth, £10,000, Mdn, 7-15, 2yo, 5f 42yT, :59.58, g/f.**

**ANCHIANO (IRE) (c, 2, Acclamation {GB}--Tuscan Oasis {Ire}, by Oasis Dream {GB})**, who was disappointing when well beaten as the favourite for his debut at Beverley, again raced freely tanking along in front from the outset. Keeping something in reserve this time, the 25-1 shot belied his odds to hold on for a half-length success from Henley On Thames (Persian Force).

The dam, whose three-year-old filly Sposto Le Nuvoles (Ardad) is Listed-placed in Italy, is a half to the dual Group winner and Pretty Polly runner-up Bocca Baciata (Big Bad Bob) whose daughter Botagoz (Mehmas) took the Hoppings Stakes and whose son Pikachu (**Frankel**) was third in the Superlative in recent days. Also a half to the Prix Miesque winner and Poule d'Essai des Poulisches third Topeka (Whipper), her yearling colt is by Pinatubo. Sales history: €80,000 Ylg '25 TATIRY; 110,000gns 2yo '26 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$7,647. O-James Paul Services To Industry Ltd; B-Corduff Stud; T-George Scott.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Sheer Beauty (Ire), f, 2, Kodi Bear (Ire)**--Sheer Chance (Ire), by Fulbright (GB). Bath, 7-15, 5f 10yT, 1:01.35. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,785. B-Max Morris. \*€23,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY; £15,750 2yo '26 TATGBU.

**Fire Thunder (Ire), f, 2, Sioux Nation**--Bosphorus Queen (Ire) (SP-Ire), by Sri Pekan. Lingfield, 7-15, 6fT, 1:11.43. Lifetime Record: 4-1-3-0, \$26,158. B-Ellie Hudson & Noralla Stud. \*€14,000 RNA Ylg '25 GOFFEB; €17,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY.

**South West (Ire), c, 2, Supremacy (Ire)**--Fly Swift, by City Zip. Catterick Bridge, 7-15, 5fT, :58.91. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$7,750. B-Yeomanstown Stud. \*12,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT.

**Splash (GB), f, 3, Dream Ahead**--Hot Ticket (Ire), by Selkirk. Yarmouth, 7-15, 7f 3yT, 1:20.25. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$9,016. B-M J Yarrow.

**Brunhilde (Ire), f, 3, Night Of Thunder (Ire)**--Nature Spirits (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Beat Hollow (GB). Lingfield, 7-15, 11f 133yT, 2:27.66. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$17,620. B-The Niarchos Family. \*1/2 to Ghostwatch (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), SW-Eng, SP-Fr.

## IRELAND

### Wednesday's Results:

**IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF CAIRN ROUGE STAKES-Listed, €50,000, Killarney, 7-15, 3yo, f, 8f 40yT, 1:42.71, gd.**

**1--MERIDEN (GB), 128, f, 3, by Bated Breath (GB)**

**1st Dam: Midweek (GB) (GSP-Fr), by Motivator (GB)**

**2nd Dam: Contiguous, by Danzig**

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

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** (32,000gns 2yo '25 TATJUL). O-Patrick John O'Brien & Mrs Paul Shanahan; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd; T-Denis Hogan; J-Chris Hayes. €30,000. Lifetime Record: 9-5-0-0, \$131,005.

**2--Green Carrera (GB), 128, f, 3, Lope De Vega (Ire)**--Fool For You (Ire), by Lawman (Fr). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (40,000gns Wlg '23 TADEWE; €95,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY). O-Rancho Temescal/Farfellow Farm/Chivalry; B-Coverdale Stud; T-Joseph O'Brien. €10,000.

**3--Sky Watch (Ire), 128, f, 3, Starman (GB)**--Inuk (Ire), by Kodiak (GB). (£80,000 2yo '25 GOUKB; £300,000 RNA HRA '26 GOFLO). O-Sky Watch Partnership; B-Tally Ho Stud; T-Michael O'Callaghan. €5,000.

Margins: 1HF, 1HF, HF. Odds: 5.50, 2.00, 16.00.

Also Ran: Pivotal Attack (GB), Spinning Around (Ire), Sinmara (GB), Wild Bessie (Ire), Drop Dead Gorgeous (Ire), Quiet Mutiny (Ire), Donna Time (Ire). Scratched: White Sand Beach, Cromac Quay (Ire).

Off the mark at the fifth attempt in a Down Royal handicap in May, Meriden followed up at The Curragh, Leopardstown and The Curragh again the following month all at or around seven furlongs.

Up in trip again here, the ex-Juddmonte runner who was a bargain 32,000gns buy at last year's Tattersalls July Sale had an ideal spot tracking the early leaders and that proved decisive as she opened her black-type account. That wasn't the case for the 2-1 favourite Green Carrera, with the Sandringham winner losing abundant ground at the start and forced to come wide when the winner had already flown.

"It's worked out lovely, she's just stepped up every time," winning trainer Denis Hogan said. "She's done a lot very quick, it's massive what she's done in six or seven weeks. You'd have to look at a Group 3 with her next. She's beat a good filly there."

"Her whole attitude is just so good," he added. "It's the hottest day of the year and there is not an ounce of sweat out of her. She saddled really professional. She just does everything well and had a real good mind. She is exciting to have. She's a class filly. I have to thank Paul O'Brien and Paul Shanahan for giving her to me." **Cont. p11**

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### Listed Cairn Rouge Stakes Cont.

For Charles Shanahan, son of part-owner Linda Shanahan, the outcome carried extra importance. "My grandparents, Michael [Cunningham] and Anne are watching the race at home and I know how much it means to them," he said. "It means everything to us, because obviously the race is named after a filly my grandfather trained and she won so many Group 1s. It was nearly emotional!"

"Denis has done such a great job to progress her from handicaps, now into this company. It's a really special day and I'm delighted everyone is here," he added. "For the money she cost, she's progressed into such a high standard now and we're very lucky. Let's hope she keeps progressing and I think she will."

The dam, who was runner-up in the Prix Imprudence, has one black-type performer to her name in the Listed-placed Halfway Line (Zoffany). The second dam Contiguous (Danzig), an unraced half-sister to the Juddmonte heavyweights Reams Of Verse and Elmaamul, was responsible for the Group 3 winner Confront (Nayef) and the dam of the Group 1-placed Easy Eddie (Super Easy). The family features plentiful class acts including the prolific top-level winner Midday (Oasis Dream) and, topically, Tuesday's Grand Prix de Paris runner-up Ancient Egypt (**Frankel**).

**2nd-Killarney, €25,000, Cond, 7-15, 2yo, 8f 40yT, 1:46.05, gd. VENETIAN POWER (IRE) (c, 2, **St Mark's Basilica {Fr}**--Power Zone {Ire}, by Lope De Vega {Ire})**, fourth on debut behind Ballydoyle's Giant Sequoia in The Curragh's Barronstown Stud maiden in June, stalked the early leader Full Volume (Lucky Vega) under cover. Staying on to overhaul that rival inside the last half furlong, the 9-2 shot asserted to score by half a length with the Chesham fourth South Dakota (**St Mark's Basilica**) two lengths away in third.

"He stepped forward well from the first day. We thought he would, his homework suggested that but it's nice to see it here as well," Joseph O'Brien's assistant Michael Halford said. "He's a lovely straightforward horse. The race worked out super for him, he got a lovely tow into it and Dylan just came with one run to win rather than getting into a battle with him."

"He looks like a horse with a future and should be able to progress again," he added. "The majority of the two-year-olds are taking a run, so once they get a run under their belt they just progress at home naturally then. It's not really until you get to the track that you see how much they've actually progressed."

The dam, who also has a yearling colt by Churchill, is a daughter of the San Clemente Handicap Winner Up In Time (Noverre) whose son Beauty Crescent (Acclamation) took the Blenheim Stakes. The family includes the Group 2-placed pair Zaman (Dutch Art) and Mountain Hunter (Lonhro) and the Oak

Tree Stakes scorer Summer Fete (Pivotal). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$18,464.

O-Power Thoroughbreds PTY Limited; B-Power Thoroughbreds Germany GMBH; T-Joseph O'Brien.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Kalir (Ire), g, 3, Night Of Thunder (Ire)**--Kalaxana (Ire) (SW & MGSP-Ire), by Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire). Killarney, 7-15, 8f 40yT, 1:44.90. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-2, \$16,432. B-The Aga Khan's Studs.

## FRANCE

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**4th-La Teste, €27,400, 7-15, 3yo, 8fT, 1:40.40, gd.**

**SAINT ARNOULT (FR) (g, 3, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Zain Al Boldan {GB}, by Poliglote {GB})** Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, €48,489. O-Jean-Claude Seroul, Gerard Augustin-Normand & Gerard Larrieu; B-Haras de Saint-Faust & Gerard Larrieu; T-Patrice Cottier. \*€175,000 Ylg '24 ARQAUG. \*\*1/2 to Poetic Charm (Ire) (Poet's Voice {GB}), GSW-Ger; & to Who Knows (Fr) (**Siyouni {Fr}**), GSW-Fr.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Celestial Rose (Ire), f, 3, Mehmas (Ire)**--Splashdown (GB) (SW-Eng), by Falbrav (Ire). La Teste, 7-15, 8fT, 1:40.40. B-P Burns. \*4,200gns RNA Ylg '24 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Aktabantay (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), GSW-Eng, & to Reina Madre (Ire) (**Kingman {GB}**), Champion 2-y-o filly-Spain, GSW-Fr.



### IN HONG KONG:

**Thriving Brothers (Ire), g, 5, U S Navy Flag**--Blossom Deary (Ire), by Duke Of Marmalade (Ire). Happy Valley, 7-15, Hcp. (C3), 1650mT, 1:39.41, gd. B-Killarkin Stud (Ire). **VIDEO**.



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**G3 Hampton Court Stakes winner Generic (Kameko) (pictured) and G3 Greenham Stakes hero Alparslan (Dandy Man) have both been purchased privately and are bound for Hong Kong, reported the *Racing Post* on Wednesday. | Mathea Kelley**

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**Zac Purton, pictured signing autographs during the Hong Kong season finale, was named the Hong Kong Champion Jockey with 143 victories. He was 80 wins clear of his nearest rival Hugh Bowman. It was his ninth riders' championship on the island. The Hong Kong Champion Trainer title went to Caspar Fownes with 88 victories. It was his fifth such title. | Hong Kong Jockey Club**

## Thursday, Leopardstown, post time: 19:10

### BOYLE SPORTS MELD STAKES-G3, €42,000, 3yo/up, 9fT

| SC | HORSE                   | SIRE               | OWNER                                    | TRAINER                | JOCKEY                 | WT  |
|----|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 1  | Adelaide River (Ire)    | Australia (GB)     | Adelaide River Partnership               | Joseph Patrick O'Brien | Dylan Browne McMonagle | 135 |
| 2  | Cowardofthecounty (Ire) | Kodi Bear (Ire)    | Annus Mirabilis Syndicate                | Joseph Patrick O'Brien | Declan McDonogh        | 135 |
| 3  | Snellen (Ire)           | Expert Eye (GB)    | Tim Porter                               | Gavin Cromwell         | Gary Carroll           | 135 |
| 4  | Szyzygy (GB)            | Cable Bay (Ire)    | Andrew Davis                             | Daniel McLoughlin      | Ben Coen               | 132 |
| 5  | Geryon (Ire)            | Lope De Vega (Ire) | Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd              | G M Lyons              | Colin Keane            | 126 |
| 6  | Isaac Newton (Ire)      | Camelot (GB)       | D Smith,Mrs J Magnier,M Tabor,Westerberg | A P O'Brien            | Wayne Lordan           | 126 |

**Breeders:** 1-Coolmore, 2-Lismacue Stud, 3-Mr L. H. LaRoche, 4-Andrew Davis, 5-Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd, 6-Camas Park, Lynch Bages & Summerhill.

There is practically nothing between **Isaac Newton** and **Geryon** on their Hill of Tara form, but whereas the latter went on to perform with credit in The Curragh's International Stakes Isaac Newton blew the start there and has questions to answer. Last year's winner **Snellen** may be the pick of the older horses and wasn't disgraced behind Blue Bolt in the Duke of Cambridge last month. [Tom Frary].

## Thursday, Compiègne, France, post time: 18:23

### PRIX PELLEAS-Listed, €50,300, 3yo, c/g, 10fT

| SC | PP | HORSE              | SIRE              | TRAINER  | JOCKEY    | WT  |
|----|----|--------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------|-----|
| 1  | 5  | Haayimm (Ire)      | Gleneagles (Ire)  | Bethell  | Soumillon | 128 |
| 2  | 4  | Iceni Boy (Fr)     | Raven's Pass      | Torok    | Demuro    | 128 |
| 3  | 6  | Gentlemanlike (Fr) | Australia (GB)    | Graffard | Barzalona | 128 |
| 4  | 2  | Quantas (Ire)      | Ghaiyyath (Ire)   | Luka     | Bachelot  | 128 |
| 5  | 3  | Proof (Fr)         | Dubawi (Ire)      | C Head   | Boudot    | 128 |
| 6  | 1  | Wiki (GB)          | Make Believe (GB) | Ferland  | Corallo   | 128 |

Alain and Gerard Wertheimer's four-race maiden **Proof** finished 3 1/4 lengths ahead of **Gentlemanlike** when the pair met in October's G3 Prix de Conde and makes his seasonal debut returning off a third in the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud later that month. He is accompanied by fellow Wertheimer homebred **Wiki**, who has hit the board in this term's Listed Prix de Suresnes and G3 Prix Hocquart. The international challenge consists of Ed Bethell trainee **Haayimm**, who was last seen annexing a Musselburgh handicap at the end of June, and the Czech raiders **Quantas**, who ran second in Milan's Listed Premio Emanuele Filiberto before running 11th in the G2 Derby Italiano, and **Iceni Boy**, who is three-from-five. [Sean Cronin].

## Friday, Hamilton, post time: 19:50

### THE BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF GLASGOW STAKES-Listed, £80,000, 3yo, 11f 15yT

| SC | HORSE                 | SIRE                | OWNER                                 | TRAINER               | JOCKEY         | WT  |
|----|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----|
| 1  | Mr Colonel (Ire)      | Frankel (GB)        | Sheikh Hamed Dalmook Al Maktoum       | Richard & Peter Fahey | Shane Gray     | 133 |
| 2  | Superior Choice (GB)  | Dubawi (Ire)        | Ace Stud                              | John & Thady Gosden   | Shane Foley    | 133 |
| 3  | Flawless Fusion (Ire) | Dawn Approach (Ire) | NoHopersJokers&Rogues                 | Jessica Bedi          | David Egan     | 128 |
| 4  | Folk Pageant (GB)     | Masar (Ire)         | Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum | Charlie Johnston      | Jason Hart     | 128 |
| 5  | Plaid (GB)            | Ghaiyyath (Ire)     | Plaid Partnership & Mrs Mary Slack    | James Fanshawe        | Daniel Muscutt | 128 |
| 6  | Prizeland (GB)        | Territories (Ire)   | Mrs M. E. Wates                       | Andrew Balding        | P. J. McDonald | 128 |

**Breeders:** 1-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 2-Lordship Stud, 3-J.S. Bolger & Clare Manning, 4-Godolphin, 5-Plantation Stud, 6-Meon Valley Stud.

This is one of Scotland's jewels, with the likes of Kalpana, West Wind Blows, Subjectivist and Defoe on the honour roll. The Gosdens won it with Nahraan 12 months ago and are back again with another improver in **Superior Choice**, Ace Stud's 1.1million gns Tattersalls October Book 1 purchase who is a son of the Prix de Royallieu heroine Loving Dream. Kalpana's trainer Andrew Balding saddles **Prizeland**, the Lingfield Oaks Trial runner-up who was off the board last time in the Oaks d'Italia. [Tom Frary].

**Friday, Newbury, post time: 16:10**

**THE APPLE PRINT & CREATIVE ROSE BOWL STAKES-Listed**, £50,000, 2yo, 6fT

| SC HORSE                 | SIRE                   | OWNER                                  | TRAINER             | JOCKEY          | WT  |
|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----|
| 1 A Bear Affair (Ire)    | Kodi Bear (Ire)        | A Bit On The Side & Partner            | Richard Hannon      | Sean Levey      | 128 |
| 2 Agamemnon (GB)         | Mehmas (Ire)           | Jastar Capital & Murt Khan             | Richard Hughes      | Oisin Murphy    | 128 |
| 3 Arapaho Gold (Ire)     | Bayside Boy (Ire)      | Doug Graham and Carole Dods            | Michael Dods        | Connor Beasley  | 128 |
| 4 God Given Talent (Ire) | No Nay Never           | Mr Michael Buckley & Mrs P Shanahan    | James Ferguson      | Tom Marquand    | 128 |
| 5 Kamaal (Ire)           | Minzaal (Ire)          | Mr D. R. Passant                       | Jack Jones          | Rossa Ryan      | 128 |
| 6 Mr Macartney (GB)      | Ubetabelieveit (Ire)   | Barham Masterton Sweeting Severn Eddis | Oli Rix             | Luke Morris     | 128 |
| 7 Nabati (Ire)           | Night Of Thunder (Ire) | Godolphin                              | Charlie Appleby     | William Buick   | 128 |
| 8 Ronson (GB)            | Ubetabelieveit (Ire)   | D Caslin, P Wilcock & Partner          | Nigel Tinkler       | Lewis Edmunds   | 128 |
| 9 Sale Shark (Ire)       | Bayside Boy (Ire)      | Orange & Owen                          | Hugo Palmer         | Kieran Shoemark | 128 |
| 10 Severn Councils (Ire) | Sioux Nation           | R Rexton, M Gander & Partner           | Richard Hughes      | Pat Dobbs       | 128 |
| 11 Social Symbol         | Violence               | Rabbah Racing                          | Simon & Ed Crisford | Ryan Moore      | 128 |
| 12 Underdog (GB)         | Perfect Power (Ire)    | Phil Cunningham                        | Richard Spencer     | Saffie Osborne  | 128 |

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Charlie Appleby turned the page on his season at last week's July Festival, with the two-year-olds leading the charge and all eyes will be on **Nabati** in the race the yard won 12 months ago with Wise Approach. Introduced in the same Yarmouth maiden as Shadow Of Light, the 850,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 purchase went through the motions in style but the form is impossible to read at present. Unbeaten in two starts, **Arapaho Gold** looks a smart sprinter while the Norfolk Stakes fourth **Social Symbol** and Windsor Castle fifth **Sale Shark** remain unexposed and have that valuable Royal Ascot experience under their belt. [Tom Frary].

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