



OCELLI STILL LOOKING FOR A WIN, BUT ALL SYSTEMS ON GO FOR THE HASKELL



Ocelli and Travis Durr at Laurel for the Preakness | Courtesy Travis and Ashley Durr

by Christina Bossinakis

OCEANPORT, NJ--A lot has been made about the fact that **Ocelli** (Connect) has yet to win in nine prior careers starts. Despite that fact, the handsome colt's career earnings already stand at over \$800,000 and the sole maiden in Saturday's GI NYRA Bets Haskell Stakes will try to change that narrative while facing six others, including 2-1 morning-line favorite and Grade I winner **Further Ado** (**Gun Runner**), a impressive last-out winner in the GIII Matt Winn Stakes.

A 'Win and You're In' event for the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland this fall, the Monmouth's marquee test for the sophomore class heads a stacked 14-race card, including four additional graded stakes--the GII United Nations Stakes, GII Molly Pitcher Stakes, GIII Monmouth Cup and GIII Matchmaker Stakes.

In contrast to the flashy Spendthrift Farm early favorite who cost \$550,000 at OBS in April, Ocelli was secured for a meager \$12,000 as a yearling at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October Sale.

Travis Durr, who owns Travis Durr Training with his wife Ashley, explained the colt's purchase was a group effort.

"The whole team was involved [during the selection process]--me, [Legion Bloodstock's] Kristian [Villante] and Kyle [Zorn]," said Travis Durr. **Cont. p3**

SARATOGA NOTEBOOK PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS: FLIGHTLINE YOUNGSTERS TAKE CENTER STAGE AT SPA by Tim Wilkin

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. - As a racehorse, no one could run with **Flightline** (**Tapit**).

Let's see if his kids are a chip off the old block.

During his career, which lasted six races over two seasons (2021-22), **Flightline** mauled all who tried him. Six wins by a combined 71 lengths. An 8 1/4-length win in his swan song, the 2022 GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

His job now is to recreate himself in the stallion shed. Saturday at Saratoga Race Course, three of his offspring are running, two in a loaded maiden special weight for colts, and a filly in another maiden special weight. **Cont. p6**

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Ocelli at Monmouth Park this week | EQUI-PHOTO

"We were actually all sitting in the back ring in October after we looked at all the horses. Obviously, we had a short list, but sometimes things get missed or you might not see them at the barn. But we saw him walk by us a few times [in the back ring], I thought, 'What is that?'"

He added, "I got up, looked at the x-ray report and then just followed him [into the sale's pavilion]. He's a very pretty horse. He walked well and we were very fortunate to get him for \$12,000."

Sent to Durr's training center for his early preparation, Ocelli continued to stand out in a crowd.

"During that winter, I'd have 15, 16 horses go out in a set and it's a lot going on. But he would always be a horse that would go by and be like, 'Who's that? And it'd be him,' recalled Durr. "You knew he was out there. He's always been a horse that was forward and moved well. He liked to train. He just kind of always caught your eye going around there."

When it was time to find a trainer for the colt, Durr said Whit Beckman topped the list. However, he wasn't entirely sure the trainer would want to take on the raw colt.

"I called Whit and said, 'I like this horse. I'm going to send him to you. If you don't like him, just tell me and I can go somewhere else with him where he can win because I bought him to race him and just play around,' he explained. "And then when he went long, two or three works. [Whit] was like, 'Hey, this is our Derby horse this year.' I was like, 'Holy moly. All right, let's go!'"

Despite the early promise, Ocelli didn't make his first start until the fall of his juvenile season. Prior to that, however, he tipped his hand during the Aiken Trials, where he defeated his stablemate, eventual Grade I-placed Honey Dutch (Knicks Go).

Third going 6 1/2 furlongs at Churchill Downs in his career debut on Nov. 23, he finished second and third in his next two

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Although yet to gain a win, suitors came knocking.

"He had some little setbacks [early on]," recalled Durr. "Once we ran a few times, we had some offers and a good friend of mine, Chris Gracie had a client [Anthony Tate] that was looking for that kind of horse and they made an offer. And then Kevin Page wanted in. He was a new client of ours and he's looking for the fun and that experience. And we offered a piece in him. He was happy to take a percentage. It's a big family still atmosphere, no strangers kind of involved. It makes it fun."

The colt currently races for the partnership of Ashley Durr, Anthony Tate and Kevin Page's Front Page Equestrian.

Was there a time that selling the colt in his entirety was even an option?

"Not really," Durr admitted. "Look, I've had horses my whole life, but having once in a lifetime kind of horse, I didn't want to sell the whole thing."

Sixth in his next two starts in the Sam F. Davis Stakes and Virginia Derby, the Rosedown Racing-bred colt finished 1 1/4 lengths behind Albus (Yaupon) in the GII Wood Memorial in April. Overlooked at 70-1 in the Derby, the longshot closed to finish a length adrift of winner Golden Tempo (Curlin), who went on to also win the GI Belmont. Tyler Gaffalione was aboard Ocelli for the first time in the Run for the Roses.

"I think it took a lot of figuring out what he wants to do," said Durr of the colt's progress. "We made a few equipment changes on him along the way. And I think listening to Tyler too."

Despite closing willingly, he was unable to get close and had to settle for fourth, beaten 7 1/4 lengths, behind GI Preakness winner **Napoleon Solo** (Liam's Map).

In his latest start in the June 20 GIII Ohio Derby, Ocelli actually made the lead late in the nine-furlong contest but was caught by winner Chip Honcho (Connect), who won by a length.

"He gets in front and he thinks he's won the race and it's not like he's getting tired or shutting off," said Durr, explaining the colt's obvious penchant. "He just kind of thinks, 'Oh, it's over.'"

So what's the recipe to finally getting Ocelli to the finish line first?

"I think you got to ride him a little different," said Durr. "When a trainer tells you [they like a horse], you get excited. And so that's one reason we put him through the deep end the whole time is because [Beckman] saw it, I saw it. He just had to put it all together. We did a lot of equipment changes and stuff on him, but he's really just kind of grown up as we've gone along."

Slated to break from the outside Post 7 in the Haskell with Further Ado exiting post 2 and Napoleon Solo (5-2 on the morning line) breaking right to his inside in the six hole, Ocelli is coming into this 10th career start the right way. However, there

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remains the hope that the closer gets some pace to run at late.

"I mean we've beat Napoleon before [in the Wood], but I think it's got to be a situation where hopefully [the leaders] go for it up front and then we can pick up the pieces," said Durr. "Or maybe we are a little closer this time. I'll let [Beckman and Gaffalione] do their job and we'll go from there."

The Puma Poised to Pounce in Haskell..

While Ocelli has been dancing ever dance this season, **The Puma** (**Essential Quality**) was forced to miss the spring Classics after developing a skin infection on his left leg prior to the Kentucky Derby. Victorious in the GIII Tampa Bay Derby, the chestnut returned three weeks later to get nosed out by Commandment (Into Mischief) in the GI Florida Derby.

Asked how he felt as the horses hit the wire in the Florida Derby, trainer Gustavo Delgado Sr. explained, "I don't know what happened in the Florida Derby. I was watching the TV and said, 'I won!' I watched the replay and said, 'I won!' The horse thought he won, too."

Looking like the team of OGMA Investments, JR Ranch and High Step Racing held a hot hand heading to Louisville, the colt was forced to scratch several hours before the race.

"We had the bad luck in the morning of the Kentucky Derby, and it can happen," the trainer opined. "But to happen that day,



Haskell contender The Puma enjoying post-work grooming at Monmouth Park on Friday morning | EQUI-PHOTO

and in the morning ... wow."

Undeterred, the team believe the colt has what it takes to regain his winning form from earlier this season.

"The horse is strong now," Delgado affirmed. "The second semester begins with the Haskell and it is very important for all the trainers and the owners. Also important is the possibility of the Breeders' Cup."

He continued, "More important, my horse is in good health

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and ready. He is good. Now he has the chance to show everybody how good he really is. But the only way to know is tomorrow."

Graded Action from East to West

In addition to Monmouth Park's stacked weekend, Saratoga offers a pair of graded stakes--the GI Diana Stakes in addition to the GIII Coronation Cup and Del Mar features the GII San Diego Handicap and GII San Clemente Handicap.

Trainer **Chad Brown** will try to win his 11th renewal of the **Diana** with a quartet of runners, including Grade I winners Segesta (Ghostzapper), Dynamic Pricing (Ire) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) and Portfolio Duration (GB) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}).

Del Mar's **San Diego** will feature the return of **Classic winner Journalism** (Curlin), winless in three starts since a victory in last year's Haskell.

Sunday's graded stakes action at the Spa features the GIII Quick Call Stakes and Woodbine offers a pair of graded events on the turf--the GII Nassau Stakes and the GII Connaught Cup Stakes.

Last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint heroine and 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' Cy Fair (**Not This Time**) is entered in both Saturday's Coronation and Sunday's Quick Call. Her next start **will be determined by the weather** over the

weekend, reports Tim Wilkin.

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Saratoga Notebook cont. from p1

Race one includes first timer **Powerline** (**Flightline**), who went for \$1.8 million at the 2025 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale and is owned by West Point Thoroughbreds, John Oxley, Summer Wind Equine LLC, and Bee Zee LLC. Ricardo Santana, Jr. has the riding assignment.

Trained by Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen, Powerline is the 8-5 morning-line favorite in the field of seven. Another **Flightline** in the race is **Greenwell**, who was second in his debut last month at Churchill Downs for Greenwell Thoroughbreds and Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse.



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He was a \$500,000 purchase at the 2025 Keeneland September sale.

Greenwell is 2-1 on the morning line in Saturday's first race and Jose Ortiz will ride.

"These are the kind of athletes that are special athletes," Terry Finley, the president and CEO of West Point Thoroughbreds, said Friday morning on the Saratoga backstretch. "This is the first game of his freshman year, and he certainly has shown in practices that he could be a star; that's how I look at it."

Flightline has had three winners in eight starts in his rookie season as a stallion. 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Flight Command (Flightline)**, trained by Rudy Rodriguez and owned by LSU Stable, won his debut by 10 lengths last month at Aqueduct.

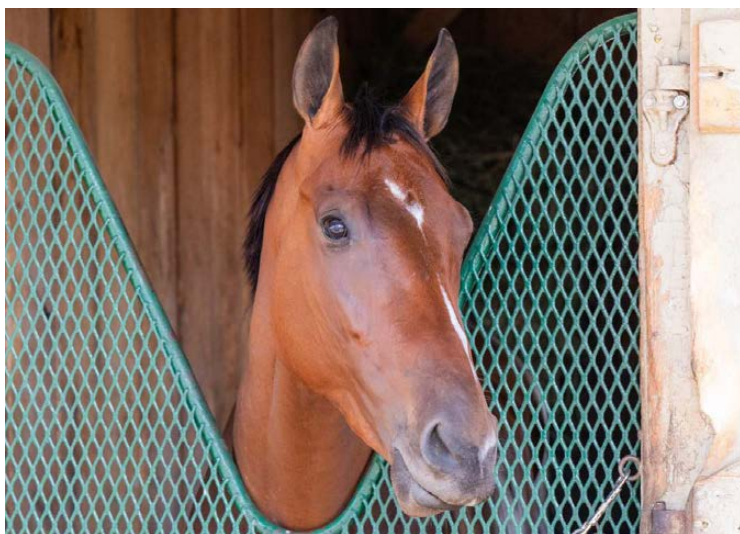
Yes, the hype is real about what **Flightline** might be able to do as a stallion.

"I don't know about the rest of the Flightlines, but (Greenwell) can really run," Casse said. "I get the hype; (**Flightline**) is throwing out runners."

West Point Thoroughbreds was part of **Flightline**'s ownership group. Finley saw the power up close. **Flightline** won the GI Pacific Classic by 19 1/4 lengths, the GI Malibu Stakes by 11 1/2 lengths. The closest call **Flightline** had during his racing days was the GI Met Mile when he only won by six lengths.

"It's crazy to think he could replicate himself," Finley said. "But we do hope. We chuckle because of the number of people that come up here and they kind of stick their chests out because they have a good 2-year-old and they get their heads handed to them. We are aware of that, but we are not going to not get excited about a really good prospect."

Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott will saddle 5-1 **Elevated (Flightline)** for her career debut in the seventh race. She is owned by MyRacehorse and gets Junior Alvarado in the saddle.



Elevated | Mike Kane

"She is quick, she is agile," Mott said outside his barn on the Oklahoma Training Track Friday morning. "I think we only learn some of those things by racing them. I have three or four (Flightlines). We are blessed to have a lot of nice ones ...

Flightline, Gun Runner, Into Mischief... we have a lot of sire power; more than ever this year. Still, you are looking for the one."

No Pressure on Cy Fair, Who is Entered in Coronation Cup

A year ago, **Cy Fair (Not This Time)** was a finalist for the Eclipse Award for 2-year-old filly. She didn't win, finishing a distant



Cy Fair | Sarah Andrew

second to Super Corredora (**Gun Runner**). But that didn't tarnish her accomplishments during her first season on the track.

Trained by George Weaver, the 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' won three of four starts, ending with a win against the boys in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint. She also beat males in the Algonquin Stakes at Woodbine last October.

She started her 3-year-old season with a third as the even-money favorite in the GIII Limestone Stakes at Keeneland Apr. 10 and then won the GIII Mamzelle Stakes at Churchill Downs Apr. 30.

Start No. 3 comes Saturday when Cy Fair is the 3-5 morning-line favorite in the GIII, \$225,000 Coronation Cup, a 5 1/2-furlong sprint on the Mellon Turf Course. The turf sprinting specialist has two wins, a second and a third at the distance.

Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez, who rode Cy Fair in two Saratoga starts last year--a maiden win and a second by a neck in the Bolton Landing Stakes--has the mount.

"I don't really think so," Weaver said outside his barn at the Oklahoma Training Track when asked if there is any pressure or hype on his filly. "We won the Breeders' Cup with her. No matter what happens, she won the Breeders' Cup. I don't want

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to take her over there and tarnish her reputation. It doesn't happen as often in our barn as it does with Todd's (Pletcher) or Chad's (Brown) and some other people. Good horses, you never want to see them get beat."

After winning the Mamzelle, Weaver had planned on taking Cy Fair to Royal Ascot to run in the prestigious G1 King Charles III Stakes. That plan was scrapped a few days before she was scheduled to leave for the United Kingdom.

"I wasn't happy with her the two to three days leading up to shipping and we decided to bail," Weaver said. "It's a long way to go ... if you don't have the I's dotted and the T's crossed, you don't need to put her on the plane."

There is no guarantee that Cy Fair will run on Saturday. Rain is predicted for the Saratoga Springs area Saturday and Weaver's contingency plan was to enter Cy Fair in Sunday's GIII, \$225,000 Quick Call, another 5 1/2-furlong sprint on the Mellon. The Quick Call would be another race against colts.

"If it's like a complete mess (Saturday), I wanted to have the option to run the next day if we thought that would be in her best interest," Weaver said.

Younger Mott Feels Right at Home at Saratoga

Everything felt right for trainer Riley Mott as he surveyed his surroundings on the Saratoga backstretch Friday morning. It should have. He was home.



Riley Mott | Mike Kane

For the first time since starting his solo training career in 2022, Mott is spending a chunk of the summer at Saratoga Race Course. He has 15 horses in his care on the Saratoga backstretch. All told, he trains 80 horses, the bulk of which are in Kentucky, where he has spent most of his time.

"This is extra special," the 34-year-old Mott said Friday morning. "Just growing up here and being local and this being home. This has always been the goal and the dream to train up

here. Having a stable for the meet is pretty cool."

A year ago, Saratoga was the scene when Mott won his first Grade I race when **World Beater** (**Oscar Performance**) won the GI Saratoga Derby Invitational Stakes. But he shipped in for the race, the horse stayed at the Hall of Fame barn of Mott's dad, Bill, and then they shipped back to Kentucky.

This summer, Riley Mott will stick around.

"I hope he brought the right ones," Bill Mott said with a laugh Friday morning. "I am happy for him. I am pleased that he is here, and he can compete with the rest of us bums."

Riley Mott had his first two starters of the Saratoga season Friday. **Atlas a Eye** (**Highly Motivated**) finished second in the fourth race and **Mayor of Midnight (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) was seventh in the sixth.

Most of the 15 horses he has in Saratoga are young horses. He said the only stakes runner he has here--so far--is **How's Al Today** (**Munnings**), who broke his maiden on June 4 at Churchill Downs for owner Al Gold's Gold Square LLC.

Riley Mott said he will point the 2-year-old to the GII, \$250,000 Saratoga Special Aug. 1.

"I have been coming here since I was born," he said. "This is my playground. It feels very comfortable. This is my comfort zone; this is what I am used to."

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DUAL CLASSIC WINNER GOLDEN TEMPO WORKS AT KEENELAND FOR TRAVERS PREP

Golden Tempo (**Curlin**), the winner of the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Belmont Stakes, worked four furlongs in :48.40 at Keeneland on Friday morning in preparation for his next start, the Aug. 29, \$1.25-million GI DraftKings Travers at Saratoga Race Course.

Regular exercise rider Ameth Gonzalez was aboard the 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' for trainer Cherie DeVaux.

Working by himself over a fast track, he produced fractions of :12.80, :24.60, :36.60, 48.40, out five-eighths in 1:01.40 and out



Golden Tempo breezes at Keeneland | Keeneland

three-quarters in 1:14.80.

"Beautiful work. First work back since the Belmont," assistant trainer David Carroll said. "Normally he breezes in company, but he went by himself today and was in hand the whole way. Couldn't ask for more--really happy with what I saw."

Golden Tempo was reportedly **sidelined by a minor illness** according to his trainer late last month, which caused him to skip the GII Jim Dandy Stakes at the Spa Aug. 1.

The colt is expected to leave for Saratoga on Saturday, July 18 to prepare for the Travers.

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ILLINOIS HORSEMEN FILE LEGAL OBJECTION TO HAWTHORNE BANKRUPTCY SALE

by T.D. Thornton

The Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA) late Friday afternoon filed a "limited" objection with the federal bankruptcy court that is poised to finalize the \$90-million sale of Hawthorne Race Course to a non-racing entity at a scheduled Monday hearing, telling the judge that the deal should include a mandate that builds in protections for the humans and horses that live on the backstretch there.

"Specifically, ITHA requests that the Sale Order expressly provide that the Backstretch Community may remain at Hawthorne until Nov. 1, 2026, and requires the funding for the completion of the Thoroughbred season or of a dedicated transition reserve, in an amount identified by ITHA and approved by the Court, sufficient to cover the costs of relocating the Backstretch Community," stated the July 17 pleading in United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Illinois (Eastern Division).

"ITHA does not seek to prevent the Debtors from monetizing their assets or to prevent the proposed sale to ALLIMAC 2023,

LLC," the court filing continued. "ITHA brings this limited objection to speak for the workers, families, children, and horses whose lives are inseparably tied to the property but whose circumstances are not addressed by the existing sale terms."

Hawthorne, controlled by the Chicago-area Carey family for decades, has been seeking Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection since Feb. 27 in an attempt to restructure between \$100 and \$500 million in debt.

On Tuesday, ALLIMAC, a Delaware-incorporated shell company that does not intend to continue the sport on the property of the 135-year-old track, emerged as the lone bidder for Hawthorne.

ALLIMAC ended up being the **only interested party** despite repeated declarations by Tim Carey, Hawthorne's president, and the company's bankruptcy attorney, Barry Chatz, that there were numerous interested buyers who wanted to preserve Hawthorne's racing and build out the racino that the Carey family started six years ago but never completed because of financial troubles.

"We have multiple, ongoing, business-concern parties who are very interested in the racino opportunity as well as continuing racing," Chatz told the Illinois Racing Board as recently as June 17.

Efforts to reach Hawthorne executives on Friday evening for comment on the ITHA's objection were unsuccessful.

The ITHA's legal filing explained a bit more about the rationale for the objection.

"The Backstretch Community is substantial," the court filing stated. "Approximately 337 adults, including workers and their spouses, and approximately 147 children ranging from newborns to 18 years old currently reside year-round at Hawthorne," the ITHA's filing stated.

"The Backstretch Community also includes the horses stabled at Hawthorne. Since early July, approximately 447 horses have been stabled at Hawthorne. Relocating these horses is not a simple or immediate process," the filing stated.

"Hawthorne is not merely a parcel of real estate containing easily moved personal property [and] for many members of that community, Hawthorne is both a workplace and a home. Their housing and employment are tied to the property, and many of their children are enrolled in local schools and rooted in the surrounding community.

"These are hardworking, lower-income individuals whose livelihoods depend upon the continued operation of the ecosystem that exists at Hawthorne. Without a transition plan, many would face the immediate challenge of securing new housing, relocating their families, and securing new employment at the same time," the filing stated.

"The requested date of Nov. 1 corresponds with the conclusion of the racing season and a natural transition point for racing operations. It provides a practical, limited period for the Backstretch Community to plan and complete an orderly transition," the filing stated.

"ITHA is not seeking to prevent ALLIMAC from acquiring the property. ITHA asks only that the final sale terms recognize the reality of what is being purchased: a property that presently houses a large and interdependent community," the filing stated.

"The ITHA and Backstretch Community's priority would be to continue racing through the entirety of the Thoroughbred season. The horsemen invested in Hawthorne by relying on the assurances that the racing season would start promptly and continue through the Nov. 1 season end.

"Not only did the Thoroughbred season start three weeks late but now, the horsemen's livelihood is being abruptly pulled out from underneath three months early with limited opportunity before the end of the racing season," the ITHA's filing stated.

"The continued race season and employment of the horsemen through Nov. 1 should be the priority of all parties with a pecuniary interest in Hawthorne," the ITHA's filing stated.

Monday's hearing is set for 10 a.m. (Central). Other objections have been lodged since July 14, primarily by creditors over money-distribution issues.

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REPORT: LEADING SIRE WAR FRONT PENSIONED AT CLAIBORNE

Leading sire **War Front** (Danzig--Starry Dreamer, by Rubiano) has been pensioned from stallion duty at the age of 24 at Claiborne Farm, according to a report in *Daily Racing Form*.

Claiborne president Walker Hancock confirmed **War Front's** pensioning to DRF's Nicole Russo, who reported that "the stallion was breeding well and still physically healthy, but that in the interest of caution and deep affection for the horse, the farm wished to end this chapter of its flagship stallion's career while he was still in that good health."

War Front has sired 121 stakes winners worldwide, including 26 Grade I winners. His top runners on these shores include: 2019 GI Preakness S. winner and 2020 GI Maker's Mark Mile S. winner War of Will and three-time Grade I winner Omaha Beach.

War Front raced as a homebred for Joseph Allen and captured the 2006 GII Alfred G. Vanderbilt Breeders' Cup H. for the legendary Allen Jerkens.

Syndicated into 40 shares upon retirement, **War Front** stood his first year in 2007. By the time his first crop of 3-year-olds had run, his \$12,500 initial fee had shot up to \$60,000. Two years

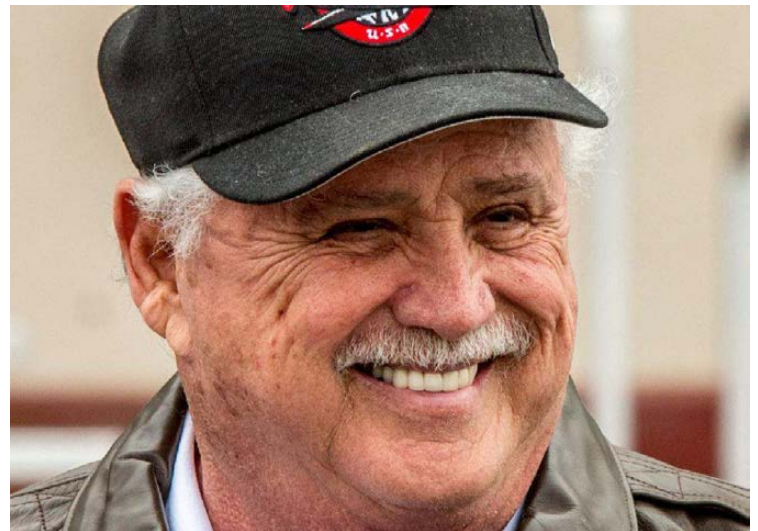
later, he was at \$150,000. Eventually, he spent several years at \$250,000.

"He's an international super sire, with winners all over the country and on so many continents, and now he's turned into a spectacular sire of sires," Hancock told our Jill Williams in a **'Saturday Sires' 2025 interview**. "It's really cool to see his legacy being carried forward with his sons."

Hancock added, "He's been unbelievable for us. We're so thankful we've had to opportunity to stand him. My dad might say something different, but for me, he's the best sire I've been around since I've been here. He's been tremendous for the farm."

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'BERNIE WAS LARGER THAN LIFE': FLINT PASSES AWAY AT 86



Bernie Flint | Hodges Photography

Longtime trainer Bernie Flint died Friday morning in Louisville after a lengthy illness, according to an HBPA release. He was 86.

Flint's family was by his side when he passed.

"It's been a rough few years, but Dad was always a fighter," son Lance Flint said. "He was even making jokes on his way to the hospice care. He fought till the end, and his loved ones surrounded him during his final days."

Steve Flint, who spent years as his dad's assistant before going out on his own, posted on Facebook: "The man that watched me take my first breath took his last. He was my Hero, he was surrounded by loved ones. Thank you for the outpouring of love & respect we have received at this time."

Flint also is survived by wife Terri and son Scott Flint, a veteran blacksmith in Kentucky. The family plans to have a celebration of life in the fall to honor Flint.

"The word 'legend' is thrown around too loosely, but it applies in the case of Bernie," said trainer Dale Romans, president of the



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Kentucky HBPA. “He came across as gruff but was really a softy who would help anyone. His success on the track is underappreciated because most of it happened before the current era with racing dominated by a handful of the very largest stables. Bernie cut his teeth with claiming horses, but had a lot of top-quality runners over the years, including with horses that didn’t cost a lot of money. Everybody knew Bernie. He was a real racetrack character, whose combination of personality, training ability and sheer longevity sets him apart.”

The former New Orleans Police Department officer and homicide detective was a fixture in Kentucky, Louisiana and Arkansas. He completed his training career officially with 3,551 victories, which ranks No. 21 all time in North America. That includes 501 at Churchill Downs, at the time making him the sixth trainer to reach 500 under the Twin Spires. Flint saddled his last starter, and winner, Bright Spark, at Churchill Downs in November of 2023.

Flint moved his main base to Kentucky in 1980. He earned meet titles at Turfway Park a then-record 20 times as well as being the leading trainer at Churchill Downs, Keeneland, Oaklawn Park, Hoosier Park, Ellis Park, Canterbury, Sportsman’s Park and Balmoral, according to the Blood-Horse. He also won multiple training crowns at Jefferson Downs.

Flint-trained horses won almost \$65 million in purses. His 28 graded stakes ranged from Top Corsage in Churchill Downs’ 1988 Falls City Handicap to America’s Tale in Gulfstream Park’s 2019 Inside Information. His most successful runners included 14-time winner Hurricane Bertie, who has a stakes named for her at Gulfstream, and Swept Away for the Klein family of Louisville. Runway Model, winner of Keeneland’s 2004 Alcibiades, went on to take third in the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies before capturing Churchills’ Golden Rod for owner Dr. Naveed Chowhan. The homebred One Mean Man won five stakes and his full sister Mizz Money won four for Flint and Hillerich.

After he ran his last horse as a trainer, Flint continued as a racehorse owner and breeder, through his L.T.B. Inc. (named for Lance, Terri and himself), predominantly in Indiana and in partnership with long-time client Ron Hillerich of Louisville.

One of the Flint-Hillerich partnership horses, Unbridled Express, won a Churchill Downs maiden race defeating **Street Sense**, who went on to become the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile winner and 2-year-old champion and the 2007 Kentucky Derby winner. Unbridled Express finished third in Saratoga’s GI Hopeful Stakes in an abbreviated career, became a leading stallion in Indiana.

“Bernie was larger than life,” fellow Churchill trainer Ron Moquett said. “You always knew when he was around with that loud, booming voice and thick New Orleans accent. And people

were having a good time. His owners and barn knew two things for sure when they were with him. First, they were going to have fun and be entertained with his colorful stories. Second, they were going to win. His ability to get the most out of a horse and find the winner’s circle was remarkable. It didn’t matter where he was stabled; he did it consistently for more than 50 years.

“I’m thankful for the help he gave me when I was starting out and for always making himself available anytime I needed advice throughout my career. Horse racing lost one of the good ones.”

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JOHN W. GREATHOUSE JR. SCHEDULED FOR JULY 22



The late John Greathouse, Jr. with Andrea Greathouse and John Greathouse III | courtesy Glencrest Farm

Family and friends are invited to attend a 'Celebration of Life' to honor John W. Greathouse Jr. on Wednesday, July 22, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. ET. at the Thoroughbred Club of America. The address is 3555 Rice Road, Lexington, Kentucky.

Greathouse Jr. played a significant role in the operations at family-run Glencrest Farm. The **longtime horseman passed away June 10.**

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HISA'S PROPOSED 2027 BUDGET OPENS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) is seeking public comment on its Proposed 2027 Budget. Comments should be sent to comments@hisaus.org with the subject line "Proposed 2027 Budget." All pertinent comments will be posted to the HISA website. The deadline to submit comments is Monday, July 27, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. ET. Draft versions of the Proposed 2027 Budget and Notice of Filing can be [accessed here](#). Following the expiration of the public comment period, HISA will review and consider all relevant feedback before sending the proposed budget to the HISA Board. If approved by the HISA Board, the proposed budget would then be submitted to the Federal Trade Commission.

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RUIDOSO DOWNS TO TEMPORARILY CEASE OPERATIONS



Ruidoso Downs in March '25 | JN Campbell

The New Mexico Department of Transportation has recommended Ruidoso Downs Racetrack close the entrance of the facility due to a faulty culvert that was originally damaged by floodwaters last year, the track's General Manager Rick Baugh said via a press release on Thursday, July 16.

"We requested that the New Mexico Department of Transportation inspect the condition of the culvert located at the entrance," Baugh said. "The results of the investigation have confirmed our decision to temporarily close the casino and horse race simulcast operations to the public."

The closure is subject to approval of the New Mexico Gaming Control Board. There will be an emergency meeting of the board on Wednesday, July 22 in Albuquerque.

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POOR AIR QUALITY LEVELS NIX RACING AT WOODBINE, COLONIAL & DELAWARE ON FRIDAY



Delaware Park paddock | Sarah Andrew

Woodbine Entertainment, Colonial Downs and Delaware Park have cancelled their respective live Thoroughbred racing programs due to poor air quality caused by extensive wildfires in Canada, the tracks said in press releases on Friday.

After shelving Thursday's card, Woodbine said that Environment Canada's air quality index for Toronto is again listed as 'High Risk' and is expected to remain at this level throughout Friday.

Canada's Thoroughbred track added that the decision to cancel comes through consultation with the HBPA, the Jockeys' Guild and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), and is consistent with the AGCO's air quality guidelines.

The cancellation has been made in the best interests of the health and safety of the horses and racing participants.

Woodbine Entertainment, with approval from the Alcohol Gaming Commission of Ontario and consultation from the HBPA, has added a rescheduled race card for this Monday (July 20) at Woodbine Racetrack.

According to the [website IQAir](#), which tracks air quality, the numbers for Wilmington, Delaware throughout Friday were rated as "unhealthy."

Delaware's Friday card will be moved to Tuesday, July 21.

Live racing is scheduled to resume at all three tracks on Saturday afternoon.

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GREG GOODMAN NAMED THOROUGHBRED CLUB OF AMERICA'S 2026 HONOR GUEST

Mt. Brilliant's Greg Goodman has been selected by the Board of Directors of the Thoroughbred Club of America as the 2026 Honor Guest, Club President W. Chapman Hopkins announced Friday.

"The Thoroughbred Club of America is pleased to name Greg Goodman as our 2026 Honor Guest," Hopkins said. "The breadth of Mr. Goodman's involvement in breeding, racing and land conservation efforts has left an indelible mark on the industry on the national and international stage. His impact on the Thoroughbred industry is matched only by his generosity in important philanthropic support, and we are honored to name him as our 2026 Honor Guest."

Goodman will be honored by the Club at its 95th Testimonial Dinner, which will be held at Keeneland on Saturday, Sept. 26. Goodman has been immersed in Thoroughbred racing his entire life, spending nearly three decades as an owner and breeder. Mt. Brilliant has been owned by the Goodman family for 30 years.

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July 18, 1942...Garden State Park opened. A crowd of 31,682 welcomed the return of racing to New Jersey after a 49-year absence.

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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



CHALLENGE SERIES WIN AND YOU'RE IN.™

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



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PROPERTIES

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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BUSINESS AS USUAL FOR BOOK'EM DANNO IN MR. PROSPECTOR *by Alan Carasso*

Making his first start at Monmouth Park since annexing the Jersey Shore Stakes two days shy of two years ago, Atlantic Six Racing's reigning Eclipse Award-winning sprinter **Book'em Danno** (g, 5, **Bucchero**--Adorabella, by Ghostzapper) asserted his superiority with a furlong to go in Friday's \$221,000 Mr. Prospector Stakes and edged away to score by a length and a quarter to the delight of the New Jersey faithful.

Having successfully defended his title in the GIII True North Stakes at Saratoga on June 6, Book'em Danno returned to trainer Derek Ryan's base at the Jersey Shore, not to prepare for seventh trip to upstate New York for a repeat bid in the GII A.G. Vanderbilt Stakes, but rather for the Mr. Prospector, whose purse was to be doubled should a Grade I winner start in the six-furlong contest.

Not only would it make for a much softer stepping-stone to next month's GI Forego Stakes--a race he also won during his championship season in 2025--but it afforded the local fans a rare afternoon opportunity to see one of their equine heroes under race conditions. And 'Danno' did not disappoint on 'Book'em Danno Day.'

Off at 10 cents on the dollar with the scratching of G2 Godolphin Mile hero **Banishing** (Ghostzapper), Book'em Danno won the break for just the third time in his 19-start career, but he found himself in some traffic one off the inside through an opening quarter-mile in :22.42 and MSW & MGSP **Quint's Brew** (**Mosler**) and Forest Boyce pushed through at the rail to take up the running.

When 50-1 **Doroteo** (Bolt d'Oro) made a three-wide move leaving the three-eighths peg, Paco Lopez asked Book'em Danno for a burst of speed and the duo edged past Quint's Brew to the approval of the crowd. **Cont.**



Sarah Andrew

Maryland-bred Quint's Brew, at 6-1 the only one of the five other rivals given any sort of chance to dethrone the champ, was not willing to go down without a fight, but Book'em Danno had his measure and edged clear to run his local record to a perfect four-from-four.

The final time for the six furlongs on a fast track was a crisp 1:09.37.

"We got what we wanted (out of this race)," said winning trainer Derek Ryan. "You saw the crowd that was here. All the owners are local and everyone got to see him and it keeps them all happy."

Made that much easier by an ownership group that has steadfastly deferred critical decision making, Ryan has done a masterful job of managing Book'em Danno over the course of his three-plus years at the races. From resisting the urge to board the Triple Crown trail at three, to taking a pass at overseas riches on two occasions and most notably skipping last year's GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, Ryan has not put a false foot forward and championship weekend is very much in the cards this year.

"It's kind of weird that everything has gone to plan for the last two years," Ryan said. "You hate to say it but it's perfect timing. It worked out the way I wanted it to. Hopefully, we've got one more before the Breeders' Cup (the seven-furlong Forego at Saratoga on Aug. 29).

"I know he loves Saratoga and I know he loves the distance so that's the plan. It would be stupid to try something new at this stage."



Derek Ryan (grey suit) helps hose down Danno | Sarah Andrew

And Lopez had this ominous assessment of Book'em Danno.

"I think he's a better horse this year than he was last year," said the veteran reinsman, who gets a leg up on GI Preakness Stakes winner Napoleon Solo (**Liam's Map**) in Saturday's GI Haskell Stakes. "He's more mature, he has put on some weight and he has a lot of confidence. He had to come from behind in a few races last year. Now he's a different horse. He always breaks on top or near the lead."

Breeder Greg Kilka purchased the unraced Adorabella for \$14,000 in foal to Fast Anna at the 2020 Keeneland January Sale, and that foal, Girl Trouble, did her part in improving the page with a pair of juvenile stakes scores in 2022. When factoring in Book'em Danno's emergence in late 2023, the family became even more valuable, as the mare's then-yearling colt by Classic Empire was sold to LC Racing for \$135,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling Sale. That produce, a now 3-year-old gelding named Coach Bennett, was a maiden winner at Parx May 25.

LC Racing added Adorabella to the fold when paying \$550,000 for the mare in foal to Medaglia d'Oro after she was supplemented to the Fasig-Tipton November Sale in 2023, but the mare subsequently aborted that foal. She was bred back to the Darley superstar, foaling a colt last April and she produced a colt by Forte this term.

The stakes-placed second dam was responsible for synthetic stakes winner Alydiva (**Quality Road**) and she is a daughter of Esprit d'Escalier, the dam of GSW & MGISP Gastronomical (Sunshine Forever). Alydorable was purchased by Thomas & Mitchell Bloodstock for \$5,000 at the 2023 Keeneland November Sale and that mare is the dam of a colt by **Bucchero** foaled at Ironhorse Stallions on May 11.



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MR. PROSPECTOR S., \$221,000, Monmouth, 7-17, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.37, ft.

1--**BOOK'EM DANNO**, 124, g, 5, **Bucchero**--**Adorabella**, by **Ghostzapper**. (\$475,000 RNA 3yo '24 KEECHA). O-Atlantic Six Racing LLC; B-Gregory J Kilka & Bright View Farm (NJ); T-Derek S Ryan; J-Paco Lopez. \$135,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. Sprinter & MGISW-US, GSP-KSA, 19-12-4-1, \$2,270,425. *1/2 to Girl Trouble (Fast Anna), MSW, \$288,540.

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2--**Quint's Brew**, 124, g, 5, **Mosler**--Gansett, by Jump Start. O-Paul Berube, Karen Linnell & Heather B Hunter; B-Paul W Berube, Karen Linnell & Spinnaker Hill Farm (MD); T-Edward T Allard. \$40,000.

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3--**Boardwalk Jack**, 118, g, 4, Sea Wizard--Ebony Ball, by Park Avenue Ball. **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Jersey Pride Racing LLC & Boardwalk Racing; B-Colonial Farms (NJ); T-Eddie Owens Jr \$28,000.

ANOTHER TRAVIS DURR GRADUATE

Margins: 1 1/4, 4 1/4, NK. Odds: 0.10, 6.00, 20.20.

Also Ran: Doroteo, Silver Slugger, Full Moon Madness.

Scratched: Banishing, Durante, Go Irish. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

SATURDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS: \$1.8M FASIG-TIPTON BUY POWERLINE MAKES AWAITED DEBUT AT THE SPA

by Christina Bossinakis

1st-SAR, \$115K, Msw, 2yo, 6f, 12:35p.m.

Serving as a tasty appetizer for an enticing card, the first race of the day features the debut of **POWERLINE (Flightline)**, a \$1.8 million Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale Select purchase. Campaigned by West Point Thoroughbreds, John Oxley and Summer Wind, who co-bred the colt with Sarah Farish, the son of SW and GSP Park Avenue (**Quality Road**) gets his start for Steve Asmussen. Ricardo Santana Jr. gets the call.

Also making his debut, Front Page Equestrian Anthony Tate and Joe Pickerell's **Let Em Know (Jackie's Warrior)** is out of GSW America's Tale (Gio Ponti). Trained by Whit Beckman, the colt was purchased for \$600,000 at the OBS March Sale.

Certain to draw support at the windows, second-time starter **Greenwell (Flightline)** tries to improve off a second-place effort behind ultimate 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' Balloteer (**Early Voting**) in a five-furlong test at Churchill Downs on June 12. Trained by Mark Casse, the Greenwell Thoroughbreds' campaigned colt was a \$500,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase. **TJCIS PPs**



Powerline at the Saratoga Sale last summer | Fasig-Tipton

7th-SAR, \$115K, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f, 3:54p.m.

Spendthrift Farm's **EFFUSIVE (Into Mischief)** is another youngster certain to draw a crowd given the racetrack accomplishments of her dam--Monomoy Girl (Tapizar). An earner of over \$4.7 million on the racetrack, the two-time champion is already responsible for second-out winner and graded placed Provenance, also by Into Mischief. Trained by Brad Cox, who also conditioned Monomoy Girl, the bay filly will be ridden by Manny Franco.

MyRacehorse's **Elevated (Flightline)** kicks off for Bill Mott. Fresh off a bullet four-furlong work in :48 flat work over Saratoga's Oklahoma track on July 9, the daughter of GISP Slam Dunk (Into Mischief) brought \$600,000 at last year's fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale. Bred by Don Alberto Corp., the Kentucky-bred will be ridden by Junior Alvarado.

Alex and JoAnn Lieblong unveil **Key Colony Beach (Omaha Beach)**, trained by David Fawkes. Secured for \$650,000 at OBS April, the New York-bred chestnut will be accompanied by Mario Gutierrez. **TJCIS Pps**

9th-SAR, \$115K, Msw, 3yo/up, 7f, 5:04p.m.

Chester Broman Sr.'s **IZE A RUNNER (Gun Runner)** gets going for trainer Chad Brown. Out of Grade I winner Harmonize (Scat Daddy), the 3-year-old half-brother to MGSW and MGISP Integration (**Quality Road**) was a \$1.15 million Keeneland September yearling purchase. **Cont.**



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Getting another chance following a fifth in his career debut going six panels at the Spa last August, **Stimulate (Tapit)** makes his first start back for Bill Mott. The Claiborne and Adele Dilschneider homebred out of MGSW and MGISP Elate (Medaglia d'Oro) gets Lasix for his sophomore unveiling.

A pair of colts by Into Mischief also return off first-out defeats—Spendthrift's **Gadget Play** and Wathnan Racing's **Noble Edition**. The former was third at Churchill on May 31 while the latter finished fourth in a Spa maiden on June 5. **TJCIS Pps**

9th-WO, \$115K, Msw, 3yo/up, f, 6.5f, 5:23p.m.

Cheyenne Stables and WHS Stables **CHANELFORHER (Curlin)** debuts for trainer Mark Casse. Bred by Don Alberto Corp., the Kentucky-bred filly is out of GISW Angela Renee (Bernardini), who was purchased for \$3 million at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale in 2015. Herself a \$700,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase, 3-year-old Chanelforher will be ridden by Rafael Hernandez. **TJCIS PPs**

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Air quality in Saratoga remains under vigilant watch as fires rage north of the border in Canada. Racing was cancelled at Woodbine, Delaware Park, and Colonial Downs Friday out of concern for deteriorating air quality in the area. | *Susie Raisher*

SUMMER BREEZES:

Pricy Omaha Beach Filly Debuts For the Lieblongs



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 Saturday at Saratoga, Ellis and Del Mar. Information gathered by Alan Carasso.

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Saratoga 1, \$115k, 2yo, 6f, 12:35 p.m. ET

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price (\$)	Breeze
Let Em Know (Jackie's Warrior)	OBSMAR	600,000	:21 1/5
C-Pick View LLC, agent; B-Gracie/Legion, agent			

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

Cyber Gal (Cyberknife)	OBSMAR	170,000	:10 2/5
C-Hoppel LLC, agt; B-Terminus Racing, Oracle Bloodstock, agt			

Saratoga 7, \$115k, 2yo, f, 6f, 3:54 p.m. ET

Key Colony Beach (Omaha Beach)	OBSAPR	650,000	:10
C-Harris Training Center, agent; B-Alex & JoAnn Lieblong			

Del Mar 4, \$100k, 2yo, f, 5f, 6:38 p.m. ET

Dash (Cyberknife)	OBSMAR	150,000	:20 4/5
C-Tom McCrocklin, agent; B-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners			
Mystic Empress (Mystic Guide)	OBSMAR	70,000	:10 1/5
C-Twelve Toes LLC; B-Steven Rothblum, agent			
Princess Jet (Core Beliefs)	OBSAPR	65,000	:10
C-Woodside Ranch, agent; B-Jet Horse LLC			

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

DE LA ROSE S., \$150,000, Saratoga, 7-17, (C), 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.36, fm.

1--**AND ONE MORE TIME**, 124, f, 4, **Omaha Beach--**

Complicated, by Blame. (\$750,000 Ylg '23 FTSAUG). O-Live Oak Plantation; B-William B Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo (KY); T-Mark E Casse; J-John R Velazquez. \$82,500. Lifetime Record: GISW-Can, 10-5-1-0, \$529,672. *1/2 to Honor D Lady (Honor Code), MGSW-USA, MGSP-Can, \$745,942; Churchtown (Air Force Blue), SW-USA, SP-Can, \$375,989; and Simply in Front (Summer Front), GISW-USA, GISP-Can, \$2,868,611.

2--**Hang the Moon**, 120, m, 6, Uncle Mo--Moondance, by Malibu Moon. (\$200,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$625,000 5yo '25 KEENOV). O-Twin Oaks Bloodstock; B-Repole Stable Inc (KY); T-Saffie A Joseph Jr. \$30,000.

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3--**Sandtrap (Ire)**, 120, f, 4, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Zindaya, by More Than Ready. (450,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT). O-Bridlewood Farm; B-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock (IRE); T-Chad C Brown. \$18,000. Margins: 1 1/4, NO, HF. Odds: 2.54, 9.12, 2.59.

Also Ran: Awesome Czech, Table Flirt, Deep Satin, Proctor Street, Being Betty. Scratched: Bernietakescharge, Going Steady, Long Ago (GB), Salty Seniorita, Scalable, With the Angels.

Given a letter-perfect steer from the front by Hall of Famer John Velazquez, Live Oak Plantation's And One More Time blasted away from the gates and led from flagfall to finish to take out Friday's De La Rose Stakes at the Spa.



And One More Time (red cap, fence) | Luca Allevato



And One More Time | Luca Allevato

Off like a shot from the two hole, the 2024 GI Natalma Stakes victress had some pressure to her outside in the form of the well-backed Deep Satin (**American Pharoah**) through sectional times of :24.32 and :48.13. Forced to up the tempo for the run into the final quarter mile, And One More Time continued to find on the engine and proved comfortably best as Hang the Moon won a narrow photo for second over Sandtrap. The inquiry sign was posted, but no action was taken.

A fading seventh in the GII Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf on her 4-year-old debut Jan. 24, And One More Time was beaten a length into fifth after making the running in the GII Hillsborough Stakes at Tampa Mar. 7. The pillar-to-post winner of the Apr. 17 Plenty of Grace Stakes at Aqueduct, she was exiting a wide-trip fifth to stablemate and GI Fourstardave Stakes-bound Classic Q (Classic Empire) in the GI Just A Game Stakes over this track and trip on June 6.

"She had a tough trip last time, it wasn't her fault," said winning trainer Mark Casse. "She was wide on both turns. I felt like looking at the horses that had beat her before, she could beat them [today]. I told my wife [Tina] and I told Johnny [Velazquez], 'I think we win this thing.'"

And One More Time is one of four full black-type winners from her dam, three of which are also by sons of the newly pensioned **War Front**. The \$750,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga grad shares the SW & GSP second dam Consequence (El Prado {Ire}) with Final Accord (War of Will), victorious in last year's GIII Matron Stakes. The filly's third dam is dual Grade I winner Educated Risk (Mr. Prospector), a half-sister to champion Inside Information.

Complicated's daughter Aporia (**War Front**) was a maiden winner at Presque Isle Downs on June 2 and the current 2-year-old out of the mare, \$475,000 KEESEP grad Roosevelt (**Golden Pal**), worked a half-mile as recently as July 15 at Churchill Downs. She was most recently bred to **Not This Time**. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

JIM MORGAN MEMORIAL TAH DAH S., \$75,000, Belterra, 7-17, (S), 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.13, ft.

1--**MOTOWNSNOJOKE**, 117, f, 2, by **Practical Joke**

1st Dam: Empress of War, by Declaration of War

2nd Dam: Make Time, by Empire Maker

3rd Dam: Time Reveals All, by Pulpit

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Charlie J Williams, LLC; B-Susan King (OH); T-Justin Radosevich; J-David J Haldar. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$51,780.

2--**Panda Listen**, 118, f, 2, **Tiz the Law**--Lightning Lucy, by Giant's Causeway. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (\$52,000 Wlg '24 KEENOV; \$90,000 RNA Ylg '25 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '26 OBSAPR). O-Emcee Stable LLC; B-Smokin C LLC (OH); T-Brendan P Walsh. \$15,000.

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3--**Maddy's Fury**, 119, f, 2, Yoshida (Jpn)--Orientate to Luv, by Orientate. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC, America's Thoroughbred Investors, Shane Hamm & Forward and Left Stables LLC; B-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & WinStar Farm LLC (OH); T-Timothy E Hamm. \$7,500.

FARM to STABLE

Margins: 2, 4 1/4, 1. Odds: 4.80, 0.90, 13.50.

Also Ran: Box Office Hit, Chestnut Queen, Major Rager, Ohio Girl. Scratched: Bea Bold, Chicabee, Ice Bee.

Motownsnjoke came to win her June 16 debut at Thistledown at the furlong grounds before settling for second and was stepping up to stakes company in attempt to get her maiden broken in style.

The third choice in the wagering left there without incident and settled behind the leading group as the debuting odds-on favorite Panda Listen pressed the pace outside longshot Chestnut Queen (Yoshida {Jpn}).

Warming to the task outside the chalk passing the quarter pole, Motownsnjoke stuck her head in front a furlong from home and edged away to prevail in a time 0.12 faster than the juvenile males clocked in the Hoover Stakes two races prior.

A 58th worldwide stakes winner for **Practical Joke**, Motownsnjoke is out of a half-sister to MSW Violent Times (**Violence**), whose 3-year-old daughter Forced Entry (**Charlatan**) won the GIII Santa Ysabel Stakes earlier this season. Empress of War produced an **Upstart** filly this term and was bred back to **Prince of Monaco**. Click for the **Equibase.com** chart or **VIDEO**, sponsored by **FanDuel TV**.



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HOOVER S., \$75,000, Belterra, 7-17, (S), 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.25, ft.

1--**BOOK VALUE**, 119, g, 2, by **Mandaloun**

1st Dam: Wall Street Lady, by Speightstown

2nd Dam: Epistle, by Deputy Minister

3rd Dam: Chosen Lady, by Secretariat

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Marion F. Gorham Revocable Trust; B/T-Robert Gorham (OH); J-Erik Barbaran. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$65,340. *1/2 to Livingmybestlife (The Big Beast), MSW & GISP, \$245,970.

2--**Battle Ready**, 118, g, 2, **Army Mule**--Drillit, by Drill.

1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Robert M Gorham & Mast thoroughbreds LLC (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham. \$15,000.

3--**Skedazzle**, 119, g, 2, Mobil--Razzledazzle Me, by Warrior's Reward. (\$9,500 Ylg '25 OTBOMX). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Marion F. Gorham Revocable Trust; B-Phantom Farms LLC (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham. \$7,500.

Margins: 5HF, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 0.50, 2.30, 19.40.

Also Ran: Sharon's Wish, Just a Dot, It's All Mischief, Majestuoso. Scratched: The Ace Project.

Becoming his sire's first black-type winner, and keeping his record perfect in the process, Book Value strode home confidently to win the Hoover Stakes at Belterra Park.

Coming into this contest, the 1-2 betting favorite was last seen June 16 at Thistledown where he dominated fellow Ohio-breds by 3 3/4 lengths to break his maiden at first asking. The public preferred his victory over Battle Ready to his outside--also coming in off a dominating victory against state-bred maidens at Thistledown--and they went off as the top pair in the wagering.

Breaking well with good early foot, Book Value sped out to the front to post an uncontested lead through :22.54 and four furlongs in :46.92 coming off the bend. **Cont.**

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Under steady handling, he extended his advantage over Skedazzle as that one tried valiantly to cut into the margin. The winner reported in by 5 1/2 lengths as Battle Ready overtook Skedazzle in the lane to claim second.

The victor is a half-brother to multiple stakes winner and GI La Brea Stakes-placed Livingmybestlife, whose first to the races is a juvenile Uncle Mo colt named Unreined. Book Value is the second stakes horse for Wall Street Lady, and the first for freshman sire **Mandaloun**. He has a yearling half-sister by Yaupon in the wings. This is the female line of third dam Chosen Lady, who produced the branch that yielded Wall Street Lady and another that claims GISW Well Chosen (Deputy Minister), herself mother of MGISW Telling (A.P. Indy). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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VIVACIOUS S., \$75,000, Belterra, 7-17, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.26, fm.

1--**AWESOMESAUCE**, 121, f, 4, **Union Rags--Communique (MGSW & MGISP, \$594,841)**, by Smart Strike. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (\$90,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP). O/B-Joseph M Engelhart (OH); T-Joe Sharp; J-Gabriel Saez. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$131,822. *1/2 to Woodfield Springs (Raven's Pass), GSP, \$137,713; and Media Blitz (Medaglia d'Oro), MGSP, \$247,380.



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2--**Lionistic**, 125, m, 7, Animal Kingdom--Race Lady, by Bernardini. O-Annechino Racing, LLC; B-Raimonde Farms Ltd (OH); T-Jeffrey A Radosevich. \$15,000.

3--**La Artista**, 119, f, 4, Klimt--Eye'll Be Fine, by Montbrook. O/B-Thorobeam Farm (OH); T-S Matthew Kintz. \$7,500.

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Margins: 2HF, 1 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.60, 16.50, 5.70.

Also Ran: Derby Day Kiss, Here's the Spider, Josefina, Electric Melody, Goosebumps, Lo Bug, Carmel Rose, R U Enticed.

Awesomesauce made the most of this first appearance in Ohio-bred competition to easily register the first stakes victory of her career in the Vivacious Stakes.

Void of any sort of early speed, the long odds-on choice was content to drop out to the tail and was quietly ridden from there by Gabriel Saez. Asked to loop rivals rounding the second turn, Awesomesauce was spun out four or five wide for the drive, but went through her gears in the final eighth of a mile to score as much the best.

A popular two-time winner over the winter at the Fair Grounds, Awesomesauce was unplaced in a nine-furlong Keeneland allowance Apr. 24 and going a mile and a half at Churchill May 23, but appreciated the class relief here to get back to her winning ways.

The 40th stakes winner for her Lane's End-based sire, Awesomesauce is also a half-sister to Carta de Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), the dam of 2023 Sovereign Award-winning juvenile filly Witwatersrand (Connect). The winner hails from the deeper family of G1 Irish Champion Stakes winner and two-time G2 Prince of Wales's Stakes hero Muhtarram (Alleged). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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6th-Saratoga, \$125,000, Alw (NW2\$X), Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 7-17, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:14.05, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

RIGHT TO VOTE (g, 5, Vino Rosso--Forbidden Frolic, by Verrazano) broke his maiden in the first of two starts at three at this venue in 2024 and was sidelined off a fourth to Deterministic (**Liam's Map**) in that year's Gill Hill Prince Stakes. Second off an 18-month absence in Aqueduct allowance company May 9, the \$200,000 Keeneland September yearling proved a half-length too good in a course-and-distance contest on June 4.

Making the most of his low draw in two, the 5-2 choice fell in to the box seat and enjoyed the run of the race from third as Gilden Craken (McCraken) had things his own way on the engine. Scraping paint throughout, Right to Vote got the hurry-up from Manny Franco approaching the entrance to the lane, took over from Gilded Craken a furlong out and kept on to score convincingly. Arkhipov (**Munnings**), who defeated Right to Vote in his return to action two months back, completed the Chad Brown exacta.

Right to Vote is one of two winners from as many to race out of a half-sister to GSW & GISP Mokot (Uncle Mo) and to GSW Frolic's Dream (Smoke Glacken), the dam of MSW Bode's Dream (Bodemeister) and GISP Madaket Road (**Quality Road**), who was sold for \$300,000 at the Fasig-Tipton July Horses of Racing Age Sale earlier this week. The winner has a juvenile half-brother named Tullokyne (Bolt d'Oro), a yearling half-brother by Taiba and a foal half-sister by Dornoch. Forbidden Frolic was since bred to **Raging Torrent**. Sales history: \$200,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$230,780. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Klaravich Stables Inc; B-Tim Thornton & Tony Holmes (KY); T-Chad C Brown.

7th-Ellis, \$102,000, Alw, 7-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.72, ft, head.

SPELLMAKER (c, 4, Gun Runner--Teardrop {SP}, by Tapit) has worked his way up from Fairmount, debuting last August against allowance company before trying the St. Louis Derby--running third and fifth, respectively. He closed his 2025 with a runner-up effort Oct. 22 at Keeneland, finishing behind a long-gone leader but ahead of MGSW Nu What's New (**Munnings**) and two other



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next-out winners. He became one himself June 4 when he finally graduated from the condition against Maiden \$100,000 claimers at Churchill Downs.

Given 7-2 odds here, Spellmaker was hooked into a speed duel right from the jump with Map to the Stars (**Liam's Map**). They refused to give each other peace through :22.64 and a half-mile in :45.26, and were locked in battle down to the wire with Spellmaker narrowly winning the photo by a head.

The victor is a full-brother to Echo Again, MSP, \$501,757 and Costa Terra, SP, \$422,008 as well as being a half to Pneumatic (Uncle Mo), SW & GSP, \$275,390. The dam's most recent of racing age is a full-sister to Spellmaker named Huntress, and they have to other full-siblings in the wings--a yearling filly and a 2026 colt. Sales history: \$95,000 3yo '25 FTDMA. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$130,264. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** O-Osmel Nunez; B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Heather Irion.

8th-Ellis, \$102,000, Alw, 7-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:01.66, fm, head.

ROYAL GUARD (c, 3, Essential Quality--Cobb Hill {Fr}, by Arch) made two starts his juvenile year, but found no luck against salty Saratoga maiden company on a sloppy main track and over the lawn. Gone since late August of that year until May 1 when he resurfaced at Churchill Downs in a mile turf maiden. He closed from the back of a big field to claim third behind a winner, who outkicked him in the lane, and a next-out scorer. It was fourth time lucky for Royal Guard, as he graduated last out June 17 in a 1 1/2-mile maiden turf contest, and returned here at slightly shorter as the 5-2 second choice.

Breaking well to stalk from just off the lead flight, he was asked to improve his position after a mile in 1:37.96 and was in the lead as they turned for home. **Cont.**



Charlatan | Louise Reinagel

Battling back gamely as Telescopic (**American Pharoah**) came calling late to make things interesting, Royal Guard just held off the late charge to win the photo by a head. The victor hails from the female line of an accomplished third dam, multiple Group 1 winner Shadayid (Shadeed). He is the first winner for Cobb Hill (Fr) and her first to the races. Her youngest offspring are a yearling **Gun Runner** filly and a 2026 **McKinzie** filly. She was bred to **Patch Adams** for 2027. Sales history: \$160,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, \$158,810. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-FMQ Stables, Inc.; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.



2nd-Del Mar, \$81,500, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 7-17, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.31, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

VICTORIOUS DREAM (IRE) (f, 3, Ghaiyyath {Ire}--Perfect Dream {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) broke her maiden last out May 10 at Santa Anita after collecting black-type via a third-place effort Apr. 5 in the Providencia Stakes a race prior. Given 3-1 odds for this jump, Victorious Dream watched the action from third as 3-2 favorite Red Cherry (Rock Your World) set the tempo up front. Improving her position to draft off that leader around the far bend, she challenged in the lane and took command midstretch. Victorious Dream pulled away to win by 2 1/4 lengths. The victress is the first to the races for Perfect Dream, whose youngest is a juvenile Nando Parrado (GB) colt. Sales history: €26,000 RNA Ylg '24 GOFEB. Lifetime Record: SP, 8-2-2-2, \$131,486. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Sabby Racing, LLC and House, Michael; B-Mr Paul Croke (IRE); T-Michael W. McCarthy.

7th-Evangeline Downs, \$42,120, Alw (C), Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 7-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.19, ft, 1/2 length.

LITTLE MISS CURLIN (f, 3, Charlatan--Mylady Curlin {MGSW, \$805,883}, by Curlin) won the first four starts of her career, three in state-bred stakes company, before suffering her first defeat in the Feb. 14 Dixie Belle Stakes at Oaklawn. Back on the beam with an easy Hot Springs allowance tally Apr. 2, the homebred was exiting a third in the GIII Miss Preakness Stakes at Laurel on May 15.

The 2-5 favorite lacked the speed to lead, but secured a foothold at the fence on the back of the pacesetting Beleout (Flat Out), the only other member of the septet in single digits at 27-10. Pulled off the rail to launch her bid in upper stretch, Little Miss **Curlin** needed every bit of the final furlong and a half, but gradually wore down Beleout for a cozy victory.

Coteau Grove Farms purchased this two-time graded-winning dam for \$550,000 carrying My Miss **Curlin** at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton November Sale and the mare's current 2-year-old, the colt Hes Steelin Mylady (**Life Is Good**, \$200,000 Ylg KEESEP), was a smart debut winner at Horseshoe Indianapolis on May 26. Mylady **Curlin** is also the dam of a Louisiana-bred yearling filly by **Constitution** and a filly by the Louisiana-based Wit (**Practical Joke**) foaled Mar. 20. Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 8-6-0-1, \$354,402. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Coteau Grove Farms LLC (LA); T-Patrick Devereux Jr.

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1st-Saratoga, \$115,000, Msw, 7-17, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.40, fm, 1/2 length.

SHIRL'S SOUL TOWN (c, 4, Speightstown--Shirl's Soul, by Perfect Soul {Ire}) jumped outwardly to bump with Red Square (American Pharoah)--who also broke through the gate before the race but was cleared to run by the state vet--and was quickly corrected with a strong left-rein hold to caboose the field in the early goings. Saving ground on the bend, he was called on for more mid-turn and was the looming danger from four wide as they swung for home. Drifting out from there but making forward progress on the dueling leaders inside the final sixteenth. Produced in the final jumps by Jose Ortiz, Shirl's Soul Town nailed Blazing Tiger (Twirling Candy) late to win at first-asking by a half-length.

A full-brother to Spikes Shirl, MSP, \$374,504, the first black-type runner for Shirl's Soul, the victor is also a half-brother to Speighty Shirl (Speightstown)--dam of SP Titan Ready (Title Ready). Another half-sibling is UAE Group-placed Shirl's Bee (Bee Jersey). Shirl's Soul Town has an unplaced 3-year-old half-brother named Bee a Shirl (Bee Jersey) as well as a 2025 yearling half-sister by that same stallion. Shirl's Soul, a full-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf victress Perfect Shirl, was bred to Flightline for 2027.



Shirl's Soul Town | Coglianese

In addition to the aforementioned Breeders' Cup champion, who was herself the dam of Canadian champion female turf runner Ready for Shirl (More Than Ready) and GISW Shirl's Speight (Speightstown), the broodmare's half-siblings also include MGSW Shakespeare (Theatrical {Ire}) and his full-sister MGSW Lady Shakespeare. The latter also achieved fame during her breeding years as the mother of three-time Canadian champion Lady Speightspeare (Speightstown), a Grade I winner and third in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf. Shirl's Soul also claims SW & MGSP Fantastic Shirl (Fantastic Light), dam of three black-type runners, as a half-sister. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$63,250. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Linda Rice.

5th-Ellis, \$100,000, Msw, 7-17, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:18.13, ft, 2 lengths.

SAHAUDIN (c, 2, Uncle Mo--Weekend Strike {SP}, by Smart Strike) turned in a bullet half-mile work in :46 2/5 (1/101) over the Churchill main track June 29 and was made the 1-2 favorite for these high-profile connections. Off a bit awkwardly from the outside gate in a field of nine that featured seven first-timers, the dark bay raced well out into the track and out of harm's way down the backstretch and into the turn. He appeared to be making very hard work of it passing the quarter pole, but Florent Geroux was ultimately able to motivate him and the pair pulled two lengths clear of the rallying 4-1 second favorite Jokester (Practical Joke).

A half-brother to Sizzling (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW-Ire, \$157,252, dam of the Italian listed-placed Ipanema Beach (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}), Salahudin is one of eight winners to race out of Weekend Strike. **Cont.**



Trainer Bob Baffert personally attended Salahudin's debut at Ellis Park Friday | Coady Media



Salahudin | Coady Media

The broodmare is a half-sister to MGISW Court Vision (Gulch) and SW & GISP Lord Snowdon (Seeking the Gold) as a daughter of Weekend Storm (Storm Bird), herself a full-sister to MGISW Summer Squall. Third dam Weekend Surprise (Secretariat) was also responsible for the great A. P. Indy. Salahudin is the last-listed produce for his dam. Sales history: \$190,000 RNA Ylg '25 KEESEP; \$325,000 Ylg '25 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$59,512. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O-Zedan Racing Stables Inc; B-Newstead Corp (KY); T-Bob Baffert.

4th-Saratoga, \$90,000, Msw, 7-17, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:07.07, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

LEXI'S CHARM (f, 2, Lexingtonian--Stormy Allure, by Stormy Atlantic) was made the 7-2 second choice in this competitive field and got the job done at first asking for trainer Mark Casse. Watching the action unfold from midpack behind an opening quarter in :22.51, she advanced on the turn from four wide and was as far as six off the rail spinning for home with the leaders in her sights. Rallying to overtake Atlas a Eye (**Highly Motivated**)

inside the final furlong, she was kept to business down to the wire to win by 1 3/4 lengths.

The victress is a half-sister to Stormy Embrace (Circular Quay), MGSW, \$719,543, who changed hands to Japan's Lake Villa Farm for \$600,000 at the 2021 KEENOV sale and has since become the mother of three winners in her adoptive country. Lexi's Charm is the latest to the races for Stormy Allure. The dam's offspring have proven popular with international connections with two others being sold to Asia-based ownerships--Geuma Mystic (New Year's Day) to Korea and Rum Runner Ready (**Gun Runner**) to Japan for a breeding career. Sales history: \$15,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Bill and Liz Poston Racing Inc. and Smith, Brad; B-Nicholas M. Lotz (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

3rd-Monmouth, \$42,040, Msw, 7-17, 2yo, 5f, :59.11, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

RAKU (c, 2, Kantharos--Retort, by Liam's Map) broke from the rail and was immediately hooked into a duel with Even Up (Sea Wizard) as they rolled through a :22.85 opening quarter. Taking over turning for home, he was green in the lane, but was kept to his business at the sixteenth pole while extending his winning margin to 3 1/2 lengths. Six Stitches (Caracaro) closed home with good energy to run second. The victor is the second winner to the races for Retort behind Snappy (Yaupon), the dam's first of racing age. The pair has two younger brothers--a yearling by **Army Mule** and a 2026 **Domestic Product** foal. Retort is a half-sister to Canadian champion MSW & MGSP Munnyfor Ro (**Munnings**). Sales history: \$70,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP; \$150,000 2yo '26 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,600. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Conover Stable; B-Columbiana Farm LLC (KY); T-Kelly J. Breen.

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6th-Monmouth, \$40,175, Msw, 7-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.50, fm, 8 1/4 lengths.

THAT'S HOW WE LOVE (f, 3, **Justify--Ashlee's Lady, by Gilded Time)** was given a chilly 9-1 reception on this unveiling, but ran like she was the heavy favorite to win at first-asking. Bumped at the start to find herself outfooted for the front, she set up shop in third, but was a touch hard to handle in the early stages. No one was in any hurry as the positions didn't change much until they closed ranks on the final bend, where That's How We Love began her march to the front. Three wide and the looming danger, she overhauled the leaders at the top of the stretch and steadily drew away from the field, winning by a sterling 8 1/4 lengths over 2-1 favorite Academia (Into Mischief).

The victress hails from a busy family as the half-sister to Yara (Put It Back), GSW, \$398,390 and Gotta Get Paid (Pomeroy), MSP, \$155,861. The former is also the dam and granddam of stakes horses--namely her daughter MSW & MGSP Moon Swag (Malibu Moon) and grandson SP Miranda Rights (**Constitution**)



That's How We Love | Sarah Andrew

via a half-sister to Moon Swag.

Another half to Yara and That's How We Love is Petunia Face (Congrats), the dam of Puerto Rican champion Derek Adrian (In Summation), GSW & GISP Jalen Journey (With Distinction), and SP Unraptured (Uncaptured). All three of those colts won at least 10 times in their careers.

That's How We Love is Ashlee's Lady's eighth winner to the races and the most recent of racing age. The broodmare, a half to GISW Healthy Addiction (Boston Harbor), also has a yearling filly by **Mystic Guide** in the wings. The aforementioned half-sister to the dam is herself the mother of GISW My Sweet Addiction (Tiznow). Sales history: \$180,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com](#) chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Lindy Farms; B-Jean E White & **Justify** Syndicate (FL); T-Philip Antonacci.

PREFERRED EQUINE yearling selection



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1st-Monmouth, \$36,350, Msw, 7-17, 2yo, f, 5fT, :58.32, fm, 3 1/2 lengths.

LEGACY LADY (f, 2, **Highly Motivated--Queen of Lies, by Buratino {Ire})** took some nibbles to be less than 6-1 for her state-bred debut over the Aqueduct main track June 18, but dropped away to finish a mid-pack fifth after showing some early speed. Crunched into 3-10 facing much easier, the bay filly hit the ground running from the outside gate, opened a big lead and easily held to the wire despite shortening stride once the race was in safe keeping. Produced by a half-sister to MGSP Agency (Bolt d'Oro), Legacy Lady--the fifth winner for her freshman sire (by Into Mischief)--has a yearling half-brother by **Jack Christopher**. Queen of Lies was bought back on a bid of \$19,000 during the Fasig-Tipton Digital October Sale and foaled a **Drain the Clock** colt May 19. Sales history: \$30,000 Wlg '24 FTNMIX; \$18,000 Ylg '25 SARAUG; \$135,000 2yo '26 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$25,900. **Click for the [Equibase.com](#) chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Lea Farms LLC; B-Stepanie Baltzan (NY); T-Jorge Delgado.

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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this Sunday running at Hakodate Racecourse:



Twirling Candy is the sire of six winners from seven Japanese starters
Lane's End photo

Sunday, July 19, 2026

11th-HAK, Hakodate Nisai S.-G3, ¥65m (\$400k), 2yo, 1200mT
SHIGURE (f, 2, Twirling Candy--Ferdinanda, by Giant's Causeway) was all the rage as the 3-10 favorite on debut over this course and distance June 28 and she needed only to be steered in the right direction by the legendary Yutaka Take, scoring by a half-dozen lengths while never asked a serious question.

The Virginia-bred, a \$150,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase, is out of a stakes-winning half-sister to Out For a Spin (**Hard Spun**), who returned 52-1 in upsetting the 2019 GI Central Bank Ashland Stakes, and to SW Sweet Victory (**Blame**). The extended female family includes GISW Bandini (Fusaichi Pegasus) and Stormy Atlantic (Storm Cat). Take has the call again for trainer Hidenori Take. *O-KSHD; B-Ann Mudge Backer/Smitten Farm (VA); T-Hidenori Take*

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IN RUSSIA:

Lyukhaif, c, 2, Upstart--Honey Muffin, by Candy Ride (Arg).
Grozny, 7-17, Grand Prix (Rus-G1, NBT), 1600m. B-Magic Cap Stables LLC & Indian Creek (KY). *\$155,000 Wlg '24 KEENOV; \$160,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP. **Won by about eight lengths.



Siradin, c, 3, Knicks Go--Picton, by Liam's Map. Grozny, 7-17, Grozny Derby (Rus-G1, NBT), 2400m. B-Farm d'Allie Racing Stable (KY). *\$40,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. **Now four wins from five starts.



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, JULY 18

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Corniche (Quality Road), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000
109 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Del Mar, 6:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Holmby, 7-2
\$28,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$55,000 FTK JUL yrl
1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Peace Mission, 7-2
\$115,000 KEE NOV wnl

Cyberknife (Gun Runner), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
167 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Cyber Gal, 10-1
\$100,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$100,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$72,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$170,000 OBS MAR 2yo
4-Del Mar, 6:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Dash, 15-1
\$120,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$150,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Flightline (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$125,000
124 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Saratoga, 3:54 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Elevated, 5-1
\$600,000 FTS AUG yrl
1-Saratoga, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Greenwell, 2-1
\$500,000 KEE SEP yrl
1-Saratoga, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Powerline, 8-5
\$1,800,000 FTS AUG yrl



Jack Christopher | Sarah Andrew

Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
204 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Marigold Run, 10-1
\$80,000 KEE SEP yrl

Jack Christopher (Munnings), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000
187 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Silverwing, 12-1
\$95,000 KEE SEP yrl

Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
136 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
7-Saratoga, 3:54 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Business Math, 6-1
1-Saratoga, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Let Em Know, 15-1
\$150,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$600,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Life Is Good (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$60,000
133 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Del Mar, 6:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Buena Vida, 12-1
\$170,000 KEE SEP yrl
1-Saratoga, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, The Good Life, 3-1
7-Saratoga, 3:54 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Mel Went Home, 8-1
\$190,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$200,000 FTS AUG yrl

Magic On Tap (Tapit), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$5,000
47 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, 12:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Sheila Magic, 9-2

Mandaloun (Into Mischief), Juddmonte Farms, \$10,000
100 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Gulfstream, 3:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Casablanca Queen, 7-2
\$60,000 KEE SEP yrl

4-Del Mar, 6:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Janie Not Jeanie, 6-1
\$100,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$290,000 OBS MAR 2yo
5-Woodbine, 3:11 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Mandalena, 15-1
\$18,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Mystic Guide (Ghostzapper), Darley, \$7,500
101 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-Del Mar, 6:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Mystic Empress, 8-1
\$28,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$70,000 OBS MAR 2yo
5-Woodbine, 3:11 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Sunday Finery, 6-1
\$50,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$60,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$90,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Nashville (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$12,500
140 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Del Mar, 6:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Honky Tonk Girl, 8-1
\$65,000 KEE SEP yrl

Roadster (Quality Road), Ocala Stud, \$7,500
85 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Gulfstream, 12:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Rosie's Roadster, 8-1
\$19,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$25,000 OBS APR 2yo
7-Gulfstream, 3:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Shelby Coupe, 9-2
\$12,000 OBS APR 2yo
7-Gulfstream, 3:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Whole Lotta Rosie, 3-1
\$80,000 OBS OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, JULY 18

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Charlatan (Speightstown), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$25,000
321 foals of racing age/42 winners/7 black-type winners
8-Saratoga, 4:29 p.m. EDT, \$225K GIII Coronation Cup S., 5
1/2fT, Cadanza, 8-1
\$385,000 KEE SEP yrl

Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}), Lane's End Farm
63 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Charles Town, 10:32 p.m. EDT, \$75K Robert G. Leavitt S., 7f,
Noble Ruling, 8-1

Combatant (Scat Daddy), Rockridge Stud
44 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
12-Saratoga, 6:49 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Combat Move, 7-2
\$135,000 OBS APR 2yo

Core Beliefs (Quality Road), Walmac Farm, \$5,000
38 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Del Mar, 6:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Princess Jet, 10-1
\$25,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$65,000 OBS APR 2yo



Essential Quality | Sarah Andrew

Essential Quality (Tapit), Darley, \$25,000

218 foals of racing age/45 winners/6 black-type winners
12-Monmouth, 5:45 p.m. EDT, \$1000K GI NYRA Bets Haskell S.,
1 1/8m, The Puma, 7-2
\$95,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$150,000 OBS APR 2yo
7-Gulfstream, 3:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Raheebh, 12-1
9-Century Mile, 10:45 p.m. EDT, \$50K Count Latham S., 1
1/16m, Western Warrior, 3-1

Independence Hall (Constitution), WinStar Farm, \$10,000

196 foals of racing age/45 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Del Mar, 7:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Freedom Sings, 4-1
\$60,000 FTC AYR yrl

Lucky Vega (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud, \$12,500

184 foals of racing age/49 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Del Mar All Turf Pick 3, 9:10 p.m. EDT, \$200K GII San Clemente
H. DMR - R9, 1mT, Cortina d'Ampezzo (Ire), 20-1
€26,000 GOA UYR yrl

Rock Your World (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500

224 foals of racing age/55 winners/3 black-type winners
12-Monmouth, 5:45 p.m. EDT, \$1000K GI NYRA Bets Haskell S.,
1 1/8m, Star Sweeper, 30-1
\$40,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Shogood (Nobiz Like Shobiz), McCrosky Farm, \$3,000

16 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Fairmount, 2:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Sho Dominic, 8-1
1-Fairmount, 2:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Slick Henry, 30-1

Tap Back (Einstein {Brz}), Barton Thoroughbreds, \$2,500
47 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Del Mar, 5:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Her Strut, 12-1
\$29,000 RNA FTC AYR yrl

Yaupon (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$60,000

325 foals of racing age/65 winners/13 black-type winners
8-Saratoga, 4:29 p.m. EDT, \$225K GIII Coronation Cup S., 5
1/2fT, Niche, 2-1
\$275,000 FTS AUG yrl
7-Gulfstream, 3:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Sol Val Fleurie, 8-1
\$60,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$70,000 OBS MAR 2yo

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STAKES RESULTS:

HORIZON S., (NB) \$75,000, Belterra, 7-17, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.41, fm.

1--**STRIKING LADY**, 118, f, 3, by **Air Strike--Muttak Bay**, by **Mutakddim**. O-Lion Palm Racing Stable; B-Craig & Lindy Powell (OH); T-Ricardo Bailey; J-Jason Simpson. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-5, \$171,280.

2--**Dream Boy**, 117, g, 3, Dreamliner--Reigning Gal, by **First Dude**. O-Executive Management LLC; B-Jack Cannon (OH); T-Yoni R. Orantes. \$15,000.

3--**Valiant Strike**, 119, g, 3, Air Strike--Ivory Treasure, by Runaway Groom. O-Leyla Kirk; B-Duncan Farms Thoroughbreds, LLC (OH); T-Robert C. Cline. \$7,500.
Margins: 2HF, 2, 1HF. Odds: 4.10, 5.20, 19.10.

ROUTE 66 S., (NB) \$45,000, Fair Meadows, 7-16, (S), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.43, ft.

1--**RED MOUNTAIN, 126, g, 5, Sky Mesa--Deputy's Whirl, by Deputy Slew.** O-Kevin Alvarez-Reyes; B-Steve Martin (OK); T-Mike Abney; J-Obed Sanchez. \$26,748. Lifetime Record: SW, 31-7-4-4, \$178,365.

2--**Bobwhite Bobby, 126, g, 6, Successful Appeal--Schedule (GB),** by Brian's Time. O-Cuba Libre Stables; B-Dream Walkin Farms Inc (OK); T-Mark W Buehrer. \$8,916.

3--**I Am What I Am, 120, g, 3, Pass the Buck--Goodheartedgirl,** by Ellerton. O/B-Robbin Caldwell (OK); T-Tana Caldwell. \$4,904.

Margins: 3/4, 1 3/4, 1. Odds: 8.20, 8.40, 6.90.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-Saratoga, \$110,000, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 7-17, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:00.94, fm, nose.

BOSTON'S PHINEST (f, 4, Honest Mischief--All in Time, by Curlin) Lifetime Record: MSP, 14-3-3-2, \$321,325. O-Our Sugar Bear Stable LLC & White Owl Stable; B-Sequel Thoroughbreds LLC & Cypress Creek Equine LLC (NY); T-Bruce R Brown. *\$20,000 Ylg '23 KEEJAN; \$25,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$190,000 2yo '24 EASMAY; \$95,000 3yo '25 FTDfeb. **1/2 to Libban (Laoban), SW, \$268,780.



5th-Charles Town, \$35,100, 7-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.58, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

GENUINE GOMO (g, 4, Authentic--Gomo {GISW, \$349,130}, by Uncle Mo) Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-0, \$82,786. O-Gokmen Kaya; B-Bridlewood Farm (FL); T-William E Straughn. *\$300,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$385,000 RNA 2yo '24 OBSMAR; \$350,000 2yo '24 EASMAY; \$20,000 3yo '25 FTKHRA.



4th-Charles Town, \$34,100, (S), 7-16, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.12, ft, 3/4 length.

MUSICAL STANDARD (g, 3, By My Standards--Music Town, by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-2, \$62,991. O-Twin Oaks Bloodstock LLC; B-Susan Helene Wantz (WV); T-Jill Spangler. *\$13,000 RNA Wlg '23 FTIDEc; \$19,000 RNA Ylg '24 EASOcT; \$35,000 2yo '25 EASMAY.

7th-Charles Town, \$34,100, (S), 7-16, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.55, ft, 3 lengths.

NO DIRECTION (f, 4, Redirect--Blondie's Bucks, by Jump Start) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$50,433. O/T-Angelo G Jackson; B-William E Atkins (WV).

3rd-Belterra, \$21,300, (S), 7-17, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.66, ft, 3/4 length.

AKIMBO (g, 5, Danza--Ebby, by Mercer Mill) Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-0, \$47,915. O/B-Fairwinds Farm (OH); T-David Wolochuk.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

5th-Fair Meadows, \$22,000, 7-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42.26, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

ROSIEONTHERIVER (f, 4, Kantharos--Dark Artist {MSW, \$164,761}, by Paynter) Lifetime Record: 22-5-1-7, \$152,244. O-CATTTS Family Racing LLC; B-Timber Town Stable LLC & John D Stuart (KY); T-Jervon Broussard. *\$10,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lost Angeles, c, 2, Jimmy Creed--Lofty, by Suances (GB). Del Mar, 7-17, (C), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:04.71. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. B-Michael McCarthy & Colbart Stables (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Strident Miss, f, 2, Pavel--Sugaratsundown, by Stormin Fever. Del Mar, 7-17, (S), 5f, :59.57. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$48,000. B-Paula Capestro (CA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Restless Mind, f, 3, Star Guitar--Catoria (SP, \$104,450), by Wildcat Heir. Evangeline Downs, 7-16, (S), 1m (off turf), 1:41.10. Lifetime Record: 9-1-0-3, \$47,650. B-Brittlyn Inc (LA).

Unified Command, g, 3, Unified--Smart Crowd, by Crowd Pleaser. Charles Town, 7-16, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:20.88. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$22,604. B-Coleswood Farm Inc (WV). *1/2 to Coastal Mission (Great Notion), GSW, \$1,177,153; and Lewisfield (Great Notion), MSW & MGSP, \$535,264.

Discotheque, g, 4, Connect--New Hope Road, by Quality Road. Saratoga, 7-17, (C), 7f, 1:23.97. Lifetime Record: 17-1-9-0, \$171,869. B-G Watts Humphrey Jr & W S Farish (KY). *\$210,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

Emoji, f, 4, Practical Joke--Sarcastic, by Distorted Humor. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 7-16, 5fT, :56.33. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-1, \$29,445. B-G. Watts Humphrey (KY). *1/2 to Sarcastic Tone (Tonalist), SP, \$163,021; Smart Remark (First Defence), MGSP, \$395,465; and How Irony (Tonalist), MGSP, \$220,167.

Zap d'Etat, g, 4, Tom's d'Etat--Shovalla, by Ghostzapper. Ellis, 7-17, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.05. Lifetime Record: 16-1-1-5, \$132,434. B-T & G Farm of Kentucky, LLC (KY). *\$15,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$7,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

Soy La Madrina, f, 4, Wilburn--Rosemaui (MSW, \$166,898), by Austinpower (Jpn). Fair Meadows, 7-16, (S), 5 1/2f, time: n/a. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$10,080. B-Michael Major (OK).

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TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



Book'em Danno (Bucchero) strolls in Mr. Prospector
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Air Strike, Striking Lady, f, 3, o/o Muttak Bay, by Mutakddim. Horizon S., 7-17, Belterra

Authentic, Genuine Gomo, g, 4, o/o Gomo, by Uncle Mo. ALW, 7-16, Charles Town

Bucchero, Book'em Danno, g, 5, o/o Adorabella, by Ghostzapper. Mr. Prospector S., 7-17, Monmouth

By My Standards, Musical Standard, g, 3, o/o Music Town, by Speightstown. ALW, 7-16, Charles Town

Charlatan, Little Miss **Curlin**, f, 3, o/o Mylady **Curlin**, by **Curlin**. AOC, 7-16, Evangeline

Connect, Discotheque, g, 4, o/o New Hope Road, by **Quality Road**. MCL, 7-17, Saratoga

Danza, Akimbo, g, 5, o/o Ebby, by Mercer Mill. ALW, 7-17, Belterra

Essential Quality, Royal Guard, c, 3, o/o Cobb Hill (Fr), by Arch. ALW, 7-17, Ellis

Ghaiyyath (Ire), Victorious Dream (Ire), f, 3, o/o Perfect Dream (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). AOC, 7-17, Del Mar

Gospel Tiz Key, Gospel Clarity, f, 4, o/o Confused, by Cross Traffic. ALW, 7-16, Fair Meadows

Gun Runner, Spellmaker, c, 4, o/o Teardrop, by **Tapit**. ALW, 7-17, Ellis

Highly Motivated, Legacy Lady, f, 2, o/o Queen of Lies, by Buratino (Ire). MSW, 7-17, Monmouth

Honest Mischief, Boston's Phinest, f, 4, o/o All in Time, by **Curlin**. AOC, 7-17, Saratoga

Jimmy Creed, Lost Angeles, c, 2, o/o Lofty, by Suances (GB). MOC, 7-17, Del Mar

Justify, That's How We Love, f, 3, o/o Ashlee's Lady, by Gilded Time. MSW, 7-17, Monmouth

Kantharos, Raku, c, 2, o/o Retort, by **Liam's Map**. MSW, 7-17, Monmouth

Kantharos, Rosieontheriver, f, 4, o/o Dark Artist, by Paynter.

HCP, 7-16, Fair Meadows

Lexitonian, Lexi's Charm, f, 2, o/o Stormy Allure, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 7-17, Saratoga

Mandaloun, Book Value, g, 2, o/o Wall Street Lady, by Speightstown. Hoover S., 7-17, Belterra

Omaha Beach, And One More Time, f, 4, o/o Complicated, by **Blame**. De La Rose S., 7-17, Saratoga

Pavel, Strident Miss, f, 2, o/o Sugaratsundown, by Stormin Fever. MSW, 7-17, Del Mar

Practical Joke, Emoji, f, 4, o/o Sarcastic, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 7-16, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Practical Joke, Motownsnjoke, f, 2, o/o Empress of War, by Declaration of War. Jim Morgan Memorial Tah Dah S., 7-17, Belterra

Redirect, No Direction, f, 4, o/o Blondie's Bucks, by Jump Start. ALW, 7-16, Charles Town

Sky Mesa, Red Mountain, g, 5, o/o Deputy's Whirl, by Deputy Slew. Route 66 S., 7-16, Fair Meadows

Speightstown, Shirl's Soul Town, c, 4, o/o Shirl's Soul, by Perfect Soul (Ire). MSW, 7-17, Saratoga

Star Guitar, Restless Mind, f, 3, o/o Catoria, by Wildcat Heir. MSW, 7-16, Evangeline

Tom's d'Etat, Zap d'Etat, g, 4, o/o Shovalla, by Ghostzapper. MSW, 7-17, Ellis

Uncle Mo, Salahudin, c, 2, o/o Weekend Strike, by Smart Strike. MSW, 7-17, Ellis

Unified, Unified Command, g, 3, o/o Smart Crowd, by Crowd Pleaser. MSW, 7-16, Charles Town

Union Rags, Awesomesauce, f, 4, o/o Communique, by Smart Strike. Vivacious S., 7-17, Belterra

Vino Rosso, Right to Vote, g, 5, o/o Forbidden Frolic, by Verrazano. AOC, 7-17, Saratoga

Wilburn, Soy La Madrina, f, 4, o/o Rosemaui, by Austinpower (Jpn). MSW, 7-16, Fair Meadows



Legacy Lady | Sarah Andrew

INTRIGUING CURRAGH CLASSIC THE WEEKEND FEATURE



Thundering On is going for an Oaks double | Bronwen Healy

by Tom Frary

Deep into the summer of 2026, one of the big stories so far has been the hegemony of the O'Briens and while that could easily continue this weekend, the G1 Juddmonte Irish Oaks is far from certain to follow recent trends.

Joseph has three in the Curragh mile-and-a-half Classic and Aidan has five, so it is a clear case of numerical superiority as well as having the right material with Owing Hill represented by the scintillating Oaks heroine **Thundering On** (Frankel). However, the trio that arrive in Kildare to disturb the waters happen to all be valid contenders and any one of Wathnan's **Earth Shot** (Time Test), Quantum Leap's **Inis Mor** (Galiway) and Newtown Anner's **Sparan Nua** (Dawn Approach) would not be winning out of turn.

Joseph is expecting Shapoor Mistry's Epsom heroine to put a subsequent disappointment in the Pretty Polly behind her. "Going back up in trip should suit her well hopefully," he said. "I don't think Dylan had any doubts about sticking with her and she has trained well since."

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CHAMPION REBEL'S ROMANCE RETIRED

Godolphin's champion **Rebel's Romance** has been retired at the age of eight, the organisation announced on Friday morning. His final appearance was a victory in the G2 Princess Of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket on July 9.

Charlie Appleby said, "We always knew this day would come, but it's nevertheless a very sad day for everyone at Moulton Paddocks and Godolphin as a whole. Rebel's Romance has proved an outstanding horse for so many years and has taken us on a journey that we will never forget.

"After yet another brilliant win at Newmarket last week, collectively we all discussed it and felt that now is the right time to call it a day.

"It has been an absolute honour to train such an amazing horse, who has been a dream to look after from the moment he arrived. My thanks must go to the whole team at Moulton Paddocks, who have done such a brilliant job of caring for him throughout his career." [Cont. p5](#)

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Champion and nine-time Group/Grade 1 winner Rebel's Romance (Dubawi) has been retired. He is pictured after his final top-level win, the GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Stakes in New York. | Walter Wlodarczyk/Coglianese Photography

5 | FRANCE GALOP BUDGET FORMALLY APPROVED

The 2026 budget for France Galop was formally approved on Friday evening.

8 | ARAPAHO GOLD LANDS ROSE BOWL STAKES

The son of Bayside Boy is the first stakes winner for his freshman sire.

12 | HONG KONG SEASON ENDS ON A HIGH NOTE

The 2025/2026 Hong Kong racing season ended on Wednesday, July 15.



Earth Shot | Mathea Kelley

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Earth Shot, who came from a narrow defeat by Inis Mor in Goodwood's Height of Fashion to deny Joseph O'Brien's fast-progressing **Johanna Walsh** ([Sea The Stars](#)) in Royal Ascot's Ribblesdale, hails from a stable with form here after William Haggas denied the home contingent with Sea Of Class in 2018. She would be a first Classic winner for Wathnan and racing manager Richard Brown is hoping she can make the breakthrough. "It'll be quick ground and I'm sure she might prefer it a bit easier, but it was quick when she won at Ascot and I don't think it will make much difference," he said.

"She showed signs of greenness in the closing stages and it took her a bit of time to gain momentum, but she was strong at the line and it was a very pleasing performance. I think she could probably go further than this, but it's a long way home and an uphill finish at the Curragh and I think this distance is perfect for her for now at a track which will suit her."

Jim Bolger has spent a while in the wilderness when it comes to big-race success and so the unbeaten Sparan Nua would be a welcome winner for the legendary trainer. Having beaten the older fillies and mares in the Munster Oaks, she has an edge over her peers in that regard but Bolger is still wary of her lack of race-hardness.

"She probably has about the same ability as my previous winners, but she wouldn't be as well-tutored and I wouldn't be surprised if inexperience somehow let her down a little bit," he said. "She's not a big filly and doesn't take a lot of work. She has a very good constitution, a good temperament and is very, very straightforward. She's a great ride so there is very little downside to her as far as temperament and anything like that is concerned." [Cont. p4](#)

SETTING A NEW BENCH MARK

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Weekend Preview Cont.

Saturday's Curragh card begins with an always-important seven-furlong maiden for the colts and geldings won in recent times by The Lion In Winter, **Henry Longfellow** and Mac Swiney. Ryan Moore is on **Speakers Corner**, one of three Ballydoyle newcomers by Wootton Bassett, while Dermot Weld introduces Moyglare's **Porto Vecchio** (**Frankel**), a full-brother to their Irish 1,000 Guineas heroine Homeless Songs.

Sticking with the two-year-olds, Aidan O'Brien looks for a 16th renewal of the G2 Railway Stakes later on the fixture with the **No Nay Never** colts **Confucius** and **Carry The Flag** who both went to Royal Ascot, got beaten and have raced since with contrasting fortunes. This could have been a tough call for Moore, with Confucius turned over in the Anglesey but it is notable that he sticks with him.

Saturday is a day for the sprint brigade, with The Curragh's G2 Sapphire Stakes playing host to Shapoor Mistry's King Charles III fourth **Rosy Affair** (Havana Grey) and Ballydoyle's disappointing **Charles Darwin** (**No Nay Never**), while at Newbury the G3 Hackwood Stakes sees the course-and-distance Carnarvon winner **Song Of The Clyde** (Sergei Prokofiev) bid to provide Clive Cox with more success in this sphere.

The latter represents Middleham Park Racing and the racing

manager Tim Palin said, "I think there's plenty more to come from him both mentally and, in particular, physically, and he was beaten only four lengths in the Commonwealth Cup so that was a hugely encouraging run. I'm not sure Ascot necessarily plays to this horse's strengths as well, as he's got a very high cruising speed. You wouldn't want it to get too quick, I think that was also a little bit of a factor at Ascot, it was very quick ground."

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King Of Cloughan | Horsephotos

GR.1 WINNING MILER BY NEW BAY

BAYSIDE BOY.

FIRST STAKES WINNER

ARAPAHO GOLD

becomes the first Stakes winner for his sire with an impressive victory in the **Listed** Rose Bowl Stakes over 6f at Newbury.

He is now **unbeaten in 3 starts** including two wide margin victories.

Congratulations to trainer **Michael Dods** and breeder **Newlands House Stud**.



Weekend Preview Cont.

Sunday's action at The Curragh and Chantilly sees a trio of Group 2 contests, with the Prix Robert Papin bizarrely attracting just three runners and two from Joseph O'Brien's stable. They include the Windsor Castle winner **King Of Cloughan** (**St Mark's Basilica**), with the only home-trained runner coming from Amy Murphy's stable in the Prix du Bois winner **Tokaido** (Ubettabelieveit). The Aga Khan Studs TDN Rising Star **Erdenali** (Caravaggio) puts his reputation and unbeaten record on the line in the G3 Prix Messidor, while at The Curragh Amo Racing's Phoenix Stakes hero **Power Blue** (Space Blues) drops back from a mile to take on course specialist **Big Gossey** (Gutaifan) in the G2 Minstrel Stakes and last year's G2 Curragh Cup winner **Al Riffa** (Wootton Bassett) is back for his repeat bid on another big weekend for Joseph O'Brien.

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Rebel's Romance Retired Cont. from p1

He added, "We have had some great days together and, wherever I am in the world, he is the one horse people ask me about. He built up a great following and I was always touched by the reception he received across the globe. You dream of having a horse like Rebel's Romance and I am incredibly thankful to have been part of his story."

Bred by Godolphin and trained by Charlie Appleby, the son of Dubawi was unbeaten in two starts at two and won the G2 UAE Derby at three. However, he fully came into his power at four,



Rebel's Romance | Horsephotos

rattled off five consecutive victories in 2022, including the G3 Glorious Stakes, G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin, G1 Preis von Europa and the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf in succession. After an interrupted 2023 campaign, he came back at six to add the G3 H.H. The Amir Trophy in Qatar, Dubai's G1 Dubai Sheema Classic, the G1 Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup in Hong Kong, another edition of the Preis von Europe and a second Breeders' Cup Turf. Named the 2024 Eclipse Champion Turf Male, Rebel's Romance also ran third in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes.

In 2025, he won another H.H. The Amir Trophy, and, two starts later, the G2 Yorkshire Cup and G2 Hardwicke Stakes back-to-back. Third in another King George, the dark bay snagged his second Grosser Preis von Berlin and his ninth Group/Grade 1, the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Stakes in New York. Second in the 2025 Breeders' Cup Turf, his final pair of starts were victories in the G2 Dubai City of Gold in Dubai and the aforementioned Princess of Wales's Stakes.

He retires with a mark of 32-22-1-2 and earnings of \$15,650,493 and is the leading Breeders' Cup starter by prize money. Rebel's Romance is the only horse to have amassed more than \$5 million at the meeting. Plans for the gelding with the Godolphin Lifetime Care programme will be announced in the coming days.

William Buick said, "Rebel's Romance has taken me on some great adventures and I feel immensely privileged to have been able to ride a horse of his stature. He proved time and time again to be an outstanding horse and I cherish the moments that we have had together.

"He was a wonderful horse to ride, with such a presence and a will to win, and an immense credit to everyone at Godolphin associated with him. His record across the world was phenomenal and I owe him a great deal."

Out of the stakes-placed Minidresss (Street Cry), Rebel's Romance is a half-brother to G1 Jebel Hatta and G1 Manhattan Stakes hero Measured Time (**Frankel**), as well as the stakes-placed Petticoat (Cape Cross).

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FRANCE GALOP BUDGET APPROVED FOR 2026

The France Galop 2026 budget was approved by the Board of Directors on Friday, July 17. **The budget had been debated by the committee on Thursday, July 16.**

The presentation and adoption of the budget are taking place unusually during the 2026 financial year. The situation stems from the validation schedule for the PMU budget--the primary source of funding for the French horse racing industry--against a backdrop of recent changes of governance. **Cont. p6**

France Galop Budget Cont.

The budget was prepared in an environment with significant economic constraints, driven by a drop in PMU revenue allocated to France Galop of approximately €60 million. This decrease in PMU contributions is a result of structural decline in betting volumes, as well as by investments made by the governing bodies to revitalise horse racing and sports betting.

France Galop has initiated structural measures aimed at sustainably adapting its economic model. The measures implemented will reduce France Galop's expenses by over €30 million in 2026. Guillaume de Saint-Seine, president of France Galop, said that there would be no further required reductions to incentive payments in 2026.

Overall, the €60 million drop in PMU revenue is being partially offset, resulting in a €33 million budget gap in France Galop's accounts and a projected deficit of approximately €45 million for 2026.

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GOFFSGO LATE JULY SALE FEATURES CELTIC MOON



Celtic Moon (far right) | GoffsGo

A total of 60 horses have been catalogued for the GoffsGo Late July Sale on July 23.

The one-day sale will feature stores, horses-in-training, point-to-pointers and mares, with recent juvenile winner **Celtic Moon** (lot 26) signed on. The daughter of Thunder Moon won at second asking going a mile at Bellewstown. She carries an entry into the €200,000 Ballyhane Stakes.

Among the other lots of note are: **Kingman** four-year-old **Wild Nature** (lot 24) who is rated 85 and has won twice on the all-weather; the mare **Toddilea** (Galileo) (lot 60), a daughter of Group 1 winner Safari Queen (Lode); and stores by such sires as Blue Bresil and Crystal Ocean.

Goffs Group chief executive Henry Beeby said, "The GoffsGo Late July Sale has been very well supported and will offer the largest catalogue GoffsGo has hosted thus far with 60 entries – a great testament to its growing popularity. We have catalogued some quality horses once again which are headlined by the smart two-year-old maiden winner Celtic Moon and will offer horses from some of the leading trainers including Clive Cox, Dan Skelton, Henry De Bromhead, Johnny Murtagh, Karl Burke, Olly Murphy etc."

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DR JIM WALKER APPOINTED TO BHA BOARD



Dr Jim Walker | BHA

Dr Jim Walker has been appointed to the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) Board with immediate effect.

Walker is the chair of the Racecourse Owners Association (ROA). He joins the BHA Board as one of two member nominated directors, on behalf of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA), ROA and licensed personnel. He takes over the position from Charlie Parker, whose term on the Board has concluded after six years.

An economist by profession, Walker has owned racehorses for over 30 years. He joined the Board of the ROA in 2023 and became chair in October of last year.

Said David Jones, interim chair of the BHA, "We're pleased to welcome Jim to the Board. He is not only a passionate advocate for racehorse owners but also brings a good understanding of the wider industry to the table, alongside his proven business acumen.

"I'd also like to offer thanks to Charlie Parker for everything he has contributed to the sport over his six years on the Board."

Walker added, "I am delighted to join the BHA Board, representing the interests of racehorse owners alongside breeders and licensed personnel." **Cont. p7**

Dr Jim Walker Joins BHA Board Cont.

He added, "As an economist, I am well versed in an appreciation of how policy can impact an industry, and I hope I can bring some insights in that vein to the BHA Board table. I look forward to contributing constructively with board colleagues to grow the sport, deliver long-term sustainability and foster innovation for British racing's future."

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XAVIER PEGUM JOINS BBA IRELAND FOR THE SALES SEASON



Xavier Pegum | BBA Ireland

Xavier Pegum has joined the BBA Ireland bloodstock team for the duration of the sales season.

A graduate of the Irish National Stud thoroughbred breeding and stud management course, Pegum has previously worked for the Aga Khan Studs in Ireland, as well as Lillingston Bloodstock and News Corp Australia as a form analyst.

"I'm delighted to get an opportunity to work with the BBA Ireland bloodstock team under Patrick Cooper, Eamon Reilly, Michael Donohoe, John Tyrell and Adam Potts," said Pegum.

"We shall be covering all of the sales between now and the end of the year."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Saturday, July 18, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

Minzaal (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
115 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
15:37-NEWBURY, 5.25f, **Call Me Tomorrow (Ire)**
60,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025
14:30-NEWMARKET, 7f, **Caravel (Ire)**
€20,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 44,000gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2025
16:47-NEWBURY, 6f, **Satellite of Love (Ire)**
£45,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

Naval Crown (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
71 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
16:47-NEWBURY, 6f, **Agrippa (Ire)**
€52,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 55,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025
16:47-NEWBURY, 6f, **First Mate (Ire)**
€27,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; €55,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025

Perfect Power (Ire) (Ardad {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
57 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
18:30-NOTTINGHAM, 6f, **Fully Stocked (Ire)**
€16,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; €30,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025; £42,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026

Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
99 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
15:37-NEWBURY, 5.25f, **From Me To You (Ire)**
€30,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; £55,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

Space Traveller (GB) (**Bated Breath {GB}**), Starfield Stud
121 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
18:15-DONCASTER, 7f, **Keep Grating (Ire)**
€35,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025
14:30-NEWMARKET, 7f, **Lunar Blossom (Ire)**
€23,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025

FRANCE

Blackbeard (Ire) (**No Nay Never**), Coolmore Stud
116 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners

4-DIEPPE, 1100m, **Mack the Knife (Fr)**
 4-DIEPPE, 1100m, **Say My Name (Fr)**
 €21,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2025

Minzaal (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
 115 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
 4-DIEPPE, 1100m, **Tout Sauf Petite (GB)**
 €35,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025; 20,000gns RNA
 Tattersalls Autumn Yearling Sale 2025

IRELAND

Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
 99 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-CURRAGH, 78K GII Gain Railway Stakes (Group 2)6f, **Immortal Guard (Ire)**
 €43,000 Goffs February Sale 2025; €100,000 Goffs Orby
 Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025; £495,000 RNA Goffs London Sale
 2026



Naval Crown has runners at Newbury | Darley

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

HOMELESS SONGS'S BROTHER PORTO VECCHIO DEBUTS AT THE CURRAGH

1.10 Curragh, Mdn, 2yo, c/g, 7fT
PORTO VECCHIO (IRE) (**Frankel {GB}**) is up against it on debut, taking on three sons of Wootton Bassett from Ballydoyle, but he has a genetic headstart on most as a full-brother to the Irish 1,000 Guineas heroine Homeless Songs. Dermot Weld introduces Moyglare Stud's homebred against Aidan O'Brien's

unraced trio with Ryan Moore on **Speakers Corner (Ire)**, a son of the Blandford third Credenza (Galileo) from the family of Eagle Mountain (Rock Of Gibraltar) and Dank (Dansili).

HOW THEY FARED

3.00 Newbury, Nov, 2yo, 7fT

Godolphin's **Force Of Light (GB)** (**Lope De Vega {Ire}**), a Charlie Appleby-trained sibling of G1 Middle Park winners Shadow Of Light (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and Earthlight (Ire) (Shamardal), shaped with promise and finished just over 2 1/4 lengths behind the winner in fifth.

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BRITAIN

Friday's Results:

FIRST STAKES WINNER FOR SIRE

APPLE PRINT & CREATIVE ROSE BOWL STAKES-Listed, £50,000, Newbury, 7-17, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.02, g/f.

1--**ARAPAHO GOLD (IRE)**, 128, g, 2, by Bayside Boy (Ire)

1st Dam: **Call Of The Jungle (Ire)**, by Bungle Inthejungle (GB)

2nd Dam: **Changari**, by Gulch

3rd Dam: **Danzari (GB)**, by Arazi

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€42,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY). O-Doug Graham & Carole Dods; B-Newlands House Stud; T-Michael Dods; J-Connor Beasley. £28,355. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$49,635.

2--**Nabati (Ire)**, 128, c, 2, Night Of Thunder (Ire)--

Pronouncement, by Declaration of War. **1ST BLACK TYPE.**

(850,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT). O-Godolphin; B-Forenaghts Stud; T-Charlie Appleby. £10,750.

3--**Agamemnon (GB)**, 128, c, 2, Mehmas (Ire)--Bermuda (GB), by Kodiak (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (£72,000 Ylg '25 GOFFUK; 150,000gns 2yo '26 TATBRE). O-Jastar Capital & Murt Khan; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; T-Richard Hughes. £5,380.

Margins: NK, 1 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.00, 3.00, 16.00.

Also Ran: Social Symbol, Sale Shark (Ire), God Given Talent (Ire), Severn Councils (Ire), A Bear Affair (Ire), Kamaal (Ire), Underdog (GB). Scratched: Mr Macartney (GB), Ronson (GB).

Carole Dods and Doug Graham's Arapaho Gold was unbeaten after two wins at Thirsk and found plenty under a late drive to become the first black-type winner for his freshman sire (by New Bay) in this black-type debut.

The €42,000 Goffs Orby Book 2 yearling attempted to find a midfield position after breaking on the wing, but was lit up when receiving a hefty bump and raced in a close third once returning on an even keel. [Cont. p9](#)



Arapaho Gold (right) | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

Listed Rose Bowl Stakes Cont.

Under attempted restraint through halfway, the 4-1 chance was scrubbed along passing the quarter-mile pole and refused to buckle once gaining an edge at the furlong marker to repel the late threat of Nabati by a neck for a career high. Richard Hughes trainee Agamemnon fared best of the remainder and finished 1 3/4 lengths adrift in third.

“He’s done it well today to be honest as he got knocked sideways early on and, thankfully, Connor [Beasley] got him relaxed a bit, but he’s done it the hard way,” said trainer Michael Dods. “He’s always looked a nice horse and the plan had been to go to Beverley, hope that he would be competitive or win, and then go for the [Listed] Windsor Castle [at Royal Ascot]. He was withdrawn at Beverley, so that was that, and I had to have a re-plan and give him a bit of time. He’s entered in the [Aug. 21 G2] Gimcrack [at York] and that is where I expect we’ll be going. It’s great that Doug Graham retires one horse [Dakota Gold] and has another good one there. I’m delighted for the owners, Connor and the whole team.”

Arapaho Gold, half-brother to a yearling filly by Coulsty, is the third of four foals and one of two scorers produced by a winning full-sister to Listed Jagersro Sprint third Lost My Sock (Bungle Inthejungle).

His dam Call Of The Jungle (Bungle Inthejungle), who hails from the family of sires Zafonic and Zamindar, is also kin to Listed Gillies Fillies’ Stakes victrix Company Asset (Fast Company) and to the dam of stakes-winning G3 Mercury Stakes third Funny Money Honey (Bungle Inthejungle).

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BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF GLASGOW STAKES-Listed, £80,000, Hamilton, 7-17, 3yo, 11f 15yT, 2:21.20, g/f.

1--**SUPERIOR CHOICE (GB), 133, c, 3, by Dubawi (Ire)**

1st Dam: Loving Dream (GB) (G1SW-Fr, GSW-Eng),
by **Gleneagles (Ire)**

2nd Dam: Kissable (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)

3rd Dam: Kitty O’Shea (GB), by Sadler’s Wells

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (1,100,000gns Ylg ‘24 TATOCT). O-Ace Stud; B-Lordship Stud; T-John & Thady Gosden; J-Shane Foley. £45,368. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$79,436.

2--**Prizeland (GB), 128, f, 3, Territories (Ire)--Sensationally (GB),** by Montjeu (Ire). (80,000gns Ylg ‘24 TATOCT). O-Mrs M E Wates; B-Meon Valley Stud; T-Andrew Balding. £17,200.

3--**Plaid (GB), 128, f, 3, Ghaiyyath (Ire)--On The Stage (GB),** by Swiss Spirit (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (52,000gns Wlg ‘23 TADEWE; 42,000gns Ylg ‘24 TATOCT). O-Plaid Partnership & Mrs Mary Slack; B-Plantation Stud; T-James Fanshawe. £8,608.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1 1/4, 3 3/4. Odds: 1.10, 6.00, 2.13.

Also Ran: Mr Colonel (Ire), Folk Pageant (GB), Flawless Fusion (Ire).

Hamilton’s Listed British Stallion Studs EBF Glasgow Stakes may not have major resonance in the racing world, but the likes of Kalpana, West Wind Blows, Subjectivist and Defoe have taken it en route to bigger things and Friday’s edition saw an improving type follow suit in Superior Choice.

Bought by Ace Stud for 1.1million gns at Tattersalls October Book 1, the John and Thady Gosden-trained son of the Prix de Royallieu and Ribblesdale heroine Loving Dream (**Gleneagles**) had beaten the useful Shadwell runner Heyzoom at Leicester in April and followed up in facile fashion at Newmarket in June.

Delivered from behind by Shane Foley to take command of this extended 11-furlong test approaching the furlong pole, the 11-10 favourite drew away for a comprehensive 1 3/4-length success from Prizeland.

The winner is the first foal out of the aforementioned dam, a daughter of the Moyglare Stud Stakes third Kissable (Danehill Dancer) who has also produced the Pennine Ridge Stakes winner and Saratoga Derby and Belmont Derby-placed Legend Of Time (**Sea The Stars**) and the American Oaks third Amandine (Shamardal).

The third dam is the Park Express winner Kitty O’Shea (Sadler’s Wells), a full-sister to the St Leger hero Brian Boru and half-sister to the top-class Sea Moon (Beat Hollow) from a formidable Juddmonte family. Loving Dream also has the two-year-old filly Must Be Love (Wootton Bassett) and a yearling filly by **Kingman**.

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1st-Newbury, £15,000, Nov, 7-17, 2yo, 7fT, 1:26.03, g/f.
FUEL THE JET (IRE) (c, 2, Space Blues {Ire}--La Rosetta {GB}, by New Approach {Ire}), fifth tackling this trip in his May 31 debut at Thirsk last time, broke well and was a shade keen in second through the initial stages of a contest won in recent years by Gewan, **Chaldean**, Reach For The Moon and Bayside Boy. Pressing the leader Cilician (**Blackbeard**) throughout, the 9-2 chance locked horns with that rival approaching the final furlong and was driven out to prevail by a head after a ding-dong tussle.

"He didn't really know what was going on to begin with and the more work he's done, coming out of the spring and into the summer, the more he's started to focus on his job and getting it done," explained rider Neil Callan. "He's got a lovely pedigree and, ideally, he's going to be a better horse over a mile. I like him, I'd say he'll keep improving and I think he has a future."

Fuel The Jet is the fifth of six foals and third scorer out of an unraced half-sister to G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis hero Tornado Alert (Too Darn Hot) and G1 Metropolitan victor Just Fine (**Sea The Stars**).

He is a half-brother to Listed King Charles II Stakes runner-up Bold Style (Shamardal) and a yearling filly by Lope De Vega. Sales history: €75,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOF; €190,000 Ylg '25 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$11,691.

O-O Humphrey; B-Brickfield Stud Ltd; T-Tom Clover.

KERRI RADCLIFFE BLOODSTOCK PURCHASE

1st-Newmarket, £12,000, Novice, 7-17, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:28.12, g/f.
GRACEFUL SONG (f, 2, Dubawi {Ire}--Tranquil Lady {Ire} {GSW-Fr, GSW-Ire}, by Australia {GB}), sent off the 10-11 favourite, raced in rear initially before moving forwards at her own leisure to track the leader. Committed running down into the dip, the homebred was in front approaching the furlong marker and was pushed out to assert for a 2 1/4-length success from Somers Isles (Churchill)

"Time is going to do her no harm and we'll keep to a novice and work our way to the autumn," Charlie Appleby said. "It will only be a matter of time before she steps up to a mile."

Billy Loughnane echoed that sentiment. "She's a very weak filly and the more time she gets better the she'll be," he said.

The winner is the first foal out of the Prix de Flore and Blue Wind-winning dam, whose 2025 and 2026 colts are by **Justify** and who is a half-sister to **Starspangledbanner's** Prince of Wales's Stakes, Prix Ganay, Cox Plate and Saratoga Derby-winning sire State Of Rest. Godolphin have had success with this family before, with Artigiano (Distorted Humor) who was runner-up in the Royal Lodge and Vintage Stakes. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,337.

O-Godolphin; B-Godolphin Mgt Co Ltd (KY); T-Charlie Appleby.

1st-Wolverhampton, £10,950, Nov, 7-17, 2yo, f, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:14.44, st.

BATED BENEVOLENCE (GB) (f, 2, Bated Breath {GB}--Rustic Charm {GB}, by Dubawi {Ire}), who graduated at Nottingham in May before finishing in the pack in Royal Ascot's G3 Albany last month, broke well from the inside stall and raced on the front end throughout. Under a firm hold for the most part, the 5-4 pick was nudged along rounding the home turn and surged clear in the latter stages to easily outpoint Roosike (**Sioux Nation**) by an impressive 3 3/4 lengths.

Bated Benevolence is the second of four foals and one of two winners out of an unraced full-sister to Listed Jumeirah Classic runner-up One Nation (Dubawi).

Her dam Rustic Charm (Dubawi), who is a granddaughter of G1 Fillie's Mile and GI Yellow Ribbon heroine Hibaayeb (Singspiel), has also produced a yearling colt by Palace Pier and a weanling filly by **Chaldean**.

Hibaayeb's leading performer is G1 Prix Marcel Boussac and GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf heroine Wuheida (Dubawi). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$13,785.

O-Moores Racing & C J Murfitt; B-Pantile Stud; T-Marco Botti.

2nd-Newbury, £12,000, Mdn, 7-17, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:13.29, g/f.
AL SAMSAMA (IRE) (f, 2, Blue Point {Ire}--Rue De Russie {Ire}, by Champs Elysees {GB}) broke well and raced in a handy fourth through halfway in this debut. Nudged along with a quarter-mile remaining, the 11-1 chance came under sterner urging approaching the final furlong and kept on relentlessly to nail Faith In Florence (Mehmas) by a half-length in the dying strides.

"She jumped so well and jumped out in front but it was first time out so I was keen to get a lead," explained William Buick. "She relaxed lovely, she has learned plenty and I think she will improve a lot for that today. She showed a good attitude and she's probably a nice one going forward."

Al Samsama is the latest of four foals and third winner out of a half-sister to dual Listed-winning G3 Bengough Stakes second and G3 Brownstown Stakes third Rose Bonheur (Danehill Dancer), G3 Silver Flash third Roseraie (Lawman) and Listed Premio Botticelli third Decorated Royal (Decorated Knight).

Rose Bonheur threw the multiple Group 1-placed dual Group 3 winner Nayef Road (Galileo), G3 Park Express victrix Celestial Orbit (**No Nay Never**) and the Listed-placed Middle East (**Frankel**), while Roseraie is the dam of G2 May Hill runner-up Dark Rose Angel (Dark Angel). Sales history: €70,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOF; 145,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,735.

O-Ziad A Galadari; B-Linacre House Ltd; T-Richard Hughes.

2nd-Hamilton, £11,500, Mdn, 7-17, 2yo, 6f 6yT, 1:11.75, g/f. **NICELY (IRE) (f, 2, Persian Force {Ire}--Kakashan {Ire}, by Kodiak {GB})**, runner-up on debut at Nottingham earlier this month, raced on the front end from the outset. Asserting from the furlong pole, the 11-10 favourite surged to the line to record an impressive 4 1/4-length success from Instant Force (Unfortunately) to provide her Tally-Ho Stud-based first-season sire with a 13th winner.

The dam, whose yearling filly is by Bouttemont, is a half to the Rockfel runner-up Blockade (Kheleyf) from the family of the Stakes winner and multiple Graded-Stakes-placed Spider Power (Royal Applause). Sales history: €19,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOF; £95,000 2yo '26 GOUKB. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$12,747. O-Amo Racing Limited; B-Kevin Blake Bloodstock ULC; T-Kevin P De Foy.

2nd-Nottingham, £10,000, Mdn, 7-17, 2yo, 6f 18yT, 1:11.99, g/f. **TAWAKAL (FR) (c, 2, Starspangledbanner {Aus}--Balansiya {Ire} {GSP-Ire}, by Shamardal)** tanked along positioned second in the wake of the trailblazing leader after an alert exit in this debut. Angling out of that slipstream approaching the quarter-mile pole, the 4-9 pick quickened beyond Supreme Star (Supremacy) with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and kept on strongly in the latter stages to assert by 1 3/4 lengths from that rival.

"I didn't expect us to go that quick, I must say, but I'm glad we were well-armed with a horse with a lot of ability," said James Doyle. "He was green in stages and he was learning on the job, but we hope he'll take a good step forward. I sat on him a few weeks ago and really loved him and everything about him oozes quality. He'll get further, for sure, and today was a good test for him. He was blowing a bit when he came in, which was good to see, and I'm glad he responded like he did under pressure."

Tawakal is the seventh of eight foals and third scorer produced by G3 Leopardstown 1000 Guineas Trial runner-up Balansiya (Shamardal), herself a half to G2 Brisbane Cup hero Bashiyr (Invincible Spirit) out of G3 Derrinstown Stud 1000 Guineas Trial victrix Baliyana (Dalakhani).

The winner is a half-brother to Listed Owenstown Stud Stakes third Baraniya (Iffraaj) and a yearling colt by Good Guess. Sales history: €36,000 Ylg '25 ARQDOY; €325,000 2yo '26 TATBRU. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,279. O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-SCEA JLC, Ecurie RE & Chauvigny Global Equine; T-Simon & Ed Crisford.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Angel In My Heart (Ire), f, 2, Harry Angel (Ire)--Voler Mon Coeur (Ire), by Kodiak (GB). Pontefract, 7-17, 6fT, 1:16.36. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,714. B-Kildaragh Stud. *£38,000 2yo '26 GOUKB.

Guesstimate (GB), f, 3, Sea The Moon (Ger)--Approximate (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). Nottingham, 7-17, 10f 50yT, 2:09.20. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-3, \$28,322. B-King Charles III. *20,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT.

Livmore (GB), c, 3, Ulysses (Ire)--Rock Choir (GB) (SP-Eng), by Pivotal (GB). Newmarket, 7-17, 8fT, 1:42.58. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$6,948. B-Cheveley Park Stud Limited. *15,000gns Wlg '23 TADEWE; 45,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. **1/2 to Sound Of Cannons (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}), SP-Eng.

Carnival of Light (GB), f, 4, Night Of Thunder (Ire)--Endless Echoes (Ire), by Shamardal. Wolverhampton, 7-17, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:27.75. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$11,450. B-Godolphin. *1,000gns 3yo '25 TATAHI.

IRELAND

Friday's Results:

3rd-Down Royal, €18,000, Mdn, 7-17, 2yo, 7f 25yT, 1:29.30, gd.

WEST OF EDEN (IRE) (c, 2, No Nay Never--Snow Shower {GB}, by Lope De Vega {Ire}), who was disappointing when sixth behind the subsequent Royal Ascot winners Nola Soul and King Of Cloughan at Leopardstown in May, was sent straight to the front. Staying on strongly in the straight, the 15-8 favourite had 1 1/2 lengths to spare over Seaxburh (Saxon Warrior) at the line.

The winner is the second foal out of the dam, who hails from a talent-rich Juddmonte family which includes the Manhattan Handicap hero Meteor Storm (Bigstone) and Prix Royal-Oak winner Ice Breeze (Nayef). She also has a yearling filly by Camelot and a 2026 full-brother to the winner. Sales history: €500,000 Ylg '25 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$13,080. O-Westerberg, Magnier, Tabor, Smith, Brant; B-Camas Park, Lynch Bages & Summerhill; T-Aidan O'Brien.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Youcansaythatagain (Ire), c, 3, Ghaiyyath (Ire)--Daring Diva (GB) (SW-Fr), by Dansili (GB). Down Royal, 7-17, 10f 140yT, 2:17.17. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,239. B-Ringfort Stud Ltd. *32,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. **1/2 to Brooch (Empire Maker), MGSW-Ire; 1/2 to Caponata (Selkirk), MSW & MGSP-Ire.

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FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Dax, €20,100, Cond, 7-17, 3yo, 10 1/2ft, 2:11.50, g/s.
CENTAURI (GB) (g, 3, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Blarney Stone {Ire}, by Peintre Celebre) Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-0, €56,365. O-Javier Maldonado Trinchant; B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Mauricio Delcher Sanchez. *1/2 to Sans Voix (GB) (Saxon Warrior {Jpn}), SW-Fr; and Muette (GB) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), SW-Fr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sevensix (Ire), f, 2, Kodi Bear (Ire)--Indiscrete (Fr), by Siyouni (Fr). Dax, 7-17, 6ft, 1:12.70. B-Hyde Park Stud.
Finepal Fal (Fr), c, 3, Palace Pier (GB)--Finata (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). Dax, 7-17, 11 1/2ft, 2:60.50. B-Fal Stud SAS.

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Happy Valley brought the curtain down on the 2025/2026 Hong Kong season | HKJC

Edited Press Release

The 2025/26 Hong Kong season ended on Wednesday, July 15. Race goers enjoyed 88 meetings divided between Happy Valley and Sha Tin this season, comprising 865 Hong Kong races and 492 overseas simulcast races. **Ka Ying Rising (Shamexpress)** and **Romantic Warrior (Acclamation)** were named joint-Horses of

the Year with 10 Group 1 race wins between them.

Total racing wagering turnover for the season was HK\$143.31 billion (approx. £13.5 billion), representing a 3.2% increase on the 2024/25 season. Hong Kong races attracted record commingling turnover of HK\$34.4 billion (approx. £3.2 billion), an 8.3% increase on the 2024/25 season. There are now 26 countries and more than 60 partners participating in commingling. A notable highlight was the Chinese New Year Raceday in February, when commingling turnover surged to HK\$523.56 million (approx. £49.5 million), setting a new record for a single race meeting and surpassing HK\$500 million for a second consecutive year.

In total, 99 overseas races that had been included in the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities' (IFHA) Top 100 Group 1 at least once in the previous three years were simulcast, up from 71 in the previous season. Overall, turnover on simulcasting (including World Pool commingling) increased by 23.5% to HK\$16.20 billion (approx. £1.53 billion).

This season, the number of World Pool races increased from 296 to 397. These included all 12 of the Club's Group 1 races, as well as some leading races or meetings for the first time such as the Australian Guineas, All Aged Stakes and Golden Slipper from Australia. Commingling turnover into the World Pool (excluding Club races) recorded a 27.7% increase over the 2024/25 season.

Next season, the progressive expansion of simulcasts will see 70 simulcast days and 55 simulcast races. This expansion enables the Club to cover most of the IFHA World's Top 100 Group/Grade 1 races and enhances its ability to combat illegal betting while reinforcing Hong Kong's position as a global leader in horse racing wagering.

Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, CEO of the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC), said, "This has been an outstanding season, and we really could not have wished for anything more in terms of equine excellence, especially in the Year of the Horse. Hong Kong's titans, Ka Ying Rising and Romantic Warrior, have elevated Hong Kong racing to an unprecedented level. It is an extraordinary achievement to have two Hong Kong horses ranked at the top of the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings for much of the season – Ka Ying Rising at number one and Romantic Warrior, who was at number two for much of this year. They have given the Year of the Horse celebrations even more significance as we pay tribute to Hong Kong's unique passion for the horse and horse racing."

After a hard-fought title race, Caspar Fownes claimed the Hong Kong trainers' championship for the fifth time, while Zac Purton was crowned Hong Kong's champion jockey for a ninth time with 143 victories. Jerry Chau won the Tony Cruz Award as leading homegrown jockey. Purton also become the first jockey to ride 2,000 winners in Hong Kong. **Cont. p13**

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Next season, prize-money for The Hong Kong Classic Mile and Hong Kong Classic Cup will each increase by HK\$1 million to HK\$14 million (approx. £1.3 million), while the Hong Kong Derby will rise by HK\$2 million to HK\$28 million (approx. £2.6 million) for its 150th edition, representing an overall increase of 8% for the three races. In addition, the HKSAR Chief Executive's Cup over 1200m on the 26/27 Season Opener on September 6 will be promoted to Group 3 with increased prize-money of HK\$4.2 million (approx. £400,000).

The Year of the Horse was the best-ever for horse racing tourism, with the Club's two Hong Kong racecourses welcoming a record 401,259 visits from Chinese Mainland and overseas tourists, reinforcing the city's position as an international tourism hub.

Another feather in the HKJC's cap is the beginning of racing in Conghua on the Chinese Mainland which will begin on October 31 of this year. Together, Sha Tin, Happy Valley and Conghua will form a triangle of racecourses that will showcase the quality of the Club's horse racing sport and entertainment. Most importantly, they will also advance the Club's support for the National Equine Industry Development Plan, which seeks to develop a high-quality equine industry in the Chinese Mainland. There will be no wagering on Conghua races.

"The milestone race meeting in Conghua Racecourse on 31 October will make a powerful statement to the world, underlining that Conghua is not only a state-of-the-art training centre but a racecourse capable of staging world-class racing in

the Chinese Mainland," said Engelbrecht-Bresges. "The highlight of our Year of the Horse celebrations, it will mark the launch of thoroughbred speed racing at Conghua on a regular basis, delivering the same world-class quality as in Hong Kong.

"Through world-class racing, innovative team racing, and special events and carnivals we aim to attract high-end tourism from Hong Kong, the Chinese Mainland, and overseas. Equine sports will become a key driver in establishing Conghua as a tourist destination, which will stimulate the economy, boost multi-sector consumption across culture, sports, and tourism, advance the development of the equine industry value chain, inject new momentum into regional economic growth, and contribute significantly to economic growth in the Greater Bay Area."

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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 Dam 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].

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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].

Sunday, Curragh, post time: 15:15**GLENROYAL HOTEL AND SHODA CAFE MINSTREL STAKES-G2**, €78,000, 3yo/up, 7fT

SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 Audience (GB)	Iffraaj (GB)	Hamad Rashed Bin Ghedayer	D O'Meara	Colin Keane	136
2 Big Gossey (Ire)	Gutaifan (Ire)	Allegro Syndicate	Charles O'Brien	Billy Lee	136
3 East Hampton (GB)	Cracksman (GB)	N Molloy	David Marnane	Luke McAteer	136
4 Zodiac Bear (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Seamus McPeake	John Patrick Murtagh	Ben Coen	136
5 Duckadilly (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Duckadilly Partnership	Daniel McLoughlin	Scott McCullagh	133
6 Dorset (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	D Smith,Mrs J Magnier,M Tabor,Westerberg	A P O'Brien	R L Moore	129
7 Power Blue (Ire)	Space Blues (Ire)	AMO Racing Limited	Robson De Aguiar	Rossa Ryan	129

Breeders: 1-Cheveley Park Stud Limited, 2-Mr E. Heary, 3-Manor Farm Stud & J. E. Rose, 4-Mrs Jean Brennan, 5-Murcot Investments, 6-Snowflakes Syndicate, 7-Finanza Locale Consulting.

This is a question of how can stop the Curragh lover **Big Gossey**, whose 10 track wins include two at Listed level this year. The two three-year-olds **Dorset** and **Power Blue** enjoyed their biggest days at this venue last season, with the latter far from disgraced racing over a mile this term. The reigning Phoenix Stakes titleholder came across Theseecretadversary over this trip first time out before creditable efforts in the Irish 2,000 Guineas and St James's Palace, showing he retains all his ability. [Tom Frary].

Sunday, Curragh, post time: 16:25**1XBET.IE PROUD SUPPORTERS OF IRISH RACING CURRAGH CUP-G2**, €78,000, 3yo/up, 14f 4yT

SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 Al Riffa (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Australian Bloodstock Two	Joseph O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	137
2 Dallas Star (Fr)	Cloth Of Stars (Ire)	AMO Racing Limited	Robson De Aguiar	Rossa Ryan	137
3 Green Impact (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Marcstown Farms SC	Mrs J Harrington	Shane Foley	137
4 Happy Pharoah (Ire)	American Pharoah	F W Lynch	Donnacha O'Brien	Paddy Harnett	137
5 Illinois (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor	A P O'Brien	R L Moore	137
6 Tennessee Stud (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Westerberg,Tabor,Magnier,Smith	Joseph O'Brien	J M Sheridan	137
7 Trustyourinstinct (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	John P McManus	Joseph O'Brien	Declan McDonogh	137
8 Floresta (Ire)	Walgeist (GB)	Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd	John Murtagh	Ben Coen	134

Breeders: 1-S.A.R.L. de Chambure Haras d'Etreham, Benoit Chalmel et al., 2-MME E. Dieuaide & Domaine Billard Pere Et Fils, 3-Mr M. Chan, 4-Coolmore, 5-Coolmore, 6-Mrs Ann Marie O'Brien, 7-Mrs Noreen McManus, 8-Newtown Anner Stud.

Last year’s winner **Al Riffa** still sets a lofty standard after finishing a close third in the Prix Vicomtesse Vigier and a gallant fourth over a marathon trip that stretched him in the Gold Cup. **Illinois** bounced back to form in the Queen Alexandra at Royal Ascot, but lacks the favourite’s class over this kind of trip. Al Riffa’s stablemate **Tennessee Stud** was third in the Derby and won the Prix Chaudenay last year and has claims on that form, while the filly **Floresta** is back just 11 days after winning the Stanerra and that could be significant. *[Tom Frary]*.

Sunday, Chantilly, France, post time: 13:58

GOFFS PRIX ROBERT PAPIN-G2, €119,000, 2yo, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	3	Tokaido (GB)	Ubettabelieveit (Ire)	A Murphy	Piccone	128
2	1	King Of Cloughan (Ire)	St Mark's Basilica (Fr)	J O'Brien	Boudot	128
3	2	Beibhinn (Ire)	No Nay Never	J O'Brien	Guyon	125

This card opener is an intriguing heat, despite the disappointingly low turnout, and the in-form Joseph O'Brien yard sends forth **King Of Cloughan**, who overcame trouble-in-running to garner last month’s recalibrated Listed Windsor Castle at Royal Ascot, and Listowel maiden winner **Beibhinn**, who was last seen running third in the G2 Airlie Stud Stakes three weeks ago. They encounter leading French juvenile **Tokaido**, who has taken the traditional route here by annexing this venue’s Listed Prix La Fleche and Deauville’s G3 Prix du Bois. *[Sean Cronin]*.

Sunday, Chantilly, France, post time: 16:25

DARLEY PRIX CHLOE-G3, €73,200, 3yo, f, 9fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Ekileel (GB)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Graffard	Barzalona	123
2	6	Ecija (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Clement & Hermans	Pasquier	123
3	5	Pierchic (GB)	Palace Pier (GB)	Pantall	Demuro	123
4	2	Maintain (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Devin	Soumillon	123
5	3	La Fogata (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	D O'Brien	Boudot	123
6	1	Jennifer Jane (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Johnston	De Sousa	123
7	7	Lethal Beauty (Fr)	Acclamation (GB)	C & Y Lerner	Thomas	123

Russell Trew’s six-length Listed Pretty Polly victrix **Jennifer Jane** is on the redemption trail, having failed to make all and fading to ninth in last month’s G2 Oaks d'Italia, and G3 Jannah Rose fifth **La Fogata** is the only other challenger shipping in from abroad. **Maintain** was ahead of **Ecija** when the pair placed in ParisLongchamp’s Listed Melisande six weeks ago, while Ecija is closely-matched with Lyon-Parilly maiden winner **Ekileel** on the form of their encounter at Compiegne in March. Threats also include G2 Prix de Sandringham fourth **Pierchic** and G3 Prix Vanteaux runner-up **Lethal Beauty** in a wide-open renewal. *[Sean Cronin]*.

Sunday, Chantilly, France, post time: 17:35

PRIX MESSIDOR-G3, €73,200, 3yo/up, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	3	Fort Payne (Fr)	Rio De La Plata	Caullery	Lecoeuvre	128
2	4	Matauri Bay (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Mosse	Pouchin	128
3	6	King Gold (Fr)	Anodin (Ire)	Caullery	Pasquier	128
4	5	Dark Trooper (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	de Mieulle	J Doyle	128
5	2	Silius (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Ferland	Guyon	128
6	7	Family (Fr)	Goken (Fr)	C Head	Soumillon	125
7	1	Erdenali (Fr)	Caravaggio	Graffard	Barzalona	120

TDN Rising Star **Erdenali** climbs another rung up the stakes ladder and bids to maintain his perfect record returning to the turf after notching a black-type breakthrough in Deauville's Listed Prix Melisande three weeks ago. The lone sophomore in attendance faces battle-hardened foe in this sternest test yet, headed by G3 La Coupe third **Familyly** and G3 Prix Bertrand du Breuil third **Matauri Bay**. **Silius** is another worthy of consideration, having finished clear of **Dark Trooper**, **Fort Payne** and **King Gold** when a short-head second to Khovikhov in last month's G3 Prix de la Porte Maillot at ParisLongchamp. [Sean Cronin].

Sunday, Hoppegarten, Germany, post time: 13:22

GROSSER PREIS DER BBF GRUPPE - FURSTENBERG-RENNEN-G3, €55,000, 3yo/up, 12fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	3	Narrativo (Ger)	Adlerflug (Ger)	Schiergen	Murzabayev	128
2	6	Waldnebel (Ger)	Reliable Man (GB)	Smrczek	Cadeddu	128
3	8	Archie (Ger)	Lord Of England (Ger)	Steinberg	Piechulek	126
4	5	Innora (Ger)	Lord Of England (Ger)	Grewe	Wolff	125
5	4	Nastaria (GB)	Outstrip (GB)	Schleusner-Fruhriep	Bojko	122
6	2	Abdulhamid (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Nedorostek	Abik	115
7	1	Bright Light (Fr)	City Light (Fr)	Suborics	Marie	115
8	7	Spezialist (Ger)	Protectionist (Ger)	Almenrader	Lopez	115

Three sophomores face a quintet of elders in this clash of the generations. Last month's G2 Derby Italiano fourth **Bright Light** is in receipt of a tidy weight-for-age allowance, as is G1 Deutsches Derby ninth **Spezialist** and the dual Listed-placed gelding **Abdulhamid**. The older brigade includes the consistent Group-race performers **Nastaria** and **Narrativo** as well as last year's G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) runner-up **Innora**, who registered a belated first black-type success in the Listed Hamburger Stuten Cup at the beginning of this month. [Sean Cronin].

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