

OM N JOY, VODKA VODKA: \$1.2 MILLION AND COUNTING FROM A \$20K CLAIM



Connie and Jerry Baker with Om N Joy
courtesy Connie and Jerry Baker

by Chris McGrath

The whole adventure just reminds them how much they owe to her late father. First and foremost, it was actually Richard Blackmore who originally acquainted them. He would take his buddy Jerry Baker to the races, illuminated the arcane world of handicapping--and, somewhere along the line, introduced him to his daughter, Connie.

Jerry met Richard way back, soon after coming out of the military in 1974. He had been with the Air Force in Thailand, and gratefully getting out of that theater in one piece, as Vietnam came to a boil, made him receptive to more innocuous excitements. When Richard found out that Jerry had never even set foot on their local racetrack, Santa Anita, he took him in hand.

"I had become a realtor, which gave me some flexibility in my time," Jerry explains. "I wasn't punching a clock. So he got me out there, and taught me everything. And I mean, he was good at it."

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RACING TO RETURN ON E.P. TAYLOR TURF COURSE AUGUST 8

Woodbine's E.P. Taylor Turf Course is scheduled to return to racing several weeks ahead of schedule following the completion of a comprehensive renovation, the track announced Monday.

Originally set for Sept. 1, racing will now return to the course Saturday, Aug. 8 pending the successful completion of final evaluations. A single allowance race will be contested that day over the surface to begin.

The course closed immediately after the 2025 King's Plate and progressed through the project on schedule. The extensive renovation focused on the backstretch section of the turf course and included the installation of a new drainage system, upgraded irrigation infrastructure, and a completely rebuilt racing profile.

Over the coming weeks, Woodbine will continue to evaluate the renovated turf through a series of gallop sessions involving horses and riders.

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Calandagan (**Gleneagles**) headlines 10 confirmations for the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot on Saturday, with additional prize-money also announced from next year.



Michael Burns

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Knightsbridge wins the G3 Monmouth Cup by 10 lengths **running a mighty 122 Beyer**, last matched by Arrogate a decade ago and only bettered since by Flightline.

At the end of his racing career, the son of **Nyquist** will join his sire and close relations **Speaker's Corner** and **Highland Falls** as a Darley stallion.

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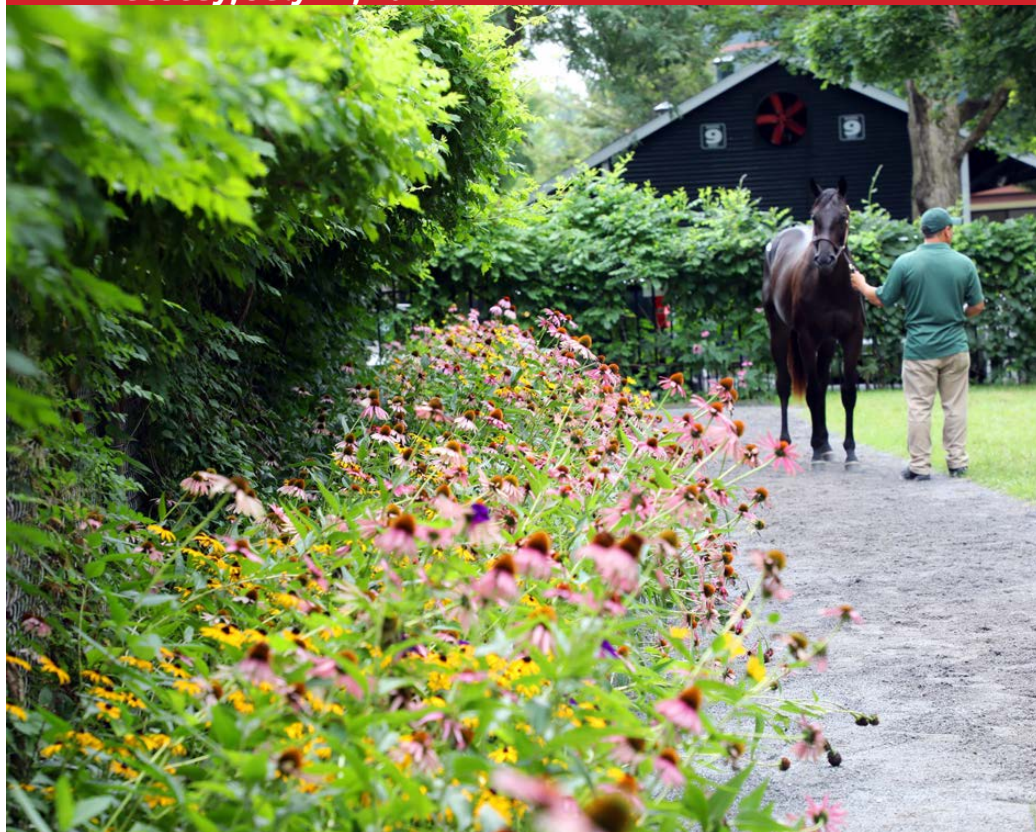
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The sales grounds in Saratoga Springs will see New York-breds being inspected, and then going through the ring in the Humphrey S. Finney Pavilion, as part of the Fasig-Tipton NY-Bred Yearlings Sale in August. | Fasig Tipton

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Om N Joy, Vodka Vodka, Cont. from p1

"He really knew what he was talking about; showed me how to read a *Form*, the ins-and-outs of horses dropping in class, stables to bet, all that kind of thing."

Eddie Delahoussaye was Richard's top guy, and perhaps that's why Jerry to this day loves a horse that comes with a long, sweeping run from off the pace. But one way or another, Jerry's racetrack education produced more than he bargained for.

"I ended up with a horse life--and a wife!" he says with a chuckle. "He was a good friend and we wish he could be here to see what's happened. He would be absolutely enthralled, wouldn't he?"

"He did get to see Margie race a couple of times," Connie says. "And he absolutely loved her. And coming with that one run, that was the way that Margie ran a lot of the time."

Margie? Well, she's the other absent friend who has been central to their thoughts of late. **Margie's Minute** (*Hard Spun*) was the first horse they ever owned, 10 years ago, when claimed for \$20,000 at Los Alamitos by trainer Ray Bell.

By that stage, Jerry and Connie had long since become racetrack regulars. Parallel to their eventual marriage, they had also become business partners and things were going well enough that they thought they might risk a cheap claim.

Little did they realize the journey that began with that single, diffident step. Margie's Minute herself was in the money for all but one of her 10 remaining starts, winning a couple of times. But the real turning point came in what proved to be the last of them, when she was the subject of a voided claim. Without the veterinary intervention that day, they would have missed out on something very special. **Cont.**



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"We had no idea what it was going to lead to," Jerry admits. "But we did what actually we always do. My wife fell in love with the horse, and when it came time for her race no more, we bought out our partner and decided to take a chance [by breeding her]. We were actually advised by people, 'Don't do it. You'll be sorry.' And we did it anyway."

What could the experts know, after all, about the special bond that Connie had formed with the filly?

"From the first time we saw her, she had such presence and confidence about her," Connie recalls affectionately. "Before the first race, she walked by and looked over and I swear she looked me in the eye and it was like she said, 'Don't worry about this. I got it.'"

Connie had received her handicapping education from her father rather earlier than Jerry did his. (She was reading the *Form* at the age of five!) But she had also meanwhile developed an affinity with the horse, as an animal, notably with a retired racehorse that she took jumping.

"He learned to jump and I learned to jump at the same time," she says. "And he took me all around California. We ended up competing at all kinds of horse shows and hunters-and-jumpers, won a lot of medals and ribbons, just because I could have so much confidence in him. No matter what came up in front of us, I knew he was going to do it for me. I loved that horse--and it was the same type of thing I felt when I saw Margie."

That was why they couldn't bear to let her go; why the idea of racing her foals was so intriguing. Even Jerry, previously a fairly unsentimental gambler, had by now transformed his whole view of horses.

"Once we started getting up close to them, I fell in love," he says. "I fell in love with the regality and beauty and majesty of these big, beautiful animals that would come storming down that stretch. I mean, you see them after race blowing and they're just like a dragon."

Rookies though they were in the world of breeding, Connie in particular has enjoyed developing her knowledge and making choices.

"I mean, we could have given up early," she accepts. "Her first foal ended up being a bottom-level claimer. But even that one ended up a multiple winner, and it has just proceeded from there. The next was a little better, and then each horse has just gotten more and more amazing."

Yes, they have. The third foal out of Margie's Minute is **Vodka Vodka** (Stay Thirsty), who only broke his maiden as a 4-year-old last summer, but has meanwhile got on a tremendous roll. In three starts this year, he has won two stakes and in between finished second in the GI Santa Anita Handicap. And now there is his half-sister **Om N Joy** (Om), another slow burn to have really thrived with maturity. **Cont.**



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Both have been patiently brought along by Aggie Ordonez. The Bakers especially commend their trainer's communication, and she certainly had something unorthodox to impart when she explained her plan to prepare Om N Joy for the Santa Margarita

by running (and, in the event, finishing last) on turf seven days previously.

"She threw it out as a possibility and we rubber-stamped it right there," Jerry says. "We were afraid that 'Joy' wouldn't take to the turf, although the breeding says she should. So for the jockey it was very simple. If she didn't it take to it, don't punish her. And we'll run her next week."

That audacious plan having worked out as well as it did, Vodka Vodka and Om N Joy (both raced with minority partners) are between them closing on \$1.2 million in earnings. That is an incredible dividend from a mare claimed for \$20,000, and the best may yet be to come. Om N Joy's next target is the GI Clement L. Hirsch Stakes on Aug. 1, with a Breeders' Cup berth at stake.

Sadly, however, even as fresh chapters were being written this spring, the fairytale collided with the harshest of realities. Despite heroic endeavors by veterinarians and staff on Kingfisher Farm in the Santa Ynez Valley, in April the humane decision became necessary to spare Margie's Minute any further suffering from laminitis. Her last two foals, a sophomore who is about to return from a setback and a yearling on the farm, are both colts. In the poignant circumstances, it is easy to understand why the Bakers sound reluctant to entertain offers for Om N Joy, now a doubly precious broodmare prospect. **Cnt.**

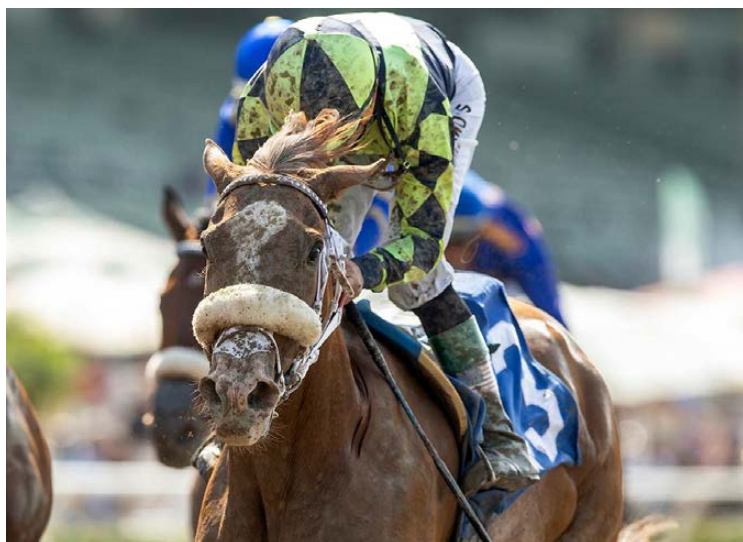


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The sales houses have been in touch, and there has evidently been interest from Japan.

"But at this point, we have no intention of doing any such thing," Jerry says. "Unless the amount of money was life-changing, and would support our program to the point where we felt we could say goodbye to her. Even then, it wouldn't be an easy decision. She's a big, beautiful filly, very loved, and we're not doing so bad in life right now."

That said, the passion ignited by Margie's Minute has led them into a greater commitment than they ever envisaged. Besides a handful of homebreds on the racetrack, they now supported have a growing breeding program, with mares and foals divided between Kingfisher and Rancho San Miguel.

"I think we're now up to 22 horses," says Jerry. "Thing is, my wife can't say no! We bought three mares from Harris Farms, with their foals at their side, and think we made some very nice purchases. But we're not rich folks, so in order to stay in the business, we have to win races. Win races, and sell a lot of real estate! So far that's happened for us, and hopefully that doesn't change."

Losing their fairytale mare was heartbreaking, but has only made her legacy all the more precious.

"Our whole program was based on her," Jerry says. "But we stuck our head out and went out and got another **Hard Spun** mare. We're going to breed to that line as much as we can. That's Connie's department. I just say, 'Yes. How much is it going to cost?'"

"Margie's babies have all had that certain presence like she did," Connie agrees. "There's just a chemistry. And every one of her babies has been a multiple winner. It's all been pretty amazing. Things like this just don't happen. So we're extremely lucky."

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Racing Back on E.P. Taylor Course, cont. from p1

The surface will also be reviewed in collaboration with the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association of Ontario (HBPA), the Jockeys' Benefit Association of Canada (JBAC) and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) before racing resumes.

A series of allowance races will be carded after its anticipated opening Aug. 8. Stakes competition will return to the course on King's Plate Day Aug. 15. The \$125,000 bet365 Soaring Free Stakes and \$125,000 Catch A Glimpse Stakes will return to their traditional home on the E.P. Taylor Turf Course and once again be contested at their customary distance of 6-1/2 furlongs.

"The E.P. Taylor Turf Course has long been one of the defining features of Thoroughbred racing at Woodbine and one of the premier turf courses in North America," said Michael Copeland, CEO of Woodbine Entertainment.

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"This investment reflects our ongoing commitment to providing world-class racing infrastructure that supports the long-term success of Thoroughbred racing in Ontario. We're incredibly proud of the work that has gone into this project and excited to welcome horses back to the course in the coming weeks."

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Racing is set to return to the E.P. Taylor Turf Course several weeks early | *Michael Burns*

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"This is a must-attend sale for those looking for high-quality yearlings," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "We've assembled a strong catalogue this year that showcases the best of the New York-bred crop."

All New York-bred 2-year-olds are now competing for purse money equal to open company on the New York Racing Association circuit. In 2027, that purse parity program will expand beyond 2-year-old races to all New York-bred races.

"With expanded purse parity coming to the NYRA circuit in 2027, the New York-bred program will go from strength-to-strength," said Browning. "There has never been a better time to participate in the New York-bred program."

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Topping the black-type list are the GI Goodwood Stakes and GI **American Pharoah** Stakes, both of which carry the aforementioned 'WAYI' automatic berths for the World Championships in late October at Keeneland. Other contests that carry 'WAYI' entries include the GII Eddie D Stakes; GII City of Hope Mile; GII John Henry Turf Championship; GII Santa Anita Sprint Championship; GII Zenyatta Stakes; GII Oak Leaf Stakes; and the GII Rodeo Drive.

"We're excited about the opportunities this schedule provides for horsemen throughout the Autumn Meet," said Jason Egan, Santa Anita's director of racing and racing secretary. "The Breeders' Cup Challenge races headline a strong stakes program and give connections the chance to earn automatic berths into the World Championships while competing at the highest level. Combined with a balanced schedule across all divisions, we believe this program will continue to attract outstanding horses and deliver another quality meet at Santa Anita."

To see the entire stakes schedule for the 2026 Autumn Meet, [please go here](#).

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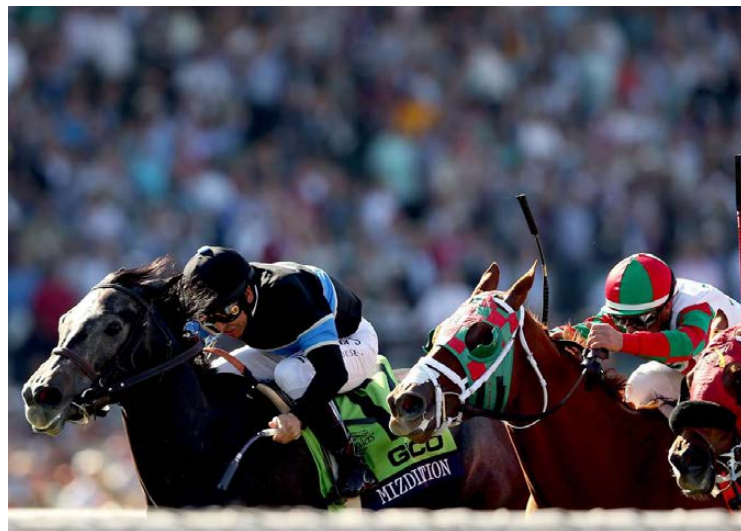


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DECEPTIVE, DAM OF MIZDIRECTION, DIES AT GLENCREST FARM



Deceptive, the dam of two-time Breeders' Cup champion Mizdirection (pictured), has died | Getty Images

Deceptive (Clever Trick), the dam of two-time Breeders' Cup champion Mizdirection (Mizzen Mast), died July 17 at Glencrest Farm at 27.

Owned and bred by Joseph J. Perrotta, Deceptive was out of the stakes winner Subtle Wave (Wavering Monarch), making her a half-sister to MSP The Big Wave and SP Madame Diva (Mr. Greeley). The latter was the mother of MSW & MGSP Captain Serious. Her female family also included a branch that ultimately yielded MSW Takethemoneyhoney (Golden Lad), already a two-time stakes winner in 2026 and with four total black-type victories to her name.

As a broodmare, Deceptive's most accomplished offspring by far was the aforementioned Breeders' Cup winner Mizdirection. Claiming the 2012 GI Turf Sprint as a seasonal cap, the grey daughter of Mizzen Mast was nigh untouchable in 2013 save for an uncharacteristic fifth in the GI Just a Game Stakes. She ended her career with a title defense in the Turf Sprint, where she and Reneesgotzip (City Zip) topped the boys against a 13-strong field at Santa Anita.

Mizdirection would sell to Al Shaqab Racing in that year's FTKNOV sale for \$2.7-million. She's since become the mother of three French winners with a juvenile filly in the wings.

"We can't say enough about Mr. Perrotta and his wonderful mare," said Glencrest Farm partner and manager, John W. Greathouse III. "She was one of the nicest mares on the farm, and Mr. Perrotta has always been a wonderful Glencrest client."

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Sire (Sire's Sire)	#SWs	#GSW (GISW)
Authentic (Into Mischief) (Miss Authentic--Maggie L. Walker S.)	11	4
Coast Guard (Stormy Atlantic) (Mattie Goincoastal--Angie C. S.)	10	---
Dads Caps (Discreet Cat) (Caps and Carnage--King County Express S.)	3	---
Kantharos (Lion Heart) (Somerset West--San Clemente H.-GII)	48	13
Mandaloun (Into Mischief) (Book Value--Hoover S.)	1	---
Munnings (Speightstown) (Souper Quest--Wolf Hill S.)	91	32
Not This Time (Giant's Causeway) (Bartlett--Storm Cat S.)	75	39

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Practical Joke (Into Mischief) (Motownsnajoke--Jim Morgan Memorial Tah Dah S.)	43	18
Raging Bull (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}) (Proletariat--Caesars Sportsbook Oceanside H.-L)	1	---
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During the evening, guests will learn about how TRF is providing dignified lifetime care for more than 350 retired racehorses while creating second chances for people through its Second Chances Program, which allows retired Thoroughbreds to become teachers and helpers to incarcerated individuals.

General Admission tickets are \$100 and include one signature cocktail and an assortment of hors d'oeuvres. A limited number of VIP Tickets are available. VIP guests will receive a complimentary bottle of LALO Tequila signed by GI Kentucky Derby-winning trainer Cherie DeVaux.

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2026 Leading General Sires, by Grade I Stakes Horses

Standing NA - 2026 Locations & Fees - Worldwide Earnings - NH Foals

Rank	Stallion	BTW	%	BTH	%	GSW	%	GSH	%	G1SW	%	G1SH	%	Earnings
1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	19	5.9	37	11.49	11	3.42	23	7.14	4	1.24	6	1.86	\$18,002,569
	FYR: 2010/Crops: 15/Stands: Spendthrift Farm/Fee: 250,000													
2	Gun Runner (2013) by Candy Ride (Arg)	13	5.06	32	12.45	8	3.11	17	6.61	2	0.78	4	1.56	\$13,246,136
	FYR: 2019/Crops: 6/Stands: Three Chimneys Farm/Fee: 250,000													
3	Justify (2015) by Scat Daddy	11	5.64	24	12.31	5	2.56	12	6.15	2	1.03	4	2.05	\$7,437,747
	FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Coolmore Ashford/Fee: 200,000													
4	Not This Time (2014) by Giant's Causeway	18	7.03	32	12.5	10	3.91	18	7.03	3	1.17	3	1.17	\$19,643,719
	FYR: 2018/Crops: 7/Stands: Taylor Made Farm/Fee: 250,000													
5	Nyquist (2013) by Uncle Mo	10	4.85	17	8.25	6	2.91	10	4.85	1	0.49	3	1.46	\$11,704,565
	FYR: 2018/Crops: 7/Stands: Darley KY/Fee: 175,000													
6	Curlin (2004) by Smart Strike	8	4.85	18	10.91	5	3.03	8	4.85	1	0.61	3	1.82	\$10,644,109
	FYR: 2010/Crops: 15/Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa/Fee: 225,000													
7	Liam's Map (2011) by Unbridled's Song	7	3.43	15	7.35	4	1.96	8	3.92	2	0.98	2	0.98	\$7,581,107
	FYR: 2017/Crops: 8/Stands: Lane's End Farm/Fee: 50,000													
8	Tiz the Law (2017) by Constitution	7	3.98	20	11.36	3	1.7	10	5.68	--	--	2	1.14	\$6,916,898
	FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stands: Coolmore Ashford/Fee: 40,000													
9	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (Arg)	9	3.73	20	8.3	3	1.24	6	2.49	--	--	2	0.83	\$6,214,183
	FYR: 2013/Crops: 12/Stands: Lane's End Farm/Fee: 75,000													
10	Vino Rosso (2015) by Curlin	7	3.54	8	4.04	2	1.01	3	1.52	1	0.51	2	1.01	\$5,533,051
	FYR: 2021/Crops: 4/Stands: Spendthrift Farm/Fee: 7,500													
11	Oscar Performnce (2014) by Kitten's Joy	4	3.81	9	8.57	2	1.9	3	2.86	--	--	2	1.9	\$4,974,833
	FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Mill Ridge Farm/Fee: 60,000													
12	Connect (2013) by Curlin	3	1.8	9	5.39	1	0.6	3	1.8	--	--	2	1.2	\$4,794,918
	FYR: 2019/Crops: 6/Stands: Lane's End Farm/Fee: 10,000													
13	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire)	6	4.69	10	7.81	4	3.13	7	5.47	1	0.78	2	1.56	\$4,603,314
	FYR: 2006/Crops: 19/Stands: Darley KY/Fee: Pensioned													
14	Audible (2015) by Into Mischief	2	1.2	14	8.43	1	0.6	2	1.2	1	0.6	2	1.2	\$4,341,151
	FYR: 2021/Crops: 4/Stands: WinStar Farm/Fee: 7,500													
15	Honor A. P. (2017) by Honor Code	3	3.8	6	7.59	1	1.27	3	3.8	1	1.27	2	2.53	\$3,249,279
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Friday, 7/24, Saratoga #8, post time: 5:10 p.m. EDT

SHUVEE S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Snowyte 	Good Magic	Don Alberto Stable	Gargan	Saez	120
2	Aeolian	Tapit	Gainesway Stable	Brown	Davis	120
3	Fully Subscribed 	Tiz the Law	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	124
4	Scottish Lassie 	McKinzie	Sportsmen Stable, Parkland Thoroughbreds, Photos Finish LLC, Corms Racing Stable and Abreu, Jorge R.	Abreu	Ortiz	124
5	Bless the Broken	Laoban	Qatar Racing, Mountmellick Farm & Galvin, Fergus	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	120
6	Eunomia 	Tiz the Law	St. Elias Stable, WSS Racing, Turf Express Racing and Stefania Farms LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Velazquez	122
7	Valtellina	Complexity	Pavilion Racing	Handal	Gaffalione	120

Breeders: 1-Don Alberto Corporation, 2-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 3-Payson Stud, Inc, 4-Winchester Farm, 5-Cypress Creek Equine, LLC, 6-Breed First, LLC, 7-Thorostock, LLC

Saturday, 7/25, Saratoga #10, post time: 5:45 p.m. EDT

COACHING CLUB AMERICAN OAKS-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Counting Stars 	Honor A. P.	West Point Thoroughbreds	Casse	Ortiz, Jr.	124
2	Dandona	Tiz the Law	Tagermeen Racing	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	124
3	La Rascasse 	Authentic	Resolute Racing and MyRacehorse	Walden	Concepcion	124
4	Miss Fulton Gal 	Rock Your World	Trott, Jr., Allen, Bracciale, Teresa & Polizos, John	Gorham	Rodriguez	124
5	Measure 	Essential Quality	Barber, G, Bridlewood Farm & Eclipse Tbrd Partners	Casse	Franco	124
6	Always a Runner 	Gun Runner	Scharbauer, Douglas and Three Chimneys Farm	Brown	Ortiz	124
7	Directive	Gun Runner	Juddmonte	Brown	Prat	124
8	Zany	American Pharoah	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	124
9	Nycon 	Nyquist	Icon Racing Stable	Beckman	Saez	124

Breeders: 1-HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud, 2-Spotted Pony Stables LLC, 3-Bill Klist, 4-Malia Hopkins, Virginia Moore & LeeForesti, MD., 5-Town & Country Farms, 6-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 7-Juddmonte, 8-D.J. Stable, 9-Pursuit of Success LLC

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Saturday, 7/25, Del Mar #10, post time: 9:30 p.m. EDT

BING CROSBY S.-GI, \$400,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Maximum Bourbon	Maximum Security	Agave Racing Stable, Rockin Robin Racing Stables and Trommer, Evan	D'Amato	Rosario	122
2	Listenupshance	Shancelot	Great Friends Stables and Run Fast Racing	O'Neill	Jaramillo	122
3	Dr. Venkman 🐾	Ghostzapper	Alipony Racing, Agnew, D, Bunch, C & Hailey, J	Glatt	Rispoli	122
4	For All Mankind	Into Mischief	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Ayuso	122
5	Stronghold	Ghostzapper	Waller, Eric M. and Waller, Sharon	D'Amato	Fresu	122
6	Cornucopian 🐾	Into Mischief	Bashor RacingC, Front Row Club, Determined Stbls, Hill 'N' Dale Equine Holdings-Lessee, Madaket Stbls, SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Stonestreet Stables, Waves Edge Capital, Donovan, C. & Masterson, R.	Baffert	Hernandez	122
7	Gold Sweep	Speightstown	Haran Thoroughbreds LLC and Brittingham, Carl	Haran	Smith	122
8	Mad House	Vekoma	James Thares	VanWinkle	Leon	122
9	Moonlight	Audible	Tom Kagele	Miller	Espinoza	122

Breeders: 1-Nicholas M. Lotz & Mr. & Mrs. Troy Reed, 2-Al and Michelle Crawford Racing, 3-Ghostzapper Syndicate &Hidden Brook Farm, 4-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 5-Eric Waller & Sharon Waller, 6-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC & Whisper HillFarm, LLC, 7-Joe Anzalone, 8-Jean White, Wavertree Farm & SGVThoroughbreds, LLC, 9-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC

Saturday, 7/25, Saratoga #9, post time: 5:07 p.m. EDT

ALFRED G. VANDERBILT S.-GII, \$400,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Damon's Mound	Girvin	Love, Cliff and Love, Michele	Mott	Alvarado	122
2	Crazy Mason 🐾	Coal Front	Wright, Donna and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Sacco	Velazquez	124
3	Cat On Time	Not This Time	Jacobson Racing	Jacobson	Gaffalione	120
4	Just Beat the Odds	Munnings	Wright, Donna and Ghrghar, Omar	Sacco	Franco	120
5	Nutella Fella 🐾	Runhappy	Bell Gable Stable LLC	Sharp	Ortiz	120
6	Hymn 🐾	McKinzie	Fleur De Lis Stables, Sparks, William & Jones, Bret	Moquett	Santana, Jr.	122
7	T Kraft 🐾	Connect	LRE Racing LLC	Mott	Prat	120
8	Built 🐾	Hard Spun	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Catalano	Ortiz, Jr.	120

Breeders: 1-Cliff Love, 2-Gmbracstables LLC, Mr. & Mrs. RamonRangel & Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Madden, 3-Silverton Hill, LLC, 4-Red Oak Stable, 5-Ashview Farm, 6-Fleur de Lis Stables, 7-Dr. John Eaton & Dr. Steve Laymon, 8-Robert Low & Lawana Low

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

WICKERR S., \$101,500, Del Mar, 7-19, (R), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.48, fm.

1--**KING OF GOSFORD (GB)**, 125, h, 5, Zoustar (Aus)--Miss Sugars (GB) (SW, \$105,102), by Harbour Watch (Ire). (32,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT). O-Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, Saul Gevertz, Michael Nentwig & Jeremy Peskoff; B-The Miss Sugars Partnership (GB); T-Philip D'Amato; J-Umberto Rispoli. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 21-8-3-3, \$822,192.

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2--**Twirling Point**, 125, g, 5, **Twirling Candy**--Kitten's Point, by Kitten's Joy. O-Paula P & Tracy D Henline; B-George Strawbridge (KY); T-Blaine D Wright. \$20,000.



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3--**Artislas**, 125, c, 4, Catalina Cruiser--Moms Pride (Fr), by Into Mischief. (\$20,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$100,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR). O-Dutch Girl Holdings LLC, Irving Ventures LLC, William Meathe & Jeanne Tumanjan; B-University of Kentucky (KY); T-Jeff Mullins. \$12,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, HD, NK. Odds: 1.40, 31.40, 13.10.

Also Ran: Atitlan, First Peace, Freedom's Not Free, American Hope, Captain Choochies. Scratched: Mi Hermano Ramon.



King of Gosford | Benoit

King of Gosford wrapped up a highly successful first weekend of action at Del Mar for the comebacking Umberto Rispoli with a front-running success in the Wickerr Stakes, restricted to non-winners of a sweepstakes since last Oct. 1.

The 2025 GI Shoemaker Mile hero had these over a barrel on class and he ambled to the front without expending much energy, taking the field along through a beautifully rated opening half-mile in :47.92. Rispoli upped the tempo approaching the stretch and King of Gosford turned back a mild bid from Artislas, then held safe to the wire. Longshot Twirling Point kicked home strongly to win a photo for second.

"Our plan was to stalk but he broke really sharp and Umberto didn't see anyone else wanting the lead and that's what good riders do, he called an audible," said winning trainer Phil d'Amato, winning his 75th stakes race at the seaside oval. "I loved where we were sitting every step of the way. This is exactly what we needed--a confidence booster."

King of Gosford is an intended runner in the GII Del Mar Mile on the Pacific Classic undercard Aug. 22.

A low-odds sixth to Formidable Man in last year's Del Mar Mile, King of Gosford returned to action with a sound fourth in the GIII American Stakes at Santa Anita Apr. 18 and ran on to be third to Formidable Man in defense of his Shoemaker Mile when last seen May 25.

Rispoli, who returned from injury earlier this month, won two races on Friday's opening-day card and added an improbable victory aboard Journalism (**Curlin**) in Saturday's GII San Diego Handicap. He took out race two on Sunday's program ahead of the Wickerr.

One of 10 North American winners for his sire, King of Gosford hails from the female family of the globetrotting GISW Wigmore Hall (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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LADY ERIE S., \$100,000, Presque Isle Downs, 7-20, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:09.12, ft.

1--**QUIET STREET, 118, f, 3, by Street Boss**

1st Dam: **Serene, by Tapit**

2nd Dam: **Fascinating, by Smart Strike**

3rd Dam: **Untouched Talent, by Storm Cat**

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-William I Mott; J-Taylor Kingsley.

\$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 7-3-0-2, \$755,475.

2--**Niche**, 122, f, 3, Yaupon--Stormbeforethecalm, by Quiet American. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (\$275,000 Ylg '24 FTSAUG).

O-Red White and Blue Racing LLC; B-Summerfield Sales Agency Inc & Etarip Stables (FL); T-Rob Atras. \$20,000.

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3--**Smooch Up**, 122, f, 3, Cupid--Shush Up, by Silent Name (Jpn).

O/B-Tammy & Robert Klimasewski (PA); T-Ron G Potts.

\$10,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3 1/4, 1. Odds: 4.60, 5.80, 0.50.

Also Ran: Inspire Courage, Rocket Rania, Mystic Realm, Aporia, Eye Candy Warrior. Scratched: Endless Glory, Oscar Bound.

The clear class of Monday's Lady Erie Stakes, Godolphin's Quiet Street weaved her way through traffic in the final furlong to provide jockey Taylor Kingsley with her first career stakes success.

Beaten for speed and content to lay well back in this field of eight, Quiet Street was ridden cold by Kingsley from the tail, waiting for her cue. Sticking to the fence for the run into the final quarter-mile, Quiet Street was taken out into the four path in upper stretch, but angled back down towards the inside when pacesetting Niche drifted to her right and drove clear in the final 40 yards.

Winner of the grassy Untapable Stakes and third in the GII Miss Grillo Stakes at two, Quiet Street resumed with an eighth in Keeneland's GIII Limestone Stakes Apr. 10. The chestnut's two most recent appearance came at two turns--a third in the

Apr. 26 Memories of Silver Stakes at Aqueduct and an even fifth in the GII Wonder Again Stakes at Saratoga June 5.

Quiet Street is out of a maternal granddaughter of GSW & GISP Untouched Talent, whose nine winners include the Grade I winner and dual Classic-placed Bodemeister (Empire Maker); MGSW Under the Stars (Pioneer of the Nile); MGISP Fascinating (Smart Strike); and SP Himiko (**American Pharoah**).

Serene is also the dam of the juvenile colt Master of Ceremony (Uncle Mo), a yearling filly by **Midshipman** and a **Street Sense** filly foaled May 15. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Del Mar, \$82,000, Alw (NW1\$X), Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 7-19, 3yo, 1mT, 1:34.39, fm, 1/2 length.

MELISMATIC (IRE) (c, 3, Space Blues {Ire}--Faradays Law {Ire}, by Lawman {Fr}), once second from two Irish appearances for Joseph O'Brien, was a good third in a 6 1/2-furlong maiden at Santa Anita Mar. 15 before graduating by 1 3/4 lengths when stretched to the mile in Arcadia on May 2. The second-longest shot in this field of seven at 9.50-1, the €160,000 Goffs Orby yearling allowed inside traffic to clear and was guided down onto the rail by Kazushi Kimura before setting in midfield through the middle stages. He crept into contention with a two-path run on the turn, angled out three deep for the drive and surged past second choice Tribalism (Ire) (**No Nay Never**) to score cozily. Melismatic is one of two winners out of a full-sister to the talented Just The Judge (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), winner at home of the 2013 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and of the GI E. P. Taylor Stakes on the North American continent. The winner has a 2-year-old half-brother by Blue Point (Ire) and a yearling half-brother by New Bay (GB). Sales history: €160,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$100,242. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Wells T Watson; B-Norwegian Wood Stud (IRE); T-Philip D'Amato.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Del Mar, \$83,000, (S), Msw, 7-19, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.78, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.

FORD FRENZY (c, 3, Bodexpress--Renewed Energy, by Tapit) led home a 1-2-3 sweep for previously unraced runners with a debut romp. Very quickly into stride from a middle draw, the homebred colt set a pressured pace and carried a slender advantage into the stretch. **Cont. p3**

Popped the question a furlong and a half out, Ford Frenzy went through his gears to report home a much-the-best winner over Gabriel's Gift (Straight Fire) as the 26-5 second choice in the wagering, earning a 77 Beyer Speed Figure. One More Zinger (Idiot Proof) was third. Odds-on Here On Business (Catalina Cruiser), gelded since a debut fifth at Santa Anita May 22, could do no better than sixth as the 4-5 chalk. From the Allen Paulson family of GISW Startac (Theatrical {Ire}), Ford Frenzy has a yearling half-brother by **Volatile**. Renewed Energy was most recently covered by Shaaz (Uncle Mo), who stands at Barton Thoroughbreds. Sales history: \$29,000 RNA Ylg '24 FTCAIR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$48,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Richard Barton; B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA); T-M Glatt.

5th-Gulfstream, \$65,000, (S), Msw, 7-20, 2yo, 5f, :58.13, ft, 7 1/2 lengths.

SUM OF SUCCESS (c, 2, Win Win Win--All Summed Up, by In Summation) hinted at plenty of promise in his local trials and was bet into 7-5 to get off the mark at first asking. Pinballed around pretty significantly just after the break, the \$165,000 OBS April breezer emerged none the worse for the incident and made an easy lead for Jonathan Ocasio. Always going nicely on the engine, the bay colt began to lengthen clear under a hold, despite not swapping leads until the vicinity of the eighth pole, and was never out of a high gallop en route to an eye-catching victory. Produced by a winning full-sister to GSP Summation Time and a half to GSP St. Joe (Trippi), Sum of Success has a yearling half-brother named All Khozy (Khozan). His dam was most recently served by Adios Charlie. Sales history: \$165,000 2yo '26 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$39,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Keith Johnston, Hopeless Stables & Art of the Claim; B-Oakleaf Farm (FL); T-Bobby S Dibona.

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Sum of Success | Ryan Thompson

5th-Parx Racing, \$46,590, Msw, 7-20, 2yo, 5f, :59.50, ft, 6 3/4 lengths.

KENTUCKY FREEDOM (c, 2, Charlatan--Glamouratti, by Street Sense) consistently showed affinity for this main track, including a half-mile in :47 2/5 (2/34) on July 15, and was dispatched the even-money choice in a field of eight first-time starters. The May-foaled bay bounced very alertly from the inside gate and was full of run through an opening quarter in :22.57. Clear into the lane, Kentucky Freedom was never really asked for an effort, but nevertheless reported home 6 3/4 lengths to the good of Schubert Sonata (Mendelssohn). After the Beep (**Dialed In**) was a further two lengths back in third. Descending from the family of MGSW/GISP Justwhistledixie (Dixie Union) and her graded stakes-winning sons New Year's Day (Street Cry {Ire}, GI); Enforceable (**Tapit**, Peru G1); Mohaymen (**Tapit**, GII); and Kingly (**Tapit**, GIII), Kentucky Freedom is kin to a yearling filly by **Practical Joke** and a filly foal by the same stallion. Glamouratti was most recently bred to Speightstown's **Prince of Monaco**. Sales history: \$30,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP; \$20,000 2yo '26 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/T-Felissa Dunn; B-Newstead Corp (KY).

1st-Parx Racing, \$42,410, Msw, 7-20, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :53.79, ft, head.

ALMAS GONE GAMBLIN (f, 2, Highly Motivated--Piccolo Flats, by A. P. Warrior) posted a best-of-14 half-mile from the gate in :47 4/5 over this surface July 13 and was made the 39-10 second pick behind the once-raced Olympic Dreamer (**Olympiad**) at 1-2. Right up and on the early pace while three deep on the track, the New York-bred opened a couple of lengths on her rivals with an eighth of a mile to race and just managed to hold off a late rally from 15-2 Turning to Gold (**Munnings**), becoming the sixth to salute by her freshman sire (by Into Mischief). A half-sister to Union Fleet (Union Jackson), SP, \$368,412, the winner has an **Honest Mischief** half-brother foaled Apr. 6. Sales history: \$16,000 Ylg '25 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Super C Racing Inc & Jagger Inc; B-Jonathan Thorne (NY); T-Jamie Ness.

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5th-Finger Lakes, \$29,000, Msw, 7-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.91, ft, 8 1/4 lengths.

VERMONT BLU (f, 3, **Girvin--Bluski, by Hunters Bay),** an 11-1 chance facing the starter for the first time, was sent along to argue the early pace from one off the fence and had her head in front entering the turn. While the heavily bet American Purple (Mshawish) began to back out of it abruptly approaching the stretch, the Florida-bred Vermont Blu kept up the gallop and streaked home an 8 1/4-length winner. Winning owner Seth Gardner acquired this filly's dam for just \$5,000 at the 2023 OBS January Sale, but Bluski has unfortunately not produced a live foal since. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,960. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Seth B Gardner; B-Gem Racing Inc (FL); T-Timothy P Murphy.



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, JULY 21

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Corniche (Quality Road), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000
109 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Delaware, 1:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Mi Amor Morena, 10-1
\$60,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$30,000 OBS APR 2yo

Epicerter (Not This Time), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
206 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Delaware, 1:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Centra, 8-1
\$25,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$25,000 OBS APR 2yo

Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
204 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Delaware, 1:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Martiniwithatwist, 3-1
\$75,000 FTK JUL yrl

Highly Motivated (Into Mischief), Airdrie Stud, \$7,500
98 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Delaware, 1:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Cha Cha Baby, 7-5
\$7,500 KEE NOV wnl; \$35,000 KEE SEP yrl

Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
136 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Delaware, 1:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Shanghai Rose, 10-1
\$130,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, JULY 21

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Independence Hall (Constitution), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
196 foals of racing age/45 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Finger Lakes, 2:22 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Lennie's Way, 7-2
\$75,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$125,000 SAR AUG yrl



STAKES RESULTS:

ANGIE C. S., \$57,250, Emerald Downs, 7-19, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.44, ft.

1--MATTIE GOINCOASTAL, 120, f, 2, Coast Guard--Ms Moscow Mattie, by Matty G. 1ST BLACK- TYPE WIN. (\$19,000 RNA Ylg '25 WASSEP). O-Nina & Ron Hagen & Gary Lusk; B-Nina & Ron Hagen (WA); T-Howard F Gibson; J-Kevin E Orozco. \$32,500. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$45,610.

2--Pure Dynamite, 121, f, 2, Dynamic Impact--Miss Salome, by Harbor the Gold. 1ST BLACK TYPE. (\$6,000 Ylg '25 WASSEP). O-Uncle Pete's Dream Team; B-Antonio Mendoza (WA); T-Save Bullock. \$11,000.

3--Majorical, 118, f, 2, Dialed In--Kactus Kate, by Tourist. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Oak Crest Farm LLC (Hodge) (KY); T-David B Martinez. \$6,600.

Margins: 5, NK, 1. Odds: 0.41, 4.48, 6.32.

WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATORS S., \$50,000, Emerald Downs, 7-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:15.33, ft.

1--ALOHA BREEZE, 125, m, 6, The Factor--Flashy Doll, by New Year's Day. (\$25,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-George Todaro; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc (KY); T-Tom Wenzel; J-Adrian Castellanos. \$27,500. Lifetime Record: 22-15-4-1, \$388,900.



2--**Precise Timing**, 121, f, 4, **Dialed In**--Peaceful Nation, by Nationhood. (\$19,000 RNA Ylg '23 WASSEP). O-Blue Ribbon Racing #23; B-Frederick L Pabst (WA); T-Kay Penney Cooper. \$10,000.

3--**Saleen G T**, 121, f, 4, Barkley--Knight Club, by Matty G. (\$15,000 Ylg '23 WASSEP). O-R E V Racing; B-Nina & Ron Hagen (WA); T-Frank Lucarelli. \$6,000.

Margins: 3HF, NK, 1 3/4. Odds: 0.30, 16.35, 18.17.

GOVERNOR'S S., \$50,000, Emerald Downs, 7-19, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:14.41, ft.

1--**SI THAT TIGER**, 121, c, 4, **Smiling Tiger**--Ros's Girl, by **Rosberg**. (\$20,000 Ylg '23 WASSEP). O-Janene & John Maryanski, Gail & Gerald E Schneider; B-Darlynne Krieg (CA); T-Blaine D Wright; J-Silvio Ruiz Amador. \$27,500. Lifetime Record: 11-7-1-0, \$166,770. *1/2 to Slew's Tiz Whiz (Slew's Tiznow), MSW, \$421,012.

2--**Slew's Tiz Whiz**, 121, g, 8, Slew's Tiznow--Ros's Girl, by Rosberg. O-Slew's Crew Racing; B-Karl Krieg (WA); T-Tom Wenzel. \$10,000.

3--**Executive Chef**, 121, g, 7, **Cairo Prince**--Cynisca, by **Munnings**. (\$27,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT). O-Muddy Waters Stables LLC; B-Chance Farm (VA); T-Michael Puhich. \$6,000.

Margins: 3 1/4, 1, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.72, 4.58, 8.61.

KENT S., \$50,000, Emerald Downs, 7-19, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:36.79, ft.

1--**FALLING LEAVES**, 118, f, 3, **Frosted**--Season Maker, by **Pioneer of the Nile**. (\$45,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP). O-George Todaro; B-BHMFR LLC (KY); T-Tom Wenzel; J-Frank T Alvarado. \$27,500. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-2, \$93,450.

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2--**Alluring Valentine**, 118, f, 3, Running Tap--Classy and Sassy, by Mineshaft. **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Fred Desimone; B-Fred & Cindy Desimone (WA); T-Tim McCanna. \$10,000.

3--**Tipitap**, 118, f, 3, **Tacitus**--Tocame Linda, by Speightstown. **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Ronald J Kalina; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Blaine D Wright. \$6,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, HD, HD. Odds: 3.89, 5.06, 9.22.

KING COUNTY EXPRESS S., \$49,500, Emerald Downs, 7-19, 2yo, c/g, 5 1/2f, 1:03.13, ft.

1--**CAPS AND CARNAGE**, 121, g, 2, **Dads Caps**--Fracas, by **Violence**. **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN**. (\$2,500 Ylg '25 ARZOCT). O-Candice Davis; B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA); T-Dru S Hall; J-Luis A Valenzuela. \$27,225. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$83,385. *Third stakes winner for sire (by Discreet Cat).

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2--**Coal Front Kid**, 119, g, 2, Coal Front--Delta Gamma Cats, by Vancouver (Aus). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. (\$10,000 Ylg '25 WASSEP). O-Tawnja Elison; B-Eric Scott Jensen (KY); T-Jack McCartney. \$9,900.

3--**Ziwhat**, 119, c, 2, **Mo Town**--Heliocentricity, by Giant's Causeway. **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O/B-George Todaro (KY); T-Tom Wenzel. \$5,940.

Margins: 4 3/4, 5 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.65, 44.68, 6.70.

SEATTLE SLEW S., (NB) \$50,000, Emerald Downs, 7-19, 3yo, c/g, 1m, 1:36.10, ft.

1--**ROBIN RACER**, 119, c, 3, **Connect**--Quasante, by **Hard Spun**. (\$27,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP). O-George Todaro; B-Brookstone Farm & Lee Mauberret (KY); T-Tom Wenzel; J-Frank T Alvarado. \$27,500. Lifetime Record: SW, 7-3-2-0, \$93,450.

2--**Chase**, 123, g, 3, Pop Artist--Finality's Charmer, by Finality. (C\$6,000 Ylg '24 BRCAUG). O-Gary Williamson; B-Sandra M Loseth (BC); T-Save Henson. \$10,000.

3--**Senor Tequilas**, 121, c, 3, Misremembered--Art Director, by **Tapit**. (\$4,000 Ylg '24 NCAAU). O-Jose Saldivar; B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA); T-Jorge Rosales. \$6,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 5, NK. Odds: 0.87, 4.94, 4.08.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Gulfstream, \$47,750, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 7-20, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:32.71, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

IRONSIDES (g, 6, Midshipman--Alana B., by Animal Kingdom) Lifetime Record: SP, 38-5-4-5, \$233,323. O/T-Fausto Gutierrez; B-Machmer Hall & Dan Walters (KY). *\$125,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

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3rd-Gulfstream, \$47,300, Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 7-20, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.28, ft, 3/4 length.

EPIGRAM (f, 3, Code of Honor--Rockin, by Hard Spun) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$56,825. O-JC Racing Stable LLC (Jose Castro); B-Mercedes Stables LLC (KY); T-Jose M Castro. *\$7,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT; \$38,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR.

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3rd-Presque Isle Downs, \$39,390, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 7-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.04, ft, head.

AUSTERE (m, 5, Mendelssohn--Argumentative {GB} {MSP-Fr }, by Observatory) Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 16-4-2-1, \$545,000. O-Belmar Racing and Breeding LLC, Bradley Thoroughbreds, Cambron Equine LLC, Tucci Stables & Gary Finder; B-Summer Wind Equine LLC (KY); T-Brendan P Walsh. *\$150,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. *1/2 to Indeed (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), GSP-Eng, \$117,425; and Epicuris (GB) (Rail Link {GB}), G1SW-Fr, \$356,042.



8th-Prairie Meadows, \$36,500, 7-19, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.61, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

MERASOL SUGAR (m, 5, Constitution--Chanel Number Mine, by Value Plus) Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-1, \$214,666. O-Poindexter Thoroughbreds LLC; B-H Allen Poindexter (KY); T-Kevin Eikleberry. *\$95,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP. **1/2 to Chanel's Legacy (Dominus), MSW & GSP, \$413,144.



7th-Thistledown, \$35,800, (S), 7-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:15.42, ft, 3/4 length.

ELOPEDATTHEDEBURY (f, 4, Event Driven--Belle Du Sud, by Corinthian) Lifetime Record: 15-4-4-2, \$92,526. O-Robert C Cline & Robert A Lucas; B/T-Robert C Cline (OH).

9th-Prairie Meadows, \$35,405, (NW2\$X), Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 7-19, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.32, ft, neck.

RUN JALEN RUN (g, 5, Runhappy--Analyze {SW, \$123,012}, by Candy Ride {Arg}) Lifetime Record: 30-8-7-4, \$405,653. O-Meritt Hudson; B-Alexander, Groves & Matz, LLC (KY); T-Steve Manley. *\$25,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$42,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR.

5th-Thistledown, \$31,400, 7-20, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.22, ft, 1 length.

INVICTUS (g, 4, Into Mischief--Serengeti Empress {MGISW, \$2,175,653}, by Alternation) Lifetime Record: SP, 14-4-1-1, \$169,680. O/B-Joel Politi (KY); T-Kinnon LaRose. *\$1,200,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.



7th-Finger Lakes, \$24,500, (S), 7-20, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.47, ft, 1/2 length.

MISCHIEVOUS TRICK (f, 4, Practical Joke--Sweet Slam, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: 16-4-1-0, \$64,470. O-Eddie F's Racing; B-Sugar Maple Farm (NY); T-M Anthony Ferraro. *\$55,000 Ylg '23 SARAUG.

1st-Fort Erie, C\$22,234, 7-20, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.48, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

GRAND WARRIOR (JPN) (g, 3, Contrail {Jpn}--Sound Barrier {Jpn} {GSW-Jpn, \$805,532}, by Agnes Digital) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, \$23,556. O-ICON Racing Stables; B-Yuichi Masuda (Jpn); T-Anthony Adamo. ¥50,000,000 Ylg '24 JRHAYF. **1/2 to Sound Chiara (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), MGSW & G1SP-Jpn, \$2,747,722.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Breakheart Pass, c, 2, Event Driven--Miss Van Gogh, by Vindication. Thistledown, 7-20, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.94. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,340. B-Paula Weaver (OH). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **Won by 18 1/4 lengths as the 4-5 favorite. ***Ninth winner from 10 starters for third-crop sire (by Medaglia d'Oro).

Sofia's Love, f, 2, Greatest Honour--Runningonthetafuel, by Flatter. Prairie Meadows, 7-19, (S), 5f, :59.73. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$34,524. B-H Allen Poindexter (IA). *Third winner for freshman sire (by Tapit).



Daddy's Secret, f, 3, Frac Daddy--Discreet, by Smart Strike. Woodbine, 7-20, (C), 6f (AWT), 1:11.40. Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-0, \$57,116. B-Paul Buttigieg (ON). *1/2 to Secret Load (Reload), MSP, \$183,471.

Muffin Thief, f, 3, Maximus Mischief--Korny Sue, by Gilded Time. Prairie Meadows, 7-19, (S), 6f, 1:10.98. Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-0, \$59,360. B-Iowa State University (IA). *\$45,000 Ylg '24 IOWOCT. **1/2 to Succession (Alternation), MSP, \$236,973; and Who's Smokin (Smoke Glacken), SW, \$115,703.

Stanz Coming, g, 3, Stanford--Shez Coming in Hot, by More Than Ready. Presque Isle Downs, 7-20, 6f (AWT), 1:11.53. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$27,850. B-Hume Wornall & Jay Adcock (KY). *\$5,500 Ylg '24 FTKOCT; \$1,250 RNA 2yo '25 IGDAPR.

Big Screen Boss, g, 4, Big Screen--Executive Affair, by Bold Executive. Woodbine, 7-19, (C), 7 1/2ft, 1:32.25. Lifetime Record: 14-1-9-1, \$128,521. B-Spring Farm (ON). C\$75,000 Ylg '23 CANSEP. *Full to Sav, SW & GSP, \$311,355; and Cruden Bay, MGSW, \$555,975; half to Cooler Mike (Giant Gizmo), MSW & MGSP, \$484,280.

Asset Management, g, 4, Central Banker--Indemand, by Saarland. Finger Lakes, 7-20, 6f, 1:11.74. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-2, \$60,450. B-Saratoga Glen Farm LLC (NY).

War Legend, g, 4, War of Will--Rare Perle (Fr), by Siyouni (Fr). Woodbine, 7-19, 6f (AWT), 1:12.11. Lifetime Record: 13-1-5-0, \$122,028. B-Gary Barber (KY).

City Broad, m, 5, Hoppertunity--Broad Gale, by Broad Brush. Parx Racing, 7-20, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:20.67. Lifetime Record: 11-1-1-2, \$46,724. B-Spring Run Farm LLC (PA).

Lucky N Smart, g, 5, **Vronsky**--Glorious Luck, by Lucky J. H.. Del Mar, 7-19, (S), 5fT, :57.13. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$65,280. B-Harris Farms Inc (CA). *\$36,000 5yo '26 FTDJUN.



Big Screen, Big Screen Boss, g, 4, o/o Executive Affair, by Bold Executive. MOC, 7-19, Woodbine

Bodexpress, Ford Frenzy, c, 3, o/o Renewed Energy, by **Tapit**. MSW, 7-19, Del Mar

Central Banker, Asset Management, g, 4, o/o Indemand, by Saarland. MSW, 7-20, Finger Lakes

Charlatan, Kentucky Freedom, c, 2, o/o Glamouratti, by **Street Sense**. MSW, 7-20, Parx Racing

Coast Guard, Mattie Goincoastal, f, 2, o/o Ms Moscow Mattie, by Matty G. Angie C. S., 7-19, Emerald Downs

Code of Honor, Epigram, f, 3, o/o Rockin, by **Hard Spun**. AOC, 7-20, Gulfstream

Connect, Robin Racer, c, 3, o/o Quasante, by **Hard Spun**. Seattle Slew S., 7-19, Emerald Downs

Constitution, Merasol Sugar, m, 5, o/o Chanel Number Mine, by Value Plus. ALW, 7-19, Prairie Meadows

Contrail (Jpn), Grand Warrior (Jpn), g, 3, o/o Sound Barrier (Jpn), by Agnes Digital. ALW, 7-20, Fort Erie

Dads Caps, Caps and Carnage, g, 2, o/o Fracas, by **Violence**. King County Express S., 7-19, Emerald Downs

Event Driven, Breakheart Pass, c, 2, o/o Miss Van Gogh, by Vindication. MSW, 7-20, Thistledown

Event Driven, Elopeditthederby, f, 4, o/o Belle Du Sud, by Corinthian. ALW, 7-20, Thistledown

Frac Daddy, Daddy's Secret, f, 3, o/o Discreet, by Smart Strike. MOC, 7-20, Woodbine

Frosted, Falling Leaves, f, 3, o/o Season Maker, by Pioneerof the Nile. Kent S., 7-19, Emerald Downs

Girvin, Vermont Blu, f, 3, o/o Bluski, by Hunters Bay. MSW, 7-20, Finger Lakes

Greatest Honour, Sofia's Love, f, 2, o/o Runningonthetafuel, by Flatter. MSW, 7-19, Prairie Meadows

Highly Motivated, Almas Gone Gamblin, f, 2, o/o Piccolo Flats, by A. P. Warrior. MSW, 7-20, Parx Racing

Hoppertunity, City Broad, m, 5, o/o Broad Gale, by Broad Brush. MSW, 7-20, Parx Racing

Into Mischief, Invictus, g, 4, o/o Serengeti Empress, by Alternation. ALW, 7-20, Thistledown

Maximus Mischief, Muffin Thief, f, 3, o/o Korny Sue, by Gilded Time. MSW, 7-19, Prairie Meadows

Mendelssohn, Austere, m, 5, o/o Argumentative (GB), by Observatory. AOC, 7-20, Presque Isle Downs

Midshipman, Ironsides, g, 6, o/o Alana B., by Animal Kingdom. AOC, 7-20, Gulfstream

Practical Joke, Mischievous Trick, f, 4, o/o Sweet Slam, by Grand Slam. ALW, 7-20, Finger Lakes

Runhappy, Run Jalen Run, g, 5, o/o Analyze, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. AOC, 7-19, Prairie Meadows

Smiling Tiger, Si That Tiger, c, 4, o/o Ros's Girl, by Rosberg. Governor's S., 7-19, Emerald Downs

Space Blues (Ire), Melismatic (Ire), c, 3, o/o Faradays Law (Ire), by Lawman (Fr). AOC, 7-19, Del Mar

Stanford, Stanz Coming, g, 3, o/o Shez Coming in Hot, by More Than Ready. MSW, 7-20, Presque Isle Downs

Street Boss, Quiet Street, f, 3, o/o Serene, by **Tapit**. Lady Erie S., 7-20, Presque Isle Downs

The Factor, Aloha Breeze, m, 6, o/o Flashy Doll, by New Year's Day. Washington State Legislators S., 7-19, Emerald Downs

Vronsky, Lucky N Smart, g, 5, o/o Glorious Luck, by Lucky J. H.. MSW, 7-19, Del Mar

War of Will, War Legend, g, 4, o/o Rare Perle (Fr), by **Siyouni (Fr)**. MSW, 7-19, Woodbine

Win Win Win, Sum of Success, c, 2, o/o All Summed Up, by In Summation. MSW, 7-20, Gulfstream

Zoustar (Aus), King of Gosford (GB), h, 5, o/o Miss Sugars (GB), by Harbour Watch (Ire). Wickerr S., 7-19, Del Mar

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CALANDAGAN TOPS 10 KING GEORGE HOPEFULS; ASCOT FEATURE TO BE RUN FOR £2.5M FROM 2027



Calandagan beats Kalpana in last year's King George | Getty Images

By Adam Houghton

Nick Smith, Director of Racing and Public Affairs at Ascot Racecourse, has heralded the "significant momentum" behind the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes, with a top-class edition in prospect on Saturday and it being announced that the midsummer highlight will be worth £2.5 million from 2027.

Currently, the King George shares top spot with the Derby among the richest races staged on British soil, with Saturday's Group 1 feature set to offer total prize-money of £2 million for the first time, having been run for £1.5 million when the Francis Graffard-trained **Calandagan** (Gleneagles) emerged victorious 12 months ago.

At £2.5 million, however, the King George is set to stand alone as Britain's richest-ever race, offering £500,000 more than the Derby and £1 million more than the Sussex Stakes and Juddmonte International, both of which will be run for £1.5 million in 2026 following further prize-money increases announced by Goodwood and York, respectively.

As things stand, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, which is currently worth €5 million (£4.24m), will be the only race in Europe run for more than the King George in 2027. [Cont. p3](#)

DR RICHARD NEWLAND AND JAMIE INSOLE TO END TRAINING PARTNERSHIP AFTER TWO AND A HALF YEARS

Dr Richard Newland and Jamie Insole are set to go their separate ways, *The Sun* reported on Monday, bringing to an end a training partnership which has sent out 139 winners in Britain--81 on the Flat and 58 over jumps--since its inception in December 2023.

"Jamie has done a great job for us," Newland told *The Sun*. "He's been with us for two and a half years. I'm just changing the shape of the yard a bit.

"Economically, racing is quite a challenge at the moment and it is something Jamie and I have discussed over a number of months. I know he's got his own new yard coming on, so I wish him well. I expect it will be sorted over the next couple of months."

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6 | OMBUDSMAN SIBLING SET FOR WOLVES DEBUT

Syndicale (Ten Sovereigns), a half-sister to Godolphin's four-time Group 1 winner, faces nine rivals when she kicks off her career at Wolverhampton on Tuesday.

7 | MAZZALA MAINTAINS UNBEATEN RECORD

*The son of **Frankel** made it three from three when winning the Listed Prix Frederic de Lagrange at Vichy on Monday.*

King George cont. from p1

"In a week where the significant prize-money boost to this year's King George has resulted in two of the best horses in Japan and France being set to run, as well as Irish Derby winner Benvenuto Cellini, and eight Group 1 winners in total, we are delighted to confirm further significant momentum for Britain's premier all-aged race with £2.5 million on offer next year," said Smith.

"In a fiercely competitive international market, it is crucial that Britain's flagship midsummer races are appealing to connections of the world's best horses. The Elite Races Scheme, backed by the Levy Board and BHA in 2026, has played an important part in this venture as we continue to work with our racecourse colleagues at the Jockey Club, Goodwood and York to promote the midsummer highlights of British racing, namely the July Cup, the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes, the Sussex Stakes and the International Stakes."

Headlining the list of eight Group 1 winners in contention for Saturday's King George are defending champion Calandagan and Japanese star **Masquerade Ball** (Duramente), the one-two from last year's Japan Cup.

Calandagan prevailed by a head at Tokyo on his way to being crowned Longines World's Best Racehorse for 2025. The five-year-old has already raced three times in 2026, notably winning the Dubai Sheema Classic at Meydan and Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud, either side of a rare below-par display in the Coronation Cup at Epsom when floundering on the soft ground.

Meanwhile, this race has been a long-term target for last year's Tenno Sho (Autumn) hero Masquerade Ball, who **bids to become the first Japanese-trained winner of the King George**, having returned to action with a creditable second behind the redoubtable Romantic Warrior (Acclamation) in April's QEII Cup at Sha Tin. He is joined from the Far East by **Wurtemberg** (Kitasan Black), who is yet to open his account at the top level but was beaten just a nose in the Tenno Sho (Spring) when last seen.



Calandagan wins the Japan Cup from Masquerade Ball | JRA

Graffard will also have a second string to his bow in the 2024 King George victor **Goliath** (Adlerflug), while Aidan O'Brien could field up to four runners, including Irish Derby scorer **Benvenuto Cellini** (**Frankel**), three-time Group 1 winner **Minnie Hauk** (**Frankel**) and last year's Derby hero **Lambourn** (Australia).

Finally, the home challenge is made up of George Scott's runaway Coronation Cup winner **Bay City Roller** (New Bay) and the Andrew Balding-trained **Kalpana** (Study Of Man), who will be bidding to go one place better than when chasing home Calandagan in 2025.

"He [Calandagan] is obviously a very good horse and we couldn't match him last year, but we'll take him on again and who knows?" Balding said of Kalpana, who continued her love affair with Ascot when beaten just a short head by Giavellotto (Mastercraftsman) in the G2 Hardwicke Stakes last time.

"I think she's a little bit fitter than she was last year. We were always sort of struggling to get weight off her last year. This year, she has come to hand and stayed in a good place. It just seems to have occurred that way, but we are very happy with her." **Cont. p4**



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Balding continued, "She worked well on Saturday. She's a very good horse on her day and loves Ascot--she's not put in a bad turn there yet, so hopefully that will continue. I'm sure she'll be there or thereabouts again. She seems fairly versatile these days with the ground but, if it does rain, it might suit her a bit better than some of the others."

He added of the King George, "It's one of the most important middle-distance races of the summer and has always been a main target for her. This race and Ascot on Champions Day [Fillies & Mares Stakes won by Kalpana in 2024 and 2025] have always been the key races for her."

'Sustainable growth is fundamental to our long-term success'

In addition to the further cash injection that the King George will receive from 2027, Ascot Racecourse announced on Monday its financial results for the 12 months ended December 31, 2025, which showed consistent growth across the board.

Turnover increased by 4.8% to a record £118.6 million, driven by strong performances across hospitality, retail catering, admissions and sponsorship.

Gross profit also rose in line with the increase in turnover, with profit before tax up by £2.1 million, while EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation) rose by £2.3 million (14.2%), including a £1.2 million business rates refund following a successful appeal against a rateable valuation.

The mandatory £3 million loan repayment was made in 2025. This follows repayments of £5 million in 2024, which included a voluntary early repayment of £2 million. As a result, as of December 31, 2025, net cash stood at £10.4 million, compared with net debt of £4.6 million at the end of 2024.

Racecourse attendance also grew strongly, with 532,956 racegoers attending Ascot's fixtures in 2025, a 3.7% increase on the 513,869 recorded in 2024.

Capital investment totalled £4.8 million during the year, supporting the first phase of the new weighing room project, technology upgrades, improvements to the stabling area and enhancements to the customer experience as part of Ascot's long-term strategy.

Felicity Barnard, CEO at Ascot Racecourse, said, "Sustainable growth, both domestically and through our international relationships and partnerships, is fundamental to our long-term success. It allows us to invest in our site, enhance the customer experience and continue to strengthen our racing product."

"We were delighted to welcome over 286,000 guests to Royal Ascot in 2025 and saw attendances increasing again this summer for the third consecutive year. This continued growth reflects our focus on strengthening the Ascot brand and listening closely to what our guests value most."

The strong financial performance has also enabled Ascot to programme a record £19.4 million in prize-money for 2026, excluding the industry-owned QIPCO British Champions Day.

Smith added, "Our whole programme is important to us, of course, as demonstrated by 52% of our races this year being run for more than 2025, and a full prize-money announcement for 2027 will be made in December."

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Dr Richard Newland/Jamie Insole cont. from p1

Newland--who has been training for over two decades and is perhaps best known for the victory of Pineau De Re in the 2014 Grand National--will return to being the sole licence holder at his Urloxhey Stables in Worcestershire, having enjoyed notable success whilst training in tandem with Insole.

Witness Stand provided the partnership with a breakthrough Group-race success when landing last year's G2 Lennox Stakes at Goodwood, while Dividend flew the flag for the team in Dubai during the winter when following back-to-back handicap triumphs with a runner-up finish in the G2 Singspiel Stakes.

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Dr Richard Newland (left) and Jamie Insole with Witness Stand

Dr Richard Newland/Jamie Insole cont. from p1

The Sun reported that Insole, a former assistant trainer to Alan King and Charlie Hills, is preparing to relocate to Lambourn and set up his own yard, although he declined to comment when contacted.

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"He's got one more good bit [of work] to do and then we'll be ready to rock and roll," the trainer said. "He's already had a racecourse gallop and I couldn't have been happier with him. He had a real nice blow, nothing excessive, but he needed it. He's come on a ton for it and one more good go should have him spot on."

Johnson Houghton has always held unwavering belief in the son of Without Parole, who went over to Ireland to scoop top honours last term and was unbeaten up until his final start at two when fourth in the G1 Dewhurst Stakes. The trainer is now relishing the opportunity to take on the best milers of their generation at Goodwood. And she's not running scared, either.

She added, "Bring them on! They've walked their walk and now we've got to walk the walk and it's down to us to have a go and give them something to think about."

"Races like this are what it is all about and we're here for. I looked at the St James's Palace Stakes and thought we would definitely have been in the fight. I don't know if we would have won it, but we would have been there fighting and Zavateri loves a scrap."

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'BRING THEM ON!' - CONFIDENCE IN ZAVATERI CAMP AHEAD OF SUSSEX RETURN

Eve Johnson Houghton has issued an upbeat bulletin on her stable star **Zavateri** (Without Parole) ahead of his eagerly anticipated return in the G1 Visit Qatar Sussex Stakes at Goodwood, where the likes of Bow Echo (Night Of Thunder) and Gstaad (**Starspangledbanner**) will be the Group 1-winning juvenile's chief rivals.

Zavateri has been off the track since finishing second in the G3 Greenham Stakes at the beginning of the season but, despite his lack of match practice, Johnson Houghton says she "couldn't be happier" with the colt ahead of Goodwood.

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Tuesday, July 21, 2026:

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

85 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner

18:51-SALISBURY, 6f, **Bollengo Boy (Ire)**

58,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025

19:00-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, **Serenity Bay (GB)**

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18:51-SALISBURY, 6f, **Soldier Of The Sea (Ire)**
€130,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025; €100,000
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Caturra (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Overbury Stud
68 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
19:21-SALISBURY, 6f, **Golden Caturra (GB)**
11,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; €25,000
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Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
99 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
19:21-SALISBURY, 6f, **Topaz (Ire)**
72,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025

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HALF-SISTER TO OMBUDSMAN SET FOR WOLVERHAMPTON DEBUT

7.00 Wolverhampton, Mdn, 2yo, f, 7f 36y (AWT)
Charlotte Musgrave's **SYNDICALE (IRE)** (Ten Sovereigns {Ire}) is a Karl Burke-conditioned half-sister to four-time Group 1 winner Ombudsman (Ire) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}). She encounters nine opponents in this low-key debut.

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BRITAIN

Monday's Results:

1st-Ayr, £10,000, Nov, 7-20, 2yo, 6fT, 1:15.06, g/f.
GREAT OAK (IRE) (c, 2, Mehmas {Ire}--Stamina {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) raced in the slipstream of his lone rival Star People (Sioux Nation) through the early fractions of this debut. Shaken up passing the quarter-mile marker, the 1-3 favourite gained a slender advantage entering the final furlong and was ridden out to prevail by a neck.

Great Oak is the second of four foals and first scorer out of a winning half-sister to G1 Prix Marcel Boussac and G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Silasol (Monsun) and to the dam of G3 Preis des Winterfavoriten third Inside Matters (Lope De Vega).

Silasol is the dam of GI Canadian International hero Silawi (Dubawi), Sunday's G3 Prix Messidor victor Silius (Dubawi) and the dual Group 3-placed Fasol (Galileo).

The winner is half to a yearling filly by Camelot and a weanling filly by Lope De Vega. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £5,400.
O/B-Ballylinch Stud & Ecurie des Charmes; T-Karl Burke.

1st-Beverley, £8,000, Mdn, 7-20, 2yo, 5fT, 1:01.56, g/f.
KENTUCKY RAIN (IRE) (f, 2, Lucky Vega {Ire}--Equanimity {Ire}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus}), who finished under seven lengths behind Victorious (Wootton Bassett) when 16th in Royal Ascot's G2 Queen Mary last month, raced in a handy fourth through the early fractions of this easier spot. Easing forward into second passing the two pole, the 1-4 lock cruised to the front entering the final furlong and stretched clear thereafter to easily outpoint Concert Pitch (Kuroshio) by 4 1/4 lengths.

Kentucky Rain is the fourth of six foals and third scorer out of an unraced half-sister to Listed UAE Oaks-winning GI Darley Alcibiades third Devotee (Elusive Quality), Listed Belgrave Stakes third Inflection Point (Invincible Spirit) and to the dam of stakes-winning G3 Silk Road Stakes runner-up Lady Of Opera (Singspiel).

The winner is a half-sister to Listed Tipperary Stakes victor Son Of Corballis (Raven's Pass), a yearling filly by Teofilo and a weanling filly by Sioux Nation. Sales history: €18,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY; £58,000 RNA 2yo '26 GOUKB; £380,000 2yo '26 GOFLO. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$12,408.
O-Amo Racing Ltd; B-Pegasus Bloodstock Ltd; T-Lemos De Souza.

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2nd-Royal Windsor, £8,000, Nov, 7-20, 2yo, f, 6f 12yT, 1:12.58, g/f.

POLYXENA (IRE) (f, 2, Kodiak {GB}--Andromaca {Ire} {SW-Ity}, by Poet's Voice {GB}) chased the leaders in sixth after the initial stages of this debut. Tanking forward from halfway, the 40-1 outsider-of-eight was scrubbed along approaching the quarter-mile marker and kept on strongly under mainly whipless rousting to deny Princess Ivy (Acclamation) by a head in the dying strides.

Polyxena is the latest of two foals, both winners, out of Listed Criterium Varesino victrix Andromaca (Poet's Voice).

Descendants of her fourth dam Samsung Spirit (Statoblest) include the dual G3 Jebel Ali Mile victor Forjatt (Iffraaj) and the multiple Group-placed Mystical Land (Xaar). Sales history: 28,000gns 2yo '26 TATGBU. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,811. O-TJE Racing; B-Melchior Bloodstock; T-Stuart Williams.

3rd-Royal Windsor, £12,000, Mdn, 7-20, 3/4yo, 10fT, 2:08.09, g/f.

CASTLEMONT (IRE) (g, 3, New Bay {GB}--Hayyona {GB}, by Multiplex {GB}) bowled along behind the leaders in third for most of this belated debut. Coming under pressure approaching the three-furlong pole, the 15-8 second choice was ridden to challenge passing the furlong marker and ran on strongly in the closing stages to defeat Lord D'Or (Palace Pier) by 1 1/4 lengths.

Castlemont is the eighth of 11 foals and fourth scorer out of a half-sister to G2 Prix Eugene Adam victor Shimraan (Rainbow Quest).

The winner is a full-brother to G1 Champion Stakes hero Bay Bridge and the unraced two-year-old filly High Water. He is also kin to a yearling filly by **Siyouni** and a weanling filly by **Kingman**. Sales history: 375,000gns Wlg '23 TADEWE. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,716.

O-Godolphin; B-James Wigan; T-Charlie Appleby.

IRELAND

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Guinelot (Fr), f, 3, Camelot (GB)--Tilet (GB), by Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire). Ballinrobe, 7-20, 9f 135yT, 2:05.72. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$9,522. B-Mme Monique Lepeudry. *€75,000 Ylg '24 ARQDOY.

Nuit (Ire), f, 4, Sea The Stars (Ire)--Holy Amaretta (Ire), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire). Ballinrobe, 7-20, 12f 179yT, 2:52.88. Lifetime Record: SP-Ire, 12-1-2-3, €35,750. B-Sunderland Holding Inc. *145,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT; €170,000 RNA 2yo '24 ARQMAY. *Full to Poseidon's Warrior (Ire), SP-Eng.

FRANCE

Monday's Results:

PRIX FREDERIC DE LAGRANGE-Listed, €50,300, Vichy, 7-20, 3yo, 12fT, 2:32.53, sf.

1--**MAZZALA (IRE)**. 126, g, 3, by **Frankel (GB)**

1st Dam: Celtic (Ire), by Speightstown

2nd Dam: Lady Of Shamrock, by Scat Daddy

3rd Dam: Blushing Issue, by Blushing John

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Yann Barberot; J-Maxime Guyon. €25,150. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0 €51,200.

2--**Zulu Chant (Ire)**, 126, g, 3, Magna Grecia (Ire)--Zindziswa, by Smart Strike. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-OTI Management Pty Ltd; B-Ecurie Peregrine SAS; T-Andre & Lavinia Fabre. €10,060.

3--**Carcagny (Fr)**, 122, f, 3, Toronado (Ire)--Cany Barville (Fr), by **Camelot (GB)**. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Franklin Finance SA; T-Patrice Cottier. €7,545.

Margins: SHD, 1, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.30, 14.00, 25.00.

Also Ran: Lady Mara (GB), Mature (Fr), Sorano (Fr), Saint Martin (Fr).

Mazzala, undefeated after victories at Saint-Cloud and Lyon-Parilly in May, maintained his perfect record with a narrow success in this black-type debut. Asserting for early control and leading throughout, he came under pressure when threatened passing the quarter-mile marker and was driven out in the latter stages to prevail by a short-head from Zulu Chant.

Mazzala is the third foal and scorer out of a half-sister to G3 Prix Chloe victrix Blush (**Kingman**) and the stakes-winning G3 Prix du Lys third Martel (**Frankel**).

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Prix Frederic de Lagrange cont.

His second dam is GI American Oaks and GI Del Mar Oaks heroine Lady Of Shamrock (Scat Daddy), herself kin to GII Commonwealth Breeders' Cup Stakes-winning sire Smooth Jazz (Storm Boot) and the multiple stakes-winning She's Sensational (Point Given). The winner is a half-brother to the unraced two-year-old filly Lutece (Night Of Thunder), a yearling colt by **Zarak** and a weanling filly by **Kingman**.

1st-Vichy, €21,000, Mdn, 7-20, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:26.10, sf. CEZEMBRE (FR) (f, 2, Mehmas {Ire}--Cala Violina {Fr}, by Lope De Vega {Ire}) chased the leaders in eighth after the opening exchanges of this unveiling. Rowed along off the home turn, the 8-5 favourite made relentless headway in the straight to go second entering the final furlong and was ridden out to deny Chanson Douce (Sealiway) by 3/4-of-a-length nearing the line.

Cezembre is the fourth foal and scorer produced by a winning half-sister to multiple stakes-winning G2 Grand Prix de Deauville third Fenelon (Fastnet Rock).

Her dual Grade III-winning second dam Aigue Marine (Galileo), a daughter of G3 Prix Fille de l'Air victrix Aiglonne (Silver Hawk), is a half to four stakes performers, including G1 Prix d'Ispahan-winning sire Mekhtaal (**Sea The Stars**), G2 Prix Hocquart winner Democrate (Dalakhani {Ire}) and G3 Prix Thomas Bryon-winning G1 Criterium International second Normandy Bridge (Le Havre). Aigue Marine is also kin to the dam of Saturday's G1 Irish Oaks heroine Johanna Walsh (**Sea The Stars**).

The winner is a half-sister to Listed Prix de la Seine victrix Gala Real (Wootton Bassett) and a weanling colt by **Siyouni**. Sales history: €180,000 Ylg '25 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,500.

O-Ecurie des Charmes & Ballylinch Stud; B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm & Noir et Or Elevage SA; T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

2nd-Vichy, €21,000, Mdn, 7-20, 2yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:27.43, sf. KRISTOLYX (FR) (c, 3, Calyx {GB}--Kristalina {Ire}, by Nayef) broke smartly and stalked the pace in second for most of this debut. Looming large in the straight, the 169-10 chance inched ahead with a quarter-mile remaining and was ridden out inside the final furlong to hold the late surge of Ciao Bello (**Saxon Warrior**) by a head.

Kristolyx is the lone reported foal produced by the multiple winner Kristalina (Nayef), herself out of a half-sister to dual Group 1-winning sire Tamayuz (Nayef).

Descendants of the winner's third dam Al Ishq (Nureyev) also include the Group 1 winners Santiago (Authorized), Eshaada (Muhaarar) and Facteur Cheval (Ribchester) and the Group 1-placed duo Motamarris (Le Havre) and La Joconde (**Frankel**). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,500.

O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul; T-Nicolas Perret.

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Wednesday, Vichy, France, post time: 21:37

GRAND PRIX DE VICHY-G3, €73,200, 3yo/up, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	2	Woodchuck (Fr)	Birchwood (Ire)	Bellanger	Orani	130
2	5	Zaydann (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Graffard	Barzalona	128
3	1	Casapueblo (Ire)	Le Havre (Ire)	A & L Fabre	Boudot	128
4	3	Miss Of Change (Fr)	King Of Change (GB)	Nieslanik	Bachelot	125
5	4	Euboa (Fr)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	Munch	Provost	125

In an open edition, **Zaydann** bids for a fifth straight win having annexed November's Listed Prix Lyphard and May's Listed Grand Prix de Bordeaux. **Casapueblo** rates a serious threat returning off a narrow defeat in last month's G3 La Coupe, while dangers also include G2 Prix Corrida third **Euboa** and G3 Gran Premio di Milano victor **Woodchuck**. The latter was a short-neck shy of Casapueblo when the duo finished second and third in this last year. Last term's Listed Prix Occitanie demotee **Miss Of Change** has failed to make an impact in one dozen outings since winning in Prague 13 months ago and completes the line-up. [Sean Cronin].

Wednesday, Vichy, France, post time: 19:35

PRIX DES JOUVENCEAUX & JOUVENCELLES - BERNARD FERRAND-Listed, €54,900, 2yo, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	8	Witchway (Fr)	Sealiway (Fr)	Cottier	Besnier	128
2	10	Literary Song (Fr)	Literato (Fr)	Escuder	Demuro	128
3	7	Palais Byzantin (Fr)	Galiway (GB)	C Head	Grandin	128
4	1	Medronho (GB)	Territories (Ire)	Baptista Ribeiro De Abreu	Pouchin	128
5	3	Skyridge (Fr)	Goken (Fr)	Perret	Orani	128
6	9	Un Vrai Venusien (Fr)	Mehmas (Ire)	Graffard	Boudot	128
7	4	Kassab (Fr)	Muhaarar (GB)	Guyader	Moutard	128
8	5	Algebre (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	C Head	Guyon	128
9	6	Soonak (Fr)	Chachnak (Fr)	Pitart	Hardouin	125
10	2	Laugh Is Enough (Fr)	Armor (GB)	Tavares	Werle	125

Saint-Cloud maiden winner **Algebre** is the only contender to have earned black type and returns off a third in this month's Listed Prix Roland de Chambure at Deauville. Threats include **Un Vrai Venusien**, who accounted for **Palais Byzantin** in a Compiègne maiden last month, and Listed Prix des Reves d'Or fourth **Witchway**. Others worthy of consideration are the maiden winners **Literary Song**, **Skyridge** and **Soonak**, along with the Portuguese challenger **Medronho**. [Sean Cronin].

Wednesday, Naas, Ireland, post time: 18:30

ARQANA IRISH EBF MARWELL STAKES-Listed, €30,000, 2yo, f, 5f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	April Mist (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Woodridge Stables Ltd	Ger Lyons	Colin Keane	128
2	Back To The Lodge (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	New Suit Syndicate	Daniel McLoughlin	Ben Coen	128
3	Belle Of The Ball (Ire)	Mohaather (GB)	Omega Racing, Belle Morris & Russell B Jones Jr	Jessica Harrington	Shane Foley	128
4	Big Negotiator (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Bond Thoroughbred Ltd	Paddy Twomey	Wayne Lordan	128
5	Concorde Landed (Ire)	Sioux Nation	Bond Thoroughbred Ltd	Paddy Twomey	Billy Lee	128
6	Eastern Queen (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Mrs Jodi O'Donoghue	John O'Donoghue	Nathan Crosse	128
7	Shesthedevil (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Black Steel Square Syndicate	Patrick Magee	Chris Hayes	128
8	Shimmering Sun (Ire)	Havana Grey (GB)	Shapoor Mistry	Harry Eustace	D B McMonagle	128
9	Silent Beauty (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd	Kevin Philippart De Foy	Donagh O'Connor	128
10	Tropical Crown (Ire)	Perfect Power (Ire)	Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum	Karl Burke	Pierre-Louis Jamin	128

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TDN Rising Star **Concorde Landed** heads postward as the likely favourite returning off an impressive five-length win over this course and distance and she is accompanied by connections' G2 Queen Mary 15th and Listed Tipperary Stakes fourth **Big Negotiator**, while the home team also features Bellewstown maiden scorer **April Mist**. The British challenge consists of **Shimmering Sun**, who was under four lengths adrift of Victorious when seventh in the Queen Mary, Amo Racing's G3 Albany also-ran **Silent Beauty** and Beverley maiden winner **Tropical Crown**, who is from the in-form Karl Burke stable. [Sean Cronin].

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