

HISTORIC CASTLETON ON OFFER DURING KEENELAND CHAMPIONSHIP SALE



Castleton Tower | courtesy of Keeneland

Keeneland's Championship Sale during Breeders' Cup week will take place Wednesday, Oct. 28 at historic Castleton, which will itself be the final lot of the evening, according to a press release from Keeneland on Wednesday afternoon.

The auction team will offer the farm--listed by Bluegrass Sotheby's International Realty--marking a first-of-its-kind collaboration between the two entities.

The third annual Championship Sale will once again allow buyers access to unique offerings, including fractional interests in Breeders' Cup contenders, stallion shares, breeding rights, elite broodmares, racing prospects and other rare offerings

"Every year, we ask ourselves how we can push the Championship Sale forward, giving our guests an unforgettable event and buyers something they can't find anywhere else," Keeneland President and CEO Shannon Arvin said. "This year's auction promises to be exceptional, set against one of the most picturesque backdrops in the Bluegrass, and closing the evening with the offering of Castleton. These historic moments are what make the Championship Sale so special."

Founded in 1793 by John Breckinridge, Castleton is one of the Bluegrass's oldest and most storied horse farms, its roots reaching back to the beginning of the nation.

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DETERMINISTIC TO LANE'S END UPON RETIREMENT

Multiple Grade I winner **Deterministic** (**Liam's Map**--Giulio's Jewel, by Speightstown) will enter stud at Lane's End Farm at the conclusion of his racing career, the farm announced Wednesday morning.

Deterministic, tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star presented by Hagyard' as a 2-year-old, won the 2024 GIII Gotham Stakes over the dirt at Aqueduct, and he switched to the turf to win that year's GIII New Kent County Virginia Derby. Deterministic has remained undefeated since last May, beginning his win streak with a 4 1/2-length victory in the GII Fort Marcy Stakes. He gave trainer Miguel Clement his first Grade I in the 1 1/8-mile GI Manhattan Stakes and concluded his 2025 campaign with a win in the GI Fourstardave Stakes.

His 2026 season has replicated his 2025 success, beginning his campaign with a repeat victory in the GIII Fort Marcy Stakes. Deterministic returned to the Spa to win the Manhattan again.

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White Abarrio poses for a photo with his team at Saffie Joseph Jr.'s barn Wednesday morning. The multiple Grade I winner has been retired from racing and will join his grandsire *Tapit* in Lexington at Gainesway Farm. | Sarah Andrew

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The farm rose to prominence in the late 19th century, producing 1896 Kentucky Derby winner Ben Brush among other champions.

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To learn more about the Keeneland Championship Sale, including details for prospective sellers and pre-registration for remote and in-person bidding, visit www.Keeneland.com.

For more information on Castleton, visit www.BGSIR.com or contact listing agent Ken Donworth at kdonworth@bgsir.com or (859) 983-9933.

Additional details about the Championship Sale, including equine offerings, will be announced.

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Deterministic to Lane's End, cont. from p1

The repeat victory in the Fourstardave capped off his second pair of consecutive Grade I wins and brings his current earnings to \$3,047,265. Deterministic earned the highest of his five consecutive triple-digit Beyer Speed Figures with a 104 for this latest victory.

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\$525,000

LIAM'S MAP

Unbridled's Song - Miss Macy Sue, by Trippi

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HIP 159, Colt out of Brownie Points, by Forest Wildcat
 Buyer: Pin Oak Stud LLC
 Consignor: Denali Stud, Agt. II
 Breeder: Brookfield Stud

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HIP 143, Colt out of Aqua Regia, by Pollard's Vision
 Buyer: Robbie Medina, Agt, Snake River Stables LLC
 Consignor: Eaton Sales, Agt.
 Breeder: Blue Rose Farm



Deterministic | Sarah Andrew

“The journey with Deterministic has been very special to say the least, sharing this with the Clement family has meant so much to us,” said Vinnie Viola, whose St. Elias campaigns the 5-year-old with Ken Langone, C. Steven Duncker, and Vicarage Stable. “Campaigning a son of one of our stable stars, Liam’s Map, who was such a remarkable racehorse and now a top sire, it seems only fitting Deterministic join him at Lane’s End.”

Lane’s End’s Bill Farish added, “Anytime a son of Liam’s Map ascends to the Grade I level, especially with the speed to win two Grade Is at a mile, it catches our attention. Deterministic being a debut winner at two, a graded winner on the dirt and a multiple Grade I winner, including two wins in the Fourstardave Stakes—one of the most prestigious turf mile races in North America—makes him a perfect fit for the versatile roster that we have strived to develop at Lane’s End.”

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SARATOGA NOTEBOOK, PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS: VELAZQUEZ WORKS NAPOLEON SOLO, COULD RIDE IN NEXT RACE

by Tim Wilkin

SARATOGA SPRINGS – Nothing is final yet, but it looks like GI Preakness Stakes winner **Napoleon Solo** (Liam's Map) will have a new partner in Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez in his next start.

Velazquez was on board the grey for the first time and Napoleon Solo sizzled through five furlongs in :58.81 (1/7) on the main track Wednesday morning. Trainer Chad Summers said Napoleon Solo was originally supposed to work in company with a horse from trainer Rudy Rodriguez's barn but ended up going by himself.



Johnny Velazquez | Sarah Andrew

Kieran McLaughlin, Velazquez's agent, said there was a "strong chance" that his client would ride Napoleon Solo in his next start, which will be either the GI DK Travers Stakes at Saratoga Aug. 29 or the GI Pennsylvania Derby at Parx Sept. 19.

"(Summers) said with the likelihood of him riding him, could (Velazquez) come and work him," McLaughlin said by phone. "It worked out well, and Johnny liked him."

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Napoleon Solo | Sarah Andrew

Napoleon Solo is coming off a second-place finish in the GI Haskell Stakes at Monmouth Park July 18. He has been ridden in his last three starts by Paco Lopez.

Summers said a final decision on who rides Napoleon Solo and where he runs next will be made after he consults with the ownership group, Espoir USA, Inc. He expects that could come sometime next week.

"Like I told Paco, it's up to the ownership group," Summers said outside his barn on the Saratoga backstretch Wednesday morning. "Paco has done a great job. He won the Preakness, just got beat in the Haskell. Whatever happens--one way or the other--very thankful for the job Paco has done up to this date."

Lopez was suspended 30 days by the New York State Gaming Commission following a four-horse spill on opening day at the Spa. He appealed and has continued to ride and currently leads the jockey standings at Colonial Downs with 35 wins.

"If (Napoleon Solo's) next race is in Saratoga, Paco does not have as much experience (as Velazquez) and, obviously, the stewards are on high alert for Paco," Summers said. "You have to take that under consideration."

Wednesday's work was the second at Saratoga this summer for Napoleon Solo. His previous eight works have been at Belmont Park.

"That's him," Summers said. "He does things that other horses can't do. He needs to show that in the afternoon against the best 3-year-olds of the crop. To me, it looks like he's thriving and peaking, and this is the time of year when you want them to be thriving and peaking."

Counting Stars Impressive Again as Alabama Looms

Everyone assembled at the barn of Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse was gushing after **Counting Stars** (**Honor A.P.**) tuned up for next Saturday's GI Alabama Stakes with a four-furlong breeze

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on the main track Wednesday morning.

With exercise rider Reynaldo Dumont up, Counting Stars, the leader of the 3-year-old filly division, impressed with a 48.93 (16/33) clocking while working alone just after 7 a.m.

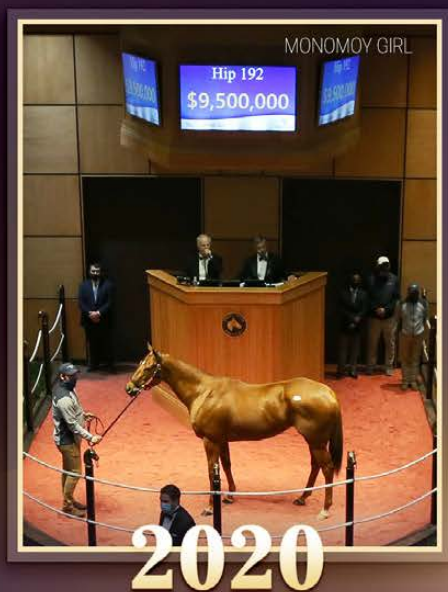
"She is just awesome," Dumont said.

"She continues to amaze me," Casse said. "I was like, 'slow down, slow down, slow down' the entire time. Then I said, 'ok, you can let her go a little bit.' She took off and I said, 'that's enough!' Ten days out (from the Alabama). She's ready." **Cont.**



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Counting Stars has won three of six starts this year, including her last two, a pair of Grade Is at Saratoga. On July 25 she won the Coaching Club American Oaks by 4 1/4 lengths; June 5, she took the Acorn Stakes by 3 3/4 lengths.

Finishing second in both those races was the Chad Brown-trained **Always a Runner** (**Gun Runner**), who won the GI Kentucky Oaks May 1, and Counting Stars was third.

Irad Ortiz Jr., who has ridden Counting Stars in her last two starts, is currently on the disabled list with a left foot injury. Ortiz got hurt last Saturday. His agent, Steve Rushing, said Wednesday via text, that Ortiz should be back riding Aug. 22, which is Alabama Day.

Counting Stars is owned by West Point Thoroughbreds and Terry Finley, the president and CEO, was equally blown away by the work he had just seen.

"We have had some good horses, but they are tough to come by," he said.

"When you get to this level, you don't want the days to go by quickly because you want to savor them ... but you can't wait for the race day to get here."

Last year, Casse had the champion 3-year-old filly in his barn in **Nitrogen** (Medaglia d'Oro), who finished second in the GI Whitney Stakes on Saturday. He is certainly the favorite to go back-to-back if Counting Stars continues to excel.

And if she continues on her path, Counting Stars could meet up with her stablemate Nitrogen in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff at Keeneland in October. But Casse is not going to get ahead of himself.

For now, it's all about Counting Stars and her quest to give her trainer his second straight Alabama; Nitrogen won it in 2025.

"She is really fast," Casse said about Counting Stars. "She is an athlete. She is smart. She is versatile. She is special."



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Knightsbridge Heading West for Date in Pacific Classic

Following a dynamic victory in the GIII Monmouth Cup Stakes July 18, the trick was going to be finding a next start for the often-brilliant **Knightsbridge** (**Nyquist**).

Michael Banahan, the Director of Bloodstock for Godolphin USA, which owns and bred the 5-year-old, looked West.

Knightsbridge, who won the 1 1/8-mile Monmouth Cup by 10 1/4 lengths as the 1-2 favorite was trying two turns for the first time. Now, he'll be asked to go a little further at Del Mar next Saturday when he runs in the GI Pacific Classic.

Godolphin won the GI Whitney Stakes last Saturday with **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief).

"The only other place to run in a Grade I is the Pacific Classic," Banahan said. "We'll stretch out another furlong and see if he likes that. He certainly wasn't stopping in the last one at Monmouth."

The Pacific Classic is 1 1/4 miles.

"We know how good he was going seven eighths and a mile in Florida," Banahan said.

And he was very good doing that, winning three Grade III races, two at seven furlongs, one at a mile. The combined margin of victory was 20 3/4 lengths.

Cont.



Knightsbridge wins the Monmouth Cup | Sarah Andrew

"He was spectacular," Banahan said. "But, then again, I question who he was beating there as well. We are taking a chance out there (Pacific Classic), and, hopefully, if he can get a win out there, we will have two horses with major ambitions for the fall."

Knightsbridge and Sovereignty are both trained by Hall of Famer Bill Mott.

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SIX SPEEDY FILLIES FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 3-9 *by Randy Moss*

6. FIVE A SIDE, ELP, 8-9, Groupie Doll Stakes, 1m
Beyer Speed Figure-91

(f, 4, Spun to Run--Kylbrylie, by Pulpit)

O-Main Line Racing Stable and Avalon Racing Stables. B-Porta Pia Stables (Ky). T-John Servis. J-Jaime Torres.

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The full-sister to stakes winner Fulmine became a stakes winner herself in her sixth try, blowing away odds-on Cash Call by 6 1/4 lengths with a career-high Beyer Speed Figure. It was also the first Ellis stakes score for Servis, of Smarty Jones fame.

5. KENTUCKY BELLE, SAR, 8-7, GII Saratoga Oaks, 1 3/16mT

VIDEO

Beyer Speed Figure-91

(f, 3, **Justify**--Dancing Fancy, by Tiznow)

O/B-WinStar Farm (Ky). T-Brad Cox. J-Irad Ortiz Jr.



Kentucky Belle had done little wrong, but had never tried stakes company and in the Saratoga Oaks faced four graded winners--thus her 10-1 price. And when GI Belmont Oaks runner-up Faithful Departed and Jose Ortiz surged to the front in midstretch, Cox was happily assuming his filly would settle for a valuable graded placing. Faithful Departed came home in :22.38, but Kentucky Belle reeled off a :22.14 final quarter as Irad nailed his brother on the wire. "I don't know how she got beat," Jose said afterward. Pedigree is one explanation. The **Justify** filly hails



Kentucky Belle (outside) | Sarah Andrew

from one of the strongest female families of the past century, tracing back to Ernie Samuel's Sam-Son foundation mare No Class in a line that produced Classy n' Smart, Sky Classic, Dance Smartly, Smart Strike, Dancethruthedawn, etc. **Cont.**



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4. A FINE CHARDONNAY, ELP, 8-9, Audubon Oaks, 7f
Beyer Speed Figure-92 (2nd)
(f, 3, Maclean's Music--Andele, by Bernardini)
O-Double 22 Stables. B-Alpha Delta Stables (Ky). T-Ian Wilkes.
J-Brian Hernandez Jr.

The \$85,000 2-year-old bargain continues to progress up the Beyer scale, and in defeat this was clearly her best number yet. She made a three-wide run at Conceit (below) and even put her head in front a furlong out, but wasn't quite good enough in another solid effort.

3. CONCEIT, ELP, 8-9, Audubon Oaks, 7f
Beyer Speed Figure-93

(f, 3, Not This Time--Pachinko, by Tapit)
O/B-Juddmonte (Ky). T-Brad Cox. J-Florent Geroux.

With Percy's Bar scratching in favor of the GI Test Stakes the day before, Conceit ran her record to 3-for-3 on dirt and has put together Beyers of 94 and 93 in her last two outings. Here she stalked and pounced upon 6-5 favorite Twirling Aces at the quarter pole and from there outfinished A Fine Chardonnay. She has a dominant two-turn dirt win on her resume, so a stretchout is not out of the question--especially since her Juddmonte full-brother Final Gambit excels in turf marathons.

2. EXPLORA, SAR, 8-8, GI Test Stakes, 7f VIDEO
Beyer Speed Figure-97

(f, 3, Blame-Collections Choice, by Bernardini)
O-Mike Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman. B-Mesingw Farm (Ky). T-Bob Baffert. J-Flavien Prat.



In a loaded Filly & Mare Sprint division that also includes Ways and Means, Maida, Grand Job and Eclatant, the 3-year-old Explora threw her hat into the ring with a Test victory more dominant than her career-top 97 Beyer suggests. Her figure is accurate in comparison with other Saturday dirt races at Saratoga, but Explora defeated Goodall by 6 3/4 lengths, Sippin Pretty by 9 1/2, On Time Girl by 14 1/2 and Movie Night by 17 1/4--and each of those fillies had recently run Beyers between 89 and 96.

1. NITROGEN, SAR, 8-8, GI Whitney Stakes, 1 1/8m VIDEO
Beyer Speed Figure-105 (2nd)

(f, 4, Medaglia d'Oro--Tiffany Case, by Uncle Mo)
O/B-D J Stable (Ky). T-Mark Casse. J-John Velazquez



If ever there was an argument for a filly gaining stature in a defeat against males, this is Exhibit A. Nitrogen took it to favored



Nitrogen | Sarah Andrew

Magnitude early despite stumbling at the break, put away Antiquarian after a taxing six furlongs in 1:09.65, and showed enough guts to hold on for second even after Sovereignty powered past in midstretch. D J Stable "sold high" in January by auctioning her dam for \$3.2 million, and has a champion filly with back-to-back Beyers of 113 and now a value-enhancing 105.

Note: Five a Side nosed out Saratoga Oaks runner Faithful Departed for the No. 6 spot on the basis of more weight carried.

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MIGUEL CLEMENT JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST PRESENTED BY KEENELAND

It was a memorable few days for trainer Miguel Clement last week. On Thursday, his father, Christophe, was posthumously inducted into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame and two days later his remarkable turf star **Deterministic** (Liam's Map) won his seventh straight graded stakes race on the turf when capturing the GI Fourstardave Stakes for the second straight year. That made Clement an easy choice to join this week's TDN Writers' Room Podcast presented by Keeneland. He was the **Gainesway** Guest of the Week.

Cont.



Miguel Clement | Sarah Andrew

Clement said his father, who passed away in May of 2025 at the age of 59, always considered enshrinement in the Hall of Fame to be the ultimate honor in racing.

“My father always considered this to be the epitome of racing and he would've loved it,” Clement said. “He would have a massive party. It's great for the entire 'C C tribe.' The whole stable was there. I was very touched because we had many people from all around the world that came for it. As a family, and I guess we are biased, but I thought that was a bit overdue, personally.”

Deterministic may be the best turf horse in the country. He is classy and shows up every time. What makes him so good?

“He's top class,” Clement said. “Physically, he's a spectacular mover. Mentally, he not only has that innate will to win, but he's unbelievably professional. You never see him misbehave. He knows his job, he knows his routine and he handles himself with pure class. You look after him and he looks after us--it's that simple. We just try to stay out of his way and make sure he's happy and sound.”

The winning rider in each of Deterministic's last six races has been Kendrick Carmouche, not always the jockey you think of when it comes to victories in Grade I stakes races at Saratoga. But Clement said he is a perfect fit for the horse.

“The two of them are like the dynamic duo,” he said. “It's a spectacular relationship at the moment. Deterministic was ridden mainly by Joel Rosario previously and was also very well ridden by Manny Franco. They won the Virginia Derby together. He came back and he ran on Kentucky Derby Day and so a lot of the jockeys were out, obviously riding at Churchill Downs. Kendrick was available in New York and that's how the opportunity took place with Kendrick. Kendrick has ridden him brilliantly.”

Clement also confirmed that his wife, Acacia, is pregnant with what will be their first child.

“Of course, I'm very excited to be a dad,” he said. “Am I mature enough to do it? I believe so. And will Acacia have to help me out more than you can imagine? Yeah.”

The “Fastest Horse of the Week” was no surprise. **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief) earned the honor when winning the GI Whitney Stakes. He was awarded a 112 Beyer number. The Fastest Horse of the Week is sponsored by **WinStar Farm, the home of the outstanding stallion Life is Good**.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the **PHBA, 1/ST TV** and **West Point Thoroughbreds**, Randy Moss, Bill Finley, and Zoe Cadman reviewed the spectacular card at Saratoga, where the highlight was the win by Sovereignty in the Whitney. Moss had more details about the changes to the Triple Crown and the team gave their opinions on the “fishy” circumstances that occurred Sunday at Monmouth and Saratoga, where four shippers from Fair Hill recorded wins that stirred up plenty of controversy.

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REPORT: FAIR HILL SHIPPERS LED TO LARGE BETTING COUP IN THE UK *by Bill Finley*



Sarah Andrew

According to a report in the *Racing Post*, the four winners that came out of the Fair Hill Training Center on Sunday, all of them linked to trainer Angel Quiroz, rewarded some punters handsomely.

The *Racing Post* reported that a “six-figure betting coup” was pulled off with bets made with British bookmakers on the Fair Hill runners.

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Quiroz was listed as the trainer of three starters on Sunday. **Scotalo** (Mitole) finished fourth at Saratoga after a poor start, but Quiroz scored with a pair of horses at Monmouth, **The Great Amira** (Rock Your World) and **Tepeyac** (Heart to Heart) in back-to-back races.

On the same day, trainer Ernesto Ochoa won races with **Classic Rock** (Daredevil) and **M Bs Melanie Cares** (Redesdale) at Saratoga. Quiroz has admitted that he was the previous trainer of the two Saratoga winners and said that both were sold by their owners to Ochoa shortly before the Saratoga starts.

All five horses showed workouts at the Fair Hill Training Center in Maryland and were coming off long layoffs. Prior to Sunday, Quiroz had only two winners on the year. Ochoa also had only two wins.

According to the story, large bets were also placed on **Winston Wolf** (**Violence**) in the fourth race on Sunday at Colonial. Winston Wolf finished second. The listed trainer and owner for Winston Wolf was Monica McGoe. The gelding also had workouts at Fair Hill and has been linked to Quiroz.

Large wagers were also placed on a starter at Presque Isle Downs on Monday named **Threedots Andadash** (Mendelssohn). Quiroz is listed as the owner and trainer of the mare who was also based at Fair Hill. That horse was scratched after HISA launched an investigation and placed it on the vet's list.

Wagers were also made with UK bookmakers on **Bravo Rough** (Gone Astray), who was entered in the second race at Mountaineer Park on Monday, but was scratched. The trainer was listed as Alexis Cordero-Lopez, but the horse had made its previous start for Quiroz and had two workouts listed at Fair Hill.

"We saw some of the business in our UK retail estate and were alive to it in real time," Paddy Power's Paul Binfield told the *Racing Post*. "It was a fairly remarkable attempted gamble, the likes of which we've never really seen before. It's cost us a few quid, but nothing eyewatering, as luckily for us they only managed four of the six on Sunday, as otherwise we would then have been looking at some more substantial payouts."

Though the daily double combining The Great Amira (\$37.20) and Tepeyac (\$9.60) paid a suspiciously low \$12.80 for a \$1 ticket, the win prices on the four winners were largely in line with their morning-line odds. Had someone placed bets with UK bookmakers, which don't affect the pari-mutuel prices, it would not have been in their best interests to lower the win prices at Monmouth and Saratoga.

The Fair Hill Training Center, HISA and HIWU are among the organizations that have launched investigations into the matter.

Quiroz, who is normally based at Gulfstream Park, told the *TDN* that he did nothing wrong.

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"It's very simple," Quiroz said. "I took my horses and ran them at Monmouth Park and won the races and I took one horse to Saratoga and she ran fourth. Everybody is shocked. I don't see what the big deal is or what the problem is. I'm supposed to run all the time and not try to win the race? There are too many people behind social media who don't show their faces and post too much stuff that is not true. The problem with social media is that this became very popular and people started to say stuff that isn't true and tried to make me out to be a bad guy."

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MARYLAND COMMISSIONERS LARGELY SILENT ON PERILS AND PROMISE OF REVAMPED PREAKNESS



Preakness '26 | Sarah Andrew

by T.D. Thornton

Although the Thoroughbred industry is still trying to come to grips with seismic schedule changes to the Triple Crown that were disclosed last week in two major announcements, members of the Maryland Racing Commission (MRC) largely avoided discussion of the GI Preakness Stakes during Wednesday's monthly meeting.

Aside from a perfunctory summation of Preakness-related transactions during the Maryland Jockey Club (MJC) report, plus public comments from two citizens about the **Preakness being moved** to 22 days after the GI Kentucky Derby and the controversial partnership between Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI) and the New York Racing Association (NYRA) that will **exclude the Preakness** from their new championship series, only one commissioner ventured an opinion.

"We do need to be not be [in] gloom about [the Preakness]," said commissioner Bobby Lillis. "I mean, we are in gloom about what's happening. But it's up to us to make it successful. And we

can, and we will. There will be a Preakness. There will be excitement. And we will stay on the map."

Although future changes to the Preakness schedule (and all of the Triple Crown races, particularly the GI Belmont Stakes) are possible beyond 2027, Doug Illig, the MJC's chief financial officer, said the extension of the Preakness media rights agreement with NBC Sports through 2032 puts the Preakness on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend in every year between 2028 and 2031.

That spacing affords the middle jewel of the Triple Crown a break of three weeks and one day after the Derby instead of the traditional two weeks.

But the 2027 edition--and presumably future runnings of the Preakness--would now occur just 13 days before the Belmont Stakes.

April Smith, who often speaks at MJC meetings on behalf of an organization called Friends of Pimlico, said during the public comment section that "It is nice to know that even the national experts agree that Churchill Downs did not come off well in their attempt to keep the people of Maryland from owning our historic race..."

"We need the public to be positive about this new chapter in Maryland racing," Smith continued. "It is more important than ever that we prove to Kentucky, New York and everywhere that we will no longer be that little race to skip."

Damon Knauss gave a different perspective. He told the board he's a colonel in the United States Army and a professor of military science. He now lives in Maryland after relocating from Kentucky and said he's planning on increasing his participation in the sport as an owner and breeder.

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"I was a large owner of Churchill Downs stock," Knauss said. "Not anymore, after the antics that happened last week. My wife and I are going to make a significant investment in breeding and racing in Maryland as I retire from service and go into my second career. So I'm speaking as a 47-year-old man that's going to probably invest \$3 to \$5 million in taking a risk in breeding in Maryland."

Knauss said that although he thinks the under-construction version of Pimlico has potential to be the "best track in the country," and that he applauds state officials for "having the courage" to secure the intellectual property rights to the Preakness, he is troubled about the future of the Triple Crown.

Knauss alleged that the CDI/NYRA agreement amounted to collusion, a characterization that has not been established.

"And as a military officer, I speak to you and I want to make a suggestion: Everyone knew that the [Preakness] date was going to move. It was discussed in the media deal, and it was leaked. And then Churchill Downs maneuvered on you...If NYRA does not move the date of the Belmont, the Triple Crown is at risk and so is the Preakness," Knauss said.

"And what I would suggest in this forum is to seriously think about out-maneuvering Churchill Downs and moving to the front: A date in April. This would align the distance of the races correctly, and they would build [momentum].

"Now, there is some concern with a few things," Knauss acknowledged. "The date of Easter in April. It would affect some Derby preps. And, as we all know, that's steeplechase season in Maryland. But it would change the narrative. And I think that's crucial in this case.

"My hope is [the] Belmont [Stakes] moves and NYRA does the right thing," Knauss said. "But if not, I would seriously suggest looking at maybe maneuvering around Churchill Downs, and moving the Preakness to the front.

"You won't be second anymore. You could start the Triple Crown. And then the narrative would change from Derby winners skipping the Preakness to the Preakness winner and Preakness runners going to the Derby," Knauss said.

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HISA LAUNCHES INDUSTRY SURVEY ON VET, STEWARDS' LISTS

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority has released an industry-wide survey as the next phase of its review of Veterinarians' List and Stewards' List categories across U.S. Thoroughbred racing.

The review is intended to promote greater consistency in scratch procedures nationwide and improve the quality of data used to understand and support equine welfare.

The survey is open to all stakeholders and responses will be accepted through Sept. 11. It has been distributed via email to Attending and Regulatory Veterinarians, Trainers and Owners registered in the HISA Portal with a valid email address. The survey will also be distributed through industry groups and individual copies can be obtained by emailing comments@hisaus.org.

Over the past six months, HISA has surveyed Stewards and Regulatory Veterinarians at Covered Racetracks to better understand the List categories in use and the factors that determine how horses are placed on those Lists.

The survey findings revealed significant variation in the classification and management of List placements across racetracks, resulting in different outcomes in similar circumstances.

The review also found that, at some racetracks, field size can influence whether a scratch is recorded as a trainer scratch or veterinary scratch, potentially affecting the accuracy of data regarding the reason for the scratch.

In addition, certain racetracks maintain local requirements that impose periods of ineligibility for reasons not covered under HISA rules.

An executive summary of the initial survey findings is available [here](#), and the full report, including detailed findings and appendices, is available [here](#).

At the conclusion of the review, HISA will publicly release its findings and outline a proposed framework for modernized scratch procedures and Veterinarians' List categories designed to support greater national consistency and transparency.

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WEEKLY RULINGS



AUGUST 6-12; TRAINERS JUAREZ-RUFFINO BANNED 30 MONTHS, SIMPSON 90 MONTHS



Sarah Andrew

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

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

Among this week's rulings, trainer Eusebio Juarez-Ruffino has been banned 30 months and fined \$25,000 after his trainee, Desoto's War, tested positive for the banned antiarrhythmic, Sparteine, after winning at Will Rogers on April 28, 2025.

Juarez-Ruffino is currently serving a 24 month ban for a possession of a banned substance charge. When that suspension ends on Oct. 8, 2027, the latest charge will commence.

According to the [written ruling](#) by arbitrator Hugh Fraser, Juarez-Ruffino denied administering Sparteine intentionally, and argued instead the positive of an "exceedingly low" concentration of the substance was a result of hay the horse had eaten contaminated by wildflowers.

Juarez-Ruffino contended that the presence of Sparteine is "consistent with unintentional oral ingestion through contaminated forage, including Scotch Broom and members of the Wild Indigo family," according to the ruling.

"Over the past one hundred plus years, no Lab, State Regulator or competition testing entity has ever found a thoroughbred racehorse 'positive' for Sparteine. The only prior incidents of an AAF for Sparteine in a competition animal arose from two show horses in Portugal," according to the final ruling's account of the

trainer's legal arguments.

In June of 2025, HIWU investigators met with and asked Juarez-Ruffino for a list of hay and supplements he used for analysis. Juarez-Ruffino supplied the investigators with 11 different products that had been administered to Desoto's War either just before or at the time of the race.

All of these products, according to the written ruling, yielded negative results for Sparteine, under laboratory analysis. The trainer reportedly failed to provide any additional information or evidence to explain the Sparteine source.

According to testimony provided by veterinarian and pharmacology professor Dr. Lara Maxwell, the inadvertent contamination argument was "unlikely," and in the absence of the source of the alleged contamination, "there is no scientific or technical evidence" to establish the validity of these claims, the ruling states.

Ultimately, Fraser sided with the prosecution, and denied Juarez-Ruffino's request for lessened no fault or no significant fault sanctions.

While the arbitrator's ruling in Juarez-Ruffino's case is available on the HIWU website, no such detailed document is currently available to explain the 90-month ban and \$62,500 fine issued to Shannon Simpson, other than a short summary detailing how the trainer was allegedly found in possession of a banned Pitcher Plant Extract substance on Feb. 5, 2025. Simpson's ban started on August 11.

Resolved ADMC Violations

Dates: 08/10/2026

Licensee: Eusebio Juarez Ruffino, trainer

Penalty: 30-month period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on October 8, 2027; 60-day period of Ineligibility for the Covered Horse, beginning on August 5, 2025; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$25,000.

Explainer: Medication violation for the presence of Sparteine--a banned Antiarrhythmic--in a sample taken from Desoto's War, who won at Will Rogers on 4/28/25.

Dates: 08/10/2026

Licensee: Shannon Simpson, trainer

Penalty: 90-month period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on August 11, 2026; a fine of \$62,500.

Explainer: Violation for the possession of Pitcher Plant Extract--Adenosine Triphosphate ("ATP"), metabolase, Pengamine 250, Aminotonic--for an event dated 2/5/25. This is a violation of Rule 3214(a), possession of banned substances.

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Dates: 08/07/2026**Licensee:** Jorge Rosales, trainer**Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.**Explainer:** Vet's list medication violations for the presence of Betamethasone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Great Runner on 6/29/26.**Dates:** 08/07/2026**Licensee:** Jose A. Navarro, trainer**Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.**Explainer:** Vet's list medication violations for the presence of Phenylbutazone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Dewey Lake on 6/29/26.**Dates:** 08/06/2026**Licensee:** Sergio Donjuan, trainer**Penalty:** 7-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on August 7, 2026; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$1,000; imposition of 2 Penalty Points.**Explainer:** Medication violations for the presence of Lidocaine--a

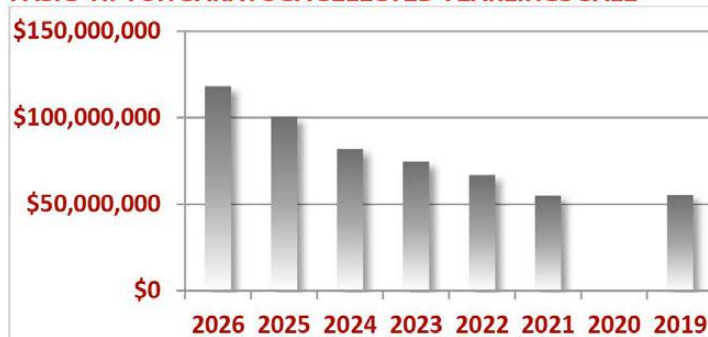
class B controlled substance--in a sample taken from Coda Mia, who won at Belterra Park on 6/18/26.

Dates: 08/05/2026**Licensee:** Casey Schleis, trainer**Penalty:** Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.**Explainer:** Medication violation for the presence of Methocarbamol--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Triple Up, who finished second at Prairie Meadows on 6/19/26.**Dates:** 08/05/2026**Licensee:** Michael S. Zalalas, trainer**Penalty:** Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.**Explainer:** Medication violation for the presence of Flunixin--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Majestic Rain, who finished second at Penn National on 5/8/26. **Cont.**

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THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS

FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA SELECTED YEARLINGS SALE



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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2026	230	186	152	19.2%	81.7%	66.0%	\$118,215,000	\$777,730
2025	222	181	160	19.4%	88.4%	72.0%	\$100,715,000	\$629,469
2024	240	189	154	21.2%	81.5%	64.1%	\$82,160,000	\$533,506
2023	235	203	153	13.6%	75.4%	65.1%	\$74,780,000	\$488,758
2022	216	179	143	19.1%	80.0%	66.2%	\$66,955,000	\$468,217
2021	210	180	135	14.3%	75.0%	64.3%	\$55,155,000	\$408,556
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2019	223	182	135	19.4%	74.2%	60.5%	\$55,547,000	\$411,459

Dates: 08/05/2026

Licensee: Johnathan Feron, trainer

Penalty: A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.

Explainer: Vets' list medication violation for the presence of Dantrolene--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Wine Empire on 6/21/26.

Pending ADMC Violations

08/12/2026, John Steve Cannon, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Lidocaine--a class B controlled substance--in a sample taken from Coasting By, who finished third at Thistledown on 7/13/26.

08/12/2026, Joe Toye, trainer: Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Cannabidiol (CBD)--a class B controlled substance--in a sample taken from Gypsy Lynn on 7/6/26.

08/11/2026, Antonio Arriaga, trainer: Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Acepromazine--a class B controlled substance--in a sample taken from Leper King on 7/15/26.

08/10/2026, Ruben Fuentes, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Facenda, who finished second at Canterbury Park on 7/4/26.

08/06/2026, Patrick Clay, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Methamphetamine--a banned substance--in a sample taken from El Jefe Cobb, who finished fifth at Fairmount Park on 5/12/26.

Crop Violations

Albuquerque Downs

Oscar Ceballos--reporting date August 8; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Colonial Downs

Jeiron B. Rodriguez--reporting date August 9; \$500 fine, one-day suspension

Samuel D. Marin--reporting date August 8; \$500 fine, one-day suspension

Nomar A. Bueno--reporting date August 7; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Delaware Park

Leonardo C. Alvarez--reporting date August 11; \$28 fine, one-day suspension

Paul A. L. Obregon--reporting date August 6; \$500 fine, one-day suspension, on appeal

Edwin Gonzalez--reporting date August 6; \$1,000 fine, four-day suspension, on appeal

Del Mar

Antonio Fresu--reporting date August 11; \$1,000 fine, two-day suspension, on appeal stay requested

Ellis Park

Gerardo A. Corrales--reporting date August 8; \$500 fine, one-day suspension

Summer L. Pauly--reporting date August 8; \$750 fine, three-day suspension

Thistledown

Jose A. Bracho--reporting date August 10; \$500 fine, two-day suspension

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ELLIS PARK ADJUSTS WEEKEND CARDS AMID TRIPLE-DIGIT HEAT INDEX

Ellis Park's live racing schedule will be adjusted this weekend due to forecast heat index values of up to 109 degrees in the Henderson area, the track said in a press release on Wednesday.

Friday's card will move in its entirety to Monday, while Saturday and Sunday will have an adjusted first post of 10 a.m. CT. First post Monday is 11:50 a.m. CT.

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LED BY O'FARRELL, TOBA NAMES OFFICERS AND FIVE NEW TRUSTEES TO BOARD

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association elected David O'Farrell as chairman of its Board of Trustees, according to a release on Tuesday from the group.

Joining O'Farrell on the Board of Trustees and serving three-year terms as new members are: David Anderson, Conrad Bendoroff, Matt Dorman, Lynn Hancock & Preston Troutt.

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Re-elected to three-year terms were current trustees Joe Appelbaum, Michael Banahan, Mandy Pope and R. Glenn Sikura.

"I am honored to be re-elected as TOBA chairman," said David O'Farrell. "Our board of trustees and the TOBA membership represent an important constituency, and we look forward to working with other industry stakeholders to address the numerous issues facing our industry."

Following its annual members meeting, the TOBA Board of Trustees met to elect officers for the association.

Officers named for 2026-2027 are: David O'Farrell, chairman, Jon Green, vice-chairman, Dan Metzger, president; Billy Koch, secretary; and Adrian Wallace, treasurer.

Brant Laue was re-elected chair of the American Graded Stakes Committee.

Also, the TOBA Board approved the reappointment of Alex Solis II to the American Graded Stakes Committee.

The 2026-2027 committee is comprised of TOBA members Brant Laue (chair), Walker Hancock, Bret Jones, Billy Koch, David O'Farrell, and Alex Solis II and racing officials Gatewood Bell (Keeneland), Dan Bork (Churchill Downs and Colonial Downs), Jason Egan (Santa Anita Park), Rick Hammerle (Kentucky Downs), and Andrew Offerman (NYRA).

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MARC AND SHEREE HOLLIDAY HONORED WITH HENDRICKSON & WHITNEY AWARD



Marc and Sheree Holliday accept the Hendrickson & Whitney Award | Skip Dickstein

Marc Holliday, a Thoroughbred owner, breeder and chairman of The New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA), and his wife Sheree, an avid and competitive equestrian, were honored Wednesday, Aug. 12, with the John Hendrickson and Marylou Whitney Award for their generous support of the New York backstretch community at the New York Race Track Chaplaincy's

19th Annual Fundraising Brunch at the Saratoga National Golf Club, the non-profit said in a Wednesday press release.

"The backstretch community is the lifeblood of any racetrack and Sheree and I are proud to support the vital work of the New York Race Track Chaplaincy," Marc Holliday said. "We are extremely honored to be recognized at this year's brunch."

As is the custom, the Hollidays were presented with a framed racing scene created by equine artist Tom Chapman from the New York Race Track Chaplaincy. On hand to assist with the award presentation was Marylou Whitney's daughter, Heather Mabee.

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PTHA OWNERS & TRAINERS APPRECIATION DAY AT PARX SET FOR SATURDAY, AUG. 15

The Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (PTHA) will celebrate its horsemen and membership with the annual Owners & Trainers Appreciation Day this Saturday, Aug. 15, at Parx Racing, the organization said via a press release on Wednesday.

The 12-race program will feature more than \$700,000 in total purses, with first post scheduled for 12:40 p.m. ET.

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Leading 2026 Sires of Yearlings

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Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2024 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Into Mischief	F10	KY	\$250,000	11	10	\$1,997,049	\$2,050,000
2	Gun Runner	F19	KY	Private	18	16	\$1,426,562	\$1,100,000
3	Not This Time	F18	KY	\$150,000	9	6	\$1,420,833	\$1,225,000
4	Nyquist	F18	KY	\$85,000	7	6	\$1,279,166	\$925,000
5	Justify	F20	KY	Private	3	3	\$900,000	\$750,000
6	Curlin	F10	KY	\$250,000	6	6	\$791,004	\$637,500
7	Quality Road	F12	KY	\$200,000	3	3	\$758,333	\$500,000
8	Constitution	F17	KY	\$110,000	7	6	\$720,833	\$562,500
9	Flightline	F24	KY	\$150,000	5	5	\$705,000	\$775,000
10	Life Is Good	F24	KY	\$85,000	8	8	\$698,125	\$687,500
11	Tapit	F06	KY	\$185,000	2	2	\$650,000	\$650,000
12	Good Magic	F20	KY	\$125,000	2	1	\$600,000	\$600,000
13	Uncle Mo	F13	KY	\$150,000	10	9	\$568,333	\$450,000
14	Medaglia d'Oro	F06	KY	\$75,000	1	1	\$535,000	\$535,000
15	Maxfield	F23	KY	\$35,000	2	1	\$475,000	\$475,000

Leading 2026 Freshmen Sires of Yearlings

by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America through Fasig-Tipton Saratoga

Rank	Name	Sire's Sire	Loc	2024 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Cody's Wish	Curlin	KY	\$75,000	8	5	\$464,000	\$300,000
2	Elite Power	Curlin	KY	\$50,000	10	7	\$350,000	\$300,000
3	Forte	Violence	KY	\$50,000	14	10	\$349,349	\$397,748
4	Gunite	Gun Runner	KY	\$35,000	9	8	\$295,000	\$250,000
5	Up to the Mark	Not This Time	KY	\$25,000	5	4	\$242,500	\$225,000
6	Taiba	Gun Runner	KY	\$35,000	8	7	\$238,428	\$220,000
7	Arcangelo	Arrogate	KY	\$35,000	5	3	\$228,333	\$135,000
8	Mage	Good Magic	KY	\$25,000	7	6	\$215,833	\$200,000
9	Fulsome	Into Mischief	KY	\$7,500	2	1	\$140,000	\$140,000
10	Arabian Lion	Justify	KY	\$30,000	8	8	\$138,000	\$132,500
11	Loggins	Ghostzapper	KY	\$7,500	14	11	\$130,636	\$70,000
12	Pappacap	Gun Runner	KY	\$12,500	4	3	\$96,666	\$110,000
13	Proxy	Tapit	KY	\$25,000	2	2	\$90,000	\$90,000
14	Dr. Schivel	Violence	KY	\$12,500	3	2	\$68,000	\$68,000
15	Two Phil's	Hard Spun	KY	\$12,500	12	11	\$59,136	\$30,000



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3	Ole Crazy Bone	Ghostzapper	Flying P Stable	Maker	Ortiz, Jr.	124
4	Program Trading (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	124
5	Fort George (GB)	Territories (Ire)	Mrs. Fitriani Hay	Walker	Shoemark	124
6	Minaret Station	Instilled Regard	OXO Equine LLC	Walden	Ortiz	124
7	Survie (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Michael B. Tabor	Boughey	Franco	119

Breeders: 1-Yulong Investments (Australia) Pty, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Adena Springs, 4-Fittocks Stud & Arrow Farm & Stud, 5-K. A. Bartlett & J. M. Beaver, 6-OXO Equine, LLC, 7-Franklin Finance SA

Though a 3-year-old running against older horses, **Ancient Egypt (Ire)** (Frankel ({GB})) is the type of top-class European shipper you look for in races like this. He's coming off a second-place finish in the G1 Gran Prix de Paris and has shown an affinity for the mile-and-a-half distance. **Program Trading (GB)** (Lope de Vega ({Ire})) ran the best race of his life when stretched out to 11 furlongs to win the GII United Nations Stakes. This looks like a perfect spot for the Chad Brown-trainee. **Survie (Ire)** (Churchill ({Ire})), another European-based horse, comes back in just 13 days after beating fillies in the GII Glens Falls Stakes after rocketing home after chasing a slow pace. A major contender.

--Bill Finley

Saturday, 8/15, Woodbine #8, post time: 4:40 p.m. EDT

CANADIAN S. PRESENTED BY THE JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION-GII, C\$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lupa (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Mark Dodson	Carroll	Aebly	121
2	War Painter	Danish Dynaformer	Canuck Racing Club	Attard	Civaci	121
3	Awesomesauce	Union Rags	Joseph M. Engelhart	Sharp	Campos	121
4	Eponine (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Repole Stable	Attard	Hernandez	121
5	Queens Command (Ire)	War Command	TEC Racing	Vassilieva	Flores	121
6	Proctor Street	Street Sense	Patricia L. Moseley	Walsh	Moran	121
7	Power of Destiny (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners, Upland Flats Racing, Wilmot, Jonathan & Bauer, Nick	Begg	Velazquez	121

Breeders: 1-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 2-Charles Fipke, 3-Joseph M. Engelhart, 4-Cotton House Bloodstock, 5-Kevin J. Molloy, 6-Patricia L. Moseley, 7-King Power Racing Co Ltd



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Saturday, 8/15, Woodbine #11, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT**BET365 KING EDWARD S.-GII, C\$200,000, 3yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Irish Aces 	Mshawish	Pocket Aces Racing LLC	Walsh	Moran	121
2	G T Five Hundred 	Astern (Aus)	Centennial Farms Inc.	Desruisseaux	Campos	122
3	Gas Me Up 	Hard Spun	Exline-Border Racing LLC, Jawl, Michael, Kennedy, Aaron and Zwiesler, Tom	Attard	Aebly	123
4	Seminole Chief	Girvin	Grady, Bradley R. and Grund, David	Sharp	Hernandez	121
5	Wyoming Bill 	Curlin	Latitude Adjustment Racing	Day Phillips	Wilson	121
6	Piper's Factor	The Factor	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Vassilieva	Velazquez	121

Breeders: 1-Lynch Bages LTD, 2-Joe B. Mulholland Jr., John P. Mulholland & Karen Mulholland, 3-Sam-Son Farm, 4-Brad Grady & Misty Grady, 5-Sean Fitzhenry & Dorothy Fitzhenry, 6-Chiefswood Stables Limited

Saturday, 8/15, Woodbine #7, post time: 3:46 p.m. EDT**BOLD VENTURE S.-GIII, C\$175,000, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Baxley	Klimt Kirk Sutherland	Ladouceur	Contreras	123	
2	Poulin in O T	Reload	Steven Owens	Owens	Munger	124
3	Awesome Bourbon	Not Bourbon	Carlo D'Amato	Katryan	Maragh	122
4	Its Bourbon Thirty	Outwork	Howling Pigeon Farms LLC	O'Dwyer	Moran	122
5	G T Five Hundred 	Astern (Aus)	Centennial Farms Inc.	Desruisseaux	Campos	126
6	Western Whirl	Twirling Candy	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Simon	Aebly	122
7	Souped Up	Souper Speedy	Theil, Linda J. and Hosein, Harri	Sadler	Wilson	123
8	Notorious Gangster	Classic Empire	Mark Dodson	Carroll	Hernandez	123

Breeders: 1-Hidden Point Farm, Inc., 2-Beverly Lewis-Owens & Steven Owens, 3-Charles E. Fipke, 4-Paul King, 5-Joe B. Mulholland Jr., John P. Mulholland & Karen Mulholland, 6-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 7-Chris Harris & John C. Harris, 8-Mark Dodson

Saturday, 8/15, Monmouth #5, post time: 2:57 p.m. EDT**PHILIP H. ISELIN S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	East Avenue	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	124
2	Chunk of Gold	Preservationist	Terry L. Stephens	West	Torres	118
3	Sergeant Capps 	West Coast	Panagiotis A. Synnefias and Malamo Racing, LLC	Synnefias	-	118
4	Stars and Stripes 	Not This Time	Frassetto Stables LLC	Mott	Alvarado	124
5	Bishops Bay 	Uncle Mo	KAS Stables	Cox	Rivera, Jr.	118
6	La Frost 	Frosted	My Purple Haze Stables LLC	Pompay	Iorio	118

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Brereton C. Jones, 3-Offshoot Farm, LLC, 4-Pam & Martin Wygod, 5-WinStar Farm, LLC, 6-Clearsky Farms

Bishops Bay (Uncle Mo) was beaten a nose by **East Avenue** (Medaglia d'Oro) in the GIII Salvator Mile, but that foe picks up six pounds for this start. That should make the difference. **Chunk of Gold** (Preservationist) is the likely speed in here and has held his own against the likes of Magnitude (**Not This Time**). The \$2,500 yearling buy would go over \$1 million in earnings with a win here. East Avenue certainly isn't out of this. That Tyler Gaffalione comes in for the ride is significant. --Bill Finley



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Saturday, 8/15, Woodbine, post time: 6:12 p.m. EDT**KING'S PLATE S., C\$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Luster	Knicks Go	Gainesway Stable and Rosen, Andrew	Carroll	Velazquez	121
2	Fire and Wine	Lexitonian	Paul Ryder	Krcmar	Samuel	126
3	Baaeed Alynna	Good Magic	Tagermeen Racing LLC	Attard	Civaci	126
4	Imyourmedicineman	Shaman Ghost	Oh Em Gee Stable and Ad Noir, LLC	Ladouceur	Contreras	126
5	Dixie Law	Tiz the Law	Hillsbrook Farms	Desruisseaux	Moran	121
6	Don Ique	Astern (Aus)	Mike Cooke	Carroll	Wilson	126
7	Magical Factor	The Factor	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Halden	Campos	126
8	Highwaytothemoon	Ransom the Moon	Centennial Farms Inc.	Desruisseaux	Hernandez	126
9	Brachetto	Vekoma	McKague, Dr. Ross A. and McKague, Brenda	Carey	Munger	126
10	Very Special	Ghostzapper	Stronach Stables	Attard	Maragh	126
11	Bond Market	Bond Street (Ire)	Polo Management Services	Grant	Forde	126
12	Military Time	Gun Runner	Barber, Gary and St. Elias Stable	Casse	Aebly	126

Breeders: 1-Mr. Ravi Sugrim & Ms. Joannie Dass, 2-James & Janeane Everatt, Arika Meeuse & Robert Marzilli, 3-Saintsbury Farms Inc., 4-Jon Hyka, 5-Garland E. Williamson, 6-Jeffrey Yingling, 7-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 8-James Everatt, Janeane Everatt & Arika Everatt-Meeuse, 9-Dr. Ross A. McKague, 10-Adena Springs, 11-Brian O'Leary, 12-Adena Springs

Sunday, 8/16, Del Mar #5, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT**RANCHO BERNARDO S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Thermal	Nyquist	By Talla Racing LLC & John W. Sadler Racing, Inc.	Sadler	Rosario	122
2	Catalina Cocktail	Catalina Cruiser	Alan G. Mindell	Sadler	Jaramillo	122
3	Antifona (Fr)	Recoletos (Fr)	Wilson, Holly and Wilson, David	Cerin	Desormeaux	122
4	Fire Ban 🦋	Preservationist	James F. Cahill	Koriner	Ayuso	122
5	Sweet Azteca	Sharp Azteca	Pamela C. Ziebarth	Baltas	Hernandez	125
6	Sweet Gal of Mine	Dialed In	Pamela C. Ziebarth	Baltas	Smith	122

Breeders: 1-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 2-Fountain of Youth Breeding LLC, 3-SARL Darpat France, 4-Gwen Carpenter, 5-Pamela Cee Ziebarth, 6-Pamela Cee Ziebarth

Sunday, 8/16, Saratoga #9, post time: 6:06 p.m. EDT**MAHONY S.-GIII, \$225,000, 3yo, 5 1/2fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rebel With a Cause	Leinster	Tristar Farm LLC	Robson	Castellano	122
2	Outfielder 🦋	Speightstown	Amo Racing USA LLC, Two Eight Racing and Ward, Wesley A.	Ward	Velazquez	122
3	Oscar's Hope 🦋	Twirling Candy	Michael McLoughlin	LaRose	Alvarado	122
4	Intricate Spirit 🦋	Complexity	West Point Thoroughbreds, Madaket Stables LLC, Beitz, Kenneth G. and Beitz, Gail P.	Clement	Franco	124
5	Big Destroyer 🦋	Midshipman	LJSS Thoroughbreds	Clement	Prat	120
6	Learntodiscover (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Mark Dobbin	Walsh	Gaffalione	124
7	Stradale	Yaupon	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Asmussen	Ortiz	120

Breeders: 1-Mr. & Mrs. David John Osterholt, 2-SF Bloodstock LLC, 3-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 4-Ben Henley, Rebekah Henley & Jim Gray, 5-Nursery Place Donaldson and Broadbent, 6-Mr G. Wilding, 7-Richard Bremer & Cheryl Sprick

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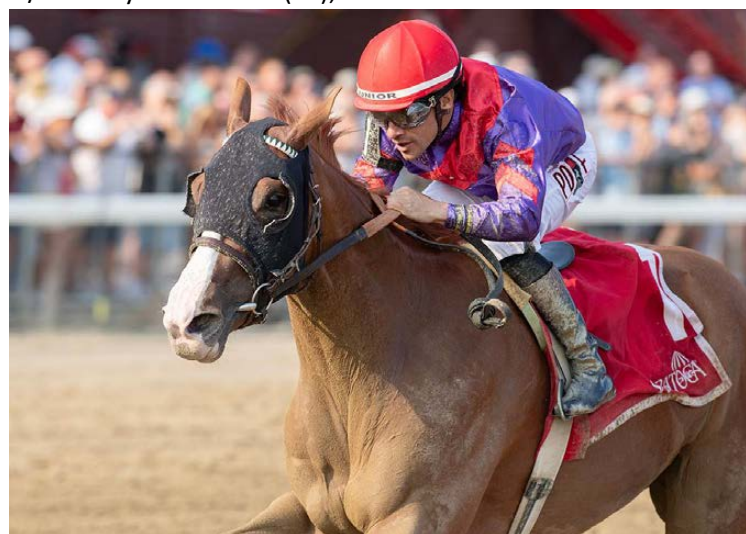
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8th-Saratoga, \$120,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$55,000), 8-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:52.38, ft, 2 lengths.

ANSWERED PRAYERS (f, 3, Speightstown--Tokyo Time {GSP, \$249,177}, by Medaglia d'Oro), a full-sister to GISW and freshman sire **Olympiad**, broke her maiden in her second start at Keeneland Apr. 6 and placed in her two subsequent starts at Churchill Downs, both going 1 1/16 miles. Shipping to New York for the first time, the 3-2 rail-drawn favorite split the field with good inside position going into the clubhouse turn, never far from the front and able to save ground under Junior Alvarado. Allowed to angle out a touch as the half went in :47.65, she began to advance and was clearly the class of this group, hitting the front a furlong from home and opening up for the two-length win over Higher Force (Higher Power). Tokyo Time, who unfortunately passed this year, was a half-sister to MGSW/MGISP Hungry Island (More Than Ready) and to the dams of GISW Preservationist (Arch) and GSW/GISP Pleasant Passage (More Than Ready). She has four winners from five to race with her youngest foal the now 2-year-old unraced **Not This Time** filly Be Brave. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$183,123. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



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7th-Saratoga, \$115,000, (S), Msw, 8-12, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12.62, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

BABY BETH (f, 2, Olympiad--Jabuticaba {SP, \$215,224}, by City Zip), unveiled here against fellow New York-breds in her first start since bringing \$100,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Sale in May, drew inside and had more than enough early speed to clear this field. Setting the fractions under Manny Franco, she was able to scoot clear and avoid any early pressure, leading easily through the half in :45.88. The 5-2 favorite Under the Moon (Greatest Honour) made a run down the stretch but was never a threat as Baby Beth sprung the 2 3/4-length upset at odds of 7-1. Her freshman sire's (by Speightstown) fifth winner, Baby Beth has a yearling Arabian Lion half-sister now in the hands of Mahmud Mouni and a **Seize the Grey** weanling half-sister. Her dam was covered by **Americanrevolution** ahead of next season. Sales History: \$40,000 Ylg '25 SARAUG; \$100,000 2yo '26 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$63,250. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-John and Beth Lauriello; B-Rockridge Stud, LLC & Ascendant farm (NY); T-Jorge R. Abreu.



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6th-Saratoga, \$90,000, Msw, 8-12, 2yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 1:02.49, fm, 4 lengths.

YOLO TRAIN (f, 2, **Jack Christopher**--Rue de l'Ange, by **Street Sense**) went off as the popular wagering choice at 9-5 in this auction price-restricted debut for owner Michael Dubb. Quick from the far outside gate, she had enough speed to press pacesetter Sweet Grace (**Candy Ride** {Arg}) from just a half-length back in second. Staying right with that rival from the outside, she took over command midway around the far turn and was in cruise control down the stretch, airing out nicely under Jose Ortiz to come in an easy four-length winner over Sea Isle City (**Jack Christopher**), topping an exacta for her freshman sire (by **Munnings**). Her sire's seventh first-crop winner, Yolo Train was a \$65,000 OBS April grad this spring. Her dam, a **Street Sense** half-sister to MGISW Cave Rock (Arrogate), foaled a colt by **Muth** this spring and was bred back to **Tiz the Law** for 2027. Sales History: \$95,000 RNA Wlg '24 KEENOV; \$35,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP; \$65,000 2yo '26 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Michael Dubb; B-Michael Dowd (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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Citrus Springs, f, 2, **Olympiad**. See "Ireland".



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2026 Stud Fees Listed

Epicenter (**Not This Time**), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
206 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Delaware, 2:28 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Hay Hay Renee, 8-1
\$27,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$75,000 OBS APR 2yo



Olympiad at Gainesway | Sarah Andrew

Idol (**Curlin**), Taylor Made Farm, \$5,000
81 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-Thistledown, 1:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Flashy **Idol**, 15-1
\$17,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Jackie's Warrior (**Maclean's Music**), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
136 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Delaware, 2:28 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Shanghai Rose, 6-1
\$130,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo



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Mo Donegal (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
135 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Canterbury, 8:08 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Son of Mo, 4-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 2026 Stud Fees Listed

Botswana Taps (Distorted Humor), Raimonde Farms
4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Thistledown, 3:20 p.m. Msw 5 1/2f, Tap Dancing Dan, 12-1

Charlatan (Speightstown), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$25,000
322 foals of racing age/47 winners/7 black-type winners
9-Saratoga, 5:49 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Bamboozie, 6-1
\$275,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$200,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Yaupon (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$60,000
325 foals of racing age/71 winners/14 black-type winners
9-Saratoga, 5:49 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Royal Enclosure, 8-1
\$150,000 KEE SEP yrl



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5th-Thistledown, \$35,800, (S), 8-12, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06.68, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

LOWELLS GIFT (g, 3, Caracaro--Factress, by **The Factor**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$48,999. O-Golden Kernel Racing Stable and Jeff Fletcher; B-Lowell F. Allen (OH); T-Jeff Fletcher.

7th-Thistledown, \$32,500, 8-12, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.42, ft, 6 1/4 lengths.

MOREAU (g, 6, Speightstown--Art Director, by **Tapit**) Lifetime Record: 28-10-6-4, \$307,872. O-Imaginary Stables; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich.

4th-Thistledown, \$31,000, 8-12, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.32, ft, head.

OLIVERIO (g, 4, Game Winner--Sugar Curl, by **Curlin**) Lifetime Record: 18-5-1-4, \$70,064. O-Lopez Racing Stable, Inc.; B-Michael Samotowka (KY); T-Elias Lopez. *\$47,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

1st-Thistledown, \$28,000, 8-12, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.32, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

BLAKE JAMES (g, 4, Audible--Gambiarra, by **Quality Road**) Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-3, \$77,547. O-Keys to Riches Stable LLC; B-Donald R. Dizney, LLC (KY); T-Shane Meyers. *\$45,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

7th-Finger Lakes, \$24,500, (S), 8-12, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.94, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

AZ U CHASE ME (g, 5, Sharp Azteca--Girlaboutown, by **A.P. Indy**) Lifetime Record: 26-4-2-7, \$157,609. O-Dale A. Iacaboni; B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-Stacy Torelli. *\$55,000 2yo '23 EASMAY.

2nd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$20,160, (S), 8-11, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:07.33, sy, 2 3/4 lengths.

HELLO FOXY (m, 5, Friend Or Foe--Spicetown, by **Speightstown**) Lifetime Record: 13-3-0-4, \$55,012. O/B-Robin Grams (WV); T-Timothy C. Grams.

5th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$19,600, 8-11, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (off turf), 1:13.29, sy, 3/4 length.

MIA'S MYRIGE (f, 4, **Funtastic**--Koritsi, by **Atreides**) Lifetime Record: 8-2-4-2, \$40,820. O-Virginia Demczyk; B-BHMFR, LLC (KY); T-Virginia Demczyk. *\$22,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Business Math, f, 2, Jackie's Warrior--Gidgetta, by Fast Anna. Saratoga, 8-12, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06.16. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$35,825. B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (KY). *Fifth winner for freshman sire (by **Maclean's Music**).

Fancy Footwork, f, 3, **Curlin**--Tara's Tango (GISW, \$806,004), by Unbridled's Song. Finger Lakes, 8-12, 1m 70y, 1:46.13. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$39,705. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY). *\$150,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. **1/2 to Capensis (**Tapit**), GSW, \$230,075.

Princeton, g, 3, Daredevil--Holiday's Jewel (SP, \$393,052), by Harlan's Holiday. Thistledown, 8-12, 6f, 1:12.84. Lifetime Record: 9-1-0-2, \$26,875. B-Shortleaf Stable (KY). *1/2 to Caldee (More Than Ready), GSP, \$195,080.



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Lil Henry, g, 3, **Oxbow**--Berning Repent, by Bernardini. Louisiana Downs, 8-11, (S), 7 1/2fT, 1:31.92. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$23,040. B-Albert Benton Salmon (LA).

Lots of Kisses, f, 4, **Improbable**--Agave Kiss (GSW & GISP, \$339,400), by Lion Heart. Saratoga, 8-12, (C), 5 1/2fT, 1:02.93. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, \$91,801. B-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC (KY). *\$105,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$155,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR.

Gum, f, 4, **Twirling Candy**--Spellbind (GB), by Shamardal. Saratoga, 8-12, (C), 1mT, 1:35.38. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-3, \$92,400. B-Vehbi Hakan Keles (KY). *\$85,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate

Senora d'Oro, m, 5, **Bolt d'Oro**--Senora Uno, by Macho Uno. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-11, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:41.53. Lifetime Record: 13-1-2-3, \$69,798. B-Ruis Racing LLC (KY). *\$16,000 3yo '24 FTDAPR.

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Audible, Blake James, g, 4, o/o Gambiarra, by **Quality Road**.

ALW, 8-12, Thistledown

Bolt d'Oro, Senora d'Oro, m, 5, o/o Senora Uno, by Macho Uno. MSW, 8-11, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Caracaro, Lowells Gift, g, 3, o/o Factress, by **The Factor**. ALW, 8-12, Thistledown

Curlin, Fancy Footwork, f, 3, o/o Tara's Tango, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 8-12, Finger Lakes

Daredevil, Princeton, g, 3, o/o Holiday's Jewel, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 8-12, Thistledown

Friend Or Foe, Hello Foxy, m, 5, o/o Spicetown, by Speightstown. ALW, 8-11, Mountaineer

Funtastic, Mia's Myrige, f, 4, o/o Koritsi, by Atreides. ALW, 8-11, Mountaineer

Game Winner, Oliverio, g, 4, o/o Sugar Curl, by **Curlin**. ALW, 8-12, Thistledown

Improbable, Lots of Kisses, f, 4, o/o Agave Kiss, by Lion Heart. MCL, 8-12, Saratoga

Jack Christopher, Yolo Train, f, 2, o/o Rue de l'Ange, by **Street Sense**. MSW, 8-12, Saratoga

Jackie's Warrior, Business Math, f, 2, o/o Gidgetta, by Fast Anna. MCL, 8-12, Saratoga

Olympiad, Baby Beth, f, 2, o/o Jabuticaba, by City Zip. MSW, 8-12, Saratoga

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Oxbow, Lil Henry, g, 3, o/o Berning Repent, by Bernardini. MSW, 8-11, Louisiana Downs

Sharp Azteca, Az U Chase Me, g, 5, o/o Girlaboutown, by A.P. Indy. ALW, 8-12, Finger Lakes

Speightstown, Answered Prayers, f, 3, o/o Tokyo Time, by Medaglia d'Oro. AOC, 8-12, Saratoga

Speightstown, Moreau, g, 6, o/o Art Director, by **Tapit**. ALW, 8-12, Thistledown

Twirling Candy, Gum, f, 4, o/o Spellbind (GB), by Shamardal. MCL, 8-12, Saratoga

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On the one hand it may be hard to believe that Arqana is already 20 years old, but when one considers that horse sales have been taking place in Deauville since 1887, then France's leading Thoroughbred auction house is still a mere stripling.

Five years after that initial offering of 20 horses passed through the ring 139 years ago, the Deauville sales moved to the plot of land which has come to be known as the Elie de Brignac complex, where Arqana has been based throughout.

It was the merger of Agence Francaise de Vente de Pur Sang and Goffs France which led to Arqana's existence and its first August Sale in 2006 was topped by the Monsun filly Sortita, who was bought by Shadwell from Haras du Mezeray for €750,000. Mezeray has subsequently dropped from the list of consignors, having been bought by Nurlan Bizakov in 2021, but the leading vendor of that year, Haras d' Etreham, is still very much a force on the breeding and sales scene.

Over the course of the last two decades, an encouraging number of operations have emerged as the French bloodstock community has gained a new vibrancy. The sales calendar has expanded to include the newer sales companies Osarus and Aktem, but turnover at Arqana has trebled. The man perhaps best placed to give an overview of the last 20 years is Olivier Delloye, who joined Arqana on day one, then spent eight years at the helm of France Galop before returning as CEO on the retirement of Eric Hoyer in April 2024. [Cont. p3](#)

MORSHEAD RELISHES OPPORTUNITY TO 'REACH NEW HEIGHTS' IN AGENCY ROLE

By Emma Berry

Spend a morning at George Boughey's Craven House Stables and it's hard not to come away feeling impressed by the youthful vigour of the place.

You rarely see the trainer without his trusted lieutenant Henry Morshead. Then in the saddle there's Billy Loughnane, 20, and a whole assortment of Neil and Trish Callan's sons, ranging from leading apprentice Jack, 19, and leading amateur Henry, 17, to 14-year-old Ted, currently riding out in his summer holiday and who, if early signs are anything to go by, will be a leading something or other before too long. To balance the scales of time, those of a particular vintage would enjoy spotting the evergreen Paul Eddery as one of the key work riders in the string.

Change, though, is on the wind, certainly towards the head of the chain, as Henry Morshead adjusts his role from assistant trainer to agent with the launch of Morshead Bloodstock in time for the start of the yearling sales. He won't be lost to the Boughey stable and his activities won't be solely restricted to the sales, however, as Morshead will be based at Craven House, offering a bespoke service to owners which includes a racing managerial side to his business. [Cont. p7](#)



Henry Morshead alongside George Boughey | Emma Berry

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"I have been lucky to be part of the journey since day one, because the fun fact is that I officially joined on 1st of July 2006, which corresponds exactly to the day when the new shareholders took control of the Agence Francaise and then renamed it Arqana," says Delloye, who was initially hired by Agence Francaise chairman Philippe Augier. "The key man in the new operation was Eric Hoyeau. He didn't choose me, and I didn't choose him either, but luckily we got on very well from day one and we worked together for a good 10 years."

He continues, "In the last 10 years, Arqana has increased its sales turnover by €100 million, which is not something I could have imagined when I left

Arqana for France Galop. Back in 2006, I think the yearly sales turnover was about €70 million, and last year it was three times more than that, above €210 million.



Olivier Delloye | Scoop Dyga

"Obviously, that is in a market that has grown itself, it's not only Arqana. However, it corresponds to a gain of market share in the last 20 years, and if you look more specifically, I think the August Sale has probably doubled over that period. The

breeze-up sale is now probably the leading sale, coming from a pretty modest sale in Saint-Cloud at the beginning, and the breeding stock sale usually fetched something like €7 million, now it's around €15 million every year."

Delloye largely credits the breeders for this success. He says, "I think there has been a dynamic which can not only be the dynamic of a sales company, it's a dynamic of the whole industry - with new breeders, new operations, younger people and also some dynamism as well

from some more established breeders and consignors who are still in the top three or top four every year."

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Some of the successful Arqana graduates from past sales

Zuzanna Lupa

Arqana's 20th Anniversary Cont.

There is also a distinct advantage enjoyed by Arqana: location, location, location. This is particularly so for its flagship yearling sale. After all, not many people would complain about spending a week or so in beautiful Normandy in mid-August, with top-class racing on the doorstep, not to mention the beach and some pretty swanky restaurants. There's a reason Arqana launched a range of merchandise with the tagline 'The sales paradise'.

"It's very true to say that Deauville has played a huge part in the French sales history and recent success," Delloye agrees. "So that's a key asset to us that we are trying to leverage as much as we can."

"I see more and more people investing in this industry. They are looking for a great experience to source really good horses, which they can find at the August Sale and other sales. I think it's more and more about the experience that we can offer to our clients - something that is both pleasant, memorable, and which gives them good reasons to keep investing in an industry, which is sometimes quite difficult for owners because you have ups and downs. So at least what we must do is, whatever the success or bad luck they might have with horses they buy, at least when they come here they are having a really good time and we are doing the best we can to please them. We see our role like that."

Evolving Hand in Hand

With the August Sale now only days away, certain graduates of that auction have been putting on quite a show on the track this year. **Constitution** River (Wootton Bassett) and Diamond

Necklace (**St Mark's Basilica**) each returned to France to win three Classics between them for Aidan O'Brien and the Coolmore team. They have both fared well against their elders, too, with **Constitution** River landing the Eclipse Stakes and Diamond Necklace maintaining her unbeaten record when taking the Nassau Stakes at Glorious Goodwood. Other stars from the previous year's August Sale are the dual Group 1 winner Blue Bolt (Blue Point), one of the revelations of this season for Juddmonte, and Opera Ballo (Ghaiyyath), winner of the G1 Jebel Hatta and G2 Bet365 Mile so far this year. Flying the flag for the latest bunch to have emerged from Arqana in August is G3 Albany Stakes winner Libertango (**No Nay Never**), who heads next to the G2 Lowther Stakes at York.

Diamond Necklace topped the 2024 sale at €1.7m and is a member of a family which routinely makes star turns in the Arqana sale ring. Her Night Of Thunder half-sister topped last year's auction at €3m, and their half-brother by **Siyouni** will be offered on the Sunday of this year's sale as lot 128. The vendor is Ecurie des Monceaux, who bred their dam Prudenzia (Dansili) and her offspring in partnership with the late Lady Chryss O'Reilly of Skymarc Farm.

Monceaux has been the dominant force of the August Sale for more than a decade, and that dominance came quickly after its inception.

"The funny thing with Arqana and Monceaux is that we are more or less the same age," says Henri Bozo, who has been at the head of Monceaux from the outset. "The only thing is that we really started selling in 2010 but we started redoing Monceaux when I arrived here. It was a farm with no horses, with no team, so it had to be redone, organised, and we had to start a broodmare band. Then we started selling 15 years ago, but we really started together." **Cont. p5**



Henri Bozo and MV Magnier | *Zuzanna Lupa*

Arqana's 20th Anniversary Cont.

He continues, "And I really remember those long discussions with Eric Hoyeau, with Olivier, with Georges Rimaud, with Marc de Chambure, when they were working hard and starting Arqana. It's been really interesting and it was a fun thing to do, to take the same road as them, because we started Monceaux then and we decided to trust them. We are in Normandy, we are French, and I think it made every sense to bet on them rather than spreading our small production within the different sales companies in Europe."

It was a pretty good bet for both sides. Monceaux has sold exclusively at Arqana since the outset, with 17 Group 1-winning graduates having emerged from the draft in that time, including Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and Prix du Jockey Club winner Sottsass and four-time Group 1 winner **Paddington**.

"You go to the sales and you try to do well there, but our real passion is enjoying those days at the races," says Bozo, who made his first visit to Goodwood to watch Diamond Necklace win her fourth Group 1. "I don't think you are assessing the success of an operation on the sales ring, but rather the racecourse, and having a filly like her, it's an amazing dream that we share with Patricia Boutin and with all the team. And especially when it's a filly that represents so much of our short history, because Prudenzia has been the flagbearer for Monceaux, and thanks to her, we have managed to grow up and to be put on the map. We shouldn't forget that. And we will surely not forget Chryss, who was part of the adventure."

The International View

Along with a large core of domestic consignors, Arqana's August Sale naturally attracts some select international vendors, and Ballylinch Stud is among those to have been supporting it from the start.



Arqana is located alongside Deauville Racecourse | Zuzanna Lupa



Ballylinch Stud's John O'Connor and Eoin Fives | Zuzanna Lupa

"I've been going to the sales there even before Arqana ran the sale there because I used to work close to Deauville in a place called Crevecoeur-en-Auge," says Ballylinch Stud's managing director John O'Connor. "Top Ville was standing at Bonneval at the time and Kenmare was in his first season just outside Deauville at Haras de Meautry."

"Arqana took over and I think it's fair to say that Eric and Bernard Salvat and the team really drove it forward. They were very hands-on managers, very customer focused and they built a good business. And I think that ethos has been passed on well to Olivier and Freddie [Powell] and the current team."

He adds, "They're able to combine the good location with some excellent racing and a fairly compact and selective sale which attracts high-end people who can see a lot of nice horses in a short time."

On behalf of friends and fellow breeders Brendan and Anne-Marie Hayes, O'Connor was responsible for selling Blue Bolt through Ballylinch at the 2023 August Sale.

"It's a family that Brendan has been nurturing and developing for generations, really, and this one is the prime example of what a good horse from that family can do. She's got a lot of Kilfrush influences, including Whipper as a broodmare sire, who we stood here at Ballylinch."

When it comes to selecting the right horse for the first European yearling sales of the season, O'Connor says that it must have "that level of precocity so that it can be ready to be produced at its peak, if possible, in mid-August".

He continues, "And as we're coming from Ireland, we need ones that can appeal to an international audience. We try to choose a small, compact draft because we just want to have a boutique presence there to show off the progeny from the sires. We're trying to just have an impact without trying to compete with the local people so much." **Cont. p6**



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Michel Zerolo, right, at Arqana | Zuzanna Lupa

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Buyers at this year's sale won't have to wait long for a horse from Ballylinch with global appeal. Lot 1 is a filly by the internationally renowned Lope De Vega whose relatives include the Breeders' Cup Turf winner Red Rocks and last year's Commonwealth Cup winner Time For Sandals.

"We've been so lucky that Lope de Vega has really established himself in pretty well every continent across the world," says O'Connor. "For the last two years, he's been the leading sire of black-type horses worldwide."

As if to illustrate that point, two other daughters of Lope De Vega have already rung the bell at the highest level after being sold at Arqana: Place Du Carrousel won the G1 Prix de l'Opera and Expensive Queen took Keeneland's G1 Jenny Wiley Stakes, enhancing an impressive Ballylinch record of 11 black-type horses sold at Arqana between 2020 and 2024 from just 32 lots offered.

Just the Ticket

Bloodstock operatives don't get much more international than Michel Zerolo, who has plenty of experience as both consignor and agent, through Haras des Capucines and Oceanic Bloodstock respectively, in his native France and in America. Zerolo is fulsome in his praise of the evolution of Arqana.

"Eric Hoyer has been a tremendous managing director of Arqana," he says. "He's very forward-thinking and he went from a position of being a challenger to being, not an equal to Tattersalls, but certainly very, very good."

"They also had great help from Elodie Garamond and the team at FRBC [French Racing and Breeding Committee], who were fantastic at bringing in the Aussies."

"Where I think Arqana has also been extremely successful is to attract all the breeze-up pinhookers and consignors from Ireland. I think they've made the Arqana Breeze-up Sale probably the best in Europe."

An example of that forward-thinking approach came in an announcement last week of the issuing of ten 'golden tickets' during the first session of the August Sale.

"We will draw 10 lots among the 80 that are catalogued on day one and every single buyer in the ring of one of these 10 lots will be granted a voucher of €30,000 to be spent on a second lot during the August Sale," says Delloye. "I think that might add a bit of excitement."

Some would say that excitement levels already run pretty high in Deauville in August. At the heart of that fun, however, there is some pretty serious horse business conducted in an arena where Arqana has, in a relatively short space of time, found its successful niche. Here's to 20 golden years, and many happy returns.

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A partial solar eclipse is seen over Deauville on Wednesday night

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Morshead & Boughey, (r), alongside Paul Eddery, Jack Callan & Billy Loughnane | Emma Berry

Henry Morshead Cont. from p1

"It's something that George and I have spoken about for probably well over a year now and George has been incredibly supportive," he says. "We softly launched it through the spring and signed for a few breezers together. It was kind of born out of the idea that an increasing part of my role in the last couple of years has been the sales. I've helped George at every major sale through the last three years, and I've really enjoyed having more responsibility in that sphere."

"The idea is to continue to help George and be a lot more bloodstock- and sales-focused, giving a far more holistic service to our current owners, or new owners, and just being another port of call for people to discuss plans with their horses, and doing everything we can to deliver on those ambitions."

He added, "It's overseeing the whole life cycle, from sale to exit strategy, and everything that comes in between. For me, it's a lovely way to continue growing and developing, but still being a part of the yard and working closely with George."

Morshead is quite at home in the Flat heartland, mixing it with some of the finest-bred animals in Newmarket, but he himself boasts an impeccable National Hunt pedigree. His grandfather Peter Beaumont trained Jodami to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup as well as J-J Henry, winner of the Topham Chase when ridden by Morshead's mother Anthea, who is now race day clerk of the course at York. His late father Sam Morshead was also a clerk of the course at Perth and a successful jump jockey, while Henry rode winners as a conditional for Kim Bailey and Paul Nicholls.

"I was just getting a bit heavy and looking to stay in the industry, but to do something slightly different," he says. "My Flat racing interests flourished and I started working for Charlie Hills while at university in Cirencester, and was then very fortunate to get onto the [Godolphin] Flying Start."

"I had an amazing couple of years with a great bunch of people, and then straight off the back of the Flying Start, I did my last placement with George and needed a job. There wasn't really a job going, but he was happy to keep me on and this is my fourth season here now."

During those years, Boughey moved from his initial base at Saffron House Stables to larger premises at Craven House, which has undergone plenty of modernisation.

"I've seen him grow in numbers and quality, moved yards, and it's been amazing to see the ambition and the consistency of trying to get better and better, week by week, month by month. It gives you a lot of energy each morning, working with such an ambitious young team," Morshead says.

Significantly, Craven House Stables has been home for the last two seasons to one of the most talked-about horses in training in the undefeated Bow Echo (Night Of Thunder), whose lamented retirement was announced on Tuesday.

"Since he came in, he had a little bit of star quality about him," he adds. "Obviously we didn't know he was going to be quite as good as he is, but it's been amazing to see every piece of work, his development from two to three, and now he's a real star. When you work with a horse every day, it can slightly pass you by, but I've had a few people come up to me at the races after he's won in the last few times this year, or just in passing, and they've commented how lucky I am to have been close to such a good horse at such a young stage of my career."

Morshead still plans to be close to the horses on a daily basis - sales aside - in order to be able to offer owners and clients regular updates and to discuss plans on an intermediary basis.

"George and I always place a huge amount of emphasis on the importance of seeing horses every day. Being based here is a huge privilege, and I'm excited to try to help keep George Boughey Racing going, and to reach new heights."

He will not, however, work exclusively for Boughey. [Cont. p8](#)



Morshead with Bow Echo in the week of his 2000 Guineas win
Emma Berry

Henry Morshead Cont.

"I'm hugely grateful for George's support but Morshead Bloodstock is very much open for business," he says. "I'm fortunate to be friendly with a good few people that have set up training in the last couple of years, and I have huge admiration for them."

"I'm under no illusions. George will be working with a number of different agents. He's got himself to a stage where he's training for some very big operations, and it's fantastic, but if I can represent a few that aren't already represented, and try to grow a diverse ownership base, then that would be brilliant."

"George is fantastically busy, and he makes a point of being at as many sales as he can, but we work well as a team, at the sales particularly, and this should just allow us to both work hard in the same direction, on two slightly different fronts."

Bouhey recently sent out Survie (Churchill) to win the GII Glen Falls Stakes at Saratoga and she returns this weekend in the GI Christophe Clement Stakes (formerly known as the Sword Dancer). Both Morshead and the trainer are keen to expand the American interests in the stable.

"I went to Keeneland last year, just on my own, more as a learning opportunity than anything else, and I think we'll do the same again," Morshead says. "I think American racing is something we really want to explore a bit more, and certainly I'd love to buy a few horses out there if the opportunity presented itself. There seems to be a good bit of interest from American owners to have horses over here in the UK, which is something we'd love to facilitate."

In the meantime, he is finalising the handover of his assistant trainer duties to Harry Middleton.

He adds, "I'm very lucky to work not just with George, but he's got an amazing team around him. There's a huge amount of young, ambitious, talented people around every day, and if you don't learn something from those sorts of people, you're doing it wrong."

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NO NAY NEVER'S FORBIDDEN FIRE EARNS TDN RISING STAR ROSETTE AT SALISBURY

by Sean Cronin

Unperturbed by an extended delay to Wednesday's Michael Brunton Memorial British EBF Novice Stakes at Salisbury, Jeff Smith's homebred **Forbidden Fire** (**No Nay Never**) became the seventh foal and scorer for her Group 1-winning dam with a TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard, display in the six-furlong contest.

The 5-2 second favourite, a G1 Cheveley Park entry, recovered from a sluggish getaway to stalk the leaders along the rail in third through halfway. Angled into the open approaching the quarter-mile marker, she inched ahead with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and extended clear in style in the closing stages to easily overpower **Ongombo** (**Siyouni**) by an impressive 5 1/2 lengths, becoming the 15th Rising Star for her sire.

"She's bred to be decent and she'd been showing up well at home," said Andrew Balding, who has a wealth of experience with the winner's family. "There's a lot of racing to happen between now and the Cheveley Park and she'd certainly need more experience to prove herself worthy of the entry. It's got to be a fanciful objective for now and we might find another novices' race on the way."

Forbidden Fire is the latest of seven reported foals, all winners, produced by G1 Juddmonte International heroine Arabian Queen (Dubawi), herself a daughter of dual G2 Lancashire Oaks victrix Barshiba (Barathea).

She is a half-sister to the multiple Group 1-placed dual Middleton Stakes winner See The Fire (**Sea The Stars**), G2 Derby Italiano hero Venetian Prince (**St Mark's Basilica**), the multiple Group-placed Royal Playwright (Lope De Vega) and Listed King Charles II Stakes third Arabian Storm (**Kingman**).

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BOUGHEY ON 'HORSE OF A LIFETIME' BOW ECHO AND THE INJURY WHICH CURTAILED HIS CAREER



Bow Echo (right) | Horsephotos

George Boughey has further reflected on the life-changing experiences provided by **Bow Echo** (Night Of Thunder) following the **retirement of the unbeaten colt on Tuesday** due to an injury to his left fore fetlock.

Speaking on the *Nick Luck Daily Podcast* on Wednesday morning, Boughey said, "I've been very lucky in a short space of time to have trained a few Group 1 horses. To have had that feeling, that high, and that sense of satisfaction for myself, but also for all our team, to find those horses, it's euphoric.

"After you've had those great horses, you're always searching for the next one. I didn't think a horse like Bow Echo would come along quite so soon. He has been the horse of a lifetime and to me the complete racehorse."

Boughey added of the injury which brought the curtain down on Bow Echo's career, "It was obviously upsetting news yesterday for a lot of people--he's captured the imagination. I think, fundamentally, we just wanted to touch base to show that he is absolutely fine, really. He had a minor setback into what we hoped was his last piece of work going into Deauville [for the Prix Jacques le Marois].

"The process these high-level horses go through means that he is trotted up before and after every piece of work. He showed a very, very low grade lameness, which meant that we X-rayed

him, just to make sure that he was okay, and there was a slight change there.

"I do everything in the best interests of the horse to stop an injury that could be catastrophic happening. I'm looking at the horse now in his box on the camera and he's eaten up, he's basically sound and in very good spirits. It's all very upsetting, but he's been a star."

Bow Echo retires unbeaten in six career starts and having registered a hat-trick of Group 1 victories this season, becoming the first horse since **Frankel** in 2011 to win the 2,000 Guineas, St James's Palace Stakes and Sussex Stakes.

Boughey revealed that it is the timing of the injury that has denied Bow Echo the opportunity to add to that tally, with there being every chance that the son of Night Of Thunder would have raced again had it happened earlier in the summer.

He added, "Timing is everything with horses. It's a short window these horses race and, if he was to have the time off that he needs to get him back to the track, he very easily could race again. Even if it had happened around Royal Ascot time, there would be a distinct possibility that he'd be able to run at the end of the year, so it is just timing.

"The call was made by Godolphin and us that it's too high risk to race him on as a four-year-old and we just basically ran out of time. I think it was very much the right decision for everyone and I'm just very much looking forward to preparing the horse to be a stallion at the end of the season."

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CLASSIC WINNERS PRECISE AND RAYIF LEAD 12 CONTENDERS FOR PRIX JACQUES LE MAROIS

Classic winners **Precise** (**Starspangledbanner**) and **Rayif** (Sea The Moon) headline 12 confirmations for Sunday's Aga Khan Studs Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville.

The Group 1 feature, which offers total prize-money of €1 million, will be without its star attraction following the retirement of Bow Echo (Night Of Thunder), but the three-year-old contingent is still formidable with five of the 12 possible runners representing the Classic generation.

Chief among them is the Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero Rayif, who was last seen finishing fifth in the G1 Prix Jean Prat won by Fozzy Stack's **Thesecretadversary** (**St Mark's Basilica**).

Thesecretadversary could reoppose at Deauville on Sunday, although he also has the option of the G1 City Of York Stakes the following weekend, likewise the Robson Aguiar-trained **Power Blue** (Space Blues), who resumed winning ways in the G2 Minstrel Stakes at the Curragh last time.

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Prix Jacques le Marois contender Rayif | Scoop Dyga

Prix Jacques le Marois Field Cont.

The potential Irish challenge also features the aforementioned Irish 1,000 Guineas winner **Precise**, who has chased home **Blue Bolt** (Blue Point) in the G1 Falmouth Stakes and G1 Prix Rothschild since registering her fourth top-level win in the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot. She could be joined in the line-up by stablemate **Puerto Rico** (Wootton Bassett), a dual Group 1-winning two-year-old but yet to scale the same heights in three starts this season.

High-class older milers **More Thunder** (Night Of Thunder) and **Zeus Olympios** (Night Of Thunder) look set to make the journey over from Britain, while Japanese hopes rest with June's G1 Yasuda Kinen scorer **Sixpence** (Kizuna) and **Strauss** (Maurice), the winner of the inaugural \$1-million Abu Dhabi Gold Cup in February.

The list of contenders is completed by French-trained runners **Dreamliner** (Adlerflug), **No Lunch** (Dubawi) and **Sir Tommy Cen** (Dark Angel), all of whom will be competing at the top level for the first time.

Sprint Cup Under Consideration for Samangan

Rayif represents Francis Graffard and the Aga Khan Studs as that team bids to take home the feature contest at Deauville for the second weekend in succession, having watched **Samangan** (Blue Point) make the breakthrough at the top level in last Sunday's ARC Prix Maurice de Gheest.

Samangan, who had previously finished one place ahead of Rayif when fourth in the Prix Jean Prat, could be seen next on British soil, with his connections considering supplementing him for the G1 Betfair Sprint Cup, which takes place at Haydock on Saturday, September 5.

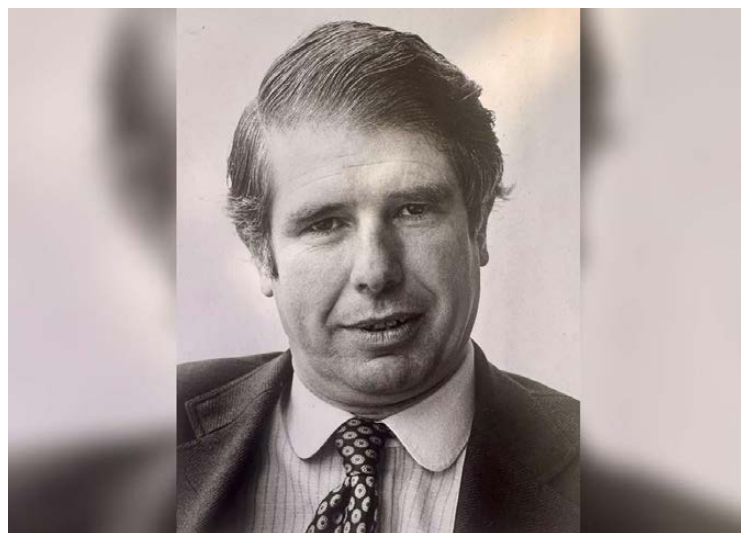
"He wasn't right at the beginning of the year and he's been running well in these races," said Nemone Routh, French racing manager and director for the Aga Khan Studs. "I think putting the cheekpieces on really sharpened him up and, thankfully, his day came.

"He's not in it, but we will keep an eye on the Haydock Park Sprint because that falls right for him. Although a straight six [furlongs] is probably at the sharp end for him, he can do it.

"If we had good, fast ground, we might supplement him for that. But, if it was to get too soft, we wouldn't go there. We'll keep an eye on that race for him and see where we go after that, but he will be ground dependent as we wouldn't run him on soft, end-of-year ground."

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REMEMBERING WORLD-RENOWNED EPIDEMIOLOGIST DR DAVID POWELL



Dr David Powell

Today (Wednesday, August 12) marks two months since the death of Dr David Powell, one of the world's leading equine epidemiologists during his time based at the University of Kentucky's Gluck Research Center in Lexington. He was 84.

Born in the Welsh town of Brecon on January 5, 1942, Powell took his first steps towards what would be a long and successful career in equine science when graduating from the Veterinary School at the University of Bristol in 1965, with his growing interest in horse racing first taking him to the Equine Research Station in Newmarket in 1970.

Employed as an epidemiologist, he was tasked with monitoring infectious diseases across British horse racing yards, working alongside leading trainers such as Luca Cumani and Henry Cecil. He later completed a thesis on respiratory illness in horses that led to him being awarded a Fellowship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in 1980. [Cont. p11](#)

David Powell Cont.

In 1979, Powell had been granted one-year sabbatical leave and took a position as a visiting professor at Michigan State University to establish an undergraduate course in veterinary epidemiology. It was then in 1985 that he accepted a permanent job opportunity in the US at the Gluck Research Center.

Powell remained there for the next 25 years, studying a range of disease outbreaks in horses, both locally and worldwide. One of the most deadly outbreaks was that of Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome in Kentucky in the spring of 2001, described at the time by Claiborne Farm's Gus Koch as "the biggest crisis we've ever faced in this industry since I've been around". Powell was part of a team of experts from the Gluck Research Center that eventually discovered the cause of the problem.

Powell also served as the veterinary representative for the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA), representing American interests at meetings held by what is known today as the International Thoroughbred Breeders' Federation (ITBF). A preeminent voice in the media on equine health issues, he also helped to establish the University of Kentucky's Equine Disease Quarterly in 1992, a publication that is still utilised by the Gluck Research Center to provide updates on infectious diseases, among other topics, to an international audience.

Powell spent the latter part of his career acting as a mentor to young veterinary students in Kentucky and worldwide. In 2003, he hosted Princess Anne on her visit to Lexington, while he also worked as a veterinary consultant on the equestrian events for the 2008 Olympic Games.

Following his retirement in 2010, Powell returned home to Wales where he lived until his death on June 12, 2026.

His two sons, Jonathan and Oliver, gave a eulogy at Powell's funeral which concluded, "My Dad--dear David--lived life to the full, and he enjoyed it. He said to me recently, 'Sometimes, you have to accept, there's only a certain amount you can achieve in the time you have.' Well, he certainly achieved a great deal. He seized the day."

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MICKAEL BARZALONA SIGNS WITH WORLD POOL AS BRAND AMBASSADOR

World Pool has partnered with French champion jockey Mickael Barzalona, who will provide regular blogs and insight ahead of key French racedays where World Pool is partnering with the Pari Mutuel Urbain (PMU).

Barzalona, who was appointed first jockey to the Aga Khan Studs in France at the start of last year, has ridden major Group 1 winners around the world and is perhaps best known for his association with Calandagan ([Gleneagles](#))--who was crowned

Longines World's Best Racehorse for 2025--as well as last year's G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Daryz ([Sea The Stars](#)).

In his role as an ambassador, Barzalona will also be sharing his views on other major World Pool races and featuring in advertising and marketing campaigns. He joins four-time Longines World's Best Jockey Ryan Moore as a World Pool ambassador.

Barzalona said, "It's fantastic to be an ambassador for World Pool, which has benefited the global racing industry in many ways over the last few years.

"Hopefully the partnership between World Pool and the PMU can help show French racing to a wider audience and give back to the sport.

"In France we have some of the greatest racing around and I'm excited to share my thoughts as a World Pool ambassador on our top-class racing to fans in Hong Kong and around the world."

'World Pool by PMU' is a partnership bringing top French races to international audiences under World Pool branding, with pools hosted and operated by the PMU.

Andrew Harding, Executive Director, Racing at the Hong Kong Jockey Club, added, "Mickael Barzalona is a greatly respected name in France, here in Hong Kong and on the wider international stage, and we are delighted to welcome him as a World Pool ambassador.

"As a French champion jockey that has won countless international Group 1s, Mickael is without doubt one of the leading riders in the world, as well as an eloquent and respected voice for horse racing globally.

"With World Pool's strategic partnership with the PMU, Mickael is the ideal person to highlight the best of French racing to our global audience. His passion and dedication to horse racing align with the ideals of the World Pool brand and we very much look forward to working together."

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Mickael Barzalona joins Ryan Moore as a World Pool ambassador
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RACING TO CRICKET TO RAISE FUNDS FOR RACING WELFARE

Racing to Cricket, raising funds for Racing Welfare for the first time, returns to the Wormsley Estate in Buckinghamshire on Sunday, September 6.

Established in 2017 by racing syndicates manager David Sumpter, the event has already raised more than £330,000 for racing charities. The centrepiece of the day is an eight-a-side knockout cricket tournament for the Racing to Cricket Trophy, featuring a mix of returning teams and new contenders. Competing teams include Nicky Henderson's Seven Barrows, Willy Twiston-Davies, Tattersalls, Weatherbys Racing Bank, newcomers D J Jefferies, and a joint team from Toby Lawes and Tom Ward.

Guests will enjoy hospitality from the Boundary Room marquee overlooking the ground including a champagne reception, buffet lunch, and afternoon tea. There will also be a live auction offering racing, sporting and lifestyle experiences. Among the first lots confirmed is a nomination to multiple Group 1-winning stallion Golden Horn, donated by Jayne McGivern of Dash Grange Stud.

Hospitality packages are available, including tables of 10 (£2,000), tables of eight (£1,650) and individual tickets (£215). A limited number of sponsorship opportunities and auction contribution opportunities remain available. For ticket bookings, please email [Sue Wallis](#).

Dawn Goodfellow, chief executive of Racing Welfare, said, "Racing to Cricket is a brilliant example of the racing community coming together in support of its people. We are hugely grateful that Racing Welfare has been chosen as the beneficiary for 2026, and funds raised will help us continue providing vital, confidential support to everyone working in and retired from British racing and breeding. Events like this not only raise essential funds, but also celebrate the camaraderie and generosity that make our sport so special."

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HALF-BROTHER TO OLD PARK STAR TOPS TATTERSALLS IRELAND AUGUST NH SALE DAY 1

A Rich History half-brother to Grade 1 winner Old Park Star (lot 218) topped the first session of the Tattersalls Ireland August National Hunt Sale at €70,000 at Fairyhouse on Wednesday.

The Hillview Stud-consigned gelding was purchased by Tom Malone and Paul Nicholls. The price is the highest at the sale since 2019.

Jimmy Kelly, acting for Malone and Nicholls, had good reason to be attracted to lot 218, as they purchased Old Park Star as a three-year-old store.

"Tom couldn't be here today, but he was all over this horse when he knew he was coming here," said Kelly, who bid from the balcony. "Paul was keen to get back in with the family again. The horse deserved to make that as he's a quality horse with a very good pedigree with two of his half-brothers both very good horses."

Two other lots made €50,000 or more, with a Nirvana Du Berlais gelding (lot 131) bringing €55,000 from Tom Lacey/UK P2P; and a Soldier Of Fortune gelding hammering for €50,000 to Toby Bulgin. The single session saw three lots sell for €50,000 or more, and nine sold for €40,000 or more--the highest number to reach those levels at the sale since 2022. Overall, 151 horses sold (62%) for €1,873,100. The average was €12,405 and the median was €8,000.

All horses catalogued and offered at the August National Hunt Sale are eligible for the €100,000 Tattersalls Ireland MSL Mercedes-Benz Sales Bumper, run the 2027 Leopardstown Christmas Festival. The second day of the August National Hunt Sale begins at 10:00am tomorrow.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, August 13, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

Caturra (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Overbury Stud

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

14:45-BEVERLEY, 5f, **Kaiulani Spirit (GB)**

£16,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

Good Effort (Ire) (Shamardal),

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

19:58-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, **Beautiful Effort (GB)**

Perfect Power (Ire) (Ardad {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud

57 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners

14:45-BEVERLEY, 5f, **Johns Power (GB)**

14,000gns RNA Tattersalls February Mixed Sale 2025; 8,000gns

Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025

Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud

99 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner

19:58-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, **From Me To You (Ire)**

€30,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; £55,000 Goffs UK

Premier Yearling Sale 2025

14:15-BEVERLEY, 5f, **What A Girl Wants (Ire)**

90,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025

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

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

15:15-BEVERLEY, 7.5f, **Ariane Sky (Ire)**

5,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2025

15:15-BEVERLEY, 7.5f, **Yorkshire Dream (Ire)**

£28,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025; £39,900

Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2026

State of Rest (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner (Aus)**), Rathbarry Stud

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

15:15-BEVERLEY, 7.5f, **State of Gold (Ire)**

€12,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; £20,000 Goffs UK

Premier Yearling Sale 2025

Wells Farhh Go (Ire) (Farhh {GB}), Norton Grove Stud

14 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

15:15-BEVERLEY, 7.5f, **Farndale (GB)**

15:15-BEVERLEY, 7.5f, **Wells Fargo Stage (GB)**

FRANCE

Blackbeard (Ire) (**No Nay Never**), Coolmore Stud

116 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners

2-DEAUVILLE, 1400m, **Capbeard Fal (GB)**

€50,000 Arqana May 2yo Breeze Up 2026

4-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, **Immatin Storm (Fr)**

€95,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearling Sale 2025

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

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

4-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, **Keskaviel (Fr)**

€31,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2024; €115,000

Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2025

Thunder Moon (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), Castillon Stallions

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

4-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, **Moondance (Fr)**

€51,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearling Sale 2025



State Of Rest has a runner at Beverley | Rathbarry Stud

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

AMO RACING'S 4.4M BOOK 1 TOPPER PARTYING SET FOR WINDSOR BOW

7.11 Windsor, Mdn, 3yo/up, 10ft

Amo Racing's hitherto unraced three-year-old filly **PARTYING (GB)** (**Frankel (GB)**) is a daughter of dual Group-winning G1 Prix Rothschild fourth Aljazzi (Shamardal). The Kevin Philippart de Foy trainee topped the sheets when knocked down for 4.4-million guineas at Tattersalls' 2024 October Book 1 sale and makes her belated debut against five rivals in this low-key affair.

4.40 Deauville, Mdn, unraced 2yo, f, 7fT

Alain Jathiere's **RYMSKHAYA (FR) (Mehmas {Ire})**, a €230,000 Arqana May Breezer-Up acquisition, is a daughter of GI Diana Stakes and GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf heroine Zagora (Fr) (Green Tune) and makes her debut in this €160,000 Arqana Series des Pouliches. Opposition to the Yann Barberot nominee includes the Tom Dascombe-trained €160,000 Arqana August yearling **Tamoka (Ire) (Churchill {Ire})**, who is a sibling of G1 Metropolitan hero Land Legend (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}).

HOW THEY FARED**5.30 Kempton, Nov, 2yo, f, 7f (AWT)**

Godolphin's **Miss Miniver (Ire) (Wootton Bassett {GB})**, a Roger Varian-trained 800,000gns October Book 1 half to G1 Dubai Turf hero Facteur Cheval (Ribchester), shaped with a deal of promise on debut and ran on strongly from off the pace to finish a neck behind the winner's nose in second.

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BRITAIN**Wednesday's Results:**

BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF STONEHENGE STAKES-Listed, £55,000, Salisbury, 8-12, 2yo, 8fT, 1:43.85, g/f.

1--**QUEST FOR STARS (FR)**, 129, c, 2, by **Sea The Stars (Ire)**

1st Dam: Singforthemoment (Ire) (SW-Fr), by **No Nay Never**

2nd Dam: Kawn (GB), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB)

3rd Dam: Khubza (GB), by Green Desert

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€700,000 Ylg '25 ARAUG).

O-Godolphin; B-Ind. N. Singforthemoment 2024; T-Charlie Appleby; J-Connor Planas. £31,191. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$85,966.

2--**Scommessa Sicura (Ire)**, 124, f, 2, Cracksman (GB)--Pure Art (GB), by Dutch Art (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€88,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOF; 100,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT). O-Mr James & Opulence Thoroughbreds; B-Tullpark Ltd; T-Andrew Balding. £11,825.

3--**Rocket Boy (Ire)**, 129, c, 2, Soldier's Call (GB)--Sharedah (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (33,000gns Wlg '24 TADEWE; 65,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT). O-Scuderia La Tesa Ltd; B-Belmont & Glenville Bloodstock Ltd; T-Marco Botti. £5,918. Margins: NK, HF, 6HF. Odds: 2.75, 0.73, 14.00.

Also Ran: Velociraptor (GB), My A'Ali Baba (GB), Firehorse (Ire). Scratched: Dandyman Dan (Ire), Rafe's Da Man (GB).

Godolphin's €700,000 Arqana August graduate Quest For Stars backed up victories at Doncaster and Sandown last month and provided Charlie Appleby with a fourth renewal, and a stakes first for rider Connor Planas, when digging deep at the

business end of this one-mile feature.

Quest For Stars went forward from the outside stall to lead through halfway in this black-type debut. Nudged along with three furlongs remaining, the 11-4 second favourite was headed by Scommessa Sicura approaching the furlong pole and rallied gamely under a late drive to regain a neck advantage from that rival in the dying strides.

"He was an outsider when he broke his maiden and followed it up at Sandown and he's gone and done the same again," said Charlie Appleby. "He's not a horse that excites you too much at home, but you can't fault what he's done on the track. He's tough, he stays well and this race is a win and you're in for the [G1] Golden Fleece. It's a race we'll very much look towards and see how he comes out of this and go from there. I'm very pleased for him to go and win the race like that and very pleased for Connor. He's done a lot of work with him and knows him, so it's a good team effort."

Planas added, "I had my first winner here as an apprentice and, to come back here and have my first stakes winner, I can't thank Charlie enough for keeping me on him. Twelve months ago I was close to hanging my boots up, I was struggling to get rides and I bumped into Kieren Fallon and he said 'come and ride out for Charlie, get a good wage and you never know he might stick you up'. I had my first ride for him at Kempton on [TDN Rising Star] Palladas [in January] and he went and won. He kept supporting me from there, I haven't really looked back since and, without Charlie, I wouldn't be here."

Quest For Stars is the lone reported foal produced by Listed Grand Criterium de Bordeaux victrix Singforthemoment (**No Nay Never**), herself a full-sister to Listed National Stakes runner-up Jm Jackson.

Jm Jackson, in turn, is the dam of G1 Haydock Sprint Cup hero and G1 July Cup second Big Mojo (Mohaather), while the winner's second dam Kawn (Cadeaux Genereux) is kin to three black-type performers headed by G1 Lockinge Stakes runner-up and dual Group-winning sire Trans Island (Selkirk).

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BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF UPAVON FILLIES' STAKES-Listed, £70,000, Salisbury, 8-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 201yT, 2:06.08, g/f.

1--**ON MESSAGE (GB)**, 122, f, 3, **Camelot (GB)**--Wiener Valkyrie (GB) (GSP-US & SP-Eng), by Shamardal. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.**

O-The Eclipse Partnership; B-Car Colston Hall Stud; T-Ralph Beckett; J-Hector Crouch. £39,697. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, \$82,980.

2--**Miss Scott (Ire)**, 122, f, 3, Night Of Thunder (Ire)--Queen Guenevere (Ire), by **Camelot (GB)**. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (650,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT). O-The Thoroughbred Racing Corporation Ltd; B-Ballylinch Stud & Ecurie des Charmes;

T-John & Thady Gosden. £15,050.

3--**Felicitas (GB)**, 122, f, 3, Teofilo (Ire)--Desert Star (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). **TDN Rising Star**. (150,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT).

O-TBT Racing; B-Coverdale Stud; T-Ed Walker. £7,532.

Margins: 1, 3, 1HF. Odds: 14.00, 1.63, 1.63.

Also Ran: Alla Stella (GB), Annastarzy (GB), Regal Charm (Ire), Goldilocks Cen (GB).

The Eclipse Partnership's G1 Oaks seventh On Message made her fourth black-type start a winning one after leading from pillar to post in this distaffers' contest.

In command after breaking on the lead, the 14-1 chance was stirred into action approaching the quarter-mile marker and refused to yield under a late drive to hold Miss Scott by a length in ultimately snug fashion.

On Message is the sixth of seven foals and second black-type performer from four winners out of GIII Athenia Stakes runner-up Wiener Valkyrie (Shamardal), the first being Listed Fleur de Lys Stakes third Declared Interest (Declaration Of War).

The winner's second dam Wiener Wald (Woodman) produced five black-type performers, headed by G1 Racing Post Trophy-winning sire Crowded House (Rainbow Quest), while her descendants also include elite-level winners Reckless Abandon (Exchange Rate), Ticker Tape (Royal Applause), Tribalist (Farhh), Brando (Pivotal) and Beauty Eternal (**Starspangledbanner**).

On Message is a full-sister to the hitherto unraced two-year-old colt Emaraat.

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

1st-Kempton, £13,000, Nov, 8-12, 2yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:28.26, st/sl.

COAXED (GB) (f, 2, Baaeed {GB}--Persuasive {Ire} {G1SW-Eng & MG1SP-Ire}, by Dark Angel {Ire}), was swiftly into stride from the outside stall and maintained a comfortable advantage through halfway in the seven-furlong heat. Shaken up when pressed with a quarter-mile remaining, the 9-2 chance kicked clear approaching the final furlong and was ridden out to hold the late bid of Miss Miniver (Wootton Bassett) by a neck, becoming the first winner for her freshman sire (by **Sea The Stars**).

"The boss left it in my hands, if she jumped quick we could go forward and if she jumped slow we'd just have to slot in and ride a race," said Rab Havlin. "We just wanted to make it smooth for her and everything to be kind for her today. She's a filly that wants to please you all the time at home, but she's never come off the bridle until today, so it was a nice performance. She got to the front pretty easy and had it easy in front. She quickened up smartly, showed a nice turn of foot and got tired the last half a furlong. We know the family well and they've all been pretty nice fillies including the mother, so let's hope she goes that

way."

Cheveley Park Stud's Chris Richardson added, "We were thrilled, especially from that [outside] draw, and I think Rab gave her a great ride. She's out of a proper mare, so I'm delighted for all concerned and we're really chuffed. Baaeed's had a winner and we've had an impressive one too. Persuasive won here on debut, and liked a bit of ease in the ground, so John [Gosden] was keen to come here on an all-weather surface. Obviously John and Thady will talk to Mrs Thompson and we'll probably hatch a very exciting plan, but I think it's small steps at the moment."

Coaxed is the sixth of eight foals and fourth scorer produced by G1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes heroine Persuasive (Dark Angel), herself a daughter of the dual Group-placed Choose Me (Choisir).

Persuasive is a half-sister to G1 British Champions Sprint hero Creative Force (Dubawi), the multiple Group-placed Listed Coral Distaff victrix Tisbutadream (Dream Ahead) and to the dam of Listed Fleur de Lys Fillies' Stakes runner-up Improvista (**Frankel**).

The winner is full to a yearling filly and a half-sister to Listed October Stakes victrix Cajole (Dubawi), G3 Greenham Stakes third Theoryofeverything (**Frankel**) and a weanling filly by Blue Point. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,483.

O/B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; T-John & Thady Gosden.

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3rd-Ffos Las, £13,000, Mdn, 8-12, 2yo, 7f 80yT, 1:35.74, gd.

NARRJOO (IRE) (c, 2, Ten Sovereigns {Ire}--By Request {GB}, by Giant's Causeway), a July 23 debut second going seven furlongs at Doncaster last time, was alert from the traps and gained an immediate edge here. **Cont. p16**

3rd-Ffos Las Cont.

Untroubled on the front end through the initial fractions, the 11-10 favourite was hurried along with three furlongs remaining and found extra when tackled by Engraved (Mehmas) approaching the final furlong to deny that foe by 3/4-of-a-length.

Narrjoo is the latest of seven foals and third scorer out of half-sister to G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud and G1 Prix Jean Romanet heroine Coronet (Dubawi) and the multiple Group 1-placed sire Midas Touch (Galileo).

The winner is a half-brother to the dam of GII Mac Diarmida Stakes runner-up Marwad (Intello). Sales history: €12,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY; £210,000 2yo '26 TATGBU. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$13,892.

O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-John Connaughton; T-Simon & Ed Crisford.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lexington Boom (GB), c, 2, **Ardad (Ire)**--Lethal Vision (GB), by Lethal Force (Ire). Beverley, 8-12, 5fT, 1:03.29. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$13,295. B-New Vision & Overbury Bloodstock. *4,000gns Wlg '24 TADEWE; €23,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY.

Empire Rising (Ire), g, 2, **Persian Force (Ire)**--Single Thought (GB), by Teofilo (Ire). Beverley, 8-12, 7f 75yT, 1:34.36. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, \$10,195. B-Michael Buckley. *17th winner for freshman sire (by Mehmas {Ire}). **€45,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOF; €70,000 Ylg '25 TATIRY.

Eskimo Pie (Ire), f, 3, **Kodi Bear (Ire)**--Sussex Garden (Ire) (GSP-Ire), by Acclamation (GB). Ffos Las, 8-12, 6fT, 1:10.03. Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 9-1-1-2, \$32,103. B-Rathbarry Stud. *75,000gns Ylg '24 TADEY.

Bold Shout (Ire), g, 3, **Starman (GB)**--Show Rainbow (GB) (SW-Eng), by Haafhd (GB). Salisbury, 8-12, 6fT, 1:15.23. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$9,164. B-Diomed Bloodstock Ltd. *£52,000 Ylg '24 GOFFUK. **1/2 to Rainbow Royal (Ire) (Paco Boy {Ire}), GSW-Itly.

Arrivera (GB), f, 3, **Study Of Man (Ire)**--Arriviste (GB), by Sea The Moon (Ger). Kempton, 8-12, 11f 219y (AWT), 2:35.09. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$12,707. B-Kirsten Rausing.

6th-Vichy, €17,400, Cond, 8-12, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:06.60, g/s.

SENRITO (FR) (g, 4, **Elarqam {GB}**--**Barbayam {GB}** {SW & GSP-Fr}, by **Stormy River {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 12-2-2-1, €42,350. O-Charles Lahmi, Stephen Lahmi & J N Temam; B-Hannelore Kneip; T-Nicolas Perret. *€12,000 Wlg '22 ARQDEC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Chanson Douce (Fr), f, 2, **Sealiway (Fr)**--Narcisca (GB), by Maxios (GB). Vichy, 8-12, 7fT, 1:29.25. B-Thierry de la Heronniere.

*6th winner for freshman sire (by Galiway {GB}). **€90,000

Ylg '25 ARQAUG. ***1/2 to Griselda (Fr) (City Light {Fr}), SP-Fr.

Asprila (GB), f, 3, **Territories (Ire)**--Dutch Shadow (GB), by Dutch Art (GB). Vichy, 8-12, 7fT, 1:27.60. B-Jassim bin Ali Al Attiyah.

*19,000gns RNA Ylg '24 TATFEB; 1,200gns HRA '24 TATDEC.

IRELAND

Wednesday's Results:

DARLEY IRISH EBF HURRY HARRIET STAKES-Listed, €55,000, Gowran, 8-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 100yT, 1:57.28, g/f.

1--**STAR PERFORMER (IRE)**, 127, f, 3, **Sea The Stars (Ire)**--K Club (Ire) (GSW-Ger), by **Kodiak (GB)**. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (€75,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY; €160,000 2yo '25 GOFGBU). O-Mrs Doreen Tabor; B-Sunderland Holding Inc; T-Joseph O'Brien; J-Declan McDonogh. €33,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$51,818.

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2--**Hollys Graces (Ire)**, 135, f, 4, **Australia (GB)**--Potion (GB), by Pivotal (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€42,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR2). O-Envirogreen Housing Services Ltd; B-Mrs Sue Ann Foley; T-Henry de Bromhead. €11,000.

3--**Classiest (Ire)**, 127, f, 3, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Coral Beach (Ire), by Zoffany (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Coral Beach Syndicate; T-Aidan O'Brien. €5,500.

Margins: 4HF, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 3.50, 40.00, 12.00.

Also Ran: Subsonic (Ire), Skydance (GB), Lemsairbat (Fr), Minerva (Ire). Scratched: Moonlit Sun (Ire).

Star Performer made a winning debut at the Curragh just over three weeks ago and continued her rapid ascent through the ranks with an impressive display and a career high in this black-type debut.

"She has done nothing wrong, she won nicely on debut and this was an obvious stepping stone," said Joseph O'Brien. "You'd have to be impressed with the manner of her victory and she's a stakes winner now." **Cont. p17**

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-Vichy, €24,700, Cond, 8-12, 2yo, 8fT, 1:43.17, g/s.

WITCHWAY (FR) (c, 2, **Sealiway {Fr}**--**Were {Fr}**, by **Nathaniel {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, €45,043. O/B-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois; T-Patrice Cottier.

Listed Hurry Harriet Stakes Cont.

He added, “She’s a good-looking daughter of **Sea The Stars** and, being a Listed winner, she’ll obviously step into a Group race now. Everything will be about trying to build that profile for her to be a nice broodmare long term.”

The 7-2 third choice was a shade hesitant from the inside stall and chased the leaders in sixth early before tanking into fourth at halfway. Fanning four-wide off the home turn for control passing the quarter-mile marker, she was soon beyond recall and kept on strongly under continued urging to defeat Hollis Graces by daylight.

Star Performer is the second of three foals lone performer out of G3 Grosser Preis von Lotto Hamburg winner K Club (Kodiac), herself kin to G2 Prix Robert Papin victrix and G1 Phoenix Stakes third Green Sense (Starman) and the multiple Listed-placed Back To Brussels (**Starspangledbanner**).

The winner, whose fifth dam is GI Mother Goose and GI Acorn heroine Windy’s Daughter (Windy Sea), is a full-sister to an unnamed two-year-old colt.

2nd-Gowran, €25,000, Mdn, 8-12, 2yo, 7fT, 1:25.43, gd.
CITRUS SPRINGS (f, 2, Olympiad--California Spirit, by Tale Of The Cat), a July 23 last-out second going seven furlongs at Leopardstown, broke swiftly from an outer stall and seized an immediate lead racing in first-time blinkers here. Holding sway throughout, the 11-2 chance was shaken up passing the quarter-mile marker and driven clear in the latter stages to account for Mirren (Without Parole) by an eye-catching five lengths, becoming the first European winner, and fourth overall, for her freshman sire (by Speightstown).

“She has improved with each start and I thought she was impressive to win from that draw today,” said Joseph O’Brien. “She had to use a lot of energy early to get her position and she pulled away in the last furlong. She looks a nice filly and we’ll probably have a look at going to Kentucky Downs with her. There’s some good prize-money there.”

Citrus Springs is the seventh of eight reported foals and fourth scorer out of a half-sister to the dual Grade I-placed multiple Graded-winning sire Protonico (Giant’s Causeway).

Her dam California Spirit (Tale Of The Cat), who was bred to Dornoch this year, has a weanling colt by **Tiz The Law** to come, while her third dam is the multiple Grade I-winning Chilean champion Wild Spirit (Hussonet). Sales history: \$75,000 RNA Ylg ‘25 KEESEP; \$65,000 Ylg ‘25 FTKOCT; \$300,000 2yo ‘26 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$23,251.

O-Munir, Souede, MacLennan, et al; B-International Equities Holding Inc (KY); T-Joseph O’Brien.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Rock Of Claremont (Ire), g, 3, Profitable (Ire)--Rock Opera (Saf) (G1SW-SAF & SP-UAE), by Lecture. Gowran, 8-12, 9f 100yT, 1:59.41. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$16,104. B-Godolphin. *30,000gns Ylg ‘24 TADEY. **1/2 to Royal Meeting (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), G1SW-Fr & GSP-Aus; and Heavy Metal (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), MGSW-UAE & GSW-Eng.

ASIA

Tuesday’s Result:

Cluster Cup-Listed (Jpn-G3), ¥54,000,000, Morioka, 8-11, 3yo/up, 1200m, 1:09.70, gd.

1--**ANZU AME (JPN), 115, f, 4, by Drefong**

1st Dam: Horaimatsuri (Jpn), by Empire Maker

2nd Dam: Narita Flicka (Jpn), by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)

3rd Dam: Fairy Tail Time, by Fairy King

***1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Hidaka Breeders Union; B-Hakurei Farm (Jpn); T-Daisuke Takayanagi; J-Yuga Kawada; ¥30,000,000. Lifetime Record: 17-6-3-5, ¥128,171,000.

2--**Sunrise Amour (Jpn), 121, h, 7, Maurice (Jpn)--Zirconia (Jpn)**, by Taiki Shuttle. O-Life House; B-Shimokobe Farm (Jpn); ¥10,500,000.

3--**Kurojishi Joe (Jpn), 119, h, 7, Furioso (Jpn)--Silence Love (Jpn)**, by Special Week (Jpn). O-Takao Kawauchi; B-Masuo Farm (Jpn); ¥6,000,000.

Margins: NK, 4, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.20, 1.90, 5.30.

Also Ran: Pod Vader (Jpn), Le Corsaire (Jpn), Cheerful Voice (Jpn), Lux Delight (Jpn), Sprouting (Jpn), Cri d’Ame (Jpn), Bonanza (Jpn).

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Friday, Cork, post time: 19:10

IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF GIVE THANKS STAKES-G3, €42,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 12fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ankara (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Patrick John O'Brien & Mrs M V Magnier & Mrs Paul	Joseph O'Brien	Declan McDonogh	135
2	Bosphorus Rose (GB)	Golden Horn (GB)	Mrs Emma Kennedy	P Twomey	Billy Lee	135
3	Nyra (Ger)	Isfahan (Ger)	Scott C Heider	Joseph O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	135
4	Snapretend (Ire)	Make Believe (GB)	J P Farrell	Joseph O'Brien	Scott McCullagh	135
5	Amelia Earhart (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith	A P O'Brien	R L Moore	125
6	Believed (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Qatar Racing Limited	John Murtagh	Ben Coen	125
7	Cameo (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	M Tabor,D Smith,Mrs J Magnier,Westerberg	A P O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	125
8	Caught U Sleeping (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Anthony Clarke	Noel Meade	Colin Keane	125
9	Ice Dancer (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier	A P O'Brien	Ronan Whelan	125

Breeders: 1-AI Shaqab Racing, 2-Blue Diamond Stud Farm (UK) Ltd, 3-Dr Christoph Berglar, 4-J.P. Farrell, 5-Coolmore, 6-The Sarvana Partnership, 7-Coolmore, 8-Tally-Ho Stud, 9-Coolmore.

Dropped in class in search of a much-needed confidence boost, Ballydoyle's **Amelia Earhart** is the one to beat if putting it all together as she did at Chester. **Caught U Sleeping** will be a tough rival if she under-performs, with her Lancashire Oaks third boosted by the efforts of Tiffany on Sunday while of the older brigade the Munster Oaks runner-up **Nyra** sets the standard. [Tom Frary].

Friday, Newbury, post time: 17:23

THE VISIT MALTA ST HUGH'S STAKES-Listed, £50,000, 2yo, f, 5f 34yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Acclamation Star (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	Five Star Dreamers	James Owen	Lewis Edmunds	128
2	Acting Lady (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
3	Angels Lane (GB)	Harry Angel (Ire)	Cartwright & Candy	Henry Candy	Nicola Currie	128
4	Blue Flight (GB)	Blue Point (Ire)	Cheveley Park Stud	James Fanshawe	Daniel Muscutt	128
5	Cosmic Mystery (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Wathnan Racing	Archie Watson	Callum Rodriguez	128
6	Dubai Charm (Ire)	Blackbeard (Ire)	Mr Abdulla Al Mansoori	Richard Hughes	Pat Dobbs	128
7	Efsixteen (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Victorious Forever	George Scott	Tom Marquand	128
8	Elevating (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Clipper	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	128
9	Fast Track (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	Mr Sultan Ali	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128
10	Havana Lightning (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Mr Shapoor Mistry	George Boughey	Billy Loughnane	128
11	Lover Girl (Ire)	Gregorian (Ire)	Amo Racing Limited	Kevin Philippart de Foy	Sam James	128
12	Sexy Chick (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Phil Cunningham	Richard Spencer	George Wood	128
13	Wateera (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Mohamed Saeed Al Shehhi & Burke	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	128

Breeders: 1-P. J. Gleeson, 2-Godolphin, 3-Llety Farms, 4-Cheveley Park Stud Limited, 5-Llety Farms & Whitsbury Manor Stud, 6-Lynch Bages Ltd, 7-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 8-Branton Court Stud LLP, 9-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 10-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 11-Rathasker Stud, 12-Biddestone Stud Ltd, 13-Ballyhane.

Fast Track ran well enough in Goodwood's Alice Keppel to suggest she can scoop one of these at some point, but with five runs already is a touch exposed. Godolphin's **Acting Lady** won at the July Festival and that is usually strong form, while the filly that finished in front of her on debut, **Sexy Chick**, has looked pacy over six and may enjoy the tempo this will be run at. [Tom Frary].

Friday, Cork, post time: 18:03

IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF FIRVILLE STAKES-Listed, €30,000, 2yo, f, 7fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Alpine Wedding (Ire)	Sioux Nation	Patrick Hale	P Twomey	Billy Lee	128
2	Alwaysanangel (Ire)	Harry Angel (Ire)	Janine Byrne	Joseph O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	128
3	Beibhinn (Ire)	No Nay Never	Mrs A M O'Brien	Joseph O'Brien	Declan McDonogh	128
4	Celtic Moon (Fr)	Thunder Moon (Ire)	David K Kelly	John Murtagh	Seamie Heffernan	128
5	Damsel In Distress (Ire)	Minzaal (Ire)	Tim Porter	Daniel McLoughlin	Ben Coen	128
6	Film Set	Siyouni (Fr)	Westerberg,Mrs J Magnier,M Tabor,D Smith	A P O'Brien	Ronan Whelan	128
7	Madam Secretary (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier	A P O'Brien	R L Moore	128
8	Maeda Matsu (Ire)	Dubawi Legend (Ire)	Maeda Matsu Partnership	Sheila Lavery	Robbie Colgan	128
9	Maire Rua (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Juddmonte	G M Lyons	Colin Keane	128
10	Nevermindtherain (Ire)	No Nay Never	Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith	A P O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128
11	Shi Yang (Ire)	Blackbeard (Ire)	AMO Racing Limited	Robson De Aguiar	Donagh O'Connor	128

Breeders: 1-M. Hanly, C. Hanly & M. Buckley, 2-Mr R. Kavanagh, 3-Whisperview Trading Ltd, 4-S.A.S. I. E. I. & Percy Holding APS, 5-Ringfort Stud Ltd, 6-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt & Westerberg Ireland ULC, 7-Coolmore, 8-Miss Claire Noone, 9-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 10-Coolmore, 11-Farranamanagh House Stud.

Having run so well in the Silver Flash, Ballydoyle's **Nevermindtherain** looks a solid option so it is significant that Ryan Moore opts for **Madam Secretary** who keeps running well in defeat. TDN Rising Star **Maire Rua** had Nevermindtherain back in third on debut at Leopardstown and the sister to Red Letter is the most appealing of the unexposed types in this deep affair which also features the Duchess of Cambridge third **Alwaysanangel**. [Tom Frary].

Friday, Clairefontaine, France, post time: 16:03

PRIX DES 20 ANS DE RADIO BALANCES (GRAND PRIX DE CLAIREFONTAINE)-Listed, €50,300, 3yo, 12fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	6	Mirik (Fr)	Kameko	Graffard	Barzalona	126
2	1	Yacomo (Fr)	Yafta (GB)	Weissmeier	Soumillon	126
3	5	Turty Tree (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Balding	Pouchin	126
4	2	Zulu Chant (Ire)	Magna Grecia (Ire)	A & L Fabre	Boudot	126
5	4	Must Bay (Fr)	New Bay (GB)	C & Y Lerner	Thomas	126
6	8	Mature (Fr)	Zarak (Fr)	Ferland	Pasquier	126
7	9	Marylene Du Serre (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Donworth	Demuro	122
8	3	Lady Dora Mae (Ire)	Space Blues (Ire)	Boughey	J Callan	122
9	7	Tickea (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Barberot	Guyon	122

OTI Management's **Zulu Chant** has as solid a claim as any coming back off a second, to subsequent G3 Prix de Reux victor Mazzala, in last month's Listed Prix Frederic de Lagrange and should again have the measure of **Mature**, who was 2 1/2 lengths adrift and three spots back in that Vichy contest. German challenger and G3 Baden-Baden Derby Trial runner-up **Yacomo**, G2 Lancashire Oaks sixth **Lady Dora Mae** and G3 Prix Noailles sixth **Mirik** all have a black-type tick against their name, while Newbury handicap second **Turty Tree**, from the in-form Andrew Balding stable, and the hat trick-seeking **Tickea** are other noteworthy contenders. [Sean Cronin].

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