

'THE MARK OF A TRUE CHAMPION': THREE-TIME GRADE I WINNER JOURNALISM RETIRED



Journalism | Benoit

Journalism (Curlin--Mopotism, by Uncle Mo) has been retired from racing after suffering an injury in the starting gate prior to an electric victory in the July 18 GII San Diego Handicap, officials from Coolmore America and the rest of the ownership announced on July 24.

Bred by Don Alberto Corporation, Journalism was purchased by Aron Wellman's Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners from the consignment of Denali Stud, agent, for \$825,000 at the 2023 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale and was turned over to trainer Michael McCarthy.

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ROUND THREE: ALWAYS A RUNNER AND COUNTING STARS MEET AGAIN IN CCA OAKS *by Steve Sherack*

The leader of the 3-year-old filly division will emerge from Saturday's GI Coaching Club American Oaks at Saratoga.

After beginning her career with three straight wins led by a powerful, come-from-behind victory in the GI Kentucky Oaks, 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Always a Runner (Gun Runner)** looks to get back on track following a runner-up finish behind **Counting Stars (Honor A. P.)** as the 4-5 favorite in the GI DraftKings Acorn S. at Saratoga June 5.

The 9-5 morning-line favorite and \$1.05-million Keeneland September graduate will exit from post six with Jose Ortiz aboard.

"She got a good trip. I don't think there's any excuse," trainer Chad Brown said. "The winner ran super, and my filly may have regressed just a touch off her hard Oaks effort. I see a horse that is fully recovered now from that race, and looks rested and well right now. So, I'm hoping that in her last start, she was feeling the Oaks a little bit and that was the reason for a slightly off effort."

Counting Stars, third, beaten 2 1/4 lengths in the Kentucky Oaks, turned the tables on Always a Runner with a spectacular, 3 3/4-length victory beneath Irad Ortiz, Jr. at the Spa last time. Counting Stars will break from the rail in the CCA Oaks. Ortiz, Jr. is back aboard. **Cont. p5**

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Title Role (GB) (Too Darn Hot {GB}), winner of the GI Belmont Derby in his most recent start, works five furlongs in 1:02.88 over Saratoga's Oklahoma turf training course Friday morning with Paul Holley up. See page 15 for more. | Sarah Andrew

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Journalism Retired cont. from p1

Perfect in two tries going a route of ground at two, including the GII Los Alamitos Futurity, the long-striding colt cemented his reputation as one of the top 3-year-olds of 2025 with a half-length defeat of future Grade I winner Baeza (**McKinzie**) in the GI Santa Anita Derby.

Sent off the betting favorite in the GI Kentucky Derby, Journalism made what appeared to be a winning move only to be run down by Sovereignty (Into Mischief), who was later crowned Horse of the Year for 2025. Given the green light to contest the GI Preakness Stakes, Journalism displayed his trademark toughness to take a narrow gap in upper stretch after being roughed up and still managed to get his head down on the wire first.

Following a runner-up effort in the GI Belmont Stakes, the athletic bay colt looked to have it all to do with time ticking away in the GI Haskell Stakes, but he once again knuckled down when it mattered and flashed home to record his third elite-level success of the season.

Fourth and beaten under four lengths in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, Journalism was third in the Oaklawn Handicap and in the GI Metropolitan Handicap before returning to winning ways at the seaside oval. After anticipating the break, Journalism spotted his rivals the better part of five lengths, but slowly worked his way into the race, gained the lead at midstretch and proved a brave winner.

"What Journalism did at Del Mar was the mark of a true champion," McCarthy said. "To suffer an injury in the gate, give away that much ground, and still win purely on heart and class tells you everything you need to know about him. He owes us absolutely nothing. While it's tough to see his racing career end this way, protecting him is our top priority, and he goes to stud at the top of his game." **Cont. p4**



Journalism overcame adversity to win the Preakness

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Journalism cont.

Journalism, who retires with a record of 7-3-3 and earnings of \$4,770,755, is a son of Mopotism, Grade I-placed at ages two and three and four and winner of the GII La Canada Stakes in 2018. Don Alberto Corp. acquired the mare for \$1.05 million from owner Paul Reddam at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton November Sale.

Mopotism sadly passed away in July 2025, but has left behind the 2-year-old filly Magic Queen (Into Mischief)--a \$3.9-million buyback out of last year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale--and a yearling filly by **Flightline**.



Journalism with Mark Witkowski ahead of this year's Met Mile
Sarah Andrew

Added Coolmore's Charlie O'Connor: "Journalism was everything you could hope for in a racehorse. He had exceptional talent, tremendous consistency, and an attitude that set him apart. To do what he did at Del Mar last weekend--overcoming adversity and an injury to win--proved once again what a warrior he is.

"He is an outstanding physical specimen with a world-class pedigree, and we are thrilled to welcome him to Ashford. We firmly believe he has all the qualities to become a top-tier sire."

Wellman commented: "From the moment Meda Murphy broke him at Bridlewood Farm in Ocala, through every stage of his development with Michael McCarthy, who did such a masterful job guiding him through his career, Journalism made it abundantly clear he breathed different air. He possessed every trait you could ever conjure up for an elite racehorse. Pedigree, physique, mechanics, speed, stamina, soundness, class, intelligence and courage...he had it all in spades.

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Weekend Preview cont. from p1

"Right now, she's at the top level," Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse said. "She's as good as any 3-year-old filly in the country. This is a Grade I. It's a big race and I think she's going to be tough."

He added, "I think she's better than ever. I expect her to run an even bigger one."



Always a Runner | Sarah Andrew

The CCA Oaks field also includes **Zany** (American Pharoah), who adds blinkers following a disappointing sixth-place finish as the lukewarm 5-1 choice in the Kentucky Oaks.

Unbeaten 'Rising Star' and Monomoy Girl Overnight S. winner **La Rascasse** (Authentic) will be scratched due to a setback in her training, per trainer Will Walden.

"She'll go to the farm for a little while and her prognosis to return to racing is excellent," Walden said. "We'll decide to get her back towards the beginning of next year and gear towards the spring."

Saratoga's 12-race program also co-features the GII Alfred G. Vanderbilt S., headed by GIII Bango S. runner-up **Built** (Hard Spun).

A deep field of nine, meanwhile, will line up in Saturday's GI Bing Crosby S. at Del Mar, a 'Win and You're In' for the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. **Cont. p6**

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Weekend Preview cont.

'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Cornucopian** (Into Mischief) is the headliner there. He's won three of four this season and earned a career-best 103 Beyer Speed Figure while winning the GIII Aristides S. at Churchill Downs last time May 30.

"He's doing great," Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert said. "It's a tough race. There are some nice horses in there. The 'Bing' is always a tough race to win."

The Bing Crosby also includes last year's GII Pat O'Brien S. one-two **Dr. Venkman** (Ghostzapper) and **Stronghold** (Ghostzapper).

Saturday's graded stakes action also includes the GIII Monmouth Oaks at Monmouth Park; and a trio from Woodbine—the GIII Hendrie S., GIII Ontario Colleen S. and GIII Trillium S.

On Sunday, the uber-talented **Formidable Man** (**City of Light**) will be back to defend his title in Del Mar's GII Eddie Read S.

while narrow GII Bed o' Roses S. runner-up **Grand Job** (**Justify**) will be heavily favored in Saratoga's GII Honorable Miss S.

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DOWN THE SHEDROW WITH WILL WALDEN

by Katie Petrunyak

Four years into his training career, Will Walden has established a pattern of sharp, sustained growth. Starting with a nine-win campaign in 2022, his operation has doubled its purse earnings each season since, crossing the \$4 million mark last year after scoring a first Grade I victory with Rhetorical (**Not This Time**) in the 2025 GI Coolmore Turf Mile Stakes.

"We owe a lot of it to Rhetorical," said Walden. "What we have now, from the number of horses to the class of horses we have, is really due to him. We've got a great ownership base and staff. This team shows up day in and day out and puts forth the effort. The horses are showing that in the afternoon."

Walden is well on his way to another career-best season, with 40 wins on the year while hitting at a 28% strike rate.

"We're really intentional about what we are trying to accomplish and that's win races at the highest caliber and bring over a sound, healthy horse that is fit and ready to compete," he noted.

Before heading to Saratoga to saddle his first 2-year-old winner on the year on Thursday with Side Quest (**Charlatan**), Walden walked the TDN down the shedrow of his Churchill Downs barn.

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Down the Shedrow cont.

He highlights barn favorites like Rhetorical, several improving 3-year-olds, as well as a quality bunch of unraced 2-year-olds that reflect the rising class of his stable roster.

RHETORICAL (5, g, **Not This Time -- Sheet Humor, by Distorted Humor)**

Dual Grade I winner is pointing for the GI Fourstardave next.

He's the apple of my eye, really. An ultra consistent, ultra talented son of **Not This Time**. Nothing embodies a racehorse more than this horse. In his morning gallops and in everyday training he's pretty subdued, but when it comes to speed works or a race, a switch flips and he's just completely turned on. He just lives, eats, and breathes it. We're so blessed to have him in the barn and hopefully we have a few more good years left with him.



Click here for our trip down the shedrow with Will Walden, featuring stable star Rhetorical | Sara Gordon

FLEETINGLY (5, m, **Justify -- Alice Springs (Ire), by Galileo (Ire))**

Resolute Racing colorbearer comes into the barn after a layoff. She was last seen finishing third in the 2025 Cardinal Stakes.

She just came in a few weeks ago. Chad Brown had her previously and she ran well in a stakes race. She's still eligible for a first-level allowance. She's a marathon type, so that's where we'll go. She is training well and hasn't really done anything wrong. **Cont. p8**

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Down the Shedrow cont.**SOLO VENTURI (4, c, Constitution -- Solo Uno, by Medaglia d'Oro)**

A \$1.3 million Keeneland September graduate campaigned by OXO Equine, he won his 4-year-old debut in January and was third in the GIII Challenger Stakes.

Solo Venturi was a \$1.3 million yearling purchased by Larry Best. He won first time out, but still took a while to put it together. He won a pretty stacked two-other-than in Gulfstream this winter, beating Stars and Stripes (**Not This Time**) and Batten Down (**Tapit**). Both of them won next out and he got a really big figure. He ran third in the Challenger to Disrupter (**Gun Runner**) and Disco Time (**Not This Time**).

The way they write the allowances up in New York, he'd still be eligible for a two-other-than up there, so we'll probably go there when he's ready, whether that's Saratoga or Belmont.

BATTIS GROVE (3, f, Practical Joke -- Brill, by Medaglia d'Oro)

OXO Equine homebred broke her maiden on May 30 and was in a July 9 allowance at Ellis Park.

She ran first time out on Oaks Day and got nailed on the wire by Passerine (**Nyquist**). She came back in five weeks and won for fun. She disappointed me a little bit last time out on the dirt at Ellis. She did run against a nice filly for Brendan Walsh, Twirling Aces (**Twirling Candy**), who is two for two. That being said, with the way she's made and the way she trains, I've also questioned turf. I think I'm going to sprint her on the turf next out in Saratoga. She's got good numbers on dirt, so we know we can always go back to that, but if we can unlock another door in her repertoire and garner some black type, it will add to a huge page and a huge family.



Battis Grove, a maiden winner at Churchill Downs, will switch to the turf in her next start | Coady Media

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BEACH HEIST (3, f, Omaha Beach -- Pearl Heist, by Graydar)
Redeemer Racing filly was second in her fourth career start last time out in the Pea Patch Stakes.

This is a pretty cool filly that we bought for a partnership last year called Redeemer Racing. She won first time out at Keeneland and ran third in a stake up at Aqueduct at the end of her two-year-old year. We gave her time over the winter and had to remove a chip out of her ankle. She's come back and has been second in both starts this year. She got nailed on the wire last time out at Ellis—a brutal beat. She's a cool filly, honest, and has never been off the board.

GRAND LUXX (3, f, Instagrاند -- My Girl, by Scat Daddy)
OXO Equine filly is two for five lifetime.

She's about as pretty as they make them. She is an absolute tank. She's bigger than most of the colts I have. She's done well in the afternoons. She won the auction race and she won the starter. I was disappointed a little bit last time out in the first-level allowance, but she had some excuses, so we'll give her a pass. We will come back at Ellis Park in an allowance. She's very straightforward and does everything right. That's pretty much a common denominator with most of the Instagrands.

MOVIE NIGHT (3, f, Speightstown -- Savvy Star, by Medaglia d'Oro)

Homebred for WinStar Farm has won her last two starts, most recently taking a June 24 allowance by 5 1/2 lengths.

This is kind of the hot shot of the barn right now. She's pointing to the GI Test Stakes at Saratoga. She's freaky. She always has been. We had her here as a 2-year-old last year and got her all the way up to a gate work when she had a minor setback. In her first start in April, she was on the outside of the field. She got lost out there in no man's land and ended up finding her feet when Johnny decided on the backside that he was going to drop her in company and just school her for the rest of the race. As soon as he dropped her down and she got amongst horses and regained context with the inside rail, she grabbed the bit and he said it was like riding a go-cart. She got up for second and since then has done no wrong.

It would be cool to me for numerous reasons if this filly were to win the Test. In the waning months of my dad's time at WinStar, as he's going to retire at the end of October, I think it'd be cool to go out winning a Grade I together. **Cont. p10**



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BOURBON NEAT (2, c, **Flightline -- Hennesey Smash, by Roll Hennesey Roll)**

An \$875,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga purchase for Resolute Bloodstock.

He had a shin early on so we just introduced him back to the work tab this week and I thought he worked really well. He's got a big, elastic, athletic stride and covers a ton of ground. He's not an overly big colt, but I think he's going to grow quite a bit over the next several months. He's very cool and really smart. He knows his job.

CARIBBEAN LIFE (2, c, **Life Is Good -- Caribbean Babe, by Arch)**

An unraced homebred for China Horse Club.

I actually don't think he's turf, but I'm going to run him on the turf first time out just because I want to get him around two turns. I don't want to run them on the dirt going two turns first time because I think that's a lot to ask for a two-year-old at this point. In his works he's very methodical, but he does have a little zip out of the gate. I don't want to even put the one-pace label on him, but he's just very consistent. I would be afraid that maybe he could get disconnected going short and I want him to have a good experience first time out. He's another one that has a ton of growing to do.

COHERENT (2, f, **Speaker's Corner -- Handbelle, by Tapit)**

A \$100,000 Fasig-Tipton July purchase by Will Walden as agent for Woodford Thoroughbreds.

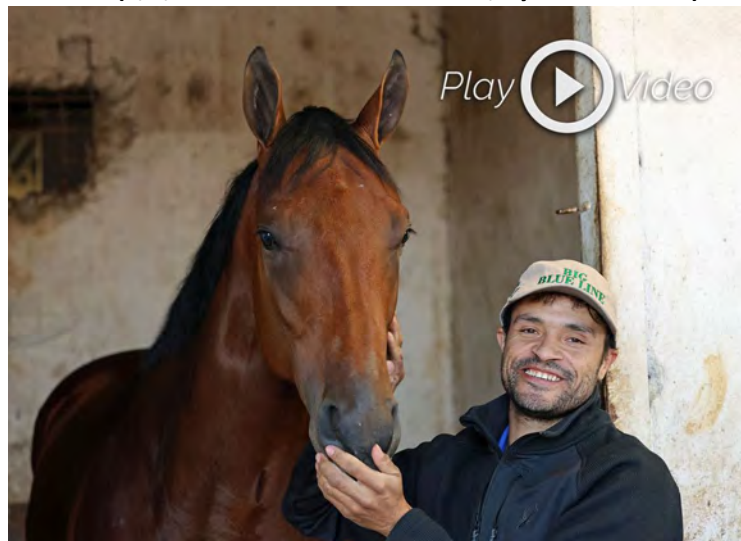
She's a big, wide-bodied girl. She hasn't come along as quickly as I had hoped, but I do believe she's got some ability. She's very light on her feet. I think probably one turn is going to be her game. I don't think it has fully clicked for her in the morning. I'm hoping a gate work will kind of wake that up and she should be due for one of those in a week or two. But she's a pretty filly and very well-balanced.

DIXIELAND (2, f, **Street Sense -- Lesley May, by Tapit)**

Stonestreet-bred filly was a \$375,000 Keeneland September purchase for All Star Bloodstock.

She's owned by Alex Bregman and is a couple of gate works away from a first start. She's been training forwardly. We didn't want to get her ready too fast, but she's training well. She's definitely a two-turn type.

FENNELL (2, c, Catalina Cruiser -- Candura, by Into Mischief)



Click here to learn about the namesake of Walden's 2-year-old trainee Fennell | Katie Petrunyak

Walden purchased this colt as agent for Woodford Thoroughbreds for \$160,000 at the OBS March Sale.

He's named after Jeramie Fennell, who **TDN did a feature** on a few years ago for the Breeders' Cup. We had to give a lot more than we expected for him and we gave him time after the sale to go to the farm and rest. He's just starting his three-eighths breezes right now for us. He's a big, strong colt.

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Down the Shedrow cont.**IMPLIED OPEN (2, c, Instilled Regard -- Palm Cottage, by American Pharoah)**

An unraced homebred for OXO Equine.

In the mornings he has been probably my most talented two-year-old thus far. He is probably a few weeks away from a start. I really don't know exactly what this horse wants to do. He just does everything so easily. Pedigree would suggest turf all day long, but his body of work on the dirt has been impressive. He's very babyish and very immature, but he does everything right. Super quick, push button and outworks everything he works with.

LIFESONG (2, c, Life Is Good -- Hard Legacy, by Hard Spun)

Another WinStar homebred co-owned by China Horse Club and First Go Racing, he makes his debut on Sunday at Ellis Park.

Every single work, he steps it up and does it a little bit better than the week before. I have a feeling that this horse is going to get better with time. It wouldn't shock me if he won first time out. He's fit enough and he's been breezing well. He's obviously by a stallion that's extremely hot right now. But I don't think he really quite understands the fundamentals of the job and I do think a race will expedite that process, but that's a good thing. I don't necessarily always want them to be fully turned on by that first start. I want them to figure it out, learn their job and learn to appreciate it.

MAPPING (2, f, Liam's Map -- Casting Director, by Bernardini)

A \$200,000 OBS March purchase for Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners.

She's going to run her first time out probably on August 2nd. She's a very sweet, loving filly. Really well-made. She's a later foal out of her dam. She looks like one turn is probably going to be her game. I say that, but with that cross, **Liam's Map** has done really well with Bernardini. It has produced Colonel Liam and Wicked Whisper.

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TRACK AND TRACE: FULLY SUBSCRIBED FIRES HOME TO TAKE SHUVEE AT THE SPA

by J.N. Campbell

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY -- With every lengthening stride, **Fully Subscribed** (**Tiz the Law**--Sweetbaby, by **Candy Ride** {**Arg**}) issued a strong statement to the older female route division as the 4-year-old was up in time to take the GII Shuvee Stakes at Saratoga Race Course on Friday afternoon.

The OBS April buy for Seth Klarman proved her net worth at first asking in mid-October with a four-length win at Aqueduct in what was her lone start as a juvenile.

Employing tracking and tracing tactics throughout her racing career, the ultra-consistent Chad Brown trainee was third in an allowance at the end of the Saratoga meet last year, then lost by a neck stretching out to nine furlongs versus optional claimers at the Big A that same September.

In the GII Mother Goose Stakes at Aqueduct in early November, Fully Subscribed got her picture taken with 4 1/2 lengths to spare and followed that up with a victory in the GIII Comely Stakes to close out her 3-year-old campaign in early December.

The filly came off the shelf in the GI La Troienne Stakes on the Derby undercard, but came up a length short to Shred the Gnarl (Into Mischief). Last out, Fully Subscribed took on champion 3-year-old filly Nitrogen (Medaglia d'Oro) in the GI Odgen Phipps at the Spa June 6 and finished as a well-beaten runner-up.



Fully Subscribed outside of Scottish Lassie | Sarah Andrew

Facing down GI CCA Oaks champ and race favorite **Scottish Lassie** (**McKinzie**) here, the 8-5 second choice went to her playbook and kept tabs on pacesetter Snowyte (**Good Magic**), who was closely followed by Scottish Lassie as the field made for the first turn.

The Brown trainee was on the inside of **Bless the Broken** (Laoban) up the backstretch and around the far turn. Even though Scottish Lassie took over the lead at the top of the lane, Fully Subscribed wasn't done. She shifted outside, began to find her best stride and nailed the chalk in the final jump.

"I wasn't sure she'd get there, because I mean, that's a really high-quality horse [Scottish Lassie] to run down there," said trainer Chad Brown. "But once she got off the rail, I figured it would be close at the finish because I know this filly, once she gets in the clear, she does her best running."

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Shuvee S. cont.

"She's trained great," he said. "I'm very proud of her. She is a very consistent horse in the morning and in the afternoon. Her first two starts of the year were terrific. She just ran into two really, really good fillies [Shred the Gnar, Nitrogen], who ran terrific that day. Today, she ran into another top filly and was able to get the better of her today."

On a potential next start in the GI Personal Ensign Stakes Aug. 29, a "Win and You're In" for the GI Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff in October at Keeneland, the trainer added, "I'd say so. I'm really proud of this filly. She's trained really well. She's run into two really, really good fillies in her first two starts of the year, and she ran into another really good filly today, but she was able to get the better of her."

"I had a good trip," said jockey Flavien Prat. "I wanted to sit close to [Scottish Lassie]. It worked out good. Turning for home, it looked like [Scottish Lassie] opened up on me and at that point I thought I was going to run second, and in the last eighth of a mile, sixteenth of a mile she found another gear."

"I always liked [Fully Subscribed] since I rode her last year. I really thought she was going to be a good horse," he said. "Yes, she ran a really good race at Churchill [in the La Troienne] off a long layoff, and we had an outside draw, so it didn't help. And last time [in the Ogden Phipps] she found herself against Nitrogen, but she has always been one of the top mares."



Owner Seth Klarman leads in Fully Subscribed after the Shuvee S.
Sarah Andrew

Pedigree Notes:

Fully Subscribed is the only starter and winner from six foals produced by a daughter of Virginia Kraft Payson's outstanding Rutherienne, whose 11 career victories included the 2007 GI Del Mar Oaks while under the care of the late Christophe Clement.

The stakes-winning third dam Ruthian was responsible for 11 others to salute in addition to Rutherienne, including her full-

sister Ruthenia, who did not rise to the same sort of heights as her sibling, but became a graded winner in her own right in the distinctive Payson silks when taking out the 2012 GIII Violet Stakes at Monmouth Park.

Sweetbaby is also responsible for the 2-year-old filly Severely Overplayin (**Highly Motivated**), currently in training at Palm Meadows, a yearling full-brother to Fully Subscribed and a **Maxfield** colt foaled Apr. 28. The mare--purchased for \$25,000 at Keeneland November in 2022, but considerably more valuable now--has since been bred to **Constitution**.

Friday, Saratoga

SHUVEE S.-GII, \$250,000, Saratoga, 7-24, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:49.46, ft.

1--**FULLY SUBSCRIBED, 124, f, 4, by Tiz the Law**

1st Dam: Sweetbaby, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**

2nd Dam: Rutherienne, by Pulpit

3rd Dam: Ruthian, by Rahy

(\$65,000 RNA Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$35,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR). O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Payson Stud Inc (KY); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Flavien Prat. \$137,500.

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SARATOGA NOTEBOOK PRESENTED BY NYRA

CASSE COUNTING HIS BLESSINGS WITH COUNTING STARS IN HIS BARN *By Tim Wilkin*



Counting Stars | Sarah Andrew

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY -- As he watched a set of horses exit his barn on the Saratoga backstretch, Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse got to thinking.

"How lucky was I to have Nitrogen be champion 3-year-old filly last year?" Casse said. "Would it be impossible to think we could have it two years in a row?"

Not impossible. Nitrogen (Medaglia d'Oro) could very well be joined by **Counting Stars** (Honor A.P.) as back-to-back 3-year-old Eclipse Award champs.

For Counting Stars to get the prize, she still has some work to do. The filly, owned by West Point Thoroughbreds, is part of a solid edition of the \$500,000 GI Coaching Club American Oaks on Saturday.

Counting Stars is coming off a solid victory in the GI Acorn Stakes at Saratoga on June 5. Finishing second in that race was the Chad Brown-trained 'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard **Always a Runner** (Gun Runner). Always a Runner won the GI Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs with Counting Stars checking in third.

"This is a big weekend," Casse said. "I would say that, right now, Chad's filly and the Oaks carries big weight. If the (Eclipse) voting was done today, she would probably be champion. This is

becoming a little rivalry and Saturday will establish the leader, I think."

Counting Stars will be making her sixth start of the year in the CCA Oaks. She has two wins, a second and a third in her first five starts.

Always a Runner has three wins in four starts, all of them this year.

Irad Ortiz, Jr., who rode Counting Stars in her first career start and also in the Acorn, will hop back aboard in the CCA Oaks.

"That is a good question," Casse said when asked what makes Counting Stars what she is. "She is a big filly, a great-moving horse and does things so effortlessly. She has a great mind as well."

Travers Probably Not Part of Plan for Chief Wallabee, No Matter **Curlin** Outcome

What we know is this: **Chief Wallabee** (Constitution) will run in Wednesday's \$150,000 **Curlin** Stakes, a 1 1/8-mile race which is restricted to 3-year-olds that have not won a graded stakes race.

This much is also true. Win, lose or draw, the 'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard will likely not be advancing to the \$1.25-million GI Travers Stakes on Aug. 29. Bill Mott, the Chief's Hall of Fame trainer, does not think his horse is a 1 1/4-mile horse.



Chief Wallabee | Sarah Andrew

"It looks like he gets the nine furlongs pretty well, but the 10 has not been the best for him," Mott said outside his barn at the Oklahoma Training Track. "It's not my preference to go 1 1/4 miles."

After the **Curlin**, Mott will search for another spot for Chief Wallabee. Unless he has a dramatic change of heart, it won't be in the Midsummer Derby.

Owned and bred by Michael and Katherine Ball, Chief Wallabee has a win, a second and a third in five career starts. There is no question he has talent. **Cont. p13**

Saratoga Notebook, Presented By NYRA Bets cont.

Mott got him started on Jan. 10 and he won, earning 'Rising Star' honors. The 1 1/2-length victory gave Mott enough confidence to try the colt in a pair of big races at Gulfstream Park: the GII Coolmore Fountain of Youth Stakes (second) and GI Curlin Florida Derby (third).

He earned a trip to the GI Kentucky Derby and was a respectable fourth and then tried the GI Belmont Stakes and that produced a similar effort. The Derby and Belmont were both, of course, run at 10 furlongs. He did give a brief thrill in the Belmont when he took the lead in the stretch, but the distance got him.

"He has done pretty well, considering we threw him to the wolves right away," Mott said. "Immediately. And he survived. That is unusual. Usually, those horses will fall apart pretty good."

Catalano Hoping Built Remembers His Birthday

It was happy birthday to Wayne Catalano Friday. The veteran trainer turned 70 and he was planning a little celebration in the Spa City Friday night.

He hopes the biggest present for his milestone cake day comes from his 4-year-old colt **Built** (**Hard Spun**), the 8-5 morning-line favorite in Saturday's GII, \$400,000 Alfred G. Vanderbilt.

"We came here to celebrate my birthday," Catalano, who is based in Kentucky, said at the Oklahoma Training Track Friday morning.



Built | Sarah Andrew

And, hopefully to celebrate a victory by Built in the six-furlong Vanderbilt. He is the only horse that Catalano, who won 1,792 races as a jockey in a career that ended in 1983, has on the grounds.

Catalano and Built are here because, right now, the colt is doing as well as the trainer could have expected. He has won two of five starts this year and has a second and a third.

When it became clear that the top two finishers from the GIII True North Stakes at Saratoga last month--Book'em Danno (**Bucchero**) and Bentornato (**Valiant Minister**)--were not coming to the Vanderbilt, it made Catalano's decision to come a lot easier.

Book'em Danno, who won the Vanderbilt last year, just won the Jersey Shore Stakes at Monmouth and Bentornato is out for the year with a sesamoid injury.

"This looks like a good spot," Catalano said. "We were undecided what we were going to do and when a couple of the horses came out, maybe we should take a chance."

The Vanderbilt field, originally eight, is now at six after it was announced that trainer Gregg Sacco said he would scratch **Just Beat the Odds** (**Munnings**) and **Crazy Mason** (Coal Front).

In his last start, the GIII Bango Stakes at Churchill Downs over a sloppy track, Built finished second despite an awkward beginning.

"He probably should have won," Catalano said. "He stumbled leaving the gate and just got beat (by a half-length). But the horse that won (Harrodsburg (**Constitution**)) is a nice horse."

Catalano had Built on the 2025 Kentucky Derby trail and had some confidence early when the colt won the **Gun Runner** Stakes at Fair Grounds on Dec. 21, 2024. The dream still stood after he missed by just a neck to Disco Time (**Not This Time**) in Fair Grounds's GIII Lecomte Stakes.

Two more failed efforts in New Orleans followed (distant third in GII Risen Star Stakes and fifth in GII Louisiana Derby) ended any hope for the Kentucky Derby.

Now the hope is for a Vanderbilt birthday present for the trainer.

"When they are doing good, that's when you run them," Catalano said. "And he's doing good."

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PHILEAS FOGG BREEZES FOR WHITNEY



Trainer Gustavo Rodriguez puts Phileas Fogg through his paces Friday at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

Phileas Fogg (Astern {Aus}), who successfully defended his title in the GII Suburban Stakes in dominating fashion July 4, breezed a half-mile in :48.73 over the main track at Saratoga as he prepares for his next start in the Aug. 8 GI Whitney Stakes. The nine-furlong contest is a 'Win and You're In' qualifier for the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland on Oct. 31.

Trainer Gustavo Rodriguez was in the irons for the move and pronounced himself satisfied with what he felt underneath him.

"Everything went nicely. I breezed the horse myself because I didn't want him to go too fast," Rodriguez said. "The clockers got him in 48 and three, and I wanted to go 49 and change, but 48 and three is close enough to 49."

The Whitney is expected to track some of the handicap division's heaviest hitters, including Horse of the Year **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief), G1 Dubai World Cup and GI Stephen Foster Stakes hero **Magnitude** (Not This Time) and former Classic winner **White Abarrio** (Race Day). But the presence of those runners is not deterring Rodriguez from rolling the dice.

"We just hope that the horse can stay healthy and if he is healthy and moving beautifully, we are going to run in the Whitney," the conditioner confirmed. "[Friday's] work was beautiful. I didn't even move, I broke and didn't want to go too fast. He came back to the barn and everything looks good so far."

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Turf Works Have Foreign Flavor

There was a distinct European presence during Friday morning training over the Oklahoma turf training track, as **Title Role** (GB) (Too Darn Hot {GB}) and **Pacific Avenue** (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) turned in works ahead of the Aug. 8 GI Saratoga Derby, while **Fort George** (GB) (Territories {Ire}) was out prepping for an appearance in the GI Christophe Clement Turf.

Winner earlier this season of the G2 German 2000 Guineas at Cologne, Title Role arrived in Saratoga for the GI Belmont Derby on July 4, having never raced beyond a mile in his seven previous appearances. A generous 7-1 on that occasion, the bay was roused to the lead a furlong from home by John Velazquez and held off favored West End Kid (**Twirling Candy**).

With traveling assistant Paul Holley aboard for the move, Title Role covered five furlongs on his own in 1:02.88, his second work since his victory.

"It went well. Very pleased with him and he seems in good form," Holley said. "It was just a solo bit going five furlongs and picking it up gradually the whole way. He finished off well and galloped out well.

"He's happy and full of himself," Holley added. "He seems to be loving it here. He'll do another piece next weekend on Sunday and all being well it will be all systems go."

Pacific Avenue, seventh, but not beaten far in the Derby, went in the company of his Charlie Appleby stablemate Watching Stars (GB) (**Sea The Stars** {Ire}), going five furlongs in 1:04.



Pacific Avenue (left) and Watching Stars | Sarah Andrew

"Last week was just a leg stretch and today was a slightly more serious piece in company. Visually, it looked like a nice, strong piece," said Appleby's traveling assistant Chris Connett.

"Watching Stars is a solid work horse at home and he led from five-eighths through to about a furlong and a half from home. Just as they straightened up, we had Pacific Avenue come and join up. **Cont. p16**

Pacific Avenue cont.

"They galloped out really strongly," Connett added. "It's lovely to see them hitting the line hard and galloping out. All being well, Pacific Avenue will head to the Saratoga Derby."

Fort George, who just missed in the GII Bowling Green Stakes on July 11, warmed up for the newly renamed Clement Stakes with a five-furlong drill that was clocked in an easy 1:02.88.

"He went well. I'm very happy with him," said assistant trainer and exercise rider Hannah Smith. "It was just maintenance. I didn't ask much of him first work back since he ran. He's doing well. [Trainer] Ed [Walker] wanted me to go almost seven furlongs total, jumping off at the six and galloping out a furlong after the wire."

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Fort George beneath Hannah Smith | Sarah Andrew

LONGTIME DEL MAR CEO JOE HARPER TO RETIRE *Edited Press Release*

Joe Harper, Chief Executive Officer of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club (DMTC), will transition from his day-to-day role and will assume the title of CEO Emeritus at the end of this year, Del Mar officials announced today. Harper, 83, who originally joined Del Mar in 1977, also will remain as a director on the DMTC board.

"Joe Harper's name and presence have been synonymous with Del Mar for nearly 50 years and his stewardship of this association and this facility has been invaluable to Thoroughbred racing in California and the U.S.," said David Batchelder, Chairman of the DMTC Board. "Over the years, we witnessed Joe's amazing ability to tackle the challenges associated with this business while fostering the respect and goodwill of the horsemen and women from around the globe, our state and local officials, and his colleagues in the racing industry. The DMTC Board is grateful for his countless contributions."

DMTC's Board has selected Del Mar President Josh Rubinstein to succeed him as Del Mar's Chief Executive Officer beginning Jan. 1, 2027.

Harper joined Del Mar in 1977 as general manager after six years as executive vice president at the Oak Tree Racing Association, which operated the annual autumn meet at Santa Anita for 40 years. He oversaw the demolition and reconstruction of the Del Mar grandstand from 1990-1992 and the introduction of the GI Pacific Classic in 1991.

Under Harper's leadership, Del Mar has become one of the industry's premier destinations, combining world-class racing with innovative marketing, exceptional hospitality and an unmatched fan experience.

During Harper's tenure, Del Mar hosted the Breeders' Cup World Championships for the first time in 2017. The event's overwhelming success led to its return in 2021, 2024 and 2025, further cementing Del Mar's reputation as one of the sport's premier venues.

Harper joined the DMTC Board in April 1986 and his career is marked by a deep commitment to Thoroughbred racing and its related charitable and equine health causes. He is a Member of The Jockey Club; past president, Member of Board of Directors, Federation of California Racing Associations; Past President, Director Thoroughbred Racing Association; Chairman, Advisory Board Center for Equine Health, University of California, Davis; Member, Advisory Board, University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program; Director, Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation; Chairman, Winner's Foundation; and a Trustee, Cecil B. deMille Foundation.

Rubinstein will continue in his current role as President of Del Mar.

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Joe Harper

Joe Harper Retiring cont.

"Joe has been an inspiration and a guiding light to me throughout my career," Rubinstein said. "I am especially appreciative that he is staying on as CEO Emeritus and as a director where we can continue to benefit from his wisdom and leadership. I am honored to build upon the foundation Joe has created and to continue working alongside the best management team in the industry."

Rubinstein has served in a variety of executive roles at Del Mar and was named President in 2018. Under his leadership, Del Mar has produced record-setting racing meets, successfully hosted multiple Breeders' Cup World Championships, advanced nationally recognized equine safety and welfare initiatives and strengthened California Thoroughbred racing through innovative programs and strategic partnerships.

Rubinstein also serves on the boards of several leading industry organizations, including the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, Equibase, Southern California Off-Track Wagering, Inc. and the California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation.

Batchelder noted that, "Naming Josh to succeed Joe as CEO serves to reinforce Del Mar's leadership position within the national racing landscape and we couldn't be happier to have Josh build on Joe's tremendous legacy here."

Harper said, "I am really proud to have been a part of the long and incredibly rich history of Del Mar. This is a special place that transcends horse racing; it's a unique mix of sport, lifestyle and culture. I have so many great memories about the people I've met and worked with and the times I've spent here that Del Mar is a part of me. But I think it is now time for me to step into a different role and I am happy the Board has honored me with the CEO Emeritus position where I can continue to be an advisor while also continuing to serve as a Director.

"At the same time," Harper added, "I couldn't be more thrilled that the Board has chosen Josh to succeed me in the role of CEO. I know he values Del Mar as much as I do and that it is in capable hands under his leadership going forward."

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HAWTHORNE BACKSTRETCH FACING AUG. 31 CLEAR-OUT DATE IN BANKRUPTCY SALE

The court-approved \$90-million bankruptcy sale of Hawthorne Race Course to a non-racing entity edged closer to a proposed closing after a Friday hearing that got continued to a later date, with humans and horses now increasingly likely to face an Aug. 31 deadline to vacate the property.

Although no final sale order was posted to the court's online docket as of 5 p.m. Central Time July 24, published reports indicated that the third day of hearings this week resulted in a verbal direction from the judge for Hawthorne, the property's buyer (a Delaware shell company), and creditors to prepare a draft for his approval based on that vacancy deadline.

The Blood-Horse quoted Ross Fiedler, an attorney for the buyer, who said at the hearing that it will be an absolute condition of closing on the deal Aug. 31 that the backstretch be cleared.

Horse Racing Nation additionally reported that the work-in-progress proposed draft order "called for \$1 million to be paid out of the sale money from the Carey family to the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA). Another \$900,000 was earmarked from settlements with an architect and a construction company for backside charities."

ITHA president Chris Block told *Horse Racing Nation*, "That's going to help us not rush our horsemen out of here. They're going to have a chance to train for another 30 days, and it's also going to help our backstretch employees not get rushed out of here. They'll have a better chance of trying to find accommodations outside of the racetrack."

Hawthorne, controlled by the Chicago-area Carey family for the last 117 years, has been seeking Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection since Feb. 27 in an attempt to restructure between \$100 and \$500 million in debt.

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CHESTERTOWN NAMED DOWN BROADWAY RETIRED RACEHORSE OF THE YEAR

Chestertown ([Tapit](#)) was named the recipient of the Down Broadway Award as New York's Retired Racehorse of the Year on New York Thoroughbred Aftercare Day Friday afternoon at Saratoga. The award is named in honor of the first horse to retire through the popular TAKE THE LEAD program back in 2013. **Cont. p18**

Chestertown cont.

The theme of Aftercare Day was 'A Salute To Racetrack Ponies' and Chestertown has been learning the ropes of his new career, even if that wasn't the original hope when the regally bred son of **Tapit** was born at the nearby farm of popular breeders Chester and Mary Broman. Produced by their standout racemare Artemis Agrotera, Chestertown was presented for sale as a 2-year-old by Becky Thomas's Sequel Bloodstock and brought a then-record \$2 million for a New York-bred at auction.

"I think he was supremely talented, and very, very smart," Thomas reflected. "He was a very high-energy horse. Aftercare is near and dear to me--we still have Freud here at the farm--and it takes a lot of people willing to do the work and a lot of money to support that."



Chestertown | Marie Kizenko photo

Chestertown made the 2020 Albany Stakes at Saratoga one of his five career victories for West Point Thoroughbreds and Robert Masiello, but NYRA's head outrider Miguel Gutierrez was ready to step in when it became clear that the gray's racing days were over.

"When I'm looking for a horse to be an outrider's pony, it's important that he be a Thoroughbred, an ex-racehorse,"

Gutierrez said. "I need to know a horse can be fast for at least a quarter-mile. That's my priority."

Chestertown has made steady progress for the experienced horseman and his team.

"His temperament has improved a lot," Gutierrez added. "He's been ponying good and doesn't kick, that's very important."

Tom Bellhouse, an executive vice president with West Point Thoroughbreds, is a longtime supporter of the industry's aftercare efforts.

"With Chestertown working here, our partners get a chance to see him every morning," Bellhouse said. "We are all united to make sure retired racehorses have happy and healthy lives beyond the racetrack."

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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 Klislt, 4-Malia Hopkins, Virginia Moore & LeeForestiére, MD., 5-Town & Country Farms, 6-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 7-Juddmonte, 8-D.J. Stable, 9-Pursuit of Success LLC

Two of the top 3-year-old fillies in the country square off for a highly anticipated rubber match. Maybe the pace scenario works against her here, but willing to give previously unbeaten GI Kentucky Oaks heroine and 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Always a Runner (Gun Runner)** a chance at redemption after suffering her first career defeat to **Counting Stars (Honor A. P.)** in the GI DraftKings Acorn S. She is capable of *much* better. Previously third behind Always a Runner on the first Friday in May beneath the Twin Spires, Counting Stars turned the tables with a spectacular performance, winning the Acorn by 3 3/4 lengths. Drawn well on the inside and should sit the trip of the race once again. Always a Runner's Chad Brown-trained stablemate and likely pacesetter **Directive (Gun Runner)** stays on to complete the trifecta. --**Steve Sherack**

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

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



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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 StbIs, Hill 'N' Dale Equine Holdings-Lessee, Madaket StbIs, 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

Listenupshance (Shancelot) is very playable at his 8-1 morning-line quote following a fantastic third-place finish behind Book'em Danno (**Buccherro**) and Bentornato (**Valiant Minister**) in the GIII True North S. at Saratoga. After acting up in the gate and completely missing the break, he rushed up and dueled with last year's GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner through wicked splits and stayed on gamely just missing second by a nose. Perfect in two previous starts at Del Mar. 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Cornucopian** (Into Mischief) should sit a good trip just off the speed and is the horse to beat following a win in the GIII Aristides S. **Dr. Venkman** (Ghostzapper), sixth in the slop in his comebacker in Louisville, will have plenty of pace to close into, albeit at a distance that is probably just a tad too short for him. --**Steve Sherack**

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. Ramon Rangel & 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

With the defection of **Just Beat the Odds** (**Munnings**) per *DRF*, let's see if 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' and 2022 GII Saratoga Special S. winner **Damon's Mound** (**Girvin**) can run this field off its feet from his rail draw. Began his 6-year-old campaign with three wins from four starts in Florida, most recently earning a career-high 100 Beyer versus state-breds in the FHBPA Sprint S. Apr. 25. No knocks on 8-5 morning-line favorite **Built** (**Hard Spun**), who ships in from Kentucky in top form for the 'Cat Man' and should sit a tracking trip beneath Irad Ortiz, Jr. **Hymn** (**McKinzie**), a promising debut winner at Oaklawn back in February 2025, enters off three straight wins, capped by a career-best tally in Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash S. at Laurel. --**Steve Sherack**





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Saturday, 7/25, Monmouth #7, post time: 4:08 p.m. EDT

MONMOUTH OAKS-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Zany	American Pharoah	Repole Stable	Pletcher	-	120
2	Jumping the Gun	Gun Runner	Imaginary Stables	Simoff	Hernandez	116
3	Pashmina	Constitution	Red White and Blue Racing LLC	Atras	Vargas, Jr.	116
4	Laken	Good Magic	Jackpot Farm	Oliver	Rivera, Jr.	116
5	My Miss Mo	Uncle Mo	Averill Racing LLC, Mathis Stable LLC and De Meric, Tristan	Joseph, Jr.	Husbands	122
6	Majestic Lucia 🦋	McKinzie	Elena Racing Stable and Infinity Racing Stable	Barboza, Jr.	Marquez	116
7	Point of Reference 🦋	Upstart	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Gomez	116
8	Bodacious Bay 🦋	Not This Time	Storyteller Racing and Breffni Farm	Brisset	Torres	118
9	Ivy Girl 🦋	Maxfield	Lucky Hat Racing LLC	Green	Carrasco	120
10	Miss Fulton Gal 🦋	Rock Your World	Trott Racing, Five Sisters Farm & John Polizos	Gorham	-	120

Breeders: 1-D.J. Stable, 2-John Guarneri, 3-Narola, LLC, 4-Jackpot Farm, 5-Valerie Mastromonaco, Tristan de Meric& Uncle Mo Syndicate, 6-Monarch Farms, Inc., 7-Brereton C. Jones, 8-Breffni Farm, 9-Farfellow Farms LTD., 10-Malia Hopkins, Virginia Moore & LeeForestiery, MD.

My Miss Mo (Uncle Mo) will be forwardly placed in a race lacking speed and enters fresh off career-high win in GII George E. Mitchell Black-Eyed Susan S. Should appreciate the slight turnback as well. Point of Reference (Upstart) continues to move forward with each start and closed nicely for second while making her two-turn debut in the Monomoy Girl S. After beginning her career with three straight wins, Jumping the Gun (Gun Runner) has run well in defeat in five subsequent tries. --Steve Sherack

Saturday, 7/25, Woodbine #8, post time: 4:50 p.m. EDT

ONTARIO COLLEEN S.-GIII, C\$175,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Slippers 🦋	Munnings	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Wilson	119
2	Bandiagara (GB)	Zelzal (Fr)	Madaket Stables, LLC, Kisber Racing, Bill Strauss, and West Point Thoroughbreds	Clement	Civaci	121
3	Aretha 🦋	Tiz the Law	X-Men Racing V LLC and Madaket Stables LLC	Attard	Moran	119
4	Flowerhead (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Amo Racing USA	Clover	Hernandez	119
5	Happy Destination 🦋	Runhappy	Gary Barber	Casse	Maragh	119
6	Empty Handed	Neolithic	Discovery Racing, Goldie Stables & Tom McCrocklin	Carey	Munger	119
7	Smexy (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Mark Dobbin	Walsh	Aebly	119
8	Dakotah Blue 🦋	Mendelssohn	Flying Zee Racing Stables LLC	Halden	Campos	119
9	Brat Pack	Gun Runner	Alex G. Campbell, Jr. Thoroughbreds, LLC	Motion	Flores	119

Breeders: 1-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 2-Oceanic Bloodstock & A. Gravereux, 3-Newstead Corp, 4-Tally-Ho Stud, 5-BHMFR, LLC, 6-Frank Mermenstein & Tom McCrocklin, 7-McCracken Farms, 8-Grantley Acres, 9-Alex G. Campbell, Jr. Thoroughbreds, LLC



Saturday, 7/25, Woodbine #9, post time: 5:23 p.m. EDT**HENDRIE S.-GIII, C\$175,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT)**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Without Cause 🦟	Omaha Beach	Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC and T-N-T Equine Holdings LLC	Casse	Wilson	122
2	Creed's Gold 🦟	Jimmy Creed	Kristin Meldahl	Casse	Hernandez	125
3	Uphill Dance	Tonalist	Gary Barber, Cheyenne Stable, LLC and Wachtel Stable	Halden	Campos	122
4	Slang 🦟	Omaha Beach	Nathan McCauley and Hans Maron	Meah	Maragh	122
5	She's All Charm	More Than Ready	Godolphin, LLC	Harty	Munger	122
6	Reagan's Flame 🦟	Flameaway	BAG Racing Stables LLC, Turf Express, Inc., and Watkins Diamond Stables LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Civaci	123
7	Kehoe Beach 🦟	Omaha Beach	Thomas W. Bachman	Ward	Moran	121
8	American Women 🦟	Constitution	Anderson Farms Ontario Inc., Hidden Springs Inc. Nicholas G. Pelligreen, Lanni Bloodstock & Zilli Racing Stables	Attard	Samuel	122
9	Time to Dazzle 🦟	Not This Time	Tracy Farmer	Casse	Aebly	123

Breeders: 1-Stoneway Farm, 2-Linda Griggs, 3-Chet Blackey & Trakside Farm, 4-William Humphries & Altair Farms, LLC, 5-Godolphin, 6-Jason Hall, Herschel Martindale & Stephen Mott, 7-John Bates, Ron Kirk & Michael Riordan, 8-Breffni Farm, 9-Dr. Rodney Orr

Saturday, 7/25, Woodbine #10, post time: 5:56 p.m. EDT**TRILLIUM S. PRESENTED BY DON JULIO-GIII, C\$175,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (AWT)**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lupa (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Mark Dodson	Carroll	Aebly	122
2	Hurricane Clair	Silent Name (Jpn)	David Rowbotham, Rodney Carpenter, and Tony Boogmans	Wright, Jr.	Flores	123
3	Fortyfive seventy	Perfect Timber	Barbara J. Minshall	Minshall	Fukumoto	121
4	Rashmi	Oscar Performance	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Moran	125
5	Crystal Visions	Bee Jersey	Stuart Simon and Brent McLellan	Simon	Nicholls	121
6	Fantastical 🦟	Air Force Blue	Carl R. Moore Management, LLC	Sharp	Hernandez	122
7	Design	Munnings	Norman L. Rader	Wright, Jr.	Civaci	122
8	Golden Sunshine	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Harty	Munger	122
9	Scat Girl 🦟	Audible	Zilli Racing Stables	De Paulo	Wilson	122

Breeders: 1-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 2-Bru-Mel Stables Co., 3-Charles Fipke, 4-George Strawbridge Jr., 5-Charles Fipke, 6-Paul Schwartz & James ReileyMcDonald Jr., 7-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider, 8-Godolphin, 9-Robert Marzilli

Sunday, 7/26, Saratoga #8, post time: 5:12 p.m. EDT**HONORABLE MISS S. PRESENTED BY MIONETTO-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Maida	Improbable	G. Harry Papaleo	Russell	Russell	122
2	Kappa Kappa 🦟	Omaha Beach	LC Racing LLC and Robert E. Reid, Jr.	Reid, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	124
3	Striker Has Dial 🦟	Dialed In	Chief Horse Futures LLC	De Paz	Santana, Jr.	122
4	Haulin Ice	Coal Front	C Two Racing Stable, WSS Racing, and Agave Racing Stable	Joseph, Jr.	Prat	122
5	Going Steady	Constitution	Newtown Anner Stud Farm	Medina	Gaffalione	120
6	Grand Job 🦟	Justify	Bell Tower Thoroughbreds, Medallion Racing, and Mark Stanton	Mott	Alvarado	124
7	Do Gooder	Good Samaritan	Copper Thoroughbreds	Antonucci	Zayas	120

Breeders: 1-Harry Papaleo, 2-Stone Jug Ranch LLC, 3-Kingswood Farm, 4-Eugenia Thompson-Benight, 5-TFVM Farm LLC, Laurie Lukas, RobertGhent & Ricky Stivers, 6-Fullbury, 7-Sackleh Suzanne & Michael Masters

Grand Job (Justify) cuts back to six furlongs off a pair of painful, nose defeats with gaudy speed figures in the GI Resolute Racing Madison S. and GII Bed o' Roses S. The 1-2 morning-line favorite completely towers over her six rivals here. If you can excuse her last two starts--sixth sprinting on grass in GII Unbridled Sidney S. and third after stumbling at the start in the Rehoboth S.--**Haulin Ice** (Coal Front) can certainly be a player for underneath based off her previous form. --**Steve Sherack**

Sunday, 7/26, Del Mar #9, post time: 9:00 p.m. EDT

EDDIE READ S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Astronomer	Air Force Blue	Alice Bamford and Michael B. Tabor	Callaghan	Leparoux	121
2	Mondego (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Cheyenne Stables LLC	McCarthy	Jaramillo	123
3	Cabo Spirit 🦟	Pioneerof the Nile	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Smith	121
4	Almendares (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	CYBT, McLean Racing Stables, Saul Gevertz, Michael Nentwig, and Ray Pagano	D'Amato	Fresu	121
5	Gold Phoenix (Ire) 🦟	Belardo (Ire)	Agave Racing Stable, Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables, LLC and Marsha Naify	D'Amato	Berrios	121
6	Stay Hot	Summer Front	Burns Racing, LLC, Exline-Border Racing, LLC, Estate of Brereton C. Jones & William Dan Hudock	Eurton	Ayuso	121
7	Seal Team (GB)	War Front	Perry R. Bass II and Ramona S. Bass	Mandella	Rosario	121
8	Formidable Man 🦟	City of Light	William K. Warren, Jr. and Suzanne Warren	McCarthy	Velazquez	125
9	Mi Hermano Ramon	Creative Cause	Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners and Red Baron's Barn LLC	Glatt	Hernandez	121

Breeders: 1-Alice Bamford, 2-Car Colston Hall Stud, 3-WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-D. R. Tucker, 5-Mighty Universe Ltd, 6-Brereton C. Jones, 7-Bass Stables LLC, 8-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 9-Red Baron's Barn

Impossible to pick against horse for course and Eddie Read defending winner **Formidable Man (City of Light)**. Six wins from seven starts over the Del Mar lawn and the lone defeat was a fantastic second at 18-1 in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Mile. Exciting year ahead. Maybe he's lost a step at the age of seven, but let's see how far last year's Eddie Read runner-up **Cabo Spirit** (Pioneerof the Nile) can take them on a clear lead at a big number.

Almendares (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}) can rally for a piece at a price. --**Steve Sherack**

Thursday, 7/30, Saratoga #8, post time: 5:14 p.m. EDT

GLENS FALLS S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Survie (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Michael B. Tabor	Boughey	Prat	120
2	Storm Miami (Ire) 🦟	Blue Point (Ire)	EGL-One Racing	Green	Velazquez	120
3	Massarat	Curlin	Shadwell Stable	Walsh	Franco	120
4	Gezora (Fr)	Almanzor (Fr)	Peter M. Brant	Mott	Alvarado	124
5	Speed Shopper 🦟	Quality Road	Barber, Gary, Bridlewood Farm and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Walden	Ortiz, Jr.	122
6	Venencia (Fr) 🦟	Recoletos (Fr)	Miller Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Cheminaud	120
7	Bellezza (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	Moyglare Stud Farm, Ltd.	Clement	Rodriguez	124
8	Favorite Memory (GB) 🦟	Frankel (GB)	John D. Gunther	DeVaux	Ortiz	120
9	Lady Firefoot 🦟	Temple City	Charles Hallas	Schauer	Santana, Jr.	120
10	Dona Clota (Chi)	Ivan Denisovich (Ire)	Resolute Racing	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	122
11	Alluring Angel (GB)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Lawrence Goichman	Mott	Carmouche	120
12	Bernietakescharge (MTO)	Take Charge Indy	Rosenthal, Robert D. and Bernstein, Bradford H.	Schettino	Rider TBA	124

Breeders: 1-Franklin Finance SA, 2-Jc Bloodstock & Goodwill Bloodstock, 3-Shadwell Farm, LLC, 4-Haras d'Etreham, 5-AR Enterprises, LLC & Edward Easton, 6-Patricia Laffon Lomba, Ines Laffon Lomba& Fernando Laffon Lomba, 7-Moyglare Stud Farm, 8-Mr John Gunther, 9-Athens Woods, LLC, 10-Haras Don Alberto, 11-Michael E. Wates CBE, 12-Robert D. Rosenthal & Bradford Bernstein



CONFLICT SWOOPS BY RIVALS ON TURN, COLLECTS SMART FIRST-OUT VICTORY

She was well-supported at the windows and **Conflict** (**Golden Pal**) gave her backers a good show late in the lane to break her maiden first-time out at Saratoga.

A 4-1 shot by the time the gates opened, the daughter of two-time Breeders' Cup champion **Golden Pal** settled in seventh early as the pacesetters decided the pecking order up front through an opening quarter in :24.04. Largely content to observe until they arrived at the end of the backstretch,

Irado Ortiz Jr. scrubbed on her for more and she steadily closed the gap on the front before producing an eye-catching rush on the bend to overtake several rivals and put herself in striking contention by the three-sixteenths pole. Taking the lead as **Just Peachy** (**Golden Pal**) and **Mandy Steph** (**Constitution**) battled back to her inside, Conflict had enough to pull away from that pair and win by a length while the former claimed second, giving **Golden Pal** a Saratoga exacta.

Conflict was purchased for \$92,000 as a weanling from the 2024 Keeneland November sale by TTMG, and went through the ring last year in the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling sale, bringing \$300,000 from Atlantic Bloodstock on behalf of owner Qatar Racing.

The victress is the second winner to the races for Seeking Spirits, a half-sister to GSW Kirby's Penny (Macho Uno). The mare's first to make the races is Magic Seeker (**Good Magic**).

Cont.



Conflict | Sarah Andrew



Owner Sheikh Fahad bin Abdullah Al Thani | Sarah Andrew



Runaway Bride | Sarah Andrew

Since Conflict, the dam has produced a yearling colt by **Gunite** and was bred to **Sierra Leone** for 2027.

This is the female line of MGSW Degenerate Gal (Degenerate Jon), who also produced a branch of the family that eventually yielded GSW & GISP Mystical Star (Ghostzapper).

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2nd-Saratoga, \$115,000, Msw, 7-24, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.38, fm, 1 length.

CONFLICT (f, 2, **Golden Pal--Seeking Spirits, by Orb)**

Sales history: \$92,000 Wlg '24 KEENOV; \$300,000 Ylg '25 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$63,250. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Qatar Racing; B-Hidden Springs Farm Operations LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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NOVEMBER SALE TO SARATOGA

Conflict

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Owner: Qatar Racing

Trainer: Brad Cox

Buyer: TTMG

Consignor: Four Star Sales

Breeder: Hidden Springs Farm Operations LLC

RUNAWAY BRIDE GOES BACK TO FRONT, MAKES IT TO THE ALTAR ON DEBUT

Icon Racing Stable's **Runaway Bride** (f, 2, **Charlatan**--American Model, by Bayern) came from the back to the front and made it to the altar in time to win her Saratoga debut Friday for Whit Beckman.

Given 13-1 odds for her first start, the daughter of second-crop sire **Charlatan** had just one rival beat on the run into the far turn as 6-5 favorite **Quartz Mountain** (**Golden Pal**) handled a swift tempo with an opening quarter fraction of :21.41.

Swarmed by the closers with less than a quarter-mile to run, the favorite yielded inside while Runaway Bride was expertly handled by Tyler Gaffalione, who tipped his filly out off the rail at the furlong marker to split rivals. Having to fan all the way out to the center of the turf, she came rolling late and dove past **Red Coats Coming** (**Army Mule**) in the final strides to win by a widening three-quarter-length-margin.

Runaway Bride brought \$150,000 at this year's OBS April sale from Jason Werth's Icon Racing Stable after breezing a furlong in :10 flat. Before that, she'd gone through the ring as a Keeneland September yearling in 2025 and missed her reserve when bidding stalled at \$45,000.

Runaway Bride is out of a half-sister to MGSW American Gal (Concord Point) and that one's full-brother SW & MGSP Americanize. She is the second winner from three to the races and has a yearling half-brother by **Constitution** in the wings. Dam American model was bred to **Essential Quality** for 2027.

This is the female line of MSW Holiday Runner (Meadowlake), making it the immediate family of G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen hero Reynaldtothewizard (Speightstown) and MGSW Seventh Street (Street Cry {Ire}). The latter is herself the mother of GSW & GISP Lake Avenue (**Tapit**) as well as GISP Marking (Bernardini).

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Jayson Werth hugs Whit Beckman | Sarah Andrew

6th-Saratoga, \$115,000, Msw, 7-24, 2yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 1:02.19, fm, 3/4 length.

RUNAWAY BRIDE (f, 2, ~~Charlatan~~--American Model, by Bayern)

Sales history: \$45,000 RNA Ylg '25 KEESEP; \$150,000 2yo '26 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$63,250. O-Icon Racing Stable (Werth); B-Breeze Easy, LLC (KY); T-D. Whitworth Beckman.

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Runaway Bride



Owner: Icon Racing Stable Trainer: D. Whitworth Beckman	Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency Breeder: Breeze Easy, LLC
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SUMMER BREEZES:

Expensive **Practical Joke** Colt Debuts In Spendthrift Silks



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 25, 2026

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

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price (\$)	Breeze
Lady Girvin (Girvin)	OBSAPR	70,000	:10 2/5
C-Top Line Sales LLC, agent; B-Bradley Thoroughbreds LLC, agent			

Saratoga 3, \$115k, 2yo, 6f, 1:41 p.m. ET

Cactus Closer (Practical Joke)	OBSAPR	175,000	:10
C-Camelot Acres Racing/Sales, agt; B-J Bloom, agt C Monfort			
Foolin (Practical Joke)	OBSMAR	775,000	:9 4/5
C-Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), agent; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC & Leland Ackerley Racing			

Ellis 3, \$53k, Moc, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 2:16 p.m.

Aloha Tracy (Aloha West)	OBSAPR	25,000	:10 1/5
C-Randy Miles, agent; B-Nick J Hines, agent			
Hips of a Lady (Mo Donegal)	FTMMAY	35,000	G
C-Twelve Toes LLC, agent; B-R B Bloodstock, agt. September Farm			
Petty Cash (Improbable)	OBSAPR	40,000 PS	:21 1/5
C-Top Line Sales LLC, agent; B-Carlo Vaccarezza			

Del Mar 4, \$100k, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 6:30 p.m. ET

Clear and Present (Jack Christopher)	OBSMAR	275,000	:10
C-Paul Sharp, agent; B-Little Red Feather Racing			

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SATURDAY'S INSIGHTS: GUN RUNNER COLT UNVEILED AGAINST CHALLENGING SARATOGA MAIDEN FIELD by J.N. Campbell

3rd-SAR, \$115K, Msw, 2yo, 6f, 1:41 p.m. ET.

Bred by Peter Brant, **BACKLASH** (**Gun Runner**) was a \$900,000 Keeneland September buy for Repole Stable then was sent to trainer Todd Pletcher. White Birch Farm acquired the colt's dam--SP American West (**Curlin**)--for \$925,000 during the 2019 Keeneland September sale and she subsequently went for \$650,000 to International Equities Holding for \$650,000 at last year's Keeneland November Sale while a filly by **Practical Joke** was in utero. American West's full-sister is the Repole-owned & Pletcher-trained SW Be You and her extended female family includes current sire **Constitution** (**Tapit**).

Also entered from the Pletcher barn is **Foolin** (**Practical Joke**), who was bred by Machmer Hall and recently graduated from the OBS March sale (see **Summer Breezes**) where he was taken home by Spendthrift Farm and Lee Ackerley Racing for \$775,000. Prior to that auction, Foolin went through the Keeneland September ring for \$270,000.

Ferrum (Uncle Mo) makes his first start for Danny Gargan. A \$550,000 Keeneland September purchase, the bay is out of MSW Shenandoah Queen (Henny Hughes), who also produced GSP Brooklyn Blonde (**Gun Runner**).

The half-brother to GSW Honor Marie (Honor Code) heads to the post in Sanford & Ribble homebred **Warrior At Heart** (**Mandaloun**). The Whit Beckman trainee's dam is GSP Dame Marie (Smart Strike) and her half-sister is English Group 1 hero Rule of Law (Kingmambo). **TJCIS PPS**

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Flightline | Lane's End

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

Elevated (**Flightline**) was a \$600,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Yearling sale pick for MyRacehorse. Trained by Bill Mott, the filly was handed a full-sister by GISP Slam Dunk (Into Mischief) in early March. **TJCIS PPS**

5th-ELP, \$100K, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2ft, 2:44 p.m. ET.

Jay Em Ess homebred and Paul McGee trainee **Snubbed** (**Oscar Performance**) is out of MGISW Include Me Out (Include). Her half-sister is GISW Check the Label (Stormin Fever) and the dam of GSW Trademark (**Upstart**).

Modern Legacy (**Twirling Candy**) goes out for Godolphin and trainer Eoin Harty. The homebred's dam is a half-sister to MGISW Better Lucky (Ghostzapper). **TJCIS PPS**

5th-WO, \$115K, Msw, 2yo, f, 5ft, 3:11 p.m. ET.

Blue Heaven Farm bred and will race **Go for Launch** (**Flightline**). Kevin Attard trains the filly and the conditioner also guided her dam Starship Jubilee (Indy Wind) to Canadian Horse of the Year honors for Bonnie Baskin and Adam Corndorf.

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RICK VIOLETTE S., \$200,000, Saratoga, 7-24, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.61, fm.

1--CHUMMERS, 120, g, 3, by Combatant

1st Dam: Giant Bird, by Colonel John

2nd Dam: Itsagiantcauseway, by Giant's Causeway

3rd Dam: Countervail, by Seeking the Gold

(\$6,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Blue Bison Stable; B-Levings Racing LLC (NY); T-Raymond Handal; J-Flavien Prat. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-0, \$208,840.

2--Caroline St. Beat, 120, c, 3, Tiz the Law--

Myhartblongstodady, by Scat Daddy. (\$100,000 Ylg '24 SARAUG). O-Madaket Stables, LLC and Bouchey, Steven; B-Lawrence Goichman (NY); T-Miguel Clement. \$40,000.

3--A Little At First, 122, g, 3, War Dancer--Brazo de Oro, by **First Dude**. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Roger Cimbora, Jr.; B-Roger Cimbora (NY); T-Horacio De Paz. \$24,000.

Margins: NK, 2, 5 1/4. Odds: 7.20, 2.47, 2.38.

Also Ran: Newlyn, Spirit of New York, Manor Park, Voodoo Doll. Scratched: Max Money, Minorinconvenience, Sunday Boy.

Chummers went from a claiming horse to a stakes winner in the course of a jump by way of his 7-1 upset in the Rick Violette Stakes.

His victory last out June 19 in the \$55,000 Claimer likely served as the confidence booster Chummers needed for this race. He defeated that field by 3 3/4 lengths and earned an 85 Beyer in the process. **Cont.**



Chummers (fence) | Sarah Andrew



The trophy presentation | Sarah Andrew

Before that, he'd never been on the board save for his turf debut as a juvenile August last year at this venue and his maiden breaking score a race later during the Belmont Big A meet.

Racing just ahead of Caroline St. Beat through the first turn and down the backstretch, Chummers steadily improved his position through the final turn to be the looming danger nearing the quarter pole. Rallying seven wide and taking command inside the three-sixteenths, he refused to be headed by Caroline St. Beat when that rival came calling the final furlong.

Exchanging bumps as they battled to the wire, it was Chummers who claimed victory by a neck. A Little At First was a clear third.

"He had a monster work last week. I guess he showed up today with it," said trainer Ray Handal. "What a great ride by Flavien [Prat]. I was a little worried that he was going to get caught wide through that final turn, but he did all the right things, saved enough ground, and had enough punch at the end."

"I thought [No. 7, Caroline St. Beat] was going to go by, to be honest. I was like, 'You know what? We're definitely going to run second,' and at the sixteenth pole, I'm like, 'C'mon! Get in there!' He dug in, Flavien never gave up on him, he rode him all the way through, and it worked out."

The victor is the first winner for Giant Bird and her first stakes horse. She has a juvenile named Giant Heart (**Mo Town**) in the wings and her 2025 Bolt d'Oro was stillborn. The mare is a half to GISW Mucho Gusto (Mucho Macho Man) and GISP Go With Gusto (Medaglia d'Oro). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



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3rd-Saratoga, \$120,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$55,000), 7-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.70, ft, 3 lengths.

MY GUN'S LOADED (f, 3, **Gun Runner--Strive {SP, \$130,327}, by Congrats)** debuted as a 2-year-old and made just a single start for Steve Asmussen at Oaklawn in December before changing barns to be part of Chad Brown's string. After a six-month layoff, she broke her maiden in decisive fashion at Saratoga June 6, winning by 4 1/4 lengths and earning a 92 Beyer Speed Figure. Adding the extra furlong and facing winners Friday, the 1-5 favorite eased from the gate and was content with just one rival beat through the opening half in :47.50. As the pacesetter began to yield around the turn, My Gun's Loaded came wide to hit the front onto the stretch and pulled away to check in three lengths ahead of Krissys Star (Authentic). She is the first winner for her dam who unfortunately passed in 2024. Sales History: \$650,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$130,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Douglas Scharbauer; B-Corser Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.



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7th-Ellis, \$102,980, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 7-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.27, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

CONSEQUENT (f, 3, Into Mischief--Cognitive, by Uncle Mo) made her seasonal bow a winning one at Ellis Park against optional claiming company.

Breaking well to stalk **Sudden Switch (Munnings)** as that rival posted splits of :23.49 and a half-mile in :46.41, she overtook that leader coming into the lane, kicked on with it late, and held off a hard-charging **Union Mist (Union Rags)** on the line.

Consequent was last seen winning the GII Starlet Stakes at Los Alamitos in December. That contest ended up being the Bob Baffert barn vs. the Doug O'Neill barn, and she topped the trifecta ahead of O'Neill's Cashed (I'll Have Another) and stablemate Nimah (**Gun Runner**). She debuted Nov. 14 at Del Mar where she defeated an experienced field that included eventual multiple graded-placed runner Bank Shot (Game Winner) and a next-out winner.

The Baffert-trainee is a full-sister to Show Card, MSW, \$223,550 and the pair hail from the same female line that yielded MGISW Dream Rush (Wild Rush), her daughter GISW Dreaming of Julia (A.P. Indy), and her granddaughters two-time Eclipse champion MGISW Malathaat (**Curlin**) and her full-sister GSW Julia Shining. Dream Rush is also responsible for MGSW Dream Pauline (**Tapit**) and SW Atreides (Medaglia d'Oro). Consequent is the latest to the races for Cognitive, but the mare does have a juvenile named Lillianna (**Constitution**) in the wings. Her two youngest are a yearling full-brother to the 2-year-old and a 2026 **Elite Power** filly. The dam, herself a half to MSP Dreams to Reality (Lookin At Lucky), went back to Into Mischief for 2027. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-3-0-0, \$219,460. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-Juddmonte (KY); T-Bob Baffert.

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6th-Ellis, \$91,900, Alw, 7-24, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:34.43, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

DAGMARA (f, 3, Omaha Beach--Dynarama, by Dynaformer) collected her second victory here with a gate-to-wire effort after turning away a would be challenger at the quarter pole. Stunning Sapphire (Win Win Win) rallied late for second but was 2 3/4 lengths behind the 3-2 favorite. Dagmara broke her maiden in her fourth jump Feb. 28 at Fair Grounds. She hit the board at Keeneland Apr. 18 taking on allowance company and was last seen finishing seventh June 4 against Churchill optional claimers.

The victress is a half-sister to Girl Named Charlie (**Maclean's Music**), MSW, \$282,652 and Dominga (Ghostzapper), SW, \$293,036--the latter also being trained by Brad Cox while the former was in the barn of GI Haskell Stakes-winning trainer Lindsay Schultz. Dominga is now a broodmare with a 2026 **Not This Time** filly as her most recent offspring while another half-sister, Chilean winner Dynajoy (Kitten's Joy), produced Chilean Group 1 winner Dia de Otono (Chi) (Mendelssohn). Dam Dynarama has a juvenile colt by Yaupon to her credit who was exported to the UAE this year as well as a yearling filly by **Golden Pal**. Her youngest is a 2026 **Maclean's Music** filly. Sales history: \$140,000 RNA Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$141,455. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** O-Don Alberto Stable; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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4th-Ellis, \$100,000, Msw, 7-24, 2yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 1:02.08, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.

WORTH THE MISCHIEF (f, 2, Golden Pal--She's Trouble {SP, \$103,060}, by Into Mischief) showed a good turn of foot from the gate along the inside to set an early advantage through fractions of :21.54 and :44.45. Chased out of the turn by Ever Forward (Omaha Beach), this 5-1 shot had to repel that challenge, did so with little issue and cleared off into the final furlong to graduate by 2 1/2 lengths. The 11th winner for her freshman sire (by Uncle Mo), Worth the Mischief is a half-sister to Knickleandime (Knicks Go), MSP, \$236,746. Her dam, who now has four winners from as many to race, has a yearling Taiba filly and foaled a Yaupon colt this spring. Sales History: \$19,000 RNA Ylg '25 KEESEP; \$35,000 2yo '26 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$59,140. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Holy Cow Stable LLC; B-Daniel Mallory & Torie Gladwell (KY); T-Dallas Stewart.

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9th-Ellis, \$100,000, Msw, 7-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17.08, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

YO FANCY (f, 3, Yaupon--Clarendon Fancy, by Malibu Moon) debuted June 13 at Churchill Downs, and employed similar tactics to what she used here--settling far off the pace and making a huge run late to claim second behind a long gone winner. This time there would be no denying her. Sent off as the slimmest of favorites at 2-1 ahead of Bob Baffert's Kaykay (Charlatan), she watched the race unfold from the back as the latter went right to the front to post an opening quarter in :22 flat. Six wide and rallying on the turn, Yo Fancy was in striking contention entering the lane and had overtaken the longtime leader by the final sixteenth. From there she extended the winning margin to 1 3/4 lengths while Kaykay remained a clear second.

The victress is a half-sister to a couple of accomplished racehorses, led by Brightwork (Outwork), GISW, \$690,989, who sold for \$3-million to Erdenheim Farm Thoroughbreds last year in the Fasig-Tipton November sale. The other stakes runners in the family are Quiet Company (Temple City), SP, \$196,835, whose first of racing age is the juvenile Velvet Rope (Golden



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Pal), and Gili Las Virgenes Stakes-third Just as Fancy (Volatile). Yo Fancy is the most recent to the races for their dam and has a yearling half-brother by Forte as the last registered offspring. The mare was bred to Gun Runner for 2027.

Clarendon Fancy hails from an accomplished family as the half or full-sister to three black-type runners and a full-sibling to the mother of the late MGISW Midnight Bourbon (Tiznow) and his half-brothers GISW Girvin (Tale of Ekati), GSW Cocked and Loaded (Colonel John), and GSW Pirate's Punch (Shanghai Bobby). This is the distant female family of GISW Silver Max. Sales history: \$525,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$75,916. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-November Hill; B-Wynnstay Inc. & H. Allen Poindexter (KY); T-Ian R. Wilkes.

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1st-Colonial Downs, \$85,525, (C), Msw, 7-24, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:10.91, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

CYBER SPY (f, 2, Cyberknife--Senorita Corredora, by El Corredor) became the second winner for her freshman sire (by **Gun Runner**) with a resolute gate-to-wire performance at first-asking. Leaving the gates carrying 5-1 odds, she was quick to the front and opened an uncontested lead on 4-5 favorite Uppity (**Upstart**) as that one chased her through the bend. Challenged by that shadow approaching the three-sixteenths pole, Cyber Spy turned back that bid and kicked home to win by 1 3/4 lengths.

The victress is a half-sister to two stakes horses, namely Zio Jo (**Nyquist**), GISP, \$321,560 and Holiday's Angel (Harlan's Holiday), MSP, \$196,096. The latter is a multiple winner producer with two more of racing age in the wings as well as a yearling filly by **Gunite**. Cyber Spy is the most recent to make the races for Senorita Corredora, a half-sister to SW & GSP Tres Coronas (Chief's Crown).



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After this victress, the dam produced a yearling filly by Vekoma and was bred to patch Adams for 2027.

The aforementioned Tres Coronas is herself a black-type producer as the mother of stakes-placed True Vindication (Vindication) and a second half-sister SW & GSP Descapate (Dehere) was also a stakes producer via her own daughter, SP Christine Daae (Giant's Causeway). Between those two broodmares, the family eventually yielded the likes of SW & GISP Ready to Repeat (More Than Ready); GSW Dark Nile (Pioneer of the Nile); and MSW Kale's Angel (**Complexity**). A third sister is the granddam of SW & MGSP Sneaky Good (Into Mischief). Sales history: \$160,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$52,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Barber, Gary and Vinciguerra, Anthony; B-Hubert H. Vester (VA); T-Mark E. Casse.

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3rd-Colonial Downs, \$85,525, (C), Msw, 7-24, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.36, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

GODFIDENCE (c, 2, Chance It--Crumb {SW, \$144,493}, by Graeme Hall) ran third in the June 13 maiden at Gulfstream that yielded Watson (Brethren), a next-out winner of the Proud Man Stakes at that venue. Made the even-money favorite here, the son of Chance It tracked the action in second from along the rail as Prince of Peace (**Cairo Prince**) built up a daunting lead on the field. Rallying on his left lead and floating into the five path inside the final furlong, he relentlessly closed the gap on that longtime leader and kicked by in the closing stages to win by 1 1/2 lengths.

The victor is a half-brother to Dreamster (Jess's Dream), SP, \$237,915 as well as SP Candycrums (**Valiant Minister**). Godfidence is the most recent to the races for Crumb, who also claims a yearling full-sister to this runner as her last registered offspring thus far. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$60,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Mary Lightner; B-Shooting Star Thoroughbreds (FL); T-Mary Lightner.

2nd-Del Mar, \$81,500, Msw, 7-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.95, fm, 3 1/2 lengths.

LITTLE OPAL (f, 3, Caravaggio--Il Mulino, by Elusive Quality) rocketed out of the gate to the lead this field and rolled through an opening two furlongs in :22.41 through the turn. At the head of affairs coming off it, Little Opal continued to shine on this debut as her advantage on the field widened late to 3 1/2 lengths over First Or Last (**Twirling Candy**).

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The victress is a half-sister to Cucina (Northern Afleet), SP, \$280,254. She is the most recent to the races after her 2024 sibling by **Maxfield** was stillborn. Il Mulino's youngest is a yearling filly by **Mage**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$48,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Donald R. Dizney, LLC (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill.



2nd-Ellis, \$49,073, Moc (\$50,000), 7-24, (C), 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.03, fm, 3/4 length.

BATTLEFIELD HERO (g, 2, **War Front--Akatea {Ire}** {SW & G1SP-Fr, \$252,931}, by Shamardal) drew in off the also-eligible list and made the most of it on the debut. Sent off as the 4-5 favorite, he stalked the action from four off the rail and was the looming danger to Bravo Tango (Mitole) as that one tried to fend off the longtime pacesetter turning for home. Linger on the wrong lead inside the final sixteenth after dueling through the lane, Battlefield Hero inched clear of Bravo Tango to win by three-quarters of a length. The victor is a full-brother to a fleet of runners, but the most accomplished of that group is his sister, SP Stony Point. Her first to the races is the juvenile Bellanita (Uncle Mo) and she's since been exported to Ireland for broodmare duties. Battlefield Hero's 3-year-old brother Police Gazette is also a winner in Ireland. Akatea has since produced a yearling filly by **War Front** as well as a 2026 filly named See Stop Run by that recently pensioned sire. The dam was bred to **Fierceness** for 2027. Sales history: \$50,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,721. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Mrs. Fitri Hay; B-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.



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SARATOGA 2:

Mandy Steph (**Constitution**) missed the battle for second by a nose and had to settle for third in a battle for the minors.

SARATOGA 6:

Breaker (Into Mischief) ran the best of this bunch when closing from the back to claim fourth while **Quartz Mountain** (**Golden Pal**) faded from the lead in the lane to finish seventh behind **Hunter Creek** (**War Front**) in sixth.

Without Hesitation (Jackie's Warrior) was scratched from the race.

ELLIS PARK 7:

Consequent (Into Mischief) returned to her winning ways with a workmanlike victory against optional claimers on seasonal bow.



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, JULY 25

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Colonel Liam (**Liam's Map**), Ocala Stud, \$6,500

75 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

4-Gulfstream, 2:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Kissed by a Rose, 9-2

\$42,000 OBS APR 2yo

Corniche (**Quality Road**), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000

109 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners

5-Woodbine, 3:11 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Catrall, 12-1

\$70,000 KEE SEP yrl

2-Colonial Downs, 12:59 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Monaco Crown, 10-1

\$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$65,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

Drain the Clock (**Maclean's Music**), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000

134 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners

2-Colonial Downs, 12:59 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Bombay, 15-1

\$95,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl



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Epicenter (Not This Time), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
 206 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Woodbine, 3:11 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Epic Affair, 8-1
 \$95,000 KEE SEP yrl
 3-Saratoga, 1:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Gold On Black, 12-1
 \$475,000 KEE SEP yrl

Flightline (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$125,000
 124 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Saratoga, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Elevated, 2-1
 \$600,000 FTS AUG yrl
 5-Woodbine, 3:11 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Go for Launch, 2-1

Greatest Honour (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
 117 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Saratoga, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Ms Liu, 8-1

Happy Saver (Super Saver), Airdrie Stud, \$7,500
 49 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Colonial Downs, 12:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Trinity, 12-1
 \$100,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$150,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$200,000 OBS
 MAR 2yo

Highly Motivated (Into Mischief), Airdrie Stud, \$7,500
 98 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Arapahoe, 4:30 p.m. EDT, \$43K CTBA Futurity, 5 1/2f, Capraro,
 6-5
 6-Canterbury, 8:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Minny for the Max, 9-2
 \$3,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$27,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$25,000 OBS
 MAR 2yo
 4-Gulfstream, 2:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Severely Overpayin, 4-1
 \$40,000 FTK OCT yrl



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Jack Christopher (Munnings), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000
 187 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Del Mar, 6:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Clear and Present, 12-1
 \$150,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$275,000 OBS MAR 2yo
 1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Jack Attack,
 4-1
 \$70,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mandaloun (Into Mischief), Juddmonte Farms, \$10,000
 100 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
 3-Saratoga, 1:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Warrior At Heart, 15-1

Mutasaabeq (Into Mischief), Pleasant Acres Stallions
 25 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 2-Colonial Downs, 12:59 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, What a Deal,
 20-1
 \$22,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Olympiad (Speightstown), Gainesway Farm, \$20,000
 149 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Just Got Paid,
 15-1
 \$95,000 KEE SEP yrl
 4-Del Mar, 6:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Midnight Ovation, 4-1
 \$52,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$37,000 RNA FTK FEB wnl; \$60,000
 KEE SEP yrl; \$230,000 OBS APR 2yo
 5-Woodbine, 3:11 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Royal Foxtrot, 3-1
 \$150,000 KEE SEP yrl
 1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT,
 Won'tcatchmecryan, 10-1
 \$110,000 FTK OCT yrl

Roadster (Quality Road), Ocala Stud, \$7,500
 85 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
 4-Gulfstream, 2:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Slew Lady, 5-1
 \$6,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$15,000 OBS OPN 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, JULY 25

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Charlatan (Speightstown), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$25,000
 322 foals of racing age/44 winners/7 black-type winners
 2-Colonial Downs, 12:59 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Lindenberg, 9-2
 \$30,000 FTK OCT yrl

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

218 foals of racing age/46 winners/6 black-type winners
 10-Saratoga, 5:45 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Coaching Club American
 Oaks, 1 1/8m, Measure, 15-1
 \$140,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$250,000 KEE SEP yrl

Knicks Go (Paynter), Kor, private

170 foals of racing age/53 winners/3 black-type winners
 6-Prairie Meadows, 8:08 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Jomist, 3-1
 \$80,000 KEE SEP yrl

Lexitonia (Speightstown), Calumet Farm, \$7,500

93 foals of racing age/28 winners/4 black-type winners
 4-Del Mar, 6:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Whiskey Bridge, 8-1

Maxfield (Street Sense), Darley, \$50,000

196 foals of racing age/43 winners/6 black-type winners
 7-Monmouth, 4:08 p.m. EDT, \$150K GIII Monmouth Oaks, 1
 1/16m, Ivy Girl, 15-1
 \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$37,500 RNA IGD OC2 wnl
 6-Ellis, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Pimlott, 10-1
 \$125,000 KEE SEP yrl; €120,000 GOF CBU 2yo

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

224 foals of racing age/55 winners/3 black-type winners
 10-Saratoga, 5:45 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Coaching Club American
 Oaks, 1 1/8m, Miss Fulton Gal, 30-1
 \$3,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$5,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$35,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Starman (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud, £40,000

352 foals of racing age/73 winners/8 black-type winners
 8-Woodbine, 4:50 p.m. EDT, \$175K GIII Ontario Colleen S., 1m,
 Flowerhead (Ire), 8-1
 35,000gns TAT SOM yrl; 35,000gns TAT BRE 2yo



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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

7th-Saratoga, \$110,000, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 7-24,
 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.35, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

NONNA LYNNE (f, 4, Slumber {GB})--Play a Song for Me, by Gio Pontti Lifetime Record: SP, 8-3-4-0, \$240,050. O-Head of Plains Partners LLC; B-Head of Plains, LLC (NY); T-Chad C. Brown.

Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate

8th-Ellis, \$99,475, 7-24, (NW2L), 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.88, fm, 1
 1/4 lengths.

GO FOR ROCKET (c, 3, Candy Ride {Arg})--Flora Dora {MSW & GISP, \$607,152}, by First Dude Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0,
 \$125,491. O-Crown's Way Racing and William Granger; B-Coffee
 Pot Stables (KY); T-Armando Hernandez. *\$250,000 Ylg '24
 KEESEP. **1/2 to Digital Ops (Nyquist), SP, \$267,397 and Howin
 (Gun Runner), MGSP, \$152,000.

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6th-Del Mar, \$84,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 7-23, 3yo/up,
 f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.75, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

BOJACA BLESSING (f, 4, Cairo Prince--Sweeping Cherry, by Tonalist) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-4, \$146,644. O-P and G Stables LLC; B-Lester Salzman, Brereton C. Jones et al (KY); T-Jose Francisco D'Angelo. *\$55,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

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7th-Del Mar, \$81,800, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 7-23,
 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.68, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

STOLEN TREASURE (g, 5, Nyquist--Little Treasure {Ity}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}) Lifetime Record: MSP, 16-3-3-1, \$222,260.
 O-Alipony Racing, Branch, William A. and Buster, Jr., William C.;
 B-Reddam Racing, LLC & Jamie McCalmont (CA); T-Mark Glatt.

7th-Colonial Downs, \$73,900, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000),
 7-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.24, gd, neck.

MINTY (f, 4, McKinzie--Moneybru, by Talk Is Money) Lifetime
 Record: 10-3-3-0, \$150,036. O-Gary Barber; B-Highclere Inc.
 (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. *\$130,000 Ylg '23 FTKFEB; \$165,000 Ylg
 '23 KEESEP; \$70,000 2yo '24 FTDJUL. **1/2 to Midnight Miley
 (Midnight Lute), Ch. Older Mare-Can, MGSW, \$296,730.

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5th-Monmouth, \$60,625, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 7-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.14, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

LA RESOLANA (f, 3, Engage--Sweetest Yet {SP, \$329,867}, by Drosselmeyer) Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-0, \$129,031. O/B-Gerardo Franco (NJ); T-Jose Lozano Sanchez.

8th-Delaware, \$47,325, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 7-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.62, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

DELRAY (f, 4, Munnings--Malibu Cougar, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 15-4-5-1, \$191,740. O-Jagger, Inc. and Longball Stables LLC; B-Gregg Hugo Moore (KY); T-Jamie Ness. *\$85,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEEJAN; \$42,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$20,000 2yo '24 EASMAY; \$290,000 RNA 3yo '25 FTDAPR.

6th-Delaware, \$46,350, 7-24, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.72, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

EL CORDOBES (c, 4, Mor Spirit--Grams Future, by Raison d'Etat) Lifetime Record: 25-5-0-3, \$104,964. O-JKX Racing; B-Gustavo Calleja & Gmbracstables LLC (KY); T-Ernesto Padilla-Preciado. *\$2,500 Ylg '23 KEEJAN.

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7th-Delaware, \$45,650, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 7-24, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.46, gd, neck.

I AM I SAID (GB) (g, 4, Almanzor {Fr}--Tesoro {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$61,058. O-Dahman; B-James Wigan (GB); T-Miguel Clement. *72,000gns Wlg '22 TADEWE; 110,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. **1/2 to Sweet Enough (GB) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), GSP, \$150,587; 1/2 to Enfjaar (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), MSP-Eng, \$241,638.

3rd-Penn National, \$38,018, 7-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.40, fm, 1/2 length.

AIR ONE (m, 6, Mor Spirit--Doctor Doctor, by Langfuhr) Lifetime Record: 20-4-4-2, \$105,315. O/B/T-Keith C. Dickey (FL).

8th-Charles Town, \$35,300, (S), 7-23, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.15, ft, neck.

K. BEE (g, 4, Kobe's Back--Polished Account, by Mutakddim) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$64,475. O/B-Swoosh LLC (WV); T-Michael Sandoval.

6th-Charles Town, \$34,100, (S), 7-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.82, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

SWEET N TRICKY (f, 4, Candygram--Tricky Windsor {MSP}, by Windsor Castle) Lifetime Record: 14-4-1-2, \$75,085. O/T-Elizabeth E. Meehan; B-Taylor Mountain Farm (WV). *1/2 to Juba's Hat Trick (Juba), SW, \$256,754; 1/2 to Tricks R for Juba (Juba), SW, \$112,092.



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8th-Canterbury, \$23,499, 7-23, (C), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.60, ft, 6 3/4 lengths.

PHANTOM EXPRESS (g, 3, Bodexpress--Seeking the Ghost, by Ghostzapper) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-2, \$48,573. O-Norma I. Martinez; B-Richard Barton Enterprises & Robert Traynor (CA); T-Esteban Martinez. *\$5,500 Ylg '24 ARZOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Breakaway Babe, f, 2, Jack Milton--Do You Hear That, by Southern Image. Del Mar, 7-23, (S), (C), 5f, :59.27. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. B-William T. Gray (CA).

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Mo Bad, c, 2, Mo Forza--Thursdays Angel, by Biondetti. Del Mar, 7-24, (S), (C), 5f, :59.57. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. B-S Tsujimoto, LLC (CA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

You and R Us, g, 2, The Big Beast--Emeralds R Us, by Noble Mission (GB). Canterbury, 7-23, 4 1/2f, :53.25. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,800. B-Keith Ploumen (AR). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Go Girl Go, f, 3, Bobby's Wicked One--Lees Last Melody, by Leestown. Evangeline Downs, 7-23, 5f (off turf), :59.42. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$25,600. B-1907 Farm Inc. (TX).

Hard Stance, g, 3, Hard Spun--Stand by for News, by Majesticperfection. Charles Town, 7-23, 6 1/2f, 1:20.81. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$33,180. B-Respect the Valleys, LLC (KY). *\$30,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. **1/2 to Standing Perfect (Half Ours), MSW, \$138,500.

Dancing Boots, f, 3, Maximus Mischief--Betsy Boots, by Scat Daddy. Canterbury, 7-23, (S), 7 1/2fT, 1:32.55. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$21,830. B-Richard Bremer & Cheryl Sprick (MN). *\$36,000 Ylg '24 MNSAUG.



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Dynacito, g, 3, **Munnings**--Dynaïre, by Dynaformer. Colonial Downs, 7-24, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:41.56. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$71,735. B-Woodslane Farm (Lauren & Rene Woolcott) (KY). *1/2 to Dyna Passer (Lemon Drop Kid), SP, \$232,330; 1/2 to Lunaire (Malibu Moon), SP, \$249,950; 1/2 to Wolfie's Dynaghost (Ghostzapper), GSW-Can, MGSW-USA, \$1,354,992; 1/2 to Sadler's Joy (Kitten's Joy), GISW, \$2,679,910.

Hidden Brook Foaled

Saichi's Girl, f, 3, **Thousand Words**--Saichi Sweepin (SP, \$178,956), by Fusaichi Pegasus. Charles Town, 7-23, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:21.39. Lifetime Record: 11-1-4-1, \$46,969. B-Troy Rankin (WV). *1/2 to Laochi (Laoban), SP, \$162,530; 1/2 to Warsaichi (**War Dancer**), SW, \$136,437.

Compatriot, g, 4, **Curlin**--American Entente, by **War Front**. Colonial Downs, 7-24, 6 1/2f, 1:16.57. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$46,500. B-Stone Farm & Speedway Stables, LLC (KY).



Limited Edition, g, 4, **Not This Time**--Nonsensical (SP), by **Street Sense**. Saratoga, 7-24, 1 1/2mT, 2:26.46. Lifetime Record: 11-1-3-2, \$137,587. B-Godolphin (KY). *\$135,000 3yo '25 FTKHRA.



B-W/CROW Purchased



Almanzor (Fr), I Am I Said (GB), g, 4, o/o Tesoro (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). AOC, 7-24, Delaware

Bobby's Wicked One, Go Girl Go, f, 3, o/o Lees Last Melody, by Leestown. MSW, 7-23, Evangeline

Bodexpress, Phantom Express, g, 3, o/o Seeking the Ghost, by Ghostzapper. ALW, 7-23, Canterbury

Cairo Prince, Bojaca Blessing, f, 4, o/o Sweeping Cherry, by **Tonalist**. AOC, 7-23, Del Mar

Candy Ride (Arg), Go for Rocket, c, 3, o/o Flora Dora, by **First Dude**. ALW, 7-24, Ellis

Candygram, Sweet N Tricky, f, 4, o/o Tricky Windsor, by Windsor Castle. ALW, 7-23, Charles Town

Caravaggio, Little Opal, f, 3, o/o Il Mulino, by Elusive Quality. MSW, 7-24, Del Mar

Chance It, Godfidence, c, 2, o/o Crumb, by Graeme Hall. MSW, 7-24, Colonial Downs

Charlatan, Runaway Bride, f, 2, o/o American Model, by Bayern. MSW, 7-24, Saratoga

Combatant, Chummers, g, 3, o/o Giant Bird, by Colonel John. Rick Violette S., 7-24, Saratoga

Curlin, Compatriot, g, 4, o/o American Entente, by **War Front**. MSW, 7-24, Colonial Downs

Cyberknife, Cyber Spy, f, 2, o/o Senorita Corredora, by El Corredor. MSW, 7-24, Colonial Downs

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Engage, La Resolana, f, 3, o/o Sweetest Yet, by Drosselmeyer. AOC, 7-24, Monmouth

Golden Pal, Conflict, f, 2, o/o Seeking Spirits, by Orb. MSW, 7-24, Saratoga

Golden Pal, Worth the Mischief, f, 2, o/o She's Trouble, by Into Mischief. MSW, 7-24, Ellis

Gun Runner, My Gun's Loaded, f, 3, o/o Strive, by Congrats. AOC, 7-24, Saratoga

Hard Spun, Hard Stance, g, 3, o/o Stand by for News, by Majesticperfection. MSW, 7-23, Charles Town

Into Mischief, Consequent, f, 3, o/o Cognitive, by Uncle Mo. AOC, 7-24, Ellis

Jack Milton, Breakaway Babe, f, 2, o/o Do You Hear That, by Southern Image. MCL, 7-23, Del Mar

Kobe's Back, K. Bee, g, 4, o/o Polished Account, by Mutakddim. ALW, 7-23, Charles Town

Maximus Mischief, Dancing Boots, f, 3, o/o Betsy Boots, by Scat Daddy. MSW, 7-23, Canterbury

McKinzie, Minty, f, 4, o/o Moneybru, by Talk Is Money. AOC, 7-24, Colonial Downs

Mo Forza, Mo Bad, c, 2, o/o Thursdays Angel, by Biondetti. MCL, 7-24, Del Mar

Mor Spirit, Air One, m, 6, o/o Doctor Doctor, by Langfuhr. ALW, 7-23, Penn National

Mor Spirit, El Cordobes, c, 4, o/o Grams Future, by Raison d'Etat. ALW, 7-24, Delaware

Munnings, Delray, f, 4, o/o Malibu Cougar, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 7-24, Delaware

Munnings, Dynacito, g, 3, o/o Dynaire, by Dynaformer. MSW, 7-24, Colonial Downs

Not This Time, Limited Edition, g, 4, o/o Nonsensical, by **Street Sense**. MSW, 7-24, Saratoga

Nyquist, Stolen Treasure, g, 5, o/o Little Treasure (It), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). AOC, 7-23, Del Mar

Omaha Beach, Dagmara, f, 3, o/o Dynarama, by Dynaformer. ALW, 7-24, Ellis

Slumber (GB), Nonna Lynne, f, 4, o/o Play a Song for Me, by Gio Ponti. AOC, 7-24, Saratoga

The Big Beast, You and R Us, g, 2, o/o Emeralds R Us, by Noble Mission (GB). MSW, 7-23, Canterbury

Thousand Words, Saichi's Girl, f, 3, o/o Saichi Sweepin, by Fusaichi Pegasus. MSW, 7-23, Charles Town

Tiz the Law, Fully Subscribed, f, 4, o/o Sweetbaby, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. GII Shuvee S., 7-24, Saratoga

War Front, Battlefield Hero, g, 2, o/o Akatea (Ire), by Shamardal. MOC, 7-24, Ellis

Yaupon, Yo Fancy, f, 3, o/o Clarendon Fancy, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 7-24, Ellis



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CAN CALANDAGAN? KING GEORGE POWER PLAY WILL ANSWER THE QUESTION



Calandagan is aiming for a title defence of the King George
Horsephotos

by Tom Frary

For lovers of Ascot's midsummer jewel, Saturday's G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes marks a welcome return to the halcyon days when it was truly the focus of the globe's best.

With a cast that includes the reigning title-holder and 2025 Longines World's Best Racehorse **Calandagan** (**Gleneagles**), the Tenno Sho Autumn winner **Masquerade Ball** (Duramente), the Irish Derby winner **Benvenuto Cellini** (**Frankel**), the 2024 King George hero **Goliath** (Adlerflug) and two of the finest of the older fillies and mares in **Minnie Hauk** (**Frankel**) and **Kalpana** (Study Of Man), England's beloved monument of high summer has reclaimed some vital lost ground on its competition.

While the handicappers will be at pains to pull together the varying threads of form and trends in such a fascinating affair, on Saturday afternoon the ultimate winner will be the race itself which had for a spell suffered for its complacency but now looks revived due to its newly-energised custodians.

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"HE DOESN'T LOOK THE SAME HORSE" - FITZDARES OUT TO LAY KING GEORGE FAVOURITE

Fitzdares trader Mark Cancea says the firm will be looking to take on King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Stakes favourite Calandagan (**Gleneagles**) at odds of 13-8 on the basis that Francis Graffard's stable star has not been at his brilliant best so far this season.

Cancea labelled the Ascot showpiece as being one of the best renewals in recent times and, given the strength in depth to the line-up, the trader said that Fitzdares would be happy to lay the top end of the market and hope for a result.

He said, "Calandagan has been well-supported but I want to take him on. We've seen support for Benvenuto Cellini (**Frankel**) and there has been each-way support for Kalpana (Study Of Man) after some positive vibes emanated from the Andrew Balding camp in the middle of the week." [Cont. p5](#)

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The 2026 Royal Ascot-winning breeders are pictured after a special lunch at the racecourse to mark their achievements on Friday. | Emma Berry

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*At the latest confirmation stage for the G1 Nassau Stakes, Diamond Necklace (*St Mark's Basilica*) looms over the field.*

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Weekend Preview Cont. from p1

That Masquerade Ball and his smart compatriot **Wurtemberg** (Kitasan Black) are here is testament to the efforts of Ascot's officials, who are also boosting prize-money to £2.5 million next year, and of the Elite Races Scheme.

Elite is certainly a word that applies to this renewal, but there is no question that it is made complete by the presence of a crack three-year-old. In the formative period after its inception in 1951, the Classic generation made a considerable mark on the race's history aided by the weight-for-age concession with the start of the 1970s representing a dramatic tide turn in their favour. Nijinsky inaugurated a glut for his age group over the decade, followed by the similarly weighty names of Mill Reef, Dahlia, Grundy, Pawneese, The Minstrel and Troy.



Benvenuto Cellini | Alamy

By 1995, 10 more three-year-olds had triumphed but after Lammtarra's year the well dried and what had been a prime target for the Classic brigade for a time became almost an exclusive older-horse affair. The Derby hero Adayar's throwback win in 2021 was almost a shock given how out of kilter it was in the race's recent movement, but since then the Classic winners Westover and **Auguste Rodin** have been drawn in and now we have another exciting young pretender.

Benvenuto Cellini may lack the aura of Ballydoyle's last three-year-old winner Galileo at present, but all the pieces of the puzzle are in place for him to produce a performance to make him competitive even in such deep company. His Irish Derby win was characterised by an element of greenness and this test might act as the catalyst from boy to man for the lookalike The Minstrel.

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Tattersalls October Book 1 Group Winner

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What seems certain is that this will be a strongly-run affair, with Ballydoyle's intent clear from the entry of the half-brothers **Lambourn** (Australia) and **Action** (**Frankel**) as pacemakers to set it up for the certain stayers Benvenuto Cellini and Minnie Hauk. Having overdone the pace when serving it up for Goliath two years ago and underdone it 12 months ago with Jan Brueghel, the stable will have to get the calculations right at the third attempt with William Buick and Sean Levey's judgement vital to the way this plays out.

Aidan O'Brien is as much in the dark as to how Benvenuto Cellini will fare against the older generation as anybody. "He did what Ryan thought he would do at The Curragh and we think he has progressed from that, so it will be interesting to see if he's good enough," he said. "It'll be an evenly-run race again and hopefully we'll all know afterwards who is the best mile-and-a-half horse."

If all goes to plan, on this ground it will be run close to 2:26 and could even threaten Novellist's remarkable 2:24.60, so any deficiencies in stamina will be exposed. It is worth recalling that Calandagan's King George was played out in 2:29.74 off a steady pace and he only managed 2:29.11 over the same course and distance in the 2024 King Edward VII Stakes, so a genuine test of his staying power on this stiff track may be his rivals' only hope of denying a 12th French King George winner.

Calandagan may have more on his plate than last year, but Francis Graffard's flagbearer has proven himself more than capable of meeting new challenges throughout his career and on this summer surface is the proverbial tough nut to crack. "His regular rider thinks he has improved from Saint-Cloud and is spot-on for the King George, which he will need to be as it looks a stronger field this year," the operation's Nemone Routh said. "He will have to be at the top of his form, but we know he loves Ascot and always runs well there."



Francis-Henri Graffard is aiming for his third consecutive King George victory | Liesl King/DRC

"He is just a top-class horse," she added. "He has a great mind for the game. He is an intelligent horse with a very strong personality. Mickael says, 'once I ask him to quicken, he just never stops.' That is his main weapon."

A win for either Calandagan or Goliath would see Graffard make a significant personal breakthrough in joining Noel Murless and Saeed bin Suroor in winning the race for the third consecutive year and there are definite signs that Resolute Bloodstock and Philip Baron Von Ullmann's 2024 hero is coming back to his best. On the premises with Giavellotto and Kalpana despite Christophe Soumillon losing an iron in the closing stages of a strong renewal of the course-and-distance Hardwicke last month, demanding early fractions will only serve to bring him to the party.

Japan has come a long way since the pioneering days of Sirius Symboli, who came here to test the waters in 1985 only to find them way too deep at that time, but on the whole the key British and French contests have remained out of reach. Masquerade Ball is charged with making the breakthrough and possibly has more scope for improvement than Calandagan from the Japan Cup, but we will only know once this is staged.

Elsewhere on the Ascot card, Shadwell's unlucky Coronation Stakes runner-up **Touleen** (Lope De Vega) looks for compensation tackling the older fillies and mares for the first time in the G3 Longines Valiant Stakes, the unbeaten TDN Rising Star **Extremely Zain** (Hello Youmzain) tackles the prestigious Moet & Chandon International Handicap and 11 two-year-old fillies line up for an intriguing G3 Princess Margaret Japan Cup Stakes.

York also stages its own clash of the generations and while the G2 Sky Bet York Stakes operates on a lower octave than the King George it nevertheless features a fascinating three-year-old in Juddmonte's **Item** (**Frankel**). Having dealt with Christmas Day in the Dante over this course and distance, he was bogged down like many others at Epsom and remains a colt of much intrigue. Last year's winner **Royal Champion** (Shamardal) is a serious yardstick despite his penalty, while **Damysus** (**Frankel**), **Pride Of Arras** (New Bay) and **Dancing Gemini** (**Camelot**) make this one of the strongest editions for some time.

Juddmonte's Barry Mahon said of Item, "We gave him a little freshen up after Epsom and to be fair we probably knew our fate that morning when we saw the rain and knew the ground would be as bad as it was. It was very sporting of the owners to let the horse take his chance, but he didn't handle it and probably didn't see out the trip either."

"We still retain plenty of faith in him and apart from that blip at Epsom he has a perfect record," he added. "We asked him to do something outside of his comfort zone at Epsom, but he's been good every day since. We're back in trip now and it will be interesting taking on some good older horses in the race. There's a bit more strength in depth than the Dante here, but we're hoping this will give us plenty of pointers." **Cont. p5**

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This is also an opportunity for Wathnan's Damysus, who is back out in trip having failed to make a mark in the big mile contests of early summer, to get back on track and the operation's racing adviser Richard Brown said, "He showed a lot of zip when he won the Earl of Sefton, so we had a crack at a mile. He hasn't got the zip of those top milers, so we're finally back to a mile and a quarter. I think that's where his future lies. He's still lightly-raced and I think York will suit him."

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He added, "But certainly, I think Calandagan is layable. In actual fact, there are very few horses in the race that would be surprise winners. It is a very good renewal and there is real strength in depth. I'm not convinced about Calandagan, though."



Calandagan: heads the King George betting | Ascot Racecourse

Cancea added, "I don't think he is the same horse this year. Okay, we all know why he was beaten in the Coronation Cup - the ground was too soft. I'll put a line through that effort. But even last time at Saint-Cloud, he didn't over-impress me. I do think Masquerade Ball (Duramente) has a very good chance but my concern is that he comes into this race lacking match fitness and I feel that could be the slight question mark. The way I'd be approaching this race is from the mindset of a bookmaker. I would just lay the top three or four in the betting and hope for a result. But definitely, we'll be happy to take Calandagan on at those odds because there are so many good horses in opposition."

Admittedly, the ante-post markets for Goodwood and Galway

have yet to explode into life. That being said, Fitzdares reports an even spread of money between the top three - Bow Echo (Night Of Thunder), Gstaad (**Starspangledbanner**) and Opera Ballo (Ghaiyyath) ahead of the Sussex Stakes.

He said, "The Sussex Stakes is the biggest betting heat. Without question. However, given the prices, the money has been evenly spread between Bow Echo, Gstaad and Opera Ballo. If you were to give me a free bet on the race, I'd probably go with the older horse, Opera Ballo. He ran a cracking race in defeat in the Queen Anne at Royal Ascot and I actually feel that, if William Buick had been aboard, he may well have won because Opera Ballo is the type of horse who takes a bit of knowing. Okay, the money has been evenly spread, but Bow Echo is our biggest loser. But the ante-post betting on the Sussex doesn't really compare to Royal Ascot, for example."

He concluded, "Traditionally, the Golden Mile and the Stewards Cup are the big handicap races that punters love to get stuck into at Goodwood. However, you don't see much ante-post action on big handicaps like that anymore. One reason for that is that punters like to wait and see the draw so, while we haven't seen much support outside of the Sussex, we expect to be very busy throughout the week. The same applies to Galway. Especially early in the week, we will do a lot of business. Wednesday and Thursday in particular are very big days with the Galway Plate and the Galway Hurdle usually big betting races. The market has been quiet on those races so far but I expect that to change closer to the time. It's usually a brilliant week of racing and we're really looking forward to next week's action."

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DIAMOND NECKLACE BRINGS THE BLING TO NASSAU FIELD, AS ESTRANGE STAYS HOME

Diamond Necklace (**St Mark's Basilica**) looms large in the G1 Nassau Stakes at Goodwood this coming Thursday, as 10 held their ground at the latest entry stage on Friday. **Estrange** (Night Of Thunder) is missing from the lineup, and **Minnie Hauk** (**Frankel**), who holds an entry, has been confirmed for Saturday's G1 King George and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot, instead.

Unbeaten for Aidan O'Brien, the 2026 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix de Diane heroine **Diamond Necklace** is one of several for Aidan O'Brien in the race, with **Moments Of Joy** (**Justify**), **Composing** (Wootton Bassett), and **Beautify** (Wootton Bassett) also signed on.

Karl Burke will saddle multiple Group 1 winner **Fallen Angel** (Too Darn Hot), who ran fourth to the re-opposing **See The Fire** (**Sea The Stars**) for Andrew Balding in the G2 Middleton Fillies' Stakes at York in May. The field is completed by John and Thady Gosden's **Friendly Soul** (**Kingman**), Charlie Johnston's **Venetian Lace** (Masar), and Roger Varian's **Botagoz** (Mehmas). [Cont. p6](#)

Nassau Cont.

Of the G1 Pretty Polly Stakes heroine Estrange, trainer David O'Meara told the *Press Association*, "I am going to give her a couple more weeks. I think she could just do with a little more time since her last run given we have big targets in the autumn for her.

"There's the Yorkshire Oaks, Prix Vermeille, Arc and Breeders' Cup so there is plenty coming up for her. I'm going to give her a little more time.

"Obviously she travelled over and back to Ireland and it was very, very hot at the time. She came out of the race grand, but there are big targets ahead so we are going to sit out this one."

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CHELMSFORD SAVED AS ARC STEP IN TO SECURE FUTURE FOR THE RACECOURSE



Chelmsford | BHA

Racing is to return to Chelmsford "as soon as possible" after an agreement was struck between Arena Racing Company and freeholders Moulsham Hall Estates Ltd and the racecourse.

No action has taken place at the Essex track since March when the British Horseracing Authority refused to grant a licence to Golden Mile Racing Limited.

The new company was formed after the previous licence holder, Great Leighs Estates Limited, was placed in administration.

Now racing is on the verge of taking place again with all parties set to enter a period of exclusivity in order to enter into a long term, legally binding, agreement.

ARC chief executive Martin Cruddace said, "Racing at Chelmsford City Racecourse is hugely important to the fixture list and we are therefore delighted to work with the freeholders to reach agreement that will allow racing to return to the venue. We are in discussion with BHA with regards to the relevant licences required to resume racing as soon as possible."

A BHA spokesperson said, "We are aware of the agreement that has been reached regarding Chelmsford City racecourse. We will consider any licence application once it has been submitted."

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STELLAR LINE-UP CONFIRMED FOR TBA PINHOOKING PANEL AT GOFFS UK



Roger O'Callaghan | Goffs

Hannah Wall, Roger O'Callaghan and Finn Kent are some of the leading figures confirmed to be taking part in the TBA Pinhooking Forum on the eve of the Goffs Premier Yearling Sale on Monday, August 24.

The forum will be aimed at a younger audience and it will be chaired by Oli Bell. Wall is the bloodstock manager at Tweenhills Stud while O'Callaghan operates from his family-run Tally-Ho Stud and Kent is a successful breeder and stud manager.

The forum will cover key aspects of pinhooking starting from foal selection through to sales preparation and market timing.

Naomi Mellor, chief executive of the TBA said, "We are really pleased to get this new pinhooking forum off the ground and our thanks to Goffs UK for their support. This is a fascinating subject and one for which we know there is plenty of appetite from both our TBA Essentials subscribers and from the recent work we have been doing with Young Farmers around the country, many of whom have also shown great interest in this topic.

"The eve of Goffs UK Premier Yearling sales is a perfect evening to host such an event and we hope there will be plenty of interest and attendance."

Tim Kent, managing director for Goffs UK added, "Engaging new audiences is hugely important to us at Goffs and we know that pinhooking is a topic which really hits the mark, whether you are brand new to the industry or looking to get an edge as a professional." [Cont. p7](#)

TBA Pinhooking Panel Cont.

He said, "We look forward to some lively discussion around how each of our experts approach the art of pinhooking, the process and what is important to each of them and hope that this will stimulate others to consider getting involved."

The event will take place at the Goffs UK sales complex, located in Doncaster, making it a timely opportunity for those attending the sale to hear from some of the industry's leading voices on the pinhooking market.

Attendance is free of charge. For further information and to register, visit the TBA events page [here](#).

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SPILLERS PARTNERS WITH THE JOCKEY CLUB



The equine nutrition company holds racing as a core focus | TJC

Equine nutrition company SPILLERS has officially partnered with The Jockey Club, the latter announced on Thursday.

The agreement spans seven racecourses: Carlisle, Exeter, Market Rasen, Nottingham, Warwick, Wincanton and the Lambourn and Newmarket gallops.

"Racing is a core focus for our brand," said Charlotte Mitchell, thoroughbred nutritionist at Mars Horsecare, home of the SPILLERS brand. "We are absolutely thrilled to partner with The Jockey Club. Working with such a respected organisation is the perfect way to invest back into and support the Racing industry."

"This exciting new partnership allows us to combine over 65 years of scientific research in nutrition with the legendary venues of The Jockey Club, ensuring trainers have access to the trusted nutrition required to maximise their horses' health, wellbeing, and performance on the track."

Matt Powell, head of partnerships at The Jockey Club, said, "We are delighted to be beginning a new partnership with SPILLERS. At The Jockey Club we're dedicated to ensuring the long-term success and sustainability of British horseracing and

breeding. We're excited to have them on board as a partner of seven of our racecourses and the training facilities in Newmarket and Lambourn."

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PROGRESS ON EU ANIMAL TRANSPORT REGULATIONS WELCOMED BY EFTBA

Progress has been made on EU animal transport regulations, the European Federation of Thoroughbred Breeders' Associations (EFTBA) announced on Friday.

The initial drafts of the proposed Welfare in Transport Regulation had the potential to create significant challenges for the thoroughbred breeding sector, however the EFTBA was informed this week that revised wording has been incorporated into the draft legislation.

The new wording is as follows: "Point 4a (Article 2, Chapter I, Annex I) provides an exemption for purebred breeding horses and donkeys (*Equus caballus* and *Equus asinus*) that are registered in the main section of a breeding book established by a breed society recognised under Regulation (EU) 2016/1012, provided they are not being transported for slaughter."

"These breeding animals represent significant genetic and economic value. The high standard of transport arrangements typically applied to them, combined with close oversight from those responsible for their care, means welfare risks during transport are already minimised. For this reason, the transport of such animals, for purposes other than slaughter, is exempt from specific administrative and procedural requirements, namely mandatory stay periods at places of departure, journey logs, and journey time limits."

For more information, please visit the [EFTBA website](#).

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HORSEMANSHIP LEVEL FIVE PROGRAMME APPLICATIONS OPEN

Applications for the Horsemanship for the Thoroughbred Industry QQI Level Five Major Award at the Racing Academy & Centre of Education (RACE) are now open, Equip announced on Friday.

The QQI Level Five Major Award is delivered on a part-time basis via evening classes. The full award is made up of eight modules, including Communications, Equine Anatomy and Physiology, Equine Nutrition, Horse Breeding, Racehorse Care and Exercise, Stable and Yard Routine, and Work Experience.

The course is subsidised through HRI Equip, with individual modules carrying a fee of €170. The whole award is priced at €340 if you are working in the industry. The first two modules of Communications and Equine Anatomy and Physiology begin in mid-September. [Cont. p8](#)



The Horsemanship Level Five Programme is now open for applications
| Equip

Horsemanship Level Five Cont.

Applications for those modules close on Friday, July 31. For the full course details and to apply, please visit the [RACE website](#).

Equip curriculum development and standards manager Stephanie Scully said, "The course represents a commitment to supporting and upskilling those who are currently working in the Irish racing industry while also encouraging those who are considering a career to come and explore what areas of the industry they might like to be part of in the future."

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LA TESTE DE BUCH MEETING TRANSFERRED TO MONT DE MARSAN



La Teste | Scoop Dyga

The July 26 meeting at La Teste-de-Buch has been transferred to Mont-de-Marsan on July 29, France Galop announced on Friday.

Ongoing wildfires near the Arcachon Basin have forced the move after consultation with authorities and local officials. The meeting schedule is unchanged, beginning at 1:28 p.m. local time. The Mont-de-Marsan racecourse team will set the rail for the final bend at the three-metre mark.

In addition, the predicted highs are going to exceed 40 degrees Celsius at Mont-de-Marsan on Wednesday, July 29. As a result, adjustments to the meeting schedule are still being considered.

According to France Galop, if the situation regarding the wildfires near the Arcachon Basin evolves to allow for a meeting under satisfactory conditions, there is a possibility of moving this event back to La Teste Racecourse.

More information on the revised meeting at Mont-de-Marsan will be released as soon as there is greater clarity regarding the temperature forecast.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Saturday, July 25, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

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

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

15:42-YORK, 6f, **Hout Bay (Ire)**

€20,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 40,000gns Tattersalls

October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2025; €150,000 Tattersalls

Ireland Breeze Up 2026

Blackbeard (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud

116 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners

14:39-NEWCASTLE, 6f, **Chan Noir (GB)**

32,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2025;

£12,600 RNA Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2026;

114,286gns Tattersalls July Sale 2026

Dubawi Legend (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Starfield Stud

42 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

19:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, **Desert Legend (Ire)**

€8,000 Goffs February Sale 2025; £35,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

13:45-ASCOT, 80K GIII The Princess Margaret Japan Cup Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3) 6f, **Harlequin Sky (Ire)**

£10,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025; £21,000

Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2026

Minzaal (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud

115 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner

19:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, **Marralyn (Ire)**

£30,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

Naval Crown (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud

71 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners

13:10-ASCOT, 6f, **Ahoy (Ire)**

€105,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025; 260,000gns

Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2026

Perfect Power (Ire) (Ardad {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud

57 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners

13:10-ASCOT, 6f, **Perfect Strike (Fr)**

€75,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearling Sale 2025; €280,000

Arqana May 2yo Breeze Up 2026

Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud

99 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners

14:39-NEWCASTLE, 6f, **Fantasy Force (Ire)**

€40,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 50,000gns RNA

Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025; £56,000 Goffs UK 2yo

Breeze Up Sale 2026

18:30-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, **Rocsane (Ire)**

16,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025

FRANCE

Marianafoot (Fr) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), Haras des Faunes

29 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

4-VICHY, 1400m, **Body Physical (Fr)**

IRELAND

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

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

1-GOWRAN PARK, 7f, **Ana Morello (Ire)**

€15,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025; €26,000 RNA

Tattersalls Ireland Breeze Up 2026



Marianafoot has a runner in France | Scoop Dyga

State of Rest (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), Rathbarry Stud

79 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

1-GOWRAN PARK, 7f, **Old Joanie (Ire)**

€38,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

1-GOWRAN PARK, 7f, **Spectrolyte (Ire)**

€42,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2025

1-GOWRAN PARK, 7f, **Sword of State (Ire)**

€20,000 RNA Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

HOW THEY FARED

2.00 Thirsk, Nov, 2yo, 0ft

Ed Walker trainee **Isabella De Vega (Ire)** (**Lope De Vega {Ire}**), a full-sister to GI Jenny Wiley dead-heater Expensive Queen, made some late headway to finish three lengths behind the clear-cut winner in third.

BRITAIN

Friday's Results:

FLEXJET PAT EDDERY STAKES-Listed, £65,000, Ascot, 7-24, 2yo, 7ft, 1:27.39, g/f.

1--**ALFRED WALLACE (GB)**, 131, c, 2, by **Dubawi (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Snow Lantern (GB)** (G1SW-Eng, \$492,263), by **Frankel (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Sky Lantern (Ire)**, by **Red Clubs (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Shawanni (GB)**, by **Shareef Dancer**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (£375,000 RNA 2yo '26 GOFLOM).

O/B-Rockcliffe Stud; T-Ed Walker; J-Oisín Murphy. £36,862.

Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$66,767.

2--**Silver Dominion (Ire)**, 131, c, 2, **Gleneagles (Ire)**--**Allso (Ire)**, by **Slade Power (Ire)**. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€200,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY). O-Hay/Cannings; B-D Farrington & Canning Downs; T-Oliver Cole. £13,975.

3--**Dandyman Dan (Ire)**, 131, c, 2, **Dandy Man (Ire)**--**Sorella D'Angelo (Ire)**, by **Dark Angel (Ire)**. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (38,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT). O-Eric Griffiths, Mrs T Burns & Partner; B-Rathasker Stud; T-David Evans. £6,994.

Margins: 1, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 3.00, 4.50, 66.00.

Also Ran: **Kach Above (GB)**, **Firehorse (Ire)**, **Love Is (Ire)**, **Treasurer (Ire)**, **Sonny Parvenue (Fr)**, **Gymbaazy (Fr)**, **Time For The Moon (GB)**.

Alfred Wallace, unplaced in Royal Ascot's Listed Windsor Castle Stakes and Newmarket's G2 Superlative Stakes, stepped forward to secure a black-type breakthrough here. [Cont. p10](#)

Listed Pat Eddery Stakes Cont.

Positioned in rear from the outset, the 3-1 favourite weaved a passage through the pack to go fifth entering the final furlong and found plenty under a late drive to deny Silver Dominion by a length hearing the line.

"Six furlongs in the Windsor Castle was never going to work, with his pedigree and everything, and he ran fine considering he was silly in the gates and bashed his head in the stalls," said Ed Walker. "He went to Newmarket and we rode him like a miler, which he probably is, and he probably did a bit too much in front without any cover. We thought the stiff seven would suit him today and, with there being pace on paper, we thought let's just drop him out. The owner-breeders don't usually race colts, and they tried to sell him twice. At [Tattersalls October] Book 1 no one wanted him and pre-Royal Ascot no one wanted him. They have just kept him and it was really important he got some black type for the mare. We aimed to finish third, but we have ended up doing better than that. He will stay a mile well and, now he has got that stakes win, we will now have a go at some better ones. That mile-and-a-quarter race at Saint-Cloud [G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud] at the end of the year might be fun. If he finished placed in that it would be great, but if he won that he would have a stallion job."

Alfred Wallace is the second foal and scorer produced by G1 Falmouth Stakes victrix Snow Lantern (**Frankel**), herself the leading performer out of multiple Group 1-winning 1000 Guineas heroine Sky Lantern (Red Clubs). He is a half-brother to a weanling colt by **Kingman**.

BRITISH EBF LYRIC FILLIES STAKES-Listed, £70,000, York, 7-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 10f 56yT, 2:12.79, g/f.

1--**DIAMOND RAIN (GB)**, 132, m, 5, **Shamardal--Dancing Rain (Ire) (G1SW-Ger, G1SW-Eng), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)**. O/B-Godolphin; T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. £39,697. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng, GISP-US & Can, 11-5-2-2, \$580,816. *1/2 to Magic Lily (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), MGSW & G1SP-UAE, G1SP-Eng, SP-Fr; 1/2 to Jalmoud (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), SW & G1SP-Fr.

2--**Regal Charm (Ire)**, 132, f, 4, King Of Change (GB)--Spirited Charm (GB), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. (70,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT). O-Mr T A F Frost; B-John Hanly; T-Henry Candy. £15,050.

3--**Estissa (GB)**, 123, f, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Audarya (Fr), by Wootton Bassett (GB). O/B-Mrs A M Swinburn; T-James Fanshawe. £7,532.

Margins: 4 1/4, 1HF, 3/4. Odds: 0.50, 16.00, 12.00.

Also Ran: On Message (GB), Qilin Queen (Ire). Scratched: Miss Justice (GB).

Without a win since last year's Hoppings Stakes, Diamond Rain

was sent her for a confidence boost having been touched off in the latest renewal of that Newcastle contest by the Nassau-bound Botagoz.

Things duly went to plan for the E. P. Taylor runner-up and Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf third, with her stable continuing its transformation from cold to in-form in a matter of days this month. Always comfortable sitting off this pace, the homebred swept to the front two out and into the clear for the ideal pick-me-up ahead of bigger targets.

The Oaks-winning dam, who also captured the Preis der Diana, is also responsible for the dual Group 2 winner and dual Group 1-placed Magic Lily and the Grand Prix de Paris third Jalmoud. From the family Maybe (Galileo) and her son **Saxon Warrior**, she also has a two-year-old filly by Dubawi and a filly foal by **Gleneagles**.

1st-Ascot, £25,000, Nov, 7-24, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:13.76, g/f.

SORRENGAIL (GB) (f, 2, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Beautiful Future {Ire}, by Night Of Thunder {Ire}), a July 14 debut fourth over this trip at Newmarket last time, found cover behind the leaders in fifth through the early fractions here. Angled into the clear with a quarter-mile remaining, the 2-1 favourite quickened to launch her challenge approaching the final furlong and was ridden out to assert by 1 1/2 lengths from Speed Of Sound (**Sioux Nation**).

"She ran well on debut, although she was a bit green and slowly away that day," said assistant trainer Alex Merriam. "It was nice to see her go and do it like she did, which we were hoping for today. She had a nice tow into the race, everything went smoothly and it all worked out according to plan. I thought she was a little bit green in front, but I thought she did it nicely. Billy [Loughnane] thought we should stay at six furlongs for the time being."

Sorrenail is the first of three foals out of an unraced sibling of multiple Group/Grade 1-winning sire Space Blues (Dubawi), four-time Group winner Shuruq (Elusive Quality) and G3 Sweet Solera Stakes victrix Dance To The Music (Dubawi).

Shuruq, in turn, is the dam of Grade III-winning GI Belmont Oaks Invitational runner-up Antoinette (**Hard Spun**) and the dual Graded-placed Javanica (Medaglia D'Oro). The winner is kin to a yearling colt by Pinatubo and a weanling filly by Blue Point. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,675. O/B-Godolphin; T-Charlie Appleby.

3rd-York, £25,000, Novice, 7-24, 2yo, 7fT, 1:28.17, g/f.

CORAL COVE (FR) (f, 2, Lucky Vega {Ire}--Golddragon Reef {Ire}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}), runner-up on debut at Doncaster last month, travelled strongly towards the fore from the outset. In command from two out, the 4-7 favourite ended up on the stand's rail but had plenty in the tank to draw away and score by 4 3/4 lengths from Sweet Iris (**Blackbeard**). **Cont. p11**

3rd-York Cont.

The winner is the third of three current foals out of a daughter of the Debutante runner-up Oui Say Oui (Royal Applause). The family includes the Group 3-winning half-siblings Eye Of The Storm (Galileo) and Satchem (Inchior) and the dual Group 1-winning South African champion Green With Envy (Gimmethegreenlight). Sales history: €25,000 Wlg '24 ARQDEC; €19,000 Ylg '25 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$27,221. O-Nick Bradley Racing 18; B-SCEA Haras du Grand Lys & Guido Berardelli & Autre Razza Della Si; T-James Owen.

1st-Thirsk, £13,000, Nov, 7-24, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:26.55, g/f.
MARTINET (IRE) (f, 2, Frankel {GB}--Coronet {GB} {MG1SW-Fr, MGSW & MG1SP-Eng, \$1,568,183}, by Dubawi {Ire}), fourth going an extended seven furlongs at Wolverhampton in her July 14 debut last time, was the sharpest of six into stride and seized an immediate lead in this turf bow. Holding sway throughout, the 8-1 chance was several lengths clear approaching the final furlong and geared down late to comfortably outpoint Love Tanya (Blue Point) by 2 3/4 lengths.

Martinet, half-sister to a yearling colt by Wootton Bassett, is the fourth of five foals and first scorer produced by G1 Prix Jean Romanet and G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud heroine Coronet (Dubawi).

Coronet is a half-sister to the multiple Group 1-placed G2 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial-winning sire Midas Touch (Galileo) and G3 Ballyroan Stakes third Streetcar To Stars (Sea The Stars). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$10,363. O/B-Denford Stud Ltd; T-Sir Mark Prescott.

2nd-Thirsk, £11,000, Nov, 7-24, 2yo, 6fT, 1:10.14, g/f.
BLAKEY RIDGE (IRE) (c, 2, Sioux Nation--Harlequin Star {Ire}, by Ribchester {Ire}), who hit the board over five furlongs at Carlisle last month, broke swiftly and raced on the front end from flagfall in this second start. Gaining an outright advantage approaching halfway, the 8-1 chance came under pressure when threatened on both sides passing the two pole and was driven out inside the final furlong to defeat Blessed Voyager (Bayside Boy) by 1 1/2 lengths.

Blakey Ridge, kin to a yearling colt by Starspangledbanner, is the first of two foals produced by an unraced half-sister to G1 Haydock Sprint Cup hero Emaraaty Ana (Shamardal) and to the dam of dual Listed winner Brindi (No Nay Never). His second dam is Listed Princess Royal Stakes victrix Spirit Of Dubai (Cape Cross). Sales history: €105,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$10,107. O-Save & Bea Ryan Ltd; B-Castlehyde Stud; T-Declan Carroll.

2nd-Sandown, £11,000, Mdn, 7-24, 2yo, f, 5f 10yT, 1:02.66, g/f.
NOT MY TYPE (GB) (f, 2, No Nay Never--Arousing {GB}, by Kodiak {GB}), sent off at 4-1, raced behind the early leader

Delightfully Hot (Too Darn Hot). Staying on strongly against the far rail, the newcomer wore down that rival close home for a neck success.

The winner is the first foal out of the dam, a daughter of the King George and Molecomb Stakes-winning sprinter Enticing (Pivotal) and therefore a half to the triple Prix de la Foret heroine One Master (Fastnet Rock). Also a half to the dam of the Killavullan Stakes scorer Stela Star (Epaulette), she is a granddaughter of the Flying Childers and Norfolk-winning European champion two-year-old filly Superstar Leo (College Chapel) who was also runner-up in the Phoenix Stakes and Prix de l'Abbaye. Her yearling filly is by Havana Grey, while she also has a filly foal by Mehmas. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,909. O/B-Lael Stables; T-William Haggas.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dissenter (Ire), f, 2, Kodi Bear (Ire)--Party Rebel (Ire), by Excelebration (Ire). Chepstow, 7-24, 6f 16yT, 1:11.36. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,752. B-Kildaragh Stud. *14,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT.

IRELAND

Friday's Results:

2nd-Cork, €30,000, Novice, 7-24, 2yo, 5fT, :58.26, g/f.
GRAYROBIN (GB) (c, 2, Havana Grey {GB}--Pretty Shiftwell {GB}, by Equiano {Fr}), off the mark at Bellewstown earlier this month, soon led. Strong to the line, the 9-1 shot prevailed by 1 1/4 lengths from Lars Soldier (Soldier's Call).

"He has the Havana Grey attitude, he sticks at it and is tough," trainer Kate McGivern said. "He still has more developing to do, he will widen and mentally he is excellent. I don't have any two-year-olds to work him with, so I had no level of form to go by and two horses he beat at Bellewstown were beaten since. I had him in the Molecomb Stakes next week up until ten minutes to closing time, but panicked and decided to come here, hoping to win."

"I had priced him to sell, but only got one call after he won in Bellewstown so he is still for sale, although I won't give him away cheaply now and it will take a bit to buy him. He'll get good entries now and isn't the type of horse whose form will fall off a cliff. There is so much more to come."

The winner is the first foal out of the dam, with the second being a filly foal by Dragon Symbol. She hails from the family of the top-class Group 1-winning sprinters The Tin Man (Equiano), Deacon Blues (Compton Place) and Kind Of Blue (Blue Point). Sales history: €43,000 Ylg '25 GOFFEB; £36,000 Ylg '25 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$37,233. O/T-Kate McGivern; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

3rd-Cork, €50,000, 7-24, 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.99, g/f.

IPANEMA QUEEN (IRE) (f, 3, Sands Of Mali {Fr}--No More Thrills {GB}, by Dutch Art {GB}) Lifetime Record: MSW-Ire, 13-4-2-0, \$139,290. O-Stonestreet Stables, LLC & AMO Racing Limited; B-Rathbride Farm; T-Robson De Aguiar. *€4,500 Ylg '24 GOAUJR.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

6th-Cork, €18,000, 7-24, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:42.73, g/f.

ALPHONSUS LIGUORI (GB) (c, 3, Study Of Man {Ire}--Crystal Gal {Ire} {SW-Eng, GSP-Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$29,941. O-Rectory Road Holdings Limited; B-Mr & Mrs A E Pakenham; T-Joseph O'Brien. *210,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hanney Boy (Ire), c, 2, Kodi Bear (Ire)--Colour Blue (Ire) (MSP-Ire, \$234,897), by **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**. Cork, 7-24, 5fT, :58.47. Lifetime Record: SP-Ire, 5-1-2-2, \$35,443. B-Rathbarry Stud. *€30,000 Ylg '25 GOAUJR.

Finika (Ire), f, 3, Mehmas (Ire)--Violet's Gift (Ire), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). Cork, 7-24, 6fT, 1:10.08. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$9,531. B-James F Hanly.

FRANCE

Friday's Results:

PRIX JACQUES DE BREMOND-Listed, €47,600, Vichy, 7-24, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:36.95, gd.

1--CLAVUS (FR), 127, h, 5, City Light (Fr)--Georgine (GB), by Frankel (GB). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€27,000 Ylg '22 ARQSEP). O-Finn Blichfeldt; B-Haras de la Perelle; T-Pia & Joakim Brandt; J-Maxime Guyon. €23,800. Lifetime Record: 29-9-5-0, €224,463. *1/2 to Gusto (Ger) (**Zarak {Fr}**), GSP-Fr.

2--Darius Cen (Fr), 127, c, 4, Persian King (Ire)--Briseida (GB), by Pivotal (GB). O/B-Yeguada Centurion SLU; T-Patrik Olave Valdivielso. €9,520.

3--Colin The Brave (Ire), 127, g, 4, Inns Of Court (Ire)--Greta D'Argent (Ire), by Great Commotion. (€18,000 Ylg '23 GOFAUT). O-Westminster Race Horses; B-Tom Wallace; T-Henri-Alex Pantall. €7,140.

Margins: 3/4, NO, 3/4. Odds: 2.00, 3.10, 3.50.

Also Ran: Un Instant (Fr), Loch Pike (Ire), Dino (Fr), Colonel Mitch (Fr).

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2nd-Le Lion d'Angers, €21,000, Mdn, 7-24, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:26.08, g/s.

IMMORTAL ROSE (IRE) (f, 2, Ten Sovereigns {Ire}--Go Lovely Rose {Ire}, by Pivotal {GB}) tracked the leaders in fifth through halfway in this unveiling. Inching closer on the home turn, the 113-10 chance was hustled along with 350 metres remaining and kept on well under continued rousting to prevail by a neck from Goldy Glory (Olympic Glory).

Immortal Rose is the ninth of 10 reported foals and sixth scorer out of a winning full-sister to G1 Coronation Stakes and G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois heroine Immortal Verse (Pivotal), herself the dam of elite-level winners **Henri Matisse** (Wootton Bassett) and Tenebrism (Caravaggio) and G2 Airlie Stud Stakes victrix Statuette (**Justify**).

The winner is a half-sister to Listed-winning G1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes second Roseman (**Kingman**), G1 Futurity Trophy third Baradar (Muhaarar), G3 Prix Minerve runner-up Game Zone (Hurricane Run), G3 Schwarzhof-Rennen second Chaussons Roses (New Approach) and a weanling colt by **City Of Troy**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,500. O/B-Cotton House Bloodstock; T-Philippe Sogorb.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-Le Lion d'Angers, €27,400, Cond, 7-24, 3yo, 10fT, 2:09.32, g/s.

IMAGINE (SPA) (c, 3, Noozhoh Canarias {Spa}--Gang Of Ten {Ire}, by Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, €35,700. O-Mme Ana Zubiria Aznar; B-Punta Del Olivo; T-Cristina Buesa Zubiria.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Big Jet Plane (Fr), g, 2, Armor (GB)--Super Eria (Fr) (MSP-Fr), by Hold That Tiger. Le Lion d'Angers, 7-24, 7fT, 1:25.88. B-Eugene de Watrigant & Arsene de Watrigant.

Brunette Coleman (Fr), f, 3, Cracksman (GB)--Velma Valento (Fr) (SW-Fr & SP-Eng), by Dabirsim (Fr). Vichy, 7-24, 12fT, 2:30.26. B-Jocelyn Targett.

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Saturday, Ascot, post time: 15:35

THE KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH STAKES-G1, £2,000,000, 3yo/up, 11f 211yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Calandagan (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Aga Khan Studs SCEA	Francis-Henri Graffard	Mickael Barzalona	135
2	Goliath (Ger)	Adlerflug (Ger)	Resolute Bloodstock/Baron P. Von Ullmann	Francis-Henri Graffard	C. Soumillon	135
3	Lambourn (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith	Aidan O'Brien	William Buick	135
4	Masquerade Ball (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Shadai Race Horse Co Ltd	Takahisa Tezuka	Christophe Lemaire	135
5	Wurttemberg (Jpn)	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Mr Teruya Yoshida	Hiroshi Miyamoto	Oisin Murphy	135
6	Kalpana (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	Juddmonte	Andrew Balding	Colin Keane	132
7	Minnie Hauk (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	132
8	Action (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier	Aidan O'Brien	Sean Levey	124
9	Benvenuto Cellini (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Brant/Magnier/Tabor/Smith/Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	124

Breeders: 1-Haras de Son Altesse l'Aga Khan SCEA, 2-Gestut Schlenderhan, 3-Coolmore, 4-Shadai Farm, 5-Shadai Farm, 6-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 7-B. V. Sangster, 8-Coolmore, 9-Coolmore & White Birch Farm SC.

Twelve months on from his first King George win, **Calandagan** is back for more with very little to discourage his backers. If there is one potential weakness, it is the fact that he has had only three weeks to recover from his Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud effort instead of the four last year with Graffard usually keen to space out his races more than that. He also has a crack three-year-old colt to deal with in **Benvenuto Cellini**, who promises to stay every yard of this trip and has that invaluable weight-for-age concession on his side. There was just a head between Calandagan and **Masquerade Ball** in the Japan Cup, but the latter has had to travel this time and Japan's record in Britain continues to underwhelm while the filly **Minnie Hauk** looked a genuine King George prospect when second in a high-class renewal of the Prince of Wales's Stakes last month. Perhaps the greatest clue to the race is that Ryan Moore opts to ride Benvenuto Cellini and the fact that he is here makes this a proper clash of the generations to savour. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, York, post time: 14:35

THE SKY BET YORK STAKES-G2, £165,000, 3yo/up, 10f 56yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Royal Champion (Ire)	Shamardal	Exors of the Late Sheikh Mohammed Obaid	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	139
2	Damysus (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Wathnan Racing	John & Thady Gosden	James Doyle	134
3	Dancing Gemini (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Fishdance Ltd	Roger Teal	Kieran Shoemark	134
4	Pride Of Arras (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Mrs David Aykroyd	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	134
5	Item (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Juddmonte	Andrew Balding	Rob Hornby	128

Breeders: 1-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 2-Newsells Park Stud & Merry Fox Stud, 3-Fishdance, 4-Mr & Mrs David Aykroyd, 5-Juddmonte Farms Inc.

Royal Champion upset Almaqam and some smart two-year-olds in this last term and has hardly stood still in the interim, winning the Neom Turf Cup in style before finishing fourth behind Romantic Warrior and Masquerade Ball in the QEII Cup. He meets the Dante winner **Item**, who like many others who disappointed at Epsom can probably be forgiven, and **Damysus** who goes back up from a mile having failed to show sufficient kick over that trip. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Ascot, post time: 14:20**THE LONGINES VALIANT STAKES-G3**, £95,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f 213yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Arisaig (GB)	Harry Angel (Ire)	Chasemore Farm	Charlie Johnston	Jamie Spencer	131
2	Cheshire Dancer (Ire)	Phoenix Of Spain (Ire)	Manor House Stables Syndicate	Hugo Palmer	Colin Keane	131
3	Kon Tiki (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Mr P. W. Harris	Jane Chapple-Hyam	Ryan Moore	131
4	Pina Sonata (GB)	Pinatubo (Ire)	Mrs Mary Slack	James Fanshawe	Daniel Muscutt	131
5	Sukanya (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Opulence Thoroughbreds & Partner III	Jack Channon	Tom Marquand	126
6	Esna (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Martin Hughes and Partners II	Brian Meehan	Mickael Barzalona	123
7	Skydance (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Al Shira'aa Racing	W. McCreery	Oisin Murphy	123
8	Touleen (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	Owen Burrows	William Buick	123

Breeders: 1-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd, 2-Ciara Eglington, 3-Brightwalton Bloodstock Ltd, 4-Wilgerbosdrift (UK) Ltd, 5-Corps Commerce Ltd, 6-Mr Canice Farrell, 7-Skymarc Farm Inc and Ecurie Des Monceaux, 8-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd.

Unlucky over this course and distance in the Coronation Stakes, **Touleen** is pointed here for compensation and will be a warm order to do so. Fourth behind Blue Bolt in the Duke Of Cambridge also over this course and distance at the Royal meeting, **Kon Tiki** looks the best of the older fillies and mares and is more of a threat than the betting indicates, while **Skydance** beat Thundering On in her Leopardstown maiden in April and is a fascinating contender. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Ascot, post time: 13:45**THE PRINCESS MARGARET JAPAN CUP STAKES-G3**, £80,000, 2yo, f, 6fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Alta Regina (Ire)	Sioux Nation	Wathnan Racing	Hamad Al Jehani	Jamie Spencer	128
2	Dark Issue (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Mrs E. Roberts	Richard Hannon	Pat Dobbs	128
3	Dee's Funny Girl (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Medallion, Weston, Trommer, Fowler	Donnacha Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
4	Glorious Game (GB)	Pinatubo (Ire)	Mr G. Hall	Hugo Palmer	Colin Keane	128
5	Harlequin Sky (Ire)	Dubawi Legend (Ire)	Jane Chapple-Hyam & Harlequin Direct	Jane Chapple-Hyam	C. Soumillon	128
6	Magnesium (GB)	Ubettabelieveit (Ire)	Mr Abdullateef Al Zeer	John Butler	Silvestre De Sousa	128
7	Miss Kodi (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Miss Alison Jones & Partner	Clive Cox	Harry Davies	128
8	Moonrise (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Mr Ahmad Alkhallafi	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128
9	Nuit D'Eclair (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Amo Racing Limited	Kevin Philippart de Foy	David Egan	128
10	The Can Can Queen (GB)	Zoustar (Aus)	Mr Ian Robinson	Charlie Johnston	William Buick	128
11	Velozee (Ire)	Sioux Nation	Gary Matthews, Steve Weston & Lucky Hat	P. Twomey	W. J. Lee	128

Breeders: 1-Guidenstown Dairy Farm Ltd, 2-The Long Ridge Partnership, 3-Tally-Ho Stud, 4-Highview Bloodstock Ltd, 5-Philip & Orla Hore, 6-Richard & Nell Kent, 7-Corduff B/stock & Yellowbird Syn., 8-Mr A. A. Alkhallafi, 9-Ballyhane, 10-Ian Robinson, 11-Grange & Manister House Studs.

Impressive on debut at Goodwood, **Dark Issue** was fourth behind Libertango and Sun Goddess in the Albany over course and distance and sets the standard. Sixth there, **Dee's Funny Girl** has been bought by Medallion, Weston, Trommer and Fowler and races for the first time for the Donnacha O'Brien stable, while **Moonrise** and **Alta Regina** bring more Royal Ascot form to the mix having been runner-up in the Windsor Castle and sixth in the Queen Mary respectively. Of those that didn't make the Royal meeting, the seven-length Chepstow novice winner **Miss Kodi** is of interest from the Clive Cox stable that houses the two-year-old kingpin Orthodox. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Gowran, post time: 15:22

JOHN FLEMING IRISH EBF MARBLE CITY STAKES-Listed, €30,000, 3yo, 12f 20yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Amadeus Mozart (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier	A P O'Brien	Ronan Whelan	131
2	Echo Inferno (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Silverton Hill Partnership	Mrs J Harrington	Shane Foley	131
3	Nil Bua Gan Dua	American Pharoah	A K Whelan & Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Joseph O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	131
4	Shosholoza (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Rectory Road Holdings, Ltd., Emma Palmer, Will Slattery & Mrs A O'Brien	Joseph O'Brien	Declan McDonogh	131
5	Believed (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Qatar Racing Limited	John Murtagh	Ben Coen	126
6	Camino Vino (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Mrs Wendy O'Leary	Gavin Cromwell	Rory Cleary	126
7	Saga Gaga (Ire)	Lucky Vega (Ire)	Blackbox Bloodstock Limited	M D O'Callaghan	Jamie Powell	126
8	Vauntingly (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Stonestreet Stables, LLC	Joseph O'Brien	J M Sheridan	126

Breeders: 1-Coolmore, 2-B. V. Sangster, 3-Thor-Bred Stables, LLC, 4-Whisperview Trading Ltd, 5-The Sarvana Partnership, 6-G. Devlin, 7-Blackbox Bloodstock Limited, 8-Gigginstown House Stud.

Third in the King George V Handicap at Royal Ascot, **Believed** could be the answer to this tricky puzzle as a guaranteed stayer who is unexposed and open to improvement. Ballydoyle's Golden Gates Handicap runner-up **Amadeus Mozart** doesn't look a mile-and-a-half horse on the evidence so far and the stable form remains a slight concern, while the Killarney winner **Saga Gaga** might be the pick of the fillies. [Tom Frary].

Sunday, Munich, Germany, post time: 14:10

GROSSER DALLMAYR-PREIS - BAYERISCHES ZUCHTRENNEN-G1, €155,000, 3yo, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	2	Hotazhell (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Harrington	Foley	132
2	10	Silawi (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Al Jehani	J Doyle	132
3	6	Wilko (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Schiergen	Murzabayev	132
4	7	Wimbledon Hawkeye (GB)	Kameko	G Scott	O Murphy	132
5	8	Bella Sinfonia (Ger)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Wohler	Pedroza	129
6	4	Coedana (Ire)	King Of Change (GB)	Bethell	Tudhope	129
7	3	Santagada (GB)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	Schiergen	Wolff	129
8	9	Wemightakedlongway (Ire)	Australia (GB)	J O'Brien	D B McMonagle	129
9	1	Seguro (Ger)	Romanised (Ire)	Suborics	Marie	123
10	5	Timeforshowcasing (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Johnston	Mitchell	120

Overseas raiders hold the key to this contest and outnumber the home defence six to four. October's GI Canadian International hero **Silawi** is primed for his seventh start in elite-level company and returns to European action for the first time in 11 months coming back off a sixth in Riyadh's G1 Neom Turf Cup. Dangers include last season's G1 Irish Oaks runner-up **Wemightakedlongway**, who ran fifth in the G1 Pretty Polly Stakes four weeks ago, and 2024's G1 Futurity Trophy hero **Hotazhell**, who has been winless in seven starts--including five at the highest level--since that career highlight. Jaber Abdullah's G2 German 1000 Guineas victrix **Timeforshowcasing** receives the maximum gender and weight-for-age allowances in this first start beyond one mile, while fellow sophomore and dual Group 3 winner **Seguro** and four-time Group 3 winner **Santagada** fly the flag for Germany. [Sean Cronin].



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Sunday, Mont-de-Marsan, France, post time: 16:35

CRITERIUM DU BEQUET - VENTES OSARUS-Listed, €54,900, 2yo, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	7	Jumbotron (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	C Head	Soumillon	128
2	4	Olinda Do Vale (Fr)	Golden Horde (Ire)	Faria Pereira	Lopes Duarte	125
3	5	En Chantant (Fr)	Marianafoot (Fr)	Pantall	Piccone	125
4	2	Askam Choje (Fr)	Gutaifan (Ire)	Tavares	Werle	125
5	8	Narcea (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Alonso Roldan	Gutierrez Val	125
6	1	Moondance (Fr)	Thunder Moon (Ire)	C & Y Lerner	Guedj-Gay	125
7	9	Kharovskaya (Fr)	Romanised (Ire)	Perret	Orani	125
8	3	Belisa Bay (Ire)	Bayside Boy (Ire)	Soto Loring	Boudot	125
9	6	Yuquot (Fr)	Kingman (GB)	E Monfort	Guyon	125

With wildfires sweeping across south-western France, this programme has been moved from Bordeaux's La Teste venue, which is the epicentre of the devastation. LNJ Foxwoods' **Jumbotron**, who is two-for-two at La Teste, Spain's **Narcea** and the hitherto unraced Portuguese challenger **Olinda Do Vale** are the only unbeaten entries on display. They must overcome Alain and Gerard Wertheimer's homebred **Yuquot**, who ran second to leading French juvenile Tokaido in last month's G3 Prix du Bois over this trip at Deauville, while another nominee from across the southern border, **Belisa Bay**, defeated the best of Spain's two-year-old division at La Zarzuela four weeks ago. [Sean Cronin].

Sunday, Mont-de-Marsan, France, post time: 17:10

PRIX LA SORELLINA-Listed, €50,300, 3yo, f, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Wild Pacific (Ire)	No Nay Never	Baratti	Demuro	128
2	9	Persis (Fr)	Persian King (Ire)	Gavilan	Guedj-Gay	128
3	2	Dancing Flower (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Pantall	Piccone	128
4	4	Repel (GB)	New Bay (GB)	Graffard	Lecoeuvre	128
5	3	Zaraxia (Fr)	Zarak (Fr)	Perret	Soumillon	128
6	5	Stimulative Trip (Fr)	Hello Youmzain (Fr)	Menuisier	Boudot	128
7	7	Sheeran (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Ferland	Guyon	128
8	8	Blingy's Sister (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Palmer	Pouchin	128
9	6	Gelinotte (Ire)	Nando Parrado (GB)	Arguinzones Alvarez	Janacek	128

Two British challengers make the journey across La Manche, with **Blingy's Sister** and **Stimulative Trip** holding solid claims in an open renewal. The former finished 18 places ahead of **Repel** when fourth in Royal Ascot's competitive Sandringham handicap and comes back off a third in another one-mile Ascot handicap two weeks ago. Stimulative Trip ran sixth in May's Listed Prix des Lilas, which is working out well, and was a close-up third in last month's Listed Eternal Stakes at Carlisle. Jean-Claude Seroul's Listed Prix Delahante winner **Zaraxia** finished over eight lengths in front of **Dancing Flower** when second in last month's Listed Prix de Bagatelle, while Spain is represented by Listed Jumeirah 1000 Guineas fourth **Gelinotte**. [Sean Cronin].

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