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No One Has Dominated Diana More Than Brown



Portfolio Duration | Sarah Andrew

by Tim Wilkin

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – It only seems like trainer Chad Brown wins the GI Diana Stakes every year. Right?

Oh, yeah. The Diana, worth \$500,000, has become Brown's personal playground. All you need to do to believe is just examine the stats.

The last four years, the winner of the 1 1/8-mile test on the inner turf course has come from Brown's barn. Nine of the last 10 editions of the Diana have belonged to a Brown filly or mare.

All told, since 2011, Brown has held the Diana trophy in the Saratoga winner's circle 10 times. That's ten wins over the last 15 runnings. Not a bad record.

The Diana, inaugurated in 1939, rolls around again on Saturday, and Brown, as usual, will be the one to beat.

He has four horses entered in the field of seven and they are the top four choices: **Kathynmarissa** (**American Pharoah**), 2-1, **Portfolio Duration** (**GB**) (Night of Thunder {Ire}), 5-2, **Segesta** (Ghostzapper), 3-1 and **Dynamic Pricing** (**Ire**) (Night of Thunder {Ire}), 6-1.

Dynamic Pricing is the only one of the Brown quartet to have participated in the Diana before; she finished third last year as stablemate Excellent Truth (Ire) (Cotai Glory {GB}) won.

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CALIFORNIA BREEDING IN FOCUS: "THAT'S REALLY BEEN THE STORY FOR US THIS SEASON" by Dan Ross

Despite the rough seas the great ocean liner of the California breeding industry has navigated these past few years, it remains integral to the nation's Thoroughbred industry, with the second most foals born and mares bred of any state behind Kentucky.

More importantly, it still has much to offer breeders and owners.

"I think us and New York are two of the best programs for incentives between owners, breeder and stallion awards," said Mike Machowsky, Fasig-Tipton's California representative. "I've always harped that the Cal-bred program is one of the best, if not the best, on offer in the country."

And the program has a new dimension courtesy of a \$500,000 bonus offered to the owner of the first graduate purchased at the Fasig-Tipton California Fall Yearlings Sale which goes on to win a Grade I at two or three.

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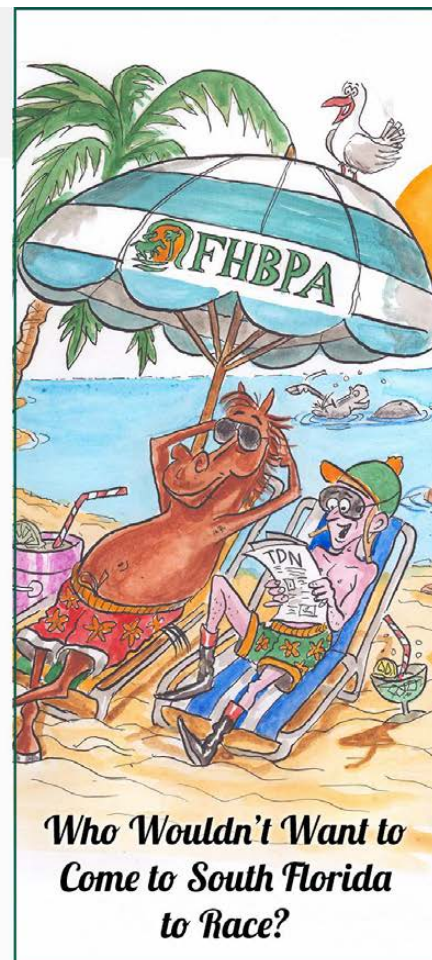
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Who Wouldn't Want to Come to South Florida to Race?



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"This is a race I obviously point towards every year," Brown said Thursday morning in his office at his barn at the Oklahoma Training Track. "The race holds a lot of prestige in the filly and mare turf division. It's one of the really big races in the country outside of the Breeders' Cup."

Brown's planning for the Diana starts long before he brings his horses to Saratoga in the springtime.

"It is difficult," he said. "You have to have the right horses, and we have a feel as to what horses will fit that race. Then I start working backwards from (the Diana) many months out to see which ones can fit."

As successful as he has been in the race, Brown is not resting on his laurels. That has never been his style, never will be either.

"Honestly, I don't focus too much with stuff in the rear view," he said. "But I am very appreciative and honored. My team and I feel a huge sense of accomplishment when you look at that record. It does mean a lot."

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Segesta in the paddock at the Spa | Sarah Andrew

Brown has a big day on Saturday. Besides the Diana, he also has a horse running in the \$1 million GI NYRABets Haskell Stakes at Monmouth Park in **Iron Honor (Nyquist)**, who is the 3-1 third choice on the morning line in the field of six.

He said he will be staying in Saratoga to saddle his horses in the Diana.

"It was a tough decision," he said. "I have some good horses running (at Monmouth)."

You could say the same thing about the horses he has running at the Spa.

Doesn't Look Like Journalism Is Coming Back To Saratoga

For now, **Journalism** (Curlin) is staying home.

The popular colt will make the third start of his 4-year-old season Saturday in the \$300,000 GII San Diego Handicap at Del Mar in California.

Last month, Journalism finished third in the GI Met Mile at Saratoga and trainer Michael McCarthy had said before that race that he could bring him back to Saratoga for a race this summer, perhaps the \$1 million GI Whitney Stakes Aug. 8.

McCarthy said Journalism ran “respectable” in the Met Mile, which was won by **Nysos** (Nyquist).



Journalism | Sarah Andrew

“We have a home game,” McCarthy said by phone from Del Mar, his summer base in California about the San Diego. “The horse has been on the road just about every time he has run for the past year and a half. Thought we would go ahead and start off right here at Del Mar and see where it takes us for the summer. Whatever race he runs after (the San Diego) remains to be seen.”

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gave Golden Pal a 1-2 finish, defeating All Star Leigh and earning her leading freshman sire an **8th career winner**, in a MdSpWt at Saratoga Race Course.

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Jockey Umberto Rispoli, who rode Journalism in nine of his first 10 starts, will ride him in the San Diego. Jose Ortiz had the mount for Journalism's last three races but is riding in Saratoga on Saturday.

The San Diego is a prep for the \$1 million GI Pacific Classic at Del Mar Aug. 22. Journalism finished second behind **Fierceness** (**City of Light**) in last year's Pacific Classic.

Journalism, owned by Aron Wellman's Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, the Coolmore partners Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor and Derrick Smith and Bridlewood Farm, Don Alberto Stable and Elayne Stables Five, LLC, has two third place finishes in his two starts this year.

Before the Met Mile, he was third in the GII Oaklawn Handicap. In 13 career starts, Journalism has six wins, three seconds and three thirds.

He failed to hit the board in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic, when he finished fourth.

In his only other start at Saratoga, Journalism was second in the 2025 GI Belmont Stakes behind **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief).

McCarthy said he does not have any horses in his barn that are currently being pointed to a trip to Saratoga this summer.

"I would have liked to have shipped them all to Saratoga to be honest with you," he said. "Someday, that will happen. There are a couple spots we thought about ... I obviously have a great deal of affection for Saratoga. I would like a (Saratoga) Grade I on my resume."

McCarthy was an assistant to Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher, who is based in Saratoga every summer, for 11 years before going out on his own in 2014.

'Skippy's Year Already Made, But Looking For More

The other half of trainer Saffie Joseph Jr.'s senior citizen duo is running Saturday.

Skippylongstocking (Exaggerator) is still doing it for the barn, just as stablemate White Abarrio (Race Day) is. Both horses are competing at a high level at the age of seven.

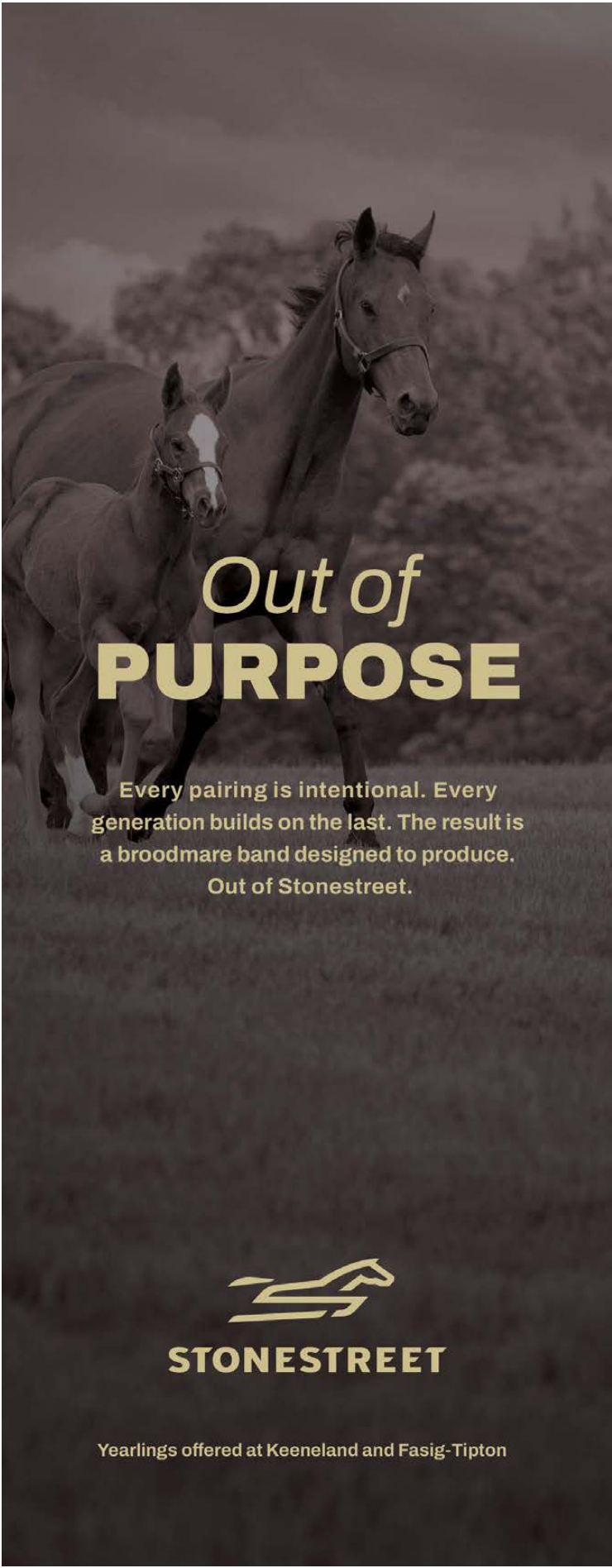
Owned by David Alonso, Skippylongstocking is the 3-2 morning-line second choice in Saturday's \$350,000 GIII Monmouth Cup Stakes at Monmouth Park. Joseph had thought about running Skippy in the \$1 million GI Whitney Stakes at Saratoga Aug. 8, but decided a trip to the Jersey Shore fit his schedule better.

The morning-line favorite is the formidable Knightsbridge (**Nyquist**), who is 7-5 for Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott.

"He really has already make his year," Joseph said about Skippylongstocking outside his barn on the Saratoga backstretch. "He has had a great year so far."

Indeed, he has.

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Skippylongstocking has won two of three starts this year, the biggest being the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational at Gulfstream Park Jan. 24.

He followed that with a victory in the GIII Essex Handicap at Oaklawn Park Mar. 21 and a second in the GII Alysheba Stakes at Churchill Downs on May 1.

One of the main reasons to take the road trip to Jersey is that Joseph has his eyes on the \$1 million GII Charles Town Classic in West Virginia Aug. 28.

Skippylongstocking has run in the 1 1/8-mile, three turn Charles Town Classic three times in his career. He finished eighth last year and won it in 2023 and 2024.

"Why not go back to Charles Town?" Joseph said. "We will get a little break after Monmouth, and he has run well at Charles Town."

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"This just gives the guys a little more incentive, make sure there's enough activity and shopping at the sale," Machowsky explained, of a bonus program that he said came about through brainstorming with the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association (CTBA).

"We're just trying everything we can to promote the regional market out here and California racing."

If a graduate of the sale achieves this feat, the bonus will be divided equally between the owner of the horse at the time of the Grade I win, and the owner of horse when it was offered at the 2026 yearling sale.

This means that if the horse who achieves this bonus is one pinhooked from the sale, then the pinhooker will walk away with \$250,000.

"This is a very creative and lucrative incentive to add even more value to the California Fall Yearlings Sale," said CTBA president Doug Burge, describing the bonus as one that would "encourage the state's breeders to support the sale with the best of their yearling crops."

While in California--much as in the rest of the country--the industry has been beset by contraction, numerical shrinkage has translated into a rise in overall quality, said Machowsky.

"The downsizing isn't a positive," he said. "But the fact that a lot of these guys are upgrading in quality very much is."

Tom Clark, who owns Rancho San Miguel, agrees.

"Collected has been extremely well received. We bred 96 mares to him. He did very well in the shed--he's just a real gentleman."

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Doug Burge | Fasig-Tipton

"His babies are winning and we're just very excited to have a horse of that quality in California," said Clark, of the son of City Zip who has completed his first season at Clark's farm in San Luis Obispo.

Collected's popularity has taken Clark somewhat aback. He was anticipating a book this year of around 70 to 75 mares. And while the other stallions at Rancho San Miguel have seen a small dip in mares bred, Collected's numbers "more than made up for it," said Clark.

"That's really been the whole story for us this breeding season," Clark added. "He saved our year."

The success of his new stallion has Clark eyeing up a potentially exploitable niche in the market.

"The breeding environment in Kentucky is also very difficult, especially for the older proven stallions--everybody wants to breed to the newest thing," said Clark. "And the cost of keeping a stallion in Kentucky is up to close to \$100,000 a year, when you talk about advertising, insurance, the day money."

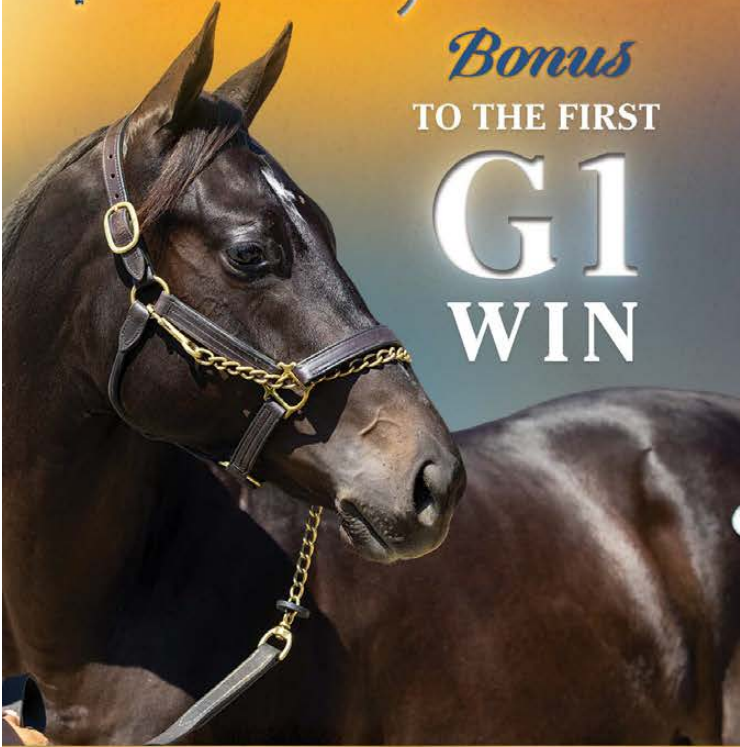
The equivalent cost in California is less than half that, said Clark.

"I just think this creates a lot of opportunity out here for some of these older proven Kentucky stallions to be available," said Clark, who, at the time of the interview explained he was poised to make a repeat trip out to Kentucky for another Collected-like stallion to bring back to California.

As for the upcoming Fasig-Tipton California September sale, Clark said he's sending some 50 yearlings, about 30 of his own and around 20 for outside clients.

"I believe we're sending better physicals this year than we've ever brought before to the sale. I'm absolutely sure of it," said Clark. "I'm really looking forward to how well they'll be received."

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Tom Clark | Jill Williams

The folks at Barton Thoroughbreds have also been injecting star-power into their empire.

"Barton has really upped the ante," said Kevin Dickson, farm manager for the 200-acre family-owned breeding behemoth in California's Santa Ynez Valley.

"A blind man can see that Barton Thoroughbred's pretty much driving the California breeding industry. I think we're over 13% of the entire foal crop," said Dickson. "We're not slowing down. If anything, we're getting bigger."

Having spent years stocking their broodmare band with nice purchases from the likes of Keeneland, Barton vanned around 60 mares to Kentucky-based sires this season to bring back to California to foal.

This greater focus on quality, said Dickson, has broadened the commercial appeal of their stock.

"What you'll see more of, you'll see Barton-breds running now at Keeneland. You'll see them running in Florida. You'll see them at Century Mile. You'll see them at Monmouth. They're spreading out--maybe not our own runners, but certainly Barton-bred horses," he said.

Among the Barton consignment at the upcoming Fasig-Tipton September sale, Dickson has high hopes for the farm's young

stallion, Shaaz (Uncle Mo), whose first foals are yearlings in '26.

"We have a bunch of Shaaz babies. They look great--they look a lot like him. He really stamps his foals. He's a beautiful horse, a beautiful stallion. We're really pleased with what we see," said Dickson.

"It's a great program in California. We love it," said Dickson, highlighting everything from the September yearling sale to the state's lucrative owners' and breeders' incentives and awards programs.

"But we do need some help out here."

What helps are a raft of enhanced breeders' incentives unfurled this year.

Cal-breds (already entitled to two first-level allowance condition wins if they're recorded separately on dirt and turf) are now permitted two wins on the same surface at two separate distances: one win at seven furlongs or less, and one at one mile or more.

The \$100 registration fee is waived for Cal-bred registered foals born in 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Starting with foals born next year, the CTBA will award \$1,000 for each Cal-Bred registered foal (maxing out at 25 foals per breeder).

Furthermore, breeders will receive a \$3,000 transport reimbursement for certain eligible mares purchased at out-of-state auctions who are subsequently bred back to a registered California stallion.

"Just look at opening day at Del Mar. There's an open 2-year-old race with a purse of \$70,000. It's a restricted race for horses that [reserve not attained] or sold for \$150,000 or less," said Machowsky.

"But if you run a Cal-bred in that race, you're potentially running for \$85,000 because you've got an extra \$15,000 in bonuses," said Machowsky.

A Cal-bred racing in an \$80,000 Maiden Special Weight at Del Mar, Machowsky added, could be running for a potential \$104,000 thanks to Cal-bred bonuses.

"You just don't get that in other states," he added.

"That's why you've got to be out here shopping at the Cal-bred sales and race here. You're taking food off your plate if you don't."

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THIS WEEK'S FIVE FASTEST FILLIES: JULY 6-12

by Randy Moss



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Two fillies clocked a 90 Beyer last week, but Paradise City won and Yes It Tiz didn't.

6. PARADISE CITY, PRM, 7/10, Saylerville Stakes, 6 furlongs. (VIDEO)

Beyer Speed Figure- 90

(f, 4, by **McKinzie-Washington Bridge**, by Yankee Gentleman)
O-C2 Racing Stable, Shining Stables, Paul Braverman, Timothy Pinch and BAG Racing Stables (Ky). B-Don Alberto Corporation. T-Saffie Joseph Jr. J-Micah Husbands.



She'll probably never get a better trip, but to a certain extent her improved tactical speed this year is helping her make her own luck. In getting her first stakes victory (she was beaten a nose last September in the GIII Winter Memories on turf), she waited in the rail pocket then slipped inside Bob Baffert-trained pacesetter Silent Law through the stretch to edge clear in 1:09.25. She has some versatility but it's looking like dirt sprinting may be her strength.

5. KAPOOR, IND, 7/11, Mari Hulman George Memorial, 1 1/16 miles.

Beyer Speed Figure- 91

(f, 4, by **Uncle Mo-Kareena**, by Medaglia d'Oro)
O/B-Godolphin (Ky). T-Bill Mott. J-Junior Alvarado.

Kapoor is getting to be a regular at this: this is her third appearance on "Six Speedy Fillies" and last year she also made "Five Fastest Maidens." So far, the well-bred filly has been a frontrunning machine. She is 5-for-5 when controlling the pace and 0-for-3 when she doesn't. This was her first try around two turns, and while she has yet to earn graded black type, that could be just a matter of time.

4. GOODALL, SAR, 7/10, Victory Ride Stakes (Grade III), 6 1/2 furlongs. (VIDEO)

Beyer Speed Figure- 92 (2nd)

(f, 3, by Yaupon-Moon Over Mag Bay, by Malibu Moon)
O-Spendthrift Farm. B-Mark Toothaker and Bill/Corrine Heiligbrodt (Ky). T-Steve Asmussen. J-Flavien Prat.



Goodall ran as well as expected and was cruising on a two-length lead in midstretch, but unexpectedly was overtaken by longshot Sippin Pretty (below).

"I thought, honestly, she ran her race," Prat said. "The other horse just ran me down."

Toothaker bought Goodall's winless dam for \$20,000 and bred her in partnership with the Heiligbrodts, who raced promising young sire Yaupon. Spendthrift paid \$525,000 for her last year at OBS April.

3. MOVIN' ON UP, SAR, 7/11, Caress Stakes (Grade II), 5 1/2 furlongs (turf). (VIDEO)

Beyer Speed Figure- 93

(m, 5, by Accelerate-Stifle Yourself, by **Cairo Prince**)

O-Ken Ramsey. B-Estate of Harvey Clarke (Ky). T-Saffie Joseph Jr. J-Tyler Gaffalione.

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She was fourth choice in the five-horse Caress, but the irrepressible Ramsey expected to get his picture taken. "Look for me in the winners circle," he posted on his X account. And following Movin' On Up's last-to-first rally, Ramsey was a winner all around. The mare he claimed 2 1/2 years ago for \$35,000 is now a graded winner, and asked if he bet her at 5/1, he replied, "With BOTH hands."

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Movin' On Up | Sarah Andrew

Movin' On Up is out of a half-sister to GSWs Gosger and Harvey's Lil Gail from the same female family as Derby/Preakness winner I'll Have Another, and 90-year-old Ramsey intends to watch her offspring run. He led Movin' On Up into the winners' circle arm-in-arm with Joseph on his first trip to Saratoga since his June 2024 kidney transplant at age 88-plus, which he proudly notes has landed him in the Guinness Book of World Records. "I beat out a guy in Toronto," he says.

2. IN THE STARS, IND, 7/11, Indiana General Assembly Distaff Handicap, 1 1/16 miles (turf).

Beyer Speed Figure- 93

(f, 4, by Into Mischief-Stellar Wind, by Curlin)

O-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. B-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt (Ky).

T-Rusty Arnold. J-Luis Saez.



In the Stars | Coady Media

When you have a filly by America's No. 1 sire out of an Eclipse Award champion, the first goal is to make her a stakes winner. Mission accomplished. Stellar Wind never raced on grass, but In the Stars's career trajectory has gotten a massive boost from turf: on dirt she was never close in four starts with a Beyer top of 69, and in her last three on grass she has Beyers of 92, 90 and now 93. Graded black-type will undoubtedly be the next objective.

1. SIPPIN PRETTY, SAR, 7/10, Victory Ride Stakes (Grade III), 6 1/2 furlongs. (VIDEO)

Beyer Speed Figure- 94

(f, 3, by Yaupon-Tiz Imaginary, by Tizway)

O-Randall Bloch, Six Column Stables, Mike Davis and Gene Rice.

B-Clarkland Farm (Ky). T-Ian Wilkes. J-Ricardo Santana Jr.

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She was overlooked at 26/1 because she no-showed in the GII Eight Belles Stakes, where she was only a length off the pace after a sixteenth then was uncompetitive and by the 3/8 was at the rear five to six back. "She wasn't herself," Wilkes said. Still, in finishing sixth she was only one length behind 2/1 Victory Ride favorite Goodall--and this time she powered past Goodall for a career-best figure and a first-crop exacta for sire Yaupon. The GI Test Stakes Aug. 8 is the next target for Wilkes and his longtime owners.

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FIFTH CIRCUIT TO HOLD OFF ON ANTI-CONSTITUTIONALITY MANDATE PENDING HISA APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT

by T.D. Thornton

The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit has agreed to stay the mandate on its **June 11, 2026, opinion** that the Horseracing and Safety Integrity Act (HISA) is partially unconstitutional after attorneys from the HISA Authority told the New Orleans-based court that an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court is forthcoming.

A mandate is the formal order that returns jurisdiction to the lower court and makes an appellate ruling effective.

The case dates to a 2021 lawsuit spearheaded by the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) and 12 of its affiliates against the HISA Authority and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

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Last month the Fifth Circuit issued a new opinion that essentially came to the same conclusion that the same three-judge panel had reached two years ago: Even though HISA's rulemaking structure is constitutional, its enforcement provisions are not.

The HBPA plaintiffs did not oppose the request for a stay, according to the HISA Authority's July 13, 2026, motion.

This latest stay comes a little more than a year after the Supreme Court tasked federal appeals courts in the Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Circuits with re-examining previous opinions on cases involving the constitutionality of HISA.

The Fifth Circuit case is one of three HISA-related federal lawsuits that have been simmering in the federal court system for at least five years.

The Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Circuit appeals courts have all agreed that HISA's rulemaking structure is constitutional. Only the Fifth Circuit has consistently disagreed, in part, by opining that HISA's enforcement provisions are unconstitutional.

The losing parties in those three cases had asked the Supreme Court to rule on the "circuit split" that resulted in differing federal appeals court opinions. But on June 30, 2025, the Supreme Court remanded those cases back to the appeals courts, asking them to take a second look based on a Supreme Court precedent that had not existed when each of those lawsuits first originated.

The Sixth Circuit was the first to act on the Supreme Court's remand in an anti-HISA case led by the states of Oklahoma, West Virginia and Louisiana. On Dec. 17, 2025, the Sixth Circuit upheld the constitutionality of HISA for a second time.

The states on the losing side of that opinion, on May 15, 2026, petitioned for a "writ of certiorari," which is the formal term for asking the Supreme Court to take up a case.

In the Eighth Circuit anti-HISA case, the plaintiffs are

executives with the Arkansas and Iowa HBPA chapters. On September 20, 2024, the Eighth Circuit affirmed a ruling out of a lower federal court in Arkansas denying a preliminary injunction the horsemen had sought to halt HISA and its Anti-Doping and Medication Control program. The Eighth Circuit has not yet issued any revised ruling to comply with last year's Supreme Court remand.

The Supreme Court will likely to wait until all three related cases have been decided on remand before choosing whether or not to take them on yet again.

A stay of the mandate has three immediate legal effects: 1) The appellate judgment is temporarily not effective; 2) The lower district court cannot act to implement the Fifth Circuit's judgment; 3) The legal status quo is preserved while the stay request is resolved, preserving the Supreme Court's ability to review the case meaningfully.

If the mandate were to issue and the lower court acted on it, it could be difficult--or impossible--to undo those actions if the Supreme Court later agreed to hear the case.

The July 13, 2026, motion from the HISA Authority's legal team described its rationale for the request:

"The Court should stay its mandate by July 24 (before expiration of the time for seeking rehearing) pending the filing and disposition of the Authority's forthcoming certiorari petition. All parties to this litigation have confirmed that they do not oppose entry of the requested stay."

According to the HISA Authority, a stay would allow the defendants to "forgo rehearing petitions and proceed directly to filing a certiorari petition to minimize delay."

The HISA Authority's motion read: "At a minimum, issuance of the mandate would sow chaos and confusion as State racing commissions (or the FTC) scramble to step in to enforce the governing HISA rules while racing occurs across the country."



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"In transitioning to the long-anticipated rollout of the now three-year-old regime, many States underwent substantial operational (and legal) changes--e.g., reducing their staff who worked on racetrack-safety and anti-doping issues; eliminating contracts with drug-testing laboratories; and reallocating funding. The Authority and its partners absorbed many of these personnel and duties. Accordingly, multiple States simply would not be in a position to take over enforcement of critical HISA rules--or would refuse.

"The resulting 'Wild West' vacuum would communicate a perilous reality to would-be cheaters: 'nobody can enforce the rules, so go dope your horses to your heart's content,' at least until the States undergo massive transformations to fill the gap," the motion stated.

"Staying the mandate is also necessary to protect important comity concerns," the HISA motion continued. "Plaintiffs have made clear, in this and other cases, that they seek to bring down HISA *nationwide*. As Plaintiffs have confirmed, it is already the case that HISA rules do not govern horseracing in any jurisdiction in [the Fifth] Circuit [because Texas is not running covered races and Louisiana races are exempted by federal court order in a different lawsuit]."

The Fifth Circuit issued an expedited order July 14 that stated, "The Appellees' unopposed motion for stay of the mandate

pending petition for writ of certiorari is GRANTED. If the petition is granted, the stay will continue until the Supreme Court's judgment is handed down. If the petition is denied, the stay will dissolve."

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REPORT: BENTORNATO INJURED, OUT OF TRAINING

by Bill Finley

According to a report by Steve Andersen in the *Daily Racing Form*, 2025 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner **Bentornato** (**Valiant Minister**) has suffered a sesamoid injury and is not expected to race again this year. Trainer Jose D'Angelo told the *DRF* that his sprint star is expected to return to racing in 2027 as a 6-year-old.

Bentornato breezed a half-mile at Saratoga July 4. The injury was detected "a few days ago," D'Angelo said.

D'Angelo said that Bentornato will be "outside the track for a couple of months. He's got a small sesamoid fracture. The doctor said he has a good prognosis."

In his most recent start, Bentornato finished second behind **Book'em Danno** (**Buccherio**) in the GIII True North Stakes at Saratoga on June 6.

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In his only other start this year, he was second in the GI Golden Shaheen Sprint in Dubai.

His is owned by Leon King Stable and TCC Stable and has won seven of 13 starts while earning \$2,802,180. He has also won the GII Gallant Bob Stakes at Parx.

Bentornato also raced just twice in 2025.

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POOR AIR QUALITY PROMPTS WOODBINE CANCELLATION

Thursday's live program at Woodbine Racetrack outside Toronto has been cancelled on account of poor air quality, officials from Woodbine Entertainment said in a release.

The [air quality index for Toronto as reported by Environment Canada](#) is listed as 'high risk' and was expected to remain that way over the course of the entire day.

The decision to cancel, 'made in the best interests of the health and safety of our horses and racing participants,' was arrived at in consultation with the local HBPA and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) and is consistent with the AGC air quality guidelines.

Smoke from Canadian wildfires was forecast to affect areas of the northeastern United States on Thursday as well, with the National Weather Service office near Mount Holly, New Jersey, indicating that some of that smoke could mix to the surface in Greater Philadelphia.

Woodbine will look to provide racing opportunities for Thursday's cancelled races on this Sunday's card and into next week.

The next card of live racing is scheduled for Friday afternoon at 1 p.m.

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LOOKUP *Edited Press Release*

The Jockey Club today announced that in addition to scanning or entering a microchip recorded with The Jockey Club, users can now use a Thoroughbred's tattoo number in the ID My Thoroughbred app to receive the horse's name and detailed markings.

If location services is enabled on the mobile device or the user indicates that they own the horse, the app provides registration photos, if available, for horses born in 2002 and later. The updated app also provides a free *My TB's Story* EquineLine report when location services are enabled or ownership is toggled on.

The ID My Thoroughbred app helps identify unknown Thoroughbreds as part of The Jockey Club's traceability initiative so the industry can better understand the whereabouts of Thoroughbreds.

"The response to the ID My Thoroughbred app has been tremendous, with more than 13,500 downloads," said Kristin Werner, vice president, Thoroughbred Strategies & Industry Initiatives, The Jockey Club. "When someone searches for a horse they encounter or own on the app, it indicates the horse likely transitioned out of racing, which is essential to our traceability efforts.

"Adding tattoo lookup will help us trace horses that were foaled before 2017, when microchips became a requirement of registration."

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Rank	Stallion	BTW/%NF	BTH/%NF	GSW/%NF	GSH/%NF	G1SW/%NF	G1SH/%NF	Earnings
1	Gun Runner (2013) by Candy Ride (Arg)	60/8.44	112/15.75	40/5.63	68/9.56	14/1.97	31/4.36	\$94,234,301 Sierra Leone
2	Practical Joke (2014) by Into Mischief	42/5.32	91/11.52	18/2.28	34/4.3	5/0.63	13/1.65	\$61,373,063 Skelly
3	Connect (2013) by Curlin	19/4.02	43/9.09	8/1.69	16/3.38	1/0.21	5/1.06	\$31,466,314 Rattle N Roll
4	Cupid (2013) by Tapit	9/2.45	18/4.89	4/1.09	6/1.63	1/0.27	2/0.54	\$19,698,201 Carson's Run
5	Mohaymen (2013) by Tapit	5/2.86	11/6.29	4/2.29	4/2.29	1/0.57	3/1.71	\$12,067,212 Win for the Money
6	Midnight Storm (2011) by Pioneerof the Nile	6/2.31	14/5.38	2/0.77	5/1.92	--/--	--/--	\$10,882,833 Great Escape
7	Unified (2013) by Candy Ride (Arg)	6/1.58	19/5.01	1/0.26	3/0.79	--/--	--/--	\$18,180,221 Idratherbeblessed
8	Keen Ice (2012) by Curlin	4/1.39	14/4.86	1/0.35	2/0.69	1/0.35	1/0.35	\$18,155,826 Rich Strike
9	Gormley (2014) by Malibu Moon	6/1.63	18/4.9	1/0.27	4/1.09	--/--	1/0.27	\$14,861,205 Bron and Brow
10	Valiant Minister (2013) by Candy Ride (Arg)	3/2.1	6/4.2	1/0.7	1/0.7	1/0.7	1/0.7	\$8,643,709 Bentornato
11	Danzing Candy (2013) by Twirling Candy	2/0.73	11/4.03	1/0.37	1/0.37	--/--	--/--	\$7,379,918 Moose Mitchell
12	American Freedom (2013) by Pulpit	3/1.03	13/4.48	--/--	2/0.69	--/--	--/--	\$15,073,662 Adero
13	Neolithic (2013) by Harlan's Holiday	11/5.88	21/11.23	--/--	3/1.6	--/--	1/0.53	\$11,254,824 Neoequos
14	Divining Rod (2012) by Tapit	8/4	13/6.5	--/--	1/0.5	--/--	1/0.5	\$11,161,727 Precious Avary
15	Blofeld (2012) by Quality Road	11/5.14	21/9.81	--/--	3/1.4	--/--	--/--	\$11,104,865 Beach Daze

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

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

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 🌿	Gun Runner	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 🌿	Essential Quality	OGMA Investments LLC, JR Ranch, and High Step Racing LLC	Delgado	Saez	119
5	Iron Honor 🌿	Nyquist	St. Elias Stable, William H. Lawrence, and Glassman Racing LLC	Brown	Prat	119
6	Napoleon Solo 🌿	Liam's Map	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 🌿	American Pharoah	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 🐾	Gun Runner	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	Audible	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 🐾	American Pharoah	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	Mosler	Dastur Racing	Ryan	Gaffalione	122
6	Uncle's Gold	Uncle Mo	Live Oak Plantation	Trombetta	Lopez	118
7	Just a Touch 🐾	Justify	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	Constitution	C R K Stable LLC	Eurton	Berrios	118
2	Mirahmadi 🐾	Into Mischief	SF Racing, LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, LLC Bashor Racing, LLC, Robert Masterson, 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	Curlin	Bridlewood Farm, Don Alberto Stable Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Elayne Stables 5, LLC Robert V. LaPenta, Mrs. John Magnier-Lessee 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)	Midshipman	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)	Sioux Nation	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	Army Mule	NBS Stable	Danner	Beschizza	123
4	Spirit Doll	Tiz the Law	Peachtree Stable	Joseph, Jr.	Hughes	121
5	Peanutbutterbombe	Collected	Little Red Feather Racing and Strauss, William	D'Amato	Fresu	120
6	Light Won Up 🐾	City of Light	Purple Rein Racing and Davis, Mark D.	O'Neill	Jaramillo	121
7	Marjoram	Quality Road	Juddmonte	McCarthy	Hernandez	121
8	Inbox (GB)	Ectot (GB)	Hopeless Stables, Little Red Feather Racing, 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	Kantharos	Keith Abrahams	Sadler	Ayuso	117
11	Cortina d'Amprezzo (Ire)	Lucky Vega (Ire)	Hopeless Stables, Little Red Feather Racing 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



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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*

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, 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, 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*



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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 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, 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, and James Cestaro	Ward	Rodriguez	120
8	Cy Fair	Not This Time	Medallion Racing, Swinbank Stables LLC, Joey Platts, 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, 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

Johnny's Red Storm (Twirling Candy) returns after going 2-for-2 as a juvenile and winning a \$946,000 stakes at Kentucky Downs. Is trained by turf sprint master George Weaver. Signified his readiness with a 58 3/5ths work over the turf. **Throckmorton** (Caracaro) has been right there every time and should get a good trip stalking what should be a fast pace. Changes barns to trainer Chad Summers. The whole question with **Ewing** (Knicks Go) is whether or not he will take to the turf. Obviously has talent. The works--including four furlongs on the turf in 47 flat--say that Mark Casse has him ready to go. I am assuming that **Cy Fair** (Not This Time) runs Saturday against fillies in the GIII Coronation Cup. --Bill Finley

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Friday, 7/17, Monmouth, post time: 5:21 p.m. EDT

MR. PROSPECTOR S., \$200,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Silver Slugger	Cairo Prince	Victoria's Ranch	Avila	Morales	118
2	Quint's Brew	Mosler	Paul Berube, Karen Linnell and Heather B. Hunter	Allard	Boyce	124
3	Book'em Danno	Bucchero	Atlantic Six Racing, LLC	Ryan	Lopez	124
4	Go Irish	Irish War Cry	Panagiotis A. Synnefias	Synnefias	Rivera	118
5	Durante	Distorted Humor	David Jacobson	Jacobson	Gomez	124
6	Banishing	Ghostzapper	David Jacobson, Sharag Mohammed Al Hariri and Lawrence P. Roman	Jacobson	Rivera, Jr.	124
7	Boardwalk Jack	Sea Wizard	Jersey Pride Racing LLC and Boardwalk Racing	Owens, Jr	Vargas, Jr.	118
8	Doroteo	Bolt d'Oro	Stud Igual Racing, III Beauty's Thoroughbred LLC, Kevin Stedman and Span Investments, Inc.	Delgado	Rojas	118
9	Full Moon Madness	Into Mischief	Jay Em Ess Stable	Nevin	Gutierrez	118

Breeders: 1-Frankfort Park Farm, 2-Paul W. Berube, Karen Linnell & Spinnaker Hill Farm, 3-Gregory J. Kilka & Bright View Farm, 4-Isabelle de Tomaso, 5-William Humphries & Altair Farms, LLC, 6-Godolphin, 7-Colonial Farms, 8-Philip Robertson & Brenda Robertson, 9-Jay Em Ess Stable

Friday, 7/17, Del Mar, post time: 8:32 p.m. EDT

CAESARS SPORTSBOOK OCEANSIDE H., \$150,000, 3yo, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Iriseach (Ire)	Ubbetabelieveit (Ire)	Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, McLean Racing, Strand Beach, LLC and Michael Nentwig	D'Amato	Rispoli	119
2	Secured Freedom	Practical Joke	Leslie A. Amestoy, Pierre Jean Amestoy, Jr. and Roger K. Beasley	Yakteen	Vazquez	121
3	Unrivaled Time	Not This Time	Innergy Racing Corp and Alfred Pais	Powell	Ayuso	121
4	Proletariat	Raging Bull (Fr)	Dutch Girl Holdings LLC and Irving Ventures LLC	Mullins	Frey	119
5	Bust Out	Complexity	Jacob M. and Timothy A. Pegram	McCarthy	Jaramillo	122
6	Mr. A. P.	American Pharoah	Holly and David Wilson	Cerin	Rosario	119
7	Tiz All That	Midnight Lute	Pamela C. Ziebarth	Baltas	Maldonado	118
8	Charlie's Curlin	Curlin	Les Blake	Mullins	Hernandez	119
9	Mo Koko	Mo Town	Janavar Thoroughbreds LLC	Barocio	Gonzalez	116
10	One More Freud	Tonalist	JP Racing Stable, Paradise Farms Corp., Robert Bayer, Keith Diskin and Jeffrey Lambert	Hess, Jr.	Smith	120
11	Jordi Bear (Ire)	St Mark's Basilica (Fr)	Glen Hill Farm, Little Red Feather Racing, Madaket Stables LLC and William Strauss	D'Amato	Fresu	118
12	Later Than Planned (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables LLC and Marsha Naify	D'Amato	Berrios	121

Breeders: 1-Hyde Park Stud, 2-Audley Farm Equine, LLC, 3-Alfred A. Pais, 4-Liberty Road Stables, 5-Brereton C. Jones & Bret Jones, 6-Pollock Farms, 7-Pamela Cee Ziebarth, 8-Glen Hill Farm, 9-Janavar Thoroughbreds, LLC, 10-Larry Hirsch, 11-Armitage Bloodstock, 12-John P. Mangan & John S. Mangan



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SUMMER BREEZES:

Freshman **Jack Christopher** Has A Pair of Chances



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 Friday at Saratoga, Ellis and opening day at Del Mar. Information gathered by Alan Carasso.

Friday, July 17, 2026

Ellis 5, \$100k, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 2:44 p.m. ET

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price (\$)	Breeze
Mid American (Epicenter)	OBSAPR	180,000	:10
C-Navas Equine, agent; B-James DiVito, agent			
Round Up (Upstart)	OBSAPR	100,000	:10
C-Omar Ramirez Bloodstock, agent; B-Eric Foster			

Saratoga 4, \$90k, 2yo, f, (R), 5 1/2f, 2:53 p.m. ET

Goodproblemtohave (Upstart)	OBSAPR	30,000	:10 1/5
C-MAG Equine Services, agent; B-Amanda Gillman			
R Kant Miss (Kantharos)	OBSAPR	65,000	:9 4/5
C-Randy Miles, agent; B-Stephen Skaggs, agt Averill Racing			
Sea Isle City (Jack Christopher)	OBSMAR	60,000	:21 1/5
C-Doble J Equine Sales, agent; B-DKW Racing			

Del Mar 3, \$70k, Moc, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 6:00 p.m. ET

Jack Em Up (Jack Christopher)	OBSAPR	110,000	:10
C-Golden Rock Thoroughbreds, agent; B-Warren Ranch LLC			

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5th-Saratoga, \$115,000, (S), Msw, 7-16, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:01.75, fm, 3 3/4 lengths.

EXTRAVAGANZOO (f, 2, **Golden Pal**--Prisoner's Dilemma, by **Blame**) took plenty of money in her career debut while trying this distance at Keeneland on Apr. 24 but folded late to finish last. The New York-bred was installed the 2-1 choice after drawing in from the also eligible list and broke quickly from post 13, settling in third up the backstretch. Around the turn, Extravanzoo had a clear run at leader Beach Life (**Life Is Good**), collared that rival turning for home, drew past in the stretch and cleared off nicely late to win ahead of All Star Leigh (**Golden Pal**), topping an exacta for her freshman sire (by Uncle Mo) and becoming his eighth winner. Prisoner's Dilemma is also responsible for a yearling colt by **Army Mule** and a colt by **City of Light** foaled earlier this season. Sales history: \$375,000 Ylg '25 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$65,059. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-e Five Racing Thoroughbreds; B-Fred Hertrich III & Robert Tribbett (NY); T-George Weaver.

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2nd-Saratoga, \$100,000, (S), Msw, 7-16, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.34, ft, 1/2 length.

TUNING IN (g, 3, Upstart--Forever Smart {MSP, \$141,866}, by Smart Strike), the only first-time starter in the field, tipped his hand ahead of time, coming into this race off a pair of back to back bullet works on June 25 and July 8. Drawn furthest out, the 8-1 shot was wide out of the Wilson Chute while second behind Bubster (**Honest Mischief**) as that pair linked up through fractions of :24.44 and :47.84. Still head and head around the far turn, they continued to open up a huge gap back to Irish Goodbye (**Cairo Prince**) who ran up into third as the top two duked it out down the lane. Able to just get the better of his rival in the final strides, Tuning In got up by a half-length to graduate on debut. The winner is a half-brother to both Best Idea (Honor Code), MSP, \$176,150 and Still There (**Union Rags**), SW & GISP, \$252,198, the latter of which is now the dam of MGSP Rothschild (Uncle Mo) while another half-sister, Mensa Member (Flatter), produced SW/GSP Ak Sar Ben Derby (Tapiture). Tuning In was the last reported foal for Forever Smart. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$55,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Joanne Nielsen (NY); T-H. James Bond.

TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



Extravaganzoo (Golden Pal) wins at Saratoga
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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JULY 17

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Corniche (Quality Road), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000
109 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Delaware, 12:52 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Mi Amor Morena, 10-1
\$60,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$30,000 OBS APR 2yo
5-Del Mar, 7:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Rosa's Miracle, 4-1
\$250,000 FTC AYR yrl

Early Voting (Gun Runner), Taylor Made Farm, \$12,500
116 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Colonial Downs, 1:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Poll Position, 7-2
\$57,000 EAS OCT yrl

Epicenter (Not This Time), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
206 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Delaware, 12:52 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Centra, 8-1
\$25,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$25,000 OBS APR 2yo
5-Ellis, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Mid American, 8-1
\$75,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$180,000 OBS APR 2yo

Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
204 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Delaware, 12:52 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Martiniwithatwist, 3-1
\$75,000 FTK JUL yrl

Greatest Honour (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
117 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Evangeline Downs, 8:46 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, G's Soxy, 2-1
\$19,000 TTA YRL yrl
5-Belterra, 2:35 p.m. EDT, \$75K Hoover S., 5 1/2f, Majestuoso, 15-1
\$22,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$21,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$45,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Highly Motivated (Into Mischief), Airdrie Stud, \$7,500
98 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Saratoga, 2:53 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Atlas a Eye, 6-1
\$60,000 KEE SEP yrl
2-Delaware, 12:52 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Cha Cha Baby, 7-5
\$7,500 KEE NOV wnl; \$35,000 KEE SEP yrl
1-Monmouth, 2:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Legacy Lady, 3-1

\$30,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$18,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$135,000 OBS MAR 2yo
6-Evangeline Downs, 8:46 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Rushing Brooke, 10-1

Idol (Curlin), Taylor Made Farm, \$5,000
81 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
7-Belterra, 3:35 p.m. EDT, \$75K Jim Morgan Memorial Tah Dah S., 5 1/2f, Box Office Hit, 6-1
\$30,000 FTK OCT yrl

Jack Christopher (Munnings), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000
187 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Saratoga, 2:53 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Sea Isle City, 8-1
\$60,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$10,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$25,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$60,000 OBS MAR 2yo



Freshman sire **Jack Christopher** is represented by a pair of first-time starters on Friday | Sarah Andrew

Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
136 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Colonial Downs, 1:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Adelita, 5-2
\$95,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$350,000 OBS MAR 2yo
2-Delaware, 12:52 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Shanghai Rose, 10-1
\$130,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

Keepmeinmind (Laoban), Whispering Oaks Farm, \$2,000
42 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-Monmouth, 2:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Victoria's Song, 8-1
\$2,500 FTD OCT yrl

Mandaloun (Into Mischief), Juddmonte Farms, \$10,000
100 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Belterra, 2:35 p.m. EDT, \$75K Hoover S., 5 1/2f, Book Value, 8-5

2-Century Mile, 8:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Let's Get Rowdy, 6-1
\$25,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$4,500 FTD OCT yrl

Mind Control (Stay Thirsty), Rockridge Stud, \$6,000
121 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Monmouth, 2:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Creative Thinker, 4-1

Mr Freeze (To Honor and Serve), Raimonde Farms
8 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
7-Belterra, 3:35 p.m. EDT, \$75K Jim Morgan Memorial Tah Dah S., 5 1/2f, Chicabee, 8-1

Mo Donegal (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
135 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Evangeline Downs, 8:46 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Shadow Moon, 15-1
\$25,000 BSL Y&M yrl

Nashville (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$12,500
140 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Evangeline Downs, 8:46 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Golden Safari, 8-1
\$17,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$29,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$40,000 OBS MAR 2yo; \$65,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo
5-Del Mar, 7:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, On Broadway, 6-1
\$55,000 RNA FTC AYR yrl
1-Monmouth, 2:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Philly Ruckus, 3-1
\$42,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$70,000 OBS APR 2yo
5-Ellis, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Radnor Lake, 7-2

Pinehurst (Twirling Candy), Walmac Farm, \$7,500
82 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Saratoga, 2:53 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Denos Grace, 10-1
\$2,000 KEE NOV wnl

Title Ready (More Than Ready), Breakway Farm, \$2,000
13 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Monmouth, 3:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Ready Inventor, 9-2
\$3,000 FTK OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JULY 17

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Basin (Liam's Map), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
95 foals of racing age/23 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Belterra, 2:35 p.m. EDT, \$75K Hoover S., 5 1/2f, Just a Dot, 4-1
\$14,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Charlatan (Speightstown), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$25,000
321 foals of racing age/42 winners/7 black-type winners
8-Colonial Downs, 4:08 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Charlibu, 6-1
\$150,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$400,000 OBS APR 2yo

Engage (Into Mischief), Northview Stallion Station, \$2,500
84 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Colonial Downs, 1:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Alta Vista Chapel, 12-1

Independence Hall (Constitution), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
196 foals of racing age/45 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Saratoga, 2:53 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Belmont C. C., 15-1
\$30,000 KEE SEP yrl

Lexitonian (Speightstown), Calumet Farm, \$7,500
93 foals of racing age/27 winners/4 black-type winners
4-Saratoga, 2:53 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Lexi's Charm, 4-1
\$15,000 KEE SEP yrl

Raging Bull (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Gainesway Farm, \$7,500
127 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Del Mar All Turf Pick 3, 8:32 p.m. EDT, \$150K Caesars
Sportsbook Oceanside H. DMR - R8, 1mT, Proletariat, 8-1
\$50,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$200,000 OBS MAR 2yo

St Mark's Basilica (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), Coolmore Stud, \$40,000
260 foals of racing age/48 winners/5 black-type winners
2-Del Mar All Turf Pick 3, 8:32 p.m. EDT, \$150K Caesars
Sportsbook Oceanside H. DMR - R8, 1mT, Jordi Bear (Ire), 12-1
€80,000 GOF ORY yrl

Ubettabelieveit (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Mickley Stud, \$4,000
158 foals of racing age/26 winners/3 black-type winners
2-Del Mar All Turf Pick 3, 8:32 p.m. EDT, \$150K Caesars
Sportsbook Oceanside H. DMR - R8, 1mT, Iriseach (Ire), 8-1
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STAKES RESULTS:

MUSCOGEE, (NB) \$45,000, Fair Meadows, 7-15, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.91, ft.

1--**LETTA'S LEGACY**, 126, m, 5, **Practical Joke**--Sundayville Break (SP), by Sunday Break (Jpn). O/B/T-C. R. Trout (OK); J-David Cabrera. \$26,874. Lifetime Record: MSW, 22-12-6-1, \$418,383. *1/2 to Sunday Night Miss (Mr. Nightlinger), SW, \$193,298, Sunday Flashback (Flashback), MSW, \$230,100 and Bring It On Dude (Munnings), MSW, \$134,063.

2--**Angel Kiss**, 126, m, 5, Frosted--Kiawah Cat, by Lemon Drop Kid. (\$19,000 RNA Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$57,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$80,000 RNA 2yo '23 TTAAPR). O-Sherry Abney and Troy Cartmill; B-Center Hills Farm (OK); T-Mike Abney. \$8,958.

3--**So Jacksann**, 126, m, 6, Wilburn--So What, by Afleet Alex. O/B-C. D. Ledges (OK); T-Scott Corderman. \$4,927.
Margins: 5HF, 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 0.40, 19.50, 9.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Saratoga, \$78,000, Str, 7-16, 3yo, 1m, 1:38.63, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

MAX MONEY (c, 3, **Maxfield**--Back Roads, by **Liam's Map**) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-2-2-2, \$107,550. O-Three Diamond Farm; B-Spruce Lane Farm, Will Conley Jr. Thoroughbreds & Morgan's Ford Farm (NY); T-Mike Maker. *\$42,500 Ylg '24 SARAUG.



7th-Delaware, \$47,200, 7-16, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70yT, 1:42.45, fm, 3/4 length.

STARSHIP ATHENA (f, 4, **Street Sense**--Callmethesqueeze {MSW, \$324,499}, by **Awesome Again**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$50,095. O-Starship Stables; B-Forging Oaks LLC (KY); T-Michelle Nevin. *\$65,000 RNA Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$50,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$160,000 2yo '24 EASMAY. **1/2 to Call On Mischief (Into Mischief), SW, \$283,237, Fulleffort (**Liam's Map**), GSW, \$694,115 and Power Squeeze (**Union Rags**), GISW, \$1,027,150

3rd-Saratoga, \$45,000, Str, 7-16, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:25.38, ft, 1 1/2 lengths

KUNSHAN BRIDGE (g, 7, **Protonico**--Majestic Island, by **Majestic Warrior**) Lifetime Record: 50-9-6-9, \$419,788. O/T-Mertkan Kantarmaci; B-William B. Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo (KY). *\$10,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT.



7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$39,200, (S), 7-16, (NW1X),
3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.18, fm, 1 length.

SWEET HEAT (f, 4, Isotherm--Sweet Kala, by Alpha) Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-2, \$126,108. O-Poindexter, H. Allen and Toye, Kara Lin; B-H. Allen Poindexter (IN); T-Kara Lin McGuire.



2nd-Fair Meadows, \$22,000, Hcp, 7-15, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:42.14, ft,
3 1/4 lengths.

FIRST BID (h, 5, More Than Ready--Realistic, by Tapit) Lifetime Record: 19-4-1-3, \$138,429. O-Spencer Kucera; B-Burleson Farm, Sequel Thoroughbreds & Timber Town Stables (KY); T-Boyd Caster. *\$150,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

5th-Belterra, \$22,700, (S), 7-16, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f,
1:04.09, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

ULTIMATE DESTINATN (g, 3, National Flag--Cruise Liner {SP}, by Salt Lake) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-2, \$87,684. O-Fast and Firm LLC and Blazing Meadows Farm LLC; B-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm. *1/2 to Blazing Bling (Too Much Bling), MSW, \$383,535.

5th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$19,400, (S), 7-15, (NW2L),
3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:15.01, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

GOOD HOLIDAY (f, 4, Candygram--Mission True, by Warrior's Reward) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-2, \$27,101. O-From Owner To Trainer; B-Taylor Mountain Farm (WV); T-Tomas Martinez. *\$29,000 RNA 2yo '24 EASMAV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Buccheros Song, c, 2, Bucchero--Tupelo Tide, by Street Hero.
Horseshoe Indianapolis, 7-16, (S), 5f, 1:00.09. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,600. B-John & Amy Napariu (IN). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Tatters, c, 2, Girvin--Shandy, by Arrogate. Delaware, 7-16, 5 1/2f, 1:07.34. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. B-Dorothy A. Matz (KY). *\$22,000 RNA Wlg '24 KEENOV. **1ST-TIME STARTER.



Great Destiny, f, 2, Hard Spun--Malibu June, by Malibu Moon.
Delaware, 7-16, (C), 5f, 1:01.38. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$22,400. B-John Teglia (KY). *\$12,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '26 OBSMAR.

Royal Companion, f, 2, War of Will--Not My Money (SP,
\$120,988), by City Zip. Colonial Downs, 7-16, (S), 5 1/2fT, 1:02.78. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$56,875. B-Little River Run Racing (VA).



Spring Loaded, f, 2, Yaupon--Spring Street, by Street Cry (Ire).
Horseshoe Indianapolis, 7-16, (C), 5f, :59.61. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,400. B-Hunter Valley Farm (KY). *\$60,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP. **1/2 to Plentiful (Harlan's Holiday), SW, \$225,727. ***1ST-TIME STARTER.

Red Dirt Alley, g, 3, American Dubai--Silver Dollar Dame,
by Silver City. Assiniboia Downs, 7-15, 6f, 1:14.94. Lifetime Record: 13-1-1-2, \$25,895. B-Jerry D. Chapman (TX).

Chester Boy, c, 3, American Pharoah--In Front, by War Front.
Saratoga, 7-16, (C), 1mT, 1:34.55. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$47,620. B-Dattt Farm LLC (KY).

Tu Tu, f, 3, Hit It a Bomb--Ellusive Wildcat, by Forest Wildcat.
Horseshoe Indianapolis, 7-16, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:03.99. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$22,614. B-Edward K. Roggenkamp (IN).

Island Charm, f, 3, Improbable--Scadadle, by Scat Daddy.
Saratoga, 7-16, (S), (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:43.80. Lifetime Record: 9-1-3-2, \$47,975. B-Vineyard Racing LLC (NY).

Ati Girl, f, 3, Nyquist--Heavenly Scat, by Scat Daddy. Saratoga, 7-16, 1 1/8m, 1:51.69. Lifetime Record: 9-1-3-1, \$131,979. B-BlackRidge Stables LLC (KY). *\$100,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP; \$125,000 RNA 2yo '25 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Nu What's New (Munnings), MGSW, \$763,494.



Ati Girl | Sarah Andrew

Kiss the Ring, g, 3, Street Boss--Zarella, by Ghostzapper. Colonial Downs, 7-16, 1mT, 1:34.12. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$59,160. B-Wasabi Ventures Stallions LLC, Thomas Johnson, Chris McCarty et al. (MD). *\$25,000 RNA Wlg '23 KEENOV.

Cousin Joe, g, 5, Heart to Heart--Many Faces, by Forestry.
Belterra, 7-16, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.96. Lifetime Record: 30-1-6-3, \$58,954. B-Robert Byron Bogart (OH).



American Dubai, Red Dirt Alley, g, 3, o/o Silver Dollar Dame, by Silver City. MSW, 7-15, Assiniboia

American Pharoah, Chester Boy, c, 3, o/o In Front, by **War Front**. MCL, 7-16, Saratoga

Bucchero, Buccheros Song, c, 2, o/o Tupelo Tide, by Street Hero. MSW, 7-16, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Candygram, Good Holiday, f, 4, o/o Mission True, by Warrior's Reward. ALW, 7-15, Mountaineer

Girvin, Tatters, c, 2, o/o Shandy, by Arrogate. MSW, 7-16, Delaware

Golden Pal, Extravaganzoo, f, 2, o/o Prisoner's Dilemma, by **Blame**. MSW, 7-16, Saratoga

Hard Spun, Great Destiny, f, 2, o/o Malibu June, by Malibu Moon. MCL, 7-16, Delaware

Heart to Heart, Cousin Joe, g, 5, o/o Many Faces, by Forestry. MSW, 7-16, Belterra

Hit It a Bomb, Tu Tu, f, 3, o/o Ellusive Wildcat, by Forest Wildcat. MSW, 7-16, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Improbable, Island Charm, f, 3, o/o Scadadle, by Scat Daddy. MCL, 7-16, Saratoga

Isotherm, Sweet Heat, f, 4, o/o Sweet Kala, by Alpha. ALW, 7-16, Horseshoe Indianapolis

More Than Ready, First Bid, h, 5, o/o Realistic, by **Tapit**. HCP, 7-15, Fair Meadows

National Flag, Ultimate Destinatin, g, 3, o/o Cruise Liner, by Salt Lake. ALW, 7-16, Belterra

Nyquist, Ati Girl, f, 3, o/o Heavenly Scat, by Scat Daddy. MSW, 7-16, Saratoga

Practical Joke, Letta's Legacy, m, 5, o/o Sundayville Break, by Sunday Break (Jpn). Muscogee, 7-15, Fair Meadows

Street Boss, Kiss the Ring, g, 3, o/o Zarella, by Ghostzapper. MSW, 7-16, Colonial Downs

Street Sense, Starship Athena, f, 4, o/o Callmethesqueeze, by Awesome Again. ALW, 7-16, Delaware

Upstart, Tuning In, g, 3, o/o Forever Smart, by Smart Strike. MSW, 7-16, Saratoga

War of Will, Royal Companion, f, 2, o/o Not My Money, by City Zip. MSW, 7-16, Colonial Downs

Yaupon, Spring Loaded, f, 2, o/o Spring Street, by Street Cry (Ire). MCL, 7-16, Horseshoe Indianapolis



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ADVANTAGE PERSIAN FORCE, BUT ALL TO PLAY FOR IN FIRST-SEASON SIRE BATTLE



Persian Force: leading the race to be crowned champion first-season sire in Europe | Alice Fitzgerald

By Adam Houghton

We're roughly at the halfway point of the Flat season now, with the July Festival in the rearview mirror and Goodwood soon to appear on the horizon, so it seems as good a time as any to assess how the class of 2026 is shaping up when it comes to the first-season sires.

The first thing to say is that championship honours remain very much up for grabs, with the four young stallions at the top of the table currently being separated by just four winners. Persian Force leads the way with 12, ahead of Bayside Boy on 10, **Blackbeard** on nine and Minzaal on eight, with that quartet having rather set themselves apart from the remainder. It's then a four-way tie for fifth spot, with Naval Crown, Perfect Power, Sealiway and Thunder Moon each having been represented by three winners.

Of course, quantity is one thing, but what we'll really be looking for in the second half of the season is to see which of these sires can produce the quality to underpin the promising starts they've made. [Cont. p3](#)

GERYON STRIKES IN THE MELD

by Tom Frary

In deep from the very beginning of his career, Newtown Anner Stud's **Geryon** (Lope De Vega) put all his experience to full effect at Leopardstown on Thursday to take the feature G3 Meld Stakes.

After beating Kensington Lane on debut at The Curragh in August, the Ger Lyons-trained homebred had been up against **Constitution** River, Hawk Mountain, Thesecretadversary and Causeway on his next four starts with runner-up finishes in the Futurity and Beresford to show for his efforts. Encountering another smart compatriot in Purview in The Curragh's International Stakes last month, the 11-10 favourite found things falling into place here after a tardy start.

Allowed to drift to the lead by Colin Keane after two furlongs, he was always in control and 3 1/4 lengths too strong for **Cowardofthecounty** (Kodi Bear) at the line.

"If you look at him, he's a big, strapping, strong horse, he needed to grow up and he did," Lyons said. "I thought that was a good performance, but no more than we expected. We'd have been very disappointed if he didn't do that." [Cont. p5](#)



Geryon (right) | Racingfotos.com

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Dan Ross looks into the highs and lows of the California breeding industry.

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Multiple Group 1 winner Khaadem (Dark Angel), pictured winning the GII Woodford Stakes at Keeneland, has been retired at the age of 10. See page 8. | Coady Media

5 | STAR OF STATE NAMED RISING STAR AT LEOPARDSTOWN

The daughter of State of Rest drew off to win by nine lengths.

6 | OAKS WINNER FACES 10 IN IRISH OAKS

Thundering On (Frankel) faces 10 rivals in the G1 Juddmonte Irish Oaks.

7 | GREAT BRITISH BONUS SCHEME SURPASSES £25 MILLION

The Great British Bonus scheme has cleared £25 million in bonuses with the victory of Clementines Star (A'Ali) on Thursday.

First-Season Sire Battle Cont. from p1

Last year, for example, Starman was the dominant force among the freshman sires with 45 individual winners, but perhaps even more important when it came to highlighting his top-class credentials was his tally of Group winners. Indeed, with four on the board at the end of the season, he achieved something done by only **Frankel** and Too Darn Hot in the previous decade, earning himself a significant hike in fee to €40,000 (from €10,000) when he embarked on his fifth season at Tally-Ho Stud in 2026.

Whilst it's still relatively early days, the class of 2026 will need to start pulling its weight sooner rather than later when it comes to delivering two-year-olds capable of mixing it in black-type company. For context, Minzaal is the only freshman sire based in Europe to have been represented by a black-type winner so far, namely the Listed Prix Yacowlef scorer Crownbreaker, while only three others have had a horse even placed in such company.

By comparison, nine different European-based stallions produced at least one black-type winner from their first crop of two-year-olds in 2025, with Starman being joined by the likes of Space Blues (Power Blue) and **St Mark's Basilica** (Diamond Necklace), both of whom were represented by a Group 1 winner.

Work to do, then, for the class of 2026 if they're going to endear themselves to breeders already starting to make plans for 2027. Fortunately, time is on their side, while the numerical battle between the four sires currently vying for top spot promises to keep us bloodstock enthusiasts entertained for a few months yet.

A Force to be Reckoned With

Persian Force, a studmate of Starman at Tally-Ho, is currently operating at a strike-rate of 32% winners to runners (12/38). His 12 winners include 11 in Britain and Ireland for whom Timeform ratings are available, led by Goodwood scorer Pershaada (97), who missed out on black type by a nose when last seen finishing fourth in the G2 Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Already Persian Force is responsible for two juveniles who have gained black type, namely the G3 Anglesey Stakes runner-up and G3 Marble Hill Stakes third Immortal Guard (93p), along with the Listed First Flier Stakes second What A Girl Wants (81). The latter remains a maiden after five starts but certainly has the ability to join her sire's growing tally of winners, a list that also includes a couple of potential improvers in Doncaster scorer Noble Raider (87p) and Treasurer (86p), who got off the mark at Salisbury after finishing in mid-division in the G2 Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot.

A 4-1 chance when Paddy Power first offered betting on the first-season sires title back in January, Persian Force has 99

juveniles to go to war with, according to Global Stallions, 38 of whom have already appeared on a racecourse. The winners have dried up slightly since Royal Ascot, with Treasurer his only scorer during that period, but there ought to be plenty of ammunition to come, including one of his most expensive yearlings in Salt Lake.

A half-brother to Starman's dual Group 3-winning juvenile Lady Iman, Salt Lake is in training with Robson De Aguiar after being bought for 135,000gns at Tattersalls October Book 1.

Bayside Boy Backers Sitting Pretty



Bayside Boy | Ballylinch Stud

Introduced as a 100-1 shot with Paddy Power to be crowned leading first-season sire, Ballylinch Stud's Bayside Boy has been the big surprise package among the early pacesetters, albeit he might find it harder to stay there given that he has fewer two-year-olds to run for him than the trio he's battling it out with for top honours.

Nevertheless, the son of New Bay will take some budging if he can maintain an impressive strike-rate of 45%, with his 10 winners coming from only 22 runners. They include Hamilton debut winner Sale Shark (94p), who was arguably drawn on the wrong side of the track when finishing fifth in the Listed Windsor Castle Stakes at Royal Ascot last time, along with Navan maiden winner Barrow Boy (92p) and Blessed Voyager (91p), who has been off the track since getting his sire's British runners off to the perfect start at Newbury back in April.

Whilst Bayside Boy is yet to have a runner placed in a black-type race, there's every chance that the best of his 85 juveniles on the ground might not have stepped on a racecourse yet. After all, he didn't make his own debut until this very day (July 16) during his two-year-old season, before peaking late in his three-year-old campaign with victory in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes. [Cont. p4](#)

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GROUP 1 WINNERS

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Comanche Brave	1 st July Cup Gr.1
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Mount Kilimanjaro	1 st Stockholms Stora Pris Gr.3
British Isles	1 st Santa Anita Handicap Gr.1
Title Role	1 st Belmont Derby Gr.1
Caballus	1 st Newmarket Handicap Gr.1
Changingoftheguard	1 st Sydney Cup Gr.1
Sir Delius	1 st Queen Elizabeth Stakes Gr.1 1 st Underwood Stakes Gr.1 1 st Turnbull Stakes Gr.1

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First-Season Sire Battle Cont.

One for the notebooks is the unraced Bayside Waltz, Bayside Boy's most expensive yearling when knocked down to Blandford Bloodstock for 300,000gns at Tattersalls October Book 1. He is trained by Andrew Balding for owner Saeed Suhail.

Minzaal Making His Move



Minzaal | Shadwell

Blackbeard and Minzaal were most people's idea of the horses to beat among the class of 2026, with Shadwell's Derrinstown Stud resident Minzaal leading Paddy Power's aforementioned market at 10-11, ahead of Coolmore's **Blackbeard** at 6-4.

There remains the possibility that one or the other will end up justifying those short odds, given the sheer weight of numbers that they have behind them, but it's fair to say that progress has been slower than might have been anticipated, certainly in the case of Minzaal, who didn't have his first winner until late-May.

In contrast to Persian Force, however, things have really looked up for this son of Mehmas since Royal Ascot, with six of his eight winners coming in the past month alone, boosting his overall winners to runners strike-rate to 21% (8/38).

His two most expensive yearlings already feature on that list of winners, including Crownbreaker (94), a half-sister to the G1 July Cup hero Mill Stream, who is now an even more valuable broodmare prospect for Amo Racing following her Listed win at Deauville, having cost them 550,000gns at Tattersalls October Book 1.

Minzaal also has a second black-type performer in Minzova, who finished third in the Listed Premio Gino E Luciano Mantovani at Milan's San Siro Racetrack, while Karl Burke's Minzelle (88p)--a 450,000gns purchase at Tattersalls October Book 2--finished sixth behind Crownbreaker in the Prix Yacowlef, having previously opened her account at Catterick.

As for **Blackbeard**, he has had one more winner than Minzaal

from six fewer runners, resulting in a strike-rate of 28% (9/32). He too has had a Listed-placed runner in Italy, namely the Premio Giuseppe de Montel third Crazy Beard, while his Edward Thatch (101p) is the top-rated runner produced by any freshman sire so far, based on Timeform ratings. That colt was an impressive five-and-a-half-length winner of a Cork maiden in early-May, running to a level which suggests he has the ability to mix it in black-type races. He holds Group 1 entries including the Phoenix Stakes and the National Stakes.

Salisbury debut winner Sonny Parvenue (89p) is another with the potential to climb the ladder, while don't forget that there could be as many as 84 juveniles by **Blackbeard** still to appear on a racecourse, plus 77 for Minzaal. Certainly, those in the Persian Force camp won't be sleeping easy just yet.

Best of the Rest

Only five other stallions were priced below 100-1 when Paddy Power opened this market, with Darley's Naval Crown (3/19, 16%) and Perfect Power (3/17, 17%) both available to back at 50/1 at that stage. They have each been represented by three winners from a similar number of runners, with Naval Crown's Newmarket scorer Napa (90) emerging as the best horse produced by either stallion thus far.

Space Traveller (2/27, 7%) and Overbury Stud's Caturra (2/23, 9%) then feature in the group on two winners, having been priced up at 20/1 and 50/1, respectively, while 300/1 chance Dubawi Legend (2/9, 22%) also deserves a mention. Based alongside Space Traveller at Starfield Stud, he too is the sire of two winners to date, as well as being the only other European-based first-season stallion to have been represented by a black-type performer. His Harlequin Sky (94) went into the Windsor Castle as a two-race maiden and was sent off at 125/1, but she outdid herself by finishing a close-up third for the Jane Chapple-Hyam stable.

In France, the Haras de Castillon residents Thunder Moon (3/7, 43%) and Texas (2/6, 33%) have made promising starts from fairly limited numbers, likewise Marianafoot (2/5, 40%) at Haras des Faunes. However, with 83 juveniles to go to war with, Sealiway will surely take some stopping in the race to be crowned the leading French-based first-season sire in Europe. The Haras de Beaumont stallion has a running tally of three winners from 15 runners at a respectable 20% clip.

Last but not least, a word for the racing legends that are Baaeed (0/2, 0%) and Stradivarius (0/2, 0%), both of whom were always going to take a bit of time to get going. It's hopefully just a matter of time before we start to see their progeny appear on Europe's racecourses in larger numbers, with Baaeed having 118 juveniles waiting in the wings and Stradivarius 76.

**Statistics up to date following racing on Wednesday, July 15.*

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G3 Meld Stakes Cont. from p1**Pedigree Notes**

Geryon's dam Oboe (Mizzen Mast), who was a 290,000gns purchase out of the Juddmonte draft at the 2019 Tattersalls December Sale, is a daughter of Seattle Slew's Alabama and Kentucky Oaks heroine Flute, whose daughter Filimbi by Oboe's sire Mizzen Mast was successful in the Goldikova Stakes before producing the West Virginia Derby and Indiana Derby winner and Pennsylvania Derby third Dragoon Guard (Arrogate).

This is also the family of the Ashland heroine Weep No More (Mineshaft) and Scat Daddy's Qabala who took the Nell Gwyn and was third in the 1,000 Guineas. Descended from the Oaks runner-up Media Luna (Star Appeal), which also links Oboe to Brian Boru (Sadler's Wells) and Sea Moon (Beat Hollow), her two-year-old full-brother to the winner named Critical Reason was a €260,000 purchase by Longways Stables at Goffs Orby Book 1. She also has a yearling filly by Showcasing.

Thursday, Leopardstown, Ireland

BOYLE SPORTS MELD STAKES-G3, €80,500, Leopardstown, 7-16, 3yo/up, 9fT, 1:52.34, gd.

1--**GERYON (IRE)**, 126, c, 3, by **Lope De Vega (Ire)**

1st Dam: Oboe, by Mizzen Mast

2nd Dam: Flute, by Seattle Slew

3rd Dam: Rougeur, by Blushing Groom (Fr)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN. O/B-Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd; T-Ger Lyons; J-Colin Keane. €42,000. Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-0, \$136,108. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#), or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

NEWTOWNANNER STUD BRED & RAISED

2--**Cowardofthecounty (Ire)**, 135, g, 4, Kodi Bear (Ire)--Hawaajib (Fr), by Elusive City. (€98,000 Wlg '22 GOFNO1; 100,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT; 98,000gns RNA HRA '25 TATJUL). O-Annus Mirabilis Syndicate; B-Lismacue Stud; T-Joseph O'Brien. €14,000.

3--**Isaac Newton (Ire)**, 126, c, 3, **Camelot (GB)**--Etive, by Elusive Quality. **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€380,000 Ylg '24 ARAUG). O-D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, Westerberg; B-Camas Park, Lynch Bages & Summerhill; T-Aidan O'Brien. €7,000. Margins: 3 1/4, 1 3/4, 2. Odds: 1.10, 14.00, 5.50. Also Ran: Syzygy (GB), Adelaide River (Ire), Snellen (Ire).

FIRST RISING STAR FOR STATE OF REST AS STAR OF STATE POWERS TO IMPRESSIVE NINE-LENGTH WIN

by Sean Cronin

Jaber Abdullah's **Star Of State** (State Of Rest) shaped with a deal of promise when runner-up at Fairyhouse last week and the Joseph O'Brien-trained G2 Debutante nominee was an odds-on chance to break through in Thursday's Irish EBF Median Sires Series Maiden at Leopardstown.

The €85,000 Tattersalls Ireland September graduate did just that, and then some, when outclassing 10 rivals in hugely impressive fashion to become her Rathbarry Stud-based first-crop sire's second winner and first TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard.

"We liked her going to Fairyhouse, we were very happy with that run, and she was very impressive today," O'Brien said. "I don't know how strong a race it was, but you don't really see more impressive maiden winners than that."

"I'm delighted for [sire] State Of Rest and I'm delighted for Mr Jaber. It's our first winner for him and she looks a very exciting filly. Dylan [Browne McMonagle] said she's got plenty of pace for six [furlongs] and he thinks she'll probably have no trouble with seven. I think there's lots to look forward to."

"Mr Jaber mentioned that we might go to the [G2] Lowther [at York] next month, so I suppose we'll see how she pulls up and then we'll make those plans."

Breaking swiftly for immediate control of the 6 1/2-furlong contest, the 1-2 favourite quickened away off the home turn and powered further clear under mild urging inside the final quarter-mile, hitting the line with an untroubled nine-length buffer back to **Not You Too** (Perfect Power) in second.

Star Of State, kin to a yearling filly by Bayside Boy), is the sixth of seven foals and third winner out of the dual Group 2-placed G3 Sweet Solera Stakes victrix Nations Alexander (Dark Angel).

Her second dam Party Whip (Whipper) is a half-sister to G2 Richmond Stakes hero and G1 Prix Morny and G1 Middle Park Stakes third Always Hopeful (Mind Games) and the stakes-placed Nacho Libre (Kyllachy).

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1st-Leopardstown, €25,000, Mdn, 7-16, 2yo, 6 1/2ft, 1:20.08, gd.

STAR OF STATE (IRE), f, 2, State Of Rest (Ire)

1st Dam: Nations Alexander (Ire) (GSW-Eng & GSP-Fr), by Dark Angel (Ire)

2nd Dam: Party Whip (Ire), by Whipper

3rd Dam: Expectation (Ire), by Night Shift

Sales history: €85,000 Ylg '25 TIRSEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$21,941. Click for the [free Equineline.com](https://www.equineline.com) catalogue-style pedigree.

O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Mountarmstrong Stud; T-Joseph O'Brien; J-Dylan Browne McMonagle.



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THUNDERING ON FACES TEN IN OAKS

DOUBLE BID *by Tom Frary*

Shapoor Mistry's Oaks heroine **Thundering On** (**Frankel**) will face 10 rivals as she bids for a Classic double in Saturday's G1 Juddmonte Irish Oaks at The Curragh.

Only fourth in the Pretty Polly last month, the Joseph O'Brien-trained homebred is joined by stablemates **Johanna Walsh** (**Sea The Stars**), the Ribblesdale runner-up who races for Wells Watson, and Janna Rose Stakes winner **Rebel Moon** (Lope De Vega) who remains unbeaten for Al Shira'aa Racing.

In total, the O'Briens have eight runners with Aidan saddling a quintet headed by the Cheshire Oaks winner **Amelia Earhart** (**Camelot**), who was disappointing when only sixth at Epsom behind the re-opposing Oaks third **Sugar Island** (Dubawi). [Cont. p7](#)



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Thundering On | Bronwen Healy

Irish Oaks Draw Cont.

In an open renewal, Jim Bolger puts forward Newtown Anner Stud Farm's unbeaten Munster Oaks winner **Sparan Nua** (**Dawn Approach**), while the likely favourite at present is Wathnan's Ribblesdale winner **Earth Shot** (Time Test) who bids to provide the William Haggas stable with a Group 1 double this week.

Along with Sparan Nua and Rebel Moon, Quantum Leap Racing's Prix de Diane third **Inis Mor** (Galiway), who beat Earth Shot in Goodwood's Height of Fashion, was supplemented by David Menuisier at a cost of €50,000 this week.

Ballydoyle's Wootton Bassett-sired trio of outsiders **Beautify**, **Cameo** and **Composing** complete the line-up.

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GREAT BRITISH BONUS SCHEME SURPASSES £25 MILLION

Over £25 million has been paid out in bonuses by the Great British Bonus scheme after Clementines Star claimed a £20,000 bonus in the Restricted Maiden Fillies' Stakes at Thirsk on July 16. Racing in the Star Racing Club silks and bred by Miss K Keir of Elkington Stud, the three-year-old filly was a £32,000 Goffs Premier Sale grad.

Natalie Folland from Folland Bowen whose team foaled, prepped and consigned the A'Ali filly said, "GBB is a brilliant initiative – we've been fans of it since it launched because it gives those people, like Miss Keir, who invest so much time, enthusiasm and money into the industry a little chance to earn something back. It supports the fillies not only on the track, like with Clementines Star's win today but also as they head to the sales – buyers increasingly look for those GBB stickers and they're willing to pay a bit more for those registered to it. We're looking forward to heading back to the sales this year with another lovely bunch of fillies to sell."

GBB, with majority support from the Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB), has now paid out 1,836 bonuses to 1,441 individual fillies and mares, totalling over £25 million to breeders, owners, trainers, jockeys and stable staff. A total of almost £19 million has gone to the Flat sector, with over £6 million going to National Hunt. In the time GBB has been running since June of 2020, the median value of a Flat filly has increased by 13.4% and a National Hunt filly by 26.5%.

In an average GBB-winning race, connections take home £6,105 in prize-money. The average bonus paid out for the same race is £13,607 meaning the bonus itself is worth 123% more than the winning prize-money. To date, the leading filly in the scheme is Adaay In Devon (Adaay), bred by Horniwins Racing Club, winner of £80,000 in bonuses. Whitsbury Manor Stud, which sells the majority of its stock at auction, is the leading breeder for the scheme.

Alan Delmonte, chief executive of the HBLB, said, "The HBLB is immensely proud to have been the majority funder of the Great British Bonus since its inception. The scheme encourages investment in British-bred fillies and incentivises their participation on the racecourse. Reaching £25 million in bonus payments is a significant milestone and reflects the success of a scheme that continues to support British racing while rewarding participants across the sport."

GBB's operations manager, Charlie Newton said, "Passing £25 million is a landmark for the scheme, but it's really a landmark for the people who've backed British breeding and racing to get us here. We've watched GBB grow from a little scheme trying to establish itself into something the industry now builds decisions around - and none of that could have happened without HBLB's continued backing. We're incredibly excited for the future of the scheme and watching what it will achieve in the future."

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Over £25 million has been distributed as part of the Great British Bonus scheme | GBB

KHAADEM RETIRED AT 10

Multiple Group 1 winner **Khaadem** has been retired, according to published reports. The 10-year-old Charlie Hills trainee raced in the colours of Fitri Hay.

Bred by Yeomanstown Stud, the son of Dark Angel sold for 750,000gns out of Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale. A listed winner at three and five, the dark bay earned his first group tallies at six, with wins in the G3 Palace House Stakes and the G2 King George Stakes in succession.

The 2023 and 2024 editions of the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes are his biggest claims to fame, with his final win coming at the age of nine in the GII Woodford Stakes in the U.S. Also third in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint in 2025, he retires with a mark of 47-10-3-6 and \$2,705,444 in earnings.

A full-brother to stakes winner and multiple group-placed Log Out Island, the gelding is from the same family as two-time group winner Hit The Bid (Exceed And Excel).

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, July 17, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

Bayside Boy (Ire) (New Bay {GB}), Ballylinch Stud
85 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
16:10-NEWBURY, 50K The Apple Print & Creative Rose Bowl Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)6f, **Arapaho Gold (Ire)**
€42,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025
15:00-NEWBURY, 7f, **Golden Eagle (Ire)**
€30,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025; €80,000 Tattersalls Ireland Breeze Up 2026
16:10-NEWBURY, 50K The Apple Print & Creative Rose Bowl Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)6f, **Sale Shark (Ire)**
€52,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025
15:35-NEWBURY, 6f, **Windmill (Ire)**
4,500gns RNA Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025

Blackbeard (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
116 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
15:00-NEWBURY, 7f, **Cilician (Ire)**
£90,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025
15:35-NEWBURY, 6f, **Lady Henshaw (Ire)**
£52,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025; €90,000 Tattersalls Ireland Breeze Up 2026

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

68 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
14:13-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, **Khazamh (Ire)**
€19,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; €20,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025; £21,000 Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2026

Minzaal (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
115 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
18:32-PONTEFRAC, 6f, **Baldetti (Ire)**
25,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025
15:00-NEWBURY, 7f, **Cavalier (Ire)**
€80,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; €95,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025
16:10-NEWBURY, 50K The Apple Print & Creative Rose Bowl Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)6f, **Kamaal (Ire)**
100,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025; 90,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2026
15:35-NEWBURY, 6f, **Takaful (GB)**

Naval Crown (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
71 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
18:32-PONTEFRAC, 6f, **Dawlah (Ire)**
€20,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; €11,500 RNA Goffs February Sale 2025; 17,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2025; £3,675 Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2026
18:32-PONTEFRAC, 6f, **Sea Mirage (Ire)**
€25,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; £34,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

Perfect Power (Ire) (Ardad {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
57 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
16:10-NEWBURY, 50K The Apple Print & Creative Rose Bowl Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)6f, **Underdog (GB)**
£140,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
99 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
18:32-PONTEFRAC, 6f, **Maximus Meridius (Ire)**
£2,100 Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2026
18:05-HAMILTON PARK, 6f, **Nicely (Ire)**
€19,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; £95,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026

FRANCE

Marianafoot (Fr) (**Footstepsinthesand** {GB}), Haras des Faunes
29 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
2-DAX, 1200m, **El Teleno (Fr)**

Sealiway (Fr) (Galiway {GB}), Haras de Beaumont
83 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
2-DAX, 1200m, **Strelling (Fr)**



Bayside Boy has several runners in the U.K. | Emma Berry

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

SHADOW OF LIGHT'S BROTHER FORCE OF LIGHT DEBUTS IN KEY NEWBURY POINTER

3.00 Newbury, Novice, 2yo, 7fT

FORCE OF LIGHT (GB) (**Lope De Vega {Ire}**) is a big runner for Godolphin and Charlie Appleby, being a full-brother to the Middle Park and Dewhurst hero Shadow Of Light and kin to another Middle Park winner in Earthlight by Lope De Vega's sire Shamardal. This has been won by Gewan, **Chaldean**, Reach For The Moon and Bayside Boy in recent years and the trainer of the first two Andrew Balding saddles Denford Stud's newcomer **Arthurian (GB)** (**Camelot {GB}**), a colt who hails from the Wildenstein dynasty of Arcangues et al.

HOW THEY FARED

6.00 Leopardstown, Mdn, 2yo, f, 8fT

So Lovely (Wootton Bassett {GB}), the daughter of the five-times Group 1-winning Love (Galileo), could hardly have done any more on debut to encourage connections bar winning. Bearing in mind the dam took three runs to get off the mark, things bode well for the future.

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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

1st-Epsom, £13,000, Mdn, 7-16, 2yo, 7f 3yT, 1:24.59, g/f.

THE BALEARIC SUN (IRE) (c, 2, **Lope De Vega {Ire}**--**Sunny Again {GB}**, by **Shirocco {Ger}**), ninth of 10 tackling this trip in a July 3 Sandown novices' heat last time, broke third and improved one spot after the initial strides. Scrubbed along with three furlongs remaining, the 7-4 second favourite eyeballed Zarakova (**Zarak**) soon after passing the two pole and was driven out to deny that rival by a half-length.

"We thought he'd go very close at Sandown and I'm not quite sure what went wrong that day," said Hector Crouch. "Today was much more like what we'd been seeing at home. The [first-time] tongue-tie probably helped, Ralph [Beckett] has obviously had a fiddle around and found what works for him. I was glad he went and did it nicely, he's a horse that will get further and he's probably one with seven furlongs not being in his favour. It will stand him in good stead that he's come here and not fully thrived on the track, but he's got the job done and he'll improve."

The Balearic Sun, a grandson of GII Lake Placid Handicap victrix Spotlight (Dr Fong), is the ninth of 11 foals and fifth scorer out of a half-sister to G3 Bengough Stakes winner Projection (Acclamation). The winner is a half-brother to stakes-winning G1 St Leger runner-up Berkshire Rocco (Sir Percy), G1 Moyglare Stud Stakes third Sunset Shiraz (Time Test) and G3 Premio Verziere victrix Elisa Again (Champs Elysees). He is also kin to a yearling colt by **Sea The Stars** and a weanling filly by Ghaiyyath. Sales history: 300,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$9,505.

O-Valmont & Spicer Thoroughbreds; B-Mount Coote Estates; T-Ralph Beckett.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Amber Ocean (GB), f, 2, **Mehmas (Ire)**--Atlantic Edge (Ire), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). Chepstow, 7-16, 5f 16yT, :58.87. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$10,655. B-Haras du Mont Dit Mont. *€70,000 Ylg '25 ARAUG.

Clementines Star (GB), f, 3, **A'Ali (Ire)**--Blue Geranium (Ire), by Dansili (GB). Thirsk, 7-16, 7fT, 1:26.90. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-3, \$13,669. B-Miss K J Keir (GB). *£32,000 Ylg '24 GOFFUK.

My Mate Roger (Ire), g, 3, **Blue Point (Ire)**--Mudawanah (GB), by Dansili (GB). Hamilton, 7-16, 8f 68yT, 1:46.02. Lifetime Record: 5-1-4-0, \$19,881. B-Powerstown Stud. *32,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT; €75,000 2yo '25 ARQBRU. **1/2 to Maktoob (GB) (Awtaad {Ire}), SW-Aus.

Park Lane Penny (Ire), f, 3, **New Bay (GB)**--Pious Alexander (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). Thirsk, 7-16, 7f 218yT, 1:39.20. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$7,256. B-Mountarmstrong Stud & Alexander Bloodstock. *45,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. **1/2 to Noche Magica (Ire) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}), GSP-Ire.

Lyrics Of Life (GB), f, 3, **Pinatubo (Ire)**--Folk Opera (Ire) (GISW-Can, GSW-Fr, SW & GSP-Eng), by Singspiel (Ire). Chepstow, 7-16, 8f 14yT, 1:40.29. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-1, \$33,318. B-Dunchurch Lodge Stud Company. *65,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT.

IRELAND

Thursday's Results:

2nd-Leopardstown, €25,000, Mdn, 7-16, 2yo, 7f 50yT, 1:31.08, gd. **BALLYSKEAGH (IRE)** (f, 2, **Gleneagles {Ire}**--Adana {Fr}, by **Le Havre {Ire}**), fifth at Roscommon in her June 30 debut last time, went forward from an outer stall to track the pace in a share of third after the opening exchanges here. Bustled along to make her challenge three-wide off the home turn, the 7-4 favourite came under sterner urging approaching the final furlong and was driven out to prevail by a half-length from Star Glory (Cotai Glory).

"Dylan [Browne McMonagle] said she still felt quite green and immature, but at the same time he couldn't fault her from a wide draw," said Joseph O'Brien after notching the middle leg of a juvenile treble on the card. "You'd like to think she's a filly that will have no trouble going a mile in time. The last day, she actually just fell out of the gates and around Roscommon it's kind of all over. Her last furlong-and-a-half [there] was pretty good and, if she could get a better spot today, we thought she'd be a lot closer to the Bolger filly [third home Sea Of Rain] and that's how it worked out."

Ballyskeagh is the fourth of five foals and third scorer thrown by a daughter of Looking Lovely (Storm Cat), herself a half-sister to four black-type winners headed by multiple Group 1-winning European champion Duke Of Marmalade (Danehill) and G1 Derby hero Ruler Of The World (Galileo).

The winner is kin to a weanling colt by **Auguste Rodin**. Sales history: €42,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$17,739.

O-Mrs A M O'Brien; B-Adana Partnership; T-Joseph O'Brien.

4th-Leopardstown, €22,000, Mdn, 7-16, 2yo, 8fT, 1:43.48, gd. **BELLESQUE (IRE)** (f, 2, **St Mark's Basilica {Fr}**--Belesta {GB}, by **Xaar {GB}**), runner-up to TDN Rising Star Maire Rua over seven furlongs on debut here a week previously, broke well to lead from the outset. Kicking decisively off the home turn, the even-

money favourite stayed on resolutely to score by 3/4 of a length from Ballydoyle's So Lovely (Wootton Bassett).

The dam is responsible for the Herbert Power Stakes winner Adjusted (Montjeu), the Scandinavian champion Giuseppe Piazzi (Galileo) and the Killavullan Stakes-placed Old Glory (**Frankel**). From the family of the Group 1-winning siblings Friendly Soul (**Kingman**), Call The Wind (**Frankel**), With You (Dansili) and We Are (Dansili), her yearling is a full-sister to the winner. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$19,879.

O-Mrs Eimear Irwin & Mrs John Magnier; B-Rockhart Trading Ltd; T-Joseph O'Brien.

FRANCE

Thursday's Results:

PRIX PELLEAS-Listed, €50,300, Compiègne, 7-16, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:04.42, g/s.

1--**PROOF (FR)**, 128, c, 3, by **Dubawi (Ire)**

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

2nd Dam: **Never Green (Ire)**, by **Halling**

3rd Dam: **Brooklyn's Dance (Fr)**, by **Shirley Heights (GB)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Christopher Head; J-Pierre-Charles Boudot. €25,150. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-2, €73,901.

2--**Gentlemanlike (Fr)**, 129, g, 3, **Australia (GB)**--Samskara (Ire), by Kodiak (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€12,000 Ylg '24 ARQOCT). O-Alain Jathiere, Ecurie David R Layani Famille, Gousserie Racing & Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Al Shira'aa Racing Ltd; T-Francis-Henri Graffard. €10,060.

3--**Quantas (Ire)**, 129, c, 3, **Ghaiyyath (Ire)**--Amchitka (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). (€28,000 Ylg '24 GOFOR2). O-Leram SRO; B-Piercetown Stud; T-Vaclav Luka. €7,545.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 3/4, SNK. Odds: 1.10, 2.30, 21.00.

Also Ran: **Iceni Boy (Fr)**, **Haayimm (Ire)**, **Wiki (GB)**.

Last term's G3 Prix de Conde and G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud placegetter Proof, returning off a 263-day break, went postward for this third stakes start as a four-race maiden and made the breakthrough with a game success from old foe Gentlemanlike.

Asserting for an early lead at a moderate tempo, the 11-10 pick refused to yield once shaken up with a quarter-mile remaining and kept on in determined fashion to secure a first win of any kind.

"Returning over 10 furlongs was a good idea, he showed some speed there and we'll see if he can handle a longer trip in time," said Christopher Head. "He ran on very heavy ground last year, and it didn't bother him, and today it was faster, and it didn't bother him. It's very rewarding to win like that, doing it from the front." **Cont. p11**



Proof | *Scoop Dyga*

Listed Prix Pellas Cont.

Proof is the eighth of nine foals and fourth black-type winner out of a winning full-sister to Listed La Coupe des Trois Ans victor Galipad (Galileo).

His dam Mathematicienne (Galileo), who is kin to G3 Prix la Rochette third Ecolo (Invincible Spirit), has also produced Group 3-winning G1 Prix Saint-Alary third Soustraction (Lope De Vega), stakes-winning G1 Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up Matematica (Rock Of Gibraltar), Listed Prix Panacee victrix Euclidia (Maxios), the dual stakes-placed Guerriere (Invincible Spirit) and the unraced two-year-old filly Allergie (**Siyouni**).

Soustraction is the dam of this month's Listed Prix Roland de Chambure third Algebre (**Siyouni**), while Matematica is the dam of Listed Prix Zarkava victrix Zuna (Kizuna) and Listed Prix Amandine third Jokla (**Zarak**).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Stargator (Tur), f, 3, **King David**--Never Touch A Star, by Henrythenavigator. Compiegne, 7-16, 9fT, 1:47.98. B-Fedai Kahraman.

Thing For The Hot (Fr), g, 3, **Too Darn Hot (GB)**--Djumama (Ire) (MGSW & G1SP-Ger), by Aussie Rules. Compiegne, 7-16, 9fT, 1:48.52. B-Frank Janorschke. *€190,000 Ylg '24 ARQOCT. **1/2 to Samahram (Fr) (Sea The Moon {Ger}), SW & MGSP-Fr, GSP-Eng, SP-Ger; Djukon (GB) (Jukebox Jury {Ire}), GSP-Ger & Aus; Duchess Of Danzig (Ger) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), SP-Fr; and Djumay (Ger) (Shamardal), SP-Ger.

NORWAY

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Al Rihla (Ire), f, 2, **Caturra (Ire)**--Dance Of Joy (Ire), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). Ovrevoll, 7-16, 5f 187yT, 1:11.30. B-Sean &

Caroline Ronan. *3rd winner for freshman sire (by Mehmas). **€12,000 Ylg '25 GOFOR2; 3,000gns RNA 2yo '26 TATGNS.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

JOHN KENNEDY JOINS CIARON MAHER RACING AS NSW BLOODSTOCK MANAGER



John Kennedy

John Kennedy has been appointed as NSW bloodstock manager at Ciaron Maher Racing following seven years with Coolmore Australia.

"John has held senior positions at Coolmore Australia, progressing from stud manager to racing and bloodstock manager," read a statement from Ciaron Maher Racing posted on X. "During that time, he played an integral role in the management, promotion and racing careers of many of Australia's leading stallions and elite thoroughbreds, while building extensive relationships across the Australian and international bloodstock industry.

"Based in Sydney, John will bring added bloodstock expertise to the stable, greater accessibility to our bloodstock team for NSW owners, and continued momentum behind CMR's growth in the region."

A graduate of the Irish National Stud Thoroughbred Breeding Management Course, Kennedy began his career with the O'Callaghan family at Yeomanstown Stud in Ireland. He also gained experience at Woods Edge Farm in Kentucky, before returning to Ireland as stud manager at Castlehyde Stud, one of Coolmore's flagship farms.

Based in Australia since 2019, Kennedy will officially start in his new role in late-August.

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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

Breeders: 1-Rathbarry Stud, 2-Cheveley Park Stud Limited, 3-Newlands House Stud, 4-Lynch Bages Ltd & Longfield Stud, 5-Ringfort Stud Ltd, 6-Mickley Stud & Mr Tony Jones, 7-Forenaghts Stud, 8-Donna Caslin & Partner, 9-Ballylinch Stud, 10-Ballyphilip Stud, 11-Breffni Farm, 12-Crossfields Bloodstock Ltd.

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].

Saturday, Curragh, post time: 16:35**JUDDMONTE IRISH OAKS-G1**, €290,000, 3yo, f, 12ft

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Amelia Earhart (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith	A P O'Brien	R L Moore	128
2	Beautify (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor	A P O'Brien	Ronan Whelan	128
3	Cameo (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	M Tabor,D Smith,Mrs J Magnier,Westerberg	A P O'Brien	Chris Hayes	128
4	Composing (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Mrs J Magnier,M Tabor,D Smith,Westerberg	A P O'Brien	Gavin Ryan	128
5	Earth Shot (Ire)	Time Test (GB)	Wathnan Racing	W J Haggas	James Doyle	128
6	Inis Mor (Fr)	Galiway (GB)	Quantum Leap Racing XI	David Menuisier	Oisin Murphy	128
7	Johanna Walsh (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Wells Watson	Joseph O'Brien	Colin Keane	128
8	Rebel Moon (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Al Shira'aa Racing	Joseph O'Brien	J M Sheridan	128
9	Sparan Nua (Ire)	Dawn Approach (Ire)	Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd	J S Bolger	Declan McDonogh	128
10	Sugar Island (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Westerberg,Mrs J Magnier,M Tabor,D Smith	A P O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128
11	Thundering On (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Shapoor Mistry	Joseph O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	128

Breeders: 1-Coolmore, 2-Coolmore, 3-Coolmore, 4-Renzo Forni, 5-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd, 6-2 0 Al Shaqab Racing, 7-Sunderland Holding Inc., 8-Haras D'Etreham & Sir Peter Vela, 9-J. S. Bolger, 10-Westerberg, 11-Mr Shapoor Mistry.

One of the best renewals of recent times in terms of sheer competitiveness and openness, with the record-holding eight-times winner Aidan O'Brien for once on the back foot despite having five runners. Ryan Moore's pick of them **Amelia Earhart** entered the Oaks as the hot favourite only to fail to fire and be soundly beaten, but the hood-and-blinkers combo is replaced by just cheekpieces this time as her trainer seeks to regain the momentum temporarily lost since the Cheshire Oaks. The impressive Epsom winner **Thundering On** was disappointing in her own way in the Pretty Polly, albeit nowhere near as dramatically as her compatriot, and needs to get back on track with the form of that Classic under scrutiny. Perhaps the answer is elsewhere, with the Ribblesdale winner **Earth Shot** looking to uphold the Royal Ascot form with **Johanna Walsh** and reverse the Height of Fashion form with **Inis Mor** who has since shone when third in the Prix de Diane. **Sparan Nua** has looked a smart prospect for some time now and the fact that she beat the older fillies and mares in the Munster Oaks could be underestimated. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Curragh, post time: 15:25**TULFARRIS HOTEL AND GOLF RESORT SAPPHIRE STAKES-G2**, €78,000, 3yo/up, 5ft

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bucanero Fuerte (GB)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	AMO Racing Limited & Giselle De Aguiar	Robson De Aguiar	Donagh O'Connor	135
2	Cover Up (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Khalifa Saeed Sulaiman	Simon & Ed Crisford	James Doyle	135
3	Jakajaro (Ire)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Mrs Fitri Hay	R M H Cowell	J P Spencer	135
4	Kendall Roy (GB)	Twilight Son (GB)	Miss Kate McGivern & Thomas Hore & Shane M Power	Miss Kate McGivern	Chris Hayes	135
5	Partisan Hero (Ire)	Muhaarar (GB)	D Lowe & S Hoyland	David Loughnane	Colin Keane	135
6	Rosy Affair (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Shapoor Mistry	George Boughey	Billy Loughnane	132
7	Brussels (GB)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Mrs J Magnier,M Tabor,D Smith,Westerberg	A P O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	131
8	Charles Darwin (Ire)	No Nay Never	Mrs J Magnier,M Tabor,D Smith,Westerberg	A P O'Brien	R L Moore	131
9	Havana Anna (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Gaynor Bloodstock LLC	Donnacha O'Brien	Gavin Ryan	128
10	Ipanema Queen (Ire)	Sands Of Mali (Fr)	Stonestreet Stables, LLC & AMO Racing Limited	Robson De Aguiar	Dylan Browne McMonagle	128

Breeders: 1-Gestut Zur Kuste AG, 2-Godolphin, 3-Godolphin, 4-The Procedure Partnership, 5-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd, 6-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 7-Haras des Trois Chapelles, 8-Westerberg, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith, 9-Dukes Stud & Overbury Stallions Ltd, 10-Rathbride Farm.

Fourth and fifth in the King Charles III, **Rosy Affair** and **Jakajaro** set a fair form standard among the older horses and have progressive profiles. Of the three-year-olds, **Havana Anna** looks the pick on her fourth in the Commonwealth Cup where Ballydoyle's **Charles Darwin** flopped for the second time in succession. Last year's Norfolk winner needs to stop his downward slide, but this won't be an easy race to do it in. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Curragh, post time: 16:00**GAIN RAILWAY STAKES-G2, €78,000, 2yo, 6fT**

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Carry The Flag (Ire)	No Nay Never	Smith,Magnier,Tabor,Westerberg,Brant	A P O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	131
2	Celeron (GB)	Mohaather (GB)	New Morning Syndicate	M D O'Callaghan	Oisin Murphy	131
3	Confucius (Ire)	No Nay Never	Westerberg,Magnier,Tabor,Smith,Brant	A P O'Brien	R L Moore	131
4	Immortal Guard (Ire)	Persian Force (Ire)	Ramiro Restrepo & Jacob West & Giselle De Aguiar	Robson De Aguiar	Donagh O'Connor	131
5	Switching Sides (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd	Mrs J Harrington	Shane Foley	131
6	The Scallionator (Ire)	Calyx (GB)	Clearys Syndicate	Michael Mulvany	Wesley Joyce	131
7	Tribeca (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	AMO Racing Limited & Mrs A O'Callaghan	Robson De Aguiar	Colin Keane	131

Breeders: 1-Summerhill Bloodstock, 2-Branton Court Stud LLP, 3-Stonethorn Stud Farms Ltd, 4-Skehanagh Bloodstock, 5-Newtown Anner Stud, 6-Bec Bloodstock, 7-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd.

One of Aidan O'Brien's key races, the 15-times-winning record holder relies on **Confucius** and **Carry The Flag**, with both surprisingly out of the frame in the Coventry and Norfolk respectively. The former has since been turned over in the Anglesey, while Carry The Flag has got back on track in the Tipperary Stakes so it is significant that Ryan Moore sticks with Confucius. Having won a maiden at Navan that is working out well, **Tribeca** was down the field in the Norfolk but will probably be much better suited by this return to six. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Newbury, post time: 15:02**THE HALLGARTEN AND NOVUM WINES HACKWOOD STAKES-G3, £100,000, 3yo/up, 6fT**

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Binhareer (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Salhia Stud Limited	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	135
2	Jasour (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	AlMohamediya Racing	Clive Cox	P. J. McDonald	135
3	Mitbaahy (Ire)	Profitable (Ire)	Mrs Fitri Hay	Charles Hills	David Egan	135
4	Noble Champion (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	TBT Racing	Ed Walker	Kieran Shoemark	135
5	Soldier's Tree (Ire)	Soldier's Call (GB)	Roxholme Racing	James Owen	Sean Levey	135
6	Symbol Of Honour (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	135
7	Song Of The Clyde (GB)	Sergei Prokofiev	Middleham Park Racing CXX & M Parker	Clive Cox	Rossa Ryan	130

Breeders: 1-Yeomanstown Stud, 2-Wardley Bloodstock, 3-N. Hartery, 4-Thomas Foy & Lope de Vega Syndicate, 5-Matthew Tynan, 6-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 7-Whitsbury Manor Stud.

Third behind Almeraq at Salisbury and in the Wokingham, **Soldier's Tree** could be the answer among the older brigade. Of the three-year-olds, **Song Of The Clyde** is the most interesting having won the Carnarvon over this course and distance in May and running a fair race in the Commonwealth on a track that isn't really his cup of tea. [Tom Frary].



Saturday, Curragh, post time: 14:15

AL SHIRA'AA RACING MEADOW COURT STAKES-G3, €42,000, 4yo/up, 10fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dreamasar (Ire)	Masar (Ire)	Hot To Trot Racing 2 & J Fill	Ed Walker	Billy Loughnane	131
2	Francophone (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	Miss K Rausing	Charlie Johnston	Oisin Murphy	131
3	Moody (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Mel Sutcliffe	P Twomey	Billy Lee	131
4	Nyra (Ger)	Isfahan (Ger)	Scott C Heider	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	131
5	One Look (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	P Twomey	James Doyle	131
6	Rhapsody (Ire)	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Highclere Thoroughbred Racing - Skylark	W J Haggas	R L Moore	131
7	Spicy Margarita (Ire)	Earthlight (Ire)	AMO Racing Limited & Giselle De Aguiar	Robson De Aguiar	Donagh O'Connor	131
8	Subsonic (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd	John Patrick Murtagh	Ben Coen	131

Breeders: 1-Mrs Olivia Hoare, 2-Miss K. Rausing, 3-Godolphin, 4-Dr Christoph Berglar, 5-Tullpark Ltd, 6-Lynn Lodge Stud, 7-Loughtown Stud, 8-Newtown Anner Stud

One Look will be a warm order to repeat her 2025 success, having further enhanced her reputation when runner-up in the Pretty Polly last month. At her best at this venue, she is joined by stablemate **Moody** who has won two Listed races this term and remains an unknown quantity. Fourth in the Kensington Palace on her seasonal bow, **Rhapsody** is worthy of respect with William Haggas not one to tilt at windmills. [Tom Frary].

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