

NYSOS RETIRED FROM RACING TO STAND AT ASHFORD STUD



Nysos winning the Met Mile | Sarah Andrew

Multiple Grade I winner **Nysos** (*Nyquist*) has been retired from racing and will stand at Coolmore's Ashford Stud for the 2027 breeding season.

The decision was made following a routine diagnostic evaluation that revealed subtle imaging changes on a scan. While Nysos remains sound and uninjured, trainer Bob Baffert and the ownership group comprising Baoma Corporation and the Coolmore partners unanimously agreed to take a strict precautionary approach, prioritizing the horse's long-term health and safety above all else.

"Nysos is not hurt or injured, but taking a precautionary approach is strictly about doing what is right for the horse," said Baffert. "With the minor changes shown on the evaluation, we simply don't have the time needed to prepare him for the Breeders' Cup the way we would want to. He has given us everything and retiring him completely sound and at the top of his game is the proper decision."

Named a 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' after a scintillating debut at Santa Anita that saw him win by a widening 10 1/2-length margin, Nysos was never off the board in his career.

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CHURCHILL, NYRA LAUNCH 'THOROUGHBRED CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES' FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS

A new six-race series of races for 3-year-olds, to be conducted at Churchill Downs, Belmont Park, and Saratoga Race Course from May to September, will debut in 2027 under a partnership between Churchill Downs Incorporated and New York Racing Association, the two organizations announced in a press release Monday. The series will begin with the GI Kentucky Derby on the first Saturday in May and continue with the GI Belmont Stakes on June 5. Those two marquee Classic races will be followed by the Matt Winn Stakes, at Churchill on a date in July to be determined, the GII Jim Dandy Stakes in late July or early August, the GI Travers Stakes in late August, and concluding with a championship race at Churchill Downs in September.

"The Thoroughbred Championship Series will extend the excitement of the sport across a five-month season," said Bill Carstanjen, Chief Executive Officer of CDI. "The Kentucky Derby introduces millions of fans to a new generation of Thoroughbred stars each year, and this series gives those fans a reason to stay engaged with the sport's biggest stars throughout the season."

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Nysos Retired, Cont. from p1

A seven-time graded winner, two of those at the Grade I level, the son of **Nyquist** produced a sensational effort to claim the 2025 GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, and capped his career with another stellar victory at Saratoga when winning the GI Met Mile.

On the two occasions he ran second, he was a valiant runner-up to **Mindframe** in the 2025 GI Churchill Downs Stakes and produced a race for the ages in Saudi Arabia this past February when he pushed globetrotting Forever Young every step to the wire in the G1 Saudi Cup. Nysos retires with a 10-8-2-0 record and over \$5.2-million in career earnings.

"He was brilliant from day one," Baffert added. "He possessed a great mind, raw speed, and incredible intelligence. He is a remarkably talented racehorse. When he opened up on a field, the margins he put on top horses were unbelievable. He made top-class competition look ordinary, and I have no doubt he will be a massive success at stud."

"Nysos is the horse every owner dreams of having, and for Charles and me, he represents a defining milestone in our lives," said co-owner Susan Chu of Baoma Corp. "He is far more than an exceptional racehorse, he is the greatest reward for the years of dedication and unwavering commitment we have put into our life in racing."

"We are deeply grateful to Bob Baffert for developing one of our greatest racing stars and guiding Nysos throughout his remarkable racing career."

"We are equally honored that Coolmore, one of the world's most respected and successful stallion operations, will lead the next chapter of Nysos' journey. We have every confidence that he will make a significant impact as a stallion."

"Charles and I are fully committed to supporting Nysos with our very best stakes-winning mares, and we look forward with great excitement to watching his legacy continue for generations to come."

"Nysos showed rare brilliance every time he stepped on the racetrack," said Ashford Stud's Charlie O'Connor. "He brings together serious speed, outstanding physical presence, and a top-class pedigree. He is a fantastic addition to our roster, and we are grateful to Charles and Susan Chu and our partners for bringing a stallion prospect of his quality to Ashford."

Bred in Kentucky by Susie Atkins, Nysos is by champion sire **Nyquist** out of the \$2-million broodmare Zetta Z. Stud fee details will be announced in the near future.

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Churchill/NYRA 3-Year-Old Series, cont. from p1

"By connecting these premier events through one championship, we're creating a season-long storyline that benefits the future of Thoroughbred racing."

David O'Rourke, President and Chief Executive Officer of NYRA, added, "This series is designed to showcase the sport's best 3-year-olds across a season-long championship, elevating our biggest events and creating the next generation of fans. The return of the Belmont Stakes to a newly transformed Belmont Park makes this an especially exciting moment for our sport. Together with Churchill Downs and our television partners, we are building on tradition to carry the excitement of these marquee races through the entire season."

A unified points system will be designed to encourage the nation's leading 3-year-olds to compete against one another more frequently and, in addition to individual race purses, a \$5-million prize pool will be awarded based on the final standings.

Each race will be broadcast to a national television audience. The Churchill Downs races will air on NBC, while the NYRA races will air on FOX.

CDI and NYRA will work collaboratively on the series' rules, nominations process, marketing, sponsorship, wagering opportunities and television distribution. Broadcast, sponsorship and commercial partnership details will be announced as agreements are finalized.

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O'Rourke Sees TCS As A 'Momentum Builder'

Carstanjen and O'Rourke each read from prepared statements during a media teleconference Monday afternoon, echoing their comments from the morning press release. **Cont.**

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Added O'Rourke: "The Triple Crown shows us every year how powerful these events capture the public imagination. Our aim is to carry that energy across the full season and give the fans a reason to stay with the sport's best 3-year-olds from May into the fall. We also believe a stronger, more connected 3-year-old season is good for everyone in the sport, for the horses, for the horsemen, and for the fans who follow them."

After the teleconference was truncated due to apparent technical issues, a Zoom meeting with O'Rourke was quickly organized by New York Racing Association officials.

"This is a very familiar format to the casual sports fan," he offered. "It's a points system across the entire season

essentially. This builds on top of the Triple Crown alongside it. It doesn't change anything with that."

The absence of the Preakness in the TCS was the issue of much discussion across social media on Monday, and elicited a post on X from trainer Bob Baffert.

"I am in favor of any and all new ideas to grow racing and increase interest in our sport. So I welcome The Thoroughbred Series introduced by Churchill and the NYRA and I look forward to competing in the new series," Baffert wrote.

"But the greatest achievement in racing will always be winning the Triple Crown--The Kentucky Derby, The Preakness Stakes, and the Belmont Stakes. The Triple Crown has sustained our sport for more than 150 years, and it will continue to do so for another 150 or more, if we appreciate it and care for it.

"The Preakness is integral to racing's history, present, and future, and I hope nothing detracts from its significance. If I have the right horse, I'll continue to run in Baltimore every May, as well as in The Thoroughbred Series."

O'Rourke said that the Series, which requires a horse to participate in four of the legs to be eligible for any bonus structure, will only serve to enhance the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival and could lead to similar series down the road.

"This builds momentum into the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival, but through it as well," he said. **Cont.**



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"I think this is huge. It gives us a foundation to build off us. We're starting with 3-year-olds, but the conversations could go into other divisions. This is the conversation starter now and we have a foundation we can layer things on top of. So I think we're open to conversations together with Churchill."

O'Rourke said that while no conversations have taken place to date involving two of the summer's seven-figure sophomore preps--the GI Haskell Stakes and GI Pennsylvania Derby--those

discussions could take place going forward.

"Those conversations would have to make sense," he said. "This was just formed now, and now that [the details of the TCS] have been released, those conversations will happen. It's quite a busy couple weeks up [in Saratoga], but I'm sure there will be lots of conversations."

For their part, the Maryland Jockey Club had no immediate comment on Monday's announcement, but its CEO Bill Knauf confirmed that the organization would be issuing a statement on the situation this coming Wednesday, Aug. 5. --Alan Carasso

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THE SARATOGA CONVERSATION: JOHNNY VELAZQUEZ *by Tim Wilkin*

Johnny (don't call him John; we'll explain) Velazquez has been as solid a jockey who has ever called Saratoga Race Course his summer stage. He is the all-time leading rider at arguably the most competitive race meet in the world. The other day, he set a personal milestone with his 800th career graded stakes win. The *TDN*'s Tim Wilkin sat down with the thoughtful, opinionated Velazquez outside the jockey's quarters. He picked his brain about various subjects, including his favorite sport other than horse racing, his favorite horse out of over 38,000 mounts and his fascination with the Marvel character Ironman. Here it is, the first *TDN* Saratoga Conversation of the season.

TDN: Growing up, becoming a jockey was never something you thought about. True?

Johnny Velazquez: Yes. I didn't watch races. I went to the races (in Puerto Rico) once when I was young. I had no clue.

TDN: Did you want to play other sports? Baseball?

JV: I played baseball. I played basketball a little bit. I was too small for both of them. When I was 13 years old, and I was

playing with 13- to 15-year-olds. I have two older brothers, and they were playing baseball, too. I was playing second base, but then I was on the bench.

TDN: Were you any good?

JV: I was pretty good. I went from right field to shortstop to second base.

TDN: Could you hit?

JV: I could hit. Not powerful, but I was a good fielder. I did enjoy baseball.

TDN: You are going to go down as one of the all-time greats in this game. Going back to when Angel (Cordero, Jr.) was your agent, you never got excited over winning championships like he did. He was a fierce competitor.

JV: Angel dreamed about that all the time. He slept, eat, got up ... that is all he would think about--racing and how many championships he could win. I didn't go that route. I was happy that I was learning my craft. Angel was like a teacher to me, like a father. I concentrated more on riding and learning to be competitive enough to do very well. I didn't know anything about racing when I came here (in 1990). **Cont.**



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I came here very green, other than going to jockey school in Puerto Rico. I came here, lived with him and it was through him that I learned the style of the jockeys, the trainers. You had to do your homework. It took time for me to figure out what I was supposed to do. Took 2 1/2 years. What made me happy was riding good.

TDN: Angel was more excited than you were when you won a big race or a championship.

JV: (smiles) Angel was 'go, go, go!' I was like, 'calm down. I'm not like that!' I wanted to do well for myself and for everyone I was riding for. The rest of it is a gift, right? You do well, you get paid well, hopefully you stay healthy, and you get rewarded afterwards.

TDN: The days of riding, nine, 10 races a day are gone for you, right?

JV: I do it once in a while, but, no, I don't want to do that. I want to be content and happy riding. I don't want to feel like I am working. I am enjoying what I am doing.

TDN: Is there one race that you haven't won that you would love to win? I can't find a big race that you haven't won.

JV: To tell you the truth, the really important races, I have been very blessed. The Derby, the Preakness, the Belmont...Breeders' Cup races...all those big races, I have been very lucky to win them at least once. I am more about the competition and how can I win that race and how can I beat that horse?

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I am very competitive, and I want to have the opportunity to ride in those big races and win them. Not only win them, but learning how you get to win that race? Being competitive, that is what drives me.

TDN: You are riding Nitrogen in next week's Whitney. Her trainer Mark Casse told me when you come into the paddock before the race, you will know everything about every horse in

the race. True?

JV: You have to. You have to know every horse in the race. I have to know who is coming from behind, who is in the middle, who has speed. All those things have to be in place when you get to the paddock, and be ready to talk to the trainer. Once the gates open, I have to be ready for everything.

TDN: Favorite track.

JV: Right here at Saratoga. When I first came here in 1990 and I was living with Angel, I don't know why, but we flew from LaGuardia to here and all I heard was Saratoga was such a special place and how special a place it was for him because of all he had done here: 11 riding titles in a row, 13 total. He told me all about Saratoga. I got here and I saw all the competition: Pat Day, Jerry Bailey, Angel Cordero, Chris Antley, Jorge Chavez...the best you could have. All those guys were fighting to be leading rider all the time. I think I won two races my first year here. I was excited just to win one! If you can do good at Saratoga, you are set for the rest of the year. Little by little, I got better and here we are. Thirty-six years later and I've done pretty good for myself.

(Note: When we talked, Johnny V had 1,066 wins at Saratoga, the most by anyone in history.) **Cont.**



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TDN: What is the biggest thrill you have had with any one race?

JV: That is really hard, you know? Obviously, the Kentucky Derby is the most known race in the world. I would have to say winning the (2007) Belmont with the filly (Rags to Riches). It was my first Classic. I was always very conflicted about the feeling of winning the Kentucky Derby (three times) or winning the Belmont for my first Classic. They are all very special and all give you a different feeling but winning my first Classic...and the Kentucky Derby (smiles).

TDN: This is an unfair question, but here goes. Can you give me your favorite horse you have ridden?

JV: I have been very blessed to ride so many good horses and I have been given so many opportunities. I think Wise Dan (two-time Horse of the Year 2012-13, Hall of Famer) was very special. Ran on Polytrack, ran on dirt, ran on grass, and he ran like he never wanted to lose. Definitely one of my favorite horses. He was consistent everywhere he went. East Coast to West Coast. North, South. He was special.

TDN: Do you ever think about retiring?

JV: I always think about it. I'm not saying I never think about it. I talk to myself about it. I talk to my wife (Leona) about it. I am happy. I am doing well. I have some nice horses to ride. The day I am not happy, and I feel I am not getting the horses, I can say bye.

TDN: You are in great shape.

JV: I am. I am very healthy and very consistent and disciplined in what I eat and what I do and what I don't do. If I'm not happy that I am competitive, if I don't see myself feeling great on the horses, or feeling that I am strong on the horses, I have to walk away. I am 54 years old, and I ride shorter now than I did 12 years ago. It's much harder to do, but I feel better that way. That's my pride. If I can't do it the way I want to do it, then why do it?

TDN: Favorite sport other than horse racing.

JV: I would have to say baseball. I am a Yankee fan, but I follow the Mets because I have friends who play for them. I've been a Yankee fan since I was young. Living in Puerto Rico, that's all you hear: 'Yankees, Yankees, Yankees!'

TDN: If there is a movie made about your life and you can pick the actor to play you, who are you picking?

JV: Wow. That's a good one. Tough. Robert Downey Jr. Ironman! He is so good at everything he does. I saw him live on stage in Brooklyn. This guy does it all.

TDN: Maybe he can ride a horse.

JV: I don't know about that.

TDN: If you have a day just to yourself, what are you doing?

JV: I like fishing. Very relaxing.

Cont.





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TDN: Is there a rider today that reminds you of a young you?

JV: Good question. Irad (Ortiz Jr.) to Flavien (Prat) to Tyler (Gaffalione). They are all very competitive and they are very good at what they do and very personable. They all have good heads on their shoulders. They know their craft, and they know what they are doing. You have to appreciate what they do.

TDN: Who is the best-dressed jockey?

JV: Right now, everyone likes more jeans and shirts. Maybe Javier (Castellano). He dresses more than anyone else in here. Nice pants, nice shoes...cool shoes. Nice shirts.

TDN: If you could have dinner with three people, living or dead, who would they be?

JV: Very interesting. One of my favorite people and singers--I have met him, but I don't know him very well--is Marc Anthony. I am going to go back to my roots. I never met him, but Roberto Clemente was one of my idols. That is why I wear the No. 21 (the number Clemente wore during his Hall of Fame baseball career and Johnny V has it on his riding helmet). I would have loved to have met him. And an actor. Robert Downey Jr.!

TDN: Did you ever watch the Ironman movies?

JV: I watched them all!

TDN: I know where this is going, but if you were one of the Avengers, which one would you be?

JV: Ironman! Heck yes!

TDN: If you could have a superpower, what would it be?

JV: That's a tough one. Superman could do everything, right? He could fly; he could do it all. X-ray vision, super hearing. That's why they call him Superman.



Johnny Velazquez with Todd Pletcher | Sarah Andrew

TDN: Favorite holiday.

JV: I am not big on holidays because we work on holidays. I will say Christmas. The only time when we get to spend time with the family. Thanksgiving is almost the same.

TDN: Do you get a lot of people, here especially, when you are going to the paddock, they are yelling at you to give them a horse?

JV: They don't ask for horses here. It's 'good luck, I hope you win.' Or, 'I am betting on you.'

It's very strange. Sometimes it's, 'I am betting on you. You better win.' (smiles).

TDN: It's probably a little different at places like, say, the old Aqueduct.

JV: Oh yeah.

TDN: Is Johnny Velazquez happy right now?

JV: I am at a stage of my life where I am very happy where I am. We spend a lot of time with family and friends. Looking forward to what comes next. I don't know yet what is going to come next when I do decide to walk away. I could do nothing, but I can't do nothing.

TDN: Will you try to stay in the game?

JV: I think I will. I will never train; I will never be a jockey agent. I will have to see.

TDN: How about TV?

JV: I wouldn't mind doing that. Talking about racing.

TDN: Does it seem that time has just flown by since you started riding?

JV: There was a time when I thought time was not moving at all. Now, I really think the time has gone by very fast. With my two kids out of the house, it feels like it is going too fast now. **Cont.**

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Johnny Velazquez

You don't get to see them much, although Michael (23) works here (at Saratoga, in production) and I get to see him. Lerina (29) is in Brooklyn and works in the city. I worry less about them because they have their own lives, but you always worry. They are both doing well and, hopefully they make very few mistakes. I always tell them to do their best.

TDN: People know you as Johnny V. Do you have another nickname?

JV: JR. JRV. First of all, I don't have a middle name.

TDN: Where did JRV come from?

JV: Rodriguez is my mom's last name. When I came to New York, Jorge Velasquez was riding, too. They wanted to differentiate my name from his name, so they put JR on my name and that as the difference between me and Jorge. So, JRV. And John. That is not my name either. My name is Johnny. That is my legal name. That is on my birth certificate.

TDN: I did not know that.

JV: That's my name. My real name.

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AN AMERICAN IN SUSSEX: TOM DURKIN SAMPLES GLORIOUS GOODWOOD

by Tom Durkin

After 35 years of perfect attendance at Saratoga, I decided to play hooky, and I headed over to England to goof off this summer. Being a horse racing junkie, after a few weeks of abstinence, I needed to get a fix. So off we go to the British equivalent of the Spa: Glorious Goodwood. "Glorious," indeed.

First of all, there is a language barrier for American horseplayers to overcome. As Winston Churchill said "America and Britain are two great nations divided by a common language."

Each Way, Nap, Forecast, Placepot, Treble, Starting Price etc. It's all a different language to me. So rather than work through an interpreter, I just bet to win.

But language aside, I found Glorious Goodwood and The Spa to be remarkably alike in many ways.

They are both traditional havens for Thoroughbred racing enjoyed primarily in August every year. Saratoga is pretty old. Folks have made it "The August Place To Be" going way back to 1863.

And Goodwood is old, too. Going way back. WAAAAAAAY back. Since the 1740s.

To borrow a term from Thomas Hardy, both places also offer a respite 'far from the madding crowds' of the big city.



Tom Durkin | Horsephotos

They are each located a few hours away from the teeming metropolitan areas of London and New York. Their host cities--Saratoga Springs and Chichester--are each charming little cities of about 25,000. And, surprise! The cost of hotel rooms triples in racing season. Dynamic pricing is an international curse.

Goodwood has a bucolic setting perched atop the rolling hills of Sussex. With the possible exception of the San Gabriels at Santa Anita, it might be the most beautiful backdrop in all of racing.

Unlike Saratoga, the place is not owned by the State. It sits overlooking the 11,000-acre estate of the 11th Duke of Richmond. Also on the property is a famous international motor car raceway and the Rolls Royce automobile factory, believe it or not. And, of course, there are sheep. Lots and lots of sheep. The 11th Duke actually writes a lovely welcome letter on the first page of the daily racing program. Cheers.

Now, make no mistake--Glorious Goodwood is pretty fancy. "Posh" as the Brits would say. Saratoga can be fancy too. But not on this level. There is no backyard picnic table crowd on track here. No tee shirts and sandals here. And these chaps know how to style. Tailored linen suits and Panama hats are de rigueur. Actually, I was sorta looking out for somebody sporting spats, but they must be out of fashion this season. So, I put on my spiffiest sport coat and Hermes tie and still felt like I was travelling in steerage.

The women here put on a fashion show that rivals any Paris runway. One after another, by the tens, by the thousands, lovely ladies arrive dressed in their pastel summer finery. Hats are basically mandatory.

Goodwood offers a lot more high-end accommodations than the Spa.

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Bow Echo (nearest the camera) wins a thrilling edition of the Sussex Stakes | Alamy

There are several “enclosures” at various price levels—one more expensive than the next; food and drink usually included. A grandstand seat can be had for 28 pounds (\$38). So please, let's not complain about Saratoga ticket pricing. And like many a summer party, some drinking is involved. The preferred libations here seems to be Pimm's or Champagne. How civilized. At the Spa, my preferred drink is Coors light. How refreshing.

At the Spa, one can grab a drink at the At The Rail or The Jim Dandy and a few other smaller watering holes. Here there are a few options too; The Veuve Clicquot Champagne Bar, The Annual Badge Holders Bar, the 1812 bar, the Oak Tree Lawn Bar, The Highclere Gin Pavilion, The Sussex Bar, The Pimm's and Aperol Bar, The Brixton Brewery Craft Bar, The Sip n Saddle Bar, The Sussex Roof Terrace Bar, The St-Germain Bar, The Maison Perrier Garden Bar. Get the picture? Thirsty you will not be.



Saratoga mornings | Sarah Andrew



Glorious Goodwood | James Dominic

And, of course, what would a garden party on steroids be without strawberries and cream served promptly at 3 p.m.?

As an announcer, I always thought Saratoga was a tough place to work. There are trees to deal with and big fields, for the most part. But at this place, not so many trees. It's just that the horses completely disappear from view for a while behind a couple of strategically placed hills. And the starts are so far away, the race callers must be using cosmic telescopes to pick up these little moving specs on the horizon. Practically, I suppose they must grab a look off TV monitors.

And as for field size...I used to grouse about a 12- or 14-horse field. At this place, 20-or-more-horse fields are common on a daily basis. I once had to call a 26-horse field in the Arc de Triomphe. People would ask how I could possibly do it. I had a flat answer; fiction is a legitimate art form.

But the main attraction here, just as at Saratoga, is the highest-quality racing. There are three Group 1s, six Group 2s and five Group 3s among the 37 races spread over the five days of the meeting. In fact, three of those races are Breeders' Cup Win And You're In events. (Psssst. Bet Bow Echo if he takes the freebie trip to the BC Mile).

The Sussex excursion fully satisfied my Saratoga itch. Lovely as it was, I look forward to being back at the Spa...next year. Ta ta for now.

Tom Durkin was the racecaller for NBC Sports from 1984 through 2010 and served as announcer for the New York Racing Association for over two decades. He was the voice of the Breeders' Cup and Kentucky Derby.

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LAB STATUS UPDATE *by Dan Ross*

With a view to pulling the veil back on the whys and wherefores of their operations, a representative of either the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) Authority or the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) will every week answer a question of industry importance posed by the TDN.

If you have any questions you'd like to ask HISA or HIWU, please feel free to send them over to us at the following email address: danross@thetdn.com

Q: What's the situation regarding the HISA Equine Analytical Laboratory (HEAL) accreditation process for the labs contracted by HIWU? Are you working towards getting the Ohio and Pennsylvania labs (who are currently suspended) accredited again? Or are you planning on keeping the three active labs (California, Kentucky and Industrial) as the only ones HIWU uses? I ask, as former HIWU chief of science, Dr. Mart Scollay, told the TDN just over a year ago that "an ideal is probably three laboratories."

Answer from HIWU's acting chief of science, Dr. Michael Hardy:

The HEAL accreditation statuses of the Pennsylvania Equine Toxicology and Research Laboratory (PETRL) and Analytical Toxicology Laboratory at the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ATL) remain suspended. Their accreditations have not been fully revoked. HIWU is actively engaged with both laboratories, as PETRL and ATL have demonstrated good faith effort to investigate and identify their respective root cause(s) and are working through corrective actions. If/when the probationary HEAL accreditation status of either laboratory is reinstated, HIWU will notify the industry.

The goal of the HEAL Accreditation Program is to ensure that all laboratories analyzing samples meet or exceed a uniform set of requirements. While HIWU is currently using three laboratories, we are open to adding additional Program laboratories if they are able to meet HEAL standards. As Dr. Scollay pointed out in the referenced interview, having more Program laboratories can be "hugely successful" if they are collaborative with HIWU and the other laboratories.

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MONTY ROBERTS PASSES AWAY AT 91

by Bill Finley

Monty Roberts, a celebrated equestrian trainer and "horse whisperer" who promoted techniques of natural horsemanship that involved humane and nonviolent methods of training horses, passed away Friday at his home in Solvang, California. He was 91.

According to his daughter Debbie Roberts Loucks, he died from complications from an autoimmune disease.

An early convert to his methods was Queen Elizabeth II of Britain, a passionate horse lover and Thoroughbred owner. The two enjoyed a 30-year friendship.

"She believed that no one should ever say to any human being or animal, 'You do what I tell you to do or I'll hurt you,'" Mr. Roberts told The New York Times in a 2022 interview. "When the queen was with horses, she was a horse person. She didn't want to be the queen."

Roberts created the Join-Up International organization, which was named after the core concept of his training method. He believed that horses use a non-verbal language, which he termed "Equus," and that humans can use this language to communicate with horses. Roberts defied what was conventional wisdom at the time and proved that a horse trained without fear or by being punished would prosper and be a superior worker.

Roberts authored a number of books including his original best-seller, "The Man Who Listens to Horses" and regularly toured with a live demonstration. It was the Queen who encouraged Roberts to write the "Man Who Listens to Horses." The book was published in 1996 and was on the New York Times Bestsellers list for 58 weeks, and translated into more than 15 languages, selling more than five million copies worldwide.

His talents went beyond his ability to train horses. Roberts bought Alleged as a yearling for \$40,000 at Keeneland after it failed to meet its reserve. Roberts resold the horse the following year for \$175,000 to Robert Sangster and, racing for legendary trainer Vincent O'Brien, Alleged won the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in 1977 and 1978.

Roberts didn't own the champion German racehorse Lomitas, but he saved the horse's racing career by curing his severe starting-gate phobia, leading the owner to name Roberts the horse's honorary manager. Lomitas was such a rogue that he threw himself on the ground before the running of G2 German Two Thousand Guineas and was scratched. But after Roberts worked with the horse he won G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin, the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden and the G1 Preis von Europa, and was named Germany's Horse of the Year.

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Monty Roberts | Getty Images

Lomitas later came to California, where he was trained by Ron McAnally and won the 1993 GI Bowling Green and the GI Shoemaker Handicap.

Roberts also owned Sabiango (Ger), who won Group 1 races in Germany as well as the 2004 GI Charles Whittingham Memorial.

Roberts was also known to buy Thoroughbred yearlings, breaking them using his "Join-Up" method, and reselling them as two-year-olds.

Longtime NYRA head starter Bob Duncan befriended Roberts and became a disciple. He used many of Roberts's methods to deal with problem horses.

"We call it natural horsemanship," Duncan said. "It's a skill level that is horse-centric. It's all about empathy and getting your issues out of your head and getting into the horse's head. You learn their language, body language and movement. Once you begin to learn that it opens other doors. The horses become calm. It's not them learning your language. It's us learning their language. It becomes a partnership, an equality and working together. Monty was an amazing guy. He was so enthusiastic about what he did and so confident about what he did."

Roberts was born in Salinas, California and was the son of horse trainer Marvin Roberts, who authored his own self-published book, *Horse and Horseman Training*, in 1957.

Roberts competed in rodeo and won his first trophy at the age of four. He attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and riding for their rodeo team, he won two National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) National Championships, including National NIRA Champion Bulldogger in 1957 and the NIRA Champion Team Roping in 1956. He graduated from Cal Poly in 1959 with a degree in animal science.

Roberts went to Nevada at the age of 13 in order to round up horses for the Salinas Rodeo Association's Wild Horse Race, and there began observing mustangs interact with each other.

Even at such a young age, he discovered that horses use a discernible and predictable body language to communicate and that they set boundaries, show fear and express annoyance, relaxation or affection. Roberts came to understand that utilizing this silent language would allow training to commence in a much more effective and humane manner, encouraging true partnership between horses and humans.

Four documentaries on Roberts have been released. The first was the 1997 documentary BBC/PBS Monty Roberts: The Real Horse Whisperer. It showed Roberts as he set out to tame a wild mustang without enclosures, and his developing relationship with the horse later known as Shy Boy. In 2006, a DVD series with 17 episodes, named *A Backstage Pass!* was completed and broadcast in the UK. In 2023, a documentary about the relationship formed between Roberts and Queen Elizabeth II was released, called *The Cowboy and the Queen*.

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MIKE SMITH JOINS HISA RACETRACK SAFETY COMMITTEE

Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith has been appointed to the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority's Racetrack Safety Standing Committee.

"I'm honored to join HISA's Racetrack Safety Standing Committee and contribute to the work being done to protect horses and the people who care for them," said Smith. "I look forward to working alongside the committee to help strengthen Thoroughbred racing for future generations."

Dr. Susan Stover, Chair of the Racetrack Safety Standing Committee, added, "We're honored to have Mike join the Racetrack Safety Standing Committee. Mike's unique insight and perspective will play an important role in shaping rules that uphold the committee's unwavering commitment to safety."

Smith replaces outgoing committee member and fellow Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez.

"As an inaugural member of the Racetrack Safety Standing Committee, John dedicated countless hours to reviewing existing regulations, analyzing hundreds of pages of public comments and carefully considering a broad spectrum of constituent testimonials to support the development of the first-ever uniform safety rules," said HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus.

"All members of the committee serve entirely on a volunteer basis, and the industry owes them an extraordinary debt of gratitude for their commitment and expertise."

The Racetrack Safety Standing Committee provides advice and guidance to the HISA Board of Directors on the development and maintenance of the Racetrack Safety Program, including recommendations as to whether to grant accreditation to tracks and for how long. **Cont.**

All accreditation decisions must be ultimately approved by the HISA Board of Directors. The full Racetrack Safety Standing Committee can be viewed [here](#).

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by Dan Wolken, Yahoo Sports

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Sire (Sire's Sire)	#SWs	#GSW (GISW)
Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway) (Golfito--D. S. Shine Young Futurity)	17	4
Constitution (Tapit) (Supercharger--Secretariat S.-GII)	57	28

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2026 Cumulative Leading Third-Crop Sires, by Black Type Winners

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

Rank	Stallion	BTW	%	BTH	%	GSW	%	GSH	%	G1SW	%	G1SH	%	Earnings
1	Vekoma (2016) by <i>Candy Ride (Arg)</i>	26	6.72	49	12.66	12	3.1	17	4.39	--	--	3	0.78	\$22,999,496
	FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stand: Spendthrift Farm/Fee: 100,000													
2	Tiz the Law (2017) by <i>Constitution</i>	15	4.79	33	10.54	10	3.19	17	5.43	2	0.64	5	1.6	\$18,773,385
	FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stand: Coolmore Ashford/Fee: 40,000													
3	Complexity (2016) by <i>Maclean's Music</i>	13	6.05	20	9.3	4	1.86	9	4.19	--	--	1	0.47	\$9,543,536
	FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stand: Airdrie Stud/Fee: 20,000													
4	McKinzie (2015) by <i>Street Sense</i>	11	2.96	21	5.65	4	1.08	10	2.69	3	0.81	5	1.34	\$15,191,563
	FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stand: Gainesway Farm/Fee: 75,000													
5	Authentic (2017) by <i>Into Mischief</i>	11	2.93	23	6.12	4	1.06	8	2.13	1	0.27	2	0.53	\$12,705,671
	FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stand: Spendthrift Farm/Fee: 15,000													
6	Volatile (2016) by <i>Violence</i>	10	3.31	24	7.95	4	1.32	10	3.31	1	0.33	3	0.99	\$11,929,312
	FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stand: Three Chimneys Farm/Fee: 10,000													
7	Honest Mischief (2016) by <i>Into Mischief</i>	10	5.95	16	9.52	--	--	1	0.6	--	--	--	--	\$5,973,548
	FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stand: Sequel New York/Fee: 7,500													
8	Honor A. P. (2017) by <i>Honor Code</i>	8	5.8	14	10.14	2	1.45	5	3.62	1	0.72	3	2.17	\$8,089,707
	FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stand: Lane's End Farm/Fee: 7,500													
9	Thousand Words (2017) by <i>Pioneer of the Nile</i>	8	3.62	11	4.98	1	0.45	5	2.26	--	--	1	0.45	\$6,671,953
	FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stand: Spendthrift Farm/Fee: 7,500													
10	Aurelius Mximus (2016) by <i>Pioneer of the Nile</i>	7	6.42	10	9.17	--	--	1	0.92	--	--	--	--	\$4,143,580
	FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stand: Red River Farms LA/Fee: 4,000													
11	Instagrand (2016) by <i>Into Mischief</i>	6	2.28	18	6.84	--	--	4	1.52	--	--	1	0.38	\$9,066,449
	FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stand: Taylor Made Farm/Fee: 8,000													
12	Sergei Prokofiev (2016) by <i>Scat Daddy</i>	5	1.78	10	3.56	2	0.71	3	1.07	1	0.36	1	0.36	\$5,456,966
	FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stand: Ballycroy Bloodstock ON/Fee: 10,000													
13	Caracaro (2017) by <i>Uncle Mo</i>	5	4.39	11	9.65	--	--	3	2.63	--	--	--	--	\$3,187,739
	FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stand: Crestwood Farm/Fee: 10,000													
14	Mximum Scurity (2016) by <i>New Year's Day</i>	4	2	9	4.5	1	0.5	6	3	--	--	1	0.5	\$5,418,805
	FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stand: Breakway Farm IN/Fee: 3,500													
15	Tom's d'Etat (2013) by <i>Smart Strike</i>	4	2.63	10	6.58	1	0.66	2	1.32	--	--	--	--	\$4,726,401
	FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stand: Red River Farms LA/Fee: Private													

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Friday, 8/7, Saratoga #9, post time: 5:42 p.m. EDT

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING HALL OF FAME S.-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Touch of Fire	Constitution	Juddmonte	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	122
2	Print	Munnings	Marc Keller	Ribaudo	Santana, Jr.	120
3	Vasy (Ire)	Space Blues (Ire)	JDT Racing LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	122
4	Third Coast	Uncle Mo	Glen Hill Farm	Proctor	Lezcano	122
5	Glavine 🌿	Not This Time	West Paces Racing LLC, Rainbow's End Racing Stable LLC and Michael P. Lyden	Morley	Velazquez	120
6	Arizona Territory	Tapit Peter M. Brant	Brown	Prat	120	
7	Immortalised (Fr)	Romanised (Ire)	Feld Family Racing and Rachel L. Gerson	Walsh	Ortiz	122
8	Blinging It Back 🌿	Volatile	Gary Barber and Peter Deutsch	Casse	Zayas	120
9	Bottas	Vekoma	Dahman	Clement	Franco	124

Breeders: 1-Juddmonte, 2-Marc Keller, 3-Mr Gary Mullins, 4-Glen Hill Farm, 5-Hunter Valley Farm, 6-White Birch Farm, Inc., 7-Elevage Haras de Bourgeauville, 8-Forever Spring Farm, 9-BCS Thoroughbreds

Blinging It Back (**Volatile**) is coming off a career-best effort in the Saranac. Will be tough if he can run back to that race. Presents value. **Touch of Fire** (**Constitution**) couldn't hold on in the GI Belmont Derby despite setting a slow pace. But it looks like he's again the lone speed in this race and the turn back to a mile should be to his benefit. **Immortalised** (Fr) will look to hit the winner's circle after twice finishing second behind Alpyland (Vekoma). Note that Alpyland ran third as the 11-10 favorite in the GII Secretariat Stakes. --Bill Finley

Friday, 8/7, Saratoga #10, post time: 6:17 p.m. EDT

FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA OAKS-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, F, 1 3/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kentucky Belle 🌿	Justify	WinStar Farm LLC	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	124
2	Fitz Right 🌿	Charlatan	Michael Dubb, William H. Lawrence, The Elkstone Group, LLC and Michael E. Kisber	Brown	Prat	124
3	Code	Tiz the Law	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Walmac Farm	Pletcher	Saez	124
4	Bless Her	Twirling Candy	Robert S. Evans	Motion	Velazquez	124
5	Imaginationthelady 🌿	Not This Time	Mark Dobbin	Walsh	Gaffalione	124
6	Faithful Departed	Yoshida (Jpn)	Frank Ferrogine, Richard Rendina, Nick Coniglio, and Greywood Farms, LLC	Forster	Ortiz	124
7	Just Aloof	Justify	Whisper Hill Farm LLC	Brown	Davis	124
8	Consensus View (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Franco	124

Breeders: 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 3-Rosa Colasanti, 4-R. S. Evans, 5-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables, 6-Robert K. Johnson, 7-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 8-GSA Bloodstock

This is a hard race to pick because there is absolutely no speed in here. That could work against **Faithful Departed** (Yoshida (Jpn)) but she looks like the best horse in the race. Has won two of here last three and turned in a solid second in the GI Belmont Oaks. Remarkably, Chad Brown has never won this race. He sends out a trio of starters led by **Fitz Right** (**Charlatan**). She also ran well when third in the Belmont Oaks, where she snapped a three-race winning streak. **Bless Her** (**Twirling Candy**) just might go to the lead, which would make her dangerous. --Bill Finley

Saturday, 8/8, Saratoga #9, post time: 4:36 p.m. EDT**TEST S. PRESENTED BY TICKETMASTER-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Movie Night	Speightstown	WinStar Farm LLC	Walden	Ortiz	122
2	Percy's Bar 🦿	Upstart	Hat Creek Racing	Colebrook	Franco	122
3	Sippin Pretty 🦿	Yaupon	Bloch, Randall L., Six Column Stables, Davis, Mike and Rice, Gene E.	Wilkes	Santana, Jr.	122
4	Where Luck Lives	Nyquist	Flying Dutchmen	Lynch	Saez	122
5	Goodall	Yaupon	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Asmussen	Velazquez	122
6	On Time Girl 🦿	Not This Time	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	122
7	Explora 🦿	Blame	Pegram, Michael, Watson, Karl & Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Prat	122
8	Carmel Coast 🦿	Omaha Beach	Legion Racing, MHM Stables, Stefanski, Ed and Conlin, William	Beckman	Gaffalione	122

Breeders: 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-Brereton C. Jones, 3-Clarkland Farm LLC, 4-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC, 5-Mark Allen Toothaker, WilliamHeiligbrodt & Corrine Heiligbrodt, 6-Albaugh Family Stables LLC, 7-Mesingw Farm, LLC, 8-Hunter Valley Farm

Looks like Bob Baffert is going to turn **Explora (Blame)** into a sprinter, which seems to be a good move as she's done some of her best running at this seven-furlong distance. Looked good winning the Leslie's Lady and picks up Flavien Prat for this assignment. This is a huge jump up in class for **Movie Night** (Speightstown), but she might be able to handle it after a huge allowance win at Churchill where she earned a 96 Beyer. That actually makes her faster than Explora. **Sippin Pretty** (Yaupon) scored at 25-1 in the GIII Victory Ride Stakes. Will have to prove that she can put strong back-to-back efforts together. --Bill Finley

Saturday, 8/8, Saratoga #10, post time: 5:14 p.m. EDT**FOURSTARDAVE S.-GI, \$750,000, 3yo/up, 1mT**
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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rhetorical	Not This Time	Barber, Gary, Cheyenne Stable & Wachtel Stable	Walden	Ortiz, Jr.	126
2	Mi Bago	Vekoma	Gary Barber	Casse	Saez	124
3	Zulu Kingdom (Ire)	Ten Sovereigns (Ire)	Madaket Stables, LLC, Dubb, Michael, Strauss, William and Caruso, Michael J.	Brown	Prat	126
4	Classic Q 🦿	Classic Empire	Barber, Gary, Blue Crevalle Racing and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Casse	Velazquez	121
5	Deterministic 🦿	Liam's Map	St. Elias Stable, Langone, Ken, Duncker, C. Steven and Vicarage Stable	Clement	Carmouche	126
6	Capitol Hill	Into Mischief	Tranquility Lake Farms LLC	Mott	Alvarado	124
7	Lagynos 🦿	Kantharos	HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud	Asmussen	Ortiz	124

Breeders: 1-Mallory Mort & Karen Mort, 2-Highclere, Inc., 3-Ecurie Peregrine SAS, 4-Winning Bloodstock, 5-Hinkle Farms, 6-Pam & Martin Wygod, 7-Robert Spiegel

Lagynos (Kantharos) might be the most underrated horse in the sport. He's won five straight and 10 races overall in his career. There's a lot of speed in here, so he should get a good trip stalking the frontrunners. **Deterministic (Liam's Map)** is obviously the horse to beat. He, too, has ripped off a five-race winning streak, won this race last year and is a multiple Grade I winner. But with so much speed in this race, he's going to need a smart ride from Kendrick Carmouche, who likes to send horses to the front. **Zulu Kingdom (Ire)** (Ten Sovereigns (Ire)) showed a new dimension when rating when dead-heating for the win in the GIII Kelso Stakes. At 8-for-11 lifetime, is a win machine for Chad Brown. --Bill Finley

Saturday, 8/8, Saratoga #11, post time: 5:52 p.m. EDT

SARATOGA DERBY S. PRESENTED BY QATAR RACING-GI, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 3/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Glavine 🐎	Not This Time	West Paces Racing, Rainbow's End Racing Stable and Lyden, Michael P.	Morley	Carmouche	124
2	Heeere's Johnny 🐎	Oscar Performance	Magic Carpet Racing, Coyle, C & Blue Bison Stable	Handal	Davis	124
3	Remember Mamba 🐎	Kitten's Joy	C R K Stable LLC	DeVaux	Ortiz	124
4	Title Role (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Will Stroud	Crisford	Velazquez	124
5	Pacific Avenue (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Ortiz, Jr.	124
6	Glacius (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	V. I. Araci	Palmer	Saez	124
7	The Big Con (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Weintraub, Tony and Dalinka, Brandon M.	Clement	Gaffalione	124
8	McCready	Practical Joke	Joseph F. Novogratz	Robertson	Santana, Jr.	124
9	Bottas	Vekoma	Dahman	Clement	Franco	124
10	West End Kid 🐎	Twirling Candy	Mo Speed Racing	Walden	Prat	124

Breeders: 1-Hunter Valley Farm, 2-Dr. John A. Chandler, 3-Burning Daylight Farms, Inc. & NovemberHill, Inc., 4-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd, 5-Godolphin, 6-V. I. Araci, 7-St Albans Bloodstock LLP, 8-Lochlow Farm, 9-BCS Thoroughbreds, 10-Fred W. Hertrich III

The race brings back the top three finishers from the GI Belmont Derby, where they were separated by less than a half-length on the wire. **Remember Mamba** (Kitten's Joy) was coming fast in the stretch but ran out of ground and finished third. The extra sixteenth of a mile could be to his benefit. Nothing wrong with **Title Role (GB)** (Too Darn Hot ({GB})), who won the Belmont Derby by a nose or **West End Kid** (**Twirling Candy**), who was second by a nose and takes the blinkers off for this. Don't sell **Pacific Avenue (Ire)** (Dubawi ({Ire})) short. After a slow start he was beaten just a length and a half in the Belmont Derby for Charlie Appleby. Irad Ortiz Jr. will ride. --Bill Finley

Saturday, 8/8, Saratoga #12, post time: 6:37 p.m. EDT

WHITNEY S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m



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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Magnitude 🐎	Not This Time	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Ortiz	126
2	Nitrogen	Medaglia d'Oro	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Velazquez	121
3	Antiquarian 🐎	Preservationist	Centennial Farms	Pletcher	Franco	126
4	Forged Steel	Vekoma	C Two Racing Stable, Mathis Stable & TCC Stables	Joseph, Jr.	Husbands	124
5	White Abarrio	Race Day	C Two Racing Stable, Barber, Gary and La Milagrosa Stable, LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	126
6	Sovereignty	Into Mischief	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	126
7	Tiztastic 🐎	Tiz the Law	Winchell Thoroughbreds, Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael B. and Smith, Derrick	Asmussen	Gaffalione	124
8	Baeza 🐎	McKinzie	C R K Stable LLC and Grandview Equine	Mott	Prat	126

Breeders: 1-Ron Stolich, 2-D. J. Stable, LLC, 3-Brereton C. Jones, 4-Richard E. Wilson, 5-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 6-Godolphin, 7-Capital Bloodstock, 8-Grandview Equine

Though he was beaten by **Magnitude** (**Not This Time**) in the Stephen Foster, let's go with **Baeza** (**McKinzie**). He ran the race of his life to finish second after spotting the field several lengths at the start. But can he beat Magnitude? He's rightly regarded as the best horse in training right now and it will take a super effort from Baeza to beat him. **Nitrogen** (Medaglia d'Oro) is a wonderful filly, but this is a very tough spot for her. Have to take a stand against **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief) until he can prove he's the old Sovereignty. --Bill Finley

Saturday, 8/8, Del Mar #8, post time: 8:30 p.m. EDT**YELLOW RIBBON S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Princess Attitude 🦋	Frankel (GB)	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Oliver	Kimura	121
2	Sweet Rebecca 🦋	American Pharoah	Resolute Racing	Maker	Fresu	121
3	Vincey Girl	Race Day	Blu Boy Racing Stables & Matty Dan Racing Stable	D'Angelo	Rosario	121
4	Princesa Moche (Per)	Muwaary (GB)	Rancho San Roberto, Inc.	O'Neill	Bravo	121
5	Take A Breath (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Chivalry Thoroughbred Racing and Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners	Glatt	Jaramillo	121
6	Warming 🦋	Global Campaign	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Motion	Hernandez	121
7	Innovative 🦋	Complexity	Little Red Feather Racing and Sterling Stables LLC	D'Amato	Gonzalez	121
8	Whiskey Decision 🦋	Into Mischief	Alpha Delta Stables, LLC	McCarthy	Rispoli	121

Breeders: 1-Pursuit of Success, 2-Mt Brilliant Farm & Ranch, LLC, 3-Craig Boone & Jesus Armendariz, 4-Haras Los Azahares, 5-Highgate Stud, 6-M. Auerbach, LLC, 7-Hartmut H. Malluche & Silesia Farm, 8-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding

Saturday, 8/8, Del Mar #3, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT**BEST PAL S.-GIII, \$150,000, 2yo, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Phone Booth	Pavel	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Rispoli	120
2	He Is No Lie 🦋	Early Voting	Purple Rein Racing and Davis, Mark D.	O'Neill	Jaramillo	120
3	Hughes 🦋	Into Mischief	Front Row Club, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Stonestreet Stables, Bashor Racing, Albaugh Family Stables, Masterson, R, Golconda Stable, Waves Edge Capital & Donovan, Catherine	Baffert	Hernandez	120
4	Icanthelpmyself	Mo Town	Jay Em Ess Stable	Koriner	Ayuso	118
5	You Want Some 🦋	Volatile	Michael McMillan	Miller	Kimura	118
6	Kennyten 🦋	Drain the Clock	Wilson, Holly and Wilson, David	Cerin	Gonzalez	120

Breeders: 1-Reddam Racing, LLC, 2-Pope McLean, Marc McLean & Pope McLean Jr., 3-Breffni Farm, 4-Jay Em Ess Stable, 5-H. Allen Poindexter, 6-Nicholas M. Lotz

Sunday, 8/9, Mountaineer Casino & Resort #8, post time: 7:55 p.m. EDT**WEST VIRGINIA DERBY-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Nehalem 🦋	Karakontie (Jpn)	Terry Vaughn	Vaughn	Gonzalez	118
2	Baytown Dreamer 🦋	Mendelssohn	Baytown Partnership and Win The Day Racing	McEntee	Parker	118
3	Trendsetter 🦋	Modernist	Davant Latham	Colebrook	Kimura	124
4	J J Grey 🦋	Street Boss	Shamrock Stables LLC, MJM Racing and Magdalena Racing	McPeck	Esquivel	124
5	Zihnal	Quality Road	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Velazquez	118
6	Maximum Effort 🦋	Maxfield	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Vazquez	118
7	Wayne's Law	Tiz the Law	Baalbek Corp.	Sanchez	Herrera	118
8	Bull by the Horns 🦋	Essential Quality	Peachtree Stable and Corrado, Mark	Joseph, Jr.	Husbands	124

Breeders: 1-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 2-Brookstone Farm, Lee Mauberret, & JamesBlazek, 3-Circle B Family Farm, 4-Dermot Carty, 5-George Strawbridge Jr., 6-Gary Broad - Walmac Farm, LLC, 7-Margaret McFarland, 8-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables

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SATIN AND LACE S., \$99,000, Presque Isle Downs, 8-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.72, ft.

1--**LOST AND FOUND**, 125, f, 4, **Liam's Map**--**Taparri**, by **Tapit**. (\$120,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$140,000 4yo '26 FTDMAR).

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Golden Lion Racing; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell; J-Israel O. Rodriguez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 12-5-3-2, \$313,602.

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2--**Mitole Magic**, 119, m, 5, Mitole--Blake's Magic, by Bernstein. (\$80,000 Wlg '21 FTKNOV; \$275,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR).

O-Randall R. Russell; B-Stone Bridge Investments Syndicate (KY); T-Randall R. Russell. \$20,000.

VINERY SALES GRADUATE

3--**Ribaltagaia**, 119, m, 5, **Blame**--Silk Assassin, by Bernardini. (\$40,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; 225,000gns 2yo '23 TATBRE).

O-Frassetto Stables LLC; B-Mr. Wilbert Tan (KY); T-H. Graham Motion. \$10,000.

Margins: HD, NK, 1 3/4. Odds: 0.50, 9.70, 15.10.

Also Ran: Cynane, Dala, Stylet. Scratched: La Artista, Les Reys (Fr), Wisconsin Gal.

Lost and Found signaled her readiness to face stakes company when third in The Very One Stakes at Laurel on May 15 and she made good on the promise with a victory in Monday's Satin and Lace Stakes at Presque Isle Downs. Streaking to the front early, the flashy grey cut out an opening quarter in :21.77 and followed up with a half in :44.61. In control turning for home, the 1-2 favorite was getting a little leg-weary late but had enough left in the tank to score over Mitole Magic. A winner of a single start of six starts at three, the Kentucky-bred kicked off 2026 with a pair of victories last winter over Turfway's synthetic for trainer Will Walden. Resurfacing with Brittany Russel, the 4-year-old found winner Sunna 1 3/4-lengths too good at Laurel and followed up with a 5 1/2-length score facing optional claiming company over this track and trip on June 16.

The winner's dam Tappari is also responsible for a year-younger full-brother named Essos, who graduated at Del Mar on Sunday. The mare foaled a colt by Taiba this season. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).**

CALIFORNIA THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION S., \$100,000, Del Mar, 8-2, (S), 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.40, ft.

1--**FREE CLOSER**, 120, f, 2, by **Pavel**

1st Dam: No Closing Costs, by **Twirling Candy**

2nd Dam: Apple Cider, by **More Than Ready**

3rd Dam: Who Did It and Run, by **Polish Numbers**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Reddam Racing LLC; B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Michael W. McCarthy; J-Juan J. Hernandez. \$57,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$101,092.

2--**Stay Bossy**, 120, f, 2, Stay Thirsty--Bossy Belle, by Street Boss. (\$31,000 Ylg '25 FTCAIR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Terry Lovingier, Mihaljevich, Diane M., Mihaljevich, John and Ross, David N.; B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA); T-Sтивен Miyadi. \$19,000.

3--**Strident Miss**, 120, f, 2, Pavel--Sugaratsundown, by Stormin Fever. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Paula S. Capestro; B-Paula Capestro (CA); T-Paula S. Capestro. \$12,000.

Margins: 8 1/4, 1 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.80, 9.40, 9.10.

Also Ran: Sentient Soon, You Trust Me, Jolene Fury. Scratched: On Broadway.

After a lack-luster fifth in the six-furlong Debutante Stakes at Churchill Downs in June, Free Closer returned to face Cal-bred company in Sunday's CTBA Stakes and destroyed her competition while gaining her first taste of black-type.

Kept a few lengths behind a crisp early pace set by Sentient Soon, the 4-5 choice was kept within striking distance a few paths off the rail through an opening quarter in :21.77. Easily taking over second with about three furlongs left to navigate, she exploded past her rival straightening for home and drew off to win by a commanding margin.



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"Michael [McCarthy] told me she was very professional; to ride her with confidence," said winning rider Juan Hernandez. "I'd never been on her before but she surely handled herself well. Nice filly, no doubt."

The Reddam Racing homebred broke her maiden in a 4 1/2-furlong test against statebreds at Santa Anita on May 23.

"[The CTBA win was] Pretty uneventful," said winning trainer Michael McCarthy. "She broke without incident, broke with the field. At Churchill [last time out], she actually didn't break that bad but the horse next to her pushed her out into the middle of the racetrack. [This time] Juan [Hernandez] put her in a comfortable stalking position and when he asked her to go, she took off and won by open lengths."

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6th-Del Mar, \$85,000, Alw, 8-2, 3yo, f, 5fT, :56.20, fm, 1 1/4 L YOURS SINCERELY (IRE) (f, 3, Cable Bay {Ire}--Best Regards {Ire} {Hwt.-Ger- at 5 - 7 f., SW & GSP-Ger}, by Tamayuz {GB}) came home a winner in one of six starts at two, and that was recorded in her stateside bow going a mile at Del Mar last summer. Fourth in both the Del Mar Juvenile Fillies Turf and GIII Surfer Girl Stakes later that fall, she closed out the year with a third in the GIII Jimmy Durante Stakes at Del Mar on Nov. 29.

Cut back to six furlongs facing optional claiming company at Santa Anita in her sophomore unveiling on Jan. 11, the Irish-bred filly was a well-beaten fourth at a mile in the China Doll Stakes but rebounded to finish only a head back in third behind winner Marjoram ([Quality Road](#)) in the 6 1/2-furlong Senorita Stakes on May 9.

Sent off the 3-1 second choice this time while cutting back to five furlongs here, the dark bay settled in the second half of the field through respectable early splits. Making her move from the back leaving the quarter pole, she spun out several paths wide into the stretch and took over midstretch to win by a 1 1/4-length margin over Revera (Lexitonia).

German highweight sprinter Best Regards, who sold with Yours Sincerely in utero during the 2022 Tattersalls December Sale, produced a colt by [Saxon Warrior \(Jpn\)](#) in 2024 and a colt by [Henry Longfellow \(Ire\)](#) this season. This is the extended family of Irish Classic winner Halfway To Heaven (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) and that mare's daughter, European champion Magical (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Sales history: €6,500 Ylg '24 GOAUJR. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 10-3-0-3, \$183,102. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV](#).

O-Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, Madaket Stables, LLC, McLean Racing Stables, McClanahan, Jerry and Nentwig, Michael; B-Mr Alwarith Ibrahim Al Hadhrami (IRE); T-Philip D'Amato.

6th-Presque Isle Downs, \$35,640, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 8-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.66, ft, 1/2 length.

SEA RUNNER (f, 4, [Gun Runner](#)--Cuyathy {SP, \$107,923}, by [Congrats](#)), who was stakes placed at two, won sprinting against allowance company at Turfway last December. Third in the oval's Wishing Well Stakes Feb. 6, she finished a close-up second in a six-furlong optional claimer on Feb. 27. Eighth when favored at that track and trip on Mar. 26, she was bet down to 6-5 to get back on track here. Camped at the back of the field early, she was five wide turning for home and drove to the front late to score by a 1/2-length over Right Now (First Samurai).

Sea Runner is a half to Grade I-winning miler [Johannes \(Nyquist\)](#), an earner of \$1,298,359 and MSW Sea Dancer (Mastery, \$275,595). Cuyathy produced a colt by [Maxfield](#) last season. She was bred to Into Mischief this term. Sales history: \$300,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MSP, 16-3-1-3, \$184,416. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV](#).

O/B-CUYATHY LLC (KY); T-William E. Morey.

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7th-Finger Lakes, \$27,210, 8-3, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.26, ft, 11 1/4 lengths.

NESSUNA PAGINA (g, 3, **Honest Mischief--Brilliantkatherine, by Gemologist)**, installed the 8-5 choice in the six-horse field, shot up the inside and showed the way through an initial quarter in :22.06. Already clear of his nearest rival passing the quarter pole, the gelding motored clear down the lane to score by an embarrassingly easy 11 1/4-length margin.

Nessuna Pagina made his belated debut on Apr. 27, scoring by 6 1/2 lengths at this venue before making it two straight while adding another furlong here on May 18. Overlooked at 9-1 while trying the turf, in addition to facing stakes company, in the New York Stallion Series Spectacular Bid Stakes at the Big A on June 20, the New York-bred held on to eke out a nose win over Illmatic (**Honest Mischief**). Sales history: \$20,000 2yo '25 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: SW, 4-4-0-0, \$134,340. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Transfiguration Stable LLC; B-Blue Chip Bloodstock, Inc. (NY); T-Paul W. Barrow.



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Jack Christopher (Munnings), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000
187 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Castle Pines, 6-5
\$145,000 RNA FTK NOV wnl; \$150,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$100,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Mandaloun (Into Mischief), Juddmonte Farms, \$10,000
100 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Observed, 9-2
\$240,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mo Donegal (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
135 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Mad Mo, 10-1
\$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$105,000 OBS APR 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

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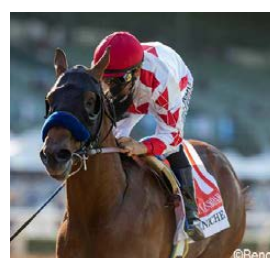
Known Agenda (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
171 foals of racing age/43 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Assiniboia Downs, 9:00 p.m. EDT, \$50K Debutante S., 5f, Cape Spear, 12-1
\$4,000 FTK OCT yrl
2-Assiniboia Downs, 9:00 p.m. EDT, \$50K Debutante S., 5f, Today's Agenda, 10-1
\$19,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; CAN\$18,000 CAN SEP yrl

Yaupon (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$60,000
325 foals of racing age/70 winners/14 black-type winners
2-Assiniboia Downs, 9:00 p.m. EDT, \$50K Debutante S., 5f, She's a Maneater, 5-1
\$15,000 FTK OCT yrl



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSH	Strs	Wnrs	Earnings
1	Golden Pal	0	3	0	37	12	\$811,157
2	Life Is Good	1	3	1	24	9	\$760,747
3	Roadster	1	1	0	19	7	\$454,370
4	Early Voting	0	1	0	18	6	\$440,109
5	Jackie's Warrior	0	0	0	29	3	\$415,581

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**Sunday's Results:**

2nd-Chukyo, ¥14,880,000 (\$94,875), Newcomers, 2yo, 1800m, 1:57.2, ft.

PHAM VIET CHANH (c, 2, *Justify*--Doubled {SW, \$159,455}, by Exchange Rate) made a pair of trips through the Keeneland sales pavilion, bringing \$320,000 as a November weanling and \$350,000 as a September yearling and was crunched into 11-10 favoritism to get straight off the mark. Beaten for speed and a fraction wide into the first left-handed bend, the gray colt tracked the pace from close up and four off the inside down the back. Allowed to stride into the lead with a bit more than 400 meters to travel, the Mar. 18 foal opened a big margin in the final furlong despite racing a bit greenly and held sway as the slow-starting Aureate (Jpn) (Nadal) made late inroads to trim the winning margin to 1 1/4 lengths. "It certainly wasn't an easy trip, as we came under pressure during the race," said winning jockey Hideaki Miyuki. "Even so, he traveled strongly and quickened away well. He had so much in hand that he started looking around and drifted out, but even when the runner-up came to him, I never felt he was going to be caught." A 27th Japanese winner (44 starters) for his sire, Pham Viet Chanh--bred by the late Nancy Shuford--is a half-brother to Honorifique (Honor Code), SP, \$175,406, and is out of a half-sister to Grade II-winning juvenile filly Dancinginherdreams (*Tapit*), the dam of GIII Nashua Stakes hero Champions Dream (*Justify*). Doubled is also responsible for a yearling filly by Arabian Lion, a filly by *Liam's Map* foaled Apr. 16 and has been bred back to Zandon. Sales history: \$320,000 Wlg '24 KEENOV; \$350,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,486.

O-Kazuhiro Masuda; B-Nancy Shuford (KY); T-Kodai Hasegawa.

**IN JAPAN:**

Matenro Son, c, 4, Into Mischief--Miss Panther (Jpn) (MGSW-Jpn, \$1,996,722), by Daiwa Major (Jpn). Sapporo, 8-2, Allowance, 1200mT. Lifetime Record: SP-Jpn, 8-3-0-1, \$241,720. O/B-Chiyono Terada (KY); T-Mitsugu Kon.

Snappy Dresser, c, 4, Union Rags--Caramel Snap, by Smart Strike. Chukyo, 8-1, Allowance, 1400m. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-0, \$356,243. O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Masahiro Otake. *Full to Caramel Swirl, MGSW & GISP, \$782,450.

IN PERU:

Belmont Collection, c, 4, Collected--Martha's Moon (MSW, \$100,790), by Malibu Moon. Monterrico, 8-2, Clasico Batalla de Junin (NBT), 1600m. B-Spry Family Farm (KY). *GSW-Per. **Won by 10 lengths to take his record to 11-1-0 from 13 starts. ***\$7,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV. **VIDEO**

**IN RUSSIA:**

Complex Classic, c, 2, Complexity--Eighth Commandment, by Broken Vow. Kazan, 7-31, Group 1 Race (NBT), 1600m (AWT). B-Liath Macha TBS Ltd Co (KY). *Won by 12 lengths. **\$21,000 Wlg '24 KEENOV; \$22,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP.

Magic Bars, f, 2, Essential Quality--Majestic Move, by Majesticperfection. Pavlovskiy, 8-1, Allowance, 1400m. B-Loch Grove Farm & Magic Cap Stables (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **\$12,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP.

Sweet Ballad, f, 3, Connect--Your Eyes Only, by Pioneer of the Nile. Kazan, 7-31, Group 2 Race (NBT), 2400m (AWT). B-Columbiana Farm LLC (KY). *\$15,000 Ylg '24 FTKFEB; \$10,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP.

IN KAZAKHSTAN:

Anyrakai, c, 3, Vino Rosso--Assets of War, by Lawyer Ron. Nomad Arena Hippodrome, 8-1, Group 2 Race (NBT), 2000m. B-Stoneway Farm. *\$45,000 RNA Ylg '24 KEESEP; €5,000 2yo '25 ARQMAY. **1/2 to Instagrind (Into Mischief), GSW & GISP, \$316,750.

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

RIO GRANDE SENOR S., (NB) \$75,000, Albuquerque, 8-2, (S), 2yo, c/g, 5 1/2f, 1:06.81, ft.

1--CRIMSON CRUSADER, 120, c, 2, by Sporting Chance--Let It Roll (SW, \$299,588), by Roll Hennessy Roll. (\$5,000 Ylg '25 FTD OCT). *1ST-TIME STARTER. O-David Montoya; B-B 4 Farm LLC (NM); T-Arturo Chavez; J-Jose Miguel Vazquez. \$43,500. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$43,500.

2--Catchthecat, 120, g, 2, Kentucky Wildcat--Dust Alert, by Right Rigger. *1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Asmussenequine.com, Thornton, Gerald O. and Latimer, Frances; B-Susan A. Hunter (NM); T-Simon J. Buechler. \$15,000.

3--Never Surrender, 120, g, 2, Marking--Our Flying Angel, by Abajo. *1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Abraham, Mike and Amestoy, Leslie A. and Amestoy, Jr., Pierre Jean; B-Pierre Amestoy, Leslie Amestoy & Mike Abraham (NM); T-Clinton Crawford. \$7,500.

Margins: 4 1/4, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 12.20, 12.10, 2.10.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Gulfstream, \$70,000, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 8-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (AWT) (off turf), :56.94, ft, 1 length.

HEIR TO THE ROAR (m, 7, Do the Roar--Future Heiress, by Wildcat Heir) Lifetime Record: 35-12-5-5, \$297,450. O-Trinidad Enrique Stable LLC; B-Just For Fun Stable, Inc. (FL); T-Victor Barboza, Jr.

7th-Gulfstream, \$62,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 8-3, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15.99, sy, neck.

CLASSIC OF COURSE (g, 4, Awesome of Course--Alma Mater, by Honor Code) Lifetime Record: SW, 24-5-5-5, \$504,916. O-Dunne, Amy E. and Biancone, Patrick L.; B-Amy E. Dunne & Ciaran G. Dunne (FL); T-Patrick L. Biancone.

5th-Thistledown, \$35,800, (S), 8-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.44, ft, 2 lengths.

RYZEN (f, 4, Cloud Computing--Atlantic Zip, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-2, \$50,386. O-Maria Quezada; B-Daniel J Yates & Patricia J Yates (OH); T-Jose Atala. *\$14,000 Ylg '23 FTK OCT. **1/2 to Dare Day (Can the Man), SP, \$165,856; 1/2 to Alwaysintomischief (Maximus Mischief), SP, \$173,990.

5th-Presque Isle Downs, \$32,670, 8-3, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:42.78, ft, neck.

VALIANT ENYA (f, 4, Valiant Minister--Mine for Life, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 18-5-2-4, \$83,885. O-Clair Walker; B-Baoma Corp (FL); T-John Fennessy. *\$3,000 Ylg '23 OBS OCT.

7th-Thistledown, \$29,000, 8-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.82, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

ZIPPIN GIGI (g, 7, Run Away and Hide--La Pequena Gigi, by Sky Mesa) Lifetime Record: 47-10-5-7, \$250,429. O-Rey Juarez-Mendoza; B-George Yager (KY); T-Rey Juarez-Mendoza. *1/2 to Eskenforit (Eskendereya), SP, \$239,502.

1st-Finger Lakes, \$24,500, (S), 8-3, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.77, gd, 5 1/2 lengths.

PRINCESS WADADLI (f, 4, King for a Day--Wadadli Princess {MSP, \$134,386}, by Drosselmeyer) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$75,980. O-Ginellen Racing; B-Ginellen Racing (NY); T-Robert N. Falcone, Jr.

5th-Fort Erie, C\$23,502, 8-3, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.19, my, 1/2 length.

RED D (c, 3, Signature Red--Red Philanthropist, by Philanthropist) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$27,551. O-Nadezda Dohnalova; B-Bruno Schickedanz (ON); T-Desmond Maynard.

6th-Century Mile, C\$21,455, 8-3, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.82, gd, 3 1/4 lengths.

UNVEIL THE GRACE (f, 4, Gun Runner--Ebony Run, by El Corredor) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-2, \$35,819. O-Highfield Investment Group, Inc., Dialed In Racing Stable and Lucky Diamonds Racing; B-Gun Runner Syndicate & Moreau Bloodstock Int (KY); T-Craig Robert Smith. *1/2 to Pickens (Goldencents), MSP, \$385,219. **\$350,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$27,000 2yo '24 KEENOV.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Senor Roberto, c, 3, Essential Quality--S S Pinafore, by Street Sense. Gulfstream, 8-3, 1 1/16m (AWT) (off turf), 1:43.83. Lifetime Record: 7-1-3-1, \$56,310. B-JSM Equine, LLC (KY). *\$55,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '25 OBS APR. **1/2 to Plainsman (Flatter), MGSW & GISP, \$1,408,412.

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Happy Friday, f, 3, **Runhappy**--Top Hat Tango, by Graydar.
Mountaineer Casino & Resort, 8-2, 6f (off turf), 1:14.04.
Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$11,970. B-Scott Pierce (NY).
*\$3,000 Ylg '24 EASOCT.

Driftingandreaming, c, 3, **Volatile**--Mary Coughlan, by Gulch.
Del Mar, 8-2, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:04.44. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0,
\$24,000. B-Thomas W Bachman (CA). *\$30,000 Ylg '24
FTCAYR. **1/2 to Outside **Nashville** (Broken Vow), MSW &
GSP, \$423,715. ***1ST-TIME STARTER.

Raghba, f, 4, **Curlin**--Takrees (SW & GSP, \$248,740), by Daaher.
Finger Lakes, 8-3, 1m 70y, 1:45.23. Lifetime Record: 12-1-6-1,
\$140,410. B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY).

Bizness Account, g, 4, **Fed Biz**--Count the Change, by Exchange
Rate. Century Mile, 8-3, 1 1/16m, 1:48.08. Lifetime Record:
12-1-3-1, \$26,123. B-Bushido Stables (AB). *C\$26,000 Ylg '23
ALBMIX.



Awesome of Course, Classic of Course, g, 4, o/o Alma Mater, by
Honor Code. AOC, 8-3, Gulfstream

Cable Bay (Ire), Yours Sincerely (Ire), f, 3, o/o Best Regards (Ire),
by Tamayuz (GB). ALW, 8-2, Del Mar

Cloud Computing, Ryzen, f, 4, o/o Atlantic Zip, by Stormy
Atlantic. ALW, 8-3, Thistledown

Curlin, Raghba, f, 4, o/o Takrees, by Daaher. MSW, 8-3, Finger
Lakes

Do the Roar, Heir to the Roar, m, 7, o/o Future Heiress, by
Wildcat Heir. AOC, 8-3, Gulfstream

Essential Quality, Senor Roberto, c, 3, o/o S S Pinafore, by **Street
Sense**. MSW, 8-3, Gulfstream

Fed Biz, Bizness Account, g, 4, o/o Count the Change, by
Exchange Rate. MSW, 8-3, Century Mile

Gun Runner, Sea Runner, f, 4, o/o Cuyathy, by Congrats. AOC,
8-3, Presque Isle Downs

Gun Runner, Unveil the Grace, f, 4, o/o Ebony Run, by El
Corredor. ALW, 8-3, Century Mile

Honest Mischieff, Nessuna Pagina, g, 3, o/o Brilliantkatherine, by
Gemologist. ALW, 8-3, Finger Lakes

King for a Day, Princess Wadadli, f, 4, o/o Wadadli Princess, by
Drosselmeyer. ALW, 8-3, Finger Lakes

Liam's Map, Lost and Found, f, 4, o/o Taparri, by **Tapit**. Satin and
Lace S., 8-3, Presque Isle Downs

Pavel, Free Closer, f, 2, o/o No Closing Costs, by **Twirling Candy**.
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Runhappy, Happy Friday, f, 3, o/o Top Hat Tango, by Graydar.
MSW, 8-2, Mountaineer

Signature Red, Red D, c, 3, o/o Red Philanthropist, by
Philanthropist. ALW, 8-3, Fort Erie

Valiant Minister, Valiant Enya, f, 4, o/o Mine for Life, by
Distorted Humor. ALW, 8-3, Presque Isle Downs

Volatile, Driftingandreaming, c, 3, o/o Mary Coughlan, by Gulch.
MCL, 8-2, Del Mar

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SEVEN DAYS: SUMMER SHIMMERS BUT STORM CLOUDS BUILD



Another Group 1-winning weekend for Colin Keane | Scoop Dyga

By Emma Berry

The Glorious Goodwood euphoria didn't last long, did it? By Monday morning, the Jockey Club had announced its intention to join Ascot and Plumpton in **discontinuing its membership** of the Racecourse Association (RCA) at the end of this year.

The Jockey Club's portfolio of 15 racecourses spans the length of England, from Carlisle down to Exeter, with the 'crown jewel' tracks of Epsom, Newmarket, Sandown, Cheltenham and Aintree in between. Once you add in **the heft of Ascot**, it's not simply a matter of there being more than a quarter of British tracks outside the RCA by 2027, more that the RCA, which is a 50 per cent shareholder of the BHA, will no longer represent some of the most powerful racecourses in the country.

Following a governance review, the RCA had on Saturday announced several key recommendations, including a change which would see its one-member one-vote system adjusted to a 25 per cent share for each of its four main groups. Currently, those four are the Jockey Club, Arena Racing Company (ARC), a group of large independent racecourses including Ascot, Chester, Goodwood, Newbury and York, and the small independent racecourses. While representatives of Goodwood and York have voiced their approval of the RCA announcement, the Jockey Club does not agree.

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UNCERTAINTY FOR BRITISH RACING AS THE JOCKEY CLUB ANNOUNCES RCA EXIT

The Jockey Club has announced that it is quitting the Racecourse Association (RCA) and will join Ascot in giving up its membership of the racecourse trade body.

The decision follows the completion of the RCA's governance review, which began in March this year.

Jim Mullen, the Jockey Club's Group Chief Executive, said, "While acknowledging the work that has taken place since March, we have consistently set out throughout the review that it needed to address not just the racecourse voting shares within the RCA, but the organisation's role in representing racecourses politically through its 50% holding of member shares in the BHA.

"This review has addressed the RCA's internal arrangements, but not the constitutional arrangements through which racecourses collectively exercise their influence over the governance of British racing." [Cont. p6](#)

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NYSOS RETIRED TO STAND AT ASHFORD STUD

Multiple Grade I winner Nysos (*Nyquist*) has been retired from racing and will stand at Coolmore's Ashford Stud for the 2027 breeding season.



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*A La Montagne makes her eagerly anticipated debut at Catterick on Tuesday. The Dubawi filly, pictured here at Lanwades Stud in February 2024, is the first foal out of Kirsten Rausing's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Alpinista (**Frankel**). | Lanwades Stud*

6 | SHERGAR CUP LINE-UP CONFIRMED

Ryan Moore will compete in the Shergar Cup for just the second time at Ascot on Saturday, with Irish champion jockey Dylan Browne McMonagle also in action.

7 | KNAVESMIRE START NEXT FOR ZAVATERI

Zavateri (Without Parole) will drop back to seven furlongs for the G1 Sky Bet City Of York Stakes after his encouraging return to action at Goodwood.

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Seven Days

by Emma Berry



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The recent appointment of Simon Cox as the new BHA chair may have calmed the waters for a few days, but Cox doesn't take up his post until October, and by that stage it looks as though a constitutional restructuring of the BHA will be top of his to-do list.

While politics inside and outside racing continue to cause plenty of reasons for sleepless nights, the sport itself is really putting on the razzle-dazzle this scorching summer.

Deauville's month-long jamboree kicked off on Sunday with the G1 Prix Rothschild at the head of proceedings. It seems unfair to suggest that Blue Bolt has been something of a bolt from the blue this season--after all, she did finish runner-up to Fallen Angel in the Sun Chariot on her final start of last year--but

the daughter of Blue Point was unraced at two and flew a little under the radar in 2025. It is an altogether different scenario this time around, with a spotless four from four this season, including two victories over the Irish 1,000 Guineas and Coronation Stakes winner Precise (**Starspangledbanner**) in the Falmouth Stakes and the Prix Rothschild on Blue Bolt's first run outside the UK.

Along with fellow Andrew Balding trainee Kalpana (Study Of Man), Blue Bolt is providing Juddmonte with a glorious summer, and it would be no surprise to see Sunly (Night Of Thunder) add to the Group 1 haul in due course following her two excellent runs behind Aventure then Calandagan in the G2 Prix Corrida and G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud respectively.

Diamond More Precious With Each Run

Aidan O'Brien's array of eight Classic victories this season has been provided by Christmas Day, **Constitution** River, Gstaad, Benvenuto Cellini, Precise, True Love and Diamond Necklace, and it is the latter who is emerging as the most exciting prospect to date, closely rivalled by **Constitution** River. They have each run six times, and only a short-head has denied **Constitution** River matching Diamond Necklace with an unbeaten record. He was narrowly beaten by Godolphin's Distant Storm when making his debut at Newmarket's 2025 July meeting. [Cont. p4](#)

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We can look forward to the return of Eclipse winner **Constitution** River in the Juddmonte International at York, while Diamond Necklace sparkled in Sussex last week when taking on her elders for the first time in the Nassau Stakes. She is not only the perfect first-crop advertisement for her young sire **St Mark's Basilica**--who is also responsible for the G1 Prix Jean Prat winner Thesecreatadversary--but also for the forthcoming Arqana August Sale, which gets underway on August 15.

Diamond Necklace, bred by Ecurie des Monceaux and Skymarc Farm, was the star of that sale ring back in 2024 when sold to Coolmore for €1.7m, and her Night Of Thunder half-sister, now named Marylebone, followed suit last year. She topped the sale at €3m, bought by Amo Racing. They of course follow the Group 1 winners Chicquita and Magic Wand, as well as the Prix de Diane runner-up Philomene, in a glittering line-up of runners for their dam Prudenzia (Dansili), whose yearling colt by **Siyouni** is all but guaranteed to be one of the leading lights at Arqana this time around.

Diamond Necklace is not the only feather in the cap of the 2024 August Sale, as **Constitution** River was also found there by Coolmore. The son of Wootton Bassett, bred by Pierre Talvard of Haras du Cadran, was bought for €400,000, which now seems a modest sum given his stallion potential. His Kodiak half-sister will be among the Cadran draft this time around.

Follow Bow Echo Wherever He Goes

With Joseph O'Brien having won the Oaks and Irish Oaks this year, the only two trainers without the surname O'Brien to have got in on the European Classic action so far are George Boughey and Francis Graffard, with Bow Echo (Night Of Thunder) and Rayif (Sea The Moon) respectively.

The euphoric reception given to Bow Echo after his Guineas victory back in May has grown with each triumph, to Ascot for the St James's Palace Stakes and on to Goodwood for the dramatically thrilling showdown of the Sussex Stakes.

Of course every member of the Coolmore team would have been hoping for a different outcome, as would Gstaad's excellent breeder Kelly Thomas, who was at Goodwood last week to see both members of her entire foal crop of 2023 compete at one of Britain's flagship meetings. Along with the Sussex Stakes runner-up Gstaad, his erstwhile paddock-mate, the 87-rated Zennor Storm (Mohaather), was a close second in the HKJC World Pool Handicap.

Bar those with a personal connection to Gstaad, however, there appeared to be a unanimous roar as Billy Loughnane wriggled his way out of trouble and deployed the after-burners on Bow Echo to shoot home for their third consecutive Group 1 victory.

Only time will tell if we see this smashing colt race again in Britain. Let's hope so. But in the meantime, if he heads to Deauville for the Prix Jacques Le Marois, make sure you are on course to see him, even if you have to swim the Channel to get there. Horses like Bow Echo don't come around too often.

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Bow Echo and Billy Loughnane, brilliant winners of the Sussex Stakes
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Granted, his growing fan club has as much to do with the dynamic team of young men surrounding him, in Loughnane, Boughey and assistant trainer Henry Morshead, but this horse is undeniably special. His victory last Wednesday against the stunning sunlit backdrop of the Sussex Downs was a giant dose of sporting Prozac.

For the 1m 36.03s it took him to reach the winning post in front, and for jubilant hours afterwards, all other worldly woes were forgotten as those at Goodwood thanked their lucky stars that they were there.

Goodwood Gold Stars

It's a long way from Scotland to Sussex but Jim Goldie and Katie Scott made their respective trips worthwhile when American Affair (Washington DC) bounced back to land the G2 King George Qatar Stakes and Naana's Shadow (Havana Grey) added to her terrific season with victory in the Buccellati Handicap.

Panamas should be doffed not only to Scott but to Naana's Shadow's owner Summerstorm Bloodstock, who bought her in the Tattersalls Online sale last November for 20,000gns. She was already a winner by that stage for Alice Haynes, but her progression this year, from a mark of 72 to the 94 which she won off last Thursday, has taken in four more victories, including at Epsom on Derby day and at York.

An even better buy from a Tattersalls Online sale, however, was that of Sing The Blues (Space Blues), who was bought by her owner Gary Downie on July 1 for 6,000gns and has won both her starts since then, at Newmarket and Goodwood, earning prize-money of £38,665.

Weighing-Room Wonders

While we wax lyrical about Billy Loughnane, it is important also to acknowledge Ireland's excellent champion jockey Dylan Browne McMonagle, who gave several masterclasses at Goodwood, including on board Defiantly (Kamekogv) and Galen (Gleneagles) when riding four winners for the week's leading trainer Joseph O'Brien.

Visitors to Saturday's Shergar Cup at Ascot are in for a treat as both Ryan Moore and Browne McMonagle have joined the Britain and Ireland team along with Saffie Osborne, who is also

enjoying her best season to date and is in seventh place in the championship.

Ride of the week, however, goes to Kaiya Fraser, who boldly exploited a gap on the rail to bag his first Group win in the G2 Vintage Stakes aboard Dr Rascal (Sottsass) for Oliver Cole and owner-breeders Julia and Charlie Rosier.

Masar in the Mix

He is perhaps an unlikely hero but stallion of the week goes to Masar, sire of a two-year-old double at Goodwood on Thursday courtesy of Sword Salute and Avalon Queen, followed by a first-time-out juvenile success at Epsom for the Willie Carson-bred Camarda Rc.

It is worth remembering that Masar was a pretty early two-year-old himself, as was his sire and fellow Derby winner New Approach, and he broke his maiden at Goodwood in the May of his juvenile season when beating Invincible Army over six

furlongs. Later that season, he won the G3 Solario Stakes.

Masar's 1,000 Guineas third Venetian Lace was third again at Goodwood for Charlie Johnston in the G3 Gordon Stakes, while among his other leading lights this season are the G3 John Smith's Silver Cup winner Mount Atlas, Listed Hedge of Oaks Stakes victrix Dreamasar, and the G2 Oaks d'Italia runner-up Lady Evi.

Masar's current two-year-olds were conceived during his penultimate season at Dalham

Hall Stud. He has spent the last two seasons standing alongside Fifty Stars at the Hickey family's Sunnyside Stud in Ireland.



Naana's Shadow winning at Goodwood | Goodwood Racecourse

A New Door Opens For Jim Crowley

We say farewell, but only for now, to Jim Crowley, who hung up his boots on Saturday after a glittering riding career on the Flat and over jumps.

Undoubtedly, he would have wished to go out on a winner rather than by the shocking fall he took when Almeraq clipped heels and came down in the Garroby Stakes last September. There has been a happier outcome for the son of Dark Angel, who returned to win the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot for William Haggas and owner-breeder Shadwell Estate Company. For that operation's retained jockey of the last decade, however, the injuries sustained that day ultimately forced a premature retirement from the weighing-room.

Seven Days cont.

Though we will no longer see Crowley in the saddle, a new dawn beckons as he prepares to launch his training career from the splendid Coombelands estate in Sussex. We wish him continued success in this new role.

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Mullen continued, "The RCA's proposals fail to address our fundamental concern that the RCA can continue to act to stifle the necessary changes needed in the industry.

"Nothing proposed would displace the RCA as the political representative of British racecourses and in our view, confirmed by recent discussions, the RCA would continue to vote against necessary changes such as the introduction of an independent BHA board and substantive changes to the fixture list.

"While recent talks have focused on the valuable operational services provided by the RCA to the wider racecourse community, it is our view that without change to the political representation, the price of maintaining those operations is sadly too high when judged against the political role the organisation plays and its ability to suppress reform."

He added, "In stepping away we remain committed to participating in decisions related to British Racing's future. We have therefore begun discussions with the British Horseracing Authority to explore the most appropriate framework for representing the interests of those within the industry who share a commitment to the long-term sustainability and quality of British racing.

"As set out, the BHA articles aim to ensure 'as far as is practicable that the membership and structure [of the BHA] remains as representative of Racing as possible'. It is our intention to work with Ascot Racecourse and other likeminded industry partners to pursue a vision based on the long-term sustainability of the sport and we are in the early stages of establishing a new organisation to do this.

"We accept that other racecourses may wish to pursue different avenues to reform the RCA and we respect their choice, but we believe that at the heart of this debate is the core principle that racing must be able to tackle the challenges it faces, free from self-interest and short-term priorities and this is best achieved by an independent BHA which is able to take input from all stakeholders but ultimately empowered to make timely and effective decisions in the best interests of the sport overall."

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RYAN MOORE AND DYLAN BROWNE MCMONAGLE ADD STAR QUALITY TO SHERGAR CUP



Dylan Browne McMonagle: the red-hot rider will be in action at the Shergar Cup | Bronwen Healy

Ryan Moore will make just his second appearance in the Shergar Cup at Ascot on Saturday, which has also been boosted by news that Irish champion jockey Dylan Browne McMonagle will also be in action.

Moore, who won the Silver Saddle award for leading rider in the team competition in his sole outing to date in 2006, has become available with no Flat racing in Ireland that afternoon, with the Phoenix Stakes instead taking place at the Curragh on Sunday.

Moore will ride for the Great Britain and Ireland team alongside Saffie Osborne and McMonagle, who won the Oaks aboard the Joseph O'Brien-trained Thundering On at Epsom in June and followed up with stablemate Johanna Walsh in the Irish version at the Curragh.

For the first time the Hong Kong Jockey Club has a team, captained by Vincent Ho, a winner of the Shergar Cup in 2019 when part of the successful Rest of the World team. He will be joined by Jerry Chau and Luke Ferraris.

Christophe Lemaire will captain Europe, alongside Marie Velon and Frida Valle Skar, while Jamie Melham (nee Kah) will return to lead the Rest of the Word. Partnering her will be Japan's Yutake Take and Suraj Narredu, who guided team Asia to victory last year.

Ascot's head of corporate and industry affairs Will Aitkenhead said, "It's absolutely fantastic to have Ryan and Dylan on board. Both had very strong Royal Ascots, with Ryan the leading jockey, and both had very good weeks at Goodwood."

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Shergar Cup cont.

Aitkenhead continued, "It's really helpful the Phoenix Stakes has moved from the Saturday to the Sunday at the Curragh this year which frees them up and it's great to have them on board.

"We'd been in discussions with Oisin [Murphy] and Billy [Loughnane] earlier in the year and they were keen, but they just don't know where they'll be. Obviously Hollie Doyle would have been here, but she's sadly injured.

"In previous years we've lined them up early which helps with the marketing and everything, but this year we were keen to get the strongest teams that we could so waiting until this week made sense."

Regarding the overseas riders, Aitkenhead said, "Jamie Melham returns as a Melbourne Cup winner. She's huge in Australia and Yutake Take is the biggest name in Japan. We've got Christophe Lemaire and the Hong Kong team led by Vincent Ho as well, so we've got some really strong teams."

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ZAVATERI TO DROP IN TRIP AT YORK FOLLOWING ADMIRABLE GOODWOOD RETURN



Eve Johnson Houghton | Tattersalls

Zavateri (Without Parole) will drop back to seven furlongs for the G1 City Of York Stakes after mixing it with the best milers on his return to action in the G1 Sussex Stakes at Goodwood.

Eve Johnson Houghton's star performer had not been seen since finishing second in the Greenham earlier this season, missing slated Classic engagements and Royal Ascot with a small setback.

The trainer is predicting marked improvement from that fifth-placed effort and is eyeing a tilt at York next.

She said, "He put up a great fight and was unlucky not to be third, I think. I thought he was fully fit but, in hindsight, race

fitness is different. I know we wouldn't have beaten him, but Bow Echo gave him a hefty whack along the way. If you think, if you're not fully fit and someone gives you a dig, it doesn't half knock the stuffing out of you, which is why he didn't quite finish his race off.

"He's come out of the race fine and trotted up fine. He's looking great afterwards and I'm really happy with him."

The Sussex Stakes was Zavateri's first appearance at a mile and, while Johnson Houghton sees no issue with competing again at that distance, the colt will next be seen at a distance he thrived over last term when a Group 1 winner.

She concluded, "He will probably go for the City Of York Stakes now on the Saturday at York. He gets the mile, but we don't need to be precious over what distance we run him over and it's more important to win races.

"It's great to have him back and, seven furlongs or a mile, there are definitely races to be won with him."

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BLOODSTOCK FORUM LAUNCHES AT NEWMARKET RACES ON SATURDAY

The inaugural 'Foal to Finish Line' forum will take place before racing at Newmarket on Saturday, August 8, with the aim of giving racegoers an insight to the world of bloodstock and sales.

The brainchild of sales consignor Jamie Railton, the initiative has gained the backing of the Federation of Bloodstock Agents, Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, Racehorse Owners Association, National Trainers Federation and sales companies Tattersalls and Goffs.

"I have always been concerned about the disconnect between the bloodstock world and the racecourse and I thought it was an opportunity for racegoers to understand how they can get involved in bloodstock," Railton told TDN.

Planned as a series of short seminars conducted over roughly 30 minutes prior to racing, Foal to Finish Line will appear after its Newmarket debut during two days of York's Ebor Festival.

Railton added, "It is our aim to encourage people to come to public auctions--not many people realise they can come along for free to see the potential champions of tomorrow--and to hear more about how they can get involved in the bloodstock world."

Saturday's event, which takes place a week before the European yearling sales season kicks off at Arqana, will include a panel comprised of a trainer, a bloodstock agent, a sales consignor and an owner, and will begin at 1pm in the parade ring.

Newmarket's card gets underway on Saturday with the G3 Newsells Park Stud Sweet Solera Stakes at 1.55pm.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Tuesday, August 4, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

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

71 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners

14:15-CATTERICK BRIDGE, 7f, **National Pride (Ire)**

€24,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; €37,000 RNA

Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025; £75,600 Tattersalls

Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2026

15:00-FFOS LAS, 7.5f, **First Mate (Ire)**

€27,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; €55,000 Tattersalls

Ireland September Yearling 2025

Space Traveller (GB) (**Bated Breath (GB)**), Starfield Stud

121 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners

17:48-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, **Lunar Blossom (Ire)**

€23,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025

FRANCE

Dicaprio (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}), Haras du Taillis

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

5-DEAUVILLE, 1200m, **Dicanto (Fr)**

Sealiway (Fr) (Galiway {GB}), Haras de Beaumont

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

5-DEAUVILLE, 1200m, **Taxxi (Fr)**

€33,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearling Sale 2025

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CATTERICK DEBUT FOR ALPINISTA'S FIRST FOAL A LA MONTAGNE

2.15 Catterick, Novice, 2yo, 7f 6yT

A LA MONTAGNE (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) wins the award as the most significant runner to grace one of Britain's smallest tracks of Catterick Bridge, being the first foal out of the Arc heroine Alpinista (**Frankel**). Kirsten Rausing's prized possession is of course in the hands of Sir Mark Prescott, is ridden by Luke Morris and, as a bonus, is another grey like her illustrious mum.

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BRITAIN

Monday's Results:

1st-Ripon, £11,000, Nov, 8-3, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.68, gd.

REFLECT ON GLORY (IRE) (c, 2, **Coulsty {Ire}**--**Just Reminiscing {Ire}**, by **Bungle Inthejungle {GB}**), a debut third over this course and distance last week, was the swiftest of four into stride and seized immediate control. Pressed by The Mean Fiddler (**No Nay Never**) throughout, the 7-2 third choice came under the pump approaching the quarter-mile pole marker and was driven out inside the final furlong to win by 3/4-of-a-length.

Reflect On Glory, half-brother to a yearling colt by Gregorian, is the second of three foals and first scorer out of a full-sister to G2 Lowther victrix Living In The Past (Bungle Inthejungle) and Listed Rockingham winner Jungle Drums (Bungle Inthejungle). Sales history: €45,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$9,562.

O-Mohamed Saeed Al Shehhi & Burke; B-Newlands House Stud & Mrs A M Burns; T-Karl Burke.

2nd-Nottingham, £10,000, Nov, 8-3, 2yo, f, 6f 18yT, 1:11.81, g/f.

LOLA DE VALENCE (IRE) (f, 2, **Havana Grey {GB}**--**Sacred Dance {GB}**, by **Sea The Stars {Ire}**), who hit the board tackling this trip at Salisbury in her July 21 debut when last seen, broke sharply and raced on the front end throughout. Shaken up passing the two pole, the 5-1 chance quickened beyond recall approaching the final furlong and ran on strongly in the latter stages to easily overpower Lady Leora (Havana Grey) by 4 1/2 lengths.

Lola De Valence, half-sister to a weanling filly by Charyn, is the third foal and scorer out of a winning half-sister to dual Listed-winning GI Beverly D runner-up Awesometank (Intense Focus). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$9,155.

O-Guy O Callaghan; B-Grangemore Stud; T-Rod Millman.

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2nd-Windsor, £8,000, Novice, 8-3, 2yo, f, 6f 12yT, 1:13.17, g/f.
STAR BAYSIDE BOY (IRE) (f, 2, Bayside Boy {Ire}--Letusgothenyouandi {GB}, by Frankel {GB}), switched from the Richard Hughes stable following her debut no-show here in June, raced behind the early pace trapped wide. Staying on to overhaul Rocane (Persian Force) close home, the 16-1 shot had a neck to spare over that rival at the line.

The winner, the 12th by his first-crop sire, is the first foal out of the unraced dam, a half-sister to the United Nations Stakes winner and Joe Hirsch Turf Classic runner-up Redistricting (Kingman). Also related to the multiple Group 1-winning Breeders' Cup Turf hero St Nicholas Abbey (Montjeu), her son of Calyx sells at the upcoming Goffs Orby Book 2.
 Sales history: €17,000 Ylg '25 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,825.

O-Corinthian Racing; B-Farm Cove Thoroughbreds Ltd; T-Marcus Tregoning.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ardnamurchan (GB), f, 3, Ardad (Ire)--Night Affair (GB), by Bold Edge (GB). Windsor, 8-3, 5f 21yT, 1:00.11. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £5,741. B-Peter Balding & Lady Whent. *10,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT.

Quisana (Ire), f, 3, Ghaiyyath (Ire)--Quipara (GB), by Soldier Hollow (GB). Nottingham, 8-3, 8f 75yT, 1:43.68. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$17,341. B-Kildaragh Stud. *55,000gns RNA Ylg '24 TATOCT.

All Good (GB), f, 3, Tasleet (GB)--Mythical Spirit (Ire), by Dragon Pulse (Ire). Ripon, 8-3, 6fT, 1:12.13. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$7,057. B-Steve Brown.

IRELAND

Monday's Results:

6th-Naas, €200,000, Cond, 8-3, 2yo, 5f 205yT, 1:11.27, gd.
LIVENKA (GB) (f, 2, Bated Breath {GB}--Pavlosk {SW-Eng}, by Arch), the obvious pick on paper for this valuable Ballyhane Stakes, being heavily favoured by the weights due to her sire's median, was able to cruise to halfway with Colin Keane always confident. Set alight when already in command two out, the 4-6 favourite powered clear for a resounding 3 1/2-length win from the Sheila Lavery-trained newcomer Maeda Matsu (Dubawi Legend), with another 1 3/4 lengths back to Ballydoyle's Chesham fourth South Dakota (St Mark's Basilica) in third.

Third to Victorious over six furlongs here and to Alpha over seven at the Curragh, the half-sister to the Phoenix Stakes heroine Babouche (Kodiac) and her multiple Group-winning sibling Zarinsk had beaten the subsequent impressive winner Star Of State at Fairyhouse last month and Keane was taking the blame for the second of her reversals.



Livenka | Racingfotos.com

"It was my fault at the Curragh, as I pushed Ger to go to seven furlongs and it turns out she's a quick filly and more Babouche than Zarinsk--I thought it was the other way round," Keane said. "She was well in at the weights and I couldn't believe how easy I got it to halfway. She quickened to the line and it's a great pot. We've been lucky in this race."

Ger Lyons, who won this with another of the operation's daughters of Bated Breath, Sacred Bridge, in 2021 and last year with Howd'yadoit, is thinking of a quick turnaround at York later this month.

He said, "I always thought something of her and she can only do what she did today. We stuck her in the Lowther this morning and it's all about black-type going forward. She's never turned a hair and has been very straightforward. Babouche was to die for, Zarinsk was a smaller model, and this one does what it says on the tin."

The Listed-winning dam, whose aforementioned Zarinsk captured the Minstrel Stakes, Brownstown Stakes and Cornelscourt Stakes, also produced Babouche who, alongside the Phoenix, also took the Lacken Stakes and Anglesey Stakes. From the family of Zafonic and Zamindar, Pavlosk also has a filly foal by Frankel.

Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, \$148,080.

O/B-Juddmonte; T-Ger Lyons.

7th-Naas, €12,000, Mdn, 8-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:40.96, gd.
NEVER THE SAME (IRE) (f, 3, No Nay Never--Russian River {Ire} {SP-Ire}, by Dandy Man {Ire}), fourth over seven furlongs at the Curragh last month, was soon at the head of affairs. Challenged by Nautic Star (Sioux Nation) inside the final two furlongs, the 3-1 second favourite stuck to her guns to prevail by half a length.

The winner is the first foal out of the Listed-placed dam, whose second is a yearling son of Mehmas sold for €220,000 to Tally Ho at the Goffs February Sale.

7th-Naas cont.

Russian River is a half to the Pinnacle Stakes winner and Lancashire Oaks-placed Miss Marjurie (Marju), who in turn produced the Montrose Stakes scorer Smoken (Too Darn Hot). This is the family of Marju's five-time Group 1-winning European champion Soviet Song, the Prix Jean Romanet winner Ribbons (Manduro), the Group 3 winner and multiple Group 1-placed Tiffany (Farhh) and the brilliant sprinter Marsha (Acclamation).

Sales history: €330,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$9,739.

O-Philip Antonacci & Mrs Paul Shanahan & Mrs John Magnier; B-Pattern Bloodstock & C Henley & J Connolly; T-Joseph O'Brien.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Naas, €18,000, Cond, 8-3, 3yo/up, 5f 205yT, 1:12.23, gd. LIKEDBYMIKE (IRE) (f, 4, Inns Of Court {Ire}--Trisara {GB}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus}) Lifetime Record: MSP-Ire, 21-2-4-4, \$65,848. O-Mrs Michael J Byrne & Jerry P Murphy; B-Killura Agri Ltd (IRE); T-Michael Byrne. *€8,500 Ylg '23 GOFOR2.

FRANCE

Monday's Results:

4th-Clairefontaine, €20,100, Mdn, 8-3, unraced 3yo, f, 12fT, 2:32.40, sf.

DIHYA (FR) (f, 3, St Mark's Basilica {Fr}--Knyazhna {Ire}, by Montjeu {Ire}) broke in rear and trailed all bar one rival passing the judge first time. Inching into midfield turning away from the stands, the 1-2 chalk made headway into third at the top of the straight and was ridden out once gaining an edge with a quarter-mile remaining to withstand the persistent threat of stablemate Eunice (Palace Pier) by a neck.

Dihya is the eighth of nine foals and sixth scorer out of an unraced half-sister to the dual Group 2-placed sire Migwar (*Sea The Stars*) and to the dam of the dual Listed-placed Rose Prick (*No Nay Never*).



Dihya (left) | Scoop Dyga

She is a three-parts sister to three-time Group/Graded-winning GI Arlington Million and GI Maker's Mark Mile third Sacred Life (*Siyouni*) and kin to G1 Grand Prix de Paris hero Feed The Flame (*Kingman*) and G2 Prix Hocquart and G3 Prix du Lys placegetter Khagan (Le Havre). Sales history: €550,000 Ylg '24 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,050.

O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Ecuries des Monceaux, Lordship Stud & Clear Light SAS; T-Andre & Lavinia Fabre.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Clairefontaine, €24,700, Cond, 8-3, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:22.70, sf. TOMAKAY (FR) (g, 5, Toronado {Ire}--Loumaxaye {Fr}, by Hold That Tiger) Lifetime Record: 22-10-4-1, €146,342. O-Gousserie Racing & Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Haras du Ma & Marc Dumont; T-Patrice Cottier. *€120,000 Ylg '22 ARQSEP. **1/2 to Hayejohn (Fr) (Johnny *Barnes* {Ire}), SW-Fr.

1st-Vichy, €17,400, Cond, 8-3, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:25.59, sf. PIEMONT (IRE) (g, 5, Profitable {Ire}--Isle Of Avalon {Ire}, by Camelot {GB}) Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-1, €42,557. O-Leram SRO; B-Mme Perle O'Rourke; T-Vaclav Luka. *€13,000 Wlg '21 GOFNOF; €19,000 Ylg '22 GOFSP.

6th-Vichy, €13,700, 8-3, 3yo, 7fT, 1:28.10, g/s. VARZUGA (FR) (f, 3, Captain Chop {Fr}--Bermionville {Fr}, by Air Chief Marshal {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-0, €19,848. O-Mme Marie Giraudi; B/T-William Walton.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Black Mor (Fr), g, 3, **Chemical Charge (Ire)**--Achera (Fr), by Silver Frost (Ire). Clairefontaine, 8-3, 12ft, 2:36.70. B-Mme Patricia Morin-Paye.

Hanamour (Fr), g, 3, **Elarqam (GB)**--Hamour Des Sablons (Fr), by American Devil (Fr). Dinan, 8-3, 11 1/2ft, 2:25.93. B-Eric Becq.

**IN SAUDI ARABIA:**

Maymun (Ire), c, 2, **Phoenix of Spain (Ire)**--Spiorad Saor (Ire), by Free Eagle (Ire). Ta'if, 8-1, Maiden, 1400m. B-Irish National Stud. *1ST-TIME STARTER. €15,000 RNA Wlg '24 GOFNOV; €17,000 Ylg '25 GOF OCT. **VIDEO**

Alzaem (Ire), c, 2, **Sottsass (Fr)**--March Madness (GB) (MSP-Ity, \$148,983), by Noverre. Ta'if, 8-1, Maiden, 1600m. B-Razza Del Velino. *Won by 7 3/4 lengths. **1/2 to Candy Store (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), GSW-Ity, SP-US, \$237,200; The Conqueror (Ire) (Excelebration {Ire}), 2x Hwt. Older Horse-Ity at 5-7f, MGSW-Ity, \$402,547. ***€8,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOV; €29,000 RNA Ylg '25 GOFSEP. **VIDEO**

Tuwajeri (Ire), c, 3, **Phoenix of Spain (Ire)**--Tara Celeb (GB), by Excelebration (Ire). Ta'if, 8-1, Taif Derby Prep (Cond.), 1600m. B-Lynn Lodge Stud. *€90,000 Ylg '24 GOFAUG. **VIDEO**

Raakeb (Ire), c, 3, **Ten Sovereigns (Ire)**--Salve Stella (Ire), by Shamardal. Ta'if, 8-1, Novice (0-1 wins), 1200m. B-Gestut Hony-Hof. *First start in Saudi Arabia. **€50,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOV; £58,000 Ylg '24 GOFAUG. **VIDEO**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

BRIAN MCGUIRE APPOINTED COOLMORE AUSTRALIA RACING MANAGER

Coolmore has appointed Brian McGuire as Racing Manager at its Australian operation, the farm announced on Monday.

The appointment was revealed by Tom Magnier, who said, "We are pleased to announce that Brian McGuire has been appointed Racing Manager at Coolmore Australia. Brian brings a wealth of experience to the role, and we look forward to his continued contribution to the team."

McGuire joined Coolmore Australia in 2023.

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