



2027 PREAKNESS TO BE RUN 22 DAYS AFTER THE DERBY



Gov. Wes Moore holding the Woodlawn Vase | Sarah Andrew

The 2027 GI Preakness Stakes will be run 22 days after the GI Kentucky Derby, Sunday, May 23, with the GII Black Eyed Susan Stakes being held Saturday, May 22, said Maryland Governor Wes Moore in a press conference Wednesday afternoon where he extolled the virtues of the Triple Crown and the importance of the Preakness as its middle jewel.

Both races will be presented on NBC, Peacock, and NBCSN. NBC also announced a multi-year extension of their partnership to present the Preakness through 2032. Both races will be held in the late afternoon/early evening, according to Governor Moore.

After Moore's announcement, the New York Racing Association's Vice President of Communications Patrick McKenna said that NYRA still planned to run the Belmont Stakes in its traditional spot, five weeks after the Kentucky Derby. That timing puts the Belmont Stakes just 13 days after the Preakness.

"As announced earlier this week, the 2027 Belmont Stakes is scheduled to be held at the new Belmont Park on Saturday, June 5," McKenna said.

Moore, for his part, brimmed with enthusiasm over the Preakness announcement.

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SARATOGA NOTEBOOK, PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS: PREAKNESS WINNER NAPOLEON SOLO EYING TRAVERS STAKES

by Tim Wilkin

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – It's not a done deal by any means, but trainer Chad Summers is taking a long, hard look at running GI Preakness Stakes winner **Napoleon Solo** (Liam's Map) in the GI DK Travers Stakes Aug. 29.

"We are strongly considering the Travers," Summers said on the Saratoga backstretch Wednesday morning. "The Travers is a very historic race. [GI Kentucky Derby, GI Belmont Stakes winner] **Golden Tempo** (**Curlin**) is clearly the clear-cut favorite for championship honors for 3-year-old of the year, maybe the best 3-year-olds need to square off against each other."

This, after Napoleon Solo had his first work since finishing second in the GI Haskell Stakes at Monmouth Park July 18 behind 28-1 longshot **Baby Vino** (Vino Rosso). Baby Vino is also being pointed to the Midsummer Derby.

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Trainer Brendan Duke speaks openly about coming out the right side of a two-year drought with "high-class" prospect **Sword of State** (State Of Rest). Brian Sheerin has more.



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"And so we've got a few really important announcements that we are here to make today," said Gov. Moore. "The first is that we are moving the date of the Preakness. And we are going to move it back to be able to ensure that the winner of the Kentucky Derby will then be prepared to compete in the second leg of the Triple Crown because the Triple Crown will continue and it will continue to be Preakness.

"And by moving the date, you're then providing additional time and space for our horses and the people who compete in the Derby to be able to then now compete to be able to be part of that Triple Crown," he said. "The second, the Maryland Jockey Club has finalized a new six year agreement with NBC Sports. That means this agreement now means that millions more people will be able to tune in and watch this iconic race weekend. It also means that when they do this race, and by the way, by moving it, in addition to moving a time, we're also moving it to a Sunday as well.



Napoleon Solo with black-eyed Susan garland | Sarah Andrew

"It means that more people will watch and witness the greatest show in the Mid-Atlantic and continue to see Maryland on the world stage exactly where Maryland belongs," said Moore. "But these changes are about more than just television and timing. They also continue to demonstrate what happens and what Maryland can do when Maryland controls what happens next.

"The third, we are making key investments in the area and the neighborhoods as well because we know what kind of societal and financial return that we are going to see with that investment," added Moore. "As I said from the outset of this process, the goal was not just to create winners on the track. The goal was to make sure we were creating winners off the track too.

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"And last year we acquired Pimlico Racecourse," he said. "As we speak, we're investing to redevelop it into a best in class facility in all of American horse racing. And we're doing it while also making sure that we can and will invest in Park Heights.

"So here's my message," Moore concluded. "If you want to win the Triple Crown, we'll see you in Baltimore."

On Monday, the New York Racing Association and Churchill Downs **announced the creation of a new series for 3-year-olds with a bonus structure**, which does not include the Preakness.

Two-time Triple Crown-winning trainer Bob Baffert--a record-holding eight-time winner of the Preakness--weighed in on the decision to move the Preakness, praising the decision. "I think it's a great idea," he said by text to *TDN* reporter Tim Wilkin. "Extra week and on a Sunday. Triple Crown tradition stays intact. Win-win for all because you have a choice to go for it if you think you have the right horse after winning the Derby. One-and-a-half to two weeks later is doable. Woody proved that."

Baffert was referring to Woody Stephens's campaign with Conquistador Cielo in 1982, who won the Metropolitan Handicap in track-record time on a Monday, and came back on Saturday to win the Belmont Stakes by 14 lengths.

The press conference was studded with Maryland dignitaries who enthusiastically supported the idea.

"Preakness Weekend is more than a race--it is a celebration of more than 150 years of Maryland history, Baltimore, our proud equine tradition, and the communities that make this event so special," said First Lady Dawn Moore. "This new schedule honors that extraordinary legacy while opening an exciting new chapter--elevating the Black-Eyed Susan Stakes, bringing even more attention to Maryland on the national stage, and creating new opportunities for local businesses, families, and racing fans."

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"We look forward to seeing the Preakness continue to evolve in this next chapter," said Baltimore Mayor Brandon M. Scott. "As a son of Park Heights, I'm proud of the progress we're making to ensure that this is an event held with the community, not just in the community--especially as announcements like this one bring new energy and tourism to the race."

"The Maryland Jockey Club is thrilled to continue its long-standing partnership with NBC Sports for the Preakness Stakes. We believe that moving the Preakness to the fourth Sunday in May and showcasing the excellent Black-Eyed Susan Stakes card on Saturday will transform the weekend for horsemen, bettors, and racing fans alike," said The Maryland Jockey Club President and General Manager Bill Knauf. "Governor Moore and the State of Maryland have committed significant resources to racing's future, including a rebuilt Pimlico on the horizon, a state-of-the-art training center at Laurel Park, the acquisition of the Preakness Stakes Intellectual Property, and a fresh path forward for Maryland's iconic racing event. Preakness Weekend 2027 marks a new era for the State of Maryland, City of Baltimore, our valued partners in the Park Heights Community, and all the horsemen who have worked diligently to preserve and enhance horse racing in Maryland."

"The Preakness is focused on the Triple Crown," said Knauf. "It's been around 100 years and will be around 100 more and will always run through Pimlico."

"Today's agreement with NBC Sports is another important milestone in realizing the full potential of the Preakness," said Mark Anthony Thomas, President and CEO of the Greater Baltimore Committee. "It reinforces that Maryland made the right investment by taking ownership of one of our state's defining economic and cultural assets. The Preakness supports more than 28,000 jobs, strengthens tourism and hospitality, showcases Maryland's horse industry, and brings our state to audiences around the world. GBC has been a leading voice in support of this decision, and we remain committed to helping grow the Preakness into one of America's premier annual sporting and cultural events."

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The other race under consideration for Napoleon Solo is the GI Pennsylvania Derby at Parx Racing Sept. 19.

"If we were in the Pennsylvania Derby, we would probably be the favorite," Summers said. "We would probably be the third or fourth choice in the Travers. If you add the Travers to your CV and you have won the Preakness and the [GI] Champagne, you are talking about a serious stallion prospect."

Napoleon Solo is expected to run as a 4-year-old before standing at Lane's End when he retires from racing.

On Wednesday morning, Napoleon Solo breezed four furlongs by himself in :48.67 (13/52) on the main track.

After winning both starts as a 2-year-old, the front-loving Napoleon Solo, named for the private eye of the same name in the 1960s TV show "The Man from U.N.C.L.E." has a win and a second in four starts this year.

His biggest win was the Preakness, when he scored by 1 1/4 lengths.

A final decision on where Napoleon Solo runs next will be made after Summers consults owner ESPOIR USA, Inc., which purchased the grey colt for a whopping undisclosed price after the Preakness.

"There are positives in running in both races," Summers said. "But if we were to go to the Pennsylvania Derby and win, it would be tough to win the 3-year-old championship. **Cont.**



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"We won the Preakness and if we win the Travers--can we win the Travers?--and then the Breeders' Cup... we are thinking about the Travers. Let's dance."

Mott Hoping for Big Whitney Effort From Sovereignty

When talking about this weekend's GI Whitney Stakes and one of his two horses entered, 2025 Horse of the Year **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief), Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott borrowed a line from the incomparable Yogi Berra.

Besides winning 10 World Series rings with the New York Yankees, Berra was well known for saying some outrageous things.

While being asked about what could be expected from Sovereignty, the 3-1 second choice on the morning line in the loaded Whitney, Mott stole a 'Yogi-ism.'

"It's tough to make predictions," Mott said with a smile, "especially about the future."

Sovereignty, winner of five of six last year--including three Grade 1s (Kentucky Derby, Belmont Stakes, Travers Stakes)--has been slow out of the gate in 2026.

He was a good second in the GII Oaklawn Handicap, which was his first start in eight months and then a dull third over a sloppy track at Churchill Downs in the GI Stephen Foster June 27.

Now, here he is in the Whitney and facing the top horses in the older horse division. **Magnitude (Not This Time)** beat him in the Foster (as did stablemate **Baeza (McKinzie)**) and **White Abarrio** (Race Day), the Oaklawn Handicap victor.

Time is running out on Sovereignty's racing days. After the Whitney, he has two dates left, the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup on opening day at the new Belmont Park (Sept. 18) and the GI Longines Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland Oct. 31.

"For me, each one becomes a little more important," Mott



Trainer Bill Mott (right) with Sovereignty | Tod Marks

said. "I want to see him run well [in the Whitney]. I don't want to see him throw in a stinker. Even if he gets beat, you want to see a game effort."

He didn't see it in the Stephen Foster where Sovereignty was defeated by 5 1/4 lengths, the most he has ever lost by in his five career defeats.

"I am a little baffled over the last race, probably like everyone else is," Mott said, saying the only excuse he could come up with was the sloppy track. "He inhaled a lot of dirt; he coughed for an hour after that race, and I never heard him like that."

The Godolphin homebred has finished off the board just once, and that came in his first ever start when he was fourth in a maiden at Saratoga in 2024.

Mott said Sovereignty has checked all the boxes since the Stephen Foster. He said his color is good, he is eating good, he is moving good. He has never been a fast worker, but he has done what Mott has asked him to do on the Oklahoma Training Track.

"He has worked a minute and change and that is pretty damn good on the Oklahoma," Mott said.

But, as far as going out and making predictions, no can do.

"I am sure there are some people who are skeptics," he said. "I always take a wait and see attitude. I am optimistic, but I am not making any predictions."

Exercise rider Soto Feels Nitrogen's Power

When he unites with the fabulously fast filly named **Nitrogen** (Medaglia d'Oro) every morning, Edwin Soto, her exercise rider, routinely describes her in one word. Or two.

"Amazing," Soto said outside of Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse's barn. "Spectacular."

Such is the life around Nitrogen, last year's champion 3-year-old filly, who has a chance to go down as one of the greats if she can win Saturday's Whitney.

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Sovereignty schools for Whitney | Tod Marks



Edwin Soto with Nitrogen | Sarah Andrew

In 16 career starts, she has eight wins, five seconds and three thirds. She has won on turf. She has won on dirt. In her last start, against older fillies and mares, Nitrogen blitzed five rivals when she won the GI Ogden Phipps on the front end by 12 3/4 lengths.

She will attempt to be the first filly since Personal Ensign (Private Account) in 1988 to beat the boys in the prestigious Whitney.

Soto, 33, has been getting on her for the last two months.

"Every day, she feels better and better," Soto said. "She is easy, a smart filly. She is so intelligent, she just does everything by herself."

When asked to describe what it's like being on her back, Soto paused and thought for a minute. Then he smiled.

"She's like a Formula 1 car," he said. "You ask for more, she gives you more and more and more. She is going into a tough race, I know that. But she can win it. I'll be a little nervous, but I know how good she is."



Soto aboard the champion 3-year-old filly | Sarah Andrew

Soto has 447 mounts as a jockey on his resume and won 23 times in a career that ended in 2019.

"I liked eating too much," the fit Soto said, smiling again.

Casse has the utmost confidence in all his exercise riders. When Hall of Fame jockey Johnny Velazquez, who is riding Nitrogen in the Whitney, offered to work her, Casse said it wasn't necessary.

"This is their lives," he said of Soto and the rest of his exercise riders. "They love all these horses."

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An advertisement for NYRA BETS, the official betting app of Saratoga. It features a black background with a green horse and jockey on the left. The text reads: "NYRA BETS", "OFFICIAL BETTING APP OF SARATOGA", "\$200", "DEPOSIT MATCH", "SIGN UP BONUS", and "JOIN NOW". A small note at the bottom says "*See site for details".

HANDS ON HISTORY: HOW LIFE IS GOOD'S EARLY FOUNDATION IS SHAPING HIS STALLION SUCCESS

by Katie Petrunyak

When champion Tiznow arrived at WinStar Farm in 2001 to become one of the anchors of the fledgling operation's stallion roster, it made for a nerve-wracking afternoon for stallion manager Larry McGinnis. Fresh off his second Breeders' Cup Classic triumph, Tiznow was paraded in front of a buzzing crowd of press and other eager onlookers.

"Here was this fit racehorse and I didn't know him," McGinnis recalled. "I thought for sure this horse was going to get away from me."

As it turned out, Tiznow took the fanfare completely in stride with a quiet confidence that would set the standard for the farm—a composure McGinnis would see mirrored more than two decades later as another champion arrived at WinStar.

When **Life Is Good** stepped off the van and into the stud barn, he was greeted by snapping cameras, an expectant gallery of WinStar and China Horse Club connections and trainer Todd Pletcher, who was on hand to see him off into his new career. McGinnis still remembers how the multi-millionaire stood statue-still, ears pricked, as he took in his new surroundings. **Cont.**



Click here to watch our visit with Life Is Good and the team at WinStar who knows him best, including stallion manager Larry McGinnis and groom Luis Galvez | Sara Gordon

The veteran horseman said the demeanor Life Is Good showed that day has defined his first four years at stud.

"He's got a really good mind, but he also has a lot of energy," he described. "Whether he goes to the breeding shed or out to be ridden, he's like 'Yeah, let's go.' It's very rare that he gets out of character and doesn't handle a situation. He has so much class to him."

It is a familiar story to anyone who crossed paths with Life Is Good during his formative days at WinStar's training facility--and a trait that is now revealing itself in his first crop, nine of whom have already found the winner's circle. This past weekend, Life Changing became the young stallion's fourth 'TDN Rising Star' after galloping to a seven-length debut win at Saratoga.

Life Is Good proved his name on the racetrack. Now as the race for this year's leading first-crop stallion heats up, he has the opportunity to make it a self-fulfilling prophecy in the stallion barn as well.

A \$525,000 purchase for WinStar's Maverick Racing and China Horse Club at the 2019 Keeneland September Sale, Life Is Good began his early lessons under saddle at WinStar's Hopewell Division.

"He had as pretty of a profile as you can want to look at," recalled Terry Arnold, WinStar's breaking manager. "It was very easy for him from step one. He was a very forward horse, so we were always a little worried about him getting too forward too fast. Slowing him down and trying to make him use his brain a little bit was always the objective with him."

Barn foreman Vicky Gilligan remembers him as "a wooly little bear" during his transition from yearling to two-year-old, but by the time he left her care, his transformation into a true racehorse was well underway.



Life Changing is Life Is Good's latest TDN Rising Star
Sarah Andrew

"He always wanted to please us," she said. "He was always a little bit on his toes, but once he knew everything was going to be okay, he took it all in stride. He used to love going to the track and he loved being turned out."

Both Arnold and Gilligan kept tabs on their former pupil when he made his juvenile debut at Del Mar, earning the 'TDN Rising Star' badge in a blistering nine-and-a-half-length runaway victory. One year later at the same California track, he led the way to an easy victory in the 2021 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile.

As a 4-year-old, the Pletcher trainee added three more Grade I victories in the Pegasus World Cup, Whitney and Woodward Stakes. Undefeated in all but three of his 12 career starts, his racing career culminated in that memorable duel alongside Flightline through blistering fractions in the Classic before he retired to WinStar.

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Life Is Good wins the 2021 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile
Breeders' Cup Eclipse Sportswire



Life Is Good at WinStar Farm | Sarah Andrew

In the stallion barn, groom Luis Galvez has cared for **Life Is Good** for the past several years. He echoes the sentiments of those who knew the horse in his early days.

"People say that horses are smart, but no, he's very smart," he emphasized.

Now eight, the stallion remains perpetually one step ahead of his handler, whether posing for visiting breeders or being turned out in the paddock. Even during a breeding session, Galvez said **Life Is Good** seems to know ahead of time when it's his turn to head to the shed.

Life Is Good bred 379 mares across his first two books, including over 100 graded stakes winners or producers and 34 Grade I winners or producers.

For the members of the WinStar team who have played a part in his journey, seeing his first runners hit the track this year has felt a bit like stepping into a time machine.

McGinnis highlighted WinStar homebred Lifesong, who broke his maiden for Will Walden on July 26 at Ellis Park, as a dead ringer for his sire.

"It looked just like him going down the stretch," he said. "You can see it in how they run or how they hold their head sometimes. It's just like their father."

Gilligan pointed to The Good Life, another homebred who was brought up at the Hopewell division. The Brad Cox trainee was a Rising Star on debut at Saratoga on July 18.

"When The Good Life came in, he was just like a pea in a pod to his dad," she noted. "Fluffy coat, very similar in how he wanted to train. He was a little bit forward and we were telling him to slow down and teaching him some manners."

For Gilligan, who visits her former trainee in the stallion barn when she can, seeing that early foundation come full circle as his first crop steps into the spotlight brings a special kind of satisfaction.

"We do get attached to them because when they come to us they're quite young and when they leave they've got a big job to do," she said. "They've got a lot to take on their plate and you hope that you've taught them properly and given them a good start. When they do well, it's great to see it and to know that I was a very small part of starting them off."

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HEARTWOOD BRANCHING OUT FROM DEEP ROOTS



Juan Aguilar and Sarah Sutherland | Kelsey Riley

by Chris McGrath

A debut consignment of eight in the big catalogue at Saratoga? Saplings just don't spread that kind of shade. Only Heartwood is no sapling; nor even a graft of another tree.

But while many of the fundamentals remain unaltered, from the land to the stock itself, a new name was imperative to show that one of the most resonant brands in Bourbon County has had a reset.

After a combined 24 years working there for Shack Parrish and his family, Juan Aguilar and Sarah Sutherland in April signed a lease on Indian Creek. In some ways, the transition was seamless: Aguilar had been promoted to farm manager in 2021, while Sutherland had served as director of sales since 2009. They knew the place backwards, and would benefit from priceless continuity in stock, staff and clientele.

"It's been a very natural progression for us," says Sutherland. "We both spent years and years with Indian Creek, developing relationships and growing the client base, and feel very fortunate the way that it worked out with the Parrish family."

The blessing was that employers and employees found themselves approaching a crossroads at the same time. Parrish was nearing retirement just as his protégés were itching to embark on an operation of their own.

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Heartwood | *Equi-Sport*

"It's something we'd both dreamed of," Sutherland says. "I think we work really well together and it's a good balancing act, I think, between our two roles. So we're very fortunate to be able to do it the way that we have, with the continued support of people we've known for so long. Because we love the farm. I mean, it sort of becomes a part of you when you're there for such a long time. Some of the mares we've known since they foaled out. You really become invested in the families, and everyone knows how incredible the land is."

Aguilar defines those complementary roles. "I guess I'm more like the farm guy," he says. "I'm a very hands-on person, focused on the day-to-day, while Sarah deals more with relationships, sales, that kind of thing. But we both see the horses all the time, and every decision is made by us both."

They will return to the Fasig-Tipton Select Sale with high hopes, Indian Creek graduate **Barnes** (Into Mischief) having achieved the second highest price of the 2023 auction, at \$3.2 million.

Yet for a decade or so after Sutherland joined the farm, Saratoga was never on its agenda. "Then we took a few up in like 2018 or 2019, and it was tough," she recalls. "But I think each year we learned a little more, and now we're confident that we can bring some of our top stock and be rewarded. The last couple of years it's worked out super: horses have sold well, they've gone into great programs, and they've performed."

A Saratoga yearling notoriously requires a sound temperament.

"It's a lot, for some of them," Sutherland accepts. "It's not a frantic pace, but there's a lot of atmosphere up there: it's several days of showing and people take their time looking. Most of these horses have never left the farm. But we have an education in place that'll serve them well, not only at the sale

but beyond, when they go to be broken and move on to the next stage."

Interest is guaranteed for the brother to **Barnes**, offered as Hip 136, their **Flightline** half-sister having brought \$1.1 million last year.

"His brother is quite different from **Barnes**," comments Aguilar. "He's more of a two-turn looking horse, but he's really, really nice as well."

The consignment (which has lost Hip 122) also features a **Justify** half-brother to **Carl Spackler (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) [133].

"He has a lot of charisma," Sutherland says. "**Carl Spackler** has those great markings but this colt is almost black, like his mother. So he's totally different, but equally exciting. And we have another Into Mischief colt [154], out of a **Curlin** mare called Beyond Perfection [half-sister to Always Dreaming]. The same cross as Renegade, and a very deep family."

"With all of them we're trying to appeal to top end-user programs. You want to bring quality stock, and hope they get enhanced to help your mare down the road. Getting into good hands is everything. And when people buy into these families and do well, they're excited to come back and see what else there is."

That return business is based on confidence that track performance has its foundations in the way horses are raised.

"We try to leave them be horses," Aguilar explains. "They're out most of the time, building strength and stamina. They come up every day, of course, get fed and checked. But we just try to stay out of their way. Each horse has its own identity and I don't treat them all the same: one might need a little more TLC than another. But these Saratoga horses were all born and raised on the farm, we've know them from day one."

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**Barnes** | *Sara Gordon*



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With a calendar of repeating cycles, every farm needs some kind of base system. This one just bred 160 mares, after all, and typically grazes 90 to 100 youngsters from each crop. But the real foundation for both partners is in their respective upbringing.

Sutherland's father is celebrated agent Mike Ryan, and while she did manage a stint in equine lending at J.P. Morgan, an innate vocation proved irresistible.

"I was never pressured into horses, but found myself skipping school to work the sales," Sutherland recalls. "Dad was always a huge source of encouragement. A very strong work ethic was instilled into all of us siblings by both parents. But I think the greatest gift he gave us was to say, 'You need to go out and work for other people and see how they do things. Do a 2-year-old season. Go to the track. Learn.' As opposed to just staying at his side and following him around."

Aguilar, for his part, came with his family from Mexico to Texas, where his father was working with Quarter Horses before moving on to Thoroughbreds in Kentucky.

"I grew up in Lexington and my dad was working on farms since I can recall," he recalls. "I would go with him at weekends, and loved it so much that I got a job at a farm when I was 16 years old, and never left. I worked my way up, showed horses for a lot of people, did a lot of traveling. I worked for Niall Brennan at the 2-year-old sales for many years. He taught me a lot."

Which, indeed, was how he met Ryan—who recommended him when Indian Creek needed a yearling manager.

"I always took my opportunities wherever I could find them," Aguilar says. "I came from nothing but I've always loved the business, I like to work and I like to learn."

But Sutherland stresses that their mutual diligence would only have got them so far without the mentorship of Parrish.

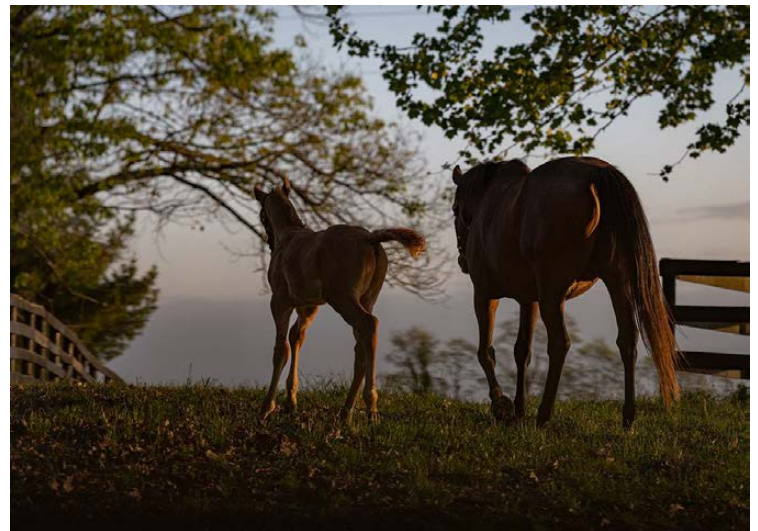
"Shack was wonderful," she says. "He hired me with no experience, and I worked for him 17 years. So I sort of feel like I grew up at the farm. Very few people have been doing this as long as Shack and his family. He's a mainstay at every sale. Everybody knows Shack and everybody loves him. It was wonderful he was willing to give both of us a chance when we started. He loves seeing young people grow and develop. I'll be forever grateful to him for that. I can't imagine coming up anywhere else. I wouldn't want to have done it any other way."

When they discussed an appropriate rebranding, Aguilar and Sutherland went to the literal heart of what they were taking on. Until succumbing to lightning, a few years ago, Indian Creek boasted what was thought to be the oldest and largest bur oak in North America.

"But there are several others on the farm that are pretty impressive," Sutherland remarks. "And the trees in general are I think an indication of the quality of the land. The heartwood is the densest core of the tree. The strength and the structure come from that. It just felt really right. Not to get too corny, but I do think it's very close to how we approach what we do."

"If we can give them that foundation, then we've done our job. We want to be a strong part of the programs for the people that we're involved in. So many people touch a horse's life along the way, and we certainly don't want to be the weak link. We want to be the best that we can."

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SIX SWIFT FILLIES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 27 TO AUG. 2, 2026 *By Randy Moss*

Nothing but turf runners this week, with the Beverly D.'s top three all making the cut.



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6. SOMETHINABOUTHER, CNL, 8-1, Beverly D. Stakes-GII, 1 3/16mT

Beyer Speed Figure- 93 (third) (video)

(f, 4, Mendelssohn--Phantom Proton, by Ghostzapper)

O-X-Men Racing IV, Madaket Stables and SF Racing. B-Stepaside Farm (Ky). T-Brendan Walsh. J-Tyler Gaffalione.

Her performance may be somewhat overlooked due to her third-place finish, but the consistent filly looked a possible winner in midstretch and ultimately missed by two necks. She has been top three in eight of her last 10 stakes, with an early graded score in Woodbine's GIII Mazarine Stakes as a 2-year-old.

5. ACHIEVE, CNL, 8-1, Beverly D. Stakes-GII, 1 3/16mT

Beyer Speed Figure- 94 (second) (video)

(f, 4, Justify--Dreams Are Made, by Tapit)

O-D J Stable. B-Breeze Easy (Ky). T-Mark Casse. J-Sonny Leon.



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Leon of Rich Strike fame rationed her speed perfectly, and after three straight wins (a maiden and two allowances) she very nearly pulled a 9-1 upset in her stakes debut. She has achieved a new ceiling since Casse switched her to grass, and she added her name to the growing list of stakes stars (see [Flightline](#), Golden Tempo) whose lineage can be traced to long-ago Phipps family runners--in her case two-time Breeders' Cup Distaff runner-up Versailles Treaty from 35 years back.

4. GIMME A NOTHER (SAF), CNL, 8-1, Beverly D. Stakes-GII, 1 3/16mT

Beyer Speed Figure- 94 (video)

(m, 6, Gimmethegreenlight {Aus}--Nother Russia (SAf), by Tiger Ridge)

O-Newstead Stables. B-Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein (SAf).

T-Graham Motion. J-John Velazquez.

Gimme A Nother got another, battling for her third straight victory. The South African import was unbeaten in seven starts in her home country for Michael de Kock before coming to Motion and missed the Breeders' Cup last fall with a minor injury. Breeders Wilgerbosdrift and Mauritzfontein are not oddly named individuals--both are prominent South African farms.



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3. PANDORA'S GIFT, MTH, 8-1, Incredible Revenge Stakes, 5 1/2fT

Beyer Speed Figure- 95 (video)

(m, 5, Churchill {Ire}--Amthaal {GB}, by Exceed and Excel {Aus})

O-LSU Stables. B-Rossenarra Bloodstock (Ire). T-Miguel Clement. J-Jose Gomez.

Larry Sarf's \$850,000 purchase at the inaugural 2024 Keeneland Championship Sale at Del Mar had already proved her worth with five consecutive graded-stakes performances between 88 and 97 on the Beyer scale. The British import then went into a four-race funk, but snapped out of it at Monmouth with this three-length front-running confidence builder.

2. SURVIE (IRE), SAR, 8-2, Glens Falls Stakes-GII, 1 1/2mT

Beyer Speed Figure- 95 (video)

(m, 5, Churchill {Ire}--Sotteville {Fr}, by Le Havre {Ire})

O-Michael Tabor. B-Franklin Finance (Ire). T-George Boughey. J-Flavien Prat.

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The Glens Falls was run like a European sleepwalk--the first six furlongs in 1:18.91--so naturally a European looked right at home. Prat confidently rated Survie four lengths off that pace, admitting he was "curious to see how fast she went home"--and she streaked her final quarter in :22.07 to shoot past them all. It was the first U.S. win for the 33-year-old Boughey, who said he may wheel Survie back against males Aug. 15 in the GI Christophe Clement Turf with a Breeders' Cup race as Tabor's ultimate goal.

1. CLOE, ELP, 8-1, Hummingbird Stakes, 5 1/2FT

Beyer Speed Figure- 97

(f, 4, **Tiz the Law--Nuhood, by Smart Strike)**

O-Lugamo Racing Stable. B-Crosshaven Bloodstock. T-Mike Maker. J-Ben Curtis.

The Luis Gavignano-owned filly takes the top spot this week after following her sharp Churchill allowance score--which landed her at number 5 on these rankings in June--with this sharp listed win at the same 5 1/2-furlong turf distance. Maker assumed her training this year and has maintained her consistent form. And who'da thunk it: the speedster's unraced dam is a half-sister to Breeders' Cup Marathon winner Eldaafer.

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TODD PLETCHER JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST PRESENTED BY KEENELAND

It was a memorable Saturday afternoon at Saratoga for Hall of Famer Todd Pletcher, who won five races, tying the record for most wins in a day for a trainer. The highlight was his victory in the GII Jim Dandy Stakes with his star 3-year-old **Renegade** (Into Mischief).

To discuss his big day, Renegade's victory when all appeared lost after he dropped 11 1/2 lengths behind the leader, his thoughts on the new 3-year-old championship series unveiled by Churchill Downs and NYRA and other subjects, Pletcher joined this week's *TDN Writers' Room Podcast* presented by **Keeneland**. He was the **Gainesway** Guest of the Week.

Going into the Jim Dandy, Pletcher was confident that Renegade was sitting on a big race.



Todd Pletcher | Sarah Andrew

"We were super happy with the way he ran," Pletcher said. "People were a little overly critical when it comes to the Belmont. He did run third. It's not like he was beaten an eighth of a mile or anything. We felt like he was back to his Arkansas Derby form and his Kentucky Derby form coming into the Jim Dandy. His energy level was good. His appetite was really good. He put on some weight since the Belmont. So we felt like he was back to his very best. In retrospect, I think we were a week or two short of being back to our best for the Belmont."

It was jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. who decided to let Renegade run his race, which meant letting him settle into stride and not asking too much of him early on. But Pletcher admitted there were some anxious moments when his colt fell so far back.

"Down the backside, at the seven-eighths pole, the three-quarter pole, I figured this was too much, this is too much ground to make up. But when he when he got rolling he was really flying. It did show that by waiting on him he's got that more explosive kick late."

A trainer who is always stocked with top sophomores, Pletcher was asked his opinion on the new NYRA-Churchill racing series. He said his first impressions were favorable, but then he had some second thoughts and doubts.

"My initial reaction was this is great, we're doing something different, we're mixing things up," he said. "We're hopefully going to create a series where we can play off the energy we're getting from the Derby and it'll last longer. Then, sort of later on, I thought, 'Wait a second, I think we just blew up the Triple Crown.' And that is something that racing has really been holding on to for a long, long time."

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There was a dead-heat for the “Fastest Horse of the Week.” ‘TDN Rising Star’ presented by Hagyard **Verifire** (Authentic), the winner of the Reigh Count Stakes at Colonial Downs, and **Local Knowledge** (Yaupon), the winner of the GII Amsterdam Stakes at Saratoga both earned 103 Beyer Speed Figures. The Fastest Horse of the Week is sponsored by **WinStar Farm, the home of the outstanding stallion Constitution.**

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the **PHBA, 1/ST TV** and **West Point Thoroughbreds**, Randy Moss, Bill Finley, and Zoe Cadman discussed the Thoroughbred Championship Series in greater detail and gave their opinions when it comes to how it will affect the Triple Crown. They also reviewed the major races from the preceding weekend, including the win by **Burnham Square (Liam's Map)** in the GI Arlington Million and previewed a stellar Saturday card at Saratoga, which is topped by the GI Whitney Stakes.

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FUTURE OF FAIR GROUNDS IN NEW ORLEANS ASSURED BY CDI *By Carter Wilkie*



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Overlooked in the focus on Churchill Downs Inc.'s (CDI) announcement with the New York Racing Association (NYRA) of their Thoroughbred Championship Series for 3 year-olds was a statement made by CDI CEO Bill Carstanjen during the company's July 30 conference call with investors: **Cont.**

INVESTMENT INCENTIVE SUMMARY FOR 2026

Attractive investment incentives are in place this year for those preparing to purchase bloodstock and other depreciable assets. The NTRA encourages buyers to speak with a tax professional to learn how these incentives can help maximize buying power.

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- Limited to taxable income
- Property must be purchased and placed in service to qualify
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"We will retain our Fair Grounds-related properties in Louisiana because of their long-term importance to the horse racing industry. Fair Grounds Race Course is home to the Louisiana Derby, which is a premier Road to the Kentucky Derby race. Fair Grounds also offers one of the very few wintertime turf courses in the eastern half of the U.S. and plays a key strategic role in the migration of racehorses in the colder months."

Carstanjen made the commitment to keep Fair Grounds in CDI's portfolio of racetracks when he announced the company would explore the sale of its track and casino at Presque Isle Downs, in Erie, Pennsylvania, its harness track and casino at Ocean Downs in Maryland, and seven other casino properties in Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Mississippi and New York.

In May of last year, CDI told the Louisiana Racing Commission that CDI would refuse to hold its 2025-2026 meet at the track if the state failed to help CDI replace revenue lost after Louisiana's highest court declared historical horse racing machines there unconstitutional without voter approval.

One month later, CDI said it had reached an agreement with Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry and horsemen to continue operations at Fair Grounds after local elected officials threatened to designate Fair Grounds a state historic site.

A historic designation would have prohibited the demolition or alteration of Fair Grounds without local government approval,

making the real estate less attractive and valuable to potential buyers and developers if CDI decided to sell it.

Racing was first held there in 1838, and the site also hosts the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, the second largest annual party in New Orleans after Mardi Gras. The 145-acre property sits between the city's Gentilly and Esplanade Ridge neighborhoods, near City Park. Shaded by mature Live Oak trees, Esplanade Ridge was long known as "Millionaire's Row" for the city's 19th-century mixed-race Creole upper class and their grand mansions.

Louisiana officials said they wanted to save Fair Grounds from the fate of suburban Chicago's now-demolished Arlington Park, which CDI closed in 2021 and then sold to the Chicago Bears as a potential site for an NFL stadium.

The loss of Fair Grounds would have doomed Louisiana as one of the top five Thoroughbred breeding grounds in the U.S., shrinking the state's Thoroughbred foal crop and footprint even further from the 50% decline it has experienced over the last decade.

At the same time, Fair Grounds, Gulfstream Park and Tampa Bay Downs are the only winter-operating tracks in the warmest climate zones east of the Mississippi River. South Florida's long-term future as a destination for winter racing remains unresolved.

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PACIFIC AVENUE INJURED AND RULED OUT OF SATURDAY'S GI SARATOGA DERBY



Pacific Avenue working over the turf at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

Godolphin homebred **Pacific Avenue** (Dubawi {Ire}) sustained an injury to his right foreleg on Wednesday morning during routine exercise for trainer Charlie Appleby at Saratoga Race Course and has been scratched from Saturday's GI Saratoga Derby, according to a press release on Wednesday from the track.

"Yes, it's a shame from this morning," Appleby said. "He was finishing up a routine exercise there and just when he came back to the barn, the team didn't like how he was cooling out. The vet team was there, and he went under supervision there and we sent him on to Rood & Riddle for further examination. Hopefully, they'll get to the bottom of whatever it is and what needs to be done."

A regally bred dual-winning son of perennial top global sire Dubawi and Group 1 Cheveley Park winner Lumiere (Shamardal), the Classic-placed gray colt was a troubled seventh last out in the GI Belmont Derby July 4. Two back, he was third in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh.

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REPORT: BELMONT STAKES RACING FESTIVAL HAS STRONG IMPACT ON SARATOGA COUNTY ECONOMY

Edited Press Release

Playing host to the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival (BSRF) for the last three years has made June one of the strongest tourism months in Saratoga County, New York, according to a newly released economic impact analysis. The result has been record hotel revenues, increased spending by visitors and historically

strong tax collections.

The analysis also traces the evolution of Saratoga's tourism economy, comparing pre-pandemic performance (2017-2019), the tourism recovery years (2021-2023) and the Belmont era (2024-2026). The findings show that hosting the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival helped elevate June into one of the region's highest-performing tourism months, creating lasting economic value while showcasing Saratoga to millions of viewers nationwide.

"The Belmont Stakes Racing Festival has proven to be far more than a world-class sporting event--it has served as a powerful economic driver for our region with significant benefits to Saratoga Springs and Saratoga County," said Todd Shimkus, president of the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce.

"These results demonstrate how extending Saratoga's tourism season into June gave a boost to sales tax collections for the city and county. Given record breaking revenue per available room, the city and county will likely also see a rise in occupancy taxes too."



Sarah Andrew

Added New York Racing Association President and CEO David O'Rourke: "The Belmont Stakes Racing Festival's three-year stay at Saratoga Race Course demonstrated the extraordinary impact that world-class racing can have on a community. Beyond the excitement on-track, we are thrilled the Festival generated meaningful economic benefits for local businesses, tourism partners, and residents throughout Saratoga County. NYRA is grateful for the tremendous support we received from the Saratoga community, and this report reinforces the value of premier sporting events that showcase New York to millions of fans while strengthening the local and regional economy."

To view the full economic analysis of the BSRF, click [here](#).

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FRANKLIN SMITH, OPERATED ELLOREE TRAINING CENTER, PASSES AWAY



Courtesy Ellore Training Center

Franklin Gregory 'Goree' Smith, whose South Carolina-based Ellore Training Center became a nationally recognized Thoroughbred training facility, passed away on Aug. 1. He was weeks shy of his 83rd birthday.

According to an obituary posted on the website of the Dukes Harley Funeral Home, Smith was born Aug. 14, 1943 in Orangeburg, South Carolina, and was raised in the Lone Star community of Orangeburg County, where "he developed his solid work ethic, love of the outdoors and deep-rooted values that came to define his life."

Educated at North Greenville University and the University of South Carolina, Smith purchased the property that would become Ellore in 1976. According to the obituary, Ellore "became a place where young racehorses were developed, lifelong friendships were formed, and countless individuals found encouragement and opportunity under his guidance."

With Smith's involvement after opening Ellore, the March trials originally named the Ellore Trials became an important fixture on the calendar. According to the obit, "thousands turned up to celebrate; there were tailgate parties, hat contests, the Miss Ellore Trials pageant, and an afternoon full of racing" making the event "one of South Carolina's annual highlights."

The recipient of countless awards from the South Carolina Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, Smith was a steady presence at auction houses from Florida to New York.

"Frank Smith was a truly wonderful man and a wonderful horseman, too," New York-based trainer Tom Morley posted on X. "Most kind to the young and inexperienced and a tremendously dry wit which I deeply appreciated."

According to the obituary, Goree was, above all, a family man. He was a loving husband to Bari H. Smith and a devoted father

to Franklin Gregory Smith, Jr. (Melissa), Catherine M. Smith, V. Suzanne Davis, and Caroline S. Garrett (Caleb). He delighted in being "Pappy" to his grandchildren: Franklin Gregory Smith III, Riley Alexandra Smith, Ava Elizabeth Cuttino, Bari Langley Cuttino, Emma Grace Cuttino, Jessie Luke Davis, Jr., Franklin Chance Davis, Wesley Logan Davis, Harper Elizabeth Garrett, and Adeline Estelle Garrett. He is also survived by his brother, Hamilton A. Smith (Jody).

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his siblings, Dudley David Smith, Jr., Celestia Roberts, Annie Laurie Watson, John Edward Smith, and Cleo Hendy.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ellore Heritage Museum & Cultural Center. Donations may be made online at www.elloreemuseum.org.

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WEEKLY RULINGS

WEEK OF JULY 30-AUG. 5

Every week, the *TDN* posts a roundup of the relevant Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) related rulings from around the country.

The following rulings were reported on HISA's "[rulings](#)" portal and through the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit's (HIWU) "[pending](#)" and "[resolved](#)" cases portals.

Resolved ADMC Violations

Dates: 08/04/2026

Licensee: Philip Antonacci, trainer

Penalty: A written Reprimand (per 9/26/23 HISA Guidance).

Explainer: Vet's list medication violations for the presence of Omeprazole--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Amangani on 6/22/26.

Dates: 07/31/2026

Licensee: Ralph D'Alessandro, trainer

Penalty: 7-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on August 1, 2026; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$1,000; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.

Explainer: Medication violation for the presence of Triamcinolone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Three Captains, who finished second at Finger Lakes on 6/10/26.

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Dates: 07/30/2026

Licensee: Joel M Campbell, trainer

Penalty: Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision of HIWU.

Explainer: Medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from She Stopped Short, who finished fourth at Hawthorne on 6/4/26.

Dates: 07/30/2026

Licensee: Reynaldo Yanez, trainer

Penalty: Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision of an internal adjudication panel.

Explainer: Medication violation for the presence of Methocarbamol--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Goodie Goomer, who won at Tampa Bay on 4/29/26.



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Pending ADMC Violations

08/05/2026, Clyde Martin Jr., trainer: Pending medication violations for the presence of Acepromazine--a class B controlled substance--in a sample taken from Kazillion on 7/3/26.

08/05/2026, Domenick Schettino, trainer: Pending medication violations for the presence of Dexamethasone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from That'sthefactjack, who won at Belmont at the Big A on 5/16/26.

08/04/2026, S. Matthew Kintz, trainer: Pending medication violations for the presence of Phenylbutazone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Cocktail Kisses, who won at Presque Isle Downs on 7/6/26.

08/04/2026, Kelly John Breen, trainer: Pending vets' list medication violations for the presence of Dantrolene--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Aces Full on 7/1/26.

08/03/2026, Alfred Michael Vuocolo, trainer: Pending vets' list medication violations for the presence of Flunixin--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Joe Vittori on 7/3/26.

08/03/2026, Sergio Donjuan, trainer: Pending medication violations for the presence of Lidocaine--a class B controlled substance--in a sample taken from Coda Mia, who won at Belterra Park on 6/18/26.

08/03/2026, Ron Ellis, trainer: Pending medication violations for the presence of Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO)--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Day at the Track, who finished third at Santa Anita on 6/15/26.

08/03/2026, Anne Wisdom, trainer: Pending medication violations for the presence of Methocarbamol--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Da Smoke, who finished second at

Emerald Downs on 6/14/26.

07/31/2026, Niki G. Goodwin, trainer: Pending vet's list medication violations for the presence of Acepromazine--a class B controlled substance--in a sample taken from Morgs World on 7/4/26.

Crop Violations

Delaware Park

Jesus M. Suarez--reporting date August 1; \$500 fine, three-day suspension

Edwin Gonzalez--reporting date August 1; \$1,000 fine, four-day suspension, on appeal stay requested

Del Mar

Francisco Monroy--reporting date August 1; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

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Gulfstream Park

Pedro L. Pena--reporting date August 3; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Jozbin Z. Santana--reporting date August 2; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Monmouth Park

Pascacio Lopez--reporting date August 2; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Thistledown

McKenna K. Anderson--reporting date August 3; \$250 fine, one-day suspension, on appeal stay requested

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TAA RETURNS TO SARATOGA FOR WHITNEY WEEKEND, FASIG-TIPTON SALES *Edited Press Release*



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Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) is returning to Saratoga over the coming days to highlight accredited aftercare through a variety of initiatives at both Saratoga Race Course and Fasig-Tipton. The organization will participate in events during Whitney weekend and will remain active through the Fasig-Tipton Selected Yearling Sale the following week.

The New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) will feature Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance as its Community Partner during Whitney weekend. The 99th running of the Whitney Stakes will take place Saturday, Aug. 8, at Saratoga Race Course. Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance will be present at NYRA's

Community Outreach Booth on Saturday and Sunday, where fans can learn more about accredited aftercare. Branded merchandise, including a limited edition Saratoga t-shirt designed by artist Ellen Skidmore, will be available in exchange for donations.

NYRA will also recognize the TAA with a named race on the undercard on both Saturday and Sunday. Following each race, a presentation will be made to the winning connections, who will receive a branded blanket and gift bag.

"NYRA is proud to continue its partnership with Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance during Whitney weekend at Saratoga," said Tony Allevato, NYRA Chief Revenue Officer and President of NYRA Bets. "Saratoga Race Course provides an exceptional opportunity to celebrate the Thoroughbred and raise awareness for the importance of accredited aftercare. We are pleased to support Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance's mission and the meaningful impact it has on the future of our sport."

The weekend will also include hosting the winners of the VIP experience auctioned earlier this year through the "Off to the Races" campaign supporting accredited aftercare. This experience was generously donated by NYRA, the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame & Anne's Washington Inn.

Fasig-Tipton, a supporting partner of Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, will host The Saratoga Sale of selected yearlings Aug. 10-11. Representatives will be on-site to meet with supporters, consigners, and buyers to promote accredited aftercare.

While in Saratoga, Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance will also conduct inspections at accredited aftercare facilities as part of its ongoing accreditation process. In addition, staff will meet with trainers, owners, and supporters and convene for the organization's annual board meeting on Thursday, Aug. 13.

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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. --*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*



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Sunday, 8/9, Mountaineer Casino & Resort #8, post time: 7:55 p.m. EDT

WEST VIRGINIA DERBY-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

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

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

J J Grey (Street Boss) has found a home in these second-flight 3-year-old stakes. He's won three straight for Ken McPeck, including the Iowa Derby, where he may have been facing tougher. **Zihnal** (Quality Road) is a beautifully bred colt from the Jonathan Thomas barn who looks to be improving. Attracts John Velazquez for this assignment. **Trendsetter** (Modernist) has been facing slightly better in races like the GIII Ohio Derby and the GIII Peter Pan Stakes. You can count on him to run his race. --Bill Finley

Sunday, 8/9, Del Mar #6, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT

SORRENTO S.-GIII, \$150,000, 2yo, f, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dash 🐎	Cyberknife	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	McCarthy	Gonzalez	118
2	Belleza Latina 🐎	Maclean's Music	Barber, Gary and Kagele, Tom	Miller	Jaramillo	123
3	Crazy Hot Mess 🐎	Pinehurst	McMillan, Michael and Bryner, Raymond C.	Miller	Espinoza	123
4	Ruiva	Munnings	Three Chimneys Farm	Ward	Smith	123
5	Holmby 🐎	Corniche	By Talla Racing LLC	Baffert	Hernandez	123
6	Blockade 🐎	Knicks Go	WSS Racing	Hanson	Escobedo	120

Breeders: 1-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Craig Bernick LLC & Jamie Frost, 3-Erick Alexander Torres, 4-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 5-40 Acre Farm LLC, 6-Martha Jaimes

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Thursday, 8/6, Saratoga, post time: 5:44 p.m. EDT

JOHN MORRISSEY S., \$200,000, 3yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dr. Kraft	The Lieutenant	Kantarmaci, Ilkay, Zilla Racing Stables, Black Jack Racing LLC and Forst, Steven	Kantarmaci	Gonzalez	124
2	Light Man	Central Banker	McRich Stables	Levine	Rodriguez	124
3	El Grande O	Take Charge Indy	Barry K. Schwartz	Rice	Prat	124
4	Hit the Post	Kantharos	Old Tavern Farm, LLC	Giddings	Elliott	126
5	Buttah	Leofric	Eddie F's Racing	Kantarmaci	Castellano	124
6	Sacrosanct	Honest Mischief	Lady Sheila Stable	Rice	Franco	124
7	Acoustic Ave	Maclean's Music	A. Bianco Holding Limited	Rice	Lezcano	124
8	Bold Journey	Hard Spun	Pantofel Stable LLC, Wachtel Stable and G Barber	Mott	Alvarado	126
9	Yo Banana Boy	Practical Joke	Robert W. Krattiger	Maker	Santana, Jr.	126
10	Doc Sullivan	Solomini	Tristar Farm LLC	Green	Ortiz, Jr.	126
11	Donegal Surges	Candy Ride (Arg)	Donegal Racing	Pletcher	Carmouche	124
12	Drake's Passage	Tonalist	Robert S. Evans	Clement	Gaffalione	124
13	Radio Red	The Big Beast	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Gargan	Davis	126

Breeders: 1-Sequel Stallions New York LLC, 2-Newman Racing, 3-Stonewall Farm, 4-Old Tavern Farm LLC, 5-Fedwell Farms, 6-Burleson Farms, Mckenzie Bloodstock, &Sequel Thoroughbreds, 7-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 8-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 9-Triumphant Trio, 10-Seamus Coughlan, 11-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 12-Robert S. Evans, 13-Windylea Farm-New York, LLC



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KINGMAN FILLY EMBOUTEILLAGE A DEBUT WINNER AT SARATOGA



Embouteillage receives a warm welcome to the Saratoga winner's circle | Sarah Andrew

by Stefanie Grimm

Despite receiving little attention on the tote board, Embouteillage (Kingman {GB}) soared right on by the 2-1 race favorite Rockabye (Flightline) and won going away, graduating on debut at Saratoga Wednesday.

Given only a 15-1 chance, the homebred for Wertheimer et Frere broke evenly in the middle of the pack from stall three and was able to save all the ground against the hedge as Rockabye, making her second start, led early inside of rail-drawn longshot Shinobu (Munnings).

An advancing third behind that pair into the far turn but joined on the outside by another longshot in Oh Come On (Munnings), Embouteillage was given a patient ride by Hall of Famer John Velazquez who sat chilly behind that three-wide wall at the quarter pole before hitting the gas as racing room opened up down the center of the course.

Rockabye had gotten first jump inside and was clear at the sixteenth pole but Embouteillage had all the momentum and was able to wear that favorite down, surging past easily close to

home to pick up the stylish win by 1 1/4 lengths.

'Insighted' runner Without Hesitation (Jackie's Warrior), the top-priced filly at this year's OBS April Sale at \$2.3-million, took extra time to load pre-race and never factored, checking in a mid-pack fifth.

"She's quick, and the stallion was a miler and he produces quick horses," trainer Graham Motion told Maggie Wolfendale after the race. "I wasn't surprised [that she showed speed] and I figured as long as [broke] well. I felt pretty good when I saw John [Velazquez] sitting in that pocket down the backstretch."

Embouteillage is a daughter of GSW Mitchell Road, a mare who banked north of \$619,000 on the track and now has two winners from three to race. And while she did her racing on the turf, the mare's half-brother, a horse by the name of **Country House** (Lookin At Lucky), took down one of the top dirt races in his controversial upset of the GI Kentucky Derby in 2019. The family also includes GSW/MGISP Breaking Lucky (Lookin At Lucky) who took his own leg of the Canadian Triple Crown with a win in the 2015 Prince of Sales Stakes.

Mitchell Road has a yearling Into Mischief filly named Desobeissante and a weanling **Nyquist** filly who has been named Routiere. She visited **Justify** for the 2027 foaling season.

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6th-Saratoga, \$115,000, Msw, 8-5, 2yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 1:02.78, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

EMBOUTEILLAGE (f, 2, Kingman {GB}--Mitchell Road {GSW, \$619,893}, by English Channel) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$63,250. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or **VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Wertheimer Et Frere (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.



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Maria Louise (by **Gun Runner**) graduates at the Spa in her career debut on Wednesday.

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Some of the most highly anticipated races during the summer season are the 'baby' races during the boutique meetings at Saratoga and Del Mar and at Ellis Park, which attract its fair share of high-priced juveniles from a variety of top national outfits. Summer Breezes, sponsored by OBS Sales, highlights debuting and stakes-entered 2-year-olds at those meetings that have been sourced at the breeze-up sales earlier in the year, including links to their under-tack previews. Here are the entries for Thursday at Saratoga. Information gathered by Alan Carasso.

Thursday, August 6, 2026

Sar 2, \$115k, Msw, 2yo, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:44 p.m. ET

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price (\$)	Breeze
Motorcycle Cop (Keepmeinmind)	OBSMAR	70,000	:21 4/5

C-Ricehorse Stable (B & A Rice); B-Cam Ziprick

Saratoga 6, \$90k, Msw, 2yo, f, (R), 6f, 4:00 p.m. ET

Gustavia (Mo Donegal)	OBSMAR	50,000	:10 1/5
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JOHNSTONE S., \$200,000, Saratoga, 8-5, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23.39, ft.

1--**MUNNINGS EXPRESS**, 124, f, 4, **Munnings**--Freddie Anne (MSW, \$394,053), by Freud. (\$325,000 Ylg '23 SARAUG).

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Team Spoor; B-Fergus Galvin, Marc Detampel, Jayne Johnson & Adrian Wallace (NY); T-Linda Rice; J-Manuel Franco. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: 12-6-3-3, \$423,870.



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2--**Landed**, 126, m, 5, Omaha Beach--Glory Gold, by Medaglia d'Oro. (\$220,000 Wlg '21 FTKNOV; \$500,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG). O-Lael Stables; B-Final Furlong Racing Stable & Maspeth Stable (NY); T-Wesley A. Ward. \$40,000.



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3--**Usha**, 126, f, 4, **Tiz the Law**--Animal Appeal, by Leroidesanimaux (Brz). (\$30,000 Ylg '23 SARAUG; \$600,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR). O-Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul; B-Esler & Raine (NY); T-Bob Baffert. \$24,000.



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Margins: 1 3/4, 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 5.75, 10.73, 1.06.

Also Ran: Iron Orchard, With the Angels, Bam's Bliss Kiss, Naive Melody. Scratched: Sunday Girl.

Remarkably consistent through 12 prior races that saw her hit the board in every one of them, **Munnings Express** returned to earlier form to win Wednesday's Johnstone Stakes at the Spa.

Tucked in a rail-hugging fourth as Bam's Bliss Kiss (**Solomini**) led Landed through a :22.20 quarter, the 5-1 chance swept to the front through a half in :45.10. Moving confidently from there, she burst clear turning for home, and while favored Usha loomed a threat for a moment, it was **Munnings Express** who had the most left, striding home a 1 3/4-length winner over Landed. Usha was third.

"I had to move a little earlier than I wanted, but at the same time, I thought that was the right move, too," said winning rider Manny Franco.

"My plan was to be forward with her because of the way she runs. I took my time--there was a lot of speed in the race, so I don't rush her off her feet. She came back to me and I felt like at the three-eighths pole going to the five-sixteenths, I had the rail wide open, so I say, 'let me go for it,' because after that, they're going to come back. I went and then she took off quick. After that, she put her ears up again and I said, 'we're here [on the lead] already, so hopefully she can get it done.' And she did."

The winner of two starts facing state-bred rivals last season, **Munnings Express** hit the ground running at four, taking her second start in an open six-furlong optional claimer at the Big A in April before adding another stretching to seven panels there the following month. Trying turf for the first time on June 25, she was headed late to be third and finished in that same spot last time out in a seven-furlong optional claiming test in Saratoga on July 23.

"It was a terrific ride [on **Munnings Express**]. The last time she ran, she ran well but she had a bit of a troubled trip," said winning trainer Linda Rice. "The [inside] post position was awkward, and things didn't unfold that well. Manny [Franco] rode her beautifully today and I'm excited to get a stakes win with her."

She added, "She's done everything right all winter long. She was a very, very big 2-year-old and needed a lot of time to grow into herself. I think she's there."

"She was a very big, awkward 2-year-old, reminded me a lot of La Verdad. As a 3-year-old, we got her to run a little bit but really, she didn't come together until 4-years-old. I think that's a function of her size and immaturity."

The winner's dam, MSW Freudie Anne (Freud), produced consecutive fillies by **Tiz the Law** in 2023 and 2024.

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8th-Saratoga, \$125,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 8-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.71, fm, 3/4 length.

ASHIKIDAH (FR) (f, 4, Belardo {Ire}--Ashtaneh, by More Than Ready), listed-placed for Francis-Henri Graffard in her native France, marked her state-side debut with a close-up fourth over this course and trip on July 9. Given a 3-1 chance this time, the bay tracked pacesetter Tirupati (Mitole) through initial splits of :24 and :48.26. Taking aim at the 7-2 chance down the lane, she was up in time to bets her rival by 3/4 of a length.

Ashtaneh produced a filly by Sea The Moon (Ger) in 2024. Sales history: €400,000 3yo '25 ARQDEC. Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 10-3-2-1, \$144,771. Click for the **Equibase.com** chart or **VIDEO**, sponsored by **FanDuel TV**.

O-Lindy Farms, AC Crawford Farms, Glen Hill Farm and Ice Wine Stable; B-S.C. H.H. The Aga Khan's Studs (FR); T-Philip Antonacci.



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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Saratoga, \$115,000, Msw, 8-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.23, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

MARIA LOUISE (f, 3, Gun Runner--Stopchargingmaria {MGISW, \$3,014,000}, by Tale of the Cat), installed the 8-5 choice for her career opener, settled right behind 10-1 chance Empress New Groove (Seeking the Soul) through opening splits of :23.56 and :46.44. Ready to go turning for home, the favorite collared the pacesetter and drew off to score by 2 1/4 lengths over Noble Glow (Gun Runner).



Maria Louise | Sarah Andrew

Stopchargingmaria proved more than capable on the racetrack, winning half of nine starts, including the GI CCA Oaks, GI Alabama and GI Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff. After retiring with over \$3 million in the coffers, she was purchased by Whisper Hill Farm for \$4.4 million when offered in foal to Tapit at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. Half of her four first foals won, but didn't prove of much consequence on the racetrack. The mare, who is also responsible for a 4-year-old unraced filly by Quality Road, produced a Gun Runner colt in 2024 and most recently, dropped a filly by McKinzie this term. She was bred back to McKinzie. Sales history: \$850,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP.

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$63,250. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.](#)

O-Epic Horses LLC & Town and Country Racing LLC; B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC & Whisper Hill Farm, LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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2nd-Saratoga, \$93,000, (S), Msw, 8-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.23, ft, 2 lengths.

FABIAN'S PRINCESS (f, 3, Vino Rosso--Queen Victoria, by Flatter) added blinkers Wednesday for her first start since a six-furlong debut in the slop at Aqueduct late last year where she finished fourth behind next-out stakes winner Braverthanubelieve (Honest Mischief). The narrow 2-1 second choice set the tempo from along the inside, leading narrowly over Carmen Amalia (Combatant) with favorite Promise Me Amelody (Maclean's Music) just off that pair. Still on the lead with a one-length margin off the far turn, Fabian's Princess had something left and was able to keep the favorite behind her, building up her winning margin to graduate second-time out by two lengths. A half-sister to Castle Chaos (Palace Malice), MGSP, \$609,552, Fabian's Princess is out of a winning Flatter first dam who last produced a weanling filly by Early Voting and visited Elite Power fro 2027. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$59,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.](#)

O/B-Dragon Slayer Stable (NY); T-Horacio De Paz.



Fabian's Princess
Sarah Andrew

Maiden winners cont.

1st-Penn National, \$40,715, Msw, 8-5, 2yo, f, 5f, :58.37, ft, 8 1/4 lengths.

OUR SWEET BELLE (f, 2, **Cairo Prince--Our Sweet Girl, by Competitive Edge)**, sent off the even-money favorite, stalked the early pace, took over in the lane and drew off to score by 8 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**
O/B-Matthew T. Groff (PA); T-Brandon L. Kulp.

7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw, 8-5, 2yo, 5f, :58.24, ft, 4 lengths.

MERIT BADGE (g, 2, Mitole--Badge of Honor, by Badge of Silver), third behind Talleyrand (Into Mischief) at Ellis in his career bow on July 9, was installed the 2-1 choice this time. Rushed into contention from his wide berth, the gelding was eased back to third just off a solid early pace. Rushing up while wide turning for home, the Minnesota-bred took over in the stretch and drew clear to post the easy score over C R Sultan (Maximus Mischief).

From the family of Canadian champions Dancing Allstar (Millennium Star) and Summer Sunday (Silent Name {Jpn}), Badge of Honor also has a yearling full-brother to the winner in the pipeline. Sales history: \$29,000 RNA Wlg '24 KEENOV. The 14-year-old mare was bred back to **Straight No Chaser**. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$23,960. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**
O-Sprick, Cheryl and Bremer, Richard; B-Richard Bremer & Cheryl Sprick (MN); T-Anna M. Meah.

8th-Finger Lakes, \$31,340, Msw, 8-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:07.26, ft, 1/2 length.

GRAMMA G G (f, 3, **Complexity--Fun Finder {SP}, by Cross Traffic)** wasn't especially hurried in the early going, settling in fifth through a :22.21 quarter. Making some headway following a half in :46.85, the New York-bred gradually reeled in the lead and was up in time to score by a 1/2 length over Lookie Here (World of Trouble). Heavy favorite Tremendous Bee (**Bee Jersey**) was sixth.

SP Fun Finder produced consecutive colts, one by **Independence Hall** last season followed by another by **Americanrevolution** this term. Sales history: \$3,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,560. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Sheila J. Englehart; B-Mashnee Stables LLC (NY); T-Chris J. Englehart.

Hidden Brook Raised & Sold

4th-Louisiana Downs, \$23,000, Msw, 8-5, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:06.65, ft, 15 3/4 lengths.

LUAU LARRY'S (c, 2, **Vino Rosso--Free, by Shackleford)**, sent off the 6-5 choice, went quickly to the front, increased his advantage at every call and drew off late to score by an eye-catching 15 3/4 length margin over Grand Eagle (Eagle). Sales history: \$30,000 Ylg '25 FTKOCT; \$80,000 2yo '26 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Les Blake; B-Carol M. Ricker (KY); T-Jonathan Wong.

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 2026 Stud Fees Listed

Corniche (Quality Road), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000
109 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Saratoga, 1:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Monaco Crown, 5-1
\$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$65,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
204 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Colonial Downs, 1:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Gold Brew, 20-1
\$70,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$70,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

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Greatest Honour (**Tapit**), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
117 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Saratoga, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Juana Margarita, 8-1
\$29,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl; \$40,000 KEE SEP yrl

Jack Christopher (**Munnings**), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000
187 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Saratoga, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, We Goin, 15-1
\$17,000 KEE SEP yrl

Keepmeinmind (Laoban), Whispering Oaks Farm, \$2,000
42 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Saratoga, 1:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Motorcycle Cop, 15-1
\$3,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$30,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Mandaloun (Into Mischief), Juddmonte Farms, \$10,000
100 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Colonial Downs, 1:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Baseball Card, 8-1
\$55,000 FTK JUL yrl

Mo Donegal (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
135 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Saratoga, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Gustavia, 20-1
\$7,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$5,000 TTA YRL yrl; \$50,000 OBS MAR 2yo
2-Colonial Downs, 1:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Pretty Violent, 6-1

Mystic Guide (Ghostzapper), Darley, \$7,500
101 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Saratoga, 1:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, All About Soul, 8-1
\$72,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$150,000 SAR AUG yrl

Nashville (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$12,500
140 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Saratoga, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Capodost, 5-2
\$45,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
6-Saratoga, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Cream of the Crop, 8-1
\$60,000 SAR AUG yrl

Speaker's Corner (**Street Sense**), Darley, \$10,000
111 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Saratoga, 1:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Parea, 10-1
\$40,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$140,000 OBS APR 2yo

Warrior's Charge (**Munnings**), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views
Stallions, \$5,000
25 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Saratoga, 1:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Roadhouse Warrior,
30-1
\$55,000 SAR AUG yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, AUGUST 6*2026 Stud Fees Listed*

Engage (Into Mischief), Northview Stallion Station, \$2,500
84 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Colonial Downs, 2:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Side Hug, 30-1
\$13,000 EAS OCT yrl

Halladay (War Front), Kingfisher Farm, \$5,000
87 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Del Mar All Turf Pick 3, 6:01 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Golden
Sentry, 5-1
2-Del Mar All Turf Pick 3, 7:03 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Hallagrey, 8-1
\$132,000 FTC AYR yrl
2-Del Mar All Turf Pick 3, 7:03 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Hal of a Day,
3-1
\$25,000 FTC AYR yrl

Lexitonian (Speightstown), Calumet Farm, \$7,500
93 foals of racing age/29 winners/4 black-type winners
2-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Serafina Vietti,
20-1
\$7,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$20,000 FTK OCT yrl

Mo Forza (Uncle Mo), Rancho San Miguel, \$5,000
132 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Del Mar All Turf Pick 3, 7:03 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Believer, 12-1
\$24,000 RNA FTC AYR yrl; \$30,000 CTB AJA yrl
2-Del Mar All Turf Pick 3, 7:03 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Midnight
Buck, 10-1
\$15,000 FTC AYR yrl

Sleepy Eyes Todd (Paddy O'Prado), Swifty Farms, \$3,500
25 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Gabe Doesit
Again, 12-1

Tacitus (**Tapit**), Taylor Made Farm, \$5,000
199 foals of racing age/35 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Saratoga, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Dotsy, 20-1
\$10,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$37,000 FTK OCT yrl



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IN MAINLAND CHINA:

Vekoma Magic, c, 2, **Vekoma**--Ice for the Lady (SW, \$104,400), by Flatter. Huhtala, 8-2, Maiden, 1000m (sand). B-Elizabeth Muirhead (KY). *\$70,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP. **VIDEO**



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STAKES RESULTS:

A. P. SMITHWICK MEMORIAL H., (NB) \$150,000, Saratoga, 8-5, 4yo/up, 2 3/8mT, 4:42.76, fm.

1--**SMART UNCLE**, 142, g, 6, **Uncle Mo**--**Smart Together** (SP-Eng), by **Smart Strike**. O-Mrs. S. K. Johnston, Jr.; B-George Strawbridge (KY); T-Jack Fisher; J-Jamie Bargary. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 22-5-4-4, \$325,300.



2--**Fil Dor** (Fr), 158, g, 8, **Doctor Dino** (Fr)--**La Turbale**, by Ange Gabriel (Fr). (€88k 2yo '20 ARQAUT; €620k 6yo '24 TATAGD). O-Del Rio Racing; B-Mme Devin (FR); T-R Hendriks. \$27,000.

3--**Roja Redemption**, 142, g, 6, **Flintshire** (GB)--**Desired Effect**, by Giant's Causeway. O-Riverdee Stable; B-Brownwood Farm (KY); T-Jack Fisher. \$15,000.

Margins: 3/4, NK, 5 3/4. Odds: 4.04, 7.16, 6.49.



Smart Uncle (#7) winning the A.P. Smithwick Memorial at the Spa on Wednesday | Sarah Andrew

DEBUTANTE S., (NB) C\$50,250, Assiniboia Downs, 8-4, 2yo, f, 5f, 1:00.36, ft.

1--**MY KID'S SAID NO**, 120, f, 2, **Omaha Beach--Under Serviced (MSW, \$230,872)**, by **Hook and Ladder**. (\$70,000 2yo '26 OBSMAR). O-Joseph A. Schumer; B-Helen Barbazon & Joseph Barbazon (FL); T-Tena Birdwell; J-Shavon Townsend. C\$30,600. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$70,784.

2--**Thick**, 123, f, 2, **Flameaway--Goldstorm Glory**, by **Tonalist**. (C\$10,000 Ylg '25 CANSEP). ***1ST-TIME STARTER**.

O-A2 Thoroughbreds and True North Thoroughbreds; B-Phoenix Rising Farms (ON); T-Michael Nault. C\$10,200.

3--**Cape Spear**, 120, f, 2, **Known Agenda--Lenders Way**, by **Hook and Ladder**. (\$4,000 Ylg '25 FTKOCT). ***1ST-TIME STARTER**. O-Brown, Jared and Ganas, John; B-Scott Pierce & Debbie Pierce (NY); T-Jared Brown. C\$5,100.

 **GARRENCASEY SALES GRADUATE** 

Margins: 11 3/4, HD, 5. Odds: 0.10, 16.65, 39.15.

MANITOBA OAKS, (NB) C\$50,000, Assiniboia Downs, 8-4, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:41.48, ft.

1--**BARTENDER**, 115, f, 3, **Candy Ride (Arg)--Bar Hopper**, by **Giant's Causeway**. O-Henry S. Witt, Jr.; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Mark Simms, Jr.; J-Damario Bynoe. C\$30,600. Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-2, \$65,916.

2--**Evolution**, 123, f, 3, **Brethren--Sweet Khaleesi**, by **Maimonides**. O-Cattleman's Club Stable; B-Arindel (FL); T-Monique Goulet. C\$10,200.

3--**Lisa Connects**, 115, f, 3, **Connect--Lisa Limon**, by **Scat Daddy**. O-Homer Thoroughbreds; B-Kenwood Racing LLC (KY); T-Jason Homer. C\$5,100.

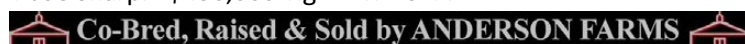
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Margins: HF, 16 3/4, 2. Odds: 1.70, 0.60, 19.55.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-Saratoga, \$125,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 8-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.34, fm, head.

ONTARIO (m, 5, Ghostzapper--Mexican Hat {SP}, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-2, \$200,119. O-NK Racing and LNJ Foxwoods; B-Narola, LLC and Anderson Farms Ont. Inc. (ON); T-Joe Sharp. *\$450,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

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3rd-Thistledown, \$38,400, 8-5, (NW29MX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.98, ft, 2 lengths.

CITY SCENE (m, 5, Dominus--Nava, by Even the Score) Lifetime Record: MSW, 26-13-7-5, \$522,663. O/B-Elkhorn Oaks Inc. (OH); T-James R. Jackson. *Full to Candlelight Hours, MSW, \$783,600; 1/2 to Timeless Bounty (Elusive Hour), SW, \$339,712.

7th-Thistledown, \$38,400, (S), 8-5, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.54, ft, head.

TEACHING MOMENT (g, 3, Mo Town--Jossy Do It {SW}, by Proud Accolade) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$65,934. O-Boots N Bikinis LLC; B-David Wolochuk (OH); T-David Wolochuk.

2nd-Thistledown, \$35,800, (S), 8-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.80, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

MANDALAY SKY (f, 3, Sky Kingdom--Mandalay Beach, by Lonhro {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-3, \$62,819. O-Curt G. Arnett; B-Alexis Chiandussi & Dr. Robert Maro (OH); T-Israel Flores. *1/2 to Wave of Goodness (**Cairo Prince**), SW, \$221,775.

6th-Thistledown, \$35,800, (S), 8-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.76, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.

TIPSY TULIP (f, 3, Corfu--Ritzy Rose, by Hat Trick {Jpn}) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$42,536. O-J and R Racing LLC; B-J & R Racing, LLC (OH); T-Megan Fadlovich.

7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$35,150, 8-5, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:15.88, ft, 1 length.

CITY TRIPPER (g, 6, Majestic City--Bares Tripper {SW, \$135,240}, by Sky Mesa) Lifetime Record: 39-9-3-7, \$132,414. O-Rory M. Barron; B-Barry R. Ostrager (NY); T-Rory M. Barron. *\$6,000 2yo '22 OBSWIN. **1/2 to Arazi Like Move (Graydar), SP, \$174,642.

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7th-Finger Lakes, \$29,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 8-5, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.08, ft, nose.

SCOCCHIATORE (g, 9, Central Banker--Our Miss Jones {SP, \$130,210}, by Alphabet Soup) Lifetime Record: 32-9-7-5, \$548,519. O-La Marca Stable; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY); T-Jonathan B. Buckley. *\$50,000 Ylg '18 SARAUG; \$47,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Mr. Online (Silent Name {Jpn}), SW & MGSP-USA, GISP-Can, \$551,005; 1/2 to Carmenootz (Silent Name {Jpn}), SP, \$226,645.

 **SGV THOROUGHBREDS GRADUATE** 

2nd-Finger Lakes, \$26,900, 8-5, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.82, ft, head.

LIFEISBUTADREAM (f, 3, Lookin At Lee--Mary Grace, by Wildcat Heir) Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, \$75,300. O-Ferraro, M. Anthony and Wells, Elliot S.; B-Evelyn Burke (NY); T-M. Anthony Ferraro. *\$4,500 Ylg '24 OBSWIN; \$20,000 Ylg '24 EASOCT.

3rd-Finger Lakes, \$26,500, 8-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.73, ft, 1/2 length.

ROCKINMONEY (g, 4, Mr. Monomoy--Rockin Emmzy, by Tale of the Cat) Lifetime Record: 15-2-5-3, \$77,765. O/T-M. Anthony Ferraro; B-Richard Kern (NY).

6th-Finger Lakes, \$26,375, 8-5, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.33, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

NOT FOR HIRE (g, 4, Not This Time--She's a Truckin, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 13-3-4-1, \$131,978. O-Windylea Farm LLC; B-Windylea Farm-New York, LLC (NY); T-Jonathan B. Buckley. *\$200,000 Wlg '22 FTKNOV.

1st-Assiniboia Downs, C\$21,080, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$16,018), 8-4, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.41, ft, neck.

DOMINANT SPIRIT (g, 4, Mohaymen--Town Belle, by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: MSP, 22-5-1-6, \$172,165. O-Henry S. Witt, Jr.; B-Clark O. Brewster (KY); T-Jerry Gourneau. *\$65,000 2yo '24 TTAAPR. *1/2 to Ryono Tesoro (Justin Phillip), SW-Jpn, \$528,097.

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7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$19,000, 8-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.99, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.

UNDALAY (h, 6, Uncaptured--Lunarlady {SW}, by Yes It's True) Lifetime Record: 41-8-2-6, \$172,680. O-Reed, Larry R. and Bernardini, Jay P.; B-A. Francis Vanlangendonck & Barbara H. Vanlangendonck (FL); T-Jay P. Bernardini. *\$9,500 Ylg '21 FTKFEB. **1/2 to Halina's Forte (Mitole), GSW, \$562,575.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hello Honey, f, 2, Classic Empire--Tribal Music, by A. P. Warrior. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-5, 5fT, :58.29. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$21,800. B-Palm Beach Racing III, LLC (KY). *1/2 to Trust Our Journey (**American Pharoah**), SW, \$137,750 and Tribal Drama (Big Drama), SW, \$211,915.

Lecompte's Run, f, 2, Tom's d'Etat--Pounds to Pennies, by Exchange Rate. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-5, (C), 7 1/2fT, 1:33.79. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$18,335. B-Joe B. Mulholland Jr. & John P. Mulholland (KY). *\$22,000 RNA Ylg '25 KEESEP. **1/2 to Shilling (Global Campaign), SW, \$197,025.

Kingston Lady, f, 3, Midshipman--Jaded Lady (SP), by Shanghai Bobby. Louisiana Downs, 8-4, 1mT, 1:36.60. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$22,850. B-Mike Freeny & Pat Freeny (KY). *\$10,000 Ylg '24 KEEJAN; \$16,000 Ylg '24 OBSOCT.

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Grand Ariat, f, 3, Skylord--Amore Grand, by Grand Slam. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-5, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.61. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$30,800. B-Georgina Avila-Perez (IN).

Le Midi's Treasure, c, 3, Vino Rosso--Mgr Treasure, by Overanalyze. Finger Lakes, 8-5, 5 1/2f, 1:06.05. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,800. B-TLC Thoroughbreds LLC (NY). *\$30,000 Wlg '23 FTNMIX; \$40,000 Ylg '24 SARAUG.

Rossbeigh, g, 4, More Than Ready--Portmagee (SW & GSP, \$215,800), by Hard Spun. Saratoga, 8-5, (S), (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:44.11. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, \$53,280. B-Waterville Lake Stable LLC (NY). *\$200,000 RNA Ylg '23 SARAUG. **1/2 to Derrynane (**Quality Road**), SW-Can, MSP-USA, \$271,770.

Lee the Cabby, g, 4, Mucho Macho Man--Reba's Cat, by Consolidator. Presque Isle Downs, 8-5, 6f (AWT), 1:11.34. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,375. B-University of Kentucky (KY). *\$25,000 Ylg '23 FTKFEB; \$75,000 Ylg '23 FTKJUL.



Belardo (Ire), Ashikidah (Fr), f, 4, o/o Ashtaneh, by More Than Ready. AOC, 8-5, Saratoga

Cairo Prince, Our Sweet Belle, f, 2, o/o Our Sweet Girl, by Competitive Edge. MSW, 8-5, Penn National

Candy Ride (Arg), Bartender, f, 3, o/o Bar Hopper, by Giant's Causeway. Manitoba Oaks, 8-4, Assiniboia

Central Banker, Scocciatore, g, 9, o/o Our Miss Jones, by Alphabet Soup. AOC, 8-5, Finger Lakes

Classic Empire, Hello Honey, f, 2, o/o Tribal Music, by A. P. Warrior. MSW, 8-5, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Complexity, Gramma G G, f, 3, o/o Fun Finder, by Cross Traffic. MSW, 8-5, Finger Lakes

Corfu, Topsy Tulip, f, 3, o/o Ritzy Rose, by Hat Trick (Jpn). ALW, 8-5, Thistledown

Dominus, City Scene, m, 5, o/o Nava, by Even the Score. ALW, 8-5, Thistledown

Ghostzapper, Ontario, m, 5, o/o Mexican Hat, by Street Cry (Ire). AOC, 8-5, Saratoga

Gun Runner, Maria Louise, f, 3, o/o Stopchargingmaria, by Tale of the Cat. MSW, 8-5, Saratoga

Kingman (GB), Embouteillage, f, 2, o/o Mitchell Road, by English Channel. MSW, 8-5, Saratoga

Lookin At Lee, Lifeisbutadream, f, 3, o/o Mary Grace, by Wildcat Heir. ALW, 8-5, Finger Lakes

Majestic City, City Tripper, g, 6, o/o Bares Tripper, by Sky Mesa. ALW, 8-5, Presque Isle Downs

Midshipman, Kingston Lady, f, 3, o/o Jaded Lady, by Shanghai Bobby. MSW, 8-4, Louisiana Downs

Mitole, Merit Badge, g, 2, o/o Badge of Honor, by Badge of Silver. MSW, 8-5, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Mo Town, Teaching Moment, g, 3, o/o Jossy Do It, by Proud Accolade. ALW, 8-5, Thistledown

Mohaymen, Dominant Spirit, g, 4, o/o Town Belle, by Speightstown. AOC, 8-4, Assiniboia

More Than Ready, Rossbeigh, g, 4, o/o Portmagee, by **Hard Spun**. MCL, 8-5, Saratoga

Mr. Monomoy, Rockinmoney, g, 4, o/o Rockin Emmzy, by Tale of the Cat. ALW, 8-5, Finger Lakes

Mucho Macho Man, Lee the Cabby, g, 4, o/o Reba's Cat, by Consolidator. MSW, 8-5, Presque Isle Downs

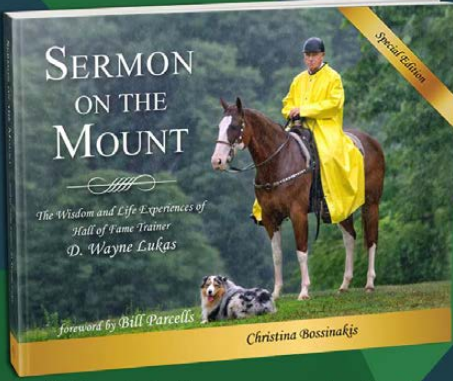
Munnings, **Munnings** Express, f, 4, o/o Freudie Anne, by Freud. Johnstone S., 8-5, Saratoga

Not This Time, Not for Hire, g, 4, o/o She's a Truckin, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 8-5, Finger Lakes

Omaha Beach, My Kid's Said No, f, 2, o/o Under Serviced, by Hook and Ladder. Debutante S., 8-4, Assiniboia

Practical Joke, Tramuntana, f, 3, o/o Sue's Sweet Sioux, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 8-4, Horseshoe Indianapolis

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Sky Kingdom, Mandalay Sky, f, 3, o/o Mandalay Beach, by Lonhro (Aus). ALW, 8-5, Thistledown

Skylord, Grand Ariat, f, 3, o/o Amore Grand, by Grand Slam. MSW, 8-5, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Tom's d'Etat, Lecompte's Run, f, 2, o/o Pounds to Pennies, by Exchange Rate. MCL, 8-5, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Uncaptured, Undalay, h, 6, o/o Lunar lady, by Yes It's True. ALW, 8-4, Mountaineer

Uncle Mo, Smart Uncle, g, 6, o/o Smart Together, by Smart Strike. GI A. P. Smithwick Memorial H., 8-5, Saratoga

Vino Rosso, Fabian's Princess, f, 3, o/o Queen Victoria, by Flatter. MSW, 8-5, Saratoga

Vino Rosso, Le Midi's Treasure, c, 3, o/o Mgr Treasure, by Overanalyze. MSW, 8-5, Finger Lakes

Vino Rosso, Luau Larry's, c, 2, o/o Free, by Shackleford. MSW, 8-5, Louisiana Downs



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‘WE MAKE HUGE SACRIFICES - MONEY IS TIGHT AND PEOPLE ASK WHY I DON’T RETIRE’

Trainer Brendan Duke speaks openly about coming out the right side of a two-year drought with “high-class” prospect Sword Of State



Brendan Duke w/the winning connections at Naas on Monday | [Racingfotos.com](#)

By Brian Sheerin

Brendan Duke has something he’d like to tell the viewers. Or in this case, the readers.

“Anyone looking down their nose at Sword Of State (State Of Rest),” he warns about his recent Gowran Park maiden scorer, “they will be sorely mistaken.”

The 74-year-old has become something of a viral sensation since his winning interview with Racing TV’s Kevin O’Ryan was spread like wildfire on social media and in WhatsApp groups after Sword Of State brought the trainer in from the cold.

“Good afternoon viewers,” is how he hilariously opened the conversation with O’Ryan, spoken like a man who had been practicing for his moment in the spotlight. Then again, when you’ve waited 729 days for a winner, there is time to practice.

Not content with ending a drought that lasted over two years, Duke then went to Naas on Monday and bagged a low-grade handicap with Zheleznaya Dama. Now that he has recaptured that winning feeling, he is dreaming of even greater triumphs with Sword Of State. [Cont. p3](#)

TIMEFORM'S TOP JUVENILES: BAYSIDE BOY'S TREAN COULD GO RIGHT TO THE TOP

By Adam Houghton

The Timeform rankings return to highlight the top-rated maiden/novice winners in Britain and Ireland from the last fortnight (July 20-August 2), with the delights of Galway and Goodwood proving as informative as ever.

=4. GREEN DREAMER (IRE)

Churchill (Ire)--Power's Dream (Ire), by Power (GB)

Timeform performance rating: 90

The 1m maiden run at Leopardstown on July 23 has been won by some top-class performers over the years, most notably **Camelot**, an effortless winner at odds of 1-3 back in 2011. This year, it was another runner from Ballydoyle that dominated the betting in the blue-blooded Shakespeare (Dubawi) but, in the event, he could never land a blow on the pillar-to-post winner, Green Dreamer, who looks another useful prospect for **Camelot**'s regular rider, Joseph O'Brien, in what is now a flourishing training career.

Having shaped with plenty of encouragement when finishing fifth at Killarney 10 days earlier, Green Dreamer showed the benefit of that debut run with a much more polished display at Leopardstown. [Cont. p4](#)



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The Arc hero is passing on the G1 Juddmonte international in favour of a race on Arc Trials Day, September 6.

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The likeable *Trawlerman* (Golden Horn) is just one member of a strong John and Thady Gosden team set to take on York's Ebor Festival.

7 | CLASSIC-PLACED RAHIEBB OUT FOR THE YEAR

The G1 St Leger runner-up *Rahiebb* (*Frankel*) has sustained a setback and is out for the rest of the year.

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Brendan Duke/Sword Of State Cont. from p1

"She's entered in a winners' race at the Curragh this weekend but, as we all know, you could be giving 10 pounds to next year's Oaks winner in a race like that in Ireland. It does look hot. We also have the option of running in a Listed race at Cork next week. That is a completely new race in the calendar and I think we'd be leaning towards that. Beyond that, the Ingabelle Stakes on Irish Champions Weekend is big on the radar. This filly is properly talented. Properly talented. But is she the complete article? She is not the complete article and probably won't be until next spring. So I have to be fair to her so she'll probably go to Cork for the Listed race."

He added, "She is a beautiful, big scopey filly with a gorgeous racehorse's head. You have to be very careful with her because she would spot an insect on a branch 40 metres away. That is a fact. She is typical of a good one in that she is really bright. She has this aura about her now that is, 'I am really good and you need to be looking at me.' She has that bit of attitude about her."

Duke makes no bones about the fact he runs a hand-to-mouth training business that sometimes necessitates that he and his family go without. That is the stark reality of so many training establishments in Ireland and Duke is no different.

However, the 74-year-old has endured his share of financial hardship and, just a couple of years ago, was forced to uproot and move stable after a well-documented dispute with his former landlord. Priorities have also changed somewhat in recent times with the arrival of two more children with his wife Shirley, who he married in 2022, but by his own admission, Duke is not for changing. No matter how hard things became financially, Duke never lost his desire to train when others could conceivably have cried enough.

"I am an open book," he says, before peeling back the curtain. "I have no problem telling the truth. My wife and I had a horrendous two years - very unjustly - where we didn't have many runners. The wonderful thing about the two winners over the past week has been the enjoyment my children have got out of it. Every time we were going to the races, the question was always, 'are we going to win?' The answer was always, 'no.' I can absolutely live with a horse running its best but not being good enough to win a race in Ireland because I know how competitive it is. Most trainers know their chances of winning or not before they put on their seatbelt. But the children can't understand that. Believe it or not, that really stings me. So from that point of view, this past week has been such a joy."

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Brendan Duke/Sword Of State Cont.

He continued, “We make huge sacrifices and money is really tight. We’ve a great life, there’s absolutely no doubt about that. But my family makes a lot of sacrifices in order for me to train racehorses. And I’ve only got seven horses. Most people have been telling Shirley and I that we are wasting our time. That we have absolutely no chance of competing in Ireland anymore. They ask me why I don’t retire and tell me not to put myself under such pressure. My answer to that is that it simply will not be happening. As I already said, I am an open book. Amy [his daughter] is only eight years old and I’m nearly 75. The young children have been a fantastic joy to us. But you also have the responsibility of bringing a young child into this world. My big thing in life, and I am doing everything in my power to make it happen, is to stick around for another 10 years. At least Amy would be 18 and Adam [his other son] would be 22 before I checked out. I don’t smoke or drink but I have a sweet tooth, which I have seriously curtailed. The children are a huge responsibility and you need to be having the odd day in the sun as a trainer to make it all work because it’s a ruthless business.”

Taking all of that into consideration, surely there must be a temptation to forgo the dream of winning a big race on Irish Champions Weekend and cash in on what is now presumably quite a marketable proposition.

“I’m not staring at the phone waiting for someone to ring me wanting to buy her,” Duke revealed. “We had two inquiries from Australia, one from America, one from the UK and one from Ireland. The Australians were probably the most genuinely interested. Maybe the rest of the buyers are thinking it mustn’t have been much of a maiden if Brendan Duke won it! But I’m delighted to be training her still. All of the decisions are in my hands, but if we were getting a lot of money for her, of course you’d have to take it seriously.”

It would be remiss to speak about Duke’s return from the

abyss without mentioning the hand that Rory Cleary, best known for partnering the Jim Bolger-trained Mac Swiney to Irish 2,000 Guineas glory in 2021, had in the piece. Cleary won aboard *Sword Of State* at Gowran Park as well as *Zheleznaya Dama* at Naas, while the pair were also in the winner’s enclosure on Wednesday evening at Sligo courtesy of Canon Law.

Duke explained, “When I walk into the weighroom, I hand over my bag and I say, ‘that is for the Classic-winning rider, RP Cleary.’ Every meeting, that’s what I say to them. I have an enormous amount of respect for Rory Cleary. He has a young family and is a seriously hard-worker. He is quite happy to meet you at half five in the morning to ride work. He’s quite happy to facilitate you in whatever way he can. As a human being, I have enormous respect for the Cleary family as they suffered a tremendous tragedy when Sean died following a fall at Galway over 20 years ago. When people are met with a tragedy like that and still go about their daily lives, they are very, very special people. Rory is very helpful to me. He comes in and rides work, he tells it like it is, will probably give you a bit of a slagging and off he goes.”

Together with Cleary, Duke can look forward to some big days with the best horse he has had in his care since *Warm The Voice (Vocalised)*, who was sold to continue his career in Hong Kong after winning three races on the spin for the trainer in 2017. Then there was the Grade 3 novice chase scorer *Openide* and Listed scorer *Zafonical Storm* before *Warm The Voice*. And now Duke is in little doubt that *Sword Of State* belongs in that category.

“Let me tell you, this is a high-class racehorse,” he says. “That’s what she is. The great thing about her is that she knows she is good. That’s a great thing in a filly. The other thing about this is, she’s bred to be good - she has a beautiful pedigree so we’re not rubbing our hands over our ears thinking, ‘this can’t be right.’ Not only is she from a good family, but she was bred by a top-class outfit in Forenaghts Stud. That counts for a lot.”

Duke finally has something to shout about again.

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Timeform’s Top Juveniles Cont. from p1

He comfortably held off *Shakespeare* at the line after enjoying the run of the race, with the two-length winning margin by no means flattering him.

Unlike *Shakespeare*, a 1.7 million gns purchase at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, *Green Dreamer* cost his connections peanuts when picked up for just €40,000 at Book 1 of the Goffs Orby. He is a half-brother to three winners, including the Listed Premio Seregno runner-up *Pure Circle (Saxon Warrior)*, while his unraced dam is a half-sister to the dual Group 3 winner *Jessica’s Dream (Desert Style)* who, in turn, is the dam of the G1 Prix Jean Prat-winning sire *Havana Gold*.

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Timeform's Top Juveniles Cont.

Owners Simon Munir and Isaac Souede are invariably open to offers when it comes to their Flat runners, so it will be no surprise should Green Dreamer line up in new colours the next time we see him on a racecourse. Either way, he appeals as very much the type to go on improving.

=4. MAN'S BEST FRIEND (IRE)

No Nay Never--Pandora (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)

Timeform performance rating: 90

It's been quite the fortnight for Man's Best Friend, who earns a spot in our rankings courtesy of his victory in the 6f maiden run at Naas on July 22. A big field went to post on that occasion, but Man's Best Friend was ultimately in a different league to his 17 rivals, drawing right away in the final furlong to win by over two lengths with a bit to spare.

Of course, that is old news now, given what Man's Best Friend went on to achieve when turned out just eight days later for the G2 Richmond Stakes at Goodwood. In winning there, by a length from the admirably consistent Adaay Of Scarlett (Mehmas), the son of **No Nay Never** ran to a performance rating fully 17lb higher than he had at Naas, with his new master rating of 107p identifying him as one of the top-rated two-year-olds we've seen so far this season.

At the time of writing, Man's Best Friend remains one of 15 juveniles in contention for Sunday's G1 Phoenix Stakes at the Curragh and, with further progress on the cards, it would be dangerous to underestimate him should he make another quick reappearance. He should stay 7f when the time comes, too, with plenty of stamina on the distaff side of his pedigree. Indeed, his dam ran her best race when finishing third in the G3 Musidora Stakes, while her four other winners include the G3 Stanerra Stakes third Perfect Your Craft (Mastercraftsman).

3. VICTORY SPEECH (IRE)

Wootton Bassett (GB)--Words (Ire), by Dansili (GB)

Timeform performance rating: 91

Roles were reversed at Galway on August 1 when Ballydoyle's Victory Speech won the maiden run over an extended 1m, beating his chief market rival, **Zarak** Pasha (**Zarak**), who is trained by Joseph O'Brien for the aforementioned Munir and Souede. Much like the Leopardstown maiden fought out by Green Dreamer and Shakespeare, this looks form to be positive about, with the first two each having plenty to recommend them.

Beaten just half a length behind 'TDN Rising Star' Porto Vecchio (**Frankel**) at the Curragh on July 18, Victory Speech

stepped up on that debut effort under a well-judged ride from the front at Galway, proving much more clued up than **Zarak** Pasha and having the race in safe keeping by the time that rival rallied late on. The first two were separated by less than a length at the line, with another four lengths back to the newcomer Thomas Chippendale (**Camelot**), who offered plenty to work on in third.

Victory Speech is one of four winners out of his G3 Munster Oaks-winning dam, along with last year's G2 Airlie Stud Stakes scorer and G1 Moyglare Stud Stakes second Beautify, also by Wootton Bassett, and Galileo's Listed Naas Oaks Trial heroine and Irish Oaks third Library. Words herself is out of the Irish Oaks winner Moonstone (Dalakhani), whose other notable progeny include the G3 Chester Vase hero and Derby runner-up US Army Ranger (Galileo).

2. AGRIPPA (IRE)

Naval Crown (GB)--Zaakhir (Ire), by Raven's Pass

Timeform performance rating: 94

Trained by Richard Hannon, Agrippa has made a really encouraging start to his career and progressed again to get off the mark at the third attempt at Goodwood on July 28, albeit the result might have been different had the runner-up, Dorigo (Space Blues), not strayed off a true line in the final furlong. To his credit, Agrippa showed an excellent attitude to take advantage, edging ahead in the final strides to get the verdict by a head.

The performance of Dorigo provides a bit of substance to the form, given that he was beaten only four lengths when previously finishing seventh in the Listed Windsor Castle Stakes at Royal Ascot. With a Timeform master rating of 94, he must be considered a banker to win a similar event before too long, while he also holds an entry in the Weatherbys £300,000 2-Y-O Stakes at Doncaster's St Leger Festival should his connections wish to aim a bit higher.

As for Agrippa, he too would look an obvious candidate to go to Doncaster in search of a big payday for owner Michael Pescod, having been bought relatively cheaply for 55,000gns at Book 2 of the October Yearling Sale. Incidentally, by winning at Goodwood, he followed in the footsteps of Marbaan (Oasis Dream), a half-brother to Agrippa's dam and the winner of the G2 Vintage Stakes back in 2022.

Zaakhir and Marbaan, in turn, are out of Listed Gillies Fillies' Stakes runner-up Zahoo (Nayef), a half-sister to no fewer than six black-type winners. They include the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 scorer Matterhorn (Raven's Pass), the multiple Group 2 winner The Foxes (Churchill) and the G2 York Stakes-winning sire Bangkok. **Cont. p6**



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Timeform's Top Juveniles Cont.

1. TREAN (IRE)

Bayside Boy (Ire)–Wondrous Words (Ire), by Lope De Vega (Ire)

Timeform performance rating: 96

Whilst Agrippa became the fifth winner for his freshman sire, Naval Crown, bragging rights this week must go to Bayside Boy, who is now up to 12 winners from his first crop, with few looking as exciting as Trian after his emphatic success in the 7f maiden run at Galway on July 27.

Won last year by a certain **Constitution River** (Wootton Bassett), the race attracted a field of eight runners 12 months on, though very few ever got into it as Trian and runner-up City Of Gold (Wootton Bassett) went clear of the rest before halfway. Trian was then in control by the time they reached the turn for home, before stretching right away to win by nearly five lengths in impressive fashion.

This was much more like it from Trian after an underwhelming effort at the Curragh on June 26, having very much caught the eye when finishing third on his debut at Fairyhouse two weeks earlier. In the aftermath of this victory, Paddy Twomey was making no secret of the regard in which he holds Trian, a mere €20,000 purchase at Book 1 of the Orby. That makes him eligible for the Goffs Million at the end of next month, while he also holds a Group 1 entry in the National Stakes back at the Curragh in the interim.

Certainly, Trian looks another black-type performer in the making for Bayside Boy, who stands at Ballylinch Stud where this colt was bred. He is the third winner from as many runners out of Wondrous Words who, in turn, is out of the G3 Silver Flash Stakes heroine Wonderfully (Galileo), a full-sister to the G2 Superlative Stakes-winning sire Gustav Klimt, among others.

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DARYZ TO TARGET ARC TRIALS DAY

Not among the **latest G1 Juddmonte International entries**, Arc hero **Daryz** (**Sea The Stars**) will be kept fresh for Arc Trials Day on September 6.

The Aga Khan Studs runner won both the G1 Prix Ganay in April and the G1 Prix Aga Khan IV (Prix d'Ispahan) in May. He was a last out third for Francis-Henri Graffard in the G1 Prince of Wales's Stakes captured by Ombudsman (Night Of Thunder) in June.

Nemone Routh, French racing manager and director for owners the Aga Khan Studs, said, "He's very well and he went on the grass for the first time since he came back from Ascot the other day and he looks great. He's very relaxed and moving well and we're very happy with him – he seems back in the zone."

"He had that bad blood test when he came back from Ascot and we had to treat him for that and he didn't have time off as such, but we sort of backed off him a little to get over all that."

"The plan is to prepare him for Arc trials weekend. He's such an exciting horse and it's such a shame we missed that one thing going to Ascot and he didn't quite show his true form that day."

"He wasn't disgraced though and now back on his home turf – he just loves Longchamp – hopefully if we can keep him right until then it will be exciting to see him back on the track."

A horse bearing the green-with-red-epaulettes that is still possible for the Juddmonte International is Zarkava (Zamindar)'s grandson **Zaydann** (Dubawi). Successful in five-straight races after breaking his maiden on his third start, the colt prevailed most recently in the G3 Grand Prix de Vichy last week. [Cont. p7](#)



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Routh added, “The Juddmonte International wasn’t really an objective for him but we’ve kept him in at York as we’re sort of scratching our heads where we will go with him now and we just wanted to give ourselves the option.

“He would be up against Ombudsman and **Constitution River** (Wootton Bassett), but those sort of races can easily cut up and you could end up with a four or five-runner race with pacemakers in there.

“He’s obviously way below that level at the moment in terms of what he has done, but he’s won his last five, is incredibly well-bred and is still improving even though it is going to take a big step forward to be competitive at that level.

“We’re still figuring out the best route to take with him and it will probably involve a conversation with Princess Zahra to make a plan. But we wanted to keep the York option open just in case she is tempted by that more than sending him internationally or going to Deauville.”

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GOSDENS' YORK TEAM TAKING SHAPE

Trawlerman | Emma Berry

Godolphin’s **Trawlerman** (Golden Horn) is likely to defend his title in the August 21 G2 Lonsdale Cup, according to co-trainer John Gosden.

Second to Scandinavia (**Justify**) in both the G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot and in Goodwood’s G1 Goodwood Cup--the latter after being impeded by a loose horse--the Group 1 winner has exited his latest effort in good order.

“He had an interesting ride around the Sussex Downs – the loose horse clearly interfering and then coming across. But he seems in good order from the race,” said Gosden, who trains in partnership with his son Thady.

“We would very much be inclined at the moment to be considering going for the Lonsdale. It’s a race he’s won before, a lovely race at a great meeting.”

The Gosdens are also intending to run G1 Prince of Wales’s Stakes hero **Ombudsman** (Night Of Thunder) also for Godolphin at the meeting in the G1 Juddmonte International.

“We’re building up his programme now, but he’s a horse who’s got a wonderful mind, good constitution, so he enjoys his training without being flamboyant” he added.

“On the other hand, he’s not resentful about anything he has to do. He goes out, enjoys it, comes back and does his work. To that extent, he’s a pleasure to train.

“We’ve obviously got some more important work to do, but he doesn’t need hard, hard work or anything like that.

“He travels well on the bridle and we’ve been planning this all year from a long way out.”

Another Godolphin runner, the pacesetter **Devil’s Advocate** (Too Darn Hot) ran as rabbit in the Princes of Wales’s, and he is likely to reprise his role at York.

When asked, Gosden said, “Yes, I think so, and I’m sure Aidan [O’Brien] will have others in there for **Constitution River** (Wootton Bassett).”

Gosden’s G3 Musidora Stakes winner **Legacy Link** (Dubawi) holds an entry in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks, while **Superior Choice** (Dubawi) is a interesting contender for the G2 Great Voltigeur Stakes.

The trainer said, “Legacy Link is in good form. She, like everybody in this country right now, let alone the farmers in the Vale of York, would very much like to see some rain. So to that extent, we’ll see how it goes. But we’re pleased with her.

“Superior Choice would be pointing towards the Voltigeur. He’s still a horse on the up, still learning.

“I wouldn’t see him being much beyond that trip – I think the mile and a half will probably wind up being the top end of his range.”

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ST LEGER SECOND RAHIEBB RULED OUT FOR THE YEAR

Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum’s **Rahiebb** has sustained a setback and will miss the rest of the season, according to trainer Roger Varian.

Second in the G1 St Leger at three, the four-year-old son of **Frankel** opened his 2026 account with a win in the G2 Yorkshire Cup Stakes in May. Well beaten in Scandinavia (**Justify**)’s G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot, the bay was third to that rival and Trawlerman (Golden Horn) in the G1 Goodwood Cup Stakes on July 28.

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Rahiebb Cont.

Varian told the *Press Association*, "He's had a setback I'm afraid and unfortunately he won't run again this year, but hopefully he will be back next summer.

"He's still a young horse in his division and still relatively lightly-raced, I still think there will be some big days ahead with him and fingers crossed he comes back in as good a shape as he can be.

"It's a bit of a blow for the rest of this year, but hopefully we have him to look forward to for next year."

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ITALY'S SGA SELECTED YEARLING SALE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 18

The **catalogue** for the SGA Selected Yearling Sale is now online. Set for Friday, September 18, the sale features 82 yearlings, including a 39-lot Select Session.

Among the sires represented are Mehmas, Calyx, Cotai Glory, Far Above, Ghaiyyath, **Gleneagles**, Muhaarar, Nathaniel, Oasis Dream, Ten Sovereigns and Without Parole. Italian stallions also have plenty of representation, including Arcano, El Kabeir, and Mount Everest. Young stallion Bayside Boy has two yearlings set to sell, while **Blackbeard** has one, **Erevann** has two lots catalogued, Persian Force has one, and Space Blues is represented by a filly.

In 2025, the sale was topped by a **Sioux Nation** colt and a **Gleneagles** filly, who each made €70,000. A total of 68 horses sold from 86 (69%) in the ring for a gross of €1,109,000. The average was €16,309 and the median was €10,000.

The sale day will also include an evening of racing at San Siro, with the SGA and the Italian Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (ANAC) hosting their cocktail reception honouring some of the leading ANAC breeders/members of the 2025 season.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, August 6, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

Bayside Boy (Ire) (New Bay {GB}), Ballylinch Stud
85 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners
14:55-NEWMARKET, 8f, **Emerald Bay (Ire)**
€42,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025

Blackbeard (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
116 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
17:38-SANDOWN PARK, 5f, **Beach Noir (Ire)**
€100,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025; 25,000gns
Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2026
18:41-SOUTHWELL, 8f, **Bullrider (Ire)**
40,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; £50,000 Goffs
UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025; €30,000 Tattersalls Ireland
Breeze Up 2026

Dubawi Legend (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Starfield Stud
42 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
14:55-NEWMARKET, 8f, **Peggy's Lad (Ire)**
€10,000 Goffs February Sale 2025; 11,000gns RNA Tattersalls
Somerville Yearling Sale 2025

Minzaal (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
115 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
17:38-SANDOWN PARK, 5f, **Menhaal (Ire)**
260,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

Naval Crown (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
71 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
18:41-SOUTHWELL, 8f, **Astral Crown (Ire)**
50,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025



Naval Crown has a runner at Southwell | Darley



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SANDOWN DEBUT FOR GODOLPHIN'S MILLIONAIRE FIRST LAW

6.13 Sandown, Mdn, 2yo, 8fT

FIRST LAW (IRE) (Too Darn Hot {GB}) debuts in the maiden that launched his sire in 2018 and fellow luminary Native Tribe a year later and has since produced the classy Westover, Arrest and Pride Of Arras. It is probably significant that Native Tribe's trainer Charlie Appleby has chosen this as the starting point for Godolphin's 1-million gns Tattersalls October Book 1 purchase, a half-brother to the Moyglare heroine Skitter Scatter (Scat Daddy) and other smart types including Data Dependent (More Than Ready) who in turn produced the Belmont Oaks heroine Aspen Grove (**Justify**). Westover's trainer Ralph Beckett introduces Juddmonte's fellow newcomer **Flight Tracker (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire})**, a full-brother to the yard's Sandown Classic Trial runner-up Macduff from the immediate family of **Kingman**.

4.00 Newmarket, Novice, 3yo/up, 7fT

CERRO BLANCO (GB) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) is back for a confidence boost after a break having run second in the King Charles II Stakes on the Rowley Mile in May. One of Charlie Appleby's unexposed three-year-olds, Godolphin's winner of the Craven meeting's Alex Scott maiden remains an intriguing prospect heading into the second half of the season.

4.50 Leopardstown, Mdn, 2yo, c/g, 8fT

WALL STREET (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) is the day's other millionaire newcomer, this time for Ballydoyle having shone when the top-priced colt at the 2024 Tattersalls December Foal Sale. Out of a half to the Group 2 winner and multiple Group 1-placed I Can Fly (Fastnet Rock) who has provided the operation with the similarly classy January (**Kingman**), he is the second-string here with Ryan Moore on the Curragh sixth **Drumbeat (Ire) (Wootton Bassett {GB})**, a son of the South African Group 1 winner Cloth Of Cloud (Captain Al). Also here is Juddmonte's **Francillon (GB) (Frankel {GB})**, a Ger Lyons-trained son of the Matriarch Stakes heroine Viadera (**Bated Breath**) who was second to the leading Churchill Stakes protagonist City Of Dubai at Killarney, and Flaxman Stables and Coolmore's newcomer **Eagle Eyed (St Mark's Basilica {Fr})**, a Donnacha O'Brien-trained son of the Prix Marcel Boussac winner Albigna (Zoffany).

HOW THEY FARED

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

Roger Varian trainee **Chymbulak (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire})**, who is a 450,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 full-brother to G1 Queen Anne, G1 Jacques Le Marois and G1 Queen Elizabeth II hero Charyn (Ire), was green in rear for most of this debut and flew home once the penny dropped to finish 5 1/2 lengths adrift of the winner in second.

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BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

2nd-Kempton, £13,000, Nov, 8-5, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:29.54, st/sl.
OFF THE PEG (IRE) (c, 2, No Nay Never--Czabo {GB} {GSW-Ire & SW-Fr}, by Sixties Icon {GB}), a July 2 debut sixth going six furlongs at Newbury in his only prior start, broke smartly and stalked the pacesetting Minzaal Time (Minzaal) in second until well beyond halfway. Wrestling control from that stablemate with a quarter-mile remaining, the 6-5 favourite entered the final furlong with a comfortable buffer and surged clear under mild rousing in the latter stages to decisively outpoint the fast-finishing Chymbulak (Dark Angel) by 5 1/2 lengths.

Off The Peg is the sixth of seven foals and fourth scorer produced by G3 Park Express Stakes and Listed Prix des Lilas victrix Czabo (Sixties Icon), herself the leading performer out of Listed Masaka Stakes runner-up Fiumicino (Danehill Dancer).

He is a full-brother to Listed First Flier Stakes winner and G2 Prix Robert Papin and G2 Railway Stakes placegetter His Majesty and a yearling colt. Sales history: 60,000gns Wlg '24 TADEWE; 150,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$9,444. O-B Dickson, P Cook & R Rexton; B-Newstead Ltd; T-R Hughes.

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5th-Kempton, £12,000, Novice, 8-5, 3yo/up, 10f 219y (AWT), 2:19.89, st/sl.

FORTITUDINE (IRE) (g, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Minidress {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Street Cry {Ire}), a full-brother to the recently-retired stable star Rebel's Romance, was sent off the 7-2 second favourite and broke alertly to lead. Dominating throughout, the newcomer kept piling it on up the straight to register a rare 21-length success.

"I think everyone has been a bit surprised by that, to be honest," jockey James Doyle said. "It sounds like his work was only okay, he was just going through the motions a little bit at home but he sparked up on the track there!" **Cont. p10**

5th-Kempton Cont.

He added, "He jumped very quick and was quite professional really. He just had a little wander when the rail dropped away but one tap and away he went."

"He was learning on the job nicely and it's not often you win like that," he added. "It bodes well, hopefully he's in for a good career. He feels like he lengthens and doesn't do anything too quick, I was keen to keep the revs up and the trip is right."

Rebel's Romance, who won here on the second start of his illustrious career, ended up collecting two Breeders' Cup Turfs, a Joe Hirsch Turf Classic, a Dubai Sheema Classic, four Group 1s in Germany, a Champions & Chater Cup in Hong Kong and three Group 2s at home including last year's Hardwicke.

The Listed-placed dam, who also produced the Manhattan Stakes and Jebel Hatta winner Measured Time (**Frankel**), is a daughter of the Musidora winner and Oaks and Yorkshire Oaks-placed Short Skirt (Diktat) from the family of the Japanese champion Victoire Pisa (Neo Universe) among others. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,717.

O/B-Godolphin; T-Charlie Appleby

6th-Kempton, £12,000, Novice, 8-5, 3yo/up, 10f 219y (AWT), 2:21.01, st/sl.

SHADOW ROAD (IRE) (g, 3, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Dark Crusader {Ire} {GSP-Ire, SP-Eng}, by Cape Cross {Ire}), sent off at 25-1 having been fourth over seven furlongs at Newcastle in June, raced close to the early pace under cover. Taking over with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the homebred opened up score by 5 1/2 lengths from Cloud Forest (Blue Point).

The dam, who was runner-up in the Give Thanks Stakes, visited Lope De Vega on five occasions with the Caulfield Cup hero Duke De Sessa her ace card. A half to the Listed scorer and Group-placed Naughty Or Nice (Fastnet Rock) and to the dams of the triple Group winner and Deutsches Derby runner-up Convergent and recent Stanerra winner Floresta (Waldgeist), her yearling filly is by Night Of Thunder while she also has a filly foal by **Frankel**. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$9,553.

O/B-Newtownanner Stud; T-John Butler.

4th-Kempton, £10,000, Nov, 8-5, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:39.49, st/sl.

NAJIDI STORM (GB) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Scuffle {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Daylami {Ire}) was positioned behind the leaders in sixth after an alert exit in this first go. Scrubbed along approaching the two pole, the 17-2 chance quickened to challenge entering the final furlong and kept on strongly under whipless urging to edge Gavriel (**Frankel**) by a half-length nearing the line.

Najidi Storm is the 12th of 14 foals and ninth scorer from as many runners out of Listed Snowdrop Fillies' Stakes third Scuffle

(Daylami), herself a half-sister to sires Cityscape (Selkirk) and **Bated Breath** (Dansili) out of dual Listed-winning G3 Supreme Stakes third Tantina (Distant View).

The winner is a full-brother to G1 St Leger hero Logician and the stakes-winning Collide and kin to multiple Graded-winning GI E P Taylor runner-up Suffused (Champs Elysees), G3 Gordon Richards Stakes victor Okeechobee (Time Test) and Listed October Stakes third Battlement (Dansili).

He is also a half-brother to yearling and weanling fillies by **Kingman** and to the dams of G1 Pretty Polly Stakes winner Estrange (Night Of Thunder) and GI Diana Stakes heroine Whitebeam (Caravaggio). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,265. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd; T-Harry Charlton.

2nd-Pontefract, £11,000, Mdn, 8-5, 2yo, 6fT, 1:16.53, g/f.

BUGZY (GB) (c, 2, Advertise {GB}--Mirror Magic {GB}, by Nathaniel {Ire}) was swiftly into stride and stalked the leader in second from the outset of this debut. Tanking to the front on the home turn, the 15-2 chance came under pressure when threatened by Lady Henshaw (**Blackbeard**) in early straight and was ridden out in the closing stages to deny that rival by a half-length.

Bugzy is the second of four foals and first scorer out of a half-sister to Listed Bosra Sham Fillies' Stakes winner Mild Illusion (Requinto), herself the dam of last week's G3 Molecomb Stakes victrix and G1 Nunthorpe entry Pershaada (Persian Force).

The winner is kin to a yearling filly by Territories and a weanling filly by Aesop's Fables. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,991.

O-Tommy Severn & Tom Clover; B-Tommy Severn; T-Tom Clover.

2nd-Great Yarmouth, £10,000, Mdn, 8-5, 2yo, f, 6f 3yT, 1:10.81, g/f.

SPEED OF SOUND (IRE) (f, 2, Sioux Nation--All Speed {Ire}, by Camacho {GB}), who hit the board in six-furlong starts at Newmarket and Ascot last month, broke swiftly and raced on the front end from flagfall. Holding a slender advantage through halfway, the 5-6 favourite was shaken up soon after passing the quarter-mile marker and driven out inside the final furlong to withstand the late surge of Pensando A Te (**Blackbeard**) by a head.

Speed Of Sound, kin to a yearling filly by **Little Big Bear**, is the third foal and scorer produced by an unraced daughter of Listed Land O'Burns Stakes third Bowness (Efisio), whose descendants include G3 Cornwallis Stakes victor Abel Handy (Arcano) and G3 Phoenix Sprint Stakes runner-up Woody Creek (Zoffany). Sales history: €42,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOF; £70,000 Ylg '25 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$19,108.

O-Phil Cunningham; B-D & E Phelan; T-Richard Spencer.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Clive The Writer (Ire), g, 2, **Calyx (GB)**--Ruminyahui (Ire), by **Australia (GB)**. Kempton, 8-5, 7f (AWT), 1:28.94. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$9,444. B-Ruminyahui Partnership. *€27,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOF; €28,000 Ylg '25 TATIRY.

Time Thief (Ire), g, 3, **Time Test (GB)**--Lavender's Blue (Ire) (MGSW-Eng), by **Sea The Stars (Ire)**. Great Yarmouth, 8-5, 10f 23yT, 2:08.67. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,265. B-Chess Racing AB.

IRELAND

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lady Patrona (GB), f, 2, **Cotai Glory (GB)**--Presiding Officer (GB), by Beat Hollow (GB). Sligo, 8-5, 6fT, 1:18.26. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$24,934. B-Pursuit of Success LLC. *11,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT.

FRANCE

Wednesday's Results:

5th-La Teste, €21,000, Cond, 8-5, 2yo, 8fT, 1:42.40, gd.

SOMEONE (FR) (c, 2, **Gleneagles (Ire)**--Jamaheery (Ire), by **Kodiak (GB)**), seventh on debut at Mont-de-Marsan last month, raced on the wing towards the rear throughout the early stages. Moving smoothly into contention rounding for home, the 12-1 shot stayed on strongly to score by 3 1/2 lengths from Hardwel (Born To Sea).

The winner is the second of two current foals out of the dam, a relative of the Group 1-winning half-sprinting brothers Tangerine Trees (Mind Games) and Alpha Delphini (Captain

Gerrard) and Kuroshio's Group 3-winner Kurious. Sales history: €5,500 Ylg '25 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €10,815. O-Endre Rosjoe, D Guillemain & Laurent Mahout; B-SCEA Marmion Vauville, Keretio Ltd & Nightchill Llc; T-Didier Guillemain.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-La Teste, €20,100, 8-5, 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:17.40, gd.

THE ODYSSEY (FR) (c, 3, **Frankel (GB)**--Bateel (Ire) {G1SW-Fr, GSW & G1SP-Eng}, by Dubawi (Ire)) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €25,735. O/B-Al Asayl France; T-Francis Graffard. *1/2 to Map Of Stars (GB) (**Sea The Stars (Ire)**), MGSW & G1SP-Fr, SW-Eng, G1SP-Ger; 1/2 to Tajlina (GB) (**Kingman (GB)**), GSW-Fr.

1st-La Teste, €20,100, 8-5, 3yo, 8fT, 1:38.95, gd.

NEW CONNECTION (IRE) (g, 3, **New Bay (GB)**--Siamsaiocht (Ire) {SP-Ire}, by Teofilo (Ire)) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, €26,927. O-Wathnan Racing; B-China Horse Club International; T-Francis Graffard. *320,000 Ylg '24 TATOCT.

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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 Mencoﬀ & 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*].

Friday, Gowran, post time: 19:20

COOLMORE STUD CHURCHILL STAKES-Listed, €30,000, 2yo, 8fT

SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 City Of Dubai (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Bond Thoroughbred Limited	P Twomey	Billy Lee	131
2 Full Volume (Fr)	Lucky Vega (Ire)	Ace Stud	Mrs J Harrington	Shane Foley	131
3 Sergei Diaghilev (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Westerberg,Mrs J Magnier,M Tabor,D Smith	A P O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	131
4 Venetian Power (Ire)	St Mark's Basilica (Fr)	Power Thoroughbreds PTY Limited	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	J M Sheridan	131
5 Bellesque (Ire)	St Mark's Basilica (Fr)	Mrs E Irwin & Mrs John Magnier	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	126
6 Sea Of Rain (Ire)	Naval Crown (GB)	Mrs J S Bolger	J S Bolger	Colin Keane	126

Breeders: 1-John Connaughton, 2-Yulong Investments Pty Ltd, 3-Embellish Syndicate, 4-Power Thoroughbreds Germany Gmbh, 5-Rockhart Trading Ltd, 6-J. S. Bolger.

City Of Dubai won the often-informative Killarney maiden on debut that Ballydoyle's hot favourite Oklahoma was supposed to and is held in high regard by Paddy Twomey who has spoken of the strength of his two-year-olds this year. Aidan O'Brien supplies the Windsor Castle disappointment **Sergei Diaghilev**, who had previously beaten the smart Folsom Blues at The Curragh and is up two furlongs in trip which should play to his strengths, while Joseph's stable is represented by a duo including **Venetian Power**, who beat the re-opposing **Full Volume** also at Killarney. [Tom Frary].

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