

ROBBY ALBARADO PASSES AWAY



Robby Albarado and Kenny McPeck celebrate Swiss Skydiver's victory in the 2020 GI Preakness Stakes | MJC

Former jockey Robby Albarado passed away in Saratoga following complications from a heart procedure. He was 52.

Albarado, who retired from race riding in December of 2021, won 40 Grade I races during his career. He was the regular rider of two-time Horse of the Year **Curlin**, aboard whom he won the 2007 GI Breeders' Cup Classic and GI Preakness Stakes, as well as the 2008 G1 Dubai World Cup.

Albarado rode the Ken McPeck-trained Swiss Skydiver to victory in the 2020 Preakness Stakes and had been galloping horses for the trainer in recent years. He underwent surgery at Saratoga Hospital last week to put stents in to alleviate a blockage near his heart and was convalescing at McPeck's home where he passed away Monday night or Tuesday morning.

"He and I worked together over the years," McPeck said. "He won a lot of big races for me. And towards the end of his career, the job he did on Swiss Skydiver in the Preakness and going into the race, we worked together every day. It was beyond special."

McPeck continued, "He was a cross between a son and a little brother, I suppose. But he was a really valuable part of our team. And just a really great guy all together. You can't imagine how many people have reached out. Whenever we had a horse that I needed him on, he'd go. If that was in Florida, he'd go to Florida. If it was Louisiana, he'd go to Louisiana." **Cont. p3**

CELEBRATING 'A BEAUTIFUL LIFE': CLEMENT POSTHUMOUSLY HONORED AT HALL OF FAME INDUCTION *by Mike Kane*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. - Coincidence introduced Valerie de Bona and Christophe Clement.

It proved to be the serendipitous first step toward a marriage that brought them to America, where they raised their family and were partners in a Hall of Fame career training Thoroughbreds.

Valerie, who laughs easily, chuckled as she described how an empty seat connected the 18-year-old students taking an econometrics course at Assas University in Paris.

"Christophe randomly sat next to me in our college library and realized we were working on the same stat papers," she said. "He politely engaged the conversation to discuss my notes. I was further in the questions to solve and, he recalled, far too 'competitive' to be helpful." **Cont. p4**

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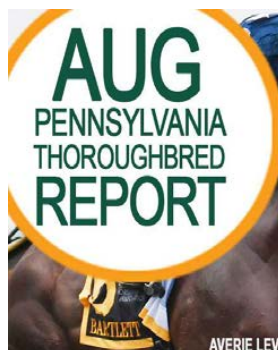
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Robby Albarado Passes Away (cont. from p1)

"He was staying in my house here in Saratoga because we had some horses that I wanted the best on. And he was the best," McPeck said.

Albarado rode 64-1 longshot Court Vision to victory in the 2011 GI Breeders' Cup Mile for trainer Dale Romans.

"Just devastated by the loss of Robby Albarado," Romans said. "We shared great victories and unforgettable moments, but above all, he was family. Our hearts and prayers are with his children and everyone who loved him.

"He was my main rider for a long time. He was a good friend to his friends, including me. He was hard-working, talented at what he did, was always upbeat, a good man to be around. He texted me Sunday: 'I feel like a new person,' with a muscle emoji. To pick out one race he rode for me, Court Vision would be the one. He got up by a nose. He told me the week before, working him on the turf, that he'd never been better and he could win this race. And he won the Breeders' Cup Mile at 60-1."



Robby Albarado aboard **Curlin** in Dubai World Cup | Horsephotos

Albarado started out at the bush tracks in his native Louisiana and earned his first official win in 1990 at Evangeline Downs. He continued to ride in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Illinois before becoming a regular on the Kentucky circuit in 1996. By the mid-nineties, he had established himself as one of the leading riders in the Midwest. In 1998, he won 269 races with earnings of \$9,366,585. The same year, he won his first two Grade I races, winning the Three Chimneys Spinster and the Turf Classic at Churchill Downs.

Albarado won 5,222 races during his career and had earnings of \$221,560,948, according to Equibase figures.

Approaching his 5,000th win in 2017, Albarado told TDN, "When I go out there, I always try to remember that on slower days, you may feel like there are no major races, but those races are major to somebody."

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He continued, "A win means a lot, no matter the race and I've been around for a long time and learned that you feel really good when you help out people. Whether it's by riding for someone or giving advice to help these younger riders. I think it's important to be a good influence. Especially with the younger jocks coming up. You want them to be, not just better jockeys, but better people."

Albarado ranks fourth all time in wins at Churchill Downs with 1,192 and is second behind Pat Day with 87 stakes wins at the Louisville oval.

"Saying goodbye to someone who left us too soon is extremely difficult," Churchill Downs Racetrack President Mike Anderson said in a statement from the track on Albarado's passing. "The Churchill Downs family is saddened by this devastating loss and we extend our deepest condolences to his family and numerous friends."

A statement on Albarado's passing from the Breeders' Cup read, "We are saddened to learn of the passing of Robby Albarado, whose unforgettable victory aboard **Curlin** in the 2007 GI Breeders' Cup Classic remains a defining moment in Breeders' Cup history. A gifted horseman and fierce competitor, he dedicated his life to Thoroughbred racing and left a lasting mark on the sport. Our heartfelt condolences are with his family, friends, and members of the racing community who are mourning his loss."

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Celebrating a 'Beautiful Life' (cont. from p1)

Of that first meeting with her future husband, Valerie continued, "He added his priorities were horses and going racing, and it did not mean anything to me. It should certainly have been the end of it that day, but destiny decided differently. It was simply the beginning."

More than 40 years after Christophe found a place to sit, Valerie will represent her late husband Friday when he is inducted into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame. She brushed away a suggestion that it will be a bittersweet moment because he is receiving racing's highest honor 15 months after his death at 59 in May 2025 from a rare form of cancer.

"I don't feel that," she said. "Christophe was not even angry with the cancer. I would say he just shared. He came to America hoping to have a lovely life, and he kept saying, 'I didn't have a lovely life, we had a beautiful life.' So, if you look at this, everything is a plus."

Though racing accomplishments measured in numbers are the basis for election to a hall of fame, Valerie said that her husband's legacy goes well beyond his 2,576 victories that included 286 graded stakes victories, and \$184 million in purses earned. The son of a successful French trainer who died when he was a young teenager, Christophe grew up in Chantilly amidst the sport.

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His racing education matured through working with the renowned French trainer Alec Head and his family, an internship in the U.S. with Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey, and a four-year tour as an assistant to trainer Luca Cumani in England.



Christophe and Valerie Clement | Tod Marks

"He had an immense talent, but he did not let his talent define him, because for him it was a gift that he enjoyed sharing," Valerie said. "Sharing was a big part in his life, and he wanted his team to do well. For him, it was natural."

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Valerie continued, “He was the mentor of many young people, and when they got enough knowledge, stability, learned discipline and attention to details, then Christophe was generous and helped them fly away. That’s why they all showed up at the celebration of his life from anywhere, wrote me endlessly, and that doesn’t come from the list of wins on Wikipedia. That would not define Christophe.”

Those minutes of whispered conversation at the chance meeting in the library sparked a courtship with people who had little in common.

“I was just a math girl, not close to nature one bit,” she said. “If I left Paris, the periphery of Paris, every time I felt I’m doing an African safari, that level of knowledge with nature. So, it was the funniest thing that my husband could not be closer to nature, and me, I was just a very Parisian girl, in my cafe with my latest exhibition. In my little car, I was restaurating out. So, we couldn’t be more opposite when we met.”

Against the odds, their relationship flourished while she continued her course work for a Master’s in Econometrics and he went off for a stint in America--she says as a groom, certainly not as an assistant--for McGaughey.

“So, we were having a long love story, long distance,” she said, noting that it was a time before cellphones were commonplace and international calls were expensive.

The Clements married four years after they met, and settled in Newmarket, where the Cumani stable was based. Their first child, Miguel, who has succeeded his father as the Clement Stable trainer, was born in June 1991. Three months later, the young family relocated to the U.S., to New York, to manage a tiny stable of horses imported from Europe.

“We were very courageous,” she said. “Most people thought it was a mad idea, and we would come back to Europe within five years, to come back to our senses. And Christophe said, ‘No, no. I have an idea. I could have a lot of Europeans coming and have a career in America. We could bridge the two continents.’”

A week and a half ahead of his 26th birthday, Clement won with the first horse he saddled in his name, Spectaculaire, on Oct. 20 at Belmont Park. The 3-year-old colt had raced five times in Europe before that Belmont maiden triumph. The other seven horses that Clement started that year all had begun their careers

in Europe. Only one of his five owners that year was an American, R.D. Hubbard.

Valerie said two female runners helped her husband quickly establish his credentials.

“What brought a lot of attention is when Christophe right away had won with Passagere du Soir (GB), and Sardaniya (Ire). His first year, he started winning big, and he put Passagere du Soir to run against the boys. And at the time, you didn’t do that. Christophe said, ‘Oh, she can beat the boys,’ and the race was exactly what he wanted. People said, ‘Oh, what a crazy Frenchman!’ That’s what started to bring all the attention to him.”

French legend Andre Fabre was the trainer of record when Passagere du Soir beat males in the GII Tidal Handicap the day after Clement’s debut victory with Spectaculaire. Her prominent

French owner Paul de Moussac left her in the U.S. with Clement. Repeatedly facing males, she was second in the GIII Laurel Turf Cup Handicap, third in the listed Hialeah Turf Cup Handicap, won the 1992 GII Gulfstream Park Budweiser Breeders’ Cup Handicap and was second in the GII Pan American Handicap.

Sardaniya, bred and raced by the Aga Khan, joined the Clement stable after she finished third in the 1991 GII E.P. Taylor for British trainer John Oxx. She gave Clement his second graded stakes win in the

1992 GII La Prevoyante Invitational Handicap.

In 1992, the growing Clement stable sent out 29 different horses. The number of separate starters doubled to 58 in 1993 and the stable topped \$1 million in purse earnings.

“I’m very grateful for the very first owners we had,” Valerie said. “You can have talent, but you need people at the beginning to just say, ‘Okay, I’m going to be supportive, because after that it’s up to you.’ But you need this. I would say when you help young people, it’s a generosity because you’re unproven. After, it was easy to come to Christophe because then you know he had talent, but it is the people that saw a young couple with courage, a newborn, and said, ‘Okay, I’m going to be supportive,’ and that’s generosity.”

Clement had tremendous success with turf runners, topped by multiple champion Gio Ponti (Tale of the Cat), but showed his versatility with many winners on the dirt, too. An important moment came in the 2014 GI Belmont Stakes when **Tonalist** (Tapit) prevailed in California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit)’s attempt to complete the Triple Crown sweep.



Tonalist | Sarah Andrew

Through the decades, Valerie has been active in the family business, with logistics and financial planning. She is the co-owner of Chateau du Cheval, a design and merchandising company, and is a breeder and an owner.

Christophe was found to have uveal melanoma in his eye in August 2023 and underwent what was thought to be a successful surgery. However, in Oct. 2024, he was told that the cancer had spread to many places in his body. The morning after his passing the family released [a farewell post he had written](#).

Thirty-four years after Clement won his debut, Far Bridge (English Channel) gave him a victory in the GII Man o' War in what was his final visit to the track two weeks before his death.

"He took his last interview in the paddock, but he did not go for the win photo," Valerie said. "I understood later he was saying goodbye in his own way, watching us on the side. It was his way of saying, 'You can do it without me there.'"



Gio Ponti | Sarah Andrew

When it is her turn on the stage at the induction ceremony, Valerie said she will work hard not to let emotion overwhelm her during her speech. Her remarks will touch on Christophe's many interests, including gardening and cooking, to show that his life was all about the horses, but not only about horses.

"I do not think he would give anyone a list of races he won to represent his work, but instead he would talk about the excitement of having a barn full of horses ready to run, the team around him, some specifics about the week ahead," she said. "He felt so fortunate and blessed in many ways. He never looked back much, as today was taking all his attention as well as dreaming of tomorrow."

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THE TRIPLE CROWN PASSES AWAY AT 107

by Bill Finley

The Triple Crown series, which captivated racing fans and provided the sport with some of its most electric moments since the series was first swept by Sir Barton in 1919, passed away Monday. It was 107.

The cause of its death was a [new series of races announced by the New York Racing Association and Churchill Downs](#). The six-race series, called the "Thoroughbred Championship Series," will begin with the GI Kentucky Derby and conclude with a championship race at Churchill in September. Many details have yet to be released, but knowing Churchill and NYRA, the purses for each race will be huge and the series will include a \$5-million prize pool that will be awarded based on the final standings.

The Triple Crown will continue to exist, but its relevance will wither to the point where the series will be so overshadowed by the NYRA-Churchill series that it is hard to imagine that it will remain an important part of racing. The reason: the GI Preakness Stakes was not included in the Thoroughbred Championship Series.

The Preakness was already in trouble. Three of the last six Kentucky Derby winners passed the race, a list that includes the last two winners in **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief) and **Golden Tempo** (Curlin). That trend figured to continue as the modern trainer is very reluctant to run a horse back in two weeks.

By passing the Preakness, trainers Bill Mott (Sovereignty) and Cherie DeVaux (Golden Tempo) made it clear that winning the Triple Crown was not as important to them as what was right for their horses. In the 2026 Preakness, only three horses that ran in the Derby returned for the Preakness.



Justify was the last horse to win the Triple Crown | Sarah Andrew

The obvious solution was to move the date of both the Preakness and the GI Belmont Stakes so that there was enough time between the races that trainers would be more comfortable with the timing. But NYRA never showed any willingness to push back the date of the Belmont, which left the Preakness stuck where it was.

With the advent of the Thoroughbred Championship Series, there is less incentive than ever to run in the Preakness. Trainers who participate in the Kentucky Derby are sure to focus on the new series and all that it offers—huge purse dollars, that bonus pool, and a schedule where the races are spread far enough apart that a trainer can reasonably point for four or more of the races. They will go from the Derby to the Belmont and then look at the GIII Matt Winn Stakes, the GII Jim Dandy Stakes, the GI DK Travers Stakes, and then the championship race that will be the conclusion of the series.

Maryland racing officials have said that they will have an announcement on Wednesday regarding the future of the Preakness. But what can they do? Moving the race to three weeks after the Derby wouldn't have any impact at all. Another possibility is to move the Preakness to July and make it the third leg of the Triple Crown. That's probably their best move. But Churchill and NYRA have already announced that the Matt Winn will be moved from June to July. Will trainers of top 3-year-olds chose the Preakness or stick with the Churchill-NYRA series? That will be a tough call, but my money is on the Matt Winn, which will no doubt see a substantial purse increase.

You have to feel bad for the new Maryland Jockey Club and the state of Maryland, which has doubled down on its efforts to revitalize racing in the state. Pimlico, which was a wreck, is being rebuilt and the state paid The Stronach Group \$48.5 million for Laurel in order to turn it into a training center.

But, in hindsight, Maryland Governor Wes Moore blundered when he authorized the state to pay \$85 million to acquire the intellectual property rights to the Preakness. Not only did the state pay \$85 million for the rights to a race that is likely to become less relevant, but it wrestled those rights away from Churchill Downs after Churchill had originally entered into an agreement with the Stronach Group to pay the same \$85 million for the intellectual property rights. Had Churchill held on to those rights, it would not have wanted to weaken the Preakness

and likely would not have participated in any series of races that would have done so.

The new series is also bad news for the GI Haskell Stakes and the GI Pennsylvania Derby, two races that are now important stops on the way to the GI Breeders' Cup Classic for 3-year-old colts. The Haskell will now be competing with a revitalized and likely an enriched, Jim Dandy, and the Pennsylvania Derby will be going up against the championship race that will be the conclusion of the new series. Both will surely be left behind.

Though the Triple Crown was, for decades, the most successful series in the sport and its 13 winners will remain immortals, maybe the inevitable shift away from the Triple Crown and to the Thoroughbred Championship Series is not such a bad thing. With two straight Derby winners passing the Preakness, the Triple Crown was quickly losing its importance. And there was nothing that was going to change that as long as the Preakness was run two weeks after the Derby. The Preakness will still

attract crowds and be a big day for Maryland racing, but it had become the weak link in the Triple Crown and was bringing down the entire series.

Sports need to evolve, especially horse racing, which is not known to make bold or consequential moves. Controversial and outspoken owner **Mike Repole nailed it when he tweeted:** "I applaud @ChurchillDowns and @TheNYRA for working together in the best interests of the sport and for recognizing that evolution requires innovation,

real change and the courage to do things differently. NBC and FOX working together to broadcast this series is another great example of exactly what this industry needs: major organizations putting competition aside, breaking down silos and collaborating to create something bigger, better and more exciting for the entire sport."

Next year will usher in a new era for the sport and its marquee division for 3-year-old males. We'll have to see what happens with the Triple Crown and how the Maryland Jockey Club tries to maneuver through a difficult situation. But it's hard to see how the Triple Crown series stays relevant. Thanks for the memories.



Golden Tempo wins the Belmont | Sarah Andrew

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BREEDING DIGEST: SAFE HANDS STEADY

THE SHIP *by Chris McGrath*

Getting your matings right is only ever a start. The babies then need to find their way into the right hands, generally something outside your control. But if there are degrees of expertise out there, you can at least be confident that the vast majority of our community will be reliably animated, first and foremost, by a passion for the horse.

On those rare occasions when that confidence proves shockingly misplaced, however, even our best selves can seldom redeem the disaster.

Happily, that has at least happened with one of 33 neglected horses discovered on a farm near Ocala in 2009. Many did not survive. One that did, whether by fortune or fortitude, was a 9-year-old General Meeting mare, a winner in a light career but sold the previous winter for \$2,200. Meetmeontime was retrieved by her previous owners, who continued the painstaking care of the rescue charity and restored her to such a bloom that she was actually able to resume breeding.

Famously, Meetmeontime's second foal after her reprieve turned out to be **Bucchero**, now recycling his salvaged genetic legacy to such effect at stud. After **Bucchero** broke his maiden for Ironhorse Racing Stable, its founder and managing partner Harlan Malter alertly took into his program the Line of David filly delivered by Meetmeontime the following spring.

Sea Strike, 2023			 equineline
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			Lucky Spell
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			Beautiful Glass
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			Carnival Princess
	Line of David		Tale of the Cat
			Satin Sunrise
Meetmeonline	Emma's Dilemma		Capote
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Meetmeonline showed no hint of her half-brother's class in six starts. In the meantime, however, the quality of her genes had been corroborated by Meetmeontime's first foal, Meets Expectations (Valid Expectations), delivered back in 2004. For while she had shown nothing as a runner, her visit to **Bucchero**'s sire **Kantharos** also produced a top sprinter in World of Trouble.

That was evidently not lost on Nathan McCauley of River Oak Farm and Lesley Campion, who partnered with Malter on Meetmeonline for her breeding career. Though disappointed that she failed to reach her reserve, when consecutively offered with covers by **Union Rags** and **Twirling Candy**, Campion and McCauley bought out Malter and in 2022 sent her to **Midshipman**.

And this, really, is what I mean by "our best selves." Foaling out mares is admittedly peripheral to Campion's portfolio, and certainly McCauley loves trading. Yet there couldn't be a more exemplary contrast between the passion and knowledge devoted to Meetmeonline, and the horrifying environment that nearly claimed her dam.



Sea Strike going through the ring at OBS (Hip 325) | OBS

In choosing **Midshipman**, moreover, her owners recognized the sheer, proven worth of a yeoman standing at a lower fee than so many of the rookies who annually host a stampede of mares--despite the certainty that most will fail.

There's actually a challenging question here, for those driving the commercial obsession with new sires. (Which, as I'm always saying, starts with the spenders, not the breeders.) Because are we really being "our best selves," ensuring the breed's welfare, in flooding the gene pool with blood statistically guaranteed, overall, to impair its quality?

We know for a fact that hardly any newcomers will match **Midshipman** on a ratio of stakes winners (62 at 6.7% of named foals) and performers (13.4%) that beats even his farm's top gun, **Nyquist**.

It must be gratefully acknowledged that the roster they share always gives those breeders who do prize accomplishment every incentive to tap into it. **Midshipman**, **Hard Spun** and **Street Sense** have maintained traffic even into the veteran stage by the accessible pitching of fees.

What **Midshipman** hasn't quite managed is to put the same elite icing on the cake. Despite a few near-misses, his 10 graded stakes winners have yet to crown his career at the highest level. But that might yet change, following the breakout eight-length **Curlin** Stakes success of his son out of Meetmeonline, Sea Strike.

Sold for \$140,000 as a Keeneland September yearling to Arroyo Bloodstock--via Paramount, where Champion is such a welcoming presence--this colt proved a knockout pinhook through Caliente Thoroughbreds at OBS, Kimmel/Sallusto signing at \$650,000 for Flanagan Racing. (Remarkably, the same prospectors found last year's **Curlin** Stakes winner Chancer McPatrick (**McKinzie**) in the same consignment). After rebounding from his 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard,' debut, Sea Strike melted the clock on Sunday and could yet become the Grade I winner **Midshipman** has long deserved.



Sea Strike, out of Meetmeonline, takes the **Curlin Stakes**
Sarah Andrew

Meetmeonline meanwhile has a yearling filly by another who punches above weight, **Army Mule**, and now a brother to Sea Strike. That's how you steady a ship, after it has been salvaged from a sickening whirlpool. There's no conspicuous reason for this family to have flourished. Sea Strike himself does have a conspicuous triplication of Seattle Slew, three of whose sons appear as respective damsires of **Midshipman**, Line of David and Meetmeonline. But that's the point, really. We don't predicate our care on guarantees. Every horse deserves the best of horsemanship.

Good-Good a Win-Win

Of course, we can only trade in the world we live in. None of us, then, can ever be wholly absolved of an opinion on all those vaunted new sires. Which is fine, so long as we double down--because truly believing in a stallion, rather than in some unthinking vogue--when everyone else is moving on, and fees and books start to slide.

During our winter quest for value among Kentucky sires, for instance, I asked why anybody who thought **Life Is Good** worth support at \$100,000, or **Corniche** at \$30,000, would go elsewhere when the same semen was now available at \$60,000 and \$15,000, respectively. After all, we had meanwhile been able to examine what they can produce, and anyone who did so would surely persevere.

Clearly any sensible breeder must demand more from sires in this intake launched with conspicuous advantages of quantity (such as **Golden Pal** or **Epicenter**) or quality (**Flightline** or **Life Is Good**). If you're allowed 293 mares, it's going to take more than merely aggregated wins or purses to impress anyone. As always, performance is relative.

To be fair, only a couple of stallions are getting their first winners at a brisker rate than **Golden Pal**, who has a dozen winners from no fewer than 37 starters already. These are **Highly Motivated** (nine for 23) and, down in Florida, Roadster (seven for 19). Others earning early headlines are **Early Voting** and **Life Is Good**, who between them have a constellation of 'TDN Rising Stars.'



Life Is Good | *Sarah Andrew*

As acknowledged, **Life Is Good** had plenty of assistance from mares deemed worthy of a six-figure fee. One such was the dam of Life Changing, who made his sire the fastest ever to register a fourth 'Rising Star' at Saratoga last weekend--nearly a year after his recruitment by Repole Stable, over the street, for \$1.025 million.

That price reflected the fact that Smart Shopping (Smart Strike) had already added **Seize the Grey** (Arrogate) to the wonderful family cultivated by the late Audrey "Tolie" Otto, and meanwhile her children, tracing to the Wheatley matriarch Lady Be Good. Who knew that by combining her line with a stallion like this, "Good" things might happen!

Gasaway Takes Charge

It was because everyone was scurrying to the next cycle of unproven stallions that **Take Charge Indy** was exported to Korea even before his first runners reached the gate in 2017. When he finished second, second and first in the intake, through its first three years, WinStar activated a clause to bring him home. Unfortunately, he has seldom approached another Long Range Toddy since. In fairness, 27 black-type winners represent a respectable one-in-20 named foals, but a tricky breeding season last year reduced him to \$7,500 this spring.



Twinkle Town | Sarah Andrew

But the Midas touch of Lance Gasaway, plus others who shared the **Mystik Dan** adventure, including trainer Kenny McPeck, is now fanning some life back into the embers of **Take Charge Indy**'s eligibility as conduit for his parents' celebrated genes.

Twinkle Town, six-length winner of the GII Saratoga Special Stakes, is the first runner out of Southern Grayce (**Liam's Map**), a four-time winner purchased by Gasaway for \$170,000 as a 2-year-old in 2020. That made her best of some otherwise ordinary winners out of She Be Keene, a Posse half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies scorer She Be Wild (Offlee Wild). But another half-sister to that pair, Wild Empress (Empire Maker), has already this year freshened up the page by producing GII TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby winner Emerging Market (**Candy Ride {Arg}**).

So we now have a third luminous talent below Twinkle Town's third dam Trappings (Seeking the Gold), despite the racetrack mediocrity she shared with her siblings and almost all her foals. People who hang their hat on a system will doubtless explain that Emerging Market and Twinkle Town both resulted from the intervention in this family of a son or grandson of Unbridled, in Empire Maker and **Liam's Map**, respectively. We can perhaps cede a point in that **Take Charge Indy**, for his part, additionally

owed Long Range Toddy to a mare by Unbridled's Song. But to borrow the famous cable sent from the Monte Carlo casino: "System working well, send more money!"

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WEEK OF JULY 27-AUG. 2

by Randy Moss

This week we have the six fastest maidens, thanks to a tie for fifth.

5 (tie). NEWTON, DMR, 8/2-1st, 1m (Video)

Beyer Speed Figure-84 (2nd)

(c, 3, Munnings--Secret Jewel, by Bernardini)

O-SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Stonestreet Stables, Bashor Racing, Determined Stables, Golconda Stable, Waves Edge Capital and Catherine Donovan. B-Three Chimneys Farm (Ky). T-Bob Baffert. J-Emisael Jaramillo.

Baffert trainees Newton and Black Tie Optional ran Beyers of 84, finished as the runners-up in their respective races and each carried 120 pounds. So, 'even steven.' The \$975,000 yearling was stretching out after a debut third sprinting, and his dam is a half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf Stakes winner Shared Account (Pleasantly Perfect), as well as MGSW Sparkle Blue (**Hard Spun**).

5 (tie). BLACK TIE OPTIONAL, DMR, 8/2-4th, 6 1/2f (Video)

Beyer Speed Figure-84 (2nd)

(c, 3, Not This Time--Stylishly, by Speightstown)

O-My Racehorse. B-Taylor Made Stallions, Barry Fowler, Joel Politi, George Saufl et al. T-Bob Baffert. J-Joel Rosario.

The \$500,000 Saratoga yearling debuted Sunday with a sharp half-length defeat at the hands of Roscoe's Brother (below)--and if you watch the replay closely, he actually bucked a few strides out of the gate. Baffert also trained the maternal granddam, Always a Princess (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), who took three graded stakes.

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4. ROSCOE'S BROTHER, DMR, 8/2-4th, 6 1/2f (Video)

Beyer Speed Figure-85 (1st)

(c, 3, **Violence**--Speranza, by Into Mischief)

O-Muir Hut Stables. B-St Elias Stables (Ky). T-Mark Glatt.

J-Emisael Jaramillo.

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The only question Sunday was whether Roscoe's Brother was good enough to win--he was certainly ready to run. He finally debuted after 28 published breezes, although many last summer were of the one- and two-furlong variety. Dueling for the lead throughout, he gutted out a half-length score as the 7-2 second choice. Muir Hut's Sean Rodgers bought him at auction as a yearling for \$175,000 from Vinny Viola.

3. ESSOS, DMR, 8/2-1st, 1m (Video)

Beyer Speed Figure-89 (1st)

(g, 3, Liam's Map--Taparri, by **Tapit**)

O-Saints or Sinners and Dan Agnew. B-Woodford Thoroughbreds (Ky). T-Mark Glatt. J-Joel Rosario.

Coming off a second-place finish in a notably fast maiden route at Santa Anita May 22, Essos roared from last to first to whip a good maiden line-up that included a couple of Baffert entries. Glatt has been throwing a lot against the wall with him recently: a switch from grass to dirt, blinkers on then back off and most recently castration. The \$475,000 2-year-old is a full-brother to SP Lost and Found--a red-hot Tapeta-loving filly with trainer Brittany Russell.

2. HADRIAN'S WALL, SAR, 7/30-4th, 1 1/8m (Video)

Beyer Speed Figure-94 (2nd)

(c, 3, **Curlin**--Thoughtfully, by **Tapit**)

O-Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Peter Brant and Brook Smith. B-Hill n Dale Equine Holdings & Determined Stud (Ky). T-Chad Brown. J-Manny Franco.

After running Beyers of 82 and 78 at the same nine-furlong distance in runner-up finishes at Aqueduct and Saratoga, the \$1.3-million Keeneland September grad caught the slop last week and jumped to 94--again finishing second. That lofty speed figure is more in line with his pedigree. His dam won the GII Adirondack at Saratoga and her Phipps lineage traces back to 1960s foundation mare Lady Pitt, who also appears in the pedigree of **Flightline**. Thoughtfully's colt by **Gun Runner** brought \$3.3 million during Keeneland September last year.



Preside | Sarah Andrew

1. PRESIDE, SAR, 7/30-4th, 1 1/8m (Video)

Beyer Speed Figure-96 (1st)

(c, 3, **Tiz the Law**--Georgian Dancer, by Souper Speedy)

O-Spendthrift Farm, St Elias Stable, West Point Thoroughbreds and LVD Racing. B-Schwing Thoroughbreds (La). T-Steve Asmussen. J-Irad Ortiz Jr.

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Congratulations to all the connections from Paramount Sales

A month ago at Churchill Downs, Preside ran a 95 Beyer only to come up a half-length short to a 96 by Sassmaster (**Curlin**) as they took the top two spots in "Five Fastest Maidens." On Thursday at Saratoga, the Louisiana-bred was part of another stakes-level maiden race that produces Nos. 1 and 2 on our list--only this time he landed on the winning side. He's been a conversation topic ever since he went from a \$125,000 yearling to an OBS \$1.5-million sales topper purchased by a powerhouse partnership.

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IN MIDST OF BANKRUPTCY SALE AND ABRUPT END TO '26 RACING SEASON, HAWTHORNE APPLIES FOR '27 DATES

by T.D. Thornton

Hawthorne Race Course, whose management abruptly and prematurely ended the 2026 racing season two weeks ago, then mandated that backstretch residents vacate the property in advance of a pending Chapter 11 bankruptcy sale, has applied for 2027 race dates with the Illinois Racing Board (IRB).

The application, with a proposed Mar. 27-Oct. 31 season, caught representatives with the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA) off guard when it was announced Tuesday by the IRB.

"It comes as a surprise, being that there's a closing on the Hawthorne property set for after the first of September," ITHA president Chris Block told *TDN* in a phone interview. "And also a little surprising that they're applying, considering they still owe the horsemen \$1.3 million in purses.

"I don't know where, if you don't have a racetrack, how do you [move forward with such an application] if, in fact, the closing takes place?" Block continued. "Unless they're thinking the closing may not take place in September.

"But, with that said, if it doesn't take place, there's no money to keep the track going. It's my understanding they're broke," Block said.

Tim Carey, president of the Chicago-area track that has been owned by several generations of his family for the past 117 years, did not respond to *TDN*'s request for an interview or an explanation of Hawthorne's dates request prior to deadline for this story.

A similar message sent to a Hawthorne publicist Aug. 4 also went unanswered.

The Stickney, Illinois, track--the last Thoroughbred venue on the once-robust Chicago circuit--sought federal bankruptcy protection Feb. 27 to try and restructure between \$100 and \$500 million in debt.

The track is on a court-approved schedule to be sold for \$90 million to a Delaware shell company that has not disclosed a use for the property beyond indicating that it does not intend to use the land for horse racing.

TDN learned of Hawthorne's dates request via an emailed press release sent Tuesday morning by the IRB's executive director, Domenic DiCera.

Immediately after receiving the press release, *TDN* sent an email to DiCera asking if he could provide context on the dates request while also asking for a copy of Hawthorne's full application.

In reply, *TDN* got an auto-reply from DiCera's email account stating that he'd be unavailable until later in the week.

Hawthorne, which ran Standardbred meets under the name Suburban Downs until the company bounced at least \$580,000 in checks earlier this year and had its harness license suspended by the IRB, also requested Standardbred dates spanning Jan. 2-Dec. 26, 2027.

Are the license applications part of a strategic move to preserve an asset for whichever version of the current ownership emerges from the bankruptcy process? Allowing the permits to lapse could reduce their value, even if Hawthorne ends up with no viable location to conduct the race meets.

With Hawthorne executives mum on the reasoning behind the applications and the IRB's executive director unavailable, *TDN* asked Block to speculate on what function it might serve Hawthorne to keep a Thoroughbred racing license in the pipeline.

"Unless there was some emergency version of a dates order that would come out after the first of the year if they did find someone to fund the meet there for next year, I don't know why they would do that," Block said. "It could be a placeholder for something like that, but I don't know the dynamics."

On July 29, the ITHA filed a motion in United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Illinois (Eastern Division), seeking an order to recover \$711,554 in unpaid purses from race dates in July, plus \$603,069 for purses previously earned but not withdrawn from the horsemen's bookkeeper account maintained by Hawthorne.

A separate court filing in mid-July stated that 447 horses, 337 adults and 147 children were living on Hawthorne's backstretch, and that all were facing an Aug. 31 deadline to vacate the premises.

TDN asked Block to provide an update on the moving-out process.

"There were some trainers that moved out to different racetracks [after the July 19 final races] and took some of the employees living on the Hawthorne backstretch with them. And then [the exodus] slowed down quite a bit. We've had, from the numbers that we see right now, about six occupants relocating in the last week or 10 days," Block said.

"There are probably about 215 horses still there. That number will probably dwindle down by the middle of August. But we're very concerned that it will be a challenge for these people to find housing.

"A lot of these people have never rented before, so there's no credit history that they have, number one. And number two, they're going to have to come up with a security deposit and first month's rent, and most of these people have lost their jobs over the last month or so.

"The ITHA is doing all we possibly can. We're having a housing fair on Friday [with] some charities that are going to come in and try to help facilitate some movement for these people to find different living accommodations. And then there are some trainers that are still at Hawthorne that are going to be moving within the next two weeks, and will probably take some of those people with them," Block said.

"But we believe there's going to be a group of them that, I'm afraid, aren't going to be able to find somewhere to go. And those are the ones that are going to really, really be our challenges to find housing for.

"So it's a work in progress. Every day is a new challenge. But we're doing our best to work through it and hope to find help for as many people as we can," Block said.

In addition to Hawthorne's dual-breed meet requests, Fairmount Park, 280 miles southwest of Hawthorne and just over the Mississippi River from St. Louis, Missouri, requested 2027 dates that span Apr. 6-Nov. 24.

The IRB has set a Sept. 16 meeting to decide on the pending dates applications.

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REPORT: NBC RETAINS RIGHTS TO PREAKNESS

NBC Sports, which holds the rights to broadcast the GI Kentucky Derby, will also retain the rights to broadcast the GI Preakness Stakes, according to a report on *Front Office Sports*.

The site says that the result came after a "hard-fought bidding war," which included bids from FOX, Amazon, and Netflix, quoting unnamed sources. NBC has broadcast the Preakness since 2001, taking over from ABC Sports.

A spokesman for the Maryland Jockey Club declined to comment, but the site said that Governor Wes Moore planned to announce the news in a press conference Wednesday at noon. An announcement in response to the NYRA-Churchill [series for 3-year-olds](#) is also expected at that time.

On Monday, Churchill Downs and NYRA announced a new six-race series for 3-year-olds offering bonus money that includes the Derby and Belmont Stakes, but not the Preakness.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANDREA PHIPPS: THE FIRST LADY OF THOROUGHBRED RACING *by Earle I. Mack*

As Golden Tempo crossed the finish line to win this year's Belmont Stakes in Saratoga, I watched Ande Phipps emerge from her box wearing the warm smile that had greeted friends for decades. My box sits diagonally behind hers. As she passed by, I leaned across the rail and extended my hand. She reached for it, and we leaned toward one another to exchange a kiss on the cheek.

"You deserved this," I told her.

And she did.

I did not know it would be the last time I would see her. Ande Phipps was, in every sense, the 'First Lady of Thoroughbred Racing.'

Golden Tempo's victory was more than another Classic race for one of racing's great families. He was a sixth-generation Phipps homebred, the product of generations of patience, stewardship and devotion to the Thoroughbred.

Ande lived to see her daughter Daisy entrust one of the family's most important horses to Cherie DeVaux.

Cherie rewarded that confidence by becoming the first woman to train a Kentucky Derby winner and, with Golden Tempo's Belmont triumph, the only woman to train the winners of two Triple Crown races.

I believe Ande's example was present in Daisy's decision. She encouraged her children to recognize character, ability and integrity. Watching Daisy place her faith in a gifted woman trainer and seeing that faith rewarded on racing's greatest stage--felt like Ande's family values coming full circle.

That final image remains with me, Ande smiling, gracious and celebrating the success of her daughter's stewardship of the venerable Phipps Stables. Even as she fought pancreatic cancer, she remained active and engaged with her family, her friends and the sport she loved. I never heard her complain. She faced her illness with quiet dignity and remarkable grace.

Many knew her as the beloved wife of Ogden Mills "Dinny" Phipps, one of the great leaders in American racing, breeding and business. Ande was in every way his confidante, partner and great source of encouragement.

Dinny's leadership of The Jockey Club and Bessemer Trust did not happen in isolation. Ande stood beside him, offering important counsel, perspective and strength. She never sought recognition, but those who knew them understood how much she contributed to the man and leader he became.

Together, Ande and Dinny sustained more than an extraordinary racing stable. They built a remarkable family of children who learned that privilege carries responsibility, that hard work matters, that philanthropy is an obligation and that the integrity of Thoroughbred racing must be protected and preserved for future generations. Ande encouraged her children and grandchildren not simply to embrace the sport, but also to serve it.

Her greatest gift, however, was the way she treated people.

Whether you were a Hall of Fame trainer, a stable employee, a young racing fan or a first-time guest at her dinner table, Ande made you feel welcome. She listened. She laughed easily. She remembered names and celebrated the successes of others as enthusiastically as her own.



Andrea Phipps | Phipps Family Photo

Despite belonging to one of racing's oldest and most distinguished families, she was never distant or intimidating. There was no pretense or haughtiness--only warmth, authenticity, generosity. She was known for her quick wit and a lively sense of humor.

There will be other champions, great owners and distinguished breeders. But there will never be another Andrea Phipps. She leaves behind a loving family, countless friends and an industry made better by her presence.

For those of us who had the privilege to know her, Ande Phipps will always remain what she was in life--the 'First Lady of Thoroughbred Racing.'

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE FANDUEL TV RACING TEAM

*by Robert Hartman Chair, Race Track Industry Program
University of Arizona*

To Our Friends and Colleagues,

The horse racing industry is built on people. Broadcasters telling stories, producers bringing racing to the fans, analysts educating and entertaining, camera operators capturing unforgettable moments, and countless professionals behind the scene making it all possible. Your work has elevated our sport and connected millions of fans to racing.

The conclusion of FanDuel TV's racing operations has led to talented individuals finding themselves navigating unexpected career transitions. While circumstances are difficult, please know your contributions to our industry have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated.

The Global Symposium on Racing has always been more than a conference. It is a place where the racing community comes together to learn from one another, exchange ideas, strengthen professional relationships, and help shape the future of our sport. During times of change, these connections matter.

In that spirit, the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program is pleased to offer complimentary registration to the 2026 Global Symposium on Racing to all former FanDuel TV racing employees.

Horse racing is resilient because of its people. Careers evolve, organizations change, but the relationships that connect this industry endure.

Our hope is simple: to welcome you to Tucson this December. Whether you are exploring your next opportunity, reconnecting with colleagues, discovering new ideas, or simply spending time with friends across the industry, we want you to know that you have a place here. Join us as together we continue to learn, collaborate, and build the future of our sport together.

If you are a former FanDuel TV racing employee and would like to take advantage of this complimentary registration, please contact us at community@racingsymposium.com for registration instructions.

We appreciate all you have done to promote and advance horse racing and look forward to seeing you this December.

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JULY YEAR-OVER WAGERING ON U.S. RACES DECREASES AS AVAILABLE PURSES CLIMB

Wagering on U.S. races during the month of July experienced nearly a 4.5% decrease, while available purses saw an increase compared to a year ago, according to information released by Equibase Tuesday.

Total wagering of \$908,834,520 on races during the month represented a 4.48% decrease over the same period from 2025, while available purses of over \$108 million were higher by 3.59%. The figure of over \$104 million for paid purses in July was also up by 3.60%.

As for the total number of race days, they also increased slightly, from 370 to 375 (+1.35%), and the number of U.S. races was lower, from 2,903 in July 2025 to last month's tally of 2,861 (-1.45%).

Average field size in July was down a tick from over a year ago when it was 6.98, and checked in at an average of 6.92 runners--a decrease of 0.90%. As for average daily wagering, it decreased by 5.75% to \$2,423,559, and the average available purse number per race day was up 2.21% to \$289,022 from the figure of \$282,766 in 2025.

When it comes to the year-to-date figures, through July of 2025 wagering on U.S. races came in at \$6.737 billion, while this year the amount was \$6.433 billion (-4.51%). Those numbers include worldwide commingled wagering on U.S. races.

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PTHA ROLLS OUT PER START BONUS INITIATIVE PROGRAM TO BOOST OVERNIGHT PARTICIPATION

The Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (PTHA) is rolling out a new incentive called the PTHA Per Start Bonus Initiative Program, which is designed to encourage more participation in overnight races at Parx Racing during the late summer schedule and will aid racing throughout the calendar year, the organization said in a press release Tuesday.

The program begins on Aug. 17 and runs through Sept. 18, providing per start bonus payments to both owners and trainers for overnight races.

The owner bonus will be \$750 per eligible start, paid to the owner entity. The trainer bonus will be \$250 per eligible start, paid to the individual trainer. This program will include all overnight races at Parx Racing during the program period. Per start bonuses will be capped at \$15,000 per owner entity and \$5,000 per individual trainer.

An individual horse may only be credited toward the bonus program with a maximum of two starts during the duration of the initiative. After a horse has received credit for two eligible starts, additional starts by that horse will not qualify for bonus payments for either the owner or trainer.

Eligible starts will be calculated throughout the duration of the program. Bonus payments will be issued separately to each qualifying owner entity and each qualifying trainer.

Money will be distributed within two weeks following the conclusion of the program to each respective account with Parx's bookkeepers.

"The PTHA remains committed to supporting our horsemen while strengthening overnight racing at Parx Racing. This incentive program is another example of our continued investment in our owners and trainers while encouraging participation during this important portion of the racing calendar," said Jeffrey A. Matty, Jr., Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. "This initiative is for all horsemen, not just horsemen stabled here at Parx."

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the PTHA office at (215) 638-2012, or via email at Jmatty@patha.org.

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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

Whiskey Decision (Into Mischief) moves to the Michael McCarthy barn after finishing second in the GIII Eatontown Stakes at Monmouth behind Gimme a Nother (SAf) (Gimmethelight ({Aus})), who came back to win the GII Beverly D. Stakes. Did well to close into a slow pace. Though **Princesa Moche (Per)** (Muwaary ({GB})) has been sprinting of late, some of her best efforts have come at the one-mile distance and she looks like the main speed in this race. **Take A Breath (GB)** (**Bated Breath {GB}**) is a two-time Grade I winner who ran well last out in the GI Gamely Stakes. Fits here. --Bill Finley

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	Icanhelpmyself	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

It's hard to ignore Bob Baffert's record in this race. He has won it 12 times, including the last four runnings. The Hall of Famer will send out 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Hughes** (Into Mischief), who romped by six lengths in a maiden at Los Alamitos as the 3-5 favorite. Interesting move to take Joel Rosario off this horse and go with J.J. Hernandez. Fellow 'TDN Rising Star' **Kennyten** (**Drain the Clock**) is another who was super impressive when breaking his maiden at Santa Anita. Looks like the main threat. Yet another 'TDN Rising Star,' **He Is No Lie** (**Early Voting**) squandered a four-length lead in the stretch in the Bashford Manor at Churchill, but still earned an 86 Beyer figure. Not out of this. --Bill Finley

Wednesday, 8/5, Saratoga, post time: 5:46 p.m. EDT

JOHNSTONE S., \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bam's Bliss Kiss	Solomini	Mad Dog Racing Stable	Abreu	Rodriguez	126
2	Landed	Omaha Beach	Lael Stables	Ward	Velazquez	126
3	Munnings Express	Munnings	Team Spoor	Rice	Franco	124
4	Sunday Girl	Central Banker	Mitre Box Stable, Clear Stars Stable and Eighth Note Stable	Duggan	Davis	126
5	With the Angels	Omaha Beach	Winning Move Stable, Oxley, John C., Lady Sheila Stable, Silverwood Stables and Sanford H. Robbins, LLC	Rice	Ortiz	126
6	Usha	Tiz the Law	Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Prat	126
7	Iron Orchard	Authentic	KatieRich Stables LLC	Asmussen	Ortiz, Jr.	122
8	Naive Melody	Complexity	Averill Racing LLC, Cestaro, James and Armbrust, Chris	Ward	Davis	124

Breeders: 1-Torie D. Gladwell, 2-Final Furlong Racing Stable & MaspethStable, 3-Fergus Galvin, Marc Detampel, JayneJohnson & Adrian Wallace, 4-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC& Spruce Lane Farm, 5-Joseph DeRico, 6-Esler & Raine, 7-Pine Ridge Stable LLC, 8-Sequel Thoroughbreds LLC



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Wednesday, August 5, 2026

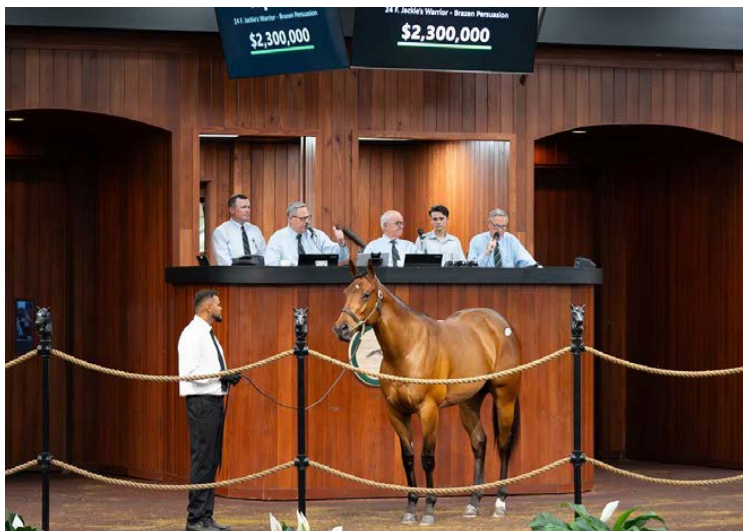
Saratoga 6, \$115k, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 4:04 p.m. ET

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price (\$)	Breeze
Without Hesitation (Jackie's Warrior)	OBSAPR	2,300,000	:9 3/5

C-Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent; B-D Farrington

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WEDNESDAY'S INSIGHTS: \$2.3-MILLION OBS APRIL FILLY TOPPER WITHOUT HESITATION DEBUTS AT THE SPA



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3rd-SAR \$115k, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, post time: 2:22 p.m. ET
Maria Louise (Gun Runner), a 3-year-old daughter of 2015 GI Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Stopchargingmaria (Tale of the Cat), debuts for Todd Pletcher going a mile out of the Wilson Chute. Bred in Kentucky by Three Chimneys Farm and Whisper Hill Farm, she brought \$850,000 from Epic Horses and Town and Country Racing as a Keeneland September yearling. Maria Louise will exit from post three with Johnny Velazquez aboard in the seven-horse field. She debuts with Lasix. **TJCIS PPS**

6th-SAR \$115k, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, post time: 4:04 p.m. ET
 Scratched out of last Friday's rained-out opener, \$140,000 Keeneland September yearling turned \$2.3-million OBS April filly topper (:9 3/5) **Without Hesitation** (Jackie's Warrior) kicks off her career for trainer Wesley Ward. Campaigned in partnership by Mrs. Fitriani Hay, Breeze Easy, Resolution Road Stables, Peter Leidel and Two Eight Racing, the daughter of GSW Brazen Persuasion (Indian Charlie) breaks widest of all from post nine with Jose Ortiz aboard going 5 1/2 furlongs over the Mellon Turf Course. She is the 2-1 morning-line favorite. **TJCIS PPS**

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6th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw, 8-4, 2yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:32.26, fm, 3/4 length.

OBSERVED (c, 2, Mandaloun--Overseen, by First Defence), off at odds of 8-5 in this debut run, broke on top and settled to race in fifth through fractions of :23.23 and :48.15. He began to roll on the far turn and kicked home to run down Mad Mo (Mo Donegal) by 3/4 of a length to become the sixth winner for his freshman sire (by Into Mischief). Observed is a half to Call Me Midnight (Midnight Lute), GSW, \$286,188. The winner's dam was bred to Goal Oriented for 2027. Sales history: \$240,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Bridlewood Farm, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & LaPenta, Robert V.; B-Hartwell Farm Inc. (KY); T-Jonathan Thomas.

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2026 Stud Fees Listed

Cyberknife (Gun Runner), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
167 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Saratoga, 4:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Harpoon, 12-1
\$47,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$220,000 OBS APR 2yo
7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Shai A, 10-1
\$12,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$75,000 OBS APR 2yo

Flightline (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$125,000
124 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Saratoga, 4:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Rockabye, 7-2

Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
204 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, My Awesome Gold, 20-1
\$5,000 KEE JAN wnl

Idol (Curlin), Taylor Made Farm, \$5,000
81 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Prophetically, 10-1
\$15,000 KEE JAN wnl

Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
136 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Saratoga, 4:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Jolene, 5-1
\$125,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$55,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
6-Saratoga, 4:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Without Hesitation, 2-1
\$140,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$2,300,000 OBS APR 2yo

Keepmeinmind (Laoban), Whispering Oaks Farm, \$2,000
42 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-Louisiana Downs, 6:29 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Tmac's Royalty, 9-5

Nashville (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$12,500
140 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Grand Opry, 6-1
\$62,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$335,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Roadster (Quality Road), Ocala Stud, \$7,500
85 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 4:14 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Rebelka, 10-1
\$3,000 KEE NOV wnl

Speaker's Corner (Street Sense), Darley, \$10,000
111 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 4:14 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Chiqueada, 15-1
\$25,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Tale of Silence (Tale of the Cat), Colebrook Stallion Station, \$2,500
16 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 4:14 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Bredkorn, 7-2



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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 2026 Stud Fees Listed

Independence Hall (Constitution), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
196 foals of racing age/45 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Louisiana Downs, 6:29 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Patriot Hall, 5-1
\$27,000 TTA YRL yrl; \$65,000 OBS OCT yrl

Silver State (Hard Spun), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
173 foals of racing age/36 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 4:14 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Dicey Riley,
15-1
\$2,500 RNA FTK OCT yrl



STAKES RESULTS:

MANITOBA DERBY, C\$126,000, Assiniboia Downs, 8-3, 3yo,
1 1/8m, 1:54.02, ft.

1--**WESTERN WARRIOR**, 123, g, 3, **Essential Quality**--Trophy
Girl, by Warrior's Reward. **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Christoff,
Gordon & Giesbrecht, Lance B.; B-Tracy Farmer (KY); T-Dino K.
Condilenios; J-Dane Nelson. C\$76,500. Lifetime Record:
10-4-0-0, \$170,032. *1/2 to Blazing Sevens (**Good Magic**),
GISW, \$998,850.

2--**Quarry**, 123, g, 3, War of Will--Black Dynamite, by More Than
Ready. (\$23,000 RNA Ylg '24 FTKOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE.**
O-Henry S. Witt, Jr.; B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Mark Simms, Jr.
C\$25,500.

C — **CLAIBORNE QUALITY** —
3--**Gethsemane**, 123, c, 3, Knicks Go--Siempre Mi Amor, by
Uncle Mo. (\$220,000 Wlg '23 FTKNOV; \$425,000 Ylg '24
KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Cattlemen's Club Stable;
B-Bloodstock Investments 2022 (KY); T-Monique Goulet.
C\$12,750.



Margins: NO, 2 1/4, 2. Odds: 8.05, 27.10, 11.10.



HARVEY WARNER MANITOBA MILE S., C\$50,750, Assiniboia
Downs, 8-3, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.23, ft.

1--**BERGHEIM**, 125, g, 4, **Union Jackson**--Cool Ten Grand, by
Malibu Moon. **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Henry S. Witt, Jr.;
B-Watershed Bloodstock LLC (TX); T-Jerry Gourneau; J-Renaldo
Cumberbatch. C\$30,600. Lifetime Record: 28-9-8-3, \$236,597.
2--**Attack**, 123, g, 4, **Munnings**--Ammannati (Ire), by Galileo (Ire).
(\$120,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR;
\$70,000 3yo '25 FTDMA). O-Highfield Investment Group, Inc.,
Dialed In Racing Stable, Appleyard, Bruce, Graham, Jamie,
Lucky Diamond Racing Stable, Smokin Guns Stable, Bauder,
James and Bauder, Robert; B-Alexander-Groves
Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Craig Robert Smith. C\$10,200.



3--**Taillights**, 120, g, 6, Alternation--Whistle Stop, by Into
Mischief. O-Keplin, James, Gourneau, Amya and Keplin Sr.,
Steve; B-Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer (IN); T-Steve Keplin, Jr.
C\$5,100.

Margins: 1HF, 3 1/4, 2HF. Odds: 11.40, 16.05, 47.50.

ESCAPE CLAUSE S., (NB) C\$50,500, Assiniboia Downs, 8-3,
3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.19, ft.

1--**DONTGIVEUPTHEFIGHT**, 124, f, 4, **Jimmy Creed**--Miselly, by
Jack Milton. (\$10,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT). O-Charles Garvey;
B-Highclere, Inc. (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro; J-Kimal Santo.
C\$30,600. Lifetime Record: SP, 15-8-2-3, \$162,430.

NH — **NICK J. HINES #SARGESELECT** — **NH**
2--**Yankee Doodle**, 122, f, 4, American Freedom--Yankee Union,
by Yankee Gentleman. (\$75,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$32,000 4yo
'26 FTDMA). O-A2 Thoroughbreds, Jackson, Jay,
Thoroughbreds, Rayco and Nault, Alex; B-Brereton C. Jones
(KY); T-Michael Nault. C\$10,200.



3--**Midnight Lady**, 119, m, 5, Midnight Lute--Steal the Dance, by
Tapit. (\$5,500 2yo '23 OBSOPN). O-Henry S. Witt, Jr.;
B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Jerry Gourneau. C\$5,100.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1 3/4, 9 1/4. Odds: 1.35, 6.50, 20.20.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-Prairie Meadows, \$47,145, (S), 8-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m,
1m, 1:38.90, ft, neck.

AINTNOSHAKIN KID (f, 4, Pataky Kid--Aintnoshakin, by Cross
Traffic) Lifetime Record: 21-4-3-1, \$148,127. O-Lynn Chleborad;
B-Allen Poindexter & Lynn Chleborad (IA); T-Lynn Chleborad.
*\$14,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP.



7th-Fairmount, \$41,500, (S), (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 8-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.59, ft, 1/2 length.

AROSE FOR LILY (f, 3, Den's Legacy--Aroseformineshaft, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$49,200. O-Scott & Frank Racing, LLC; B-Peter Scott Reiman (IL); T-Eddie M. Essenpreis.

4th-Fairmount, \$40,500, (S), (NW4L)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 8-4, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.32, ft, head.

TAKEITAWAY (g, 4, Take Charge Indy--Beeway {SP, \$158,822}, by Champali) Lifetime Record: 16-4-2-2, \$137,263. O-S. D. Brilie, Ltd. Partnership; B-S. D. Brilie, L.P. (IL); T-Michele Boyce. *1/2 to Beealea (Lea), SW, \$218,291; Beehive (Temple City), MSP, \$214,623; Journeyist (Tourist), SW, \$289,235.

6th-Thistledown, \$38,700, 8-4, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.10, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

SCRIMPER (g, 5, Klimt--Pinchpenny, by Super Saver) Lifetime Record: SP, 23-8-3-1, \$231,144. O-Ronald Zielinski; B-T/C Stable LLC (OH); T-Richard Zielinski. *\$9,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP.

9th-Prairie Meadows, \$38,668, 8-3, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.71, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

WHATA MOON (f, 4, Gormley--Accelebrate {SP}, by Northern Afleet) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-4-4-1, \$139,555. O-Simmons and Associates, Inc.; B-Shooting Star Thoroughbreds & Billy Ballard (KY); T-Jayde J. Gelner. *\$17,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Dare Greatly (Chance It), SP, \$187,900.

2nd-Thistledown, \$37,700, 8-4, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.04, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

BELLE BOTTOMS (f, 4, Tapiture--Bellamy Brooke, by Bellamy Road) Lifetime Record: SP, 23-6-5-5, \$206,734. O-Rivera Racing Stables LLC; B-Robert M. Gorham (OH); T-Nestor R. Rivera.

3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$36,720, 8-4, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.31, ft, neck.

KEYANA (f, 4, Omaha Beach--Honorable Memory, by Honor Code) Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-1, \$136,412. O-KatieRich Stables LLC; B-KatieRich Farm (KY); T-Daniel Leitch. *\$50,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP.



5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, 8-4, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.06, ft, 1 length.

FOUNTAIN LAKE (g, 4, Improbable--Doritza, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-2-2-4, \$205,665. O-Shortleaf Stable, Inc.; B-Stoneriggs Farm (KY); T-John Ortiz. *\$100,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV.



1st-Finger Lakes, \$24,840, 8-4, (C), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.25, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

BURN NOTICE (g, 4, Tonalist--Mrs. Got Rocks, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 13-4-4-1, \$87,445. O-Barry K. Schwartz; B-Lee McMillin, Bill & Addison Thomson (KY); T-Michael S. Ferraro. *\$125,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

6th-Louisiana Downs, \$24,330, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 8-3, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:45.88, ft, 1 length.

BIG DRINKER (g, 6, Stay Thirsty--Divine Legacy {SP, \$168,448}, by Full Mandate) Lifetime Record: 27-5-4-7, \$115,810. O-Les Blake; B-Rusty Brown (CA); T-Jonathan Wong. *1/2 to Shady Tiger (Smiling Tiger), MSW, \$274,184.

7th-Finger Lakes, \$24,225, 8-4, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.39, ft, 8 lengths.

VALENTINIAN (g, 4, Into Mischief--Rachel's Valentina {GISW, \$738,800}, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-2-4-3, \$133,388. O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Paul W. Barrow. *\$1,500,000 Ylg '23 FTAUG.



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Grind, c, 3, Midnight Lute--Mythologist, by Gemologist. Prairie Meadows, 8-3, 6f, 1:11.45. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$31,972. B-RGP Ocala Holdings LLC. (KY). *\$18,000 RNA Wlg '23 KEENOV; \$35,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT; \$9,000 2yo '25 FTDDE.

Coming Soon, g, 3, Munnings--Red Hot Babe, by Distorted Humor. Prairie Meadows, 8-3, 6f, 1:10.28. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$47,224. B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY).

Armet, c, 3, Practical Joke--Woke Up to Aces, by The Factor. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-4, 5ft, :57.41. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$22,065. B-Repole Stables Inc. & Taylor Made Stallion Inc. (KY). *\$95,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP; \$350,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR.

He's My Uncle, g, 3, Uncle Chuck--Beach Girl, by Violence. Assiniboia Downs, 8-3, 6f, 1:14.16. Lifetime Record: 12-1-2-3, \$32,807. B-Superbad Stables LLC (FL). *\$25,000 2yo '25 OBSOPN.

Popcorn N Peaches, f, 4, Flatter--Villette (SW, \$278,110), by Petionville. Presque Isle Downs, 8-4, (S), 6f (AWT), 1:12.94. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-3, \$30,270. B-Jon A. Marshall (PA). *\$20,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$60,000 2yo '24 OBSOPN.



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Essential Quality, Western Warrior, g, 3, o/o Trophy Girl, by Warrior's Reward. Manitoba Derby, 8-3, Assiniboia

Flatter, Popcorn N Peaches, f, 4, o/o Villette, by Petionville. MSW, 8-4, Presque Isle Downs

Gormley, Whata Moon, f, 4, o/o Accelebrate, by Northern Afleet. ALW, 8-3, Prairie Meadows

Improbable, Fountain Lake, g, 4, o/o Doritza, by Mineshaft. ALW, 8-4, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Into Mischief, Valentinian, g, 4, o/o Rachel's Valentina, by Bernardini. ALW, 8-4, Finger Lakes

Jimmy Creed, Dontgiveupthefight, f, 4, o/o Miselly, by Jack Milton. Escape Clause S., 8-3, Assiniboia

Klimt, Scrimper, g, 5, o/o Pinchpenny, by Super Saver. ALW, 8-4, Thistledown

Mandaloun, Observed, c, 2, o/o Overseen, by First Defence. MSW, 8-4, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Midnight Lute, Grind, c, 3, o/o Mythologist, by Gemologist. MSW, 8-3, Prairie Meadows

Munnings, Coming Soon, g, 3, o/o Red Hot Babe, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 8-3, Prairie Meadows

Omaha Beach, Keyana, f, 4, o/o Honorable Memory, by Honor Code. ALW, 8-4, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Pataky Kid, Aintnoshakin Kid, f, 4, o/o Aintnoshakin, by Cross Traffic. ALW, 8-3, Prairie Meadows

Practical Joke, Armet, c, 3, o/o Woke Up to Aces, by **The Factor**. MSW, 8-4, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Stay Thirsty, Big Drinker, g, 6, o/o Divine Legacy, by Full Mandate. AOC, 8-3, Louisiana Downs

Take Charge Indy, Takeitaway, g, 4, o/o Beeway, by Champali. AOC, 8-4, Fairmount

Tapiture, Belle Bottoms, f, 4, o/o Bellamy Brooke, by Bellamy Road. ALW, 8-4, Thistledown

Tonalist, Burn Notice, g, 4, o/o Mrs. Got Rocks, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 8-4, Finger Lakes

Uncle Chuck, He's My Uncle, g, 3, o/o Beach Girl, by **Violence**. MSW, 8-3, Assiniboia

Union Jackson, Bergheim, g, 4, o/o Cool Ten Grand, by Malibu Moon. Harvey Warner Manitoba Mile S., 8-3, Assiniboia



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GOLDEN SLIPPER HEROINE LADY OF CAMELOT TO SELL PRIVATELY ON FRIDAY



Lady Of Camelot: will sell privately on Friday | Bronwen Healy

By Brian Sheerin

Golden Slipper winner Lady Of Camelot (Written Tycoon) will be offered via private sale on Friday, bringing to market one of the most sought-after profiles on the Australian bloodstock landscape.

The Group 1-winning juvenile, from a rapidly developing family that boasts international appeal, has attracted strong interest from buyers across Europe, America, Japan, and Australia, according to Go Bloodstock's Steve O'Connor.

The Irish native has been involved in the Lady Of Camelot story from the very outset and described the filly, who the ownership group has billed 'the best broodmare prospect ever offered for sale in the Southern Hemisphere', to have created quite a stir ahead of Friday's private sale.

"She's a very rare offering," O'Connor said. "The Golden Slipper is one of the biggest races down here, certainly one of the most commercial races. It's all about two-year-old speed and precocity, and it generally produces the best stallions in the world. So she's a winner of that contest, and very few fillies ever get sold who have won that race. That in itself is a rarity."

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'A CATALOGUE OF EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY AND REMARKABLE DEPTH' - TATTERSALLS UNVEIL BOOK 1 OFFERING

A Wootton Bassett half-brother to Derby winner Christmas Day features among the potential headliners in another blue-blooded catalogue for Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, with a total of 469 lots set to go under the hammer at Park Paddocks during the three-day sale beginning Tuesday, October 6.

Nineteen of the top 20 stallions in Europe will be represented, with the late Wootton Bassett leading the way by number of yearlings with 35 lots catalogued. As well as the half-brother to Christmas Day--who was a Book 1 yearling himself when purchased by Jamie McCalmont Bloodstock for 450,000gns--notable lots from the penultimate crop of Wootton Bassett include a half-sister to another of this year's Classic winners in Irish 1,000 Guineas heroine Precise, as well as a colt out of the GI E. P. Taylor Stakes scorer Mutamakina. [Cont. p5](#)

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The multiple Group 1 winner will be given time off to heal the strain and is done for the season.

6 | JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES REVEALED

*There are 15 horses left in the race at the latest entry stage, with Calandagan (*Gleneagles*) skipping the race in favor of targeting the G1 Japan Cup.*

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Said O'Connor, "And she's very good-looking. She is the third consecutive group-winning two-year-old out of the dam, who has developed into quite a blue chip mare at a very young age. Both of her older siblings [Queen Of The Ball and Platinum Jubilee] were group-winning two-year-olds - they both ran in the Slipper - and are now breeding."

He added, "The female line is in its infancy and is developing into a really significant pedigree here in Australia, and that's backed up by the American influence too. The granddam [Bobby Flay's More Than Real] was a Breeders' Cup winner who was purchased in America [by James Bester for \$675,000 at the 2011 Fasig-Tipton November] and shipped down to Australia, and the Kentucky Oaks winner was on the same page. So she's a rarity as a Golden Slipper winner, from an emerging blue chip family, and she has international flavour as well. It's a rare kind of offering."

With a page that blends top-notch current form in Australia with back-class from America, it is little surprise that O'Connor reports strong interest from abroad. It begs the question, if buyers from all over the world are queuing up to launch bids to secure Lady Of Camelot, why are Go Bloodstock selling in the first place?

O'Connor explained, "Sir Owen [Glenn, Go Bloodstock owner] is 86 and he'd be 90 by the time he'd see any of her progeny

race. Given the exposure and the publicity involved that comes with selling a filly like Lady Of Camelot, and the brand appeal and brand awareness we've achieved through the process, it made a lot of sense. On top of that, we have some short-term goals that we would like to achieve, including having a runner in the Melbourne Cup, and this would allow us to reinvest and put some money towards those goals."

He added, "We own a lot of the female line and having a branch of the family overseas would be another great outcome for us as well because it gives the family an opportunity to breed to stallions we wouldn't necessarily breed to ourselves here in Australia. We've been delighted with the feedback on the marketing campaign and the positive response that has come from global buyers. From Europe, America, Japan and in Australia, there has been a lot of interest. It's going to be a fascinating process to see where she ends up and hopefully she gets the price she deserves."

As well as owning the dam, Miss Debutante (Fastnet Rock), Go Bloodstock also has Group-winning siblings Queen Of The Ball (I Am Invincible) and Platinum Jubilee (Zoustar) in their broodmare band.

O'Connor explained, "We bred this filly. We own the dam, who we purchased as a yearling, and raced. She was a stakes winner and this is her third foal." **Cont. p4**

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Lady Of Camelot Cont.

He added, "The first two foals are both sisters that won group races as two-year-olds, ran in the Golden Slipper, and are both now breeding. We own both of those as well. We also own two younger sisters. One is by I Am Invincible and is a newly turned three-year-old filly in training with Chris Waller - we think she's up to stakes class. There's also a Zoustar yearling filly who's excellent as well. There's lots developing in the family."

He added, "Miss Debutante is in foal to Extreme Choice. He's been the pre-eminent stallion down here for the last little while, and she's going to be bred back to him, as is the sister Queen Of The Ball, who has a yearling by Extreme Choice. I suppose an added appeal of this family is that it has been mated so highly. It's a family in demand."

In all likelihood, Friday's sale would not be taking place had Lady Of Camelot's career not been cut short in the most freakish of circumstances. When a tilt at Royal Ascot was very much under consideration, her training was derailed when she suffered a laceration when attacked by a stingray on Brisbane beach. That incident forced Lady Of Camelot to miss the Doomben 10,000 and, in turn, scuppered a potential assault on Royal Ascot. The timing of the injury, according to O'Connor, has played a big role in this unorthodox private sale.



Steve O'Connor | Bronwen Healy

He said, "We swim horses quite often, so horses go to the beach daily. That's not the unusual part. The unusual part is that she walked on a stingray and it cut her leg. It was a minor injury, but once you miss a week or two of training at that level close to a race, you're done. She missed her prep, and her prep was all around going to Royal Ascot and exposing the family to a global audience. She's fine now. It was just a laceration and that healed quickly." [Cont. p5](#)

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Lady Of Camelot Cont.

O'Connor concluded, "I think the marketing team, Kick Collective, have done a super job advertising the mare for Friday's private sale, so that's really pleasing. It's great to see the mare, the advertising, and the crown jewel of our operation being received so positively. It'll be sad to see her go, but it's great that she's been so well respected. The timing of the [stingray] incident dictated a bit in regards to how she was sold, but we thought a mare of her calibre deserved all the bells and whistles and to reach a global audience. We feel like we've achieved that, and now it's up to the market to decide where she lands. If she had gone to Royal Ascot, we may have considered a Tattersalls sale or something like that. But timing and circumstances left us with one of two options; online or by tender. We thought the mare of her calibre deserved to have a full weight behind it and to get as much global awareness as possible, because she's a global product. It's been well received and hopefully it'll be a good result on Friday."

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Other yearlings with siblings who have recorded recent Classic success include the half-brothers to Prix du Jockey Club winners **Camille Pissarro** and Look De Vega, by **Justify** and **Starspangledbanner**, respectively. In total, the catalogue features siblings to 44 Classic and Group 1 winners and 219 Group/Listed winners.

The 21 yearlings by **Frankel** include a full-brother to the Fillies' Mile heroine Ylang Ylang and a full-sister to the Prix Saint-Alary victrix Jannah Rose, plus a filly out of the four-time Group 1 winner Alcohol Free. **Sea The Stars** (31), Lope De Vega (29) and Night Of Thunder (27) will also be strongly represented, while the 24 yearlings by Blue Point include a half-sister to the multiple Group 1 winner Charyn and a half-brother to the outstanding sprinter Battaash. Fellow Darley sire Dubawi has a select group of five yearlings catalogued, including a colt out of Oaks winner Anapurna.

First-season sires are well represented, with 2,000 Guineas and Dewhurst Stakes winner **Chaldean** leading the way with 13 yearlings. The others with lots catalogued are Ace Impact, Dragon Symbol, El Caballo, **Erevann**, Good Guess, **Little Big Bear**, Lusail, Modern Games, Native Trail, **Paddington**, Shaquille, Triple Time and **Vadeni**.

Another precious commodity on offer will be a daughter of the

six-time Group 1 winner and Japanese Horse of the Year Equinox--the only yearling from the champion's first crop to be offered at public auction in Europe.

Last year's leading consignor, Newsells Park Stud, has the largest draft with 27 yearlings catalogued, followed closely by Baroda Stud, which brings a consignment of 26 - including six out of Group 1-winning mares - and The Castlebridge Consignment, which has 25 yearlings catalogued.

"The publication of the catalogue for Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale is always a significant milestone in the bloodstock calendar, and this year's edition presents buyers with a catalogue of exceptional quality and remarkable depth," said Tattersalls managing director Matthew Prior.

"The racecourse remains the ultimate measure of any sale's success, and, so far in 2026, October Book 1 graduates have enjoyed another outstanding season. Derby and Classic winner Christmas Day has been joined at the highest level by Group 1 winners Estrange, Maltese Cross, Mission Central, Portfolio Duration and Venetian Sun, underlining once again the sale's unrivalled ability to produce elite performers.

"Four of those Classic and Group 1 winners have siblings catalogued in this year's Book 1, while buyers will also find an outstanding collection of beautifully-bred fillies that will undoubtedly attract the attention of owners, breeders and leading stud farms from around the world.

"The catalogue also features the only yearlings eligible for the £25,000 Tattersalls October Book 1 Bonus. Over the past 11 years, the scheme has rewarded 451 winners with bonus payments totalling £10,645,000. With over 500 qualifying races across Britain and Ireland and no limit on the number of individual winners each year, it remains Europe's leading sales bonus scheme." **Cont. p6**



A Wootton Bassett half-brother to Derby winner Christmas Day will be offered at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale

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He added, "Whether buyers are searching for future Classic or Group 1 winners, stallion prospects, future broodmares or the next Book 1 Bonus winner, this year's Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale offers an extraordinary range of opportunities. We look forward to once again welcoming buyers from around the world to Park Paddocks for what promises to be another memorable renewal of Europe's premier yearling sale."

The full catalogue for Book 1 of the October Yearling Sale is available to view [here](#).

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VENETIAN SUN TO MISS REMAINDER OF 2026 WITH TENDON STRAIN



Venetian Sun (nearest the camera) winning the Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot | Mathea Kelley

Leading three-year-old sprinter **Venetian Sun** (Starman) has suffered an injury that will keep her on the sidelines for the rest of the season, Karl Burke revealed on Tuesday.

"It's a big shame and, unfortunately, it happens," said the trainer. "It's a long way from being a career- or life-threatening injury, but it's obviously going to take time. It's very disappointing."

"We had more or less decided to swerve Deauville [Sunday's Prix Maurice de Gheest] anyway, because the ground was very fast out there last weekend, with no sign of any rain, and the French are not watering like they used to do."

He added, "It's just one of those things. We have a feeling that she may have initiated it at Newmarket during the July Cup. She came back from there with a nasty little cut and she had been on antibiotics and anti-inflammatories. We think that may have masked it to a degree."

Venetian Sun has won six of her nine career outings to date, including last year's G1 Prix Morny at Deauville and the G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot in June. She was last seen chasing home Comanche Brave (Wootton Bassett) in the G1 July Cup at Newmarket.

The plan had been for the daughter of Starman to stay in training as a four-year-old, with Burke still not ruling out the possibility of her returning to training if she makes a full recovery.

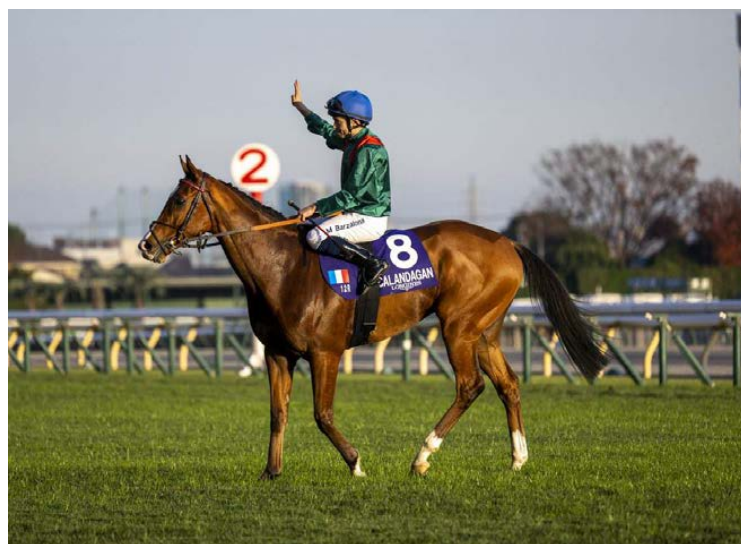
"It's basically a strain to the tendon," he added of the injury. "It happens a lot with jumping horses. It's unusual really at this stage in a sprinter's life, but it can happen. It's a time thing now. She will have the next six or seven months on the easy list and then be reassessed from there."

"The little bit of work she has done the last few days has just aggravated it. We've had the vets in this morning and they weren't 100 per cent happy with a little bit of heat in the leg. That is what it turns out to be."

"The plan before today was, if she finished the season in good shape, she would stay in training. That may still be the plan, but that is a discussion for later on."

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NO CALANDAGAN IN JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL - BUT BLOCKBUSTER CLASH STILL AWAITS



Calandagan: has a return to Tokyo for the Japan Cup on his agenda
Horsephotos

Six-time Group 1 winner **Calandagan** (Gleneagles) was a notable absentee as 15 horses stood their ground at the latest entry stage for the Juddmonte International at York, with all roads leading back to Tokyo and a Japan Cup defence for the horse named Longines World's Best Racehorse for 2025. [Cont. p7](#)



Constitution River | Scoop Dyga

Juddmonte International Entries Cont.

An enthralling edition of the Juddmonte International remains in prospect, with outstanding three-year-old **Constitution River** (Wootton Bassett) and last year's winner **Ombudsman** (Night Of Thunder) heading the list of remaining contenders, along with Andrew Balding's **Item** (Frankel), a dual Group 2 winner over course and distance.

A return to the Knavesmire for Calandagan—who was previously second to **City Of Troy** in the 2024 Juddmonte International—would have given the race an extra dose of star quality, but that eventuality has now been ruled out for Francis-Henri Graffard's stable star after his runner-up finish in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot.

"He came out the King George fine, but we all felt he needed a bit of a break," said Nemone Routh, French racing manager and director for owners the Aga Khan Studs.

"We didn't think it was the right thing to do to go to York. He likes the track and always tries his hardest, but we just didn't think that it was fair to him to ask him to do that. He'll get a little bit of a summer break with the idea of an international run, which is more than likely going to be the Japan Cup."

She continued, "I think the Japan Cup is such an amazing race, and a tough race, but it suited him last year and he liked the track.

"It's a lot of travel and we saw how hard it was for the Japanese horses who came over for the King George. It's a big trip and it really does take a certain type of horse to do it. You need the quality, but you also need one who can take that travel.

"We're under no illusion that it's going to be very hard again and, as Francis has pointed out, last year he went there as the best horse in the world, broke the track record, but still only won by a short head. It's a very hard task, but he did it last year.

"Other races that could come into play are the Breeders' Cup

or Hong Kong, but I think, if you aim at the Japan Cup, you have to make that your number one objective—you can't run in it on the back of other international races if you want to give it your best shot.

"I doubt we'll see him anywhere other than Tokyo—that is very much our thinking at the moment."

Estrange Scratched from Yorkshire Oaks

Another Group 1 winner set to bypass York's Ebor Festival is **Estrange** (Night Of Thunder), who was last seen making the breakthrough at the top level in the Pretty Polly Stakes at the Curragh.

Runner-up to **Minnie Hauk** (Frankel) in last year's Legends Global Yorkshire Oaks, Estrange had been expected to return to the Knavesmire later this month to try and go one place better, but she was scratched from that Group 1 contest on Tuesday as 21 fillies and mares stood firm.

They include Calandagan's King George conqueror, **Kalpana** (Study Of Man), along with the aforementioned Minnie Hauk and Joseph O'Brien's Irish Oaks heroine **Johanna Walsh** (Sea The Stars).

"She's probably going to France for the Prix Vermeille [September 9], I'd have thought, or the [Prix Jean] Romanet [August 23]," trainer David O'Meara said of Estrange.

"There's races like Prix de l'Opera and the Arc that are big targets as well. She was put in the Fillies & Mares [British Champions Day] that closed this morning and we might have half an eye on the Breeders' Cup at Keeneland as well. We will probably head to France, I would have thought."

Nunthorpe Next for American Affair

The latest entries for the other Group 1 races at the Ebor Festival—the Coolmore **City Of Troy** Nunthorpe Stakes and Sky Bet City Of York Stakes—were also published on Tuesday.

This year's Group 1 winners **Notable Speech** (Dubawi), **These Secret Adversary** (St Mark's Basilica) and **True Love** (No Nay Never) feature among 25 contenders for the City Of York, while American challenger **Bacio** (Maclean's Music), French filly **Rayevka** (Blue Point) and Australia's defending champion **Asfoora** (Flying Artie) promise to bring plenty of international intrigue to the Nunthorpe.

They are joined among 27 entries by the last two winners of the King Charles III Stakes at Royal Ascot in **American Affair** (Washington DC) and **Mission Central** (No Nay Never).

Having rediscovered the winning thread in last week's King George Stakes at Goodwood, American Affair is reported to be firmly on course to bid for further top-level honours at York, with an appearance at the Breeders' Cup also set to come under consideration. **Cont. p8**

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"He's been up the gallop and seems grand," said trainer Jim Goldie. "That [York] is the plan and then we'll see. If we win the Nunthorpe, we might consider America as I think it's one of those 'win and you're in' races.

"It's a big ask and he's not a straightforward horse to travel. If we win the Nunthorpe, we'll obviously have to think about it, but it's probably not as straightforward as you might think.

"We've achieved what we set out to do, which was to win that race at Goodwood, so we'll put the genie back in the bottle. If we win the Nunthorpe, we might just try to win the King Charles again next year!"

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QATAR RACING TO BECOME TITLE SPONSOR OF BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY

Qatar Racing will succeed its parent company, QIPCO, as title sponsor of British Champions Day, the single most valuable day in the British racing calendar with total prize-money of £4.35 million.

QIPCO announced earlier this year an extension of their support of British horse racing's flagship raceday until 2028. This new agreement will see the headline sponsorship switch to become Qatar Racing British Champions Day, including individual sponsorship of all seven races.



The Qatar Racing Champion Stakes, won last year by Calandagan, will take top billing on Saturday, October 17 | Getty Images

Announcing the new arrangement, HH Sheikh Fahad Al Thani paid tribute to his family's longstanding commitment to the sport and to QIPCO's pivotal role in establishing British Champions Day as one of the world's premier racing events.

He said, "Whilst the title sponsorship will transfer to Qatar Racing for the next three years, this reflects the continued commitment of my brothers to British racing and in particular

that of QIPCO chairman HH Sheikh Hamad Al Thani. Since the inaugural QIPCO British Champions Day in 2011, our family's ambition has been to support the very best of British racing and that commitment remains as strong as ever."

Nick Smith, co-chair of British Champions Series Ltd and director of racing and public affairs at Ascot Racecourse, added, "We are hugely grateful to HH Sheikh Hamad Al Thani and HH Sheikh Fahad Al Thani for their longstanding support of the day, which staged the world's joint top-rated race last year. We look forward to building on the success of British Champions Day under its new brand name."

The announcement was made on the same day that early closing entries were published for the five Group 1 races on the card, with many of the stars of 2026 in contention to run at Ascot on Saturday, October 17.

A bumper 45 entries have been made for the Qatar Racing Champion Stakes, which tied with the Japan Cup in the battle for the Longines World's Best Horse Race Award in 2025. The entries include last year's one-two, **Calandagan** (Gleneagles) and **Ombudsman** (Night Of Thunder), as well as leading three-year-olds **Constitution River** (Wootton Bassett) and **Diamond Necklace** (St Mark's Basilica).

Aidan O'Brien's unbeaten filly Diamond Necklace is also among 36 entries for the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by Qatar Racing) over a mile, alongside fellow Group 1 winners **Bow Echo** (Night Of Thunder), **Blue Bolt** (Blue Point), **Docklands** (Massaat), **Gstaad** (Starspangledbanner), **Precise** (Starspangledbanner), **Ten Bob Tony** (Night Of Thunder), **Thesecretadversary** (St Mark's Basilica) and **True Love** (No Nay Never).

Elsewhere, two-time winner and recent King George heroine **Kalpana** (Study Of Man) spearheads 48 entries for the Qatar Racing British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes, while the Qatar Racing British Champions Long Distance Cup could see **Scandinavia** (Justify) and **Trawlerman** (Golden Horn) renew their rivalry after they featured among 38 entries.

Completing the list of Group 1 races on the card is the Qatar Racing British Champions Sprint Stakes, with this year's Group 1 winners **Almeraq** (Dark Angel), **Comanche Brave** (Wootton Bassett) and **Mission Central** (No Nay Never) headlining the 42 contenders.

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ROSSA RYAN'S 28-DAY BAN REDUCED TO 10 DAYS ON APPEAL



Rossa Ryan | PA Media

Rossa Ryan will be free to ride at York's Ebor Festival after the 28-day suspension he received at Sandown last week was reduced to 10 days on appeal.

The on-course stewards at Sandown ruled that Ryan, partnering Thunder Home in the Martin Densham & Peter Deal Memorial British EBF Maiden Stakes, had "appeared to stop riding on the run to the line, before recommencing his ride in the final strides to finish second, beaten by a nose".

He was subsequently suspended for 28 days "for failing to take all reasonable and permissible measures to obtain the best possible placing on a horse that would have finished first".

However, after listening to representations by Ryan and the British Horseracing Authority, the independent disciplinary panel concluded on Tuesday that Thunder Home 'could' have won rather than 'would' have won, leading to the reduction in the ban.

Speaking after the hearing, Rory Mac Neice, representing Ryan, said, "The panel listened carefully and it was a fair hearing. The difference between 'would' and 'could' in terms of whether the horse would have won is obviously important.

"Our submission was that there plainly wasn't grounds for the certainty that would be required for a finding of 'would'--and the panel agreed."

Ryan, whose suspension will commence on August 6, will now be able to partner the unbeaten Orthodox when he lines up for Clive Cox in the G1 Prix Morny at Deauville on Sunday, August 23, as well as being free to ride at York.

However, Mac Neice admitted to some disappointment that the ban was not completely overturned, highlighting both the variables of riding racehorses at the highest level and the type of scrutiny the profession brings.

He continued, "I was disappointed we were not able to be entirely successful, but a reduction in terms of the days involved was important for Rossa, so one has to be pleased.

"It's a difficult profession being a jockey and I hope people who judge riders at all levels have that in their mind. There's no other sport like it. In football, if a footballer misses an open goal, there isn't an enquiry. But racing is a highly regulated sport--which isn't a criticism, it just is--and I do wonder sometimes about the penalty structure and if it reflects the job riders have to do.

"It would have been great to get the ban completely dismissed and Rossa gave a very detailed account and explanation of his riding throughout the race, including the final furlong. Jockeys ride living animals--they are not riding motorbikes--and it's important that the rules reflect that."

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MY BALLYQUINN HIGHLIGHTS TATTERSALLS ONLINE AUGUST CATALOGUE



My Ballyquinn | Racingfotos.com

Handicap winner **My Ballyquinn** leads 169 lots for the upcoming **Tattersalls Online August Sale** later this month. Set for 11 a.m. on Monday, August 10, the sale will end beginning at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 11 and features 145 horses in- and out-of-training, 12 broodmares, six stores, five yearlings and a 1/50th share in the stallion Soldier's Call.

My Ballyquinn (lot 1), by New Bay, captured his handicap debut over 1 3/8 miles at Hamilton in May and progressed to take a 1 3/4-mile contest at York in June. Trained by David O'Meara, he was second in a Class 3 handicap at Sandown on July 23 and is ranked 97 by Timeform. He is from the same family as G1 Gold Cup hero and champion stayer Papineau (Singspiel).

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Tattersalls Online Catalogue Cont.

Other stars of the catalogue include Group 3-winning sprinter **Thunderbear** (Kodi Bear) (lot 87), who is rated 105 by Timeform; the BHA 88-rated **Richie's Rocket** (New Bay) (lot 67); Wootton Bassett filly **Renewal** (lot 66) who is out of a listed-winning dam and rated 84 by Timeform; **Confused** (Calyx) (lot 120), who broke his maiden at Gowan and is rated 90 by Timeform; mares in foal to **Blackbeard** (**Candidly** {Churchill, lot 167}) and **Auguste Rodin** (**Carriage** {**No Nay Never**, lot 168}); while **Faora** (**Hard Spun**) (lot 159) is in foal to Sands Of Mali.

There are also yearlings by Triple Time, Land Force, Sergei Prokofiev, El Caballo and Mostahdaf. The stores feature sires like Planteur, Ruler Of The World, and Flintshire, among others.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, August 5, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

Blackbeard (Ire) (**No Nay Never**), Coolmore Stud
116 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
18:40-YARMOUTH, 5.25f, **Dubai Charm (Ire)**
£90,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025
15:15-PONTEFRACT, 6f, **Lady Henshaw (Ire)**
£52,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025; €90,000
Tattersalls Ireland Breeze Up 2026
18:10-YARMOUTH, 6f, **Pensando A Te (GB)**
72,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 75,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

Minzaal (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
115 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
18:10-YARMOUTH, 6f, **Minkaas (Ire)**
€80,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025; £140,000 Goffs
UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026
17:50-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, **Minzaal Time (Ire)**
€55,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; £135,000 Goffs UK
Premier Yearling Sale 2025
17:50-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, **Minzazi (Ire)**
42,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 58,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025
17:20-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, **Najmet Minzaal (Ire)**
€50,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025
15:15-PONTEFRACT, 6f, **Rock Steady Beat (Ire)**
110,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025
17:50-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, **Vardo (Ire)**

52,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 58,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025; 95,000gns
Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2026

Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
99 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
17:20-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, **Crowned (Ire)**
€18,000 RNA Goffs February Sale 2025; €31,000 Tattersalls
Ireland September Yearling 2025; £5,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze
Up Sale 2026
18:20-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, **Dover Street (Ire)**
€16,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; £62,000 Goffs UK
Premier Yearling Sale 2025

State of Rest (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner** {Aus}), Rathbarry Stud
79 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
18:10-YARMOUTH, 6f, **Pure Majesty (Ire)**
300,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025

Stradivarius (Ire) (**Sea The Stars** {Ire}), The National Stud
76 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
18:10-YARMOUTH, 6f, **Divine Concerto (GB)**

FRANCE

Makaloun (Fr) (**Bated Breath** {GB}), Haras de la Cote Fleurie
41 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-LA TESTE-BA, 1600m,

Texas (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), Castillon Stallions
29 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
5-LA TESTE-BA, 1600m, **Zen Storm (Fr)**
€22,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2025

IRELAND

Bayside Boy (Ire) (New Bay {GB}), Ballylinch Stud
85 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners
3-SLIGO, 6f, **Emotional Hedging (Ire)**
€40,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; €15,000 Goffs Orby
Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

Extreme Choice (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}),
2 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-SLIGO, 6f, **Exchange Student (Ire)**

Naval Crown (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
71 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
4-SLIGO, 6f, **Stellar Path (Ire)**
€10,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2024



Minzaal has six runners in the U.K. on Wednesday | Shadwell

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

FULL-BROTHER TO CHARYN SET FOR KEMPTON DEBUT

5.50 Kempton, Novice, 2yo, 7f (AWT)

Nurlan Bizakov's hitherto untried **CHYMBULAK (IRE)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), a 450,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 yearling, is a full-brother to G1 Queen Anne, G1 Jacques Le Marois and G1 Queen Elizabeth II hero Charyn (Ire) and G2 Mill Reef victor Wings Of War (Ire). Opposition to the Roger Varian trainee includes Imad Alsagar's €110,000 Goffs Orby Book 1 graduate **Ahmadi (Ire)** (St Mark's Basilica {Fr}), who is a Ralph Beckett-conditioned son of the dual Listed winner Amarena (Fr) (Soldier Hollow {GB}).

HOW THEY FARED

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

Kirsten Rausing homebred **A La Montagne (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), the first foal out of Arc heroine Alpinista (Frankel), raced green throughout this debut and made little impact, hitting the line 11 1/4 lengths adrift of the winner in fifth.

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BRITAIN

Tuesday's Results:

1st-Catterick Bridge, £13,000, Nov, 8-4, 2yo, 7f 6yT, 1:25.81, g/f.

WAAKABB (GB) (c, 2, New Bay {GB}--Peronista {Ire}, by Muhaarar {GB}), who ran third tackling an additional 30 yards at Wolverhampton in his July 14 debut last time, was quickly into stride and held sway throughout. Rowed along on the lead in early straight, the 7-4 second favourite kicked clear approaching the final furlong and kept on strongly under continued urging to prevail by 1 1/2 lengths from National Pride (Naval Crown).

Waakabb is the latest of three registered foals and first scorer out of a half-sister to the dual Group-placed Listed Naas Oaks Trial victrix Trethias (Invincible Spirit), Listed Paradise Stakes winner Moohaarib (Oasis Dream) and the dual Listed-placed Argentello (Intello). His third dam is G1 Prix Vermeille-winning matriarch Darara (Top Ville). Sales history: 55,000gns Ylg '25 TADEY; €175,000 2yo '26 TATBRU. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$11,171.

O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-James Wigan; T-Simon & Ed Crisford.

2nd-Ffos Las, £13,000, Nov, 8-4, 2yo, 7f 80yT, 1:32.94, gd.

PERFECT NATION (IRE) (c, 2, **Sioux Nation**--Giuliana {Ger} {GSP-Ire}, by Muhaarar {GB}) was lumbered with a seven-pound penalty for shedding maiden status at Lingfield four weeks ago and tracked the pace in second after a swift getaway here. Last to come off the bridle when nudged along to challenge passing the two pole, the 13-8 favourite seized control approaching the final furlong and was driven out to hold the late bid of George Cross (Wootton Bassett) by a length.

Perfect Nation, full-brother to a yearling filly, is the second of three foals and lone scorer out of G3 Anglesey Stakes third Giuliana (Muhaarar), herself a half-sister to Listed Premio Carlo Chiesa third Geraldine (Royal Applause).

His second dam, Listed Hannoverscher Herbst Stutenpreis and Listed Baden-Baden Cup victrix Golden Whip (Seattle Dancer), is a daughter of the dual stakes-winning G3 Premio Dormello runner-up Genevra (Danehill). Sales history: €52,000 Ylg '25 TATIRY; €195,000 RNA 2yo '26 ARQBRU. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$21,423.

O-Basher Watts Racing 9; B-R Galway; T-George Boughey.

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5th-Ffos Las, £10,000, Mdn, 8-4, 3yo/up, 8ft, 1:44.15, gd.

WOOTZ (IRE) (c, 3, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Golden Box {MSP-Fr}, by Kitten's Joy) was steadied to race behind the leaders in fourth after an alert break from the outside stall. Making smooth headway in the straight, the 10-11 favourite quickened to the fore approaching the final furlong and powered clear in style to defeat Mountain Of Light (Night Of Thunder) by an impressive 6 1/2 lengths.

Wootz is the second foal and scorer out of the dual Listed-placed Golden Box (Kitten's Joy), herself kin to six black-type performers including her Grade I-placed full-sister Luck and G3 Prix Minerve victrix Golden Valentine (Dalakhani).

Golden Valentine is the dam of G1 Futurity Trophy hero Ancient Wisdom (Dubawi) and the stakes-placed Intricacy (Dubawi), while the winner's G3 Prix Cleopatre-winning second dam Gold Round (Caerleon) is a half-sister to storied multiple champion Goldikova (Anabaa), et al.

Wootz is a half-brother to an unnamed two-year-old filly by Night Of Thunder and a yearling colt by Too Darn Hot. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,254.

O/B-LNJ Foxwoods SC; T-Roger Varian.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Fortunate (GB), f, 2, Lope Y Fernandez (Ire)--Luckyboylovelywife (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). Lingfield, 8-4, 7f 2y (AWT), 1:27.14. Lifetime Record: 8-1-0-1, \$12,384. B-Whitsbury Manor Stud & Kinsale Stud. *12,000gns Wlg '24 TADEWE; £11,000 Ylg '25 GOFFUK.

Potters Margot (GB), f, 2, Lope Y Fernandez (Ire)--Clenor (Ire) (MSW-US & GSP-Ire), by Oratorio (Ire). Lingfield, 8-4, 7f 2y (AWT), 1:25.99. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$8,614. B-Mrs J May. *7,000gns RNA Ylg '25 TATOCT.

FRANCE

Tuesday's Results:

1st-Deauville, €31,100, Cond, 8-4, 2yo, 7ft, 1:34.81, gd.

IMPERIAL STRIKE (IRE) (c, 2, Lucky Vega {Ire}--Smart Dorie, by Smart Strike), a July 12 debut winner going six furlongs here last time, moved forward into second after the initial strides of this

return. Inching ahead off the home turn, the 3-10 favourite was shaken up with 300 metres remaining and ridden out inside the final furlong to assert by two lengths from Kodi Go (Kodi Bear).

Imperial Strike, full to a yearling filly, is the third of four foals and one of two scorers out of a half-sister to GIII Debutante Stakes victrix Decelerator (Dehere) and the dual Graded-placed Cool Blue Red Hot (Harlan's Holiday).

Decelerator is the dam of dual Group 2-winning G1 S A Fillies Classic runner-up and G1 Empress Club Stakes third Nafaayes (Exceed And Excel) and G3 National Day Cup winner Stoltz (More Than Ready). She is also the second dam of Group 2-winning G1 Oakleigh Plate runner-up Hedged (Capitalist). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €38,400.

O-Forz Europe Ltd; B-Yulong Investments Pty; T-Andre & Lavinia Fabre.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Good To See You (Fr), g, 4, Ruler Of The World (Ire)--

Polychrome (Fr), by Bering (GB). Vichy, 8-3, 12ft, 2:42.54.

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Thursday, Leopardstown, Ireland, post time: 18:00

BAHRAIN TURF CLUB DESMOND STAKES-G3, €42,000, 3yo/up, 8f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Audience (GB)	Iffraaj (GB)	Hamad Rashed bin Ghedayer	David O'Meara	Colin Keane	135
2	Chicago Critic (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Sam Mencoiff & Tony Smurfit	Johnny Murtagh	Ben Coen	135
3	Cowardofthecounty (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Annus Mirabilis Syndicate	Joseph O'Brien	Ronan Whelan	135
4	Tokenomics (Fr)	The Grey Gatsby (Ire)	N Molloy	David Marnane	Luke McAteer	135
5	Celtic Motif (Ire)	Saxon Warrior (Jpn)	Wells Watson	Joseph O'Brien	Joey Sheridan	132
6	Al Haarith (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Alwasmiah/Ballylinch/Umm Al Shukhout	Joseph O'Brien	D B McMonagle	128
7	Isaac Newton (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	D Smith/Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
8	Needle Match (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Saeed Suhail	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	128
9	Sparan Nua (Ire)	Dawn Approach (Ire)	Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd	Jim Bolger	Declan McDonogh	128

Breeders: 1-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 2-Forenaghts Stud, 3-Lismacue Stud, 4-John Kilpatrick, 5-Kildaragh Stud, 6-Fermeoir Ltd, 7-Camas Park, Lynch Bages & Summerhill, 8-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 9-Jim Bolger

Last month's G1 Irish Oaks third **Sparan Nua** drops back to one mile for the first time since her debut score at Naas in May and, despite carrying a three-pound penalty for annexing June's G3 Munster Oaks, is the one to beat in an open edition. Dangers include G3 Greenham fourth and G1 2000 Guineas also-ran **Needle Match** and fellow British challenger **Audience**, who was second here in June's G3 Ballycorus Stakes before running third in the Curragh's G2 Minstrel Stakes last month, while the Joseph O'Brien-trained trio is headed by G2 Beresford third and nine-length Limerick maiden winner **Al Haarith**. Aidan O'Brien nominee **Isaac Newton** also merits respect and comes back off a third here in last month's G3 Meld Stakes. [*Sean Cronin*].

Thursday, Leopardstown, Ireland, post time: 18:35

BALLYROAN STAKES-G3, €42,000, 3yo/up, 12F 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ascending (Ire)	Awtaad (Ire)	C Jones	Henry de Bromhead	Billy Lee	135
2	Dallas Star (Fr)	Cloth Of Stars (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd	Robson De Aguiar	Donagh O'Connor	135
3	Ethical Diamond (Ire)	Awtaad (Ire)	H O S Syndicate	Willie Mullins	Ryan Moore	135
4	Gaucher (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Mrs Rose Boyd & Mrs Marie J Armstrong	Willie Mullins	Declan McDonogh	135
5	Green Impact (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Marcstown Farms SC	Jessica Harrington	Shane Foley	135
6	Layfayette (Ire)	French Navy (GB)	Mrs Patricia Hunt	Noel Meade	Colin Keane	135
7	Omni Man (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Go Racing	Joseph O'Brien	Joey Sheridan	135
8	Asakir (Ire)	Zarak (Fr)	Aga Khan Studs	Johnny Murtagh	Ben Coen	125
9	Endorsement (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	John P McManus	Joseph O'Brien	D B McMonagle	125

Breeders: 1-Karis Bloodstock Ltd & Rathbarry Stud, 2-Mme E Dieuaide & Domaine Billard Pere & Fils, 3-W J Kennedy, 4-Wertheimer & Frere, 5-Marc Chan, 6-Matthew Duffy, 7-Bernard Cooke, 8-Aga Khan Studs, 9-Embellish Syndicate.

November's GI Breeders' Cup Turf hero **Ethical Diamond** has failed to place in two starts since that career high and may be vulnerable to the upwardly-mobile sophomore **Endorsement**, who debuts for his new connections coming back off a second in June's G3 Hampton Court Stakes at Royal Ascot. Both are from stables with two entries, while G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup fourth **Green Impact** and G2 Queen's Vase seventh **Asakir** also pose a threat. [*Sean Cronin*].

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