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Dottie Ingordo-Shirreffs | Mike Kane

by Mike Kane

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. - It's a safe bet that when Dottie Ingordo-Shirreffs carried a blue ballcap to the stage for the Hall of Fame induction of her late husband, trainer John Shirreffs, Friday many of the people in the audience could see what was coming.

To punctuate her acceptance speech, Ingordo-Shirreffs flung the cap into the crowd, repeating Shirreffs' spontaneous celebration after his Hall of Fame filly Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) completed a thrilling last-to-first move to win the 2009 GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita Park.

Shirreffs, who died unexpectedly in his sleep at the age of 80 in February, was part of the 11-member Class of 2026 that was formally welcomed into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame at the Fasig-Tipton Sales Pavilion.

Shirreffs, the late trainer Christophe Clement and the champion sprinter Kona Gold (Java Gold) were elected by the voters in the Contemporary Category.

The museum's Historic Review Committee selected trainer David A. Whiteley and the horses Gulch (Mr. Prospector) and Mongo (Royal Charger) to be honored.

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## STAR POWER, GIRL POWER IN WHITNEY FOR THE AGES by Stefanie Grimm

It's difficult to put into words just how good a field will assemble Saturday in Saratoga Springs, New York for the GI Whitney Stakes, a 'Win and You're In' race for November's GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

A pair of 2025 Eclipse Award winners, the 2025 Horse of the Year, one additional 3-year-old male Eclipse finalist and the G1 Dubai World Cup winner. These eight horses have 13 individual Grade/Group I wins between them and combined earnings of a staggering \$32.7 million.

For trainer Steve Asmussen, it's all a little deja vu. Asmussen, who brings in 4-year-old powerhouse and newly announced Coolmore stallion addition **Magnitude** (**Not This Time**), walked this same path in 2017 with another older horse of great fame: **Gun Runner**.

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Gathering around the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup statue and sporting matching NYRA giveaway Whitney pins, Centennial Farms partners get ready to cheer Antiquarian (Preservationist) on in Saturday's GI Whitney Stakes. | Sarah Andrew

## 11 | ORTIZ PUTS TRUST IN RUSHING TO MAKE THE BIG DECISIONS

"Absolutely, one of the toughest decisions we had to make," agent Steve Rushing said about who Jose Ortiz would ride in Saturday's GI Whitney Stakes.

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### **Hall of Fame, cont. from p1**

Five men--veterinarian Dr. Robert W. Copelan; breeder-owners Prince Khalid bin Abdullah, Joseph E. Widener, and G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.; and Seth W. Hancock, also an owner-breeder, who managed his family's Claiborne Farm for more than 40 years--were inducted in the Pillars of the Turf category.

Raising the hat in her right hand, Ingordo-Shirreffs said, "I am going to try to replicate what John did at that moment in his life after she won the Classic." Ingordo-Shirreffs said her husband said, "I didn't know what to do. I was so excited. I just wanted to rip my shirt off, and I never could do that in public. So what did I do?"

The Classic toss by the usually composed Shirreffs, who always had a hat on his head, was shown in the video introduction.

"John, this is for you. I hope I do it justice," Ingordo-Shirreffs said. "Congratulations, Hall of Fame Class 2026, John and his fellow inductees. You did it. Now, there it goes."

Shirreffs worked around horses on farms and at tracks and did some part-time training in Southern California before becoming a full-time trainer in 1994 at the age of 49. He was a private trainer for 505 Farm from 1994 until 2000 and operated a small high-quality public stable until his death. His 596 victories included 113 graded stakes. His win percentage in graded stakes was a remarkable 18.95. Shirreffs won the 2005 GI Kentucky Derby with 50-1 longshot Giacomo (Holy Bull), owned by Jerry and Ann Moss. His biggest horse, also owned by the Mosses, was popular champion Zenyatta, who was unbeaten through 19 races, but finished second by a head to **Blame** (Arch) in her career finale in the 2010 Classic.

Clement won 2,576 races, including 286 graded stakes, in a career that spanned 1991 to 2025. His most successful runner was three-time champion Gio Ponti (Tale of the Cat). **Cont.**



Valerie Clement | Mike Kane

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**Hall of Fame, cont.**

He was especially adept with turf runners, but saddled very good dirt runners, too, topped by **Tonalist (Tapit)**, winner of the 2014 GI Belmont Stakes. Clement, a native of Paris, was raised in a racing family in France and moved to the U.S. and launched his small stable at the age of 25. He died from a rare form of cancer at the age of 59 in May 2025.

Clement's widow, Valerie, and their children, Miguel and Charlotte, represented him at the ceremony.

"Thank you, Christophe. What a beautiful ride," Valerie Clement said. "His immediate thoughts would certainly go to his mentors, the special people who shaped him, challenged him, and believed in him way before the racing world knew his name: Alec and Ghislaine Head in France, Hall of Famer Shug McGaughey in the United States and Luca Cumani in England, whose knowledge and guidance gave him the courage to chase his dream in a new continent."

Valerie Clement said that when she and her husband arrived in 1991 with an infant and a half-dozen horses that had previously run in Europe, they were welcomed in the U.S.

"In 2025, when it was time for Christophe to leave us, he gave me five names of special people to trust if we were going to need some guidance," she said. "It's never easy to leave your family behind far too early, and I didn't think much of it at first.

But I look back and realize the five names he gave us were five American people. What a testimony to a beautiful immigration story."

Clement's life went well beyond his success on the track, she said, and explained the backing he received after he was diagnosed with an eye cancer in 2023.

"Victories are the measure of success in our sport, no doubt," she said. "May I please invite you to look further, apart from the horses, of course. What is uniquely beautiful is a racing community. Endlessly, immensely, and forever grateful for the immense support we received from so many of you here during a cruel time."

Clement was bold and was able to realize his ambition to train in the U.S. Valerie Clement encouraged people to do what her husband did and follow their dreams.

"Christophe left us far too young," she said, "but he asked us to enjoy life every single day."

Peter Brant bred and raced Gulch, who compiled a record of 13-8-3 from 32 career starts from 1986 through 1988 and earned \$3,095,521. He won 11 graded stakes for his Hall of Fame trainers LeRoy Jolley and D. Wayne Lukas.

Among the many high points of Gulch's career were back-to-back victories at ages three and four in the GI Metropolitan Handicap. **Cont.**



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### Hall of Fame, cont.

He completed his career with a victory in the 1988 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, a victory that carried him to an Eclipse Award.

"Brant said that Gulch was "a great teacher for me of what you could expect in a great racehorse, taking you through so many great events and exciting wins and exciting defeats.

"Truly a great horse. He ran 32 times, as old as he lived, and he was just so special. He was not a horse that you ever would think needed time. He just was there at the beginning, and he was there at the end. And everybody around him from the beginning were the right people."



Peter Brant and the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame's Cate Masterson | Mike Kane

Kona Gold, trained by co-owner Bruce Headley, was fast and durable. From 1998 through 2003, the gelding compiled a 14-7-2 record from 30 starts. Ten of those wins were in graded stakes. He was ridden to all 14 of his victories by Hall of Fame jockey Alex Solis, who attended the ceremony. Kona Gold competed in five consecutive runnings of the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. He won the 2000 edition at Churchill Downs, setting a six-furlong track record of 1:07.77, a performance that helped him to an Eclipse Award.

Copelan, whose 100th birthday is on Sept. 2, was unable to travel to Saratoga Springs for the ceremony, but participated through a video. He scrapped plans to follow his father into journalism and with considerable experience around horses, became a vet. He was a pioneer in the field of equine surgery and was one of the 11 founding members of the American Association of Equine Practitioners.

"All these years, I've loved a horse," he said. "Horses and all the many people associated with them bring me here today to thank the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame for the honor of being named a Pillar of the Turf." **Cont.**

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## Hall of Fame, cont.

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In 1972, Hancock took over Claiborne at the age of 23, following the death of his father Arthur B. "Bull" Hancock, who had succeeded his father, Arthur B. Hancock, in 1940. Very quickly, Hancock proved that he was up to the task. One of his first moves was to purchase Juggler from his father's dispersal. Two years later, Juggler won the Florida Derby and the Blue Grass Stakes. A year after taking over Claiborne, Hancock was instrumental in syndicating Secretariat for \$6 million.



Seth Hancock | Mike Kane

Hancock was the final inductee in the 2 1/2-hour program and started with a self-effacing line.

"Well, they sure didn't save the best for last, did they," he said. "I want to start out by thanking the committee for including me in this year's list of inductees into the Hall of Fame. It's a terrific honor."

Earlier in the ceremony, another speaker served up the famous Satchel Paige quote about not looking back because something might be gaining on you. Hancock noted that he was taking the opposite approach and reflected on his history in the sport. Without notes and occasionally showing some emotion, he talked for nine minutes about many owners, trainers, jockeys and other important people. Just once, and he acknowledged it, Hancock forgot a name he had intended to use. It was a very impressive speech.

"This game's been good to me, obviously," he said. "It's been my life. I really don't know what else to say. I'm honored. I'm blessed. We all are to be in this business. It's a special business."

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## Whitney preview, cont. from p1

"His last two wins were right up there with anything we've ever done," Asmussen said of Magnitude's victories in Dubai and most recently at Churchill Downs. "The Dubai World Cup and the Stephen Foster with the previous year's Derby winner in it. Those were very exciting races. I feel extremely proud of what he's gotten done, but we are looking to add to it."

Undefeated in his last four starts, Magnitude returns to Saratoga for the first time since he ran third to **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief) in last year's GI Travers Stakes. He's since been on a tear, finishing off 2025 with the GII Clark Stakes, then kicking this campaign off with the GIII Razorback Handicap before shipping to Dubai to steal the show from globetrotting Forever Young (Jpn) (Reel Steal {Jpn}) in March.



Magnitude outside Tiztastic | Sarah Andrew

"He's had a tremendous year," Asmussen continued. "Three very significant races this year. With the company he's kept, we couldn't be prouder of him and we expect more of the same from him."

Magnitude, one of two Asmussen-trained entrees here along with longshot **Tiztastic** (**Tiz the Law**), will keep his regular pilot, Jose Ortiz, aboard. **Cont.**



### Whitney preview, cont.

But Ortiz had a decision to make as he also rides star filly **Nitrogen** (Medaglia d'Oro), who will break just next door as Magnitude drew the rail.



**Nitrogen** | Sarah Andrew

Canada's champion 2-year-old filly of 2024 parlayed her success south of the border last year, switching from turf to dirt with ease in a campaign which saw her win three graded stakes on the lawn and two more on the dirt including the GI Alabama Stakes en route to being named top 3-year-old filly. Trainer Mark Casse, buoyed by her dominance at Saratoga during the Belmont Stakes card in her 12 3/4-length win in the GI Ogden Phipps, had no problem sending his filly against the boys.

"I'm an old timer," said Casse when asked about his willingness to enter females against open company. "I kind of beat to a different drum. There are so many factors when you sit there and look. For a lot of them, it's where I feel like they have done all they can do. We don't necessarily like to sit and feel comfortable. I have no problem stepping out a little bit. If you are afraid to get beat, you'll never win."

For Casse, it's all about legacy. Well-versed in successfully pitting his best fillies against the boys, Casse has trained the likes of Got Stormy (Get Stormy) and Tepin (Bernstein). Should Nitrogen prevail in the Whitney, she'd be placing her name amongst the all-times as only six fillies have won the race, most recently Personal Ensign in 1988.

"Tepin already is in the Hall of Fame," Casse continued.

"One of the things that put her [there] was beating colts and winning the Breeders' Cup. If it's possible, I would love to see Nitrogen in the Hall of Fame, but to do that she just can't beat up on the girls."

Last year's Horse of the Year Sovereignty is looking to right the ship in a way after a 2025 season which saw him tear through two-thirds of the Triple Crown, the GII Jim Dandy and the aforementioned Travers. After an ill-timed fever knocked him out of the Breeders' Cup, Godolphin and trainer Bill Mott took their time bringing their homebred back to the races and he's still looking for his first win of the season having run second to **White Abarrio** (Race Day) in the GII Oaklawn Handicap and third in the GI Stephen Foster June 27. After three strong wins over this surface last summer, Mott is confident Sovereignty will be at his best again Saturday.



**White Abarrio** | Sarah Andrew

"I know he runs well over that surface," Mott said. "One time it had some moisture in it, not a lot I don't think, and the other times they were fast racetracks. He's proven he runs over the course."

The rematch of the top three finishers in the Stephen Foster also includes its runner-up, **Baeza** (McKinzie). After playing second (or third) fiddle much of last year, the half-brother to GI Kentucky Derby winner **Mage** (Good Magic) and GI Belmont winner Dornoch (Good Magic) finally got his Grade I in the Pennsylvania Derby before running sixth at Del Mar in the Breeders' Cup Classic for the late John Shirreffs. **Cont.**



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### Whitney preview, cont.

Now a stablemate of Sovereignty's, Baeza also got a break to kick off 2026 but came back to run a game third in the GII Alysheba Stakes before turning the tables on Sovereignty to be second behind Magnitude in the Stephen Foster after missing the break, a problem which has hindered him much of his career.

"He's been good," Mott said. "We've put him in with the quarter pads [in the starting gate] and he stands good and is comfortable in there, which is good. We just have to hope he comes out. They've got to react when the gate opens. We've done a few things, and the main thing is we hope he stands up there good. He seems to be focused now and we just need to see him break."

The field has also attracted 7-year-old veteran and future Gainesway stallion White Abarrio, fourth in that sloppy edition of the Stephen Foster but a winner over Sovereignty in the Oaklawn Handicap two starts back for Saffie Joseph, Jr.

"We are excited," Joseph, Jr. said. "Hopefully, we get a nice, fast track for everybody. He won the Pegasus a couple years ago with his fastest Ragozin figure, and I think he's as good, if not better, than he was then. We feel like he's doing as good as ever and he's training just as enthusiastic as ever. If he shows up and runs, he goes in with as good a chance as any of the others."

Trainer Todd Pletcher saddles Centennial Farms 5-year-old **Antiquarian** (Preservationist), last seen running fourth from an uncharacteristic off-the-pace position in the GII Suburban Stakes July 4 and previously a winner of last year's wild GI Jockey Club Gold Cup.

"Hopefully, we can get back into his normal running style, more of a stalking type, get into a good rhythm," said Pletcher. "By all means, a super difficult race, but we feel like he belongs."

Filling out the field is longshot **Forged Steel** (Vekoma), also for Joseph, Jr., winner of the GII Hollywood Gold Cup two back and fifth most recently in the Suburban, and Tiztastic for Steve Asmussen, last year's GII Louisiana Derby winner and third in the Suburban July 4.



Classic Q | Sarah Andrew

Saturday's marathon 14-race card includes three other Grade I events and second 'Win and You're In' race, the GI Fourstardave Stakes for the GI FanDuel Breeders' Cup Mile.

'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Deterministic** (Liam's Map) looks to defend his title as the 1 1/4-length winner of this race one year ago. Putting not just that but a five-race win streak on the line, the Miguel Clement-trained 5-year-old comes in off a half-length win in the 1 3/16-mile GI Manhattan Stakes June 6 over this same course.

"He's giving us every indication yet again that he is set for a very big performance," said Clement. "Everyone [handicapping] is worried about the cutback in distance. They said the same last year and he was very impressive when he won the Fourstardave. I think when they are that good, distance doesn't become a limitation. You are able to both stretch them out and cut them back, and they're still able to perform at the highest level."

Another on a five-race win streak, **Lagynos** (Kantharos) has back-to-back wins in the GIII Arlington Stakes and the GII Wise Dan, both at 1 1/16 miles for Steve Asmussen. **Cont.**





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**Weekend preview, cont.**

Seventh at nearly 50-1 odds in this race last summer, the 5-year-old now enters having gone off as favorite in five of his last six but still seeking that first top-level win.

"He's always had talent, but now he's figured out how to win," Asmussen said. "He's had a wonderful year so far, now he's stepping up into a Grade I. The mile suits him."

Mark Casse will look to upset the boys in not one race but two Saturday as **Classic Q** (Classic Empire) enters off a 1 1/4-length win in the GI Just A Game Stakes June 6. She breaks outside of stablemate **Mi Bago** (Vekoma) and both Casse runners will look to be on the lead.

"It looks like there is a lot of speed in there," Casse said of the field. "Johnny [Velazquez] will have to decide [the trip]. You can't grab her. If they run with us, it's probably not good for either one of us. We'll just have to see how it goes."

Rail-drawn **Rhetorical** (**Not This Time**), fourth in the Manhattan, took the GI Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic at Churchill May 2 for Will Walden.



**Rhetorical** | Sarah Andrew

"He's doing very good," Walden said. "The cutback isn't an issue, and he's talented anywhere between eight and nine furlongs. Physically, he's bigger and stronger. Mentally, he's sounder in some ways. One of his strengths is kind of this animalistic, feral side that he can turn on and just run like a wild horse. He harnesses it for race day. This race will have quite a bit of speed, and as usual, I think he's probably part of it up there, but his tractability is a weapon of his."

Chad Brown, one you can never count out in a turf race at Saratoga, saddles **Zulu Kingdom (Ire)** (Ten Sovereigns {Ire}) off a dead-heat win with Mi Bago in the GIII Kelso Stakes over course and distance July 5.

"I'm very, very pleased with him," Brown said. "It's a tough field, he [Mi Bago] made it tough last time, but it's a Grade I at Saratoga, they are all going to be tough." **Cont.**

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'TDN Rising Stars' **Explora (Blame)** and **On Time Girl (Not This Time)**, most recently one-two in the Leslie's Lady Stakes at Churchill June 7, will rematch in the first of the four Grade I races, the GI Test Stakes for 3-year-old fillies going seven furlongs. Explora ran fourth in the GI Kentucky Oaks for Bob Baffert at 1 1/8 miles but has cut back now in her last two.

"I think she'll do both," Baffert said of his filly sprinting or routing. "We're just trying to get that Grade I. She's very talented and she should like the seven-eighths there."

On Time Girl won the GII Eight Belles at this distance two back for Brad Cox and steps into top-level company for the first time.

"She's very consistent and honest. She deserves a shot at a Grade I--she's a multiple graded stakes winner and hopefully she can add that Grade I to her resume," Cox said.



On Time Girl | Sarah Andrew

The field also features stakes-debuting 'Rising Star' **Movie Night** (Speightstown) for Will Walden.

"She's got a lot of ability and talent. She's a filly with a great mind and disposition," Walden said. "She only lets the freak out of the bag when we ask for it, which is good, and we think she'll excel at seven furlongs. I'm excited to try to jump up and win a stake with her."

Filling out the group is another 'Rising Star' and Grade I winner in **Percy's Bar (Upstart)**, who adds blinkers for Ben Colebrook and is cross-entered in Sunday's Audubon Oaks at Ellis, GIII Victory Ride Stakes winner **Sippin Pretty** (Yaupon), stakes debuter and 'Rising Star' **Where Luck Lives (Nyquist)**, Jersey Girl Stakes winner **Goodall** (Yaupon) and Jersey Girl runner-up **Carmel Coast** (Omaha Beach), who is also cross-entered in Sunday's Audubon.

The GI Saratoga Derby field took a hit earlier in the week when Godolphin homebred and 'TDN Rising Star' **Pacific Avenue (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) was injured and will scratch from the race.

Simon Crisford's GI Belmont Derby winner **Title Role (GB)** (Too Darn Hot {GB}) will have to hold off the place and show runners from that race in **West End Kid (Twirling Candy)** and 'Rising Star' **Remember Mamba** (Kitten's Joy), both of whom are still seeking their first Grade I win.

No fewer than three 'Rising Stars' line up in the GIII Best Pal Stakes at Del Mar led by Bashford Manor runner up **He Is No Lie (Early Voting)**, one of two entries for Doug O'Neill. Fellow 'Rising Stars' **Hughes** (Into Mischief) and **Kennyten (Drain the Clock)** both make their stakes debuts here for Bob Baffert and Vladimir Cerin respectively.

Fillies and mares go two turns on the Del Mar turf in the GII Yellow Ribbon Stakes led by **Sweet Rebecca (American Pharoah)**, one of two for Mike Maker along with **Whiskey Decision** (Into Mischief), who returns to California here after selling for \$1.5 million at Keeneland November last year and having previously been trained by Chad Brown.

On Sunday, attention in California turns to the juveniles as 2-year-old fillies shine in the six-furlong GIII Sorrento Stakes. G2 Queen Mary Stakes third **Ruiva (Munnings)** ships in for Wesley Ward from Kentucky as the only runner with prior stakes experience. She'll face a Bob Baffert runner in **Holmby (Corniche)** making her second start and Ryan Hanson's **Blockade** (Knicks Go) making her third in what is a largely inexperienced field.

Turf sprinters at Saratoga take on the GII Troy Stakes at 5 1/2 furlongs with several runners dropping out of Grade I company in **John the Beer Man** (More Than Ready), **Twenty Six Black (War Dancer)** and **Works for Me** (Daddy Long Legs) while **Doncho** (Mo Town) puts a two-race win streak on the line.

Sunday's nightcap features the GIII West Virginia Derby for 3-year-olds going 1 1/8 miles at Charles Town. **J J Grey** (Street Boss) comes in on a three-race win streak and **Zihnal (Quality Road)** gets another shot at graded stakes company after running fourth in the GIII Indiana Derby. GIII Stonestreet Lexington winner **Trendsetter (Modernist)** ran third in both the GIII Peter Pan and the GIII Ohio Derby most recently.

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## ORTIZ PUTS TRUST IN RUSHING TO MAKE THE BIG DECISIONS *by Tim Wilkin*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. - Jose Ortiz, one of the top jockeys on the planet, can't be on two horses at once.

When a quandary pops up—like it did before the \$1-million GI Whitney Stakes—Ortiz defers to Steve Rushing, his high-powered agent, to make the call.

The decision they had to make was which horse to ride in the Whitney, the race that could very well be the best of the 46-day meet.

**Magnitude** (*Not This Time*), the leader of the older horse division, or **Nitrogen** (Medaglia d'Oro), the fabulous filly. Ortiz is the regular rider of both.



**Magnitude breezing beneath Jose Ortiz | Sarah Andrew**

"Absolutely, one of the toughest decisions we had to make," Rushing said on the Saratoga backstretch Friday morning.

Rushing has been Ortiz's agent for the last four years. He also represents his brother, Irad. They have been together 14 years.

Whenever a tough call comes up, the brothers bow to Rushing to make it.

"Steve makes the decision," Jose Ortiz said earlier in the meet. "I pay him 25 percent. That's his job. He doesn't tell me how to ride; I don't tell him how to be an agent."

Rushing doesn't put names in a hat and pick one. It's a long, thought-out process. Rushing and Jose had discussions.

Magnitude, trained by Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen, is the 9-5 morning-line favorite in the Whitney. He has won all three of his starts this year, all of them stakes and two of them (Dubai World Cup and Stephen Foster) Grade 1s.

Nitrogen, last year's champion 3-year-old filly trained by Hall of Famer Mark Casse, has won two of four this year, the latest being a 12 3/4-length romp in the GI Ogden Phipps at Saratoga on June 5.

Decisions, decisions.

"Originally, we thought the filly was going to run against fillies," Rushing said. "Really, a tough decision. All the races that Nitrogen has won and, obviously, Magnitude has won those major races."

Rushing said it was one of the hardest calls he has ever had to make.

"I can't imagine it getting any tougher than this," Rushing said. "That was the thing: how can you split these two horses?"

## Casse Not Nervous as Nitrogen Takes on the Boys

The prestigious Whitney Stakes has been run since 1928.

When it's run for the 98th time on Saturday, the fabulously fast 4-year-old filly **Nitrogen** will attempt to become the first female horse to win it since Personal Ensign in 1988. Only four other fillies have won it, all of them before 1950.

The last filly to run in the Whitney was Swiss Skydiver (Daredevil), who was fourth in a field of five in 2021.

Believe this, Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse has been reminded of all of that for the last month. And now, here we are. Nitrogen's date with the big boys of the division has arrived.

Casse nervous? Not a bit.

"You know when you get nervous? You get nervous when you feel like you haven't done all you can do," Casse said on the Saratoga backstretch Friday morning. **Cont.**



**Nitrogen | Sarah Andrew**

### **Saratoga Notebook, cont.**

"You get nervous when your horse is not training as good as they should be."

Both those boxes have been checked. Going into the biggest race of her life, Nitrogen could not be doing any better. Last year's Eclipse Award winner for 3-year-old filly has won eight of 16 career starts.

In her last one, she demolished five other fillies in the Ogden Phipps by nearly 13 lengths.

Bring on the colts.

"We don't know how her talent level will be with the colts," Casse said. "I do know this: there might be horses training as good as she, but there are none that are training any better. I am going into this with confidence, but there is definitely an unknown. She is going to be in a fight."

Casse could have kept Nitrogen, owned by D J Stable, LLC, with her own kind and she would have been an overwhelming favorite in the \$500,000 GI Personal Ensign on Travers Day.

"There were easier paths for me to take," he said. "Look, I have been wrong many, many, many times, but I think she belongs, and I think when the dust clears, she is going to be right there."

### **Oh, By the Way, Antiquarian is in the Whitney, too**

The talk of the Whitney Stakes is **Magnitude**. Or is it **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief). How about **Baeza** (**McKinzie**) and **White Abarrio** (Race Day)? Don't forget the filly **Nitrogen**.



**Antiquarian** | Sarah Andrew

Way down on the depth chart of Whitney runners is **Antiquarian** (Preservationist). The colt, owned by Centennial Farm, comes into the 1 1/8-mile Whitney virtually ignored and how do you ignore a horse that has been competitive in eight of his 13 career starts (five wins, three seconds)?

Antiquarian has one win from three starts this year, that coming in the GIII Westchester Stakes. In his last start, the GII Suburban, his race was over before it started when he stumbled badly coming out of the gate and finished a distant fourth as the favorite.

"He tried hard, like he always does, but it was kind of an impossible scenario for him after the start," Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher said at his barn at the Oklahoma Training Track.

When shopping for Antiquarian's next spot, Pletcher and Don Little, Jr., the president and co-owner of Centennial Farms, huddled and came up with the Whitney. They know it's a tough spot, but there wasn't much else.

The \$1-million GI Pacific Classic at Del Mar on Aug. 23 was ruled out because Antiquarian didn't like that surface when he was in California last year for the Breeders' Cup. And Pletcher wasn't too crazy about the three-turn \$1-million GII Charles Town Classic on Aug. 28.

So, here he is.

"I think he deserves a shot," Little said. "He has been training well, and you can make excuses in his last two races even though I don't like making excuses. I put it in Todd's hands."

Antiquarian is 10-1 on the Whitney morning line and gets a new rider in Manny Franco, who won five straight races and a total of six on Friday's card. He replaces Hall of Famer Johnny Velazquez, who is riding Nitrogen in the Whitney.

Last year, Antiquarian won the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, but that race was remembered more for jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. being unseated while riding **Mindframe** (**Constitution**), the second choice in the wagering, shortly after the gates opened.

"He won that race and ran terrific but because everything that happened, it was not really the story," Pletcher said. "He did not get the recognition for that win. Yeah, it's unfair, it was not his fault. Maybe he can make some noise this weekend."

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## WHITE ABARRIO ON TRACK FOR A THIRD WHITNEY APPEARANCE *by Katie Petrunyak*

When he's in Florida, Saffie Joseph, Jr. has learned not to pay close attention to the weather forecast. Too many times, he has rescheduled a breeze or rearranged race day plans only for the weather to do the exact opposite of what was predicted.

But this week in Saratoga, Joseph admits that he has been keeping an eye on his weather app. His star trainee, **White Abarrio** (Race Day), will only see the GI Whitney Stakes starting gate if the track is fast. The 7-year-old multiple Grade I winner was fourth in his last start over a sloppy, sealed surface at Churchill Downs in the GI Stephen Foster Stakes.

"We can't control it," Joseph said. "It is what it's going to be. Obviously last time we took a chance because he had never gone two turns in the slop. So now we've learned we're not going to make that mistake again. Hopefully it's fast and if it's not, we're going to make a different plan and go somewhere else."

As of Friday, it looks like the White Abarrio team is in the clear. There is a chance of light rain overnight into Saturday, but conditions are expected to clear by morning. Joseph also has GII Hollywood Gold Cup winner Forged Steel (Vekoma) entered for the Whitney, but he will likely scratch if his stablemate makes the race.

Aside from weather concerns, Joseph said he is feeling confident in White Abarrio, who will take on Stephen Foster top-three finishers Magnitude (**Not This Time**), Baeza (**McKinzie**), and Sovereignty (Into Mischief)--a rival White Abarrio defeated earlier this year in the GII Oaklawn Handicap.

Since arriving in Saratoga, White Abarrio has put in three four-furlong breezes. Over the past two seasons, the impossible-to-miss grey has settled into a distinctly unconventional routine at the Spa. He splits his morning training between the main track and Clare Court, often finishing with long, ambling walks around the backside before heading back to the barn.

"He's very quiet on the main track, but when we send him over to Clare Court and he comes off, sometimes he likes to play and rear up," Joseph explained. "I think over there he relates to being a kid and having fun. We use that to keep him in a happy spot mentally."

The presence of a companion goat, Brownie, has also played a role in White Abarrio's development.

"He has always been super top-class and consistent, but the goat gives him a calmer demeanor," Joseph said. "He saves his energy in the right way."



Click here to watch our visit with White Abarrio and Saffie Joseph | Sarah Andrew

Saturday's contest will mark White Abarrio's third appearance in the Whitney. As a 4-year-old, he captured the Grade I under the tutelage of Rick Dutrow, who later conditioned him to a victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic before the grey transferred back to Joseph the following summer. With a runner in the race immediately following the 2023 Whitney, Joseph remembers watching White Abarrio head to the winner's circle from the backside near the Wilson chute.

"You see him win and obviously you're happy for the connections

because you trained the horse," he recalled. "I turned to my wife and I said, 'This is God's way.' Who would have ever envisioned a year later, you would get the horse back. I never envisioned that he would go on to do what he did after, so it worked out exactly like it was meant to be."

With three graded stakes wins including the 2025 Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes added to his resume since returning to Joseph, White Abarrio has collected over \$8.5 million in career earnings. Campaigned by C2 Racing Stable, Gary Barber and La Milagrosa Stable, the champion is set to begin his stud career at Gainesway Farm next year. **Cont.**



Saffie Joseph and White Abarrio last summer in Saratoga

Sarah Andrew

### White Abarrio, cont.

Joseph said he has bittersweet feelings about enjoying the last few months with a horse who has ultimately anchored his barn since capturing the GI Florida Derby in 2022.

“You would like to close it obviously with him winning another big one or two,” he admitted. “But if we don't and everything goes well and he tries his best, that's all you can ask for. There's no guarantee that you get another White Abarrio in your whole life. I mean, I'm 39 and as a trainer, there's no guarantee I get a horse as good as him again. He's a rare horse as far as his durability and his consistency.”

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## HALL OF FAME DAY! MIGUEL CLEMENT TRAINEE BOTTAS TAKES NMRHOF STAKES AT THE SPA, FRANCO WINS SIX ON CARD

by J.N. Campbell

The late Christophe Clement was always suspicious when it came to untested freshmen sires, save one--Vekoma.

In a fitting capstone to an emotional day which honored the late trainer as one of the newest members to be inducted into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, the 3-year-old Vekoma colt **Bottas** ran on nicely for Miguel Clement's stable to take the Grade II race which is named after the museum on Union Avenue in Saratoga Springs.

Earlier on Friday, the Clement Family assembled at Fasig-Tipton's Humphrey S. Finney Sales Pavilion to finally welcome the much-missed “Boss” for enshrinement into Racing's Hall of Fame.

An OBS April pick by Case Clay Thoroughbred Management in 2025, Bottas won his debut by 2 1/4 lengths over the grass at

the Spa and earned a 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard,' badge for his effort. Sent by Miguel Clement into the GII Pilgrim Stakes at Aqueduct in early October, the dark bay did not disappoint as he rallied to win a photo.

Bottas shipped to the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club for the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Stakes at the end of October and finished a well-beaten ninth.

Taking a break from the races for over seven months, the Dahman-owned colt was third in the GIII Pennine Ridge Stakes at the Spa June 4 and he was a close-up fifth in the GI Belmont Derby on the same turf upstate exactly a month later.



Team Bottas in the winner's circle | Sarah Andrew

Tabbed as the 7-2 second choice behind favorite and fellow 'Rising Star' **Touch of Fire** (**Constitution**), Bottas assumed a tracking position as **Third Coast** (Uncle Mo) set the pace. The 3-year-old kept a close watch to the outside of the chalk up the backstretch and worked to hem in Touch of Fire's jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. around the far turn.

With some nifty riding on display by Manny Franco, Bottas was able to get the jump on his rival down the lane and he turned on the jets to sail home a winner for the Clement clan.

Franco notched his sixth victory of the day to tie the Saratoga record for wins on a single card, which is held by Johnny Velazquez, Ramon Domínguez and Irad Ortiz, Jr.

“Not a bad day,” said trainer Miguel Clement. “I don't know if it was Manny's [Franco] hot streak, Dad [Christophe Clement] up above or someone deciding to help me out, but I thought it was great. Manny rode him brilliantly, keeping Irad [Ortiz, Jr., aboard the favored Touch of Fire] boxed in for a little bit longer and getting first run.

“I'm convinced he does stay a little bit farther,” he said. “If you watch his last race, he was impeded and crowded the whole way and was only beaten a length and a half in the Belmont Derby.” **Cont.**



Bottas and Manny Franco | Sarah Andrew

**Hall of Fame Stakes, cont.**

He continued: "Had things been different that day, we may have been more bold to go for the Saratoga Derby, but you can never be blasé about winning a graded stakes at Saratoga.

"The only instructions were to get him covered up and give him a clear run in the stretch," added Clement. "The rest I left up to the Manny. He's in great form; when you're hot, you're very hot. Any day is a good day to leg up Mr. Franco, but especially today."

On winning the Hall of Fame Stakes on the day his father was enshrined, Miguel Clement said, "It was tremendous. I was the one last year who had to break the news that [Christophe] didn't get into the Hall of Fame. Every year we were delighted that he was one of the nominees and always a bit disappointed that we didn't get selected, so it's a very emotional day."

As for jockey Franco, he said, "I wanted to be forward. It was a small field. I just got the horse to beat [Touch of Fire] inside, so that's all I want. I got the horse to beat inside of me, so I want to keep him there, so I take the race from there.

"I'm in the sky right now," said the rider about his sixth win on the card. "It is unbelievable, doing it right here in Saratoga, it means more. It means a lot. I'm just happy to get these opportunities."



**Bottas gets a well-deserved pat from Franco as Miguel Clement looks on | Sarah Andrew**

**Pedigree Notes:**

Spendthrift sire Vekoma (by **Candy Ride {Arg}**) adds another graded stakes win to his account, which now brings his tally to 16 and includes GI Whitney Stakes entrant Forged Steel.

Bottas is a half-brother to 2024 Affirmed Stakes winner and 'TDN Rising Star' Parenting (**Justify**). After not producing a foal in her two prior seasons, Iadorakid (Lemon Drop Kid) is responsible for an early May colt by **Life Is Good**. She visited National Treasure for next term.

Iadorakid is herself a half-sibling to excellent GI Woodbine Mile winner El Tormenta (Stormy Atlantic) and GSW Zero Tolerance (Mizzen Mast).

Diving deeper into Bottas's extended female family we find champion Hello Seattle (Deputy Minister) and second-crop sire Galilean (Uncle Mo).

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**Friday, Saratoga**

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING HALL OF FAME S.-GII**, \$400,000, Saratoga, 8-7, 3yo, 1mT, 1:34.67, fm.

**1--BOTTAS, 124, c, 3, by Vekoma**

**1st Dam: Iadorakid, by Lemon Drop Kid**

**2nd Dam: Torreadora, by El Prado (Ire)**

**3rd Dam: Fleet of Foot, by Gone West**

(\$300,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR). 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard.' O-Dahman; B-BCS Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Miguel Clement; J-Manuel Franco. \$220,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$461,000. \*1/2 to Parenting (**Justify**), SW, \$139,200. **Werk Nick Rating: B+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#) [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

**2--Blinging It Back, 120, g, 3, Volatile--**Ima Three Blinger, by Too Much Bling. (\$80,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP). O-Gary Barber and Peter Deutsch; B-Forever Spring Farm (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. \$80,000.



**3--Touch of Fire, 122, c, 3, Constitution--**Mexican Gold, by Medaglia d'Oro. **1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Juddmonte (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. 'TDN Rising Star' \$48,000. Margins: 1HF, NK, 3/4. Odds: 3.62, 8.20, 1.21. Also Ran: Print, Third Coast, Arizona Territory, Vasy (Ire). Scratched: Glavine, Immortalised (Fr).

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## KENTUCKY BELLE SPRINGS THE UPSET IN FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA OAKS *by Alan Carasso*



Kentucky Belle (left) | Sarah Andrew

Making her stakes debut and her first trip to the races in nearly four months, WinStar Farm homebred **Kentucky Belle** (**Justify**) was produced in upper stretch by Irad Ortiz, Jr. and finished full of run to cause a 10-1 upset in Friday's GII Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Oaks.

Kentucky Belle jumped without incident from gate one, was eased back to the rear of the field and switched off nicely, as longshot **Code** (**Tiz the Law**) cut out the fractions in advance of **Just Aloof** (**Justify**), with **Fitz Right** (**Charlatan**) enjoying the best trip on the back of the pacesetter in third.

Positions were generally unchanged on the backstretch run and, going nicely in hand as the field hit the second turn, Kentucky Belle began to gain ground, angled away from the inside and was content to follow the move of favored **Faithful Departed** (Yoshida {Jpn}) for the run past the quarter pole.

Switched off that one's heels entering the final eighth of a mile, Kentucky Belle finished with a flourish and was along in the final few strides. Fitz Right held for third.

Third in a single appearance on the dirt to begin her career going a mile at Churchill last September, Kentucky Belle rounded out the triple in her turf debut at Keeneland the following month before returning to Louisville to graduate in her final juvenile appearance Nov. 29.

Kentucky Belle completed a **Justify** 1-2 behind future Wild Applause Stakes heroine To a Flame in a Mar. 7 allowance at Gulfstream and the dark bay was last seen dealing **Bless Her** (**Twirling Candy**) a nose defeat going this trip at the Lexington track on Apr. 18.

"We missed a little time with her, but it was worth the wait," said winning trainer Brad Cox. "She ran big, obviously. It looked like she was traveling really well going into the far turn, and

turning for home, I was like, 'this should work out, we're going to get some graded placing here.'

"She was able to get there, needed pretty much all of the mile and three sixteenths. I've always felt this was going to be her thing. Obviously, she ran this distance last time at Keeneland. We are very proud of the effort, obviously a well-bred filly and a big update for her."

The conditioner indicated that the \$2-million GIII Dueling Grounds Oaks at Kentucky Downs on Sept. 9 would likely be next for Kentucky Belle.



Irad Ortiz, Jr. and Kentucky Belle head to the winner's circle  
*Sarah Andrew*

### Pedigree Notes:

Kentucky Belle is the 66th worldwide stakes winner and 33rd graded scorer for Coolmore America's **Justify**. She is simultaneously the 93rd stakes winner and 39th graded winner out of a daughter of former WinStar inmate Tiznow. To date, Kentucky Belle is the only horse bred on the **Justify**/Tiznow cross.

The filly's dam, Dancing Fancy, is an 11-year-old daughter of Sovereign Award and Grade I winner Dancethruthedawn--herself a product of the outstanding champion Dance Smartly--and was purchased by the WinStar team for \$310,000 in foal to Lookin At Lucky out of the broodmare dispersal of Sam-Son Farm at Keeneland January in 2021.

A \$240,000 buyback out of the 2024 Keeneland September Sale, Kentucky Belle is the year-old half-sister to Energy Flows (**Constitution**), a \$275,000 KEESEP grad who was a debut second in a Churchill maiden allowance June 13 ahead of a third-place effort in a sloppy local maiden July 18.

Dancing Fancy's two youngest produce include a yearling filly by **Constitution** and a colt from the third crop of **Life Is Good** foaled Apr. 15. The mare went back to **Life Is Good** this season.

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**FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA OAKS-GII**, \$500,000, Saratoga, 8-7, 3yo, f, 1 3/16mT, 1:53.80, fm.

1--**KENTUCKY BELLE**, 124, f, 3, by **Justify**

1st Dam: **Dancing Fancy**, by **Tiznow**

2nd Dam: **Dancethruthedawn**, by **Mr. Prospector**

3rd Dam: **Dance Smartly**, by **Danzig**

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN.** (\$240,000 RNA Ylg '24 KEESEP). O/B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. \$275,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-2, \$449,388. **Werk Nick Rating: F. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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2--**Faithful Departed**, 124, f, 3, Yoshida (Jpn)--Speed Seeker, by Heatseeker (Ire). O-Frank Ferrogine, Richard Rendina, Nick Coniglio, and Greywood Farms, LLC; B-Robert K. Johnson (KY); T-Grant T. Forster. \$100,000.

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3--**Fitz Right**, 124, f, 3, **Charlatan**--I'm a Looker, by Henny Hughes. (\$200,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP). O-Michael Dubb, William H. Lawrence, The Elkstone Group, LLC (Stuart Grant) and Michael E. Kisber; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown. \$60,000.

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## 'WE'RE SMITTEN': EGL-ONE TO OFFER ITS FIRST SARATOGA YEARLING *by Jessica Martini*

EGL-One almost had its first graded stakes winner when Storm Miami (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}) led from start nearly to finish only to come up second best in the GII Glens Falls Stakes at Saratoga last Sunday, but the fledgling breeding operation of Eric Bensussen, his wife Gloria and brother Larry, will have another chance to hit a home run in upstate New York Tuesday when it sends a colt by **Flightline** (hip 177) through the sales ring during the second session of the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Sale. Consigned by Denali Stud, the yearling is the first foal out of stakes-winner **Curlin's Catch** (**Curlin**) and will be the first EGL-One-bred to be offered at the boutique auction.

"It's a milestone achievement to have a horse in the Saratoga Select sale," Bensussen said. "This is a dream come true for EGL-One."

The dream for Bensussen and his brother started back when they were kids, but fully blossomed thanks to their involvement with 2022 GI Belmont Stakes winner Mo Donegal (Uncle Mo).

"We were part of the Donegal syndicate and when Mo Donegal had his run, it brought back all of these memories of when I was a kid," Bensussen said. "My mom was into racing and my brothers and I kind of got into it. I was nine when I was reading the *Racing Form*. I just loved it. And when Mo made his run, it got me thinking."

While the racing success gave him the initial push, it was the breeding side of the business that ultimately hooked Bensussen, a native of Washington who co-founded the brand merchandising company Bensussen Deutsch and Associates.



**Flightline--Curlin's Catch colt | Thorostride**

"To me, it would be great to race in the Triple Crown, but the bigger purpose for EGL is to create a champion, not necessarily racing the champion," he said. "The creation means a little bit more to our team. It's a different perspective and a different purpose, but to us being a developer and a creator of something is more impactful than necessarily being the one that races a champion."

To that end, EGL-One began building a broodmare band in January 2023 and had its first few foals in 2024 before starting to hit its stride in 2025 when selling a colt by **Epicenter** out of Benvenutta (**Tapit**) (hip 630) for \$675,000 to Pin Oak Stud at the Keeneland September sale. Benvenutta had been purchased with the colt in utero for \$190,000 at the 2023 Keeneland November sale.

At the following year's Keeneland November sale, EGL-One through its bloodstock agent Amanda Gillman purchased **Curlin's Catch**, in foal to **Flightline**, for \$375,000. **Cont.**

**EGL-One's first Saratoga yearling, cont.**

"We loved the pedigree and her race record," Bensussen said of the mare's appeal. "And the family has produced a lot of really good racehorses. Physically, she was very impressive. We wanted to have a **Curlin** broodmare of high quality. And then she was in foal to **Flightline**. The whole team said, 'OK, if we are going to get one, this is the one we want.' Sometimes, you go to an auction, you don't always get that luxury, but she fell into our hands. And we were ready to step up, too, because we loved her so much."

**Curlin's** Catch, winner of the 2021 Suncoast Stakes, is a daughter of Canadian champion Catch the Thrill (A.P. Indy), who in turn is a daughter of champion Catch the Ring (Seeking the Gold).



**Curlin's** Catch upon breaking her maiden in 2021 | Ryan Thompson

The mare's first foal impressed right from the start.

"When he was foaled, I remember Conrad [Bandoroff] over at Denali calling me and saying, 'Eric, you may have a really good horse here. This colt looks the part,'" Bensussen recalled. "And every month we'd get the updates and go out and see him and he just got stronger and stronger."

Bensussen admitted it wasn't an easy decision to send the promising colt through the sales ring.

"If I were racing to win the Derby, I would hold on to him," he said. "But whoever acquires him, if they race him and he becomes a champion, I will be beyond...it might even be more than being the owner. We always want to win and we love racing, but the goal is to create a champion, for whoever owns and races him."

A competitive broodmare market has allowed the EGL-One partners the chance to enjoy the racing game.

"What we've seen is the market has gone up significantly for high-quality broodmares," Bensussen said. "So the concept is to race to develop a pipeline for additional broodmares."

"Everybody loves racing," he continued. "So if there is a way to identify great pedigrees and physicals at a yearling or 2-year-old sale, and then race them and have fun with it, but with the intent that the pedigree is good enough and if we can build the racing resume to have them raise the quality of the broodmares, that's what will be the ultimate goal. But it is so much fun to race. We are totally smitten."

With the purchase of some yearling fillies last year, EGL-One expects to have a racing stable of four 2-year-old fillies this year.

With an eye towards producing a broodmare from the racetrack, EGL-One purchased Storm Miami for \$155,000 at the Keeneland January sale this year. The 5-year-old mare, who broke her maiden going five furlongs at Naas in 2023, won a 1 1/16-mile allowance at Saratoga last summer before joining the barn of Amelia Green after the January auction.

"Storm Miami is another example of how to find a horse at an auction that you absolutely love," Bensussen said. "We loved the way she raced. Amanda Gillman loved the horse, so we acquired her. And once Amelia got a hold of Storm Miami, she developed. She was incredibly well-conditioned, but she noticed that she might want to go longer. In her first couple of races, she wasn't quite getting there, and we tried her going long and we unlocked a lot of talent and potential with her."

Stretched to 1 3/8 miles while making her graded stakes debut, Storm Miami finished second in the GIII Sheepshead Bay Stakes at Aqueduct in May. She finished third--disqualified to fourth--at that same distance in the July 13 GIII Richard G. Dick Memorial Stakes and found only Survie (Ire) (**Churchill {Ire}**) too good in the 1 1/2-mile Glens Falls Sunday.

"That race was so exciting," Bensussen said of the Glens Falls. "We thought at the sixteenth pole we had a chance, but I was so excited, high-fiving and hugging everyone, saying we were second in a Grade II at Saratoga, are you kidding? Where was that even on the bingo card? Never even thought of something like that. So it was really fun."

Storm Miami will ultimately find her way to the EGL-One broodmare band.

"The goal was to race to improve her resume," Bensussen explained. "We definitely want her to be part of the broodmare band. We are not sure when because she is still racing well."

EGL-One currently has seven broodmares, boarded at Denali Stud and at Hill 'n' Dale, but Bensussen expects that number to increase.

"The goal is 12 high-quality broodmares," he said. "Everything is about quality and about caring for the horses."

Care of the horses seems to always be paramount to Bensussen.

"It's interesting, when you watch racing, you don't really have that great connection," he explained. **Cont.**

**EGL-One's first Saratoga yearling, cont.**

"When you own and get to know horses, the love and the connection between the animal and human is so incredible. That's been the biggest revelation and it has really added to our purpose. Not only do we want great quality broodmares that can create a champion, we want to do it the right way and treat them with the very best care."



Larry and Eric Bensussen with their **Flightline** colt in January  
courtesy Eric Bensussen

He continued, "That's why I love what Amelia Green is doing on the racing side, her passion for caring for the horses. Her line is always 'A happy horse is the key.' So 'happy horse' is kind of our saying. She lives by that and we do, too. Denali takes great care of the broodmares and the foals and the yearlings, as does Hill 'n' Dale. They all have tremendous teams."

**Curlin's Catch**, meanwhile, produced a filly by Into Mischief this year and was bred back to **Gun Runner**.

"Curlin's Catch is the best example of what we want to build," Bensussen said. "We have other really great broodmares that are producing, but this is the ultimate goal, to have this kind of quality. We love horses and we want them well cared for and we want them to go to a good home. That's the key here."

Asked what it would be like to watch **Curlin's Catch's** yearling go through the sales ring Tuesday, Bensussen said, "A lot of nerves. I've got so many photos and videos of him as he developed. And it's bittersweet, but at the same time, if the right people buy him, I am going to be really excited for them and again to me, watching him race for someone will be an honor. I am OK with it. Because I want him to go to a good owner. That's our hope."

With an infectious enthusiasm, Bensussen admitted, "I am so new to this, I am excited about everything. The industry has its issues, but man, it's the best sport. To me, it's my number one sport. Because it is the human with an animal, the jockey

relationship, the trainer relationship, the grooms, everybody on the team plays a role in making a horse happy. And it's really important to everything that we do."

The Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Sale will be held Monday and Tuesday at the Humphrey S. Finney Pavilion. Both sessions begin at 6:30 p.m.

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## 'WHEN SHE WON, I FELT RELIEF' - TWIRLING ACES MARCHES FORWARD TO AUDUBON OAKS

*by Patrycja Szpyra*

Her debut caused something of a minor stir back in June. They bet her so hard at one point that she was the 1-5 favorite against runners with experience, prompting one of Churchill's broadcast co-hosts to wonder if Secretariat was being unveiled that afternoon.

One would never be as supremely confident as to propose such a comparison seriously, but Pocket Aces Racing's **Twirling Aces** (**Twirling Candy**) had come on everyone's radar for good reason. After a sensational workout two weeks earlier, one that was well-discussed by the time the gates opened June 3, she was the worst-kept secret on grounds.

The wagering frenzy was, ultimately, somewhat expected.

Twirling Aces eventually drifted up to even money but made it look a gift anyway. Checked early on, bottled inside for most of the trip, and then asked to come wide into the stretch, she drew off like a good thing. Jockey Tyler Gaffalione told Marc Wampler, bloodstock agent and co-managing partner of Pocket Aces Racing, that he'd wrapped up on Twirling Aces by the time they were inside the sixteenth pole. **Cont.**



Twirling Aces winning the Ellis allowance | Coady Media

**Twirling Aces, cont.**

And for Wampler, in step with pride, excitement and a cocktail of various emotions that accompany a trip to the winner's circle, there was something more primal than joy.

"When she won, I felt relief," said Wampler. "There's nothing worse than losing when you're the overwhelming favorite, so I was glad she got the job done."

Wampler also admitted to a sense of awe at the sheer scale of the information super-highway that is the internet. Word of mouth and the grapevine have historically been one of the fastest methods to gain an edge on your wagering competition (say nothing of the reliability, but a good rumor makes it around the world before the truth even puts on its pants). Now, the modern player has more at their disposal than ever before.

"Secrets have never been safe on the backside but nowadays work videos are available online. Clocker reports, debut figures, etc. If you've got a good one, people will find them, even if they haven't started. When she was being hammered at the windows ahead of her debut, it crossed my mind how much the availability of information has changed over the years."

Despite the belated start to her career, Twirling Aces had always been on Wampler's radar as one to watch. She was sent to Brendan Walsh in mid-2025, and had a worktab under her belt that suddenly halted at the end of July that season. Wampler says it was nothing more than her body telling them that it needed more time--traditionally a Thoroughbred's best friend.

It's a position he's familiar with, and one the syndicate has been in before where being patient had been handsomely rewarded. All the same, it's easier said than done. The virtue is one of the harder ones to practice for a reason, but everyone learns it...either kicking and screaming or with some grace. But the horses who need time, who need the patience, that's where Wampler finds value.



**Twirling Aces in April 2025 before going to Brendan Walsh**  
Patrycja Szpyra

"Pocket Aces Racing is a value shopper," he explained. "As much as I am always looking for an excellent, athletic specimen, I do have a type. Finding racing prospects that look like they're going to be runners, at value, or even at a fair price, is like finding a needle in a haystack."

"When we find them, we try to buy them regardless of sex, distance capabilities, [or] surface preference--and pedigree only serves as a guide to how much we're willing to pay. I think that's why you see us getting top-class turf marathoners to dirt sprinters and everything in between."



**Twirling Aces at The Thoroughbred Center | Patrycja Szpyra**

That in mind, it was no small surprise to Wampler when his \$50,000 Keeneland September yearling was starting to show some promise. After all, he'd sourced MGSW Temple City Terror (Temple City) for \$22,000 at the same sale in 2017. That yearling from humble beginnings changed hands to Town and Country Farm for \$600,000 in 2022 at Keeneland November.

SW & MGSP Irish Aces (Mshawish) is another September grad that he purchased for \$40,000 to race in the syndicate's colors. The gelding had been bought as a weanling for just \$5,000 by 'The Lads' in the 2020 November sale on those grounds. Irish Aces's half-brother Irish Law (**Tiz the Law**), who broke his maiden July 9 at Ellis as a part of Walsh's four-win day, is a \$50,000 buy.

Their daughter of **Twirling Candy** was going to fit in just fine.

"[Twirling Aces] started to show she was something special when Brendan began to lean on her last year. She got really close to running in 2025, so we got some important works into her, and he let us know she had talent."

Wampler says that, despite the additional downtime to mature, expectations for her never changed--if anything, the anticipation carried over to her sophomore year. **Cont.**

### Twirling Aces, cont.

Many of the syndicate's best runners went through the same process--race once or twice, or come very close as a juvenile, and then need time off to grow or recover from what he called an 'immaturity injury'. By the time those runners returned as 3-year-olds, regardless of when they actually got going that year, the time off had done them a world of good and they never looked back.

"Temple City Terror; Irish Aces; [stakes winner] Oscar Season, [etc.] all went through [similar circumstances]," Wampler added. "So, when Brendan says they have talent, we get excited and usually stay excited as their opportunity to shine just got delayed."

And shine Twirling Aces has.

As they oft do, expectations crept higher for start number two and rode in on a high-horse at Ellis Park. There, the filly produced another victory as visually impressive as the maiden, trouncing an allowance field to win as easily as she pleased on her march through the conditions.

Wampler knew what to expect as Walsh had not minced words going into the race. The conditioner had partnered Twirling Aces with an exceptionally talented workmate (an already proven one to boot) in the lead-up to the debut race and she'd only taken steps forward from there.

The workmate? 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' Mashallah (**Maxfield**), who herself boasted a lofty 106 Beyer from her sterling debut. After her seven-length romp July 4 against allowance company at Saratoga (good for a 96 Beyer), her connections **told the TDN's Alan Carasso** that they had been weighing a possible entry into the GI Test Stakes, but eventually re-routed to have her stakes debut come in Colonial's Tyson Gilpin Stakes Aug. 1. To no real surprise, she dominated the race by a 5 1/2-length margin to collect her first black-type.

"Brendan expected [the July 9] performance out of [Twirling Aces]. His ability to gauge talent is incredible. When she worked 'heads up' with [Mashallah], he knew we had something special."

That leads to the inevitable question of what their budding star might have in her future with a former workmate having been considered for elite company so early in her career. Wampler admits he hadn't looked that far, but stakes competition for Twirling Aces is on the horizon if all goes well.

"Right now, we are pointing her towards the Audubon Oaks at Ellis. If she passes that test, she'll take the next step up the ladder but we haven't zeroed in on any specific races yet," Wampler said. "We tend to be more of a 'one race at a time' outfit, especially with such a young filly, so we haven't thought too far past her next race."

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## HAWTHORNE BANKRUPTCY JUDGE ORDERS IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF \$800,000 IN UNPAID PURSES *by T.D. Thornton*

The judge handling the Hawthorne Race Course bankruptcy case has ordered the immediate release of \$800,000 in unpaid purse money while establishing a process to determine a final administrative claim of up to \$1.1 million.

Together with a separate \$200,000 payment made Aug. 4, the total corresponds to the approximately \$1.3 million the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA) **told the court** its members are owed.

The Chicago-area track, owned by Chicago's Carey family for the last 117 years, is seeking Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection to restructure between \$100 and \$500 million in debt. The racecourse is on a court-ordered schedule **to be sold for \$90 million** to a non-racing entity in early September.



Hawthorne | Four Footed Fotos

The Aug. 6 order grants a motion filed last week by the ITHA to compel payment of "postpetition purse obligations" by treating that money as "administrative expenses."

In bankruptcy, "postpetition" debts mean financial obligation incurred after the filing (which in Hawthorne's case was Feb. 27). These sorts of claims are often given special priority because they arise from operating a business during its bankruptcy.

"The Postpetition Purse Obligations shall be agreed upon and finalized between the Debtors and ITHA in an allowed amount of not less than \$800,000 and not to exceed \$1,100,000," stated the order out of United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Illinois (Eastern Division).

"The Final Purse Claim shall be memorialized by further order of the Court," the order stated. **Cont.**

**Hawthorne, cont.**

"Any further order shall recognize the \$200,000 paid to the horsemen on Aug. 4, 2026, that is not included in the unpaid Postpetition Purse Obligations or Final Purse Claim."

The order continued: "Hawthorne is directed to pay the \$800,000 in Professional Funds to the Horsemen's Bookkeeper Account [for] the benefit of the horsemen immediately upon entry of this Order, and all checks for the horsemen in the aggregate amount of \$800,000 shall be signed and available for pick-up no later than 4:00 p.m. prevailing Central Time on Monday, Aug. 10, 2026, or as agreed to in writing by both parties."

According to the order, the money to pay purses will come from the debtor's existing bankruptcy "carve out," which means funds that Hawthorne had set aside to pay for things like lawyers, financial advisors and other court-approved bankruptcy-process professionals.

The order stated that those professionals agreed to release \$800,000 from that fund.

In return, the professionals were granted liens against certain remaining assets of the debtor, subject to existing senior liens.

The order stated that any amount above \$800,000 that the ITHA is owed after this disbursement will still be recognized as a high-priority administrative expense claim.

The order explained that Hawthorne can use money generated from its off-track betting (OTB) locations to reimburse the professionals for the \$800,000 they released.

But until those professional funds are repaid, the horsemen agree not to collect from those replenishment funds.

According to the order, if the horsemen later receive purse money from the Illinois Department of Agriculture, they agree to apply those proceeds first toward any remaining final purse claim or ITHA administrative claim, estimated at about \$150,000, before assigning any remaining funds to Hawthorne to reimburse the professionals.

The roughly \$1.3 million that ITHA is seeking to recover was outlined in the organization's July 29 court filing as \$711,554 for unpaid purses from three race dates in July, plus \$603,069 for purses that had been previously earned but not withdrawn from the horsemen's bookkeeper account maintained by Hawthorne.

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## TDN RACE CRITERIA

The races covered in the TDN are as follows:

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- Maiden Special Weight: purses of \$18,000/up
- Maiden Claiming: purses of \$18,000/up & a minimum claiming price of \$40,000

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### QUESTION FOR THE JOCKEY CLUB ROUND TABLE: WHY ARE WE NOT DOING MORE TO ATTRACT CHILDREN TO THE LOVE OF A HORSE? *by Tom Gallo*

I am a lifelong member of the Thoroughbred industry, having earned my living here for over 50 years. During that time, I have served on the New York Thoroughbred Breeders (NYTB) Board of Directors for 32 years, recently completed a 10-year term as President, chaired the NYTB PAC for over two decades, and previously represented state organizations on the TOBA Board.



Tom Gallo | Fasig-Tipton

Over the years, I have witnessed a declining foal crop alongside a steady erosion of public interest in horse racing. To address this, NYTB partnered with SUNY Cobleskill to create an accredited educational initiative that introduces graduate students to careers in breeding, racing, training, and horse care. I also applaud Amplify Horse Racing for its excellent work exposing young adults to industry opportunities.

While these programs are valuable, they target individuals who already have an interest in horses, drawing from a limited pool. If we want to secure our industry's future, we must expand that pool by cultivating interest at a much younger age.

Virtually every successful sport understands this concept. Baseball uses T-ball and Little League; football relies on youth leagues starting at age seven; soccer and hockey build early engagement through Pee Wee programs. The business world follows the same principle, as seen in McDonald's long-standing youth marketing. Early positive experiences create lifelong customers and fans. **Cont.**

**Letter to the editor, cont.**

Unfortunately, the horse industry has largely ignored this opportunity despite having a powerful, natural vehicle to achieve it.

My wife and I have owned a farm for 46 years, routinely hosting elementary school field trips. I have watched dozens of young children sit quietly on hay bales, completely captivated, simply because a horse was standing beside me. You do not have to convince a child to like a horse--the attraction is immediate and instinctual. Furthermore, informal conversations with racegoers, industry partners, and owners consistently reveal the same pattern: their lifelong involvement began with a childhood fascination.

In recent years, our industry has focused heavily on courting celebrities and high-profile guests for marquee events like the Kentucky Derby and Breeders' Cup. While this provides temporary visibility, it does little for long-term growth. These attendees are seeking a social spectacle, much like casual fans attending a Super Bowl or World Series. Their interest is event-driven rather than sport-driven, offering very little long-term "stickiness."

We must shift toward sustainable, grassroots engagement:

- **Expand Educational Backstretch Tours:** Building on NYRA's successful morning tour model, racetracks nationwide should develop youth-focused field trips, educational seminars, hands-on experiences, and pony rides;
- **Partner with Youth Organizations:** Racetracks should actively collaborate with local schools, 4-H, Future Farmers of America, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Boys & Girls Clubs;
- **Mobilize Industry Volunteers:** Racetracks can tap into an existing pool of passionate retired trainers, grooms, exercise riders, outriders, breeders, and owners eager to share their knowledge.

With expanding competition from sports betting and other entertainment options threatening our wagering handle--the economic engine of our sport--we cannot afford inaction.

As an NYTB representative, I welcome the opportunity to partner with NYTHA and NYRA to launch a pilot program. When young people experience horses firsthand, that connection becomes part of who they are. It stays with them.

Introducing children to horses early turns curiosity into passion and creates future fans, owners, breeders, and advocates.

By sharing horses with the next generation, we can ensure the future of our industry with love and appreciation for the star of the show: the horse!

**--Tom Gallo is the managing member of Dream Maker Racing. He is a past president of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders, and the chairman of the NYTB PAC.**

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## **FINALISTS NAMED FOR 2025 DR. TONY RYAN BOOK AWARD**

Six authors have been selected as finalists for the 20th annual Dr. Tony Ryan Book Award with the winner being selected on Wednesday, Nov. 4 at Castleton Lyons near Lexington, Kentucky, the farm said in a Friday morning release.

This year's finalists are:

- "The Racetracks of America: From the Pre-Civil War Days to the 21st Century," edited by Brien Bouyea;
- "Pryor Knowledge: Horse Racing, Love, and Slavery in the Antebellum South," by M.B. Gibson;
- "Death of a Racehorse: An American Story," by Katie Bo Lillis;
- "When Montana Outraced the East: The Reign of Western Thoroughbreds 1886-1900," by Catharine Melin-Moser;
- "Reinventing the American Thoroughbred: The Arabian Adventures of Alexander Keene Richards," by Gary A. O'Dell;
- "Racing's Return from the Brink: The Incredible Comeback of Old Rosebud and American Horse Racing," by James C. Nicholson. **Cont.**



*Castleton Lyons*

**Dr. Tony Ryan Book Award, cont.**

"The Greatest Racehorse? Man o' War and the Judgment of History," by Mark Shrager, received an honorable mention.

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**TRAINING IN FRANCE, AURELIE MONTAUBAN ON THE BOUNDLESS PODCAST**

From Belgium to France, with chapters in Ireland, Newmarket, England, and the United States, Aurelie Montauban never let a lack of racing connections define where she could go.

Growing up in Belgium with no family ties to racing, she followed her curiosity wherever it led. She began veterinary school before realizing her true passion was training racehorses. Determined to build a career in France, she completed four years of jockey school to master both riding and the French language.

Her education didn't stop there. Montauban sought out some of the best horsemen in the world, spending time riding and learning under Aidan O'Brien in Ireland, gaining experience in Newmarket, and working alongside Christophe Clement in the United States before returning to France to establish her own stable.

Today, in Deauville, her horses don't just train on the racetrack. They walk through town, navigate traffic, and gallop along the beaches of Normandy, developing the confidence and adaptability they'll need as they compete across Europe.

In this episode of Boundless, she talks to veterinarian Dr. Ferrin Peterson about building a career from the ground up, learning from different racing cultures around the world, and why exposing horses to new environments can make them better athletes.

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**FHBPA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING \$79,000**

The Florida Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association (FHBPA), which has awarded more than \$330,000 in scholarships since 2000, is awarding \$79,000 in college scholarships this year to the families of 23 licensed backstretch employees, according to a release from the FHBPA Friday.

"The FHBPA is very proud of this year's recipients," said trainer Ron Spatz, co-chairman of the scholarship program along with Kathy Davies. "Since 2000, when this program was started by our late executive director and horseman Kent Stirling, we've seen the impact these scholarships have made for the recipients and their families, who work so diligently and affectionately each day with the horses."

The Kent Stirling Memorial Scholarship Program will be used to further the education of backstretch employees and dependents

attending an accredited college or university undergraduate program and graduate level program. Recipients will be recognized Sunday at Gulfstream Park with brunch in Ten Palms and a winner's circle presentation. They will be joined by Spatz, Davies, and FHBPA assistants Debra Iglesias and Debbie LaRue.

The 23 recipients, listed by the schools they are attending, include:

- Broward College: Valeria Aboughaida, Edgar Agustin, Julio Fernandez, Mia Fernandez, Angie Fuenmayor, Jorge Gallegos, Yiovani Gallegos, Keisha Huerta, Arnold O'Farrill, Erick O'Farrill, Daniela Sanchez;
- Florida International University: Valerie Collazo, Gabrielle Kopach, Katie Ramos;
- University of Florida: Yazmin Agustin, Liseli Coy, Ana Ruiz;
- Nova Southeastern University: Adriana Monterrey;
- University of Central Florida: Nathan Truong;
- Miami Dade College: Yubelki Morales;
- Eastern Michigan University: Ashley Grullon;
- Santa Fe College: Ronald Coy;
- Palm Beach State College: Antonella Pizarro.

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Remember Mamba runs in Saturday's Saratoga Derby | Sarah Andrew

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| 1  | Movie Night      | Speightstown         | WinStar Farm LLC                                                     | Walden    | Ortiz        | 122 |
| 2  | Percy's Bar 🦋    | <b>Upstart</b>       | 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 | <b>Nyquist</b>       | Flying Dutchmen                                                      | Lynch     | Saez         | 122 |
| 5  | Goodall          | Yaupon               | Spendthrift Farm LLC                                                 | Asmussen  | Velazquez    | 122 |
| 6  | On Time Girl 🦋   | <b>Not This Time</b> | Albaugh Family Stables LLC                                           | Cox       | Ortiz, Jr.   | 122 |
| 7  | Explora 🦋        | <b>Blame</b>         | 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, William Heiligbrodt & 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



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| 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      | <b>Liam's Map</b>    | 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            | <b>Kantharos</b>     | 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                         | <b>Not This Time</b>     | West Paces Racing, Rainbow's End Racing Stable and Lyden, Michael P. | Morley             | Carmouche             | 124            |
| 2  | Heeere's Johnny                 | <b>Oscar Performance</b> | 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  | <del>Pacific Avenue (Ire)</del> | <del>Dubawi (Ire)</del>  | <del>Godolphin, LLC</del>                                            | <del>Appleby</del> | <del>Ortiz, Jr.</del> | <del>124</del> |
| 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                        | <b>Practical Joke</b>    | Joseph F. Novogratz                                                  | Robertson          | Santana, Jr.          | 124            |
| 9  | Bottas                          | Vekoma                   | Dahman                                                               | Clement            | Franco                | 124            |
| 10 | West End Kid                    | <b>Twirling Candy</b>    | 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) (Gimmethgreenlight {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



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Saturday, 8/8, Del Mar #3, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT

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

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

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

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

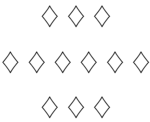
Sunday, 8/9, Mountaineer Casino & Resort #8, post time: 7:55 p.m. EDT

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         | <b>War Dancer</b> | J and N Stables and Diamond M Stable                                  | Nevin     | Ortiz        | 124 |
| 2  | Twenty Six Black     | <b>War Dancer</b> | 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               | <b>War Dancer</b> | 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           | <b>Bucchero</b>   | 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

**Twenty Six Black** (**War Dancer**) benefitted from a very fast pace when winning the Harvey Pack Stakes but may get a similar trip here. Looks like the best closer in a race loaded with early speed. **Doncho** (Mo Town) is another horse who likes to be up front early, but did rate off the pace in the Mighty Beau Stakes at Churchill. Hasn't been running at this level, but the Beyer numbers suggest that he belongs. **John the Beer Man** (More Than Ready) ran a sharp third against Grade I company in the Jaipur Stakes, but is another who wants to be up front early. --*Bill Finley*

**Sunday, 8/9, Del Mar #6, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT****SORRENTO S.-GIII**, \$150,000, 2yo, f, 6f

| PP | HORSE            | SIRE                   | OWNER                                    | TRAINER  | JOCKEY    | WT  |
|----|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----|
| 1  | Dash 🐾           | Cyberknife             | Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners            | McCarthy | Gonzalez  | 118 |
| 2  | Belleza Latina 🐾 | <b>Maclean's Music</b> | Barber, Gary and Kagele, Tom             | Miller   | Jaramillo | 123 |
| 3  | Crazy Hot Mess 🐾 | Pinehurst              | McMillan, Michael and Bryner, Raymond C. | Miller   | Espinoza  | 123 |
| 4  | Ruiva            | <b>Munnings</b>        | Three Chimneys Farm                      | Ward     | Smith     | 123 |
| 5  | Holmby 🐾         | <b>Corniche</b>        | 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

**Ruiva** (**Munnings**) returns from Royal Ascot, where she distinguished herself in the G2 Queen Mary Stakes for Wesley Ward. Was a sharp and fast winner breaking her maiden on the dirt at Churchill in her prior start, beating a filly who came back to win her next start. Surprising to see Bob Baffert have a 2-year-old who cost just \$55,000 at the sales, but **Holmby** (Corniche) doesn't know what she cost and she looked good breaking her maiden. Looks like a two-horse race. **Crazy Hot Mess** (Pinehurst) was dismissed at 29-1 when breaking her maiden at Ellis. Could be the best of the rest. --*Bill Finley*

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**Saturday, 8/8, Woodbine, post time: 5:24 p.m. EDT**

**BISON CITY S., C\$250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

| PP | HORSE            | SIRE              | OWNER                                           | TRAINER      | JOCKEY    | WT  |
|----|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----|
| 1  | Piper's Gift     | Yorkton           | Chiefswood Stables Limited                      | Desruisseaux | Hernandez | 121 |
| 2  | Katie's Grace    | Independence Hall | Chivalry Thoroughbred Racing and Vester, Hubert | Day Phillips | Munger    | 121 |
| 3  | Bold Time        | Not This Time     | Chiefswood Stables Limited                      | Carroll      | Aebly     | 121 |
| 4  | Lake Louise      | Curlin            | D. J. Stable LLC                                | Casse        | Wilson    | 121 |
| 5  | Bossy Candy      | Candy Ride (Arg)  | Tramontin, Gregory and Stevens, Michael         | Casse        | Civaci    | 121 |
| 6  | Glitter and Glow | Nyquist           | Chiefswood Stables Limited                      | Halden       | Moran     | 121 |

**Breeders:** 1-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 2-Northern Dawn Stables Inc & Sandy Giffen, 3-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 4-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 5-A & A Farms and W. S. Farish, 6-Chiefswood Stables Limited

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Red Poppy (Hip 74) | OBS VidHorse

## OMAHA BEACH FILLY ON WHITNEY CARD SIGNALS STRONG SATURDAY SLATE

6th-SAR, \$115K, Msw, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 2:47 p.m. ET.

**RED POPPY** (Omaha Beach) fills an entry box for Spendthrift Farm and trainer Todd Pletcher. The 2-year-old was initially a \$400,000 Fasig-Tipton October buy before running thorough the OBS April sale for \$900,000 (see Summer Breezes). Red Poppy's extended female family includes SW Praetereo (Giant's Causeway) and GI Central Bank Ashland Stakes winner Percy's Bar (**Upstart**). **TJCIS PPS**

1st-SAR, \$115K, Msw, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 11:45 a.m. ET.

Team Valor bred and will race **U.S.S. Valor** (War of Will) who is trained by Shug McGaughey. With a page that includes MGISW Curalina (**Curlin**), the bay put in a sizzling drill two back July 25.

Also ready is \$550,000 Keeneland September grad **Star Salute** (**Maxfield**). Owned by Courtlandt Farms, the Steve Asmussen trainee is a half-sister to MGSW Dr. Venkman (Ghostzapper) and SW Tranche (Collected).

From that same Keeneland auction is **With Luck Forward** (**Nyquist**), who was taken home by Spendthrift and St Elias for \$600,000. The colt is trained by Pletcher.

Other speedsters from the upstate tab to watch here include **Gorillaz** (Bolt d'Oro), who is the younger half-brother to GI Whitney Stakes hopeful Magnitude (**Not This Time**), and **Gaudreau** (**Nyquist**). **TJCIS PPS**

2nd-SAR, \$115K, Msw, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 12:21 p.m. ET.

**Live** (**Life Is Good**) is another member of the Pletcher stable. The \$575,000 Keeneland September purchase by Bridlewood, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Robert LaPenta is out of an unplaced dam who happens to be a half-sister to current sire Mr. Money (Goldencents).

Keeneland September alumni also include \$625,000 buy **Code of Arms** (**Not This Time**), who was sent to Asmussen by Don Adam. Then there is **Mystrix** (**Good Magic**), a \$600,000 pick who went for \$170,000 during the Fasig-Tipton Digital Sale in March 2025. **TJCIS PPS**

5th-ELP, \$100K, Msw, 2yo, 7f, 2:44 p.m. ET.

**Objectivity** (**Hard Spun**)--a Godolphin homebred and Brendan Walsh trainee--is out of SW Always Thinking (**Street Sense**), whose progeny includes MGSW Think Big (**Twirling Candy**) and Canadian GSW Pondering (**Hard Spun**).

Another member of the blue contingent under the care of Eoin Harty is **Cartography** (**Liam's Map**). The first timer's dam is a half-sister to champion 2-year-old filly Folklore (Tiznow). **TJCIS PPS**

8th-SAR, \$115K, Msw, 2yo, 1 1/16mT, 4:00 p.m. ET

An \$875,000 Keeneland September acquisition for St Elias and Repole Stable, **Bold Leadership** (**Not This Time**) heads postward for Pletcher. The juvenile's unraced dam is a full-sister to GI Rebel Stakes winner Confidence Game (**Candy Ride {Arg}**).

Seth Klarman shopped the Tattersalls October Yearling sale and snagged for 360,000gns **Revenue Stream** (**Ire**) (**Kingman {GB}**), who is the first foal for his Irish multiple group stakes placed dam. Chad Brown is the trainer.

Stuart Janney homebred **Port in a Storm** (Uncle Mo) makes the races for trainer Shug McGaughey. The colt is a half-brother to SW Limited Liability (Kitten's Joy). **TJCIS PPS**

9th-ELP, \$100K, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 4:42 p.m. ET.

Making his first appearance at the track for Walsh is **Cazador** (Uncle Mo). The 3-year-old tied for the fourth highest price at the 2025 OBS April sale when he went for a cool \$1.3-million.

**TJCIS PPS**

# SUMMER BREEZES:

Kennynten, He Is No Lie Clash In Best Pal



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

## Saturday, August 8, 2026

### Saratoga 1, \$115k, Msw, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 11:45 a.m. ET

| Horse (Sire)                       | Sale   | Price (\$) | Breeze |
|------------------------------------|--------|------------|--------|
| Bellissimo d'Oro (Bolt d'Oro)      | OBSMAR | 350,000    | :9 4/5 |
| C-Randy Miles, agent; B-Mossarossa |        |            |        |
| Coach's Pals (Highly Motivated)    | OBSMAR | 140,000    | :21    |
| C-Hoppel LLC, agent; B-RAP Racing  |        |            |        |

### Saratoga 2, \$115k, Msw, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 12:21 p.m. ET

|                                                    |        |         |         |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Iron Confessor (Basin)                             | OBSMAR | 190,000 | :10 1/5 |
| C-S B M Training & Sales, agent; B-St Elias Stable |        |         |         |
| Stone Aged (Curlin)                                | OBSAPR | 450,000 | :21 2/5 |
| C-Ocala Stud, agent; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc         |        |         |         |

### Ellis 4, \$53k, Moc, 2yo, (R), 1mT, 2:16 p.m. ET

|                                                                                                 |        |        |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Hit the High Note (Tonalist)                                                                    | OBSJUN | 57,000 | :21 3/5 |
| C-Journeyman Bloodstock (Brent & Crystal Fernung), agent; B-Dare To Dream Stable Management LLC |        |        |         |



Kennynten leads a 'TDN Rising Star' 1-2 into the Best Pal | Benoit

### Saratoga 6, \$115k, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 2:47 p.m. ET

|                                                        |        |         |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Burrata (Early Voting)                                 | OBSMAR | 100,000 | :10 1/5 |
| C-A G Sales; B-Handal Racing, Oracle Bloodstock, agent |        |         |         |
| Dulce Vita (Life Is Good)                              | FTMMAY | 490,000 | G       |
| C-Niall Brennan Stables, agent; B-Sabby Racing         |        |         |         |
| Red Poppy (Omaha Beach)                                | OBSAPR | 900,000 | :20 4/5 |
| C-Tom McCrocklin, agent; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC        |        |         |         |
| Violet the Ultra (Girvin)                              | OBSAPR | 75,000  | :10 1/5 |
| C-Cortez Racing & Sales; B-Joe Sharp, agent            |        |         |         |

### Saratoga 8, \$115k, Msw, 2yo, 1 1/16mT, 4:00 p.m. ET

|                                                                   |        |         |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----|
| Just Joe (Uncle Mo)                                               | OBSAPR | 190,000 | :10 |
| C-Julie Davies LLC, agt; B-Maddie Mattmiller for Swinbank Stables |        |         |     |

### Del Mar 1, \$70k, Moc, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 5:00 p.m. ET

|                                                   |        |        |         |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Character (Cyberknife)                            | OBSAPR | 65,000 | :10 1/5 |
| C-Sequel Bloodstock, agent; B-Peter Miller, agent |        |        |         |
| Shake For One (Tacitus)                           | OBSAPR | 60,000 | :10 1/5 |
| C-Randy Miles, agent; B-Warren Ranch LLC          |        |        |         |

### Dmr 3, Best Pal S.-GIII, \$150k, 2yo, 6f, 6:00 p.m. ET

|                                                   |        |         |        |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|
| He Is No Lie (Early Voting)                       | OBSMAR | 150,000 | :9 4/5 |
| C-L G, agent; B-Purple Rein Racing & Mark Davis   |        |         |        |
| Kennynten (Drain the Clock)                       | OBSMAR | 140,000 | :10    |
| C-Julie Davies LLC, agent; B-Holly & David Wilson |        |         |        |

### Del Mar 7, \$80k, Msw, 2yo, f, (S), 5 1/2f, 8:00 p.m. ET

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



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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**4th-Saratoga, \$110,000, (S), Alw (NW2\$X), Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 8-7, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.26, ft, 3/4 length.**

**ANYWAY (c, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--Alpine Sky, by Indian Charlie),** claimed for \$40,000 out of a debut success in restricted company at Aqueduct this past February, sandwiched a runner-up effort in first-level state-bred allowance June 7 with wins in open company downstate May 15 and over course and distance versus fellow Empire-breds at this venue July 3. The 5-2 second choice was given a quiet ride from Manny Franco through the early exchanges, settling last but one into the turn. Given his cue 2 1/2 furlongs out, Anyway cornered wide into the stretch, surged to the lead deep inside the final furlong and edged clear. Produced by a daughter of Grade III winner Alpine Garden (Lemon Drop Kid), Anyway is kin to a yearling filly by Bolt d'Oro, the final produce of Alpine Sky, who passed away in 2025. Sales history: \$25,000 Ylg '24 SARAUG; \$210,000 2yo '25 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-1, \$231,750. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Three One Five Racing LLC; B-Old Tavern Farm LLC (NY); T-Linda Rice.



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**5th-Monmouth, \$47,050, Alw (NW1\$X), Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 8-7, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.98, ft, nose.**

**TALLMAR (c, 3, Yaupon--La Sirena, by Bernardini),** an easy first-out winner sprinting at Tampa last December, was fourth in a two-turn test Jan. 16 and was making his first appearance since a narrow entry-level allowance victory over six panels in Oldsmar Mar. 21. Off at 90 cents on the dollar, the dark bay colt was kicked straight into the lead by Jose Ferrer, but was forced to do some work through splits of :22.02 and :44.36. Confronted in earnest by Complex Music (**Complexity**) entering the final furlong, Tallmar dug in doggedly and was saved by the wire.

The winner has a once-raced juvenile half-brother named Le Patron (**American Pharoah**), a yearling half-brother by **Blame** and a colt by **City of Light** foaled this season. La Sirena was sent to **Cody's Wish** for her latest mating by these breeders, who also bred GISW and GI Breeders' Cup Sprint candidate T O Elvis (**Volatile**). Sales history: \$85,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP; \$130,000 2yo '25 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$68,490. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Victoria's Ranch & R.T Racing Stable; B-Jeff & Melissa Prunzik (KY); T-Juan Carlos Avila.

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**9th-Ellis, \$99,860, Msw, 8-7, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.71, fm, 3/4 length.**

**ON PAR (g, 3, Hard Spun--Break Even {GSW, \$534,000}, by Country Day)** also trained forwardly for this belated first trip to the races and was well-tried at the windows as the 5-2 second choice. The Klein Family homebred hit the ground running from an outside gate and was content to stalk a strong opening quarter in :21.03 from a close up second. Asked to come after front-running Mr. Vaggio (Caravaggio) with a bit more than an eighth of a mile to travel, On Par eased into a short lead and held sway late as Mr. Vaggio boxed on gamely at the fence. Winner of the 2019 GII Eight Belles Stakes and by a sire known for his turf-sprinting talents, Break Even has a juvenile Nyquist colt named All's Well, a yearling filly by Hard Spun's son Two Phil's and a filly by Oscar Performance foaled this season. She was bred back to Girvin. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$58,396. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O/B-Klein Racing (KY); T-David Fawkes.

[Foaled & Raised at Clarkland Farm for Klein Racing](#)

**5th-Ellis, \$99,830, Msw, 8-7, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.84, fm, 4 lengths.**

**SENECA PARK (f, 2, Golden Pal--Wendy Wow, by Invasor {Arg})** was made just a 12-1 chance on the morning line despite some promising drills at Churchill Trackside, but was ultimately dispatched as the 3-1 favorite with the late scratching of Stonestreet's would-be pick Kilo Juliet (Life Is Good). Fastest of all from the machine beneath Brian Hernandez, Jr., the \$70,000 OBS March breezer took some mild pace pressure to her outside



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from longshot Mon Moment (Tiz the Law) through an opening couple of furlongs in :21.82. Going nicely on the swing for home, Seneca Park was asked to kick in upper stretch and quickened nicely to put four lengths on her rivals at the wire to become a crop-leading 13th winner for her freshman sire (by Uncle Mo). The debuting Olympic Belle (Olympiad--Arrifana) won a photo for second over Godolphin's Hazel Martyn (Good Magic).

Also the dam of the stakes-placed Wow That's Hot (Flameaway) and Nicky Two Shoes (Vancouver {Aus}), Wendy Wow is represented by a yearling Up to the Mark colt and a colt foal by Charge It. The mare was most recently covered by Corniche. Sales history: \$55,000 RNA Ylg '25 KEESEP; \$70,000 2yo '26 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$58,768. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-Holy Cow Stable LLC; B-Southern Comfort Farm LLC (KY); T-Dallas Stewart.

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**6th-Saratoga, \$90,000, Msw, 8-7, 2yo, (R), 6f, 1:12.80, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**CONSTANT FORCE (c, 2, McKinzie--Buy Me a Rose, by Violence)** rang up a remarkable five consecutive riding victories for Manny Franco Friday afternoon at the Spa with this from-the-clouds effort. Dropped straight out to back to race last but one and a good 12 lengths off the pace down the backstretch, the bay--backed into 8-1 from a 15-1 opening price--stumbled at the break and was barely in the frame as the field rounded the turn, with Franco having to nuzzle him along. Constant Force still had it all to do with a monstrous gap to bridge turning for home. Steered out wide in upper stretch, he found his best stride with a furlong to travel and raced over the top of his rivals to win going away. The Juan Carlos Avila barn was also represented by Monmouth allowance winner Tallmar about 20 minutes after Constant Force crossed the line. The unraced Buy Me a Rose is also represented by a yearling Olympiad filly and visited Tapiture for her most recent covering. Sales history: \$60,000 Wlg '24 KEENOV; \$20,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP; \$45,000 RNA 2yo '26 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Jaime Perez; B-C Kidder & N Cole (KY); T-Juan Carlos Avila.



**6th-Del Mar, \$82,000, Msw, 8-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.39, ft, 2 lengths.**

**HIMARI (f, 3, Nyquist--Miz K, by Tapit)** went right to the front on this debut and did not look back, turning away 16-1 longshot Lead the Way Kay (Vekoma) late on the bend to graduate by two lengths as the 8-5 favorite. Out of a winning daughter of GISW Tiz Miz Sue, the victress second winner from three to the races,

and has an unraced juvenile half-brother in England named Tadaraj (**Maxfield**). Miz K, herself a half to GSP-UAE Serein (Uncle Mo) and MSP Surfer Dude (**Curlin**), also claims a 2026 **Gunite** filly to her broodmare tally. She was bred to Taiba for 2027.

Tiz Miz Sue's half-brother is MSW Bulletin (City Zip), who won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint (a Listed race in 2018) and was eventually sold to Australian connections to continue his racing career in the Southern Hemisphere. The second dam is also a half to the mothers of GSW & GISP Souper Sensational (**Curlin**); SW Made Me Shiver (**Maclean's Music**) and her full-sister SP Tiz Splendid News; and MSW Sassy C W (Yaupon). This is the distant female family of GIII Gotham Stakes victor Flood Zone (Frosted). Sales history: \$300,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP; \$375,000 RNA 2yo '25 OBSMAR; \$350,000 2yo '25 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$48,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Baoma Corp; B-Cres Ran LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert.

**3rd-Delaware, \$45,500, Msw, 8-7, 2yo, f, 1m (off turf), 1:42.86, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**URGENT CLAIRE (f, 2, Lookin At Lucky--Awesomeloveofdeoro, by Awesome Again)** was one of two in this off-turf contest with past experience, and the fillies with a race under their belt led the field home. Content to watch Maximus Princess (Maximus Mischief) as that one set an uncontested lead, the 4-1 shot came to the outside entering the lane and overhauled the longtime leader inside the sixteenth marker to win by 2 1/2 lengths in the end. Urgent Claire was last seen July 22 at this venue running a well-beaten second on a muddy track in a maiden that was also taken off the grass. The victress is the first to the races for her dam, and has a pair of half-siblings by Collected--a yearling colt and a 2026 filly named Elizabeth C.. Their dam was bred to **Honor A. P.** for 2027. Sales history: \$11,000 Ylg '25 FTKFEB. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$36,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-DeSales 85 LLC; B-Amy H. Daney Bloodstock (MD); T-Flint W. Stites.



**1st-Monmouth, \$38,000, Msw, 8-7, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.22, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**ALIBI (f, 3, Munnings--Fools Gold {GSW, \$316,520}, by Medaglia d'Oro)** made it fourth-time lucky after previously finding no luck in two jumps as a juvenile and last out Jan. 18 at Gulfstream against maidens over their synthetic track.

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The 4-5 favorite for this fourth jump at 1 1/16-miles, she was never far away from stablemate Blackfin (Ire) (**Kingman {GB}**) and launched her bid from three wide on the last bend. Dueling with the eventual runner-up through the stretch, Alibi eventually got the best of that one and edged away to win by 1 1/4 lengths. It was over 10 lengths back to the third-place horse. The victress is the first winner to the races for her dam. Fools Gold has a juvenile colt in the wings named Gold Runner (**Gun Runner**) as well as a yearling colt by **Essential Quality** and a 2026 filly by **McKinzie**. She was bred to **Oscar Performance** for 2027. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$42,020. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Wise Racing LLC; B-Allen Wise (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.



#### IN SAUDI ARABIA:

**Salateen**, c, 2, **Daredevil**--Carefree Highway, by Creative Cause. Ta'if, 8-7, Maiden, 1200m. B-Blue Devil Racing Stable LLC (KY). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*\$25,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP. **VIDEO**



**Alma'alem**, c, 3, **Maclean's Music**--Stars and Bars, by Bernardini. Ta'if, 8-7, Novice (0-1 wins), 1600m. B-Alpha Delta Stables LLC (KY). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\$77,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT; €120,000 2yo '25 ARQMAY. **VIDEO**



**Badran**, c, 4, **City of Light**--Bold Strike, by **Tapit**. Ta'if, 8-7, Hcp., 1400m. B-Andrew Warren (KY). \*\$70,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

**VIDEO**

**Metallix**, g, 4, **Quality Road**--Bar of Gold (GISW, \$1,551,000), by Medaglia d'Oro. Ta'if, 8-7, Restricted Maiden, 1400m. B-Chester & Mary R Broman (NY). \*\$600,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Coinage (**Tapit**), GSW, \$416,120. **VIDEO**

**Faal Khair**, c, 4, **Tapiture**--Arched, by Arch. Ta'if, 8-7, AlShafa Cup Prep (Allowance), 2000m. B-Best Foot Forward Holdings Inc (PA). \*\$130,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR. **VIDEO**

#### IN RUSSIA:

**Winner Bek**, c, 2, **Connect**--Alessandra, by Notional. Grozny, 8-7, Allowance, 1200m. B-Pippa's Hurricane (KY). \*\$12,000 Ylg '25 KEEJAN.



#### IN SOUTH KOREA:

**Lavender Crown (Kor)**, f, 2, **Honor A. P.**--Lavender Chrissie (SW, \$281,093), by Scat Daddy. Busan, 8-7, Hcp. (C6), B-Kang Tae Ho. \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*\$33,000 i/u '23 KEENOV.

**VIDEO (#1)**



**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**  
2026 Stud Fees Listed

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

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

5-Monmouth, 3:01 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Heirrol, 9-2

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

109 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner

5-Ellis, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Fiestabowlforemike, 10-1

\$90,000 KEE SEP yrl

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

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

3-Del Mar, 6:07 p.m. EDT, \$150K GIII Best Pal S., 6f, Kennytan, 9-5

\$20,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$140,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Early Voting (Gun Runner)**, Taylor Made Farm, \$12,500

116 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners

6-Saratoga, 2:47 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Burrata, 20-1

\$130,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$100,000 OBS MAR 2yo

3-Del Mar, 6:07 p.m. EDT, \$150K GIII Best Pal S., 6f, He Is No Lie, 2-1

\$70,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$150,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Epicenter (Not This Time)**, Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000

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

5-Woodbine, 3:08 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Exile, 3-1

\$45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$250,000 OBS MAR 2yo

6-Delaware, 3:00 p.m. EDT, \$75K Blue Hen S., 6f, Witchy Vibes, 5-2

\$150,000 KEE NOV wnl



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**Flightline** (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$125,000

124 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Saratoga, 2:47 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Aerial Affair, 5-1  
\$300,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Golden Pal** (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000

204 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Colonial Downs, 2:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, La Perico, 30-1  
\$3,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$27,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo; \$18,000 RNA  
OBS OJN 2yo  
6-Delaware, 3:00 p.m. EDT, \$75K Blue Hen S., 6f,  
Martiniwithatwist, 6-1  
\$75,000 FTK JUL yrl

**Greatest Honour** (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500

117 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Monmouth, 3:01 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Albali, 12-1  
RNA OBS OCT yrl  
1-Evangeline Downs, 6:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, G's Soxy, 3-1  
\$19,000 TTA YRL yrl

**Happy Saver** (Super Saver), Airdrie Stud, \$7,500

49 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Delaware, 1:56 p.m. EDT, \$75K Dover S., 6f, Mi Corazoncito,  
12-1

**Highly Motivated** (Into Mischief), Airdrie Stud, \$7,500

98 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Delaware, 3:00 p.m. EDT, \$75K Blue Hen S., 6f, Almas Gone  
Gamblin, 10-1  
\$16,000 EAS OCT yrl  
1-Saratoga, 11:45 a.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Coach's Pals, 15-1  
\$26,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$50,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$140,000 OBS MAR  
2yo

1-Evangeline Downs, 6:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Rushing  
Brooke, 8-1

**Idol** (Curlin), Taylor Made Farm, \$5,000

81 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
4-Thistledown, 1:50 p.m. EDT, \$100K Best of Ohio Miss Ohio S.,  
6f, Box Office Hit, 10-1  
\$30,000 FTK OCT yrl  
2-Thistledown, 12:45 p.m. EDT, \$100K Best of Ohio Cleveland  
Kindergarten S., 6f, Flashy **Idol**, 20-1  
\$17,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

**Jack Christopher** (Munnings), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000

187 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Monmouth, 3:01 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Fun Toph Fun, 7-2  
\$17,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$35,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Jackie's Warrior** (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000

136 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Ellis, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Emperor Jimmu, 8-1  
\$400,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Life Is Good** (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$60,000

133 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Ellis, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Caribbean Life, 9-2  
\$140,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl  
6-Saratoga, 2:47 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Dulce Vita, 9-2  
\$490,000 EAS MAY 2yo  
5-Monmouth, 3:01 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Life Is Legacy, 5-2  
\$100,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$160,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$200,000 RNA  
OBS APR 2yo  
2-Saratoga, 12:21 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Live, 6-1  
\$575,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Mandaloun** (Into Mischief), Juddmonte Farms, \$10,000

100 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-Thistledown, 12:45 p.m. EDT, \$100K Best of Ohio Cleveland  
Kindergarten S., 6f, Book Value, 9-5  
5-Colonial Downs, 2:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Glamour N Glitz, 8-1  
\$120,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl  
5-Woodbine, 3:08 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Lounrobin, 12-1  
\$50,000 KEE SEP yrl  
4-Delaware, 1:56 p.m. EDT, \$75K Dover S., 6f, Lucky Siete, 5-1  
\$77,000 FTK OCT yrl  
6-Saratoga, 2:47 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Rum Twist, 8-1  
\$130,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$260,000 OBS MAR 2yo  
1-Evangeline Downs, 6:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Swiftly  
Engaged, 15-1  
\$10,000 TTA YRL yrl

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**Mr Freeze** (To Honor and Serve), Raimonde Farms  
9 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
4-Thistledown, 1:50 p.m. EDT, \$100K Best of Ohio Miss Ohio S.,  
6f, Chicabee, 6-1

**Mystic Guide** (Ghostzapper), Darley, \$7,500  
101 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
2-Saratoga, 12:21 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Tommy Tang, 12-1  
\$210,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Nashville** (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$12,500  
140 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Ellis, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Radnor Lake, 6-1

**Plainsman** (Flatter), Buck Pond Farm, \$5,000  
9 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Monmouth, 3:01 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Newhope, 8-1  
5-Ellis, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Ragged Sky, 15-1

**Roadster** (**Quality Road**), Ocala Stud, \$7,500  
85 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Gulfstream, 3:00 p.m. EDT, \$100K Scandalous Act S., 6f, Hot  
Rod Honey, 7-5  
\$27,000 KEE NOV wnl

**Speaker's Corner** (**Street Sense**), Darley, \$10,000  
111 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner  
1-Evangeline Downs, 6:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Charming Gail,  
8-1  
\$45,000 TTA YRL yrl  
6-Saratoga, 2:47 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Joy of Life, 8-1

**Knicks Go** | Sarah Andrew

## **SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, AUGUST 8** *2026 Stud Fees Listed*

**Chance It** (Currency Swap), Journeyman Stallions, \$2,000  
39 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Gulfstream, 3:00 p.m. EDT, \$100K Scandalous Act S., 6f, Jost a  
Chance Yadi, 20-1

**Code of Honor** (Noble Mission {GB}), Lane's End Farm  
63 foals of racing age/26 winners/1 black-type winner  
8-Gulfstream, 4:09 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Al Aliyaah, 12-1  
\$19,000 FTD DE yrl

**Essential Quality** (**Tapit**), Darley, \$25,000  
218 foals of racing age/48 winners/8 black-type winners  
6-Saratoga, 2:47 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Norah Begorrah, 10-1  
\$225,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Independence Hall** (**Constitution**), WinStar Farm, \$10,000  
196 foals of racing age/46 winners/2 black-type winners  
9-Woodbine, 5:24 p.m. EDT, \$250K Bison City S., 1 1/16m,  
Katie's Grace, 4-1  
CAN\$10,500 CAN SEP yrl; \$80,000 OBS APR 2yo  
5-Colonial Downs, 2:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Susan B, 7-2  
\$45,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$85,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Knicks Go** (Paynter), Kor, private  
170 foals of racing age/56 winners/3 black-type winners  
9-Colonial Downs, 4:27 p.m. EDT, \$100K Colonial Turf Dash S.,  
6f, Ewing, 15-1  
\$37,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$585,000 OBS APR 2yo

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

196 foals of racing age/44 winners/7 black-type winners  
1-Saratoga, 11:45 a.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Star Salute, 5-1  
\$550,000 KEE SEP yrl

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

224 foals of racing age/63 winners/3 black-type winners  
6-Evangeline Downs, 8:46 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Rockaby Baby, 15-1  
4-Delaware, 1:56 p.m. EDT, \$75K Dover S., 6f, Snowhomish, 7-2

**Uncle Chuck** (Uncle Mo), Journeyman Stud

113 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners  
8-Gulfstream, 4:09 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Grand Bella, 8-1  
\$40,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

**Yaupon** (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$60,000

325 foals of racing age/71 winners/14 black-type winners  
9-Saratoga, 4:36 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Test S. Presented by Ticketmaster, 7f, Goodall, 5-1  
\$62,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$525,000 OBS APR 2yo  
9-Saratoga, 4:36 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Test S. Presented by Ticketmaster, 7f, Sippin Pretty, 6-1  
\$150,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$190,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$75,000 FTK OCT yrl  
8-Colonial Downs, 3:57 p.m. EDT, \$100K Shenandoah S., 6f, Yaudacity, 20-1  
\$190,000 KEE SEP yrl



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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**6th-Ellis, \$102,000**, 8-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:48.98, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

**STEEL (c, 3, Tapit--Snuggs and Kisses {SW, \$288,020}, by Soto)**

Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$131,083. O-Bernard, L. Barrett, and Stephens, Terry L.; B-L.Barrett Bernard (KY); T-William I. Mott.  
\*1/2 to Transatlantic Kiss (Stormy Atlantic), SP, \$203,516; 1/2 to O Besos (Orb), SW & MGSP, \$760,929; 1/2 to Six Percent (Central Banker), SP, \$389,308.

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**7th-Ellis, \$102,000**, 8-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.96, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

**WISCONSIN GAL (f, 4, Army Mule--Dream Sequence, by Forestry)** Lifetime Record: 23-3-5-3, \$289,831. O-Ulman, Louis J. and Vieser II, Walter; B-Resolute Racing Alliance LLC (KY); T-Phillip Capuano. \*\$50,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

**8th-Colonial Downs, \$90,300**, (C), 8-7, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.73, fm, 1/2 length.

**KNOCKANARA (g, 5, Gun Runner--Queen Del Valle {SW, \$186,436}, by Baryshnikov)** Lifetime Record: SP, 14-4-3-2, \$191,415. O-Big Lick Farm; B-Big Lick Farm & Erin Atkiss (MD); T-Sarah Nagle.

**7th-Del Mar, \$81,540**, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 8-6, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:15.88, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

**ATOMIC AGE (g, 4, Justify--American West {SP}, by Curlin)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$110,465. O-James E. Downey; B-White Birch Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Philip D'Amato. \*\$120,000 3yo '25 KEENOV.

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**5th-Saratoga, \$78,000**, Str, 8-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50.21, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

**PAPA YO (g, 5, Protonico--My Girl Corey {SP, \$130,625}, by Warrior's Reward)** Lifetime Record: 23-9-0-2, \$296,101. O-Roddy J. Valente; B-International Equities Holding, Inc. (KY); T-Linda Rice.

**7th-Saratoga, \$78,000**, SAL/Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 8-7, (NW3X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:01.65, fm, neck.

**MONEY MAKES MONEY (g, 5, Kantharos--I Dare U Em {SW, \$132,213}, by Lunarpal)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-3, \$141,500. O-Charles Garvey; B-Twin Magnolia Farm (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro. \*\$35,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$98,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN. \*\*Half to B West (Mineshaft), SP, \$244,350.

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**1st-Colonial Downs, \$72,000**, 8-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:08.76, ft, 8 1/2 lengths.

**QUEEN JUBILEE (f, 4, Authentic--Party Starter {SP, \$123,785}, by Medaglia d'Oro)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$119,580. O-Pick View LLC, Two Eight Racing, Ribble Farms LLC, Quinn's Ride, LLC and Legion Racing; B-Baoma Corp (KY); T-D. Whitworth Beckman. \*\$260,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$250,000 2yo '24 OBSOPN.

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**7th-Colonial Downs, \$45,900**, (NW3L)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 8-7, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.78, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

**THE BRIGADE (g, 4, War of Will--Dido {GSP-Can, MSP-USA, \$165,592}, by Bernstein)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-3, \$133,685. O-Gary Barber and Pantofel Stable LLC; B-Jack Swain (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. \*1/2 to Safe Trip Home (More Than Ready), SW & GSP, \$381,767.

**7th-Evangeline Downs, \$43,000**, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 8-6, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.03, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**EL DINERO (g, 5, El Deal--Money for Makeup {SP}, by Forestry)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 30-9-8-6, \$646,440. O-Tav Enterprises LLC; B-J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA); T-Patrick Devereux, Jr.. \*\$25,000 Ylg '22 LTBSYM; \$36,000 2yo '23 TTAAPR.

**6th-Evangeline Downs, \$42,000**, (S), 8-6, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.51, fm, 3 1/4 lengths.

**DIVA BEACH (f, 4, Omaha Beach--Missy's Advantage {SP}, by Tactical Advantage)** Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-3, \$120,325. O-Mansfield Racing; B-Georgia Farms Inc (LA); T-W. Bret Calhoun. \*\$130,000 Ylg '23 FTKJUL. \*\*1/2 to Good Morning Diva (Lion Heart), MSW & MGSP, \$328,578; 1/2 to Real News (**The Factor**), SW & GSP, \$358,981.

**5th-Penn National, \$37,000**, 8-6, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47.20, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**GOLDEN PLATE (g, 5, Tapit--She's Delightful, by Mission Impazible)** Lifetime Record: 23-4-1-2, \$133,178. O-Peter Kazamias; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD. (KY); T-Paulina Sinnafia. \*\$350,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

**7th-Charles Town, \$36,600**, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 8-6, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.83, gd, 1 length.

**OZONE (g, 5, Mitole--Jersey Jules, by Scat Daddy)** Lifetime Record: 33-9-9-1, \$198,279. O/T-Mike E. Butts; B-Fergus Galvin, Hunter Valley Farm, Baroda Stud & DVR Bloodstock (KY). \*\$130,000 RNA Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$375,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$20,000 2yo '23 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Jeweled Princess (**Cairo Prince**), SW, \$216,276.

**8th-Charles Town, \$36,600**, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 8-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :51.43, gd, 3 3/4 lengths.

**ECHO SEVEN (m, 5, Solomini--Sign Off, by Distorted Humor)** Lifetime Record: 28-8-4-4, \$137,113. O-Valls Thoroughbreds LLC; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC & Spruce Lane Farm (NY); T-Jean L. Adorno. \*\$9,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$11,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN.

**8th-Canterbury, \$24,051**, 8-6, (C), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.35, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

**ZELOS (g, 3, Mo Town--Lisa's Tale, by Tale of the Cat)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$29,075. O-Aithon Stable, LLC; B-Aithon Stable, LLC (KY); T-Valorie Lund. \*\$49,000 RNA Ylg '24 FTKOCT.



The Brigade won the seventh at Colonial | Coady Media

**6th-Arapahoe**, \$20,000, 8-7, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22.83, ft, head.  
**WEDDING GIFT** (g, 4, Gift Box--Wedding Blush {MSP, \$229,465}, by Pure Prize) Lifetime Record: 24-4-10-3, \$66,931.  
 O-Mark N. Hibdon; B-H & E Ranch (KY); T-Mark N. Hibdon.  
 \*\$17,000 Ylg '23 TTAYRL.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Liberty Cat**, c, 2, **Rumpus Cat**--Liberty Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. Del Mar, 8-6, (S), 5ft, :58.07. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$48,000.  
 B-Norman Tavares (CA). \*\$10,000 Ylg '25 FTCAYR.  
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**Zadra**, f, 3, **Bodexpress**--Valravn, by Atticus. Del Mar, 8-6, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.59. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$41,500.  
 B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA). \*\$23,000 Ylg '24 NCAAU.

**Saint Paddy's Day**, g, 3, **Bullsbay**--Saint Dinorah, by St Averil. Charles Town, 8-6, (S), 7f, 1:27.10. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$35,868. B-Ronney Brown (WV). \*1/2 to Air Token (Golden Lad), SW, \$454,033.

**Mobile**, f, 3, **Dialed In**--Transgression, by Into Mischief. Saratoga, 8-7, (S), (C), 5 1/2ft, 1:02.31. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,800. B-Newtownanner Stud Farm (NY).  
 \*\$80,000 Ylg '24 SARAUG. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.

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#### SBM Training Graduate (Susan Montanye)

**Quiet Mischief**, g, 3, **Goldencents**--Lucky Betty (GSP, \$147,336), by **Munnings**. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-6, 1mT, 1:38.39. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$28,128. B-Dennis Park (KY).

**Intothewilderness**, f, 3, **Independence Hall**--Valentine's Pearl, by Speightstown. Saratoga, 8-6, (S), (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:44.63. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-1, \$47,669. B-Windhorse Thoroughbreds LLC (NY). \*\$24,000 RNA Wlg '23 FTNMIX; \$8,000 Ylg '24 KEEJAN; \$17,000 3yo '26 FTDAPR.

**Momentous Affair**, f, 3, **Long River**--Staged Affair (MSW, \$193,287), by Not For Love. Delaware, 8-7, 5f (off turf), 1:00.50. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$39,625. B-Anchor & Hope Farm Inc. (MD). \*\$9,000 Wlg '23 FTIDEC.

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**Money Magic**, g, 3, **Make Music for Me**--Pyrite Blue Magna (SW), by Magna Graduate. Belterra, 8-7, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.45. Lifetime Record: 13-1-2-0, \$24,636. B-Jack Cannon (OH).

**Factor P**, f, 3, **Pavel**--Factor of Two, by **The Factor**. Del Mar, 8-7, (S), 6f, 1:11.92. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$54,500. B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA). \*Full to Stay On the Fence, SP, \$169,040.

**Bourbon Dream**, g, 3, **Quality Road**--The Nightingale, by **Tapit**. Colonial Downs, 8-7, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.92. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$66,342. B-Cypress Creek Equine, LLC (KY).  
 \*\$270,000 RNA Ylg '24 FTKOCT; \$190,000 RNA 2yo '25 FTDJUL.  
 \*\*1/2 to Bless the Broken (Laoban), SW & MGISP, \$734,935.

**Coach Ryan**, g, 3, **Slumber (GB)**--Elevator Shaft, by **Twirling Candy**. Saratoga, 8-7, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:43.53. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$94,600. B-Madaket Stables LLC (NY).

#### Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate

**Joel's Boy**, g, 5, **Greenpointcrusader**--Undeclared Mind, by Discreetly Mine. Charles Town, 8-6, 1 1/16m, 1:49.31. Lifetime Record: 31-1-4-6, \$68,651. B-Randall Mendonsa (FL).

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**Army Mule**, Wisconsin Gal, f, 4, o/o Dream Sequence, by Forestry. ALW, 8-7, Ellis

**Authentic**, Queen Jubilee, f, 4, o/o Party Starter, by Medaglia d'Oro. ALW, 8-7, Colonial Downs

**Bodexpress**, Zadra, f, 3, o/o Valravn, by Atticus. MCL, 8-6, Del Mar

**Bullsbay**, Saint Paddy's Day, g, 3, o/o Saint Dinorah, by St Averil. MSW, 8-6, Charles Town

**Candy Ride (Arg)**, Anyway, c, 3, o/o Alpine Sky, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 8-7, Saratoga

**Dialed In**, Mobile, f, 3, o/o Transgression, by Into Mischief. MCL, 8-7, Saratoga



**Manny Franco enjoyed a six-win day at Saratoga Friday. It was a string topped by Bottas's victory in the GII National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame Stakes. | Sarah Andrew**

**El Deal**, El Dinero, g, 5, o/o Money for Makeup, by Forestry. AOC, 8-6, Evangeline

**Gift Box**, Wedding Gift, g, 4, o/o Wedding Blush, by Pure Prize. ALW, 8-7, Arapahoe

**Golden Pal**, Seneca Park, f, 2, o/o Wendy Wow, by Invasor (Arg). MSW, 8-7, Ellis

**Goldencents**, Quiet Mischief, g, 3, o/o Lucky Betty, by **Munnings**. MSW, 8-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Greenpointcrusader**, Joel's Boy, g, 5, o/o Undeclared Mind, by Discreetly Mine. MSW, 8-6, Charles Town

**Gun Runner**, Knockanara, g, 5, o/o Queen Del Valle, by Baryshnikov. ALW, 8-7, Colonial Downs

**Hard Spun**, On Par, g, 3, o/o Break Even, by Country Day. MSW, 8-7, Ellis

**Independence Hall**, Intothewilderness, f, 3, o/o Valentine's Pearl, by Speightstown. MCL, 8-6, Saratoga

**Justify**, Atomic Age, g, 4, o/o American West, by **Curlin**. AOC, 8-6, Del Mar

**Justify**, Kentucky Belle, f, 3, o/o Dancing Fancy, by Tiznow. GII Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Oaks, 8-7, Saratoga

**Kantharos**, Money Makes Money, g, 5, o/o I Dare U Em, by Lunarpal. STR, 8-7, Saratoga

**Long River**, Momentous Affair, f, 3, o/o Staged Affair, by Not For Love. MSW, 8-7, Delaware

**Lookin At Lucky**, Urgent Claire, f, 2, o/o Awesomeloveofdeoro, by Awesome Again. MSW, 8-7, Delaware

**Make Music for Me**, Money Magic, g, 3, o/o Pyrite Blue Magna, by Magna Graduate. MSW, 8-7, Belterra

**McKinzie**, Constant Force, c, 2, o/o Buy Me a Rose, by **Violence**. MSW, 8-7, Saratoga

**Mitole**, Ozone, g, 5, o/o Jersey Jules, by Scat Daddy. AOC, 8-6, Charles Town

**Mo Town**, Zelos, g, 3, o/o Lisa's Tale, by Tale of the Cat. ALW, 8-6, Canterbury

**Munnings**, Alibi, f, 3, o/o Fools Gold, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 8-7, Monmouth

**Nyquist**, Himari, f, 3, o/o Miz K, by **Tapit**. MSW, 8-6, Del Mar

**Omaha Beach**, Diva Beach, f, 4, o/o Missy's Advantage, by Tactical Advantage. ALW, 8-6, Evangeline

**Pavel**, Factor P, f, 3, o/o Factor of Two, by **The Factor**. MSW, 8-7, Del Mar

**Protonico**, Papa Yo, g, 5, o/o My Girl Corey, by Warrior's Reward. STR, 8-7, Saratoga

**Quality Road**, Bourbon Dream, g, 3, o/o The Nightingale, by **Tapit**. MSW, 8-7, Colonial Downs

**Rumpus Cat**, Liberty Cat, c, 2, o/o Liberty Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. MSW, 8-6, Del Mar

**Slumber (GB)**, Coach Ryan, g, 3, o/o Elevator Shaft, by **Twirling Candy**. MSW, 8-7, Saratoga

**Solomini**, Echo Seven, m, 5, o/o Sign Off, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 8-6, Charles Town

**Souper Speedy**, Souper Effect, g, 4, o/o Cost and Effect, by Artie Schiller. WMC, 8-7, Woodbine

**Tapit**, Golden Plate, g, 5, o/o She's Delightful, by Mission Impazible. ALW, 8-6, Penn National

**Tapit**, Steel, c, 3, o/o Snuggs and Kisses, by Soto. ALW, 8-7, Ellis

**Vekoma**, Bottas, c, 3, o/o Iadorakid, by Lemon Drop Kid. GII National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame S., 8-7, Saratoga

**War of Will**, The Brigade, g, 4, o/o Dido, by Bernstein. OCL, 8-7, Colonial Downs

**Yaupon**, Tallmar, c, 3, o/o La Sirena, by Bernardini. AOC, 8-7, Monmouth



**Coach Ryan | Sarah Andrew**

## ALL READY FOR THE WEEKEND WATCH PARTY?



Some of Saturday's Shergar Cup jockeys, (l-r): Yutaka Take, Jamie Melham, Suraj Narredu, Christophe Lemaire, Luke Ferraris and Jerry Chau ahead of the Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup | Megan Rose Photography

by Tom Frary

It is the weekend of Ascot's Shergar Cup, where Saffie Osborne and Ryan Moore will be joined by the international galacticos Yutaka Take, Vincent Ho and Christophe Lemaire in what amounts to racing's mid-summer fun and games, and overall Saturday is light in terms of gravity.

Haydock is back in action after the famous hole in the track saga and its G3 Rose Of Lancaster Stakes is the centrepiece. As a 10-furlong stepping stone to big autumn targets, it is held in affection by the purists who remember the likes of Greek Dance and Nayef alongside the recent winners Addeybb and Anmaat. Addeybb's owner Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum is represented by Sallaal (Frankel), the Roger Varian-trained half-brother to Benbatl and Elmalka who could turn into one of the end-of-season stories such as his current rate of progress.

Also at Haydock, Wathnan's five-times Group 1 winner **Fallen Angel** (Too Darn Hot) lines up for the Listed Dick Hern Stakes while elsewhere on Saturday Newmarket plays host to the G3 Newsells Park Stud Sweet Solera Stakes for the two-year-old fillies. [Cont. p3](#)

## 'JUST WHAT WE NEEDED': OMBUDSMAN HAS KEY YORK PREP ON JULY COURSE

By Emma Berry

As the prolonged dry spell continues across much of England, Ombudsman had a spin on the grass on Friday morning for the first time since his four-length victory in the Prince of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Ridden by his daily partner Gary Forster, the five-year-old son of Night Of Thunder worked over just less than a mile of Newmarket's July Course in company with Devil's Advocate (Too Darn Hot) and Rob Havlin as he prepares to repeat last year's success in the Juddmonte International Stakes on August 19.

"This is just what we needed as there's no chance of getting on it anywhere else right now," said the duo's co-trainer John Gosden.

"[Ombudsman] had a normal, solid piece of work which is just what we wanted before York. He's a pro now and doesn't want to do anything flashy, not that we wanted it." [Cont. p6](#)



Ombudsman (Gary Forster) and Devil's Advocate (Rob Havlin)

Emma Berry

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## 6 | THE CHICQUITA SESSION LAUNCHED BY GOFFS

*The Chicquita Session, a select section of the Goffs November Breeding Stock Sale, was launched by the sales company on Friday.*

## 7 | ARQANA CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY WITH GOLDEN TICKET

*After 20 years of operation, Arqana has celebrated their anniversary with the Golden Ticket initiative, which will take place on the opening session of the August Yearling Sale later this month.*

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## Weekend Preview Cont. from p1

Godolphin's course-and-distance winner **Graceful Song** (Dubawi) will be hot coming from the Charlie Appleby stable, but there are some other smart prospects lining up for the seven-furlong contest such as Denford Stud's **Martinet** (Frankel), a Sir Mark Prescott-trained daughter of the Group 1 winner Coronet.

Newmarket also witnesses Mike Repole's first British-trained runner as the Roger Varian-trained **Watch Party** (Lope De Vega) appears in the seven-furlong Tattersalls £40,000 newcomers' maiden, which includes Victorious Forever and Duaij Al Khalifa's €1.1 million Arqana May Breeze-Up topper **Lex Victoria** (Sioux Nation). As far as 2027 Classic hopefuls are concerned, Deauville also offers intrigue with the Prix de Crevecoeur and Prix des Marettes full of likely types such as Juddmonte's **Charged** (Kingman), a half-brother to the fellow Francis Graffard-trained class act Sunly (Night Of Thunder).

Things crank up on Sunday, with The Curragh's six-furlong G1 Keeneland Phoenix Stakes looking an open affair with no obvious standard-setter. Ballydoyle's filly **Sun Goddess** (Sioux Nation) was beaten in the Albany before taking the course-and-distance Airlie Stud Stakes and faces fellow TDN Rising Star **Folsom Blues** (Blue Point) representing Al Shira'aa Racing and Joseph O'Brien and the Railway winner **Celeron** (Mohaather).

Folsom Blues drops back in trip after finishing an unlucky

second in Leopardstown's Tyros Stakes, while Celeron looks to provide trainer Michael O'Callaghan with a welcome return to the big time. "I said Celeron wouldn't run over six again after the Railway, but having let the dust settle I felt that it was the right thing to do to let him take his chance in the Phoenix Stakes," he explained. "He's a beautiful physical, about 16 hands and half an inch, he's a good mover, very well balanced and has a great mind." **Cont. p4**



Multiple Group 1 winner Fallen Angel returns | Emma Berry

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"I think a mile is ultimately his optimum trip," he added. "He could take his chance in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, which is a sharp mile. From when I got into racing the Breeders' Cup was always the pinnacle. The way the Americans produce the whole thing, it's just something people within racing aspire to have runners at. Seeing Ger Lyons win there with Magnum Force was unbelievable, it makes you aspire to try and achieve that."

Keep an eye on the seven-furlong Grand Hotel Malahide Irish EBF Fillies Juvenile Race, which has been won in recent times by Diamond Necklace and Hydrangea. Maybe **City Of Troy's** half-sister **Exceptionally** (Into Mischief) could enhance her outstanding pedigree, while the following Guidenstown Stud Irish European Breeders Fund Maiden is where **Delacroix**, Diego Velazquez, Al Riffa and Thunder Moon first entered the winner's spot. Aidan O'Brien's trio are headed by the 1.3million gns Tattersalls October Book 1 sensation **Shakespeare** (Dubawi), who is looking to get it done at the third time of asking.

Sunday's other Group 1s are Deauville's Prix Maurice De Gheest staged in memory of Louis Romanet, and Hoppegarten's Grosser Preis von Berlin. In the former, the 1,000 Guineas heroine **True Love** (**No Nay Never**) looks to benefit from a weaker-than-usual edition of the niche 6 1/2-furlong test but she faces France's best sprinter in the up-and-coming **Stolen Kiss** (Chachnak). His narrow Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes defeat mixing it with Almeraq, Satono Reve and Joliestar makes him very dangerous in what amounts to a relative class drop. In Germany, the Deutsches Derby hero **Dardanos** (Soldier Hollow) takes on his elders in the mile-and-a-half feature. Only Torquator Tasso has managed to upstage the older brigade in recent times, so eyes peeled.

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## FRANKEL'S DESERT CASTLE IMPRESSES WITH TDN RISING STAR DISPLAY AT HQ

by Sean Cronin

Bettors suspected something was afoot and hammered the Godolphin homebred **Desert Castle (Frankel)** into 1-2 favouritism for Friday evening's Zyn Frontrunner EBF Newcomers' Confined Maiden Stakes at Newmarket, and the imposing bay duly delivered in eyecatching fashion to earn a TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard, on debut.

"He's a very nice horse, I have been lucky to sit on him a bit at home and I really liked him coming into today, said Billy Loughnane of the sire's 51st Rising Star. "He did everything right, but he had a good look around when he hit the front. He's got plenty to improve on still, but he's definitely got the potential to be smart. He's a horse that travels well through his paces and, with pace on and something to aim at in a stakes race, he could be even better."

Charlie Appleby added, "He is a brother to Group 1 horses, so that is a help, but his homework had been good and we came up here with confidence. I would probably stick him into a novice next time as he looked a bit raw there."

The G2 Champagne Stakes and G1 Vincent O'Brien National Stakes entry was a shade hesitant from the stalls and tanked



Frankel | Bronwen Healy

along behind the leaders in fifth through the initial factions of the seven-furlong contest.

Cruising forward hard on the steel from halfway, he seized control soon after passing the quarter-mile marker and surged clear, despite drifting left on the climb, to easily overpower **Sommood (Kingman)** by an impressive 3 1/2 lengths.

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### 1st-Newmarket Cont.

Desert Castle is the 11th of one dozen foals and sixth scorer out of G2 Flying Childers victrix Sand Vixen (Dubawi), herself a half-sister to Listed-winning G3 Greenham third So Will I (Inchior) and to the dams of the G3 Prix Eclipse runner-up King Of Spades (Foxwedge) and the stakes-placed Irish Gent (Ten Sovereigns).

He is a full-brother to G1 Jebel Hatta hero Dream Castle, the multiple Grade I-placed G2 Cape Verdi and G2 Balanchine victrix With The Moonlight and a yearling colt.

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**1st-Newmarket, £13,000, Mdn, 8-7, 2yo, 7fT, 1:25.91, g/f.**

**DESERT CASTLE (GB), c, 2, by Frankel (GB)**

**1st Dam: Sand Vixen (GB) (GSW-Eng), by Dubawi (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Fur Will Fly (GB), by Petong (GB)**

**3rd Dam: Bumpkin (GB), by Free State (Ire)**

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,014. \*Full to Dream Castle (GB), G1SW-UAE, MGSP-Eng & GSP-Tur; and With The Moonlight (Ire), GSW & MGISP-US, MGSW-UAE, SW-Eng, GISP-Can. **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

O/B-Godolphin; T-Charlie Appleby; J-Billy Loughnane.

## EUROPEAN NEWS

### Ombudsman Cont. from p1

Godolphin's Ombudsman is likely to face the Aidan O'Brien-trained Prix du Jockey Club and Eclipse Stakes winner **Constitution** River (Wootton Bassett) on the Knavesmire as well as Juddmonte's recent G2 York Stakes winner Item (**Frankel**). Diamond Necklace (**St Mark's Basilica**) and Almaqam (Lope De Vega) are also among the entries for the £1.5m contest, while the Aga Khan Studs' Zaydamm (Dubawi) is the sole potential runner from outside Britain and Ireland.

Gosden confirmed that he would be running a pacemaker, which is likely to be Ombudsman's work-mate Devil's Advocate. He said, "You've got an exceptional three-year-old in there, as well as ourselves, but don't forget the others in the race. People often concentrate on two horses and ignore everyone else."

"We'll have one pacemaker in there and I'm sure Aidan will. I expect a really truly run race. The race was a bit of a muddle last year as the effective pacemaker was ridden by a Japanese

jockey [Keita Tosaki on Danon Decile] who had never ridden at York before. Rab [Havlin] was ignored on Birr Castle, who went a good pace and still finished third.

"I don't see them letting pacemakers go 25 lengths in front. Our fellow picked up well and went away from them last year but I would imagine it would be a more conventional race this time. The pacemakers did a good job at Ascot last time and they didn't get in anyone's way, which is how it should be."

Of later-season targets for Ombudsman, Gosden added, "If you think of his programme this year, he was in full training in the winter to run in Dubai in March and, as it was the 40th anniversary of the Dubai World Cup, it was important he was there."

"We let him down then back up for the Group 3 [Brigadier Gerard] at Sandown, where he wasn't fully tuned up. He's then gone to Royal Ascot, following which we have let down again with the autumn in mind, which is why we missed the Eclipse."

"We'll see how we are but he'll have the Champion Stakes and Breeders' Cup to consider for his autumn programme."

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## GOFFS LAUNCHES THE CHICQUITA SESSION AT NOVEMBER BREEDING STOCK SALE



Goffs launched The Chicquita Session on Friday | Goffs

The Chicquita Session, a new select section within the Goffs November Breeding Stock Sale that will offer a curated selection of Europe's most desirable fillies and broodmares, was launched by Goffs on Friday.

Named after the Classic-winning filly Chicquita, whose €6 million sale at Goffs in 2013 was a defining moment in the company's history, the session will be limited to a maximum of 25 lots to be offered on the Friday evening at the Goffs November Breeding Stock Sale. [Cont. p7](#)

### The Chicquita Session Cont.

The idea of a standalone section of elite bloodstock being offered within a sale in Europe has already been implemented with huge success by Tattersalls, with the Sceptre Sessions of the company's December Breeding Stock Sale now one of the highlights in the sales calendar. Meanwhile, Fasig-Tipton's Night of the Stars sets pulses racing in America every year.

Goffs chief Henry Beeby outlined how he wishes to replicate such successes at Goffs through The Chicquita Session, which will be open to Group 1, 2 and 3 performers, stakes-winning or stakes-producing mares, exceptional young broodmares in foal to elite stallions and fillies from internationally recognised families. Invitation-only consignments may also be a feature of the sale.

He said, "Goffs has never lacked the ability to sell exceptional fillies and mares. For more than a decade, we have delivered outstanding results whenever we have been entrusted with elite breeding stock. Indeed, many of the most memorable moments in global bloodstock sales during that timeframe have been at Goffs November Sale."

Beeby added, "The Chicquita Session is a natural evolution for Goffs. We have all seen how elite sessions at the major international breeding stock sales elevate buyer engagement and vendor confidence, and Goffs now seeks to mirror this in offering vendors and buyers an opportunity to sell and buy the best here in Ireland. We are particularly inspired by the phenomenal success of Fasig-Tipton's Night of the Stars over the past 10 years, and our ambition is to build something with a distinct Goffs identity that rewards quality and offers a customer experience like no other as a result of the very personal service we can provide."

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## 20TH ANNIVERSARY GOLDEN TICKET LAUNCHED BY ARQANA

To celebrate its 20th anniversary, Arqana will introduce a brand-new initiative at the August Sale, which runs from August 15-17. The 20th Anniversary Golden Ticket initiative will take place during Arqana's opening session on Saturday, August 15.

The 80-lot opening session will see 10 lots randomly selected in advance, and those lots will be associated with a €30,000 Golden Ticket. The voucher will be awarded to the purchaser of the selected lot, provided it is sold in the ring. It will take the form of a €30,000 credit to be used towards a second purchase made during the August Sale.

To determine the 10 randomly selected lots, the draw will take place under the supervision of a judicial officer at Arqana's offices on Saturday, August 15. All 10 Golden Ticket lots will remain confidential until they enter the ring to sell. Then, an



The 20th Anniversary Golden Ticket will kick off opening day of the August Sale | Arqana

announcement will be made live during each €30,000 Golden Ticket lot.

Arqana president Olivier Delloye said, "Since its inception, Arqana has always sought to innovate in the best interests of its clients. As we celebrate our 20th anniversary, the August Sale provides the perfect opportunity to reward the loyalty of our buyers with an original initiative.

"In that spirit, we have decided to introduce 10 €30,000 Golden Tickets during the opening session. This initiative will reward those buyers active on Saturday evening, who will once again have every chance of discovering a future champion such as Sottsass, Look de Vega or Balantina, all recent Group 1 winners who were catalogued on the first day of the sale."

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## RECORD-BREAKING BROODMARE IMMORTAL VERSE DIES AT 18

Multiple Group 1 winner and dual Group 1 producer **Immortal Verse** (Pivotal) has died at Coolmore's Ashford Stud in Kentucky, the organisation announced on Friday. She was 18.

Bred and raced by Richard Strauss of Kilfrush Stud, she went into training with Robert Collet. A winner and second in the G3 Prix d'Aumale at two, she improved at three, taking the G2 Prix de Sandringham, the G1 Coronation Stakes, and the G1 Prix du Jacques le Marois in succession. Retired with a mark of 11-4-1-1 and \$1,053,873 in earnings, she was offered for sale in foal to Dansili by Mount Coote Stud on behalf of new owners Merriebelle Stable during the 2013 Tattersalls December Mares Sale. Acting for the Coolmore partners, BBA Ireland paid 4.7 million gns, a new European record price for a broodmare.



Immortal Verse | Scoop Dyga

### Arqana's Golden Ticket Cont.

At stud, Immortal Verse left seven foals with seven runners and six winners highlighted by Group 1 winners Tenebrism (Caravaggio) and **Henri Matisse** (Wootton Bassett), as well as G2 Airlie Stud Stakes heroine Statuette (**Justify**). Her legacy continues with talented juvenile Aix La Chapelle (**Justify**), who holds entries in both top-level two-year-old races on Irish Champions Weekend next month for Aidan O'Brien. **Henri Matisse**, who landed the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf and the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, covered his first book of mares this spring at Coolmore's Castlehyde Stud.

Immortal Verse was out of Listed Prix la Camargo winner and G3 Prix Fille de l'Air second Side Of Paradise (Sadler's Wells), herself a half-sister to notable champion and sire Last Tycoon.

Coolmore said in a statement, "Immortal Verse was one of the finest racemares of her generation and has established herself as one of the outstanding broodmares of the modern era. She will be sadly missed by those who cared for her during her time at Coolmore."

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## ED CRISFORD'S DUBAI MOVE DELAYED UNTIL OCTOBER

Ed Crisford, **who announced a move to train under his own name in Dubai in April**, will delay that journey until October, he confirmed on Friday. Crisford will be a private trainer for Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

Currently, Ed Crisford trains alongside his father Simon, with their partnership on the licence beginning in 2020. The duo have sent out several big-race winners, including multiple Group 1 winner-turned-stallion Vandeeck (Havana Grey). The Crisfords, who have a satellite yard in Dubai, have saddled Quddwah (**Kingman**) to place in the G1 Dubai Turf, while Meydaan

(**Frankel**) was third in the G1 Dubai World Cup, and Title Role (Too Darn Hot) won the Jumeirah 2000 Guineas over the winter. Algiers (Shamardal) was second in the Dubai World Cup in 2023 for the duo.

"It's off-season now so I'm actually going to go full-time in October," Crisford said. "I will relocate after the sales. It's the off-season out there, with all the yearlings sales coming up and I need to be doing them so I think once that happens, I'll go out properly."

"I'm not nervous at all because I've lived there my whole life. I've grown up there, I went to school there when I was a kid and my dad was at Godolphin. I know it very well so I'm not nervous at all."

"There's lots going on at Gainsborough and with my dad, and it's nice to see the season out and go there afterwards."

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

**Saturday, August 8, 2026:**

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Dubawi Legend (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Starfield Stud  
42 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:30-NEWMARKET, 7f, **Desert Legend (Ire)**  
€8,000 Goffs February Sale 2025; £35,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

13:55-NEWMARKET, 75K GIII The Newsells Park Stud Sweet Solera Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3) 7f, **Harlequin Sky (Ire)**  
£10,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025; £21,000 Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2026

**Minzaal (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud  
115 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner  
14:30-NEWMARKET, 7f, **Rhodes Runner (Ire)**  
75,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

**Naval Crown (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud  
71 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
19:10-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, **Norfolk Dream (Ire)**  
36,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 27,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

**State of Rest (Ire)** (**Starspangledbanner** {Aus}), Rathbarry Stud  
79 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
19:10-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, **Chaise Longue (GB)**  
€58,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 38,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2025

## FRANCE

**Baaeed (GB)** (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), Beech House Stud  
118 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, **Gemini (Fr)**  
€800,000 Arqana Deauville August Yrlg Sale 2025

**Minzaal (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud  
115 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner  
4-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, **Gouyar (Ire)**  
€10,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; €27,000 Goffs  
Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025; £30,000 RNA Goffs UK 2yo  
Breeze Up Sale 2026

**Naval Crown (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud  
71 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, **Strong Crown (Ire)**

**State of Rest (Ire)** (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**), Rathbarry Stud  
79 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, **Majestic Pearl (Fr)**  
€155,000 Arqana Deauville August Yrlg Sale 2025

**Texas (Fr)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}), Castillon Stallions  
29 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-DEAUVILLE, 54.9K PRIX DE LA VALLEE D'AUGE1000m, **La Belle  
Isola (Fr)**

**Thunder Moon (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}), Castillon Stallions  
53 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, **Tortsanlot (GB)**  
€32,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearling Sale 2025



Texas has a runner in Deauville | Castillon Stallions

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

### NEWMARKET DEBUT FOR ARQANA MAY BREEZE-UP TOPPER LEX VICTORIA

**3.05 Newmarket, Debutantes, 2yo, f, 7fT**

**LEX VICTORIA (IRE)** (**Sioux Nation**) is the day's stand-out newcomer, being the €1.1million Arqana May Breeze-Up topper debuting for Victorious Forever and Duaij Al Khalifa and the Crisfords in the maiden the stable won 12 months ago with their TDN Rising Star Zanthos. The daughter of the Stakes winner Porthilly (Pivotal) encounters Godolphin's **Danse Royale (GB)** (**Dubawi {Ire}**), a Charlie Appleby-trained daughter of the Natalma Stakes heroine La Pelosa (Dandy Man).

**3.50 Deauville, Debutantes, 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2fT**

**CHARGED (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**) represents Juddmonte and the Francis Graffard stable responsible for his upwardly-mobile half-sister Sunly (Night Of Thunder) who is a true Group 1 filly at this stage. Starting out in this often-informative Prix de Crevecoeur won in 2017 by the subsequent Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero Olmedo and in which Persian King was second in 2018, the son of the E. P. Taylor Stakes runner-up Suffused (Champs Elysees) encounters **Critical Thinker (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**), a Andre & Lavinia Fabre-trained 600,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 graduate whose dam is the Give Thanks Stakes winner Rumbles Of Thunder (Night Of Thunder).

**4.32 Deauville, Debutantes, 2yo, f, 7 1/2fT**

**GEMINI (FR)** (**Baaeed {GB}**) debuts for Al Shira'aa Racing in this Prix des Marettes won in the past by the future luminary Zagora, having cost the operation €800,000 at Arqana Deauville August. Mario Baratti introduces the half-sister to the classy duo Arabian Crown (Dubawi) and The Juliet Rose (Monsun) in a field which includes Cuadra Mediterraneo's homebred **Mayra (Fr)** (**Zarak {Fr}**), a Mauricio Delcher-Sanchez-trained daughter of the Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up Marieta (**Siyouni**).

### HOW THEY FARED

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

**Oh Sweet Adare (Ire)** (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**), the 900,000gns Tattersalls October Book 2 topper, was disappointing on debut fading to be last of the four runners.

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# BRITAIN

## Friday's Results:

**2nd-Musselburgh, £25,000, Novice, 8-7, 2yo, 5f 1yT, :59.52, gd.**  
**MINSTER MAN (IRE) (c, 2, Blackbeard {Ire}--Spurofthemoment {GB}, by Brazen Beau {Aus})**, runner-up to the potentially smart filly Evenfall on debut at Yarmouth last month, started alertly to lead. Hassled inside the final two furlongs, the 3-1 second favourite stayed strong to score by 1 3/4 lengths from Sod Hall Lane (Blue Point) and provide his first-crop sire with his 12th winner.

The dam, whose yearling filly by Calyx is catalogued in the upcoming Goffs Orby Book 2, is a half to Prix du Gros-Chene-placed A Momentofmadness (Elnadim) whose family includes the Puerto Rico champion Elegancia (Mr Speaker). Sales history: €50,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOF; £78,000 2yo '26 GOUKB. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$20,726. O-Middleham Park Racing XCVII; B-Philip & Orla Hore; T-Robert Cowell.

**5th-Haydock, £13,000, Novice, 8-7, 2yo, f, 6f 212yT, 1:29.61, gd.**

**SILVER SOVEREIGN (GB) (f, 2, Ten Sovereigns {Ire}--Silver Dawn {GB}, by Dark Angel {Ire})**, runner-up to a hardened peer at Salisbury last month, raced towards the rear throughout the early stages. Staying on strongly to wear down Syndicale (Ten Sovereigns) with half a furlong remaining, the 7-4 second favourite asserted to secure a half-length verdict over that half-sister to Ombudsman.

The winner is the first foal out of the dam, a half-sister to the Group 3 winners Dancing Star (Aqlaam) and Foxtrot Lady (Foxwedge) with the former responsible for the Group 3-placed Planet Seeker (Blue Point). A granddaughter of the owner-breeder's Nunthorpe heroine Lochangel (Night Shift), whose half-sister was the famous Lochsong, she has a yearling filly by Nathaniel and a filly foal by Naval Crown to come. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$13,191. O-Mr J C Smith; B-Littleton Stud; T-Clive Cox.

**3rd-Newmarket, £10,000, Novice, 8-7, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.48, g/f.**

**NABATI (IRE) (c, 2, Night Of Thunder {Ire}--Pronouncement {GSP-Ire}, by Declaration Of War)**, who went from a Yarmouth debut win to splitting the unbeaten Arapaho Gold and the subsequent Prix de Cabourg runner-up Agamemnon in Newbury's Rose Bowl Stakes last month, tracked the leader Tawakal (Starspangledbanner) from the outset. Needing

virtually all of the trip to get to that rival, the 2-5 favourite stayed on powerfully to collar him near the line and score by a head.

"Billy [Loughnane] said he loved the way he got into a rhythm--in the dip we were just scrambling a bit and the first thing he said was to step him up to seven," trainer Charlie Appleby said. "First time out, it was like a piece of exercise and so Newbury was like his first race. He was tough there and we'll look at something like the [Listed] Flying Scotsman."

The Group 3-placed dam, who is also responsible for the Listed-placed Chicago Call (Oasis Dream) who was also fourth in last year's Richmond, hails from the family of the Graded-Stakes winners Gaff (Maria's Mon) and Durante (Distorted Humor). Her filly foal is by Mehmas. Sales history: 850,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 3-2-1-0, \$28,702. O-Godolphin; B-Forenaghts Stud; T-Charlie Appleby.

**4th-Haydock, £13,000, Mdn, 8-7, 2yo, 7f 212yT, 1:42.61, gd.**

**BURNING UP (GB) (c, 2, Too Darn Hot {GB}--Elasia {GB}, by Nathaniel {Ire})**, a 4-1 shot on debut, was a touch lethargic throughout the early stages racing towards the rear. Engaging to swamp Arthurian (Camelot) inside the final furlong, the homebred surged to the line to record an authoritative 2 3/4-length success.

"He was very green and although he goes okay at home, we didn't expect him to win the way he did today," jockey Clifford Lee said. "He'll sharpen up and progress a lot for this. He was slowly into stride and I was struggling to hold a position, but he picked up nicely. Probably, by his pedigree, he'll be a mile-and-a-quarter horse later on."

The dam, whose first foal was the Aphrodite Stakes winner and Fillies' Mile and May Hill Stakes runner-up Novakai (Lope De Vega), is a daughter of the Listed-placed Elas Diamond (Danehill Dancer) who was responsible for the Listed scorer and the Prix de Malleret-placed Elas Ruby (Raven's Pass). A granddaughter of the Lancashire Oaks winner and multiple Group 1-placed Ela Athena (Ezzoud), her 2026 colt is a full-brother to Novakai. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,445. O-Exors of the Late Sheikh Mohammed Obaid; B-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; T-Karl Burke.

**2nd-Newmarket, £12,000, Mdn, 8-7, 2yo, f, 8fT, 1:39.27, g/f.**

**ZARAKOVA (GB) (f, 2, Zarak {Fr}--Illustrating {GB} {GSP-Eng, GSP-Fr}, by Showcasing {GB})**, runner-up over seven furlongs at Epsom last month, was sent straight to the lead. Fighting hard all the way to the line, the 6-4 favourite had a neck to spare over Lily Pink (Cracksman) at the line. [Cont. p11](#)

## 2nd-Newmarket Cont.

The winner is the first foal out of the dam, who was placed in the Cornwallis Stakes and Prix d'Arenberg as a two-year-old and is a daughter of the Coronation Stakes heroine and 1,000 Guineas runner-up Maids Causeway (Giant's Causeway). Also a half to **Frankel's** Nassau Stakes and The Very One Stakes winner Elizabeth Way, her yearling colt by Havana Grey is due to sell at the upcoming Tattersalls October Book 1 while she also has a filly foal by Dark Angel. Sales history: 190,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$12,784. O-Hussain Alabbas Lootah; B-Branton Court Stud LLP; T-Andrew Balding.

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**1st-Haydock, £13,000, 8-7, 3yo/up, 10f 42yT, 2:13.67, gd.**  
**ANCESTOR (GB) (g, 3, **Sea The Stars {Ire}**--Tidal Stream {GB}, by Redoute's Choice {Aus})** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$19,131. O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing - Oak; B-Highclere Stud & Sunderland Holding Inc; T-William Haggas. \*200,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Prosperity Angel (GB), f, 2, Harry Angel (Ire)**--El Hadeeyah (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Thirsk, 8-7, 5fT, :58.57. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$8,623. B-Sally Nicholls. \*£50,000 Ylg '25 GOFFUK; 38,000gns RNA 2yo '26 TATBRE.  
**Enamored (GB), f, 2, Space Blues (Ire)**--Red Box (GB) (SW-Eng), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). Brighton, 8-7, 5f 215yT, 1:11.57. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$7,776. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd. \*9,000gns Wlg '24 TADEWE; 27,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT.

## IRELAND

### Friday's Results:

**COOLMORE STUD CHURCHILL STAKES (EL GRAN SENOR STAKES)-Listed, €50,000, Gowran, 8-7, 2yo, 8fT, 1:39.47, gd.**

**1--SERGEI DIAGHILEV (IRE), 131, c, 2, by Wootton Bassett (GB)**

**1st Dam: Embellish (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Inca Princess (Ire), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**

**3rd Dam: Miletrian (Ire), by Marju (Ire)**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Westerberg, Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Embellish Syndicate; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Wayne Lordan. €30,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$51,658. \*Full to Endorsement (Ire), SW & MGSP-Ire, MGSP-Eng.

**2--City Of Dubai (Ire), 131, c, 2, Mehmas (Ire)**--Angels Story

(Ire), by Galileo (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€260,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY). O-Bond Thoroughbred Ltd; B-John Connaughton; T-Paddy Twomey. €10,000.

**3--Bellesque (Ire), 126, f, 2, St Mark's Basilica (Fr)**--Belesta (GB), by Xaar (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Mrs E Irwin & Mrs John Magnier; B-Rockhart Trading Ltd; T-Joseph O'Brien. €5,000. Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 2.50, 2.25, 3.33. Also Ran: Sea Of Rain (Ire), Venetian Power (Ire), Full Volume (Fr).

Aidan O'Brien trainee Sergei Diaghilev was one-for-two heading into this second stakes start and delved into deep reserves to secure a career high in determined fashion.

He had previously beaten a quality field when shedding maiden status over six furlongs at the Curragh in May and followed up that debut score with a ninth, within five lengths of the winner King Of Cloughan, in June's Listed Windsor Castle last time.

"For some reason it never happened for him in Ascot and coming here we thought the step up in trip wouldn't be an issue," said Ballydoyle's Chris Armstrong. "First time round a turning track, Wayne [Lordan] gave him a lovely ride. He got a lovely lead off Colin [Keane aboard Sea Of Rain] and in fairness, when Billy [Lee aboard City Of Dubai] came to him, it actually helped him and he really hit the line strong. On paper, it looked a very competitive Listed race and you could nearly say it was a Group 3. They were all there and Wayne said it rode a good race. Trip-wise, he is grand at that [one mile] and you could even bring him back to seven [furlongs]. It was lovely ground today and he'll handle an ease in the ground. He handles good ground, he won't be short of options come the end of the year and something like the [G2] Champagne might suit."

The 5-2 second favourite was swiftly into stride from the outside gate and stalked the pace in second for the most part.

Coming under pressure to launch his challenge off the home turn, he gained an edge with a quarter-mile remaining and was driven out inside the final furlong to withstand the persistent threat of City Of Dubai by 3/4-of-a-length.

Sergei Diaghilev, who becomes the 92nd stakes winner for his sire, is the second foal and Listed scorer out of an unraced Galileo full-sister to seven black-type performers headed by G1 Criterium International-winning sire **Johannes** Vermeer, G2 Kilboy Estate Stakes victrix Elizabeth Browning and the Group 1-placed duo Wembley and Covent Garden.

The winner, whose third dam is G2 Ribblesdale Stakes victrix Miletrian (Marju), is a full-brother to the multiple Group-placed Listed King George V Cup victor Endorsement and a weanling colt. He is also kin to a yearling filly by **Little Big Bear**.

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## CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**6th-Gowran**, €18,000, 8-7, 3yo/up, 8ft, 1:38.71, gd.  
**BENEVENTO (IRE)** (g, 4, **Wootton Bassett {GB}**--**Pollyana {Ire}**  
**{GSW & G1SP-Fr}**, by **Whipper**) Lifetime Record: SW-Eng,  
 11-3-1-1, \$91,430. O-Amo Racing Limited; B-J Wall & E Kennedy;  
 T-Robson De Aguiar. \*€140,000 Wlg '22 GOFNO1; 140,000gns  
 Ylg '23 TATOCT; 20,000gns 2yo '24 TATBRE.

## FRANCE

## CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**1st-Clairefontaine**, €25,600, Cond, 8-7, 3yo, 12ft, 2:36.70, sf.  
**NOW FOR GLORY (GER)** (c, 3, **Almanzor {Fr}**--**Now Forever**  
**{Ger}** {SP-Ger}, by **Tiger Hill {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0,  
 €26,430. O/B-Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges; T-Nicolas Clement  
 & Flo Hermans. \*1/2 to Now We Know (Kendargent), GSP-Fr.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Estivale (GB)**, f, 3, **Kingman (GB)**--**Polynesienne (GB)**, by **Dansili**  
 (GB). Clairefontaine, 8-7, 7ft, 1:24.10. B-Dayton Investment  
 Breeding Ltd.

**Kyoto Spirit (Ire)**, c, 3, **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**--**Belle Isle**  
 (GB), by **Pastoral Pursuits (GB)**. Clairefontaine, 8-7, 7ft,  
 1:24.00. B-Lynch-Bages Ltd & Rhinestone Bloodstock.  
 \*€50,000 Ylg '24 GOFOR1; £90,000 2yo '25 GOFBRE. \*\*1/2 to  
 Abel Handy (Ire) (Arcano {Ire}), GSW-Eng; and Woody Creek  
 (GB) (Zoffany {Ire}), GSP-Ire.

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## ★ TDN RISING STAR ★

### Star Catcher (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire})

Owner: Mr A. E. Oppenheimer  
 Breeder: Hascombe & Valiant Studs (GB)  
 Trainer: John Gosden

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**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  | <del>Danger Bay (Ire)</del> | <del>New Bay (GB)</del> | <del>Ms Fiona Carmichael &amp; Ballylinch Stud</del> | <del>SCR</del>      | <del>SCR</del> | <del>SCR</del> |
| 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, 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, Haydock, post time: 15:00**

**THE IRISH STALLION FARMS BFB 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  | Aviatrice (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: 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].

**Sunday, The Curragh, post time: 16:00**  
**KEENELAND PHOENIX STAKES-G1**, €240,000, 2yo, c/f, 6fT

| SC | HORSE                  | SIRE                    | OWNER                                    | TRAINER                | JOCKEY                 | WT  |
|----|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 1  | Carry The Flag (Ire)   | No Nay Never            | Smith,Magnier,Tabor,Westerberg,Brant     | A P O'Brien            | Ronan Whelan           | 131 |
| 2  | Celeron (GB)           | Mohaather (GB)          | Kennedy,Kupryte,Fleming,Medallion,Weston | M D O'Callaghan        | Oisin Murphy           | 131 |
| 3  | Folsom Blues (Ire)     | Blue Point (Ire)        | Al Shira'aa Racing                       | Joseph Patrick O'Brien | Dylan Browne McMonagle | 131 |
| 4  | King Of Cloughan (Ire) | St Mark's Basilica (Fr) | Michael Hilary Burke                     | Joseph Patrick O'Brien | J Sheridan             | 131 |
| 5  | The Scallionator (Ire) | Calyx (GB)              | Clearys Syndicate                        | Michael Mulvany        | Wesley Joyce           | 131 |
| 6  | Tribeca (Ire)          | Blue Point (Ire)        | AMO Racing Limited & Mrs A O'Callaghan   | Robson De Aguiar       | D Egan                 | 131 |
| 7  | Sun Goddess (Ire)      | Sioux Nation            | D Smith,Mrs J Magnier,M Tabor,Westerberg | A P O'Brien            | Ryan Moore             | 128 |
| 8  | Veloze (Ire)           | Sioux Nation            | Gary Matthews,Steve Weston & Lucky Hat   | P Twomey               | Billy Lee              | 128 |

**Breeders:** 1-Summerhill Bloodstock, 2-Branton Court Stud LLP, 3-Al Shira'aa Racing Limited, 4-Mr Hiroyuki Nagata, 5-Bec Bloodstock, 6-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd, 7-Owenstown Bloodstock Ltd, 8-Grange & Manister House Studs.

For once, this has no stand-out with Ballydoyle's Great Barrier Reef not lining up and their main hope **Sun Goddess** a far from convincing favourite on her Albany defeat and win in a shallow Group 2 over this course and distance. There is big opposition from the colts, with fellow TDN Rising Star **Folsom Blues** dropping back from seven furlongs having run second against the bias in Leopardstown's Tyros Stakes, while **Celeron** was impressive in the Railway which has always served as the main prep for this but on the whole this feels a bit lighter than is usually the case. [Tom Frary].

**Sunday, Deauville, France, post time: 16:40**

**ARC PRIX MAURICE DE GHEEST - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE - EN MEMOIRE DE LOUIS ROMANET-G1**, €380,000,

3yo/up, 6 1/2fT

| SC | PP | HORSE                  | SIRE                     | TRAINER           | JOCKEY    | WT  |
|----|----|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----|
| 1  | 5  | Stolen Kiss (Fr)       | Chachnak (Fr)            | Cottier           | Pouchin   | 130 |
| 2  | 4  | Mise En Boite (Fr)     | Zelzal (Fr)              | Blanchet          | Crastus   | 130 |
| 3  | 6  | Summer Sail (Ire)      | New Bay (GB)             | Groualle          | Guyon     | 130 |
| 4  | 2  | Rosy Affair (GB)       | Havana Grey (GB)         | Boughey           | Loughnane | 127 |
| 5  | 9  | Samangan (Ire)         | Blue Point (Ire)         | Graffard          | Barzalona | 126 |
| 6  | 8  | Afandy (Fr)            | Mehmas (Ire)             | Rouget            | Demuro    | 126 |
| 7  | 1  | How Are You (Ire)      | Mehmas (Ire)             | Graffard          | Lecoeuvre | 126 |
| 8  | 11 | Wise Approach (Ire)    | Mehmas (Ire)             | C Appleby         | Soumillon | 126 |
| 9  | 10 | Take Charge Star (Ire) | Starspangledbanner (Aus) | Murtagh           | Coen      | 126 |
| 10 | 7  | Division (GB)          | Kingman (GB)             | Haggas            | J Doyle   | 126 |
| 11 | 12 | My Calyx Cen (Ire)     | Calyx (GB)               | Olave Valdivielso | Lemaitre  | 126 |
| 12 | 3  | True Love (Ire)        | No Nay Never             | A O'Brien         | Lordan    | 122 |

Coolmore's G1 1000 Guineas heroine **True Love** has danced every dance since that Classic triumph and sets a lofty standard coming back off placed efforts in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas, G1 Coronation Stakes and G1 Prix Jean Prat. With Ryan Moore on duty back home in Ireland, Wayne Lordan comes in for the plum spare. This mouthwatering edition also features G1 July Cup fifth **Division**, who had previously finished ahead of **Samangan**, **My Calyx Cen** and G1 Middle Park hero **Wise Approach** when third in Royal Ascot's G1 Commonwealth Cup. Others worthy of scrutiny include G3 Jersey runner-up **Take Charge Star**, G1 Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee fourth **Stolen Kiss**, G1 King Charles III fourth **Rosy Affair** and G3 Prix de Ris-Orangis winner **Mise En Boite**. [Sean Cronin].

**Sunday, Hoppegarten, Germany, post time: 15:40**

**WESTMINSTER 168TH GROSSER PREIS VON BERLIN-G1**, €155,000, 3yo/up, 12fT

| SC | PP | HORSE               | SIRE                  | TRAINER    | JOCKEY        | WT  |
|----|----|---------------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------|-----|
| 1  | 3  | Almeric (GB)        | Study Of Man (Ire)    | Balding    | J Watson      | 132 |
| 2  | 2  | Dubai Future (GB)   | Dubawi (Ire)          | bin Suroor | Tudhope       | 132 |
| 3  | 4  | Global Health (Fr)  | Farhh (GB)            | Weissmeier | Vogt          | 132 |
| 4  | 8  | Hochkonig (Ger)     | Polish Vulcano (Ger)  | Almenrader | Mitchell      | 132 |
| 5  | 5  | Tornado Alert (Ire) | Too Darn Hot (GB)     | bin Suroor | Hammer-Hansen | 132 |
| 6  | 6  | Innora (Ger)        | Lord Of England (Ger) | Grewé      | Wolff         | 129 |
| 7  | 1  | Tiffany (Ire)       | Farhh (GB)            | Prescott   | Morris        | 129 |
| 8  | 7  | Abachi (Ger)        | Japan (GB)            | Schiergen  | Murzabayev    | 122 |
| 9  | 9  | Bright Light (Fr)   | City Light (Fr)       | Suborics   | Marie         | 122 |
| 10 | 10 | Dardanos (Ger)      | Soldier Hollow (GB)   | Wohler     | Pedroza       | 122 |

This clash of the G1 Deutsches Derby winners will see 2025 victor **Hochkonig** attempting to concede 10 pounds to this year's Hamburg hero **Dardanos** in a contest with a recent roll of honour featuring Rebel's Romance, Alpinista and Torquator Tasso. Last year's G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) second **Innora** is another on the home defence, as is last month's G2 Grosser Hansa-Preis winner **Global Health**. Godolphin's **Tornado Alert** has not been seen since annexing last year's G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis at Munich, and is chaperoned by Saeed bin Suroor stablemate and multiple Group-winning G1 Gold Cup third **Dubai Future**, while the noteworthy British challenge also includes the multiple Group 1-placed **Tiffany** and last month's G2 Princess Of Wales's third **Almeric**. [Sean Cronin].

**Sunday, The Curragh, post time: 15:25**

**FBD HOTELS AND RESORTS PHOENIX SPRINT STAKES-G3**, €42,000, 3yo/up, 6fT

| SC | HORSE                 | SIRE                     | OWNER                                  | TRAINER          | JOCKEY                 | WT  |
|----|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 1  | Big Gossey (Ire)      | Gutaifan (Ire)           | Allegro Syndicate                      | Charles O'Brien  | Billy Lee              | 133 |
| 2  | Big Mojo (Ire)        | Mohaather (GB)           | RP Racing Ltd                          | M Appleby        | Tom Marquand           | 133 |
| 3  | Bodhi Bear (Ire)      | Starspangledbanner (Aus) | Mrs J Barrett                          | J A Stack        | Colin Keane            | 133 |
| 4  | Bucanero Fuerte (GB)  | Wootton Bassett (GB)     | AMO Racing Limited & Giselle De Aguiar | Robson De Aguiar | D Egan                 | 133 |
| 5  | James's Delight (Ire) | Invincible Army (Ire)    | Paul & Clare Rooney                    | C G Cox          | Dylan Browne McMonagle | 133 |

**Breeders:** 1-Mr E. Heary, 2-Ringfort Stud Ltd & The Ladies, 3-Mrs S. Rowley-Williams, 4-Gestut Zur Kuste AG, 5-Newtown Stud.

**Big Mojo** has the class edge on his success in September's Haydock Sprint Cup, but he has been unplaced in four subsequent starts and will be given no quarter by course specialist **Big Gossey** and last year's winner **Bucanero Fuerte**. While his younger rivals keep missing when it counts, Big Gossey just keeps producing at age nine and there is no Power Blue or Comanche Brave to bother him here. [Tom Frary].

**Sunday, Deauville, France, post time: 16:05**

**PRIX DAPHNIS - JOCKEY CLUB ARGENTINO-G3**, €73,200, 3yo, 8fT

| SC | PP | HORSE                   | SIRE                   | TRAINER         | JOCKEY    | WT  |
|----|----|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----|
| 1  | 2  | Khovikhov (Fr)          | Al Wukair (Ire)        | Delcher Sanchez | Pouchin   | 129 |
| 2  | 7  | Segall (Ire)            | Sottsass (Fr)          | A & L Fabre     | Boudot    | 129 |
| 3  | 9  | Komorebi (Ire)          | Pinatubo (Ire)         | A & L Fabre     | Madamet   | 129 |
| 4  | 4  | Grand Son Of Dark (Ire) | Dark Angel (Ire)       | E Botti         | Guyon     | 129 |
| 5  | 12 | Synaran (Ire)           | Mehmas (Ire)           | Graffard        | Barzalona | 126 |
| 6  | 10 | Campacite (Fr)          | Zarak (Fr)             | Rouget          | Grandin   | 126 |
| 7  | 5  | Lord Clover (Ire)       | Siyouni (Fr)           | Graffard        | Lecoeuvre | 126 |
| 8  | 6  | Distant Storm (GB)      | Night Of Thunder (Ire) | C Appleby       | Loughnane | 126 |
| 9  | 3  | Wild Desert (Ire)       | Too Darn Hot (GB)      | C Appleby       | Shoemark  | 126 |
| 10 | 1  | Lyneham (Fr)            | Wootton Bassett (GB)   | Ferland         | Demuro    | 126 |
| 11 | 8  | Saint Arnoult (Fr)      | Wootton Bassett (GB)   | Cottier         | Soumillon | 126 |
| 12 | 11 | Wootton Centurion (Ire) | Wootton Bassett (GB)   | V Head          | Lemaitre  | 126 |

Fabio Manservigi's G3 Premio Parioli (Italian 2000 Guineas) hero and G2 Derby Italiano runner-up **Grand Son Of Dark** flies the flag for Italy and Charlie Appleby sends forth a team of two, with G1 Dewhurst and G1 2000 Guineas third and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas runner-up **Distant Storm** joined on the trip by last term's G1 Summer Stakes second **Wild Desert**. Godolphin is also represented by the Andre and Lavinia Fabre trainee **Komorebi**, who had **Khovikhov**, **Segall** and **Wootton Centurion** in arrears when second in May's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains. He also finished in front of old foe **Campacite** and Segall when 10th, just over five lengths behind **Constitution** River, in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club, while Khovikhov has since defeated **Synaran** in June's G3 Prix de la Porte Maillot. [Sean Cronin].

Sunday, Deauville, France, post time: 17:50  
PRIX MOONLIGHT CLOUD - HIPODROMO DE SAN ISIDRO-Listed, €50,300, 3yo, 6fT

| SC | PP | HORSE               | SIRE                   | TRAINER         | JOCKEY    | WT  |
|----|----|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----|
| 1  | 5  | Canalejas (Fr)      | Armor (GB)             | Montenegro      | Soumillon | 129 |
| 2  | 9  | Kailani (Fr)        | Goken (Fr)             | S Wattel        | Pouchin   | 129 |
| 3  | 14 | Moojeed (Fr)        | Dark Angel (Ire)       | Graffard        | Barzalona | 125 |
| 4  | 13 | Behike (Ire)        | Night Of Thunder (Ire) | Scott           | Boudot    | 125 |
| 5  | 10 | Pas Dansant (Fr)    | Muhaarar (GB)          | Trigodet        | Bachelot  | 125 |
| 6  | 11 | Bourgoin (Fr)       | Ardad (Ire)            | Chappet         | Pasquier  | 125 |
| 7  | 3  | Kalkara (Fr)        | Zelzal (Fr)            | Kobayashi       | Grandin   | 125 |
| 8  | 2  | Agiota (Fr)         | Birchwood (Ire)        | Delcher Sanchez | Hamelin   | 125 |
| 9  | 4  | Imperior (Fr)       | Siyouni (Fr)           | Karkosa         | Lemaitre  | 125 |
| 10 | 8  | Hallo Spaceboy (GB) | Starman (GB)           | Walker          | Shoemark  | 125 |
| 11 | 1  | Fire Fly (Fr)       | Golden Horde (Ire)     | Delcher Sanchez | Madamet   | 121 |
| 12 | 12 | Inju (GB)           | Blue Point (Ire)       | Baratti         | Demuro    | 121 |
| 13 | 6  | Miss Chiquita (Fr)  | Hello Youmzain (Fr)    | A Botti         | Piccone   | 121 |
| 14 | 7  | No Tune (GB)        | No Nay Never           | C Head          | Guyon     | 121 |

The lightly-raced dual Lingfield scorer **Behike** was a close-up 18th in Royal Ascot’s G1 King Charles III and runner-up in a hot handicap back at the Berkshire track four weeks ago, while fellow British challenger **Hallo Spaceboy** bagged a six-furlong York handicap in June. Slawomir Pegza’s **Imperior** is an intriguing entry and was not disgraced when unplaced in the G1 Poule d’Essai des Poulains, G2 Prix Paul de Moussac and G1 Prix Jean Prat, finishing just over seven lengths behind Thesecretadversay in the latter last month. **Canalejas**, **Kailani** and **Moojeed** all have stakes wins in the books while **Agiota**, **Fire Fly**, **Miss Chiquita** and **No Tune** have all achieved black type. [Sean Cronin].

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