

FAN-DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES HIGHLIGHT JOCKEY CLUB ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION



Keynote Speaker Greg Maffei | TJC

by Sue Finley

Several of the key issues facing the industry--owner retention, the foal crop, the marketing of horse racing to new and existing fans, and the importance of regional markets like Maryland, highlighted the 2026 Jockey Club Round Table on Matters Pertaining to Racing, but the issue of fan development took center stage. The annual event was held at the Saratoga Springs City Center in Saratoga, New York.

Dobson Gives Opening, Closing Remarks

After taking the helm as chairman one year and one day before the 2026 Round Table, Everett Dobson delivered the Round Table's opening and closing remarks. He stressed the day's central theme, fan development.

"Every initiative ties back to that single idea of fan engagement, because before any of us were in this room, we were fans," he said. "That's what brought us here. That's what keeps us here. That's what's going to take us to the next level."

He returned to the issue of genetic diversity, noting that the decline in the number of stallions is outpacing the decline in mares.

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'IT WOULD HAVE MEANT THE WORLD AND BACK TO HIM': SHIRREFFS SET TO 'HANG TEN' IN THE HALL OF FAME *by Mike Kane*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. -- On his way to Hawaii to go surfing, John Shirreffs took a detour that led him to the Hall of Fame.

Shirreffs's distinctive approach to training--which includes developing the incredibly popular Hall of Famer Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire})--will be formally honored Friday when he is posthumously inducted into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame. Shirreffs, the late trainer Christophe Clement and the champion sprinter Kona Gold (Java Gold) were elected in the Contemporary Category and are members of the class of 11 that will be saluted in the annual ceremony at 10:30 a.m. at the Fasig-Tipton sales pavilion.

The Hall of Fame's Historic Review Committee elected the late trainer David Whiteley and the race horses Gulch (Mr. Prospector) and Mongo (Royal Charger {GB}). In the Pillars of the Turf Category, the committee's selections were the late Prince Khalid bin Abdullah, Dr. Robert Copelan, Seth W. Hancock, G. Watts Humphrey, Jr., and the late Joseph E. Widener.

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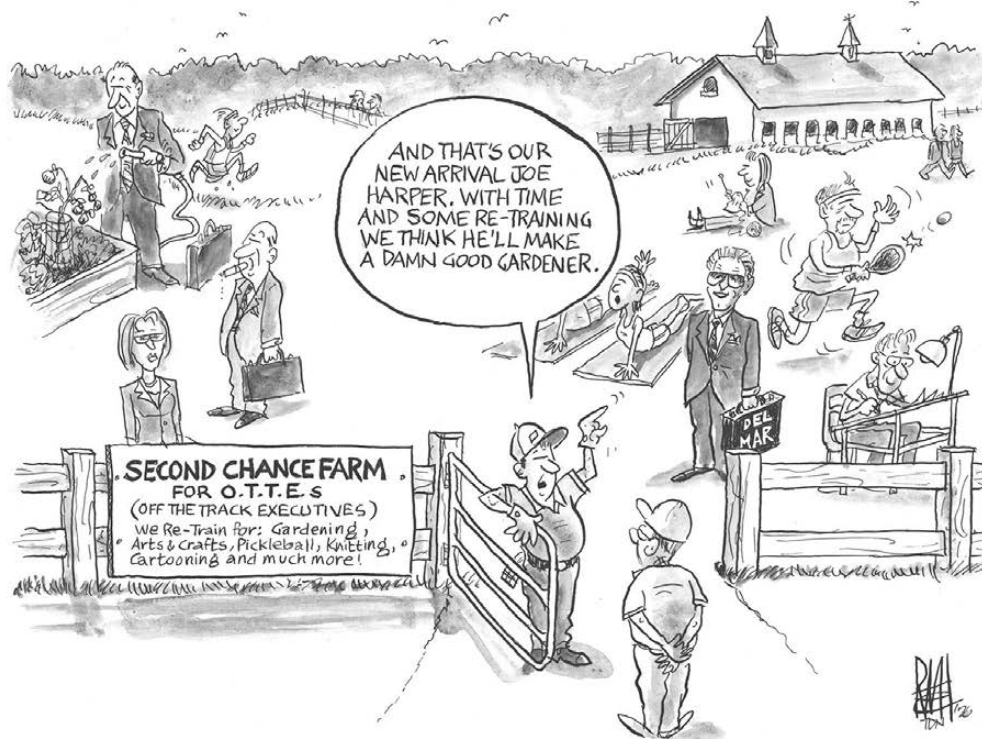
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He announced that The Jockey Club would be introducing an SNP Analysis to measure shared DNA to allow the breeder or buyer to better understand the genetic makeup of a stallion, mare, or prospective foal. He said that the tool would be available to breeders sometime this winter.

In noting the dissolution of FanDuel TV, he said that the sport was in the process of rethinking how its content should reach fans, and said that those discussions were actively underway.

"Additionally," he said, "we are going to be a stronger partner for the states and the regions that comprise our industry," through the creation of a new position at TJC with 100% of their time dedicated to state initiatives.

"This sport, presented the right way, can compete for the modern fan," he said.

Keynote Speaker Maffei Details New Racing League

Greg Maffei, the CEO of BANN Ventures, and the Co-Founder and Chair of the Horse Racing League (HRL), delivered the keynote speech outlining the details and goals of the new team-based horse racing league he has created. Maffei is the former President and CEO of Liberty Media, the parent company that

acquired Formula 1 in 2017. He was responsible for overseeing its massive commercial expansion and growing popularity in the U.S., much of which was driven by the Netflix series Drive To Survive.

The HRL, scheduled to launch in the spring of 2027, will be a team-based competition with a season-long championship with celebrity- and brand-owned stables.

"It's not for you," he told the audience. "We want to reach out to a bunch of people who see (racing) once or who don't see it at all.

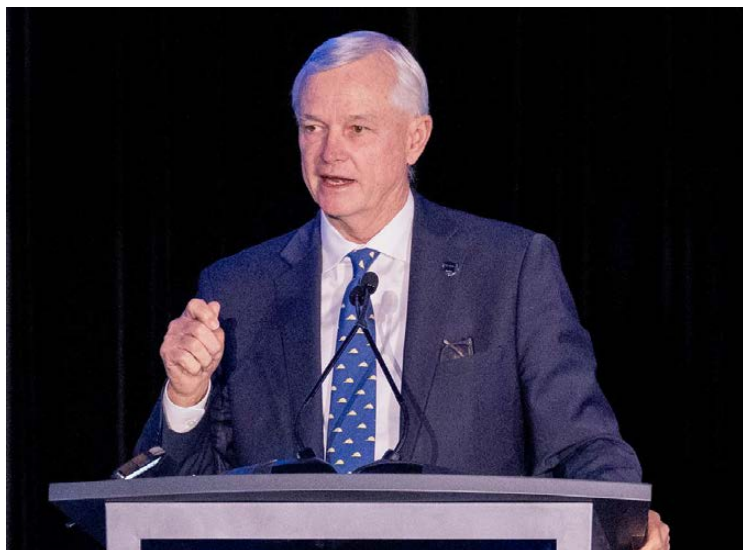
"Our goal is...to build an ongoing relationship with fans that continues," he said. "The HRL will be about teams that they can emotionally identify with, follow, cheer on, and bet for. It will be about season-long storylines that unfold before, during, and after the race...taking a lesson from what we did with Drive to Survive and building continuity and having a way to stay in touch with people. It was mentioned before that horse racing has a supply problem. I'll disagree. Horse racing has a demand problem. It doesn't have enough new fans coming in. I think that's what we really need."

The league has hired eight people on its way to a total staff of 25. **Cont.**

Jockey Club Round Table, cont.

The league plans on having 80 horses drafted by 10 teams, with four races on each day, two on turf and two on the dirt. They plan on three events in the first year, growing to six events in coming years.

Concluded Mattei, "I started out by telling you this wasn't for you. That having been said, we need you. This is one industry. This is one group that needs to work together."



Chairman Everett Dobson | TJC

Modern Ways of Marketing the Sport

A presentation from Victoria Edwards from the Frankie Jean Group (FJG), a brand advisory company, joined by Dan Tordjman from America's Best Racing, proposed a new national marketing strategy for racing, identifying the sport's problems as multi-layered: declining handle, an aging audience, a shrinking foal crop, and declining attendance. All of that exists in the face of increased competition from gaming, entertainment, and increasing sports offerings.

But the 2026 Kentucky Derby was the most-watched Derby on record, said Edwards; more than the 2026 Masters final round, the average 2025 World Series game, and this year's NCAA men's final.

She argued that the problem is that most of the 24 million people who watched the race won't watch another race all year long. Horse racing, she said, is not building a long-lasting relationship with fans. "Racing can get a hot date," she said. "But you can't sustain a committed relationship. You are getting ghosted."

FJG conducted a national audience study of 25-45 year olds, and learned that people know racing exists, but don't know how to access it. Thus, it is absent from their consideration right now. Potential fans said that they would enjoy dressing up for racing, would enjoy more horse racing content, and would use betting apps if they knew where to find them. **Cont.**

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"Nobody needed convincing," she said of the people in the survey. "They needed inviting."

A study showed that 29% of users became more interested in a sport after watching content about it on TikTok. Modern sports, Edwards argued, closes the distance between fans and the sport, and racing needs to do the same. "The fastest-growing sports in the world create content that the audience wants to participate in," she said.

She advised racing to make the characters famous, not just the sport. Stories should provide engaging content all year long. And create moments--give people something to do, not just to watch.

The JRA's Hashimoto Discusses Japanese Successes Among a Younger Demographic

Tom Hashimoto, General Manager of the New York office of the Japanese Racing Association (JRA), gave a presentation on what is being done to attract younger generations of racing fans and to sustain the popularity of racing in Japan.

Carrying over the theme of fan involvement, Hashimoto discussed the success of the Arima Kinen, held late in the year in Japan. "What makes it unique is that fans help shape the field through voting, giving them a direct role in selecting the horses

they most want to see compete," said Hashimoto. "The race is known for producing the highest wagering turnover of any Thoroughbred race in the world. The Arima Kinen is one of the most successful examples of fan engagement in Japanese racing today."

The JRA had introduced new fans to racing through a strategy he called "pop-ification," featuring celebrities in its advertising campaigns, and encouraging third-party efforts to promote racing, like TV dramas, games, and anime connected to racing.



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The anime Umamusume Pretty Derby is a game that attracts fans to events, both in Japan and abroad.

"Centered around the mobile game, Umamusume has successfully expanded its fanbase through a media-mix approach spanning manga, anime, movies, music, and live concerts," he said. "Remarkably, this enthusiasm has translated into real-world experiences, sparking a genuine interest in horse racing itself and driving fans to visit actual racetracks." He named one TV drama series, *Passing the Reins*, a behind-the-scenes look at racing. A survey found that the game and the series were the biggest drivers of new fans to racing in Japan.

Said Hashimoto, "This suggests that, rather than relying solely on direct advertising, it is more effective to tap into media and cross-industry collaborations that allow people to encounter racing in their everyday lives and develop an interest in the sport."

Appelbaum on the Ownership Experience

In pondering his own feelings about owning racehorses now, and over the course of his life, Joe Appelbaum, the co-founder of the racing and breeding partnership Off The Hook and the Founder & CEO of the wagering app powered by AI, Waigr, said he was driven to dig into statistics describing the actual owner experience.

What he found was that over the past 20 years, ownership is down 46%. While much of that was due to the closure of regional racetracks, he said that poor retention is also a structural crisis. After one year in racing, 39.4% of owners leave the sport. After year five, that number climbs to 79.2%. Regional track closures was the biggest driver of this dip, he said.

"At first glance, it appears owners are telling us that the product we are offering--owning and racing a Thoroughbred--is simply not competitive with other leisure and sporting options competing for their time and money. But what they are really telling us is that they are willing to pay for a premium experience, if the sport is willing and able to deliver it." He pointed out that syndicates seem to be bucking the trend, and that purse money per horse per start is actually up.

He said that the idea of leasing a horse could help owners limit their exposure while providing a positive experience. "Anecdotally," he said, "syndicates are more healthy than individual ownership groups."

He stressed the need to find ways for owners to enjoy themselves, and participate in social gatherings.

"There is the possibility of more, a better future; but we need to compete for it. We compete fiercely on the track, but when the competition is other sports and other entertainment options, our response has been rather feeble." **Cont.**



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He continued: "We act as if the competition is between Saratoga and Del Mar, or Xpressbet and TwinSpires. It isn't. Our real competition is hanging in Berckmans Place at the Masters, fractional ownership of a European football club, a Wheels Up membership, or a new lake house for your grandkids to spend summers. No one is coming to save our sport. The solution is in this room."

Changes Afoot at the Maryland Jockey Club

Jim Dresher, the Chairman of the Maryland Jockey Club (MJC), gave an update of the changes happening in Maryland under the new MJC.

Alluding to the new series for 3-year-olds that currently does not include the Preakness, he opened his remarks with a joke. "Contrary to what people might think, this is not a eulogy," he said, drawing a laugh from the audience.

Dresher detailed the new construction underway at Pimlico, which will offer a ship-in only facility, unique in the U.S., with 300 stalls for the Black-Eyed Susan, Preakness, and other racing festivals. Dresher said that the 2027 Preakness would be held at Pimlico with temporary construction for fans, but that the grandstand should be completed for the 2028 event. Live racing

will continue at Laurel until Pimlico opens, featuring new stalls, dorms, and facilities for horsemen.

Dresher also praised Maryland Governor Wes Moore and First Lady Dawn Moore for supporting racing, the Preakness, and for rejuvenating the surrounding Park Heights neighborhood. He said that Maryland will be the "shiny new penny" of the Midlantic region, offering a new track for fans, new stalls for horsemen, and new dorms for the backstretch employees. **Cont.**



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I saw 25% was offered up at the auction and, while some might not covet a 6-year-old gelding, I was excited about taking a run at him... When the bidding ended, he was mine, and now it's less than two years later, and he's put me in the winner's circle in graded stakes races five times, competed in two Breeders' Cup races, and run in two Turf Classics on Kentucky Derby (G1) Day.

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Clement de Bona Discusses Public Interest in the Sport

The audience was introduced to Charlotte Clement de Bona, hired as The Jockey Club's Chief Strategy and Transformation Office, and who gave a report on the state of public interest in the sport.

"The Jockey Club's future mission is a service organization to all participants in the industry, focusing on sustainable growth," she said. "My job is the route to that, and my job is to be able to tell you honestly whether we're on it. Change is hard and change takes time, but that doesn't mean we shy away from it. We are committed to hearing your feedback and acting on it."

As the organization works toward that goal, de Bona pledged transparency from The Jockey Club.



Charlotte Clement de Bona | TJC

"We are committed to modernizing the products you interact with daily to improve how you do what you do every day," she said. "So here's our commitment. No decision gets made without proof and data that it's worth making. No experiment gets run without measurement built in it before it starts. And no one on our team celebrates anything until we see actual improvements in the numbers that matter. Beyond that specific commitment, every key industry metric and every initiative we run, we are going to share it publicly and transparently what's working and what is not."

Update on TJC's Traceability Initiative

Kristin Werner, the Vice President of Thoroughbred Strategy, gave an update on the Jockey Club's Traceability Initiative.

Three years ago, The Jockey Club launched the initiative to help identify what happens to horses when they leave racing or breeding. She described the steps that had been taken over the past three years, including a survey, digital certificate prompts, and an 'ID My Thoroughbred' app.

"The goal isn't to know where every horse is every day," she said. "The goal is to reduce the blind spots and improve the understanding of what happens after racing and breeding. As we continue this work, I'd encourage you to take a look at the resources available through The Jockey Club for planning a Thoroughbred's next career."

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John Shirreffs, cont. from p1

Shirreffs, who passed away unexpectedly in his sleep in February at the age of 80, will be represented by his widow, Dottie Ingordo-Shirreffs. She recalled him being very pensive when Zenyatta joined the Hall of Fame in 2016.

Though Shirreffs was a quiet man, a devoted student of the sport who did not seek attention--he typically avoided being in winner's circle photos--Ingordo-Shirreffs said he would have been overjoyed by his election to the Hall of Fame.

"I think the impact of it would have meant beyond the world to him, because now this history that he's cherished and respected and adored forever, he's part of it forever. And he felt like he was with Zenny, but now for it to be him...."

After serving in the Marines, including a tour in Vietnam, Shirreffs decided to visit Hawaii to surf and unwind. His westward journey from the East Coast, where he grew up on Long Island, NY and New Hampshire, was sidetracked when his background with horses landed him jobs at California farms. The principal change in direction happened when he was hired by Henry Frietas, manager of Loma Rica Horse Ranch near Grass Valley in Northern California. Frietas watched Shirreffs free a horse that he had been riding from a mud pit, recognized his ability and offered him a job. Shirreffs, already skilled by riding and showing horses in his youth, was involved in all facets of work at the farm: foaling, breeding and breaking yearlings. **Cont**



Dottie Ingordo-Shirreffs | Keeneland photo

John Shirreffs, cont.

Equibase records show that he began his training career in March 1976 when he saddled Loma Rica's homebred Pee Wee Painter (Wallet Lifter) at Golden Gate Fields. In interviews through the years, Shirreffs said that Frietas encouraged him to train and race some of the farm's horses at fair meets and the San Francisco area tracks during the quieter months of the year. Over the course of nine seasons, he had 15 wins from 143 starters. By 1983 he was in Southern California. His jobs included roles as a vet assistant, an assistant for trainers Brian Mayberry and Bill Spawr and breaking horses at Lakeview Thoroughbred Farm in Buellton, owned by Ed Nahem, breeder and owner of Bertrando.

During his time at Lakeview, Shirreffs made a suggestion to a farrier about how to solve a shoeing problem with a young horse. Shirreffs's idea worked, catching Nahem's attention. In 1994, the year he turned 49 and a decade beyond his last start, Shirreffs became a full-time conditioner for the first time as the private trainer for 505 Farms, in which Nahem was a partner. Years later, Shirreffs told Mike Penna of the *Horse Racing Radio Network* that he agreed to be the interim trainer until Nahem obtained his trainer's license. That did not happen, and Shirreffs stayed on until the stable was dispersed in July 2000 following the death of Marshall Naify, the 505 principal.

During that first season, Shirreffs handled Bertrando during his final full year of competition. Bertrando provided Shirreffs with his first graded win in the GII Goodwood Stakes. Several other good horses, like multiple Grade I winner Manistique, followed during the 505 years.

Shirreffs opened a public stable that attracted prominent owners Jerry and Ann Moss, George Krikorian and Marty and Pam Wygod. Ingordo-Shirreffs was the racing manager for the Mosses and said she first met Shirreffs when she and Jerry Moss were interviewing some new trainers to send horses to.

"We went to meet John, and he said a couple key things in the interview that I always remembered," she said. "One was, 'I may take a little time to get them ready,' he said, 'but I want them ready to have a career and not have it be start, stop, start, stop. I want them when they start to be able to go on a roll and have a career.' That philosophy, both Jerry Moss and I very much appreciated."



Shirreffs, Mike Smith and Mario Espinoza following Zenyatta's history-making victory in the Breeders' Cup Classic | Sarah Andrew

That visit with Shirreffs ended the trainer search.

"When we were walking away, Jerry said, 'Well, I kind of like him. Let's hire him and cancel the other interviews,'" she said. "So we did. That's how that happened."

In December 2003, Ingordo and Shirreffs were married. Shirreffs trained for the rest of his life, winning 596 races, with

113 of them in graded stakes, and earned \$58.5 million in purse money. His win rate in graded stakes was an exceptional 18.95%.

A career high point came in the 2005 Kentucky Derby, which he won with the Mosses' Giacomo (Holy Bull) at odds of 50-1. That September at Keeneland, the Mosses paid \$60,000 for a yearling filly they later named Zenyatta.

"When we came with Zenyatta, he had her for a short period of time and because of his horse background, he sensed that this

might be something very unique and very special," Ingordo-Shirreffs said. "He knew that sharing her would mean a great deal to the sport."

Shirreffs followed form and did not rush what would become his greatest horse.

"When she was first there, going back to what he had said to Jerry and me in the interview: 'I want to tweak a few things, get it right.'"

Tweak he did and let the big filly grow into herself. Shirreffs did not start her until late in her 3-year-old season, on Thanksgiving Day. She was ready and delivered what came to be her standard last-to-first move and easily won by three lengths (becoming a 'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard in the process).

"He knew she was special," Ingordo-Shirreffs said. "Then we come to race number two and she wins the allowance race. Then we get ready for race number three, which was a stake race at Santa Anita, and when she won that--and John is never this bold--he looked at me and he said, 'I can't imagine who's going to beat her.'"

No one did for nearly three years in her next 16 races and Zenyatta's burgeoning reputation made her a national star. Shirreffs, a voracious reader and collector of racing history, especially items connected Man o' War, understood her importance to the sport. He took every opportunity to share her with fans. **Cont.**

John Shirreffs, cont.

Steve Willard putting Zenyatta through her paces | Sarah Andrew

Her exercise rider, Steve Willard, had two roles at the barn.

"He only got on her, and then the rest of the time, his job was to help with the people, and people were lined up to get their picture taken with her, and she posed like a little doll," Ingordo-Shirreffs said.

"It was constant. Constant. Every day. People were flying in from all over the country to see her. Literally, they would send a letter, ask if they could, or they'd contact John through Hollywood Park. It was hundreds and hundreds of people, and he never said no."

During her streak, Zenyatta won the 2008 GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic. At the 2009 Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita, she produced a seemingly impossible rally to edge Clement's Gio Ponti in the GI Classic. She took a 19-0 record into her career finale, the 2010 Classic, turned in a big charge but fell short, finishing second by a head to **Blame**. She won 13 Grade I races and earned \$7.3 million in purses.

Shirreffs always called Frietas his mentor, who taught him to be careful while getting to know and understand each horse as an individual and not rushing. He maintained that approach throughout his career.

"It was his choice not to have a big barn," Ingordo-Shirreffs said. "Anybody else can do whatever they want, but he wanted to every day be able to look at every horse, touch every horse, and he used to say to me all the time, 'I want to go to bed at night, knowing I've done the best I can by every horse in my care, and therefore every owner that has entrusted me with their prized possessions, their horse.' It was very important to him."

Since he preferred a smaller operation, Shirreffs had a more modest number of starters each year than other top-level trainers. His career-high for starts in a season was 182 in 2004 and his best year for wins was 34 in 2005. What Shirreffs lacked

in quantity, he more than made up for in quality, but those smaller numbers may have slowed his Hall of Fame selection.

"It depends upon what your goals are," Ingordo-Shirreffs said. "I think that's the whole bottom line of all of this. What is your goal, and how do you want to achieve it? And he chose his path. My only sadness of this whole thing is that he didn't get to hear one time, 'and trained by Hall of Fame trainer John Shirreffs,' himself here.

"I know esoterically he's hearing it in heaven and all of that, but I think it just would have meant the world and back to him. It just would have."

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PLETCHER HUMBLLED AS HE NEARS 6,000 WINS

by Tim Wilkin

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – Todd Pletcher is going to have to wait at least one more day before he can be called Mr. 6,000.

The Hall of Fame trainer is one win away from reaching that lofty number for career training wins.

"I have not spent a lot of time thinking about it," Pletcher said outside his office on a steamy Thursday morning at the Oklahoma Training Track. "I did see a couple months ago that we were getting close, and I thought to myself it would be cool if it could happen at Saratoga."

Some of Pletcher's finest moments have come at the Spa. He has won a record 15 training titles at Saratoga. The big races? He got the GI Whitney Stakes four times, ditto the GI Alabama Stakes. He sat in the Travers canoe three times and has claimed the GII Jim Dandy a record nine times. The list goes on and on.

The 59-year-old from Dallas had two chances to get that magic number on Thursday. In the seventh, his 4-year-old gelding Highlands Way (**Not This Time**) rallied strongly down the stretch of the inner turf but settled for second in an allowance race.

In the ninth, the featured John Morrissey Stakes, Donegal Surges (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) finished seventh.

On Friday, Pletcher has two horses entered on the card: Big Frosty (Big Brown), who is on the AE list in the third, and Code (**Tiz the Law**), who is 20-1 on the morning line in the \$500,000 GII Saratoga Oaks. **Cont.**

HALL OF FAMERS ARE BRED IN KENTUCKY

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to Kentucky-breds and Eclipse Award Champion Sprinters **KONA GOLD** and **GULCH**
on their inductions into the **National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame**.
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Trainer: Bruce Headley

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Saratoga Notebook, cont.

**Todd Pletcher after he won the Jim Dandy
for a record ninth time Saturday | Sarah Andrew**

Pletcher will become the seventh trainer to reach 6,000. No. 1 on the list is Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen, who entered Thursday with 11,294 wins. Pletcher, though, is atop the earnings list with \$525,948,925.

When he first took out his trainer's license in late 1995 after cutting his teeth as an assistant for the late, great D. Wayne Lukas, never did he think he would one day be approaching such a mammoth number for career wins.

"No. Honestly, when you start off, all you are thinking about is getting that first win," he said. "And you do the best you can. That has been our motto all along: try to be the best we can with every horse that we get the opportunity to train. If that means developing it into a Grade I champion, awesome.

"If that means finding their level in maiden 25 and being able to be competitive and win, that is what we try to do," he said.

One day, perhaps when he allows himself to slow down just a little, he will reflect on the accomplishment, one that will surely come in the next few days. For now, though, Pletcher isn't slowing down.

"That is what is unique about this business," he said. "There is never really a final game of the season, you know? You have to start all over again tomorrow. I have found, and I don't know why, but when you get to some of these milestones, it does allow you to reflect a little bit and think about not only the people that have contributed, but all the horses. Each and every horse is important, and every win means something."

Castellano Hoping The Puma Gives Him his Eighth Travers Win

No jockey has won more GI Travers Stakes than Javier Castellano.

He has seven of them on his resume and is looking to add to that later this month when he rides **The Puma** (**Essential Quality**) in the \$1.25-million GI Travers Stakes.

"I have been very blessed," Castellano said Thursday morning.

Castellano was talking outside the barn of Gustavo Delgado at the Oklahoma Training Track. He had just worked his Travers partner five furlongs in 1:02.16 (7/7) on the main track.

"Very easy. For me, the work was excellent," Delgado said after the work. "I told Castellano before the breeze, 'relax.' We have time. We have two more works before the Travers. Relax, relax, relax. Very good."

Thursday's work was The Puma's first since finishing fourth in the GI Haskell Stakes at Monmouth Park on July 18. It was the also the first time Castellano has been on the colt's back since he rode him to a second-place finish in the GI Florida Derby in March.

In that race, The Puma lost by a nose to Commandment (Into Mischief).

"We were not looking for a fancy work," Castellano said. "Just wanted to see how he felt. He liked the track; I liked the way he traveled. He has always been a laid-back horse. Since March, it seems to me he had grown physically, but mentally, he is the same horse."



**Javier Castellano and The Puma work Thursday morning
Sarah Andrew**

Owned by OGMA Investments, LLC, JR Ranch, High Step Racing, LLC, TCC Stables, LLC and YNG Stables, LLC, The Puma has five starts in his career--all this year--and has one win, two seconds and a third.

Following his second in the Florida Derby, he was assigned 10-1 morning-line odds for the GI Kentucky Derby but was scratched the morning of the race because of swelling in his leg.

His first race back was the Haskell. Now the target is the Midsummer Derby. **Cont.**

Saratoga Notebook, cont.

"I have had a lot of faith in this horse since early in his career," said Castellano, who rode The Puma when he broke his maiden in the Tampa Bay Derby. "Unfortunately, he got hurt right before the (Kentucky) Derby. He is a cool horse."

Baffert Knows How to Pass the Test

From the start, Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert had high hopes for **Explora (Blame)**, now a 3-year-old filly.

"Oh yeah, we knew she was a real good filly," Baffert said by phone from his summer base at Del Mar.

How good? Well, in nine starts in her career, the 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' has five wins and three seconds.

Explora, owned by Mike Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman, will look to put her first Grade I win on her resume when she runs in Saturday's \$500,000 Test Stakes at Saratoga. She is the 5-2 morning-line favorite in the field of eight and will be ridden by Flavien Prat.

Explora has run in three Grade Is so far. She was second in the Del Mar Debutante as a 2-year-old, losing to stablemate Bottle of Rouge (Vino Rosso), owned by Baffert's wife, Jill. She was also second in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

This year, Explora was fourth in the GI Kentucky Oaks when she went off at odds of 7-1, the first time in her career she was not sent off as the favorite.

After setting the pace, she relinquished the lead late in the 1 1/8-mile race and finished fourth.

"I really thought she could have won the Kentucky Oaks," Baffert said. "She took all the pace early and we thought it might be a little too far for her."

That was the only time Explora ever went that distance.

She has navigated the seven-furlong Test distance three times and has two wins and a second.



Explora takes in her surroundings Thursday | Sarah Andrew

Explora shipped into the Spa earlier this week from Churchill Downs, where she has been since the spring.

Earlier this year, she beat Counting Stars (**Honor A.P.**), the leader of the 3-year-old filly division, in the Grade III Honeybee at Oaklawn Park. Her margin of victory was three-quarters of a length.

Baffert, who has won the Test three times, knows this is a stern, well, test, for his filly. But he has the confidence. He does not ship a horse unless he has that.

"She drew well (post seven) and she should love the distance," Baffert said. "We just need some racing luck."

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An advertisement for NYRA BETS, the official betting app of Saratoga. It features a jockey on a horse in green silks. 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".

A LOOK AT LIFE CHANGING, THE LATEST 'RISING STAR' FOR WHITE-HOT SIRE LIFE IS GOOD by Bill Finley

This is the first installment in what will be an ongoing series, presented by Hagyard, in which we catch up with the connections behind TDN Rising Stars. We'll go beyond the flashy performances to uncover the decisions that helped shape these future stars.

When **Life Changing (Life Is Good)** was preparing for her debut on Aug. 1 at Saratoga, breeder Audie Otto had high expectations for the filly, who was bought by Mike Repole for \$1.025 million at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale. Not only was she out of Smart Shopping (Smart Strike), making her a half-sister to **Seize the Grey** (Arrogate), who won the GI Preakness Stakes and GI Pennsylvania Derby for D. Wayne Lukas, but Otto was hearing nothing but good things about the filly by the WinStar stallion. Still, she never expected what happened that day: a very impressive seven-length win ([video](#)) that earned Life Changing 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' honors. **Cont.**

Life Changing, cont.

"I sat and watched Life Changing's race and I was speechless and I'm not speechless too often," Otto said. "I secretly had high hopes for her, but I had not shared them with anybody. I was waiting for her to run. It's kind of a dream."

Life Changing was the fourth Rising Star for **Life Is Good**--himself a 'TDN Rising Star'--making him the fastest first-crop sire ever to hit that mark.

"You never want to get too far ahead of yourself in this business, but we have been thrilled with the start that **Life Is Good** has had," said WinStar Farm's director of bloodstock Liam O'Rourke. "We're thrilled for all the connections and everyone who has experienced success with **Life Is Good** alongside of us. To be a TDN Rising Star is a significant achievement. The track record of what TDN Rising Stars go on to accomplish in their careers speaks for itself. We couldn't be more excited with his early success. It's truly encouraging for everyone at the farm and all our great partners who bred to him."

O'Rourke believes the early success **Life Is Good** has had is just the beginning of the story.

"We track the progeny of all our stallions and try to have our finger on the pulse as far as where these horses are at and get a picture of what's working and what's not working," he said. "At every stage, our observations and the reports that we have received have been very high level all the way along. We're thrilled and honored by the start he has had but we feel like we are just scratching the surface. We feel that as the waters get deeper these horses will remain very competitive."

Otto said that Life Changing didn't necessarily stand out as a foal or a yearling.

"She was as sweet as could be and she was proper," she said. "In my mind, she wasn't one of the foals we thought we'd talk about being really precocious or a leader in the paddock. She just kind of was." **Cont.**



Life Changing | Sarah Andrew



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Life Changing, cont.

When choosing who to breed Smart Shopping to this time around, Otto relied on Headley Bell, who gave her a short list of sires he thought would be a good fit for the mare.

"Every mating season, he will give me a list of his top three or four stallions and I kind of cull through them on my own," Otto said. "He felt that everybody was going to **Flightline** and he thought **Life Is Good** would be just as good a sire. But **Flightline** took all the shine. From the ones he gave me, I chose **Life Is Good**."

Once Life Changing arrived at the Saratoga sales grounds, the Repole team was instantly interested in her. But it was not Repole or any of his advisors who necessarily fell in love with Life Changing. It was his daughter Gioia.

"I was at her stall when they came back and looked at her again," Otto said. "Gioia, Mike's daughter, was there, and Gioia was the one who fell in love with her. She had a big hand in Mike spending what he spent."



Life Changing at last year's Saratoga Sale | Fasig-Tipton photo

Otto was expecting the filly to sell for somewhere between \$600,000 and \$750,000. When the bidding went beyond that she couldn't contain her excitement.

"I grabbed Headley's hand and held on," she said. "That's actually the first yearling I ever sold for over \$1 million. That was really exciting."

Smart Shopping was bred back to **Life Is Good**, but she was barren that year. She has since been covered by **Oscar Performance** and 'TDN Rising Star **Sierra Leone**.

Trainer Todd Pletcher has said that the GI Spinaway Stakes on Sept. 5 at Saratoga will likely be the next start for Life Changing.

Life Is Good will be represented by eight second-crop yearlings at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale Aug. 10 and 11 and by a single New York-bred offering during that auction Aug. 16 and 17.

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ANTONACCI TAKING 'BABY STEPS' WITH RUNAWAY MAIDEN WINNER THAT'S HOW WE LOVE *by Steve Sherack*



That's How We Love | Sarah Andrew

Lindy Farms's **That's How We Love (Justify)**, a head-turning, **8 1/4-length debut winner** going 1 1/16 miles over the Monmouth Park lawn July 17, could make her next start in a grassy optional claimer at that same distance on Travers Day at Saratoga Aug. 29.

"I think we're gonna take baby steps with her and not get ahead of ourselves," trainer Philip Antonacci said. "There's a 1x for 3-year-old fillies in this next book at Saratoga on Travers Day. That's probably the logical spot and from there figure out how she performs on the bigger stage."

Overlooked at odds of 9-1 against older fillies and mares in her unveiling, That's How We Love was bumped at the start exiting from her rail draw. The \$180,000 Keeneland September graduate was hard held passing the stands for the first time and began to settle into the third slot through fractions of :24.39 and :49.03.

Guided out three deep by Reylu Gutierrez approaching the quarter pole, she unleashed a serious turn of foot to open daylight on her six rivals and finished up in a field-best :30.04 over the firm going. She earned an 88 Beyer Speed Figure.

That's How We Love has since returned to the worktab with a four-furlong breeze in :51.40 (3/7) over the all-weather at the Antonacci family's Lindy Farms Aug. 1.

"We were very impressed with her debut," Antonacci said. "You don't really expect to win like that on the grass. It was good to see."

He continued, "Last year, really no issues with her, it was just some baby stuff and just letting her grow up and mature and physically develop." **Cont.**

That's How We Love , cont.

"Patience looks like it paid off with her and she really matured mentally as well."

Bred in Florida by Jean E. White and the **Justify** Syndicate, the daughter of 2018 Triple Crown winner **Justify** was produced by the maiden of two career starts Ashlee's Lady (Gilded Time), a half-sister to GISW Healthy Addiction (Boston Harbor). Ashlee's Lady has also produced GSW Yara (Put It Back).

"Based on her pedigree, she could be anything," Antonacci concluded. "Obviously, she has to prove it, but it's nice to have a filly with that type of page underneath her."

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MYRACEHORSE DEBUTS AT FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA WITH INITIAL OFFERING

by Christina Bossinakis

Every horse that walks through the sales ring in Saratoga has a story. Some of them are likely more interesting than others, however, they all have some sort of genesis story just the same.

On Day 2 of the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale, a filly by **Quality Road** out of SP Community Adjusted (Summer Front) offers a tale of her own.

Consigned by Bluegrass Thoroughbred Services acting as agent, **Hip 173** is the sole offering in the sale by the MyRacehorse team. While very well known for its exploits on the racetrack with the likes of 2020 Kentucky Derby winner and eventual Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old colt Authentic (Into Mischief), 2024 GI Preakness hero **Seize the Grey** (Arrogate), and Eclipse champion sprinter **Straight No Chaser** (Speightster), MyRacehorse has been steadily building its interests in bloodstock, mating some of its own racing fillies to sell and buying others to add to its breeding pipeline with the intention of breeding them to their burgeoning stallion roster.

"MyRacehorse has been lucky enough to campaign three stallions in a span of just a few years--Authentic, **Seize the Grey** and **Straight No Chaser**---and we had growing interest from shareholders to support those stallions in their next careers, and to also offer access to a part of the business that we hadn't previously," explained MyRacehorse Director of Racing Operations Brian DiDonato.

Marking its initial foray into the broodmare market in 2024, MyRacehorse picked up Community Adjusted--a member of the Lane's End consignment at the Keeneland November Sale while in foal to **Quality Road**--for \$275,000. The ultimate goal was to send her to **Seize the Grey**.

A \$100,000 purchase at the 2019 Keeneland September Yearling Sale, Community Adjusted is the daughter of Dynaformer's Rimini Road, making her a half to MGSP Atigun



Community Adjusted, dam of Hip 173 by **Quality Road**
CBossinakis

(Istan) and MSP Path of David (Istan). Her second dam, GSW Evangelical (Devil's Bag), is a half-sister to Grade I scorer Cure the Blues (Stop the Music). This is also the extended family of dual Grade I winner Brody's Cause (Giant's Causeway).

Campaigned by Rob Masiello and the Empire Racing Club, she broke her maiden at Belmont Park in July of 2021 while under the guidance of the late Christophe Clement, who was slated for induction into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga. Clement also trained the mare's sire, MGSW and MGISP Summer Front.

The Empire Racing Club members stayed on for the ride when she was sold privately in the spring of 2022 to Adelphi Racing Club's Matt Cutair and partners and turned over to trainer Arnaud Delacour. For Delacour, she was stakes placed on the turf and she was ultimately retired following a third-place effort at Turfway in February of 2024.

"She was a big, pretty mare who had lots of stamina and plenty of ability," said DiDonato, explaining the purchase. "It's all two-turn pedigree and a very cool, throwback family with some names you don't see as often anymore--Dynaformer, Devil's Bag, Dr. Fager, etc. She was in foal to an appealing sire at the time and we liked the mating with **Seize the Grey** and Grade 1 winner And Tell Me Nolies [Arrogate] was out of a Danzig-line mare as well."

As for her first foal, the team couldn't have been happier with the results.

"This filly has always been one that the team at Chanteclair Farm thought very highly of, and she's been penciled in for Saratoga for quite a while," said DiDonato. "When we were last out to visit her in July, we were super pleased with how she's filled out and muscled up. The farm has done a great job with her. She's the right size and plenty balanced--looks quicker and maybe a bit more forward than you'd expect given her pedigree." **Cont.**

MyRacehorse at Saratoga, cont.

"Every horse at that sale is a standout and you never know how you'll stack up or where buyers will land, but she'll definitely fit in with that group."

Now eight, Community Adjusted produced a colt by **Seize the Grey** this season and is back in foal to **Fierceness**. Standing at Coolmore, the 2023 juvenile champion colt is by **City of Light**, who in turn is by **Quality Road**.

According to DiDonato, having a yearling with the quality to sell at Fasig-Tipton in Saratoga is exactly what the team has been striving for since the onset of its breeding ambitions.

"Saratoga's obviously a special sale to be a part of, and it's one we focus on every year--it's where we purchased **Seize the Grey** for \$300,000," he said. "It'll be a particular thrill for everyone to be on the 'sell' side this time. We have additional owner events that weekend and the following one, and I'm sure we'll have lots of shareholders following along both at the sale and elsewhere."

Last fall, MyRacehorse's initial crop of homebred babies to sell included a weanling colt by **Liam's Map**--a \$120,000 in utero purchase secured in partnership--who brought \$180,000 at the Keeneland November Sale.

Notably, Tuesday's Saratoga sale entrant also represents the first yearling offering bred by the operation to sell at public auction.



Classic winner Seize the Grey | Sarah Andrew

"There have certainly been ups and downs given how the breeding game goes, but we've had some very nice foals already from our small broodmare band," DiDonato said. "This filly has been a standout since she was born."

And it seems the team may also have another in the barn to keep an eye on at a Fasig-Tipton sale before long.

"We've got a Vekoma foal colt out of a Bernardini mare who's a total rockstar," confirmed DiDonato of the 2026 foal out of Littlest Warrior. "Fasig was out to inspect him last week at

December Farm and they loved him, too. He'll be pointing for Night of the Stars and at this early stage, we'd expect him to be very well received."

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SOPHOMORE TURFERS FRONT AND CENTER FRIDAY AT SARATOGA by Alan Carasso



'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard Touch of Fire | Sarah Andrew

A pair of Grade II contests for 3-year-old grass horses anchor an 11-race program Friday at Saratoga, featuring the 8 1/2-furlong National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame Stakes on the inner turf course a few hours after the induction ceremonies just up the road and the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Oaks at 9 1/2 panels on the Mellon Turf Course.

The Juddmonte braintrust had the option of entering 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard,' **Touch of Fire** (**Constitution**) in Saturday's GI Belmont Derby, but instead opt for this softer spot at a slightly shorter trip. The homebred colt has won three of his five trips to the races, including a visually impressive three-length success from just off the speed in the May 30 Audubon Stakes at Churchill. Drawn outside in a field of 10 for the GI Belmont Derby July 4, Touch of Fire was asked to make the running and held well into the final furlong before finishing fourth, beaten just over a length. Irad Ortiz, Jr., who was in the irons for the Audubon, is back aboard on Friday, and from the inside gate, Touch of Fire should be ridden more quietly this time around.

"We're cutting him back a little and we're hoping there's a little pace in there and there's a horse he can track," trainer Brad Cox said. "He may finish up a little better with a target. I thought his race last time was a good run, I just think the cutback might mean more pace in the race." **Cont.**

Friday graded preview, cont.

Flavien Prat did the steering on Touch of Fire last time, but reunites here with Peter Brant homebred **Arizona Territory** (**Tapit**). Having gone through the grades at Tampa and Aqueduct earlier this year, the gray couldn't quite overcome a wide passage from a double-digit alley and settled for fourth in the restricted Saranac Stakes July 3, finishing immediately behind **Blinging It Back** (**Volatile**) and **Glavine** (**Not This Time**), who is cross-entered for the Saratoga Derby. Arizona Territory should sit a less taxing trip from the six hole in the Hall of Fame.

Kensington Lane (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner** {**Aus**}) more or less bossed her rivals from the front in the GI Belmont Oaks back on July 4, and while she is missing from Friday's GII Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Oaks, four of those left in her wake will take their chances.

Faithful Departed (Yoshida {Jpn}) is at the peak of her powers, having scored in Churchill allowance company in April before running out a ready winner of the GIII Regret Stakes on May 30. She was set a fairly hopeless task trying to close from last of 10 in the Belmont Oaks, but finished willingly to complete the exacta and figures the one to beat here.

"She's doing excellent, and we've had a really good four weeks since the Belmont Oaks," trainer Grant Forster said. "She really just seems to be thriving, despite all the races she's had this year."



Faithful Departed with Grant Forster | Sarah Andrew

Imaginationthelady (**Not This Time**) was only sixth in the Belmont Oaks after firing up and racing prominently from a high draw. Her back form makes her a live chance this weekend--anything resembling her near-miss second in Keeneland's GII Appalachian Stakes in April or her narrow success in the GII Edgewood Stakes on the Kentucky Oaks undercard renders her a player at potentially bettable odds.

Just Aloof (**Justify**) was fourth in both the Appalachian and Edgewood, but was beaten a total of three-parts of a length in defeat. She looked to bobble in the early stages of the Belmont Oaks and faded through the lane to be seventh, but she, too, is a bounce-back candidate.

Fitz Right (**Charlatan**) took out a yielding-turf renewal of the Memories of Silver Stakes downstate in late April and added this track's GII Wonder Again Stakes June 5. The chestnut was a mostly even, non-threatening third in the Belmont Oaks, but has worked well since and would be absolutely no surprise.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT THE PREAKNESS

by Michelle Boniface St. John

The Thoroughbred racing industry is at a decisive moment. Can we embrace innovation while preserving the people, places, and traditions that made racing what it is? Or will states and organizations pursue their own interests at the expense of the broader industry they all depend on?

For Marylanders, the new Championship Series and its exclusion of the Preakness feel like a blow to the heart of a state whose own heart has never stopped beating for this sport. But it is not just the Preakness that is at stake. It is something far more difficult to replace.

Legends of great horses, unforgettable moments, and unlikely heroes have long inspired new generations to fall in love with horse racing. The sport is sustained not only by television audiences and purses, but by those stories--and by the people who inspire and share them.

While the spotlight shines brightest during the Triple Crown season, Maryland has quietly invested in the foundation of the sport, developing the horsemen and horsewomen who make those moments of greatness possible.

Yes, the Preakness is our greatest stage and asset. But Maryland's value has never been measured by one race alone. Even as our state's industry struggled, it continued to produce remarkable talent that strengthened racing across the country. Maryland has been a proving ground for Hall of Fame jockeys, trainers, and horses. But beyond the headlines, it has launched the careers of countless grooms, exercise riders, veterinarians, blacksmiths, farm managers, analysts, and horsemen whose knowledge spread throughout New York, Kentucky, Florida, and beyond. **Cont.**



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Letter to the Editor, cont.

I have watched this firsthand at our fifth-generation Thoroughbred farm in Maryland. For decades, my family--and so many others like them--have devoted their lives not only to horses, but to people. They mentored young grooms, exercise riders, trainers, and jockeys, opening doors to successful careers across the country while sacrificing much to keep their horses healthy and their livelihoods alive.

That has always been the Maryland way: give everything to the horse, share what you know, and help someone else succeed. Maryland has never asked for recognition. It simply kept showing up. We have not always been our own best advocates, and infighting and short-sightedness have too often limited our progress. Today, that same division threatens the industry as a whole.

Yet for the first time in decades, Maryland has real momentum. There is investment, optimism, and a genuine effort to rebuild. To diminish Maryland now--to treat it as expendable just as it begins to rise again--would not simply hurt one state. It would weaken the entire sport.

Horse racing is a small world, and every year it grows smaller. There are fewer racetracks, fewer foals, and fewer races. We cannot afford to lose places like Maryland that develop talent, preserve history, and keep our traditions alive. Million-dollar race days alone cannot sustain this sport. Horses need places to hone their talent, and people need places to prove their mettle.

The sport has always celebrated the story of the longshot. We cheer for the overlooked horse that outruns expectations because those stories remind us of our own potential. Maryland might be racing's longshot, but now is the moment to remember that the sport's greatest strength has never been found only on its biggest stages. It has always depended on the communities that teach, mentor, and work tirelessly for the dream of making it there.



Maryland's Laurel Park | Sarah Andrew

This is about more than saving Maryland racing. It is about preserving one of the places that has spent generations helping sustain American racing itself--and ensuring it can continue to do so for generations to come.

Michelle Boniface St. John grew up working at Bonita Farm as a groom and exercise rider. Today, while she works primarily in media as a producer for 60 Minutes and is co-founder of Paradocs Studios, Michelle maintains close ties to the farm's operations and their new non-profit Bonita Farm Thoroughbred Stewardship.

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MILESTONE 2,000TH WIN FOR JOCKEY MYCHEL SANCHEZ



Mychel Sanchez gets his 2,000th win aboard Princess Summer
Coady Media

With more than a decade riding in the U.S., primarily in the Mid-Atlantic, jockey Mychel Sanchez recorded the 2,000th victory of his North American career Thursday at Colonial Downs when he won the last race aboard Princess Summer (Mastery), a 12-1 Mike Maker trainee.

Sanchez, who has earned nearly \$70 million in purses, began Thursday with 1,998 career wins, but also won Colonial's first race with Call Me Andy (**Midshipman**) for trainer Jamie Ness. Originally from Venezuela, Sanchez is regularly among the leading riders at both Colonial Downs and Parx Racing.

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HEIDER FAMILY STABLES NAMED SPONSOR FOR BLUE GRASS FARMS ONLINE CHARITY AUCTION

Blue Grass Farms Charities plans to have the Heider Family Foundation as their presenting sponsor for the 'Relics and Rarities from the Bluegrass Region's All-American Edition' online auction, the non-profit said via a release on Thursday.

Powered by OneCause, the auction is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 22 through Sunday, Oct. 25 beginning at noon and ending at 7:00 p.m. Sunday night.

For more information about the upcoming bidding, click [here](#).

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ONTARIO TIP PROGRAM UNVEILS FOUR \$150K RACES FOR STATE BREDS AT WOODBINE



Woodbine | Michael Burns

The Ontario Thoroughbred Improvement Program (TIP) will roll out four new \$150,000 stakes races at Woodbine that are restricted to state bred who are 4-year-olds and up, the organization said in a press release on Thursday.

The races were created by Ontario Racing's TIP committee as part of its \$5-million share of \$35 million in additional funding.

The new 4-year-old/up stakes open to either males or females are:

- Caledon Stakes, 1 1/16 miles, Tapeta on Sunday, Aug. 30, closing Aug. 12;
- Grand Valley Stakes, 1 1/8 miles, turf on Sunday, Sept. 27, closing Sept. 9.

The new 4-year-old and older races for mares are:

- Belfountain Stakes 1 1/8 miles, turf on Sunday, Sept. 13, closing Aug. 26;
- Silver Creek Stakes 1 1/16 miles, Tapeta on Saturday, Oct. 10, closing Sept. 23.

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Standing NA - Worldwide Earnings - NH Foals

Rank	Stallion	BTW/%NF	BTH/%NF	GSW/%NF	GSH/%NF	G1SW/%NF	G1SH/%NF	Earnings
1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	21/13.64	37/24.03	9/5.84	22/14.29	6/3.9	8/5.19	\$25,107,309
2	McKinzie (2015) by Street Sense	10/6.14	16/9.82	4/2.45	9/5.52	3/1.84	5/3.07	\$11,572,137
3	Justify (2015) by Scat Daddy	10/8.85	18/15.93	2/1.77	13/11.5	2/1.77	5/4.42	\$9,983,015
4	Not This Time (2014) by Giant's Causeway	18/15.38	24/20.51	11/9.4	17/14.53	3/2.56	4/3.42	\$23,620,211
5	Nyquist (2013) by Uncle Mo	9/7.63	13/11.02	6/5.08	9/7.63	3/2.54	4/3.39	\$10,467,668
6	Vekoma (2016) by Candy Ride (Arg)	18/11.39	34/21.52	9/5.7	12/7.59	--/--	3/1.9	\$17,137,743
7	Tiz the Law (2017) by Constitution	11/11.58	17/17.89	8/8.42	13/13.68	2/2.11	3/3.16	\$12,223,736
8	Omaha Beach (2016) by War Front	13/8.78	23/15.54	5/3.38	8/5.41	2/1.35	3/2.03	\$10,889,198
9	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire)	5/6.58	11/14.47	5/6.58	7/9.21	3/3.95	3/3.95	\$9,855,926
10	Volatile (2016) by Violence	6/4.96	16/13.22	4/3.31	8/6.61	1/0.83	3/2.48	\$9,064,415
11	Quality Road (2006) by Elusive Quality	5/5.75	11/12.64	4/4.6	8/9.2	1/1.15	3/3.45	\$7,285,196
12	Munnings (2006) by Speightstown	10/6.41	21/13.46	3/1.92	10/6.41	--/--	2/1.28	\$10,924,539
13	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (Arg)	7/6.48	18/16.67	5/4.63	8/7.41	2/1.85	2/1.85	\$10,852,318
14	Practical Joke (2014) by Into Mischief	6/4.23	16/11.27	2/1.41	6/4.23	--/--	2/1.41	\$10,765,545
15	Curlin (2004) by Smart Strike	6/6.82	11/12.5	4/4.55	4/4.55	1/1.14	2/2.27	\$10,081,829

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

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

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

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

Blinging It Back (Volatile) is coming off a career-best effort in the Saranac. Will be tough if he can run back to that race. Presents value. 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **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)** (Romanised {Ire}) 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 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **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 fellow 'Rising Star' **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****CHALLENGE SERIES WIN AND YOU'RE IN.™**

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. 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **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. 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **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	McPeek	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 McPeek, 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, Saratoga #8, post time: 5:09 p.m. EDT**TROY S.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dancing Buck	War Dancer	J and N Stables and Diamond M Stable	Nevin	Ortiz	124
2	Twenty Six Black	War Dancer	Roger Cimbora, Jr.	De Paz	Franco	124
3	Doncho 🐎	Mo Town	JAL Racing	Lovell	Ortiz, Jr.	124
4	Coppola 🐎	Into Mischief	Sport of Kings Racing Partners LLC	Martin	Gaffalione	124
5	Waralo	War Dancer	My Purple Haze Stables	Englehart	Lezcano	124
6	John the Beer Man 🐎	More Than Ready	Caruso, Michael J. and Dubb, Michael	Atras	Carmouche	124
7	Works for Me	Daddy Long Legs	KatieRich Stables LLC, Connors, Christopher G. and Appel, Lawrence J.	Lee	Prat	124
8	Rezasrolex	Bucchero	Robert Cotran	Orseno	Alvarado	124
9	Determined Kingdom 🐎	Animal Kingdom	Estate of R. Larry Johnson	Trombetta	Santana, Jr.	124

Breeders: 1-J & N Stables LLC, 2-Roger Cimbora Jr., 3-Susan Young, 4-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 5-Casey Newick LLC, 6-Phipps Stable, 7-KatieRich Farms, Chris Connors & LarryAppel, 8-Scott Herbertson, 9-Audley Farm Equine, LLC

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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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 Friday at Saratoga, Ellis and Del Mar. Information gathered by Alan Carasso.



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Friday, August 7, 2026

Ellis 5, \$100k, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 2:44 p.m. ET

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price (\$)	Breeze
Lexi's Epic Ride (Epicenter)-AE	FTMMAY	130,000	G
C-Tom McCrocklin, agent; B-Julia Robinson			

Mayflower Girl (Shancelot)-AE	OBSAPR	75,000	:10
C-Navas Equine, agent; B-R B Hess Jr			
Nu Why Me (Frosted)	OBSMAR	95,000	:21 1/5
C-Pick View LLC, agent; B-Jim DiVito, agent			
Seneca Park (Golden Pal)	OBSMAR	70,000	:10
C-Top Line Sales LLC, agent; B-Holy Cow Stables			
Soul of the Night (Mitole)	OBSAPR	90,000	:21
C-Tom McCrocklin, agent; B-J Stevens Bloodstock, agent			

Saratoga 6, \$90k, Msw, 2yo, (R), 6f, 3:58 p.m. ET

Big Bold Red (Candy Ride {Arg})	OBSAPR	(50,000)	:10 1/5
C-Harris Training Center LLC, agent; B-RNA			
Coltrane (Coal Front)	OBSAPR	50,000	:10
C-RM Stables LLC; B-Southern Springs Stables			
Constant Force (McKinzie)	FTMMAY	(45,000)	G
C-Little Farm Equine LLC, agent; B-RNA			
Knee High (Mandaloun)	OBSAPR	65,000	:10 2/5
C-Scanlon Training & Sales, agent; B-Pay Billy Racing			

Del Mar 5, \$80k, Msw, 2yo, f, (S), 5fT, 7:00 p.m. ET

Kathy's House (Stay Thirsty)	OBSAPR	(75,000)	:10
C-Chuy Ceballos, agent; B-RNA			

Del Mar 6, \$50k, Moc, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 7:30 p.m. ET

Danielle (Practical Joke)	OBSMAR	57,000	:10 1/5
C-Marco Hernandez Stables LLC;			
B-Zap/Murphy for CA Racing & Ciaglia			
Lunar Velocity (Essential Quality)	OBSAPR	(35,000)	:10 2/5
C-Pick View LLC, agent; B-RNA			

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TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



BUTTAH (Leofric) delivers in the feature at Saratoga.
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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

JOHN MORRISSEY S., \$200,000, Saratoga, 8-6, (S), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22.80, ft.

1--**BUTTAH, 124, c, 4, Leofric--Salty Little Sis, by Chief Seattle.**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Eddie F's Racing; B-Fedwell Farms (NY); T-Ilkay Kantarmaci; J-Javier Castellano. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: 20-5-6-1, \$481,048. *1/2 to Lobsta (Emcee), MSW, \$359,445; Chowda (Emcee), SW, \$225,091.

2--**Doc Sullivan, 126, h, 5, Solomini--Queen Frostine, by Giant's Causeway.** (\$58,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG; \$59,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN). O-Tristar Farm LLC; B-Seamus Coughlan (NY); T-Amelia J. Green. \$40,000.



3--**Acoustic Ave, 124, g, 6, Maclean's Music--Rock Ave. Road, by Street Boss.** (\$200,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR). O-A. Bianco Holding Limited; B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-Linda Rice. \$24,000.

Margins: 1HF, HF, 3 1/4. Odds: 5.90, 2.19, 19.52.

Also Ran: Light Man, Hit the Post, El Grande O, Donegal Surges, Dr. Kraft, Yo Banana Boy, Drake's Passage, Bold Journey, Radio Red. Scratched: Sacrosanct.

A shocking winner at 29-1 in his last start on Belmont Stakes weekend June 6 over subsequent GII Amsterdam S. winner Local Knowledge (Yaupon) and **Curlin S.** winner Sea Strike (**Midshipman**), Buttah proved that upset was no fluke Thursday in the John Morrissey S. for New York-breds at Saratoga.



Buttah | Sarah Andrew



Winning owner Eddie Fazzone and trainer Ilkay Kantarmaci
Sarah Andrew

Previously trained through February by Gary Sciacca, the son of Leofric made his third start now with Ilkay Kantarmaci and is a head away from being undefeated for his new trainer.

Stretching out just a half-furlong from those 6 1/2-panel spots, the 5-1 shot had enough early speed to sit a close-up third behind longshot leader Hit the Post (**Kantharos**), who put a half-mile time of :45.24. Inching closer to the front to engage that pacesetter off the turn, he had plenty of run left and was able to build up a safe-enough cushion to keep a charging Doc Sullivan, last year's winner of this race, behind him, prevailing by 1 1/2 lengths.

"He's a really nice horse," said Kantarmaci. "He showed me when I ran him the first time, he showed me that he needed the race--he finished second. He won here Belmont Stakes week and he's getting better and better. I didn't do anything special with him. He's just a nice horse."

"I loved the trip, broke good out of the gate, I didn't want to dictate the pace, I let those two horses go to the lead," added jockey Javier Castellano. "Keep track the same way around last time, he tracked a horse. Turning for home I had plenty of horse. Kind of a game horse, when he sees the other horse, he kind of hesitates a little bit, but when encouraged a little bit, he took off. The way he finished, very impressed."

His sire's fifth stakes winner, Buttah comes from a family of cleverly named runners, including MSW Lobsta (Emcee) and SW Chowda (Emcee), both of whom were prevalent in the New York-bred races. Salty Little Sis, who has five winners from seven to the track, has not produced a foal since 2020. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Saratoga, \$125,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 8-6, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, :n/a, fm, 1 length.

STARSHIP TITAN (g, 5, **Not This Time--Cinnamon Lass, by Conduit {Ire})** stepped up in distance here having just missed the win after hitting the gate in his 2026 unveiling going a mile over this course July 11. The 8-5 favorite showed plenty of early



Starship Titan | Sarah Andrew

speed here and was keen to go on with things despite pressure right away from Walley World (More Than Ready) to his outside. Leading narrowly up the backstretch with that rival shadowing his every move, Starship Titan was able to keep something in reserve and get a bit of a gap around the far turn, hitting the top of the lane with a cushion. A Bourbon for Toby (Bernardini) closed in front mid pack to cut into the margin but was still a length back on the wire. Javier Castellano pulled up Starship Titan shortly after the wire with trainer Michelle Nevin telling the FOX broadcast that he suffered an injury to his right front leg and had been transported immediately to Rood & Riddle. Cinnamon Lass, a half to the dam of GISW and sire Collected (City Zip), last produced a yearling filly by **Early Voting**. Sales History: \$7,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$20,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$182,470. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Starship Stables; B-Peter Hills (KY); T-Michelle Nevin.

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7th-Saratoga, \$120,000, Alw, 8-6, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.80, fm, 3/4 length.

RISK TOLERANCE (IRE) (h, 5, **Kingman {GB}--Loving Things {GB} {GSW-Fr, SW & GSP-Eng, \$107,896}, by Pivotal {GB})**, second behind MGSW Integration (**Quality Road**) with a career-high 97



Risk Tolerance | Sarah Andrew

Beyer going 1 3/16 miles at the Big A May 7, went one better on the turnback here. The 4-5 favorite raced under a hold in sixth through fractions of :23.42 and :47.21 and saved his best for the stretch, rallying to a 3/4 of a length victory over Highlands Way (**Not This Time**). Sales history: 260,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-0, \$183,393. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Normandie Stud Ltd (IRE); T-Chad C. Brown.

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2nd-Saratoga, \$115,000, (S), Msw, 8-6, 2yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.87, fm, 1 length.

HOWARD'S HOPE (g, 2, **Karakontie {Jpn}--Blue Atlas, by English Channel)** beat several more-experienced rivals here on this two-turn debut against fellow New York-breds. The 6-1 shot drew inside but was forced back off the pace by a runner to his outside who broke inwards, checking him back to eighth on the run into the first turn. In no hurry under Manny Franco, Howard's Hope was content to hold that position as second-time



Howard's Hope | Sarah Andrew

starter Parea (**Speaker's Corner**) led easily through the half in :49.44. Able to save ground up the backstretch and into the far turn, he then had to tip out at the quarter pole for room and closed in style, making up the ground in a joint move with eventual runner-up Al Mowashaah (**Tiz the Law**), surging past that rival to win by a length. His dam's first runner and winner, Howard's Hope has a yearling **Buccherio** half-sister and a weanling half-sister by Mo Town. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$63,250. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Barry K. Schwartz; B-Stonewall Farm (NY); T-Horacio De Paz.

6th-Saratoga, \$90,000, (R), Msw, 8-6, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.92, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

BEACH BELLE (f, 2, Omaha Beach--Wildcat Belle, by Intidab), off at debut odds of 5-2 in this auction-restricted maiden, took it to her nine rivals from the start from her rail draw, and led 'em every step in wire-to-wire fashion. It was 3 3/4 lengths back to Cody's Approval (Speightstown) in second. Progeny in the pipeline for the winner's dam includes a Country Grammar colt of 2025 and a **Timberlake** filly of 2026. Sales history: \$40,000 Ylg '25 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Ribble Farms, Dominguez, Carlo, Baer, Deann & Skelton, Stanley; B-Willow Brook Stables (NY); T-D. Whitworth Beckman.

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3rd-Colonial Downs, \$89,125, (R), Msw, 8-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:09.68, fm, 1 length.

DAENERYS (f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Lucky Irish, by Lookin At Lucky) placed in three prior starts in the Mid-Atlantic, including two at Colonial, her most recent being her turf debut where she just missed by a neck going a touch shorter July 12. The 5-2 second choice lacked early pace and was content to race with just one rival behind her up the backstretch before beginning a wide but steady bid through the field. Fanned out to the center of the course, the 'Mother of Dragons' came flying late under



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Sheldon Russell to graduate by a length over Liz's Image (Skipshot). The first winner out of a half-sister to MGSW/GISP Irish War Cry (**Curlin**) and GSW Irish Strait (English Channel), Daenerys has a yearling **Practical Joke** half-brother while her dam went to **Charge It** for 2027. Lifetime Record: 4-1-3-0, \$96,010. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC (MD); T-Brittany T. Russell.

5th-Colonial Downs, \$86,725, (R), Msw, 8-6, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.71, ft, 3 lengths.

HAREWOOD (c, 2, Daredevil--Rum Go {GSP}, by Mizzen Mast), a speed-and-fade sixth in his debut sprinting on the lawn here July 12, was taking the blinkers off for this first try on dirt versus Virginia-restricted maidens. Off at odds of 5-2, he shot out to the front and never looked back. Favored Fields of Grey (**Hard Spun**) was three lengths back in second. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$53,700. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-DARRS, Inc.; B-Darrs Inc. (VA); T-Brittany T. Russell.

6th-Colonial Downs, \$71,300, Msw, 8-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.92, fm, 1/2 length.

BELLE (f, 3, Uncle Mo--Lunar Evening, by Malibu Moon) came in heavily favored here at 2-5 for her turf debut after making two starts on the Tapeta at Woodbine and previously running a neck



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behind 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' La Rascasse (Authentic) in her Keeneland unveiling Apr. 11. Fast from the gate but just outrun early by pacesetter Marcinkowski (**Blame**) to her outside, Belle settled into an easy stalking trip, never far from the front through the half in :49.92. Edging up the inside, she took aim off the far turn and dueled that rival down the lane, just prevailing by a half-length. Lunar Evening, already responsible for this runner's full-brother in Celestial City, GSW, \$348,420, is herself a half-sister to GISW Hymn Brook (Arch). She has a 2-year-old **Olympiad** filly, a yearling **Gunite** colt and a colt born this year by **Arabian Knight**. She went to **Corniche** for next season. Sales History: \$325,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$74,152. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-X-Men Racing V LLC & Madaket Stables LLC; B-Shawhan Place LLC, Dr. Perry Wornall & William A. Thomson & Uncle M, et al (KY); T-Kevin Attard.

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6th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,560, Msw, 8-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.41, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

OFFICE (f, 3, Not This Time--Heavenly Hill {GSP-Can, GSP-USA, \$114,117}, by City Zip), a speed-and-fade sixth in her rained-off debut at Churchill Downs June 26, made every pole a winning one as the 3-2 favorite in this first attempt on grass. After producing a colt by Dornoch this year, the winner's dam was bred back to **Life Is Good**. Sales history: \$190,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$20,731. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Louis Wright; B-Angela M. Ingenito (KY); T-D. Whitworth Beckman.

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
2026 Stud Fees Listed

Early Voting (Gun Runner), Taylor Made Farm, \$12,500
116 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Del Mar, 8:06 p.m. EDT, \$100K Graduation S., 5 1/2f, Early Encore, 6-5
\$90,000 FTC AYR yrl

Epicenter (Not This Time), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
206 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Lexi's Epic Ride, 30-1
\$115,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$130,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Flightline (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$125,000
124 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Love Line, 8-1
\$325,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
204 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Seneca Park, 12-1
\$55,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$70,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Keepmeinmind (Laoban), Whispering Oaks Farm, \$2,000
42 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
6-Saratoga, 3:58 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Ed Charles, 8-1

\$28,000 FTD JUL wnl; \$47,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$37,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$60,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Life Is Good (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$60,000
133 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Kilo Juliet, 7-2
\$385,000 KEE NOV wnl

Mandaloun (Into Mischief), Juddmonte Farms, \$10,000
100 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Saratoga, 3:58 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Knee High, 20-1
\$285,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$65,000 OBS APR 2yo

Mo Donegal (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
135 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Saratoga, 3:58 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Hurricane Mo, 6-1
\$10,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mystic Guide (Ghostzapper), Darley, \$7,500
101 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
5-Century Mile, 10:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Just Like Lindsey, 30-1
CAN\$17,000 ALB MIX yrl

Olympiad (Speightstown), Gainesway Farm, \$20,000
149 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Olympic Belle, 10-1
\$190,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Tap Master (Tapit), Esquirol Farms, \$2,500
16 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Century Mile, 10:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Asiniy's Storm, 8-1
CAN\$3,000 RNA ALB MIX wnl; CAN\$10,000 RNA ALB MIX yrl



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 2026 Stud Fees Listed

Basin (Liam's Map), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
95 foals of racing age/24 winners/3 black-type winners
10-Prairie Meadows, 9:51 p.m. EDT, \$75K Hawkeyes H., 1
1/16m, Somavia, 15-1
\$40,000 FTK JUL yrl

Charlatan (Speightstown), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$25,000
322 foals of racing age/47 winners/7 black-type winners
10-Saratoga, 6:17 p.m. EDT, \$500K GII Fasig-Tipton Saratoga
Oaks, 1 3/16mT, Fitz Right, 5-2
\$200,000 KEE SEP yrl

Independence Hall (Constitution), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
196 foals of racing age/45 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Delaware, 1:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Halls of Congress, 8-1
\$20,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$27,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Listing (Square Eddie), Ocean Breeze Ranch, \$2,000
21 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Del Mar All Turf Pick 3, 7:06 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, First Time
Listing, 4-1
7-Del Mar, 8:06 p.m. EDT, \$100K Graduation S., 5 1/2f, Prime
Listing, 8-1

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, 7:06 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Miss Mo
Brown, 8-1
\$14,000 WAS SEP yrl

Need More Mo (Uncle Mo), Buckeye Stallion Station, \$2,000
12 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Belterra, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Holy Mo, 12-1

LEADING FIRST-CROP SIRES OF 2026

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	Strs	Wnrs	Earnings
1	Golden Pal	0	3	38	12	\$811,477
2	Life Is Good	1	3	25	9	\$810,233
3	Highly Motivated	0	0	23	9	\$283,104
4	Roadster	1	1	19	7	\$460,770
5	Early Voting	0	1	18	6	\$440,109

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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here is a Canadian-bred horse of interest for this Saturday running at Chukyo Racecourse:



Monohon Player is out of a half-sister to **Flameaway** (pic)
Darby Dan photo

Saturday, August 8, 2026

2nd-CKO, ¥14,880,000 (\$94k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1400mT

MONOHON PLAYER (c, 2, **Violence**--Ellan Vannin, by Spring At Last), a \$170,000 Keeneland September yearling, breezed an eighth of a mile in :10 flat and was hammered down to this trainer for \$250,000 at this year's OBS March Sale. The Feb. 1 foal is set to become the fourth starter from his dam, winner of the Ontario Lassie Stakes at two and a half-sister to dual-surface Grade III winner and Darby Dan-based sire **Flameaway** (Scat Daddy). This is the female family of champion Salsabil (Ire). O-Susumu Fujita; B-Hill 'n' Dale Farm & Mario Serrani (ON); T-Hideyuki Mori.

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IN FRANCE:

Just Inspiration, f, 3, **Justify**. See "France".



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-Del Mar, \$82,000, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 8-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.77, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

JACKLYN LUCAS (f, 3, **Grazen**--**Malibu Holiday**, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-1, \$133,700. O-Nicholas B. Alexander; B-Nick Alexander (CA); T-Sтивен Miyadi. *Full to Johnny Podres, MSW & GSP, \$568,745.

7th-Colonial Downs, \$73,200, 8-6, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.45, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

BENJI STAR (g, 5, **Upstart**--**Skye High**, by Posse) Lifetime Record: 14-5-4-1, \$223,846. O-Herman, Alan, 4 G Racing, LLC and Feel The Thunder Stable; B-Rebecca Farms LLC (LA); T-Michael Stidham. *\$72,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN.

2YO Recommendation by Marette Farrell

8th-Delaware, \$52,200, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 8-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :58.00, gd, 1 3/4 lengths.

MUDSLIDE (m, 5, **Competitive Edge**--**San Gregoria**, by Fairbanks) Lifetime Record: 18-5-2-1, \$158,629. O/B-Kelly Lynn Deiter & Gordon Policastro (MD); T-Kelly Lynn Deiter.

3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$44,640, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 8-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.66, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

BITS OF CANDY (m, 5, **Hit It a Bomb**--**Looking for Bits**, by Monarchos) Lifetime Record: 10-4-3-0, \$133,190. O/B-Judy Dorris (IN); T-Robert E. Dobbs, Jr.

9th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$36,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 8-5, 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.96, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

LINZER (g, 5, **Street Sense**--**Macaroon**, by Tapit) Lifetime Record: 31-5-10-2, \$401,825. O-Contreras Stable, Inc., Fisher,



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Edward J. and Fisher, Linda; B-Godolphin (KY); T-Cipriano Contreras. *\$105,000 3yo '24 FTDMA. **1/2 to Pennybaker (Medaglia d'Oro), SW-Fr, SW-USA, \$150,595.

4th-Belterra, \$22,700, (S), 8-6, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.40, fm, 3 3/4 lengths.

NO MORE CENTS (c, 3, Goldencents--Kajawa, by Cross Traffic) Lifetime Record: SW, 7-3-0-2, \$89,684. O-Shamrock Stables LLC; B-T/C Stable, LLC (OH); T-Kenneth G. McPeck. *\$35,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT.

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1st-Assiniboia Downs, C\$21,320, (S), 8-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2f, 1:36.17, ft, 1/2 length.

DREAMIN OUT LOUD (f, 4, Edison--Lucky Brew, by Milwaukee Brew) Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-0, \$28,387. O-Dark Cloud Racing; B-Perry M. Pellerin (MB); T-Judy Hunter.

1st-Belterra, \$21,300, (S), 8-6, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.07, gd, 6 lengths.

BLUE TAIL FLY (f, 3, Vekoma--Vertrazzo {MSP, \$192,890}, by Trappe Shot) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$39,803. O/B-Michael A. Foster (OH); T-William D. Cowans.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cakey, f, 2, Catalina Cruiser--Shawklit Cake, by Majesticperfection. Colonial Downs, 8-6, (C), 5 1/2fT, 1:03.52. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$70,000. B-Respect The Valleys, LLC and BTR Racing Inc. (MD).

Golden Sentry, g, 2, Halladay--Sofi's Gold, by Goldencents. Del Mar, 8-6, (S), 5fT, :57.16. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$48,000. B-Mark Devereaux & Scomar Enterprises, LLC (CA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Patty G's Boy, g, 2, Pat On the Back--Gia Alexa, by Yes It's True. Penn National, 8-6, 5f, 1:01.20. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,500. B-John Fischetti Fischetti (PA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

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Q's Best Bet, g, 2, Qurbaan--Quiet Contender, by Strong Contender. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-6, (S), 5f, :59.68. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$30,800. B-Bruce & Lori Murphy (IN).

Pray for Victory, g, 3, Prayer for Relief--Dee Dee's Comet, by Don Six. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-6, (S), 6f, 1:11.28. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-2, \$32,979. B-R Star Stallions & Kerry Hopper (IN). *\$5,000 RNA Ylg '24 INDYRL.

Chartist, f, 3, Tonalist--Quant, by War Front. Delaware, 8-6, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:43.19. Lifetime Record: 7-1-3-1, \$83,500. B-R. S. Evans (KY). *\$50,000 Wlg '23 KEENOV.



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Until Last Call, g, 4, Disco Partner--Just Livin a Dream, by Trippi. Saratoga, 8-6, (S), (C), 5 1/2fT, 1:03.14. Lifetime Record: 8-1-0-0, \$38,717. B-Patricia Generazio (NY). *1/2 to Mischievous Dream (Into Mischief), SW, \$269,350.



Catalina Cruiser, Cakey, f, 2, o/o Shawklit Cake, by Majesticperfection. MSW, 8-6, Colonial Downs

Competitive Edge, Mudslide, m, 5, o/o San Gregoria, by Fairbanks. AOC, 8-6, Delaware

Daredevil, Harewood, c, 2, o/o Rum Go, by Mizzen Mast. MSW, 8-6, Colonial Downs

Disco Partner, Until Last Call, g, 4, o/o Just Livin a Dream, by Trippi. MCL, 8-6, Saratoga

Edison, Dreamin Out Loud, f, 4, o/o Lucky Brew, by Milwaukee Brew. ALW, 8-5, Assiniboia

Goldencents, No More Cents, c, 3, o/o Kajawa, by Cross Traffic. ALW, 8-6, Belterra

Grazen, Jacklyn Lucas, f, 3, o/o Malibu Holiday, by Harlan's Holiday. AOC, 8-6, Del Mar



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Halladay, Golden Sentry, g, 2, o/o Sofi's Gold, by Goldencents. MSW, 8-6, Del Mar

Hit It a Bomb, Bits of Candy, m, 5, o/o Looking for Bits, by Monarchos. AOC, 8-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Karakontie (Jpn), Howard's Hope, g, 2, o/o Blue Atlas, by English Channel. MSW, 8-6, Saratoga



Omaha Beach's Beach Belle | Sarah Andrew

Kingman (GB), Risk Tolerance (Ire), h, 5, o/o Loving Things (GB), by Pivotal (GB). ALW, 8-6, Saratoga

Leofric, Buttah, c, 4, o/o Salty Little Sis, by Chief Seattle. John Morrissey S., 8-6, Saratoga

Medaglia d'Oro, Daenerys, f, 3, o/o Lucky Irish, by Lookin At Lucky. MSW, 8-6, Colonial Downs

Not This Time, Office, f, 3, o/o Heavenly Hill, by City Zip. MSW, 8-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Not This Time, Starship Titan, g, 5, o/o Cinnamon Lass, by Conduit (Ire). AOC, 8-6, Saratoga

Omaha Beach, Beach Belle, f, 2, o/o Wildcat Belle, by Intidab. MSW, 8-6, Saratoga

Pat On the Back, Patty G's Boy, g, 2, o/o Gia Alexa, by Yes It's True. MSW, 8-6, Penn National

Prayer for Relief, Pray for Victory, g, 3, o/o Dee Dee's Comet, by Don Six. MSW, 8-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Qurbaan, Q's Best Bet, g, 2, o/o Quiet Contender, by Strong Contender. MSW, 8-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Street Sense, Linzer, g, 5, o/o Macaroon, by Tapit. AOC, 8-5, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Tonalist, Chartist, f, 3, o/o Quant, by War Front. MSW, 8-6, Delaware

Uncle Mo, Belle, f, 3, o/o Lunar Evening, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 8-6, Colonial Downs

Upstart, Benji Star, g, 5, o/o Skye High, by Posse. ALW, 8-6, Colonial Downs

Vekoma, Blue Tail Fly, f, 3, o/o Vertrazzo, by Trappe Shot. ALW, 8-6, Belterra

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'THESE ARE THE MOMENTS THAT GIVE YOU THAT LIFT'

John Tuthill of Owenstown Stud on his Phoenix Stakes dream for Sun Goddess



John Tuthill: the breeder of Sunday's Phoenix Stakes contender Sun Goddess | Tattersalls

By Adam Houghton

With the yearling sales season just around the corner, John Tuthill of Owenstown Stud is hoping to arrive at Doncaster for his first gig of the summer with an extra spring in his step courtesy of Sun Goddess (**Sioux Nation**), the star graduate of last year's Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale who heads to the Curragh on Sunday as one of the market leaders for the G1 Keeneland Phoenix Stakes.

Tuthill, of course, is no stranger to top-level success, having bred familiar names such as Excelebration, Persuasive and Art Power during his three decades at the helm of the farm in Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

As ever in this game, though, it can sometimes be a while between drinks, hence why Tuthill is keen to savour every moment of this exciting new chapter with Sun Goddess, who was last seen winning the G2 Airlie Stud Stakes over the Phoenix course and distance.

"It's already dream territory for a young mare, it really is," Tuthill says of the journey thus far with Sun Goddess, the third foal out of the unraced Etoile Bleu (**Starspangledbanner**). "It's great and we'd love it if she could go on and do better again. I mean, wow, even to win a Group 2 was fantastic. It's exciting times." **Cont. p3**

DEATH OF BRILLIANT TRIPLE GROUP 1 AND CLASSIC WINNER NASHWA'S DAM AT 16

Princess Loulou, the dam of champion racemare Nashwa, has died at the age of 16, Blue Diamond Stud announced. She died following a bout of colic.

The daughter of Pivotal was purchased by Imad Al Sagar's Blue Diamond Stud at the Tattersalls December Mares Sale for 300,000gns in 2018. She became an integral part of the operation's broodmare band with Nashwa (**Frankel**) winning three Group 1s - including the Prix de Diane - along with her son Nebras (Dubawi) scoring at Listed level.

"It is a very sad day," Al Sagar commented. "Princess Loulou has been key to the development of Blue Diamond Stud, firstly as a talented racemare herself and latterly as a Classic producer as the dam of our champion Nashwa."

He added, "With her wins in the Prix de Diane, Nassau and Falmouth Stakes, Nashwa gave us many memorable days on the track. She is now part of our broodmare band at the stud and has a very good Dubawi colt foal. We also have Princess Loulou's last foal, a Dubawi filly, to look forward to." **Cont. p8**



Princess Loulou pictured with her Dubawi filly foal earlier this year
Blue Diamond Stud

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Several of the key issues facing the industry highlighted the 2026 Jockey Club Round Table on Matters Pertaining to Racing, but the issue of fan development took centre stage. Sue Finley reports.

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John Tuthill/Sun Goddess Cont. from p1

Exciting and unexpected, perhaps, with Tuthill having nothing like such grand plans when he acquired the then-five-year-old Etoile Bleu for 60,000gns at the 2022 Tattersalls December Mares Sale. Nor did her first two foals do much to inspire confidence when they made it to the racecourse, with neither horse managing to win a race from eight combined starts.

"I bought Etoile Bleu when she was carrying a Churchill [the now-three-year-old Meritocratic]," Tuthill recalls. "He wasn't as exciting as Sun Goddess! But she [Etoile Bleu] has a great pedigree and there was just something about her at the sales that made me think that it was worth her staying on my list. I was incredibly lucky, and delighted, to get her for 60,000gns.

"When you buy mares, it's always a bit of a lottery. I've bought a lot of mares over the years and a lot of them haven't worked out. But, just now and again, something comes good. This one has gone the right way so far, anyway."

Tuthill credits his wife, Clare, with setting them on the path that ultimately led them to Sun Goddess, a filly who instantly had a serene quality to her, the breeder explains.

"**Sioux Nation** is a fantastic stallion, a very imposing individual and very robust. I think it was my wife Clare who came up with the mating and, so far, we're very happy with the result," Tuthill continues.

"When you foal them, sometimes you just get that feeling that everything is right about it. She had good body and good limbs. She was on her feet early and suckling early--all of the boxes were ticked. It was one of those moments where you go, 'Yeah, that's okay.' It's nice when one of those goes on and becomes a decent racehorse."

Whilst Tuthill might have thought that he had a nice filly on his hands, it wasn't until Sun Goddess went under the hammer at the Premier Yearling Sale that he received the ultimate seal of approval, with one of the best judges in the game, Avenue Bloodstock's Mark McStay, signing for her on behalf of another, MV Magnier, at £120,000.

Tuthill, who is set to return to Doncaster later this month with a three-strong draft of yearlings, confesses to being a big fan of the sale, especially with young horses that take everything in their stride *a la* Sun Goddess.

He explains, "We had long conversations at sales selection time and there were good reasons to sell her at the Premier Yearling Sale. She came to hand early enough. Because that sale is quite early, it can be quite hard to get some of them looking as well as they might. I've brought some to the sale that have been a bit babyish and haven't matured quite as fast as you would have liked, although it doesn't stop them from being racehorses.

"That Premier Yearling Sale is a sale that I like. I've sold good horses there before [including the three-time Group 1 winner Excelebration] and I think it's a more straightforward sale. If you go to the Orby Sale or Book 1 or Book 2 at Tattersalls, expectations can be a little bit too high for the commercial horse. That's what Sun Goddess was, a commercial horse."

He continues, "One always hopes for big prices, but the mare was still unproven. You're in the wilderness years there. Until

you've got some wins on the board or a bit of black type, you're really selling on the looks of the progeny as much as anything else. There was promise in the pedigree, but with young mares you have to wait. You think, 'Have I made the right stallion selection to produce something that's going to bring this mare on into the next level?'

"You have to wait and see but, to get £120,000 for the third foal, that was good, really good. **Sioux Nation** wasn't standing for an outrageous price (€17,500) at

that time so, commercially, we got a good return on our money. It keeps the ball rolling, you know."

Now, the ball rolls on to the Curragh on Sunday, with Tuthill all the while having multiple balls to juggle back home at Owenstown as the countdown to the start of the yearling sales season continues apace.

All of the bubbles remain very much intact at this stage, with a Blue Point half-sister to Sun Goddess perhaps set to be burdened with the heaviest weight of expectation when she goes through the ring at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.

Tuthill also gives a favourable mention to a **Sioux Nation** colt out of Quickstep Lady (Australia) going to Book 1 of the Goffs Orby, the same sale where his Mehmas half-brother sold to Juddmonte for €440,000 last year. [Cont. p4](#)



Sun Goddess (left) winning the Airlie Stud Stakes | [Racingfotos.com](#)

John Tuthill/Sun Goddess Cont.

"Results like that don't happen very often," Tuthill chuckles. "I hope that the Mehmas [since named Warrior Knight and in training with Andrew Balding] does well. He hasn't run yet, but fingers crossed for him. He was not a small horse. He had plenty of stature and he maybe wasn't typical of a Mehmas because of that. The **Sioux Nation** half-brother is of similar stature, which is less of a surprise. He's another lovely horse with a good walk and a great outlook.

"I've got a very nice bunch of yearlings this year. They're spread out across the various sales and I'm going to be happy to stand outside the stable of any one of them--any one of them could have been a standout in some of the years that I've had."

He adds of the sibling to Sun Goddess, "She's a very nice filly and she walks well. She's only just started her prep, so it's hard to really judge her. But so far, touch wood, she does everything nicely. There are similarities [with Sun Goddess]. Hopefully, the similarities are going to be on the racetrack! They're by very different sires but, yeah, I'm excited by her."

Describing the possibility of a significant update for the Blue Point filly as "huge", Tuthill has already had more than one result to smile about on that front in recent weeks.

In addition to Sun Goddess winning the Airlie Stud Stakes--just eight days after she occupied the runner-up spot in the G3 Albany Stakes--Thesecretadversary (**St Mark's Basilica**) has been another flagbearer for this family in 2026, notably going one place better than Sun Goddess at Royal Ascot when winning the G3 Jersey Stakes, before making the breakthrough at the top level with his victory in last month's Prix Jean Prat at Deauville.

Whilst Etoile Bleu was herself unraced, she is a half-sister to no fewer than four black-type performers, including Gibraltar Blue (Rock Of Gibraltar), a multiple Group 2 winner in South Africa, and the classy sprinter Scream Blue Murder (Oratorio). Scream Blue Murder, who achieved her most notable win in the G3 Phoenix Sprint Stakes, which takes place on the undercard at the Curragh on Sunday, is the granddam of Thesecretadversary through her Listed-winning daughter Too Soon To Panic (**Gleneagles**).

"It's exciting to have a current family like this. It just helps to create a positive vibe about what you're selling," says Tuthill, who reveals that Etoile Bleu is currently in foal to **No Nay Never**, before again allowing himself a moment to revel in the anticipation of what Sunday might bring.

"We have a lot going on, with yearlings to prep and so forth, but I'll try to be there," he concludes. "I wasn't able to get there [when Sun Goddess won the Airlie Stud Stakes] but, my goodness, I was shouting at the television!"

"These occasions are so rare. You know, you don't phone me very often. That's how rare they are--I'm not exactly on your speed dial! When these days come along, they make up for so many disappointments, so many frustrations and so many times

when it's cold, it's pouring with rain and you have to get up at 3 o'clock in the morning because something is going wrong. These are the moments that give you that lift and allow you to put some of the worries behind you for a while."

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SOPHIE BUCKLEY JOINS TDN CONVERSATIONS WITH EMMA BERRY



Emma Berry speaks with Sophie Buckley of Culworth Ground Farms in the latest Conversations Podcast | *Tattersalls*

In 12 years, Culworth Ground Farms has become an established name on the sales circuit, a consistent producer of stakes horses, and one of Britain's newest stallion studs.

Sophie Buckley, who runs the equine side of the Oxfordshire farm she owns with her husband Charles, joins Emma Berry for this latest episode of TDN Conversations to discuss how her background in showing gave her a headstart in pinhooking along with all facets of her busy breeding, consigning and pre-training business.

Ahead of the 2024 covering season, Culworth Grounds welcomed its first stallion, El Caballo, who has his first yearlings at the forthcoming sales in Europe. The hunt is now on for a new stallion to join him at this burgeoning operation.

Tune in to the latest Conversations, which is kindly sponsored by **Saracen Horse Feeds**.

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BREEDERS' CUP TURF HERO ETHICAL DIAMOND BACK IN THE WINNING GROOVE AT LEOPARDSTOWN *by Sean Cronin*



Ethical Diamond (left) | Racingfotos.com

November's GI Breeders' Cup turf hero **Ethical Diamond** (Awtaad) had suffered two defeats in hot company since that career high, but regained the winning thread with a battling display in a pulsating renewal of Thursday's G3 Ballyroan Stakes at Leopardstown.

"It was hard work, but he got the job done and that will bring him forward," said Willie Mullins. "He's in a few races in Ireland and England, but I think there's a nice prize in Kentucky Downs in September over a mile-and-a-half that we might go for. I think it's a million-dollar race, so we might have a crack at that. It's a nice left-handed track, the ground is usually as hard as iron and it's a track where [high-class hurdler] Grabel won all those years ago [in 1990]. It was called the Dueling Grounds then, so we know the place."

The 11-10 favourite adopted patient tactics off the pace in fifth as stablemate **Gaucher** (**Frankel**) set the tempo up front. Making eyecatching headway out wide in the straight, he stayed on relentlessly under continued rousting to deny **Green Impact** (Wootton Bassett) by a short-head in a ding-dong bobber. Gaucher kept on to finish one length back in third.

Pedigree Notes

Ethical Diamond is the third of five foals and leading performer produced by a sibling of G1 Bayerisches Zuchtrennen runner-up and multiple Group-winning G2 German 2000 Guineas hero Precious Boy (Big Shuffle) and G3 Preis der Winterkonigin second Prema (Big Shuffle).

Prema, in turn, produced Listed Prix La Fleche third Preciously (Lord Of England), herself the dam of GII Nassau Stakes heroine Crystal Cliffs (Canford Cliffs).

Hailing from the family of G1 Prix Lupin-winning sire Gracioso (Nureyev), Ethical Diamond is full to a yearling colt and half to a weanling filly by Australia.

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Thursday, Leopardstown, Ireland

BALLYROAN STAKES-G3, €70,000, Leopardstown, 8-6, 3yo/up, 12ft, 2:30.33, gd.

1--ETHICAL DIAMOND (IRE), 135, g, 6, by Awtaad (Ire)

1st Dam: Pearl Diamond (Ger), by Areion (Ger)

2nd Dam: Pretty Su (Ire), by Surumu (Ger)

3rd Dam: Pretty Procida, by Procida

(320,000gns 3yo '23 TATJUL). O-H O S Syndicate; B-W J Kennedy; T-Willie Mullins; J-Ryan Moore. €42,000. Lifetime Record: GISW-US, 18-6-1-1, \$3,349,527. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**, or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

BARODA STUD Consigning Graduate

2--Green Impact (Ire), 135, c, 4, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Emerald Green (GB), by Galileo (Ire). O-Marcstown Farms SC; B-Marc Chan; T-Jessica Harrington. €14,000.

3--Gaucher (GB), 135, g, 7, **Frankel (GB)**--Left Hand (GB), by

Dubawi (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.**

(€260,000 3yo '22 ARQAU). O-Mrs Rose Boyd & Mrs Marie J Armstrong; B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Willie Mullins. €7,000.

Margins: SHD, 1, 1HF. Odds: 1.10, 4.50, 20.00.

Also Ran: Omni Man (Ire), Lafayette (Ire), Ascending (Ire), Endorsement (Ire). Scratched: Dallas Star (Fr), Asakir (Ire).

ISAAC NEWTON MAKES BREAKTHROUGH IN THE DESMOND *by Sean Cronin*

Last term's G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud fourth **Isaac Newton** (**Camelot**) had three prior attempts at pattern-race level and made the breakthrough in his fourth with a decisive victory in Thursday's G3 Bahrain Turf Club Desmond Stakes at Leopardstown.

"It's a good thing he is a miler as that's what he was showing us all the time and we weren't believing it," admitted Aidan O'Brien after collecting a seventh rosette in the contest. "If you see him, and how he goes through a race, he just canters through a race. He is fast and he'd come back shorter if we wanted him, but he's a miler. He'll come back here for the [G2] Boomerang [on Irish Champions Weekend]."

The O'Brien trainee was encouraged forward from the break to race third, five lengths off the pace set by **Audience** (Iffraaj), after the initial strides.

Taking closer order off the home turn, the 10-1 chance was ridden to go second entering the final furlong and kept on powerfully under a late drive to prevail by 1 1/4 lengths from **Needle Match** (Night Of Thunder). **Cont. p6**

G3 Desmond Stakes Cont.

Audience refused to buckle once headed and finished the same margin adrift in third, a half-length in front of 6-4 favourite **Sparan Nua** (**Dawn Approach**).

Isaac Newton had previously annexed June's Listed Hill Of Tara at Navan and ran third in the Curragh's G3 Meld Stakes three weeks ago.



Isaac Newton | Racingfotos.com

Pedigree Notes

Isaac Newton, who becomes the 48th Group winner for his sire, is a half-brother to the dams of Listed-winning G3 Princess Margaret Stakes third Velozee (**Sioux Nation**) and Listed Prix de Saint-Cyr runner-up Wilderness Girl (**No Nay Never**).

He is the latest of nine foals and one of three scorers produced by a stakes-winning daughter of Listed Prix des Sablonnets victrix and G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulisches runner-up Firth Of Lorne (Danehill).

Firth Of Lorne is also the dam of multiple Grade I winner Master Of The Seas (Dubawi), stakes-winning G1 St James's Palace Stakes second Latharnach (Iffraaj) and G3 UAE Oaks victrix Falls Of Lora (Street Cry).

Falls Of Lora, in turn, is the dam of three black-type winners including multiple Group 1 hero Cascadian (New Approach) and G1 Summer Stakes victor Albahr (Dubawi). Falls Of Lora is also kin to the dam of G1 Metropolitan winner Just Fine (**Sea The Stars**) and last year's G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis hero Tornado Alert (Too Darn Hot).

Thursday, Leopardstown, Ireland

BAHRAIN TURF CLUB DESMOND STAKES-G3, €70,000, Leopardstown, 8-6, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:38.11, gd.

1--ISAAC NEWTON (IRE), 128, c, 3, by **Camelot** (GB)

1st Dam: Etive (SW-Ger & MSP-Fr), by Elusive Quality

2nd Dam: Firth Of Lorne (Ire), by Danehill

3rd Dam: Kerrera (Ire), by Diesis (GB)

1ST GROUP WIN. (€380,000 Ylg '24 ARAUG). O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Westerberg; B-Camas Park, Lynch Bages & Summerhill; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. €42,000. Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, \$181,742. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**, or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

2--**Needle Match** (GB), 128, c, 3, Night Of Thunder (Ire)--Cleopatra's Gift, by **American Pharoah**. **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O-Saeed Suhail; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd; T-William Haggas. €14,000.

3--**Audience** (GB), 135, g, 7, Iffraaj (GB)--Ladyship (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). (170,000gns 6yo '25 TATAHI). O-Hamad Rashed bin Ghedayer; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; T-David O'Meara. €7,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 10.00, 6.50, 6.50.

Also Ran: Sparan Nua (Ire), Cowardofthecounty (Ire), Chicago Critic (GB), Tokenomics (Fr), Al Haarith (Ire). Scratched: Celtic Motif (Ire).

'HE JUST TOOK OFF': O'BRIEN WOWED BY TDN RISING STAR WALL STREET

by Tom Frary

Overcoming greenness on debut at Leopardstown on Thursday evening, Ballydoyle's millionaire **Wall Street** (**Sea The Stars**) became the stable's latest TDN Rising Star, Presented by Hagyard.

Slowly away in the Irish Stallion Farms EBF Maiden over a mile, the 7-1 shot was cajoled into contention by Wayne Lordan and managed to rescue a seemingly lost cause with a late rattle to overhaul the Joseph O'Brien-trained fellow newcomer **Jesus Green** (Ghaiyyath) by half a length. The winner's stablemate **Drumbeat** (Wootton Bassett), who brought valuable experience to the contest, was the same margin away in third after cutting out most of the running.

The winner, the top-priced colt at the 2024 Tattersalls December Foal Sale when selling for 1million gns, is out of a half to the operation's Group 2 winner and multiple Group 1-placed I Can Fly (Fastnet Rock). He follows in the steps of last year's winner of this race for colts and geldings, **Sea The Stars**'s fellow TDN Rising Star and eventual Prix du Jockey Club third Montreal.

"He's a lovely big colt and although he was a little bit backwards and behind the bridle going down to the start, when I got stuck into him he opened up and went through the line pretty good," Lordan said. "He has plenty of class and he'll end up alright."

Aidan O'Brien added of the sire's 25th TDN Rising Star, "We liked him and thought he had quality and he is obviously a good horse--he just took off. For him to do that, he had to be good as they didn't go very quick." **Cont. p7**

TDN Rising Star Cont.

O'Brien added, "He's a big horse and he will come on tons I'd say. He would have learnt a lot and finished very strong. We'll have to go into Listed or Group races now and he'll be ready for all those races."

Adding his name to a list of the sire's TDN Rising Stars which includes Sea The Moon, Crystal Ocean, Star Catcher, Emily Upjohn, Aventure, Maltese Cross and Alpha, Wall Street is the first foal out of the twice-raced maiden Angel's Point (Dark Angel), whose second is a daughter of Study Of Man sold for 180,000gns to JP Bloodstock at last year's Tattersalls December Foal Sale.

Angel's Point aforementioned half-sister I Can Fly, who was runner-up in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes and third in the Sussex and Falmouth, is in turn responsible for the high-class January (**Kingman**) who also placed three times at the highest level in the Falmouth, Fillies' Mile and Coronation Stakes. Also kin to the dam of the Long Island Stakes scorer Alluring Angel (Fastnet Rock), she hails from the family of the stable's ill-fated Poule d'Essai des Poulains and Keeneland Turf Mile hero Landseer (Daneshill), the Prince of Wales's Stakes-placed Ikhtyar (Unfuwain) and the Nassau Stakes third Moneycantbuymelove (Pivotal).

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1st-Leopardstown, €22,000, Mdn, 8-6, 2yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:43.33, gd.

WALL STREET (GB), c, 2, by Sea The Stars (Ire)

1st Dam: Angel's Point (GB), by Dark Angel (Ire)

2nd Dam: Madonna Dell'Orto (GB), by Montjeu (Ire)

3rd Dam: Sabria, by Miswaki

(1,000,000gns Wlg '24 TADEWE). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,251. **Click for the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)**

O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Genesis Green Stud Ltd; T-Aidan O'Brien.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

Princess Loulou Dies Cont. from p1

He added, "Princess Loulou will be greatly missed by us and all the team at the stud. She leaves behind an important legacy and one that we are very proud to be part of. Princess Loulou leaves behind a yearling colt by **Frankel**, a full-brother to Nashwa named Nasheed, and a filly foal by Dubawi."

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ASFOORA CLEARED FOR NUNTHORPE DEFENCE



Asfoora | Scoop Dyga

Aussie speedball **Asfoora** has been given the go-ahead by her connections to defend her title in the G1 Nunthorpe Stakes at York on August 21.

The daughter of Flying Artie has accrued a trio of European Group 1s over the past couple of seasons, anchored by the 2024 King Charles III Stakes at Royal Ascot, and the 2025 editions of the Nunthorpe and France's Prix de l'Abbaye. Although winless in five 2026 appearances, the eight-year-old mare was a close fourth in the G2 King George Stakes for trainer Henry Dwyer on July 31. Based in the UK at Lemos de Souza's stables in Newmarket, Asfoora's retirement has been delayed for now.

"She's going to run in the Nunthorpe and will try to defend [her] title," Amy Murphy, the wife of De Souza, confirmed.

"She's in super form. She's a horse that needs a lead for as long as possible and she was probably just left in front at Goodwood that bit too long on the far side of the track.

"It was brilliant to see her come back to how we know her. She was meant to go into quarantine the day after Goodwood to go

back to Australia, but having run such a great race everyone has made the call that we'll have a crack at the Nunthorpe and hopefully she'll go there in great order."

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ATALANTA, THEN SUN CHARIOT FOR KON TIKI

Group winner **Kon Tiki** has been pencilled in for the G3 Atalanta Stakes on August 29, according to trainer Jane Chapple-Hyam. If that mission goes well, then October's G1 Sun Chariot Stakes at Newmarket joins the equation.

The four-year-old Night Of Thunder filly, a winner of the G3 Valiant Stakes at Ascot in July, is a winner of four of her seven starts for owner Peter Harris.

Chapple-Hyam, who won the Sun Chariot with Saffron Beach (New Bay), said, "She's come out of Ascot really well and we're going to aim her at the Atalanta Stakes at Sandown on August 29. She'll have a penalty but we're happy to take that.

"The ultimate after that would be the Sun Chariot, so Sandown will keep her fit and keep her ticking over.

"She gets down and works nicely, She's got a nice turn of foot and she's very laid-back. She's horizontal and a completely different spectrum to Saffron Beach, who was a crocodile."

Chapple-Hyam added, "After Newmarket you could maybe think about a Breeders' Cup, but you would have to be going close in a Sun Chariot for that.

"I would like to think I could twist Mr Harris's arm to go to Keeneland, but I'm not sure it'll happen and if she ran well in the Sun Chariot I would be more keen for him to keep her in training as a five-year-old. If I could have one, I would have that."

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STAR OF STATE COULD BE SUPPLEMENTED FOR THE LOWTHER

Star Of State (State Of Rest) could be supplemented for the G2 Lowther Stakes at York, according to Philip Robinson, racing manager for owner Jaber Abdullah.

Second to Monday's Ballyhane Stakes heroine Livenka (**Bated Breath**) in her debut at Fairyhouse on July 8, Star Of State rebounded with a nine-length win and 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' nod at Leopardstown later that month. Although she already holds an entry in the G2 Debutante Stakes, Star Of State would need to be supplemented at a cost of £20,000 for the Lowther. Juddmonte's Livenka is also targeting the Lowther at York.

Said Robinson, "She's a lovely filly. She's in the Debutante, she's got an entry for it, but I think Mr Abdullah is very keen for her to run in the Lowther. She may be supplemented for that."

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Star Of State | Racingfotos.com

Star Of State Cont.

He added, "I was very pleased with her first run and the way she finished. Joseph [O'Brien] brought her out quite quickly, but she was so happy and came out bouncing and it was proved right. She just bolted away, very impressive.

"I think she's got the speed for six [furlongs]. I wouldn't worry too much about that and he's quite confident she will stay the seven as well. She looks quite flexible at the moment."

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WORLD POOL TO DEBUT NINE NEW FIXTURES



Scandinavia (blue and orange) winning the St Leger | Focus On Racing

A total of nine new fixtures spread across the UK, Australia and South Africa will be debuted by the World Pool across the final four months of 2026.

At Doncaster, the G1 St Leger, which is celebrating its 250th anniversary, will be globally commingled for the first time on

September 12. It is an International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) Top 100 Group 1 race. At Haydock, there will be a full card of eight races on September 5. Newmarket's Fillies' Mile Day on October 9 has been confirmed, and the Rowley Mile will also host Sun Chariot Stakes Day on October 3. The latter was previously part of the World Pool in 2023.

Three races will be commingled on Winterbottom Stakes Day on November 28 in Australia at Ascot. This is the first time the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC)'s global pools will be in action from Western Australia. The World Pool will also be utilised for full cards on September 19, Caulfield's Sir Rupert Clarke Stakes Day, and November 5, Flemington's VRC Oaks Day. A single commingled race is the G1 C F Orr Stakes on November 14. Returning to the World Pool for the first time since 2023 is Flemington's G1 Turnbull Stakes Day. In South Africa, another day has been added in Turffontein's Summer Cup Day on November 28.

On all fixtures of six World Pool races or more a World Pool Moment of the Day will be chosen, with the winning stable staff collecting a cheque for HK\$40,000 (or equivalent) and gaining entry in the World Pool Moment of the Year competition.

For the full list of World Pool fixtures through the end of 2026, please click [here](#).

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IRISH EBF BIRDCATCHER SERIES UNVEILED

The inaugural Irish European Breeders' Fund (EBF) Birdcatcher Series was launched on Thursday. The series is a new autumn nursery programme designed to boost opportunities for juveniles with over €150,000 in total prize-money. The highlight of the new series is a €20,000 bonus linked directly to the traditional Birdcatcher Premier Nursery at Naas Racecourse in October.

The series features a trio of nursery handicaps, each offering a €33,500 purse. If the winner of any of these three qualifying races goes on to win the Irish EBF Birdcatcher Premier Nursery in October, they will receive an additional €20,000 bonus on top of the first-place prize-money. The Irish EBF Birdcatcher Series is as follows:

- Irish Stallion Farms EBF Nursery Handicap (The Curragh, August 16, 2yo, 6f, €33,500)
- Irish Stallion Farms EBF Nursery Handicap (Navan, September 5, 2yo, 5.8f, €33,500)
- Irish Stallion Farms EBF Nursery Handicap (Cork, September 29, 2yo, 6f, €33,500)
- Irish Stallion Farms EBF Birdcatcher Premier Nursery Handicap (Naas, October 10, 2yo, 5.9f, €50,000)

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First Approach (navy) winning the 2025 Birdcatcher | Irish EBF

Irish EBF Birdcatcher Series Cont.

Joe Foley, Irish EBF chairman, said, "The launch of the Irish EBF Birdcatcher Series is a strong demonstration of our ongoing commitment to supporting two-year-old racing in Ireland. The intent with the €20,000 bonus is to focus connections on these valuable nursery races and ultimately target the €50,000 Birdcatcher at Naas in October. We look forward to seeing who might be in line for the bonus in year one."

Jonathan Mullin, Horse Racing Ireland, director of racing, said, "We are delighted to work alongside the Irish EBF on the new Birdcatcher Series. Nursery handicaps are a vital part of the programme for two-year-olds, and this initiative offers increased prize money across four great racecourses, which aligns with Horse Racing Ireland's prize-money strategy. The €20,000 bonus will add great excitement and intrigue for the owners and trainers who target the famous Birdcatcher at Naas."

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STEVEN GOLDING RETIRES FROM HASCOMBE AND VALIANT STUD AFTER 40 YEARS

Steven Golding, who has worked at Hascombe & Valiant Stud for 40 years, has retired.

Working under both Sir Philip and Anthony Oppenheimer, Golding has been involved with the foaling at Hascombe since he started at the operation.

"He showed love and care for each and every one of our mares, developing a special bond with his particular favourite, Victoria Cross," the stud said in a statement. "He took great pleasure in watching the progeny race which include notable winners Rebecca Sharp, Balisada, Golden Horn, Cracksman and Star Catcher."



Steven Golding | Hascombe & Valiant Stud

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his hard work during his time at Hacombe and wish him all the best for a long and happy retirement."

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EBARAYNA TOPS GOFFSGO EARLY AUGUST SALE AT £45,000

Kinnersley Racing Stables' **Ebarayna** (Postponed) topped the GoffsGo Early August Sale when selling to Henry Oliver and Nick Shutts for £45,000 on Thursday.

Sold as lot 9, the four-year-old filly is out of a half-sister to Grade 3 hurdle hero Ebadiyan (Daylami), as well as the stakes-placed duo of Ensaya (Alhaarth) and Ebasani (Manduro). Ebarayna has been placed in one NH Flat race, running second over two miles at Uttoxeter in July.

Star Of Affinity (Affinisea) (lot 14) and **Mento** (Karakar) (lot 23) also broke the £10,000 barrier. The former, a product of Venn Farm Racing, sold to Joe Tizzard for £15,000, while LB Partnership picked up the latter for £12,000 from Thomas Cooper Racing.

Overall, eight lots sold from 18 offered (44%) for a gross of £94,900. The average was £11,863 and the median was £7,500.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, August 7, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

Bayside Boy (Ire) (New Bay {GB}), Ballylinch Stud
85 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners
14:40-THIRSK, 5f, **Basmaah (Ire)**
€18,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025; £16,000
Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026

Blackbeard (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
116 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
14:20-MUSSELBURGH, 5f, **Minster Man (Ire)**
€50,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; £78,000 Goffs UK 2yo
Breeze Up Sale 2026

Caturra (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Overbury Stud
68 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
14:40-THIRSK, 5f, **Purrista (GB)**
18,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 12,000gns
Tattersalls Autumn Yearling Sale 2025

Naval Crown (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
71 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
18:53-HAYDOCK PARK, 5f, **Dance A Jig (GB)**
20:03-HAYDOCK PARK, 7f, **Tradittion (GB)**
£20,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
99 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
14:40-THIRSK, 5f, **My Maria (Ire)**
£52,500 Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2026

Space Traveller (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}), Starfield Stud
122 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
19:28-HAYDOCK PARK, 8f, **King Kenny (Ire)**
35,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2025
18:37-NEWMARKET, 6f, **The Resdev Rocket (Ire)**
£24,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025
14:40-THIRSK, 5f, **Travellers Girl (Ire)**
4,800gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; £1,575
Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2026

IRELAND

Naval Crown (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
71 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners

5-GOWRAN PARK, 30K Coolmore Stud Churchill Stakes
(Listed)8f, **Sea of Rain (Ire)**
€12,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2025



Bayside Boy has a runner at Thirsk | Ballylinch Stud

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NEWMARKET DEBUT FOR GODOLPHIN'S TATTERSALLS OCTOBER BOOK TWO TOPPER OH SWEET ADARE

6.02 Newmarket, Mdn, 2yo, f, 8fT

OH SWEET ADARE (IRE) (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**) makes her keenly-anticipated debut for the Charlie Appleby stable playing some aces on this card, having topped last year's Tattersalls October Book 2 at 900,000gns. A full-sister to last year's Flying Scotsman winner Avicenna from the family of Zafonic's juvenile champion Xaar, she has just three peers to deal with in the race Evolutionist won 12 months ago.

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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

3rd-Newmarket, £11,000, Nov, 8-6, 2yo, 6fT, 1:12.73, g/f.
CROWN AND TWO (GB) (g, 2, **Sergei Prokofiev--Adornment {GB}**, by **Kodiak {GB}**) broke swiftly and led from the outset of this debut. Last to come off the bridle when shaken up passing the quarter-mile pole, the 7-2 second favourite powered clear in style approaching the final furlong and kept on strongly on the climb to easily account for Zephyra (**Kingman**) by an impressive 3 1/2 lengths. [Cont. p12](#)

3rd-Newmarket Cont.

"I'd have loved to get him under cover, but he broke fast and nobody went forward," explained Billy Loughnane. "He had it comfortable on the front end, he really didn't go that fast and extended well the last two [furlongs]. He's got plenty to improve on and he's a likeable horse."

Crown And Two is the fourth of six foals and first scorer out of an unraced half to G2 Richmond victor Saayerr (Acclamation) and the multiple Group 2-placed G2 Flying Childers runner-up Ornate (Bahamian Bounty).

He is kin to a yearling colt by Triple Time and a weanling filly by Perfect Power. Sales history: £11,000 Ylg '25 GOFFUK; £37,000 2yo '26 GOUKB. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,754. O-Crown & Two; B-Sally Nicholls; T-Tom Clover.

4th-Newmarket, £10,000, Novice, 8-6, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:26.07, g/f. CERRO BLANCO (GB) (c, 3, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Duneflower {Ire} {SW & GSP-Eng, GSP-Fr}, by Dubawi {Ire}), reappearing for the first time since chasing home Saber Strike in the King Charles II Stakes on the Rowley Mile in May, was 1-25 meeting three overmatched rivals and took a lead from the outset. Sent to the front two out, the homebred did what was expected and stretched away to score by seven lengths from Nothing But Love (Land Force).

"It's what we expected to see to be brutally honest," Charlie Appleby said. "The ground is quick enough and Billy [Loughnane] said he was feeling it, so he'll wait until the autumn now for a bit of juice. He's obviously not been seen out since the spring so it's nice to get another bit of experience into him and another gallop. I'm just thinking, off the top of my head, you've got the Park Stakes at Doncaster, something like that might just fall into place for him."

The dam, who took the Valiant Stakes and was placed in the Atalanta Stakes and Prix Bertrand de Tarragon, is also responsible for the yard's highly-regarded two-year-old filly Haleema (Frankel) who was fourth on debut here in a hot novice on Saturday.

Out of the Rockfel-placed Desert Blossom (Shamardal) and a full-sister to the dam of this year's Musidora runner-up Felicitas (Teofilo), her yearling filly is by Cracksman while she also has another Frankel to come, having produced a colt by the Juddmonte giant this year. Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 3-2-1-0, \$31,782. O/B-Godolphin; T-Charlie Appleby.

4th-Southwell, £10,000, Novice, 8-6, 2yo, 8f 14y (AWT), 1:41.46, st.

KODIAC CITY (IRE) (g, 2, Kodiak {GB}--Bint Iffraaj {GB}, by Iffraaj {GB}), sent off at 15-2, missed the break badly but was able to

slip up the inner as the field fanned wide off the home turn. In front approaching the furlong pole, the newcomer asserted to score by two lengths from Baarberini (St Mark's Basilica).

The winner is the second of two foals out of the unraced dam, a daughter of the German Listed scorer Shy Angel (Zamindar) from the family of Zafonic's St James's Palace Stakes-winning sire Zafeen. Sales history: £50,000 2yo '26 GOUKB. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,273.

O-Mr A Smith & Mr D Thorpe; B-Tally Ho Stud; T-Richard Hughes.

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2nd-Chepstow, £10,000, Novice, 8-6, 2yo, f, 5f 16yT, 1:00.21, g/f.

DOWNONMAINSTREET (IRE) (f, 2, No Nay Never--Hooray {GB} {Champion 2-year-old Filly-Eur, G1SW-Eng}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}), currently the last known foal out of the dam, the Cheveley Park, Lowther and Sirenia-winning champion, was third at Sandown last month and showed the benefit of that experience by getting the early lead. Strong to the line, the even-money favourite had three lengths to spare over Rogue Dakota (Sioux Nation).

The aforementioned Hooray has failed to produce a Stakes performer so far, but is the second dam of the Listed scorer and Group 3-placed Benefit (Acclamation). The family includes and the dual Listed winner and Group-placed Nymphadora (No Nay Never), the Cherry Hinton winner and 1,000 Guineas third Dazzle (Gone West) and the sire Doneraile Court. Sales history: 65,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$9,130. O-Mrs Paul Shanahan & Mrs M V Magnier; B-Newstead Breeding; T-Michael Bell.

3rd-Sandown, £13,000, Mdn, 8-6, 2yo, 8fT, 1:47.24, g/f.

FIRST LAW (IRE) (c, 2, Too Darn Hot {GB}--Dane Street, by Street Cry {Ire}), a 1-million gns Tattersalls October Book 1 purchase, was slowly away and green behind his three rivals throughout the early stages. Eventually subduing his main market rival Flight Tracker (Sea The Stars) in the closing stages, the 8-11 favourite beat that full-brother to the Sandown Classic Trial runner-up Macduff by a head.

This is the mile maiden that Too Darn Hot himself exploded in eight years ago and which has been won by the stable's top-class Native Tribe as well as Westover, Arrest and Pride Of Arras. The winner is a half-brother to the Moyglare, Debutante and Silver Flash heroine Skitter Scatter (Scat Daddy), to the Listed scorer and multiple Group-placed Skellet (Kingman) and to the stable's Superlative Stakes runner-up Victory Dance by Too Darn Hot's sire Dubawi. **Cont. p13**

3rd-Sandown Cont.

His other half-sister who made a mark in Stakes company is the Jimmy Durante Stakes runner-up Data Dependent (More Than Ready), who in turn produced the Belmont Oaks Invitational heroine Aspen Grove (**Justify**).

The dam is a half-sister to Giant's Causeway's Dewhurst-winning sire Intense Focus and to the dam of last year's Prix de Royallieu heroine Consent (Lope De Vega). From the family of Galileo's Irish Derby hero Soldier Of Fortune and Sadler's Wells' sire Sholokhov, her yearling is a full-brother to Skelket. Sales history: 1,000,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,455.

O-Godolphin; B-Airlie Stud & Mrs S Rogers; T-Charlie Appleby.

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2nd-Sandown, £11,000, Mdn, 8-6, 2yo, 5f 10yT, 1:02.03, g/f. ELEVATING (GB) (f, 2, Showcasing {GB}--Pizzarra {GB}, by Shamardal), who found seven furlongs too far in last week's hot maiden at the Qatar Goodwood Festival, tracked the pace set by Craze In Havana (Havana Grey) early. Wearing down that rival in the final furlong, the 9-2 shot asserted to score by 2 1/4 lengths.

The winner is currently the last known foal out of the dam, whose first was Swirral Edge (Hellvelyn) who in turn produced the July Cup hero Mill Stream (**Gleneagles**), the Richmond Stakes winner and Prix Morny third Asymmetric (Showcasing) and the recent Listed-winning juvenile Crownbreaker (Minzaal). Her second was the Listed scorer and Prix du Petit Couvert-placed Fashion Queen (Aqlaam), whose son Noble Title (**Siyouni**) was a multiple Listed winner in Italy.

The dam is a half to the Group 3 winner Grecian Dancer (Dansili) and the Flying Childers and Molecomb winner Wunders Dream (Averti), both of whom have become Stakes producers, while the family also features the Hong Kong heavyweights Mensa (Rudimentary) and Firebolt (Flying Spur). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$17,723.

O-Clipper; B-Branton Court Stud LLP; T-Richard Hannon.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

The Monkey King (GB), g, 2, Time Test (GB)--Baldovina (GB), by Tale Of The Cat. Brighton, 8-6, 6f 210yT, 1:24.94. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$9,150. B-King Power Racing Company Ltd. *1/2 to Ceiling Kitty (GB) (Red Clubs {Ire}), GSW-Eng.



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IRELAND

Thursday's Results:

2nd-Leopardstown, €15,000, Mdn, 8-6, 3yo/up, 9fT, 1:52.58, gd. HARD PROMISES (IRE) (c, 3, Pinatubo {Ire}--Sidra {Ire}, by Elusive Quality), third at Navan last month, raced behind the leading group early. Staying on strongly to take command approaching the furlong marker, the 5-4 favourite drew away to win by 2 3/4 lengths from Handani (Medaglia D'Oro).

"He is a very nice horse, we waited on him and we were hoping he'd run a nice race at Navan and he did and came on from that race," trainer Andrew Oliver said. "He did it very nicely--it was a bloodless victory. He's from a good, deep pedigree and is bred to be a progressive horse. At home he is very relaxed, he just eats and sleeps and just does nothing. We have no plans yet, but I think we are fairly versatile with regard to ground and trip."

The dam is out of the Lingfield Oaks Trial winner Sindirana (Kalanisi), whose dual Listed-winning daughter Sirrin (**Sea The Stars**) in turn produced the Preis von Europa hero Sibayan (**Blame**) and who is also the second dam of the Ballyogan Stakes winner and Flying Five-placed Sonaiyla (Dark Angel). The third dam Sinndiya (Pharly) is a half-sister to the champion Sinndar and is the ancestress of the Australian Group 1 performer Sikandarabad (Dr Fong).

Sidra's two-year-old filly Bint Sidra (Sands Of Mali) was a 78,000gns purchase by Durcan Bloodstock for Richard Hughes Racing at the Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up, while she also has a yearling colt by Space Traveller. Sales history: €32,000 Ylg '24 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$14,475.

O-Neil Connor & P G McManus; B-Rathbride Farm; T-A Oliver.

FRANCE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Anna Renzi (GB), f, 3, Cable Bay (Ire)--Act Fast (GB), by Shamardal. Les Sables d'Olonne, 8-6, 6fT, 1:09.92. B-Doughty Investissment Ltd.

Just Inspiration, f, 3, Justify--San Saria (Ire), by **Australia (GB)**. Les Sables d'Olonne, 8-6, 9 3/4fT, 1:59.98. B-Lakland Farm (NY). *\$200,000 Wlg '23 KEENOV; €300,000 Ylg '24 ARQAUG. **Louiza (Fr), f, 3, Mehmas (Ire)--Msaikah (Ire),** by Galileo (Ire). Vichy, 8-6, 9 1/4fT, 1:58.70. B-Al Shaqab Racing.

Meliora (Fr), f, 3, Romanised (Ire)--Macellya (Fr) (GSP-Fr & US), by Testa Rossa (Aus). Vichy, 8-6, 10fT, 2:06.80. B-Elevage Haras de Bourgeauville. *€11,000 RNA Ylg '24 ARQOCT; €2,500 HRA '26 ARQFEB. **1/2 to Magyar Dance (Ger) (Al Wukair {Ire}), SP-Fr.

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].

Saturday, Haydock, post time: 14:25

THE BETWAY ROSE OF LANCASTER STAKES-G3, £95,000, 3yo/up, 10f 42yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Convergent (Ire)	Fascinating Rock (Ire)	Newtown Anner Stud Farm	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	136
2	Danger Bay (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Ms Fiona Carmichael & Ballylinch Stud	Edward Bethell	Daniel Tudhope	133
3	Nahraan (GB)	Make Believe (GB)	Prince A. A. Faisal	John & Thady Gosden	Oisin Murphy	133
4	Sallaal (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum	Roger Varian	Ray Dawson	133
5	Sea Scout (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Mr Abdulla Al Mansoori	Simon & Ed Crisford	James Doyle	133

Breeders: 1-Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd, 2-Mrs S. M. Rogers & Sir Thomas Pilkington, 3-Nawara Stud Limited, 4-Godolphin, 5-Sunderland Holding Inc.

Sallaal is the exciting one here, having turned a competitive Epsom handicap into a procession before adding the Gala Stakes to his resume. A half-brother to Benbatl and Elmalka, he may have more improvement in him than last year's Glasgow Stakes winner Nahraan, although it is worth remembering that he was close behind Croix Du Nord and Daryz in the Prix du Prince d'Orange in September. **Convergent** has gone from Group 1 pretender to bitterly disappointing in two races and has questions to answer here under a penalty. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Newmarket, post time: 13:55

THE NEWSELLS PARK STUD SWEET SOLERA STAKES-G3, £75,000, 2yo, f, 7fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	China In Your Hand (GB)	Cracksman (GB)	Mr C Wright Mrs C Corbett Mr G Hargreave	Charlie Fellowes	Paddy Bradley	128
2	Graceful Song	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	Billy Loughnane	128
3	Harlequin Sky (Ire)	Dubawi Legend (Ire)	Jane Chapple-Hyam & Harlequin Direct	Jane Chapple-Hyam	Silvestre De Sousa	128
4	Martinet (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Denford Stud	Sir Mark Prescott Bt	Jack Gilligan	128
5	Nuit d'Eclair (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Amo Racing Limited	Kevin Philippart de Foy	David Egan	128
6	Sugar Yes Please (GB)	Mohaather (GB)	Mr Marc Middleton-Heath	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	128
7	Tie A Navyribbon (GB)	Mohaather (GB)	The Ribbons	William Stone	Josephine Gordon	128

Breeders: 1-Stratford Place Stud & Andy McDonald, 2-Godolphin Mgt Co LTD, 3-Philip & Orla Hore, 4-Denford Stud Ltd, 5-Ballyhane, 6-Mr M. Middleton-Heath, 7-Mr D. Garrad.

Graceful Song represents the Charlie Appleby stable and the course-and-distance winner will attract plenty of support for that reason alone, but this is a tough test against some other unexposed types and the Princess Margaret fourth **Nuit D'Eclair**. One to keep a close eye on is Denford Stud's Thirsk novice winner **Martinet**, who as a daughter of the high-class Coronet is surprisingly precocious and comes from the in-form Sir Mark Prescott stable. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Haydock, post time: 15:00

THE IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF DICK HERN STAKES-Listed, £70,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f 212yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Alobayyah (GB)	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Salhia Stud Limited	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	130
2	Aviatrix (Ire)	Phoenix of Spain (Ire)	Mr N. Molloy	David Marnane	Clifford Lee	130
3	Fallen Angel (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Wathnan Racing	K. R. Burke	James Doyle	130
4	Maeva (GB)	Territories (Ire)	Mr Mervyn Ayers	Charlie Fellowes	Ray Dawson	130
5	Mostar Dreams (Ire)	Saxon Warrior (Jpn)	J Fyffe, A Edmondson & L McGurty	Adrian Keatley	Oisin McSweeney	130
6	Noche Clasica (Ire)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	The Rogues Gallery	Edward Bethell	Daniel Tudhope	130
7	Rumba Numba (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Apple Tree Stud	Roger Varian	Jack Mitchell	130
8	Blingy's Sister (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Wholey Hussey Owen	Hugo Palmer	Oisin Murphy	123
9	Calendar Girl (GB)	Advertise (GB)	Kennet Valley Syndicates II	Owen Burrows	Callum Rodriguez	123
10	Pacific Mission (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Juddmonte	Andrew Balding	Colin Keane	123
11	Silenciosa (Ire)	Blame	Jastar Capital Limited	Tom Clover	Kieran Shoemark	123

Breeders: 1-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 2-Nanallac Stud, 3-Branton Court Stud LLP, 4-Executive Bloodlines, 5-Mr B. O'Neill, 6-Merriebelle Irish Farm Ltd, 7-Apple Tree Stud, 8-Irish National Stud Mare Syndicate III, 9-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd, 10-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 11-Kildaragh Stud.

This is all about **Fallen Angel** and how the five-times Group 1 winner performs following her failed try over further in the Middleton. There will be some surprised people if she fails to enjoy a confidence boost, even allowing for the presence of the Kensington Palace Handicap winner **Alobayyah** and the long-absent Oh So Sharp scorer **Calendar Girl**. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Deauville, France, post time: 13:58

PRIX DE REUX-G3, €73,200, 3yo/up, 12 1/2fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Uthred (Fr)	Persian King (Ire)	Decouz	Madamet	131
2	5	Tenability (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Haggas	Boudot	131
3	2	Presage Nocturne (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	A Botti	Demuro	131
4	6	Parachutiste (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Graffard	Barzalona	131
5	3	Oracle (Fr)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	A & L Fabre	Guyon	131
6	1	Mazzala (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Barberot	Pouchin	121

Parachutiste and **Presage Nocturne** were virtually in unison when first and second in May's Listed Prix Bedel, with the former subsequently posting a second in last month's G2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil and the latter annexing June's Grand Prix de Lyon. Their rivals include the Alain and Gerard Wertheimer duo **Oracle**, runner-up in May's G2 Grand Prix de Chantilly, and the three-for-three Listed Prix Frederic de Lagrange winner **Mazzala**. Britain is represented by Listed Tapster Stakes victor **Tenability**, while **Uthred** is winless in four outings since garnering last year's Listed Prix Pelleas and completes the line-up. [Sean Cronin].

Saturday, Deauville, France, post time: 14:33

PRIX DE LA VALLEE D'AUGE-Listed, €54,900, 2yo, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	6	Social Symbol	Violence	S & E Crisford	Demuro	127
2	8	Drazinda (Fr)	Sioux Nation	Graffard	Barzalona	123
3	3	Kentucky Rain (Ire)	Lucky Vega (Ire)	L De Souza	Boudot	123
4	1	Roxelina (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Philippart De Foy	Guyon	123
5	2	La Belle Isola (Fr)	Texas (Fr)	Escuder	Hamelin	123
6	7	Vollering (Ire)	Sioux Nation	A Watson	Jamin	123
7	5	Army Women (Fr)	Invincible Army (Ire)	Nieslanik	Bachelot	123
8	4	Terminology (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	A Watson	Soumillon	123

Princess Zahra Aga Khan's **Drazinda** finished a half-length ahead of **Vollering** when runner-up in this venue's Listed Prix Yacowlef last month, with the latter accompanied on the trip across La Manche by Archie Watson stablemate **Terminology**. Britain's raiding party also features G2 Norfolk and Listed Rose Bowl fourth **Social Symbol**, who sets a lofty standard here, G2 Queen Mary also-ran **Kentucky Rain** and G3 Albany also-ran **Roxelina**. Lyon-Parilly maiden winner **La Belle Isola** and the once-raced Czech maiden **Army Woven** complete the line-up. [Sean Cronin].

Saturday, Deauville, France, post time: 17:07

PRIX MICHEL HOUYVET-Listed, €50,300, 3yo, 15fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	5	Poker (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Burke	Jamin	126
2	6	Barzambition (GB)	Frankel (GB)	A & L Fabre	Barzalona	126
3	8	Box Officer (GB)	Zelzal (Fr)	S Wattel	Bachelot	126
4	1	Anno Solero (Ger)	Best Solution (Ire)	Bocskai	Hamelin	126
5	2	Victoire Magique (GB)	Victor Ludorum (GB)	A Murphy	Demuro	126
6	4	Aeronef (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	A & L Fabre	Guyon	126
7	9	Tardar (Fr)	Almanzor (Fr)	Karkosa	Lemaitre	126
8	7	Maria Apollonia (Fr)	Kameko	Cottier	Boudot	122
9	3	Hepburn (Fr)	Galiway (GB)	Escuder	Lecoeuvre	122

Amy Murphy and Simon Double's G3 Prix du Lys runner-up **Victoire Magique** is the only nominee on show to have attained black type. Other notable contenders include the Andre and Lavinia Fabre-trained duo **Barzambition** and **Aeronef**, the hat-trick seeking **Maria Apollonia** and Amo Racing's five-race maiden and G1 Derby also-ran **Poker**. [Sean Cronin].

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