

# CASSE FEELING GOOD ABOUT SILENT TACTIC AS HE WORKS TOWARD TRAVERS

*Saratoga Notebook, Presented by NYRA Bets*



With Edwin Soto aboard Wednesday, Silent Tactic (outside) works in company with Nerazurri, under Reynaldo Dumont

*Sarah Andrew*

*by Tim Wilkin*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – Honestly, Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse didn't know what he was going to get from **Silent Tactic** (*Tacitus*) when he sent him to the GII Jim Dandy Stakes on the first day of August.

It was his first race since March.

The colt had battled a foot problem all spring.

He was going up against two of the titans in the division in Renegade (Into Mischief) and Commandment (Into Mischief).

"I went into it thinking if we got beat eight lengths to those horses, it would be a good thing," Casse said outside his barn at the Saratoga backstretch Wednesday morning. "Then, at about the eighth pole, I was thinking he might win this thing."

Silent Tactic, owned by John Oxley and ridden by Luis Saez, did not win but he ran well, finishing third, 2 1/2 lengths behind Renegade and two lengths off Commandment.

Not a bad effort at all and now, it's full speed ahead to the \$1.25-million GI Travers Stakes a week from Saturday. **Cont. p3**

## CHANGE OF PLANS: NITROGEN TO GO NEXT IN LOCUST GROVE *by Bill Finley*

Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse has announced that his champion filly **Nitrogen** (Medaglia d'Oro) will make her next start in the GII Fasig-Tipton Locust Grove Stakes at Churchill Downs Sept. 12. The original plan had been to run the GI Whitney Stakes runner-up in the Oct. 4 GI Spinster Stakes at Keeneland.

"The more [DJ Stable General Manager] Jon Green and I looked at it, we thought the timing of this race was better for her," Casse said. "Obviously, our biggest goal is the Breeders' Cup. This gives her a little more time between that race and the Breeders' Cup. We originally said we would run her in the Spinster, but looking at her patterns and where and how she runs her best, the Locust Grove seemed to make more sense."

"She already has a race at Keeneland [a win in the GII Appalachian Stakes on the turf], so it's not like she hasn't run there. This is more about timing."

Casse said Nitrogen came out of the Whitney in "fantastic shape."

"I got emotional after the Whitney and I didn't understand why I was so emotional," Casse said.

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Wednesday, Silent Tactic worked five furlongs in 1:01.34 (2/7) with Edwin Soto on his back. They worked in company with 4-year-old filly Nerazurri (Protonico) and Reynaldo Dumont. She is being pointed to the \$500,000 GI Personal Ensign on Travers Day.

Silent Tactic is never going to blow anyone away with his morning works, but Casse liked what he saw from him Wednesday.

"I was going to breeze him a half and then I decided to go five-eighths because he is not exceptionally fast," he said. "I wanted him to get a little blow and get something out of it. If you watched him work, you would think he is a \$25,000 claimer."

Before the Jim Dandy, Silent Tactic was last seen running second behind Renegade in the GI Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn on March 28. Nagging problems with a foot knocked him out of the GI Kentucky Derby and then the GI Preakness Stakes.

Casse decided then to aim for a Saratoga summer campaign and here they are.

The bruised foot is behind them, and the Travers is in full view in front of them.

"I definitely came away from the Jim Dandy feeling the best I have ever felt about him," Casse said. "I feel very good about him going into next week."

**It's Always a Long Walk for Shisospicy**

Every morning, **Shisospicy** (Mitole) takes a long walk to work.

The 4-year-old filly, trained by Jose D'Angelo, is led out of her stall at Clare Court and begins the journey to the Oklahoma Training Track, which is about a 20-minute walk. She is accompanied by exercise rider Jose Rivera and assistant trainer Angel Ayala and, when he's here, D'Angelo.

The trainer flies into Saratoga whenever Shisospicy works. He comes from wherever he happens to be with his other divisions - California, Florida, Kentucky or Virginia.

The 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' has had three works on the Oklahoma this summer, the most recent being Sunday when she went four furlongs in :47.95 (1/50). **Cont.**



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It would be much easier to just head over to the main track to work or gallop as it is a stone's throw from Clare Court to the main. But the Oklahoma is where Shisospicy trained last summer when D'Angelo was stabled there.

"She trained there every day last year and I like that track because it is a little deeper (than the main)," D'Angelo said. "It is a very good place for her to get fit."

That worked out well because Shisospicy was the champion female sprinter of 2025 after she became the first 3-year-old filly to win the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. She also won the G2 Music City Stakes against 3-year-old fillies at Kentucky Downs.

Just as she did last year, D'Angelo is using Saratoga as a summer springboard to the fall. Shisospicy did not run here last year but trained here following a dismal 15th place finish in the G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot.

This year, Shisospicy was on the shelf early with an infection

and, once she got back to training, she finished last in the GII Unbridled Sidney Stakes at Churchill Downs on May 1, Kentucky Oaks Day. She came out of that race "very, very sick," D'Angelo said, and that necessitated some time off at Gainesway Farm in Kentucky.

D'Angelo hopes another summer at the Spa propels her to another strong fall. Shisospicy's next race could come in an allowance race at Churchill Downs in the middle of September to prepare her to defend her title at the Breeders' Cup at Keeneland.

"She has been special since day one, she just does things different than other horses," D'Angelo said. "We are not too far to get to the place we want to get with her. I am very happy with her



Shisospicy in a recent work on the Oklahoma | Sarah Andrew

progress."

Shisospicy has won six of 10 career starts and has a second and a third. Her career earnings are \$2,095,270. **Cont.**





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"She is the kind of horse that makes you wake up earlier," D'Angelo said, "because you want to see her."

He said it depends on "how she runs" but there are plans to run Shisospicy, owned by Morplay Racing LLC, next year. The long-range goal would be to make a trip to the Middle East, something that could not happen this year.

### Twinkle Town on Track for the Hopeful

If his first two starts are any indication, the future is bright for the aptly named **Twinkle Town** (**Take Charge Indy**), a 2-year-old colt in the barn of Kenny McPeek.

Owned by Four G Racing, LLC, Twinkle Town has won both his starts by a combined 12 1/4 lengths. The most recent was the GII Saratoga Special Stakes on Aug. 1 when Twinkle Town and jockey Jose Ortiz came home a six-length winner in the 6 1/2-furlong race.

What looms on the horizon is the seven-furlong \$300,000 GI Hopeful Stakes on Sept. 6, the final Sunday of the Saratoga meet.



Twinkle Town in the paddock just prior to the Saratoga Special

Sarah Andrew

"He has such early natural speed," McPeek said outside his barn. "I do think he is a horse that wants to go longer. You can't make a horse go :21 and :45 (seconds, the fractions Twinkle Town ran in the Saratoga Special), and that is certainly not in my style. He is just fast."

Four G Racing is comprised of Lance Gasaway, Daniel Hamby III and Valley View Farm and they owned 2024 GI Kentucky Derby winner **Mystik Dan** (Goldencents), also trained by McPeek.

Twinkle Town is the nickname of Star City, a small rural town in Lincoln County in Arkansas where Gasaway lives. He, along with fiancé Bobbi Jo Harris, were in Saratoga for the Saratoga Special and are expected back for the Hopeful.

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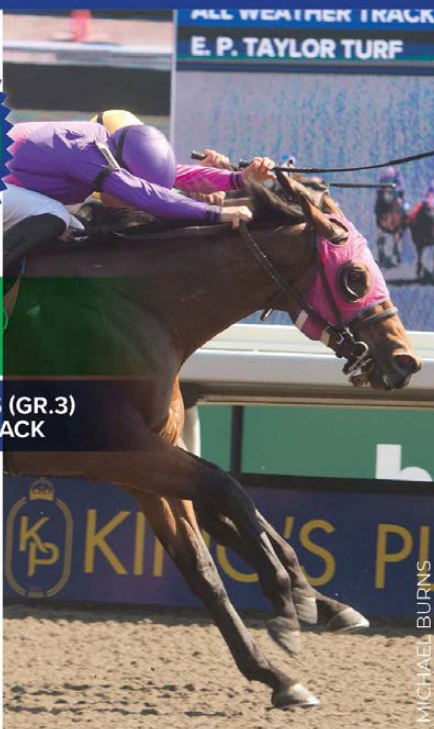
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"They are on a bit of a roll," McPeek said of Gasaway's group, which also bred Twinkle Town. "It's a tough game, but when you get a good horse, it's a lot of fun."

The group hopes the good times continue to roll in the Hopeful. After that, there is the Breeders' Cup to think about that, and dare say, is it too early to start thinking about next spring?

"Well, not really," McPeek said. "I think you can expect that, assuming he stays healthy, he will be competitive at a high level all fall. Next spring is another deal. We will have to retool him from a sprinter to a route of ground."

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Casse continued: "I don't listen to handicappers and stuff, but a couple days prior to the race a guy that is pretty well known said that he wouldn't be surprised if she were to run last. To that point, that had never entered my mind. Now, this is my child. I worried if I were putting her in a place where I might embarrass her. That thought never occurred to me and then it was in my mind. When she ran so well, I was relieved.

"In the NTRA poll, she went from ninth to second after the race. That tells you something. If we had run her in the Shuvee and won, she would have stayed at ninth."

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## COUNTING STARS HEADLINES ALABAMA

by Mike Kane

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. - To be sure, the legendary TV pitchman Ron Popeil's catchphrase "But wait, there's more," comes in handy approaching **Counting Stars** (**Honor A. P.**)'s run in the GI Alabama Stakes Saturday at Saratoga Race Course.

While placing a stranglehold on the 3-year-old filly division title with a victory in the historic \$600,000 Alabama by Counting Stars would be a significant accomplishment, it is not the only prize within reach.



Counting Stars | Sarah Andrew

Yes, there's more.

Should Counting Stars, who will be heavily favored in the field of six, prevail, she could lift her owners, West Point Thoroughbreds, to a pair of significant milestones in its 35th anniversary season. West Point, launched in 1991 by the young couple Debbie and Terry Finley with one partner and one horse, has 199 stakes wins and is on the verge of surpassing \$100 million in purse money earned. **Cont.**

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A score in the 1 1/4-mile Alabama would be Counting Stars's third straight Grade I win at Saratoga this summer--an historic first--following wins in the Acorn and Coaching Club American Oaks, and would likely make her a lock for the Eclipse Award. Despite all of its success through the decades, West Point has had but two champions: **Flightline** (**Tapit**), the unbeaten Horse of the Year and older male dirt titlist in 2022, and **Super Corredora** (**Gun Runner**), winner of the 2-year-old filly crown in 2025.

"They're hard to come by. Just like everybody, this game will humble you," Finley said, noting that many standout horses have tasted defeat at Saratoga.

"That being said, we're going to have a great week, and it will be a very exciting day," Finley said. "The Alabama is really a race that people that have been in the game any length of time would love to win. We certainly fit that category."

With eight horses handed by seven trainers entered between Wednesday and Sunday, all five categories on the West Point website's stats page could change. Entering this race week it showed 1,287 victories, the 199 stakes, 91 graded stakes, 24 GI wins and purse earnings of \$99,653,018. **She's Country** (Combatant) earned \$6,000 Wednesday with a fifth-place finish in the Statue of Liberty Stakes at Saratoga. If Counting Stars does

finish first in the Alabama and secures the first-place money of \$330,000, the remaining six runners would need to secure a total of \$10,982 in purses to hit \$100 million.

Finley paused for a moment and embraced the word "thirst" from a question about the drive to find success, and possibly champions, as horse owners.

| Name             | Grade 1 Wins at Saratoga |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Deterministic    | 4                        |
| Ginger Punch     | 3                        |
| Heavenly Prize   | 3                        |
| Jackie's Warrior | 3                        |
| Sovereignty      | 3                        |
| Thorpedo Anna    | 3                        |

"I think that's a good term, that thirst is never ending," he said. "It's never ending for anybody that either spends money or puts together a partnership and is investing partners' money. But, I think, most of the time we're just looking for Grade I winners. Probably, the take is you don't get greedy and you have to stay humble."

Finley said that has to be the approach, whether it's a \$1-million yearling like **Flightline** or Counting Stars, whom West Point purchased for \$150,000 as a 2-year-old in training.

"You just want a really good horse that is going to surpass their pedigree and their sale price," he said. **Cont.**

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### Counting Stars, cont.

"I don't think people think as much about owning a champion because that works itself out, right? That's inherent in the process of these horses competing at the top end of the business. Nothing earth shattering there. It's just that you've got to make sure you stay humble in this game. We really try to and we are."

West Point has grown from its modest start with a \$5,000 claimer into a company with 15 employees. Bloodstock agent David Ingordo leads its acquisition team, which purchased about 55 horses last year. Finley said that finding a horse like Counting Stars, who exceeds expectations is "the high that keeps us all coming back."



Terry Finley with Counting Stars | Sarah Andrew

In Finley's view, West Point has prospered and become an industry leader with a combination of human and equine talent.

"It's about horses, certainly, but it's about people," he said. "Everybody knows you don't see a successful entity or organization in our industry from an ownership standpoint that has sustained over the years winning races without a great team. I think we're probably a perfect example of that. We've tinkered with our team, and we've worked and right now we have the right people on the right bus and going in the right direction is how I see it. It's a beautiful thing to be part of."

Finley said he is pleased with a West Point stat that does not show up on any racing database.

"We've brought over 3,300 people into ownership and that's something we are really proud of," he said. "Not all of them have stayed in the business, but a good number have. They've stayed with us or they've owned by themselves or they put their own partnerships together. There are several syndicates that are doing very well, and they started with us. That's something that really brings a smile to our faces."

The Counting Stars partnership has 14 members, many of them newcomers to West Point. Finley said the filly's relatively

modest purchase price--she was in the bottom 10% of the stable's purchases last year--was attractive to people investing for the first time. They are already big winners with a filly who has six victories from 10 starts and career earnings of \$1,660,606 with Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse.

But wait, there is more.

With two Grade I wins, Counting Stars already has serious value as a broodmare prospect. Should she complete the trifecta of the Acorn, CCA Oaks and Alabama, she would join the elite group of Shuvee (1969), Mom's Command (1985), Open Mind (1989) and Sky Beauty (1993) with the sweep. Worth noting is that all four of them have been elected to the Hall of Fame.

Counting Stars sold for \$13,000 as a yearling, but was a more appealing prospect six months later at the OBS April sale. West Point had raced her dam, Paynterbynumbers (Paynter), who Finley said never was able to reach her potential, and is a partner in the sire, **Honor A. P.** (Honor Code).

Even though Counting Stars won three of four starts as a 2-year-old, West Point did not see her as a potential championship prospect in 2026.

"No, you couldn't have thought it," Finley said. "You could have dreamed about it, but you couldn't have thought with any degree of confidence that we were going to be sitting here with a very live shot in the Alabama."

"That's the real magic of owning horses and being around these horses is they just they stop you in your tracks, the magic that they bring to our lives. They really do. They captivate our hearts in so many different ways. She's the perfect example, this filly. There's a lot to love about her. She doesn't have the most stellar pedigree, she didn't sell for a lot of money, but every morning she just buckles it up and she goes and she trains and she's happy. She's really building a very nice resume, for sure."

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## SURVIE'S TRAINER GEORGE BOUGHEY JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST; TEAM DISCUSSES MARSHALL GRAMM SITUATION

The highs and lows of horse racing were felt last week by British-based trainer George Boughey. Less than a week after he had to retire Bow Echo (Ire) (Night of Thunder {Ire}), undoubtedly the best horse he has ever trained, he won the GI Christophe Clement Turf Stakes at Saratoga with the mare Survie (Ire) (**Churchill {Ire}**). It was the second Saratoga stakes win for her at the meet, coming just 13 days after she won the GII Glens Falls Stakes.

Boughey joined this week's TDN Writers' Room Podcast presented by **Keeneland**. He was the **Gainesway** Guest of the Week. **Cont.**

**George Boughey on TDN Writers' Room, cont.**

When asked to address why he brought a horse back in 13 days and worked her in between starts, Boughey acknowledged that European trainers don't always see eye-to-eye with American trainers.

"Obviously, different jurisdictions around the world do things differently and for me it was quite a normal preparation," Boughey said. "We tried it earlier in the year when she went to Saudi Arabia. She ran at Lingfield on the all-weather and then ran 13 days later in the Middle East. So she had to ship out there, train out on the track for a week and then run, and she seemed to handle it very well. In my opinion, that set her up beautifully for this summer. The style of racing was obviously very different in England, but being able to take those two races very quickly meant that the Glens Falls and the Christophe Clement looked like a beautiful setup for her."

Boughey confirmed that Survie will make her next start in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf rather than the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf.



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"The mile-and-a-half distance in the Turf is a massive thing for her," Boughey said. "I had intentionally been running her a bit short for a while knowing that she's already won a Group 2 in France over 12 furlongs. So her stamina was assured. We just wanted to build up to that. So I'd kick myself if I ran in a shorter race in the Filly & Mare Turf and she didn't quite get there."

Bow Echo was retired due to an injury to his left front fetlock. Undefeated in six career starts, he was considered the best miler in Europe.

"I think you kind of get used to it as a trainer, the highs and lows of it," he said. "But I've made it sort of my thing through my career not to get too high and not to get too low on success and failure. Bow Echo was an amazing horse and I might go a long time to find another one like him."

The "Fastest Horse of the Week" was GIII Iselin Stakes winner

Bishops Bay (Uncle Mo), a 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' who earned a 106 Beyer figure. The Fastest Horse of the Week is sponsored by **WinStar Farm, the home of the outstanding stallion Constitution.**

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the **PHBA, 1/ST TV** and **West Point Thoroughbreds**, much of the discussion among Randy Moss, Bill Finley, and Zoe Cadman centered on the Marshall Gramm scandal. Gramm was charged with multiple rules violations by HISA over unauthorized access to confidential horse health information.

"Marshall, what the hell were you thinking?" Finley said. "This was a very dumb move."

Questions were also raised as to whether or not HISA had the proper security measures in place that would have kept Gramm from being able to access the information.

The team also reviewed Survie's big win in the Christophe Clement and the magnificent performance by the filly Luster (Knicks Go) in the King's Plate.

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## SIX SWIFT FEMALES, FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10-16 *by Randy Moss*

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Bettors didn't fully embrace the outcome of the June 27 Musical Romance Stakes in which 5-1 Kerry's Kiss sped to a 97 Beyer Speed Figure (a 16-point top) in her first start for Joseph to outrun 2-5 stablemate Indy Bay. In the rematch Saturday, Indy Bay was again favored at even money with Kerry's Kiss at 7-5--and the result was no different. She is 2-for-2 since C2's Mark Cornett acquired her in Hot Springs five months ago for the current partners.

**5 (tie)-ZEITLOS, SAR, 8-14, Smart and Fancy Stakes, 5 1/2ft VIDEO**

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### Six Swift Females, cont.



Zeitlos | Sarah Andrew

**Curlin** mares age like fine wine, and at six, the consistent Zeitlos remains as tasty as ever on turf or dirt. She broke a 10-race losing streak while again capitalizing on the occasional class relief. She is 1-for-11 in graded stakes (she won the GII TCA in 2024), but now 8-for-14 in allowances or ungraded stakes like this one. Leidel--previously partners with Stonestreet in brilliant turf sprinter Lady Aurelia--bought Zeitlos as a yearling from Stonestreet for \$350,000, then raced her as partners before bidding \$775,000 to buy out Stonestreet at Fasig-Tipton last December.

### 4-BIT'S TIGER MAGIC, DMR, 8-13, Allowance, 5fT VIDEO

Beyer Speed Figure-94

(m, 5, **Smiling Tiger**--Magic School, by In Excess {Ire})

O-Griffin Racing. B-Harris Farm and Mike/Jeanne Lepore (Cal).

T-Peter Miller. J-Juan Hernandez.

Her first start off the bench in January didn't go well and she needed five-plus months before breezing again, but she rebounded Friday to lead from start to finish and run her lifetime record to 5-for-9. Her 94 Beyer was her career-best by two points--and her 92 Beyer was last Aug. 10 also in a five-furlong turf allowance at Del Mar.

### 3-SURVIE, SAR, 8-15, GI Christophe Clement Stakes, 1 1/2mT VIDEO

Beyer Speed Figure-98

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

O-Michael Tabor. B-Franklin Finance SA (Ire). T-George

Boughey. J-Manny Franco.

Survie unleashed another wicked rally to blow past American

rivals--this time males. When she was only 3 1/2 lengths back after her first six furlongs in 1:19.46 on yielding ground, the leaders were target practice. She's the first U.S. winner for

fast-rising Newmarket-based 34-year-old Boughey, who now has designs on the GI Breeders' Cup Turf. Coolmore's M. V. Magnier signed a 1.9-million guineas ticket (about \$2.6 million) to acquire her in December at Tattersalls and she has since raced in the names of partner Michael Tabor and his wife Doreen. Formerly known as the Sword Dancer, the race was recently renamed to honor the late Clement, and his son Miguel hoped to win it with Tawny Port, who finished fifth of six. But Survie's victory was the next-best result for the Clement family. Prior to her sale, she had been trained in France by Christophe's brother Nicolas.

### 2-SHOOT IT TRUE, SAR, 8-13, Allowance, 5 1/2fT VIDEO

Beyer Speed Figure-100

(f, 4, **Munnings**--To the Moon Alice, by Malibu Moon)

O-Ice Wine Stable and Smart Choice Stable. B-Old Tavern Farm (NY). T-Wesley Ward. J-Jose Ortiz.

 Mare purchased and mating arranged by Summerfield Sales 

After a series of strong stakes efforts in defeat, Shoot It True only needed to hold form to dominate this allowance, and she did at 3-5 odds. Her 100 Beyer was her best yet, following her previous solid figs of 96-95-95-94-93. Given her dam, better names for her might have been Honeymooner, Kramden or Gleason, but those were already taken.



Luster | Michael Burns

### 1-LUSTER, WO, 8-15, King's Plate, 1 1/4m (Tapeta) VIDEO

Beyer Speed Figure-102

(f, 3, **Knicks Go**--Ruby Frost, by **The Factor**)

O-Gainesway Stable and Andrew Rosen. B-Ravie Sugrim &

Joannie Dass (Ont-C). T-Josie Carroll. J-John Velazquez.

 **MACHMER HALL** /Sequel Pinhooked & Raised

Her sales prices (\$50,000 as a weanling, \$80,000 as a yearling) muted expectations--she wasn't favored in her debut. **Cont.**

### ***Six Swift Females, cont.***

But Luster is very special. The 40th filly to win Canada's premier race, she has wrapped up a Sovereign Award and might not be out of contention for an Eclipse Award as North America's champion 3-year-old filly in a division clearly led at the moment by Counting Stars. But she'd definitely have to beat Counting Stars in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff on dirt, and veteran Carroll has run only three horses in the Breeders' Cup and none in the past eight years.

*Note: Proctor Street (Street Sense) also ran a 93 Beyer in her Canadian Stakes win, but carried 121 pounds compared to 124 carried by Kerry's Kiss and Zeitlos.*

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## **HISA AUTHORITY AND FTC AGAIN ASK SUPREME COURT TO TAKE UP 'OUTLIER' CONSTITUTIONALITY OPINION** *by T.D. Thornton*

The Horseracing and Safety Integrity Act (HISA) Authority and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) have both petitioned the Supreme Court of the United States to have another look at HISA's constitutionality, specifically as it pertains to an **opinion issued twice** out of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit that ruled HISA's rulemaking structure is constitutional, but its enforcement provisions are not.

The separate HISA Authority and FTC filings, dated last week but just docketed Aug. 17, were the expected next moves in an ongoing lawsuit that dates to 2021 and has already once resulted in the Supreme Court telling three lower appeals courts to re-examine earlier decisions in light of a similar case that the Supreme Court had ruled on in 2025.

The original litigation out of the Fifth Circuit was spearheaded five years ago by the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (NHBPA) and 12 of its affiliates against the HISA Authority and the FTC.

For the better part of the last five years, both sides in this lawsuit--and in two similar federal cases challenging HISA that also reached the Supreme Court level but were remanded--have sparred over the non-delegation doctrine, which bans Congress from delegating legislative power to federal agencies without an "intelligible principle" to guide the exercise of agency discretion.

Three separate appeals courts--the Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Circuits--have all agreed that HISA's rulemaking structure is constitutional. Only the Fifth Circuit has disagreed, in part, by consistently opining that HISA's enforcement provisions are unconstitutional.

"All parties agree that the Fifth Circuit's outlier judgment warrants review," stated HISA's Aug. 10, 2026 writ of certiorari, which is the formal term for asking the Supreme Court to take up a case. "Given the intractable conflict over the facial constitutionality of HISA's enforcement provisions, only this Court can provide an authoritative nationwide ruling on that issue of legal and practical importance."

The HISA petition continued: "Two administrations have supported HISA. Two bipartisan Congresses have embraced it, including through an amendment in late 2022 that fortified the FTC's oversight. And all but one of the federal courts that have resolved an identical challenge to the amended statute have reached the same conclusion: HISA is constitutional."

"The Fifth Circuit contradicted that consensus, holding that HISA's enforcement provisions facially violate the private-nondelegation doctrine. That decision--embracing the most extreme assumptions about the HISA regime, including hypothetical applications of provisions that have *never* been exercised--ignores this Court's caution against wiping out broad swaths of federal legislation on a facial basis. It also disregards the many ways Congress purposefully subordinated the Authority's implementation of HISA to the FTC's substantial oversight.

"Moreover, the decision [issued June 11] brushes aside cautionary signals this Court already issued in this very case," the HISA petition stated.

Eric Hamelback, the NHBPA's chief executive officer, responded to a *TDN* request for comment with a statement that said, in part, "We welcome Supreme Court review because this case is ultimately about something much bigger than HISA. It is about the constitutional limits on government power and whether Congress can give a private organization the authority to investigate, prosecute, adjudicate and impose penalties on American horsemen without meaningful federal supervision."

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**HISA's constitutionality, cont.**

A year and a half ago, the three cases out of the Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Circuits had all been appealed up to the Supreme Court level.

Then, on June 30, 2025, the Supreme Court issued nearly identical "summary dispositions" for all three lawsuits involving the constitutionality of HISA, telling each respective appeals court that it wanted them to **re-examine their rulings** in light of a relevant decision the Supreme Court had just issued on June 27, 2025.

The new precedent that the Supreme Court told the Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Circuits to consider involved a case titled *Federal Communications Commission (FCC) vs. Consumers' Research*.

In that case, the Supreme Court justices, by a 6-3 vote, rejected arguments that the funding mechanism for a service that provides subsidized telecommunications services for low-income customers, rural hospitals, schools, and libraries violated the non-delegation doctrine. The Supreme Court also rejected a claim that the FCC delegated too much authority to a private company to administer the program.

The Sixth Circuit was the first to act on the Supreme Court's remand in a case led by the states of Oklahoma, West Virginia and Louisiana. On Dec. 17, 2025, the Sixth Circuit upheld the constitutionality of HISA for a second time.

Those states (plus a handful of other plaintiffs who first signed on to the original lawsuit back in 2021) have already asked the Supreme Court to re-examine that second Sixth Circuit constitutionality ruling, via a writ of certiorari dated May 15, 2026.

In it, the states and the other plaintiffs claim that the Sixth Circuit **"erroneously" analyzed** the application of the private non-delegation doctrine to the Act.

In the Eighth Circuit anti-HISA case, the plaintiffs are executives with the Arkansas and Iowa HBPA chapters.

That lawsuit involves a 2024 appeals court opinion that had affirmed a ruling out of a lower federal court in Arkansas denying a preliminary injunction the horsemen had sought to halt HISA and its Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) program.

Now approaching the 14-month mark since the Supreme Court remanded the case, the Eighth Circuit is the lone remaining appeals court yet to issue any revised HISA ruling. There have been no entries on that court's docket for this case since June 17.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**JOCKEY CLUB TRANSPARENCY** *by Max Hodge*

Yesterday's headline, "**Jockey Club Seeks to Remove Marshall Gramm from Membership**," appeared just weeks after The Jockey Club's annual Round Table, where its **new leadership team pledged transparency**.

The Jockey Club's recent pledge of greater transparency presents an opportunity. For generations, many in the Thoroughbred industry have had little understanding of how one becomes a member of The Jockey Club. With their recent announcement that they are going to "remove Marshall Gramm," The Jockey Club now has industry participants asking about the process that exists for removing a member. If transparency is to be more than a talking point, now is the time to answer those questions.

What criteria are used to select new members? Who makes those decisions? What standards govern the suspension or removal of a member, and what due process protections exist? These are not unreasonable questions, particularly when membership in The Jockey Club remains one of the most influential positions in our industry.

The Jockey Club occupies a unique position within North American racing. Through its control of the breed registry and its significant role in the commercialization and monetization of Thoroughbred data, its decisions affect owners, breeders, consignors, racetracks, and countless others who make their living in this business.

With that influence comes a responsibility to be accountable not only to its members, but also to the broader industry. Greater transparency regarding its membership and governance processes would be a meaningful step toward demonstrating the openness that The Jockey Club now advocates. **Cont.**



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**Letter to the Editor, cont.**

Transparency is most meaningful when it begins with the institutions asking others to embrace it.

Respectfully, Max Hodge

**Max Hodge is Vice President of Client Services at Fasig-Tipton**

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## WEEKLY RULINGS

### WEEKLY NATIONAL RULINGS FOR AUG. 13-AUG. 19, 2026

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 (HIWU)'s "[pending](#)" and "[resolved](#)" cases portals.



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#### **Resolved ADMC Violations**

**Dates:** 08/12/2026

**Licensee:** Miguel Penaloza, trainer

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

**Explainer:** Vet's list medication violations for the presence of Methocarbamol—a class C controlled substance—in a sample taken from Cody Pass on 6/24/26.

#### **Pending ADMC Violations**

**08/18/2026, Charlton Baker, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Lidocaine—a class B substance—in a sample taken from Rock Steady Babe, who won at Finger Lakes on 7/15/26.

**08/18/2026, Geneveive Londono, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Acepromazine—a class B substance—in a sample taken from Shriner, who finished sixth at Belterra Park on 6/21/26.

**08/14/2026, Alexis Silva Martinez, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Methamphetamine—a banned substance—in a sample taken from Dandy Day, who won at Emerald Downs on 6/20/26.

**08/14/2026, Mark Scott Tubbs, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone—a class C controlled substance—in a sample taken from Go Lent Go, who finished sixth at Emerald Downs on 6/6/26.

**08/13/2026, Jose Camejo, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Dexamethasone—a class C controlled substance—in a sample taken from Glacial Power, who won at Belterra Park on 7/19/26.

**08/13/2026, Angel Quinoz, trainer:** Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of non-inhalation Albuterol—a banned substance—in a sample taken from Bonita Rough on 7/10/26.

Read more on this story [here](#) and [here](#).

#### **Crop Violations**

Colonial Downs

Tais Lyapustina – reporting date August 14; \$250 fine, one-day suspension, on appeal stay requested

Delaware Park

Cipriano A. Gil – reporting date August 15; \$500 fine, two-day suspension

Jorge F. Hernandez – reporting date August 15; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Del Mar

Antonio Fresu – reporting date August 14; \$500 fine, one-day suspension

### Weekly Rulings, cont.

#### Ellis Park

Francisco J. Arrieta – reporting date August 13; \$500 fine, four-day suspension

#### Finger Lakes

Sofia L. Vives – reporting date August 19; \$500 fine, two-day suspension

Joel Cruz – reporting date August 18; \$500 fine, two-day suspension

Keiber J. Coa – reporting date August 18; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Jose A. Ventura – reporting date August 18; \$500 fine, two-day suspension

#### Gulfstream Park

Miguel A. Vasquez – reporting date August 17; \$500 fine, two-day suspension

Edwin Gonzalez – reporting date August 17; \$100 fine

#### Parx Racing

Jomar Torres – reporting date August 14; \$500 fine, two-day suspension

#### Penn National

Sebastian A. Orellana – reporting date August 17; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

#### Saratoga

Tyler Gaffalione – reporting date August 14; \$2,000 fine, four-day suspension, on appeal stay requested

#### Thistledown

Humberto Halder – reporting date August 13; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

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## LIAM CUNNINGHAM WINS TBSALES STEP CHALLENGE

Liam Cunningham was the winner of the tbSales Step Challenge, which invited users to predict how many steps tbSales employee Marcel de Arruda would take while picking up consignor cards at the Fasig-Tipton sales. Cunningham, a

graduate of the Godolphin Flying Start program, was at the sale working for Runnymede.

De Arruda walked 18,828 steps during the sale, a number verified by Fasig CEO Boyd Browning. Liam's guess was 19,293.

For his closest-to-correct guess, Cunningham won a Garmin Vivosmart 5 Fitness tracker.

De Arruda was said to be surprised, as he thought he covered far more ground.

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## TAA ON SITE AT DEL MAR FOR PACIFIC CLASSIC DAY



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Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) will be present at Del Mar for Pacific Classic Day Saturday to raise awareness for accredited aftercare. The organization will be honored with a named race on the day's undercard. TAA's Director of Social Media Hannah Bloom will host winners of the 2026 "Off to the Races" VIP Experience online benefit auction that was generously donated by Del Mar Thoroughbred Club.

Based in Lexington, Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that accredits, inspects, and awards grants to approved aftercare organizations to retrain, retire, and rehome Thoroughbreds using industry-wide funding.

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Listen to this week's podcast

August 19, 2026

**Trainer George Boughey discusses stable star Survie, who beat the boys in the GI Christophe Clement Stakes and is bound for the Breeders' Cup**

## SAN DIEGO CONSTRUCTION MAGNATE, DEL MAR BOARD MEMBER LUSARDI PASSES AWAY

*Edited Press Release*

Warner C. Lusardi, the San Diego construction magnate, major philanthropist and longtime civic benefactor, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family. He was 94.

Mr. Lusardi was a devoted horse racing enthusiast and a valued member of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club Board of Directors, serving with distinction since 1988. Throughout his nearly four decades of service, he provided steadfast leadership, thoughtful counsel and an unwavering commitment to the success of Del Mar and the Thoroughbred racing industry.

He and his father, Pete, founded Lusardi Construction in 1958, starting the company out of the garage in their San Diego home. Over the decades, Lusardi Construction grew into one of the region's largest and most successful builders, completing thousands of projects totaling millions of square feet across Southern California.

Mr. Lusardi was a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and served in the U.S. Navy as a member of the Civil Engineer Corps. He was also a licensed General Engineering and General Building contractor and a Registered Civil Engineer.

He and his wife, Debbie, were married for 54 years prior to her passing in 2024.

The Lusardi's took great pride in their philanthropic work throughout the community. Their contributions included sponsorship of the Curebound Cancer Challenge, a fundraiser to fight cancer that has generated over \$25 million since its start in 2013. Most recently, they served as the lead benefactors of the expansion of Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas, providing a \$25-million gift that led to the construction of the Lusardi Tower, enabling the hospital to increase its capacity from 187 to 235 patients and enhance integrated inpatient, surgical and maternal care services.

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## Leading 2026 Sires of Yearlings

*by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America through Fasig-Tipton NY-Bred Yearlings*

| 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    | Nyquist          | F18 | KY  | \$85,000  | 7    | 6    | \$1,279,166 | \$925,000   |
| 4    | Not This Time    | F18 | KY  | \$150,000 | 12   | 9    | \$1,047,282 | \$650,000   |
| 5    | Curlin           | F10 | KY  | \$250,000 | 6    | 6    | \$791,004   | \$637,500   |
| 6    | Justify          | F20 | KY  | Private   | 7    | 6    | \$758,532   | \$575,000   |
| 7    | Quality Road     | F12 | KY  | \$200,000 | 3    | 3    | \$758,333   | \$500,000   |
| 8    | Life Is Good     | F24 | KY  | \$85,000  | 9    | 9    | \$681,666   | \$675,000   |
| 9    | Tapit            | F06 | KY  | \$185,000 | 2    | 2    | \$650,000   | \$650,000   |
| 10   | Constitution     | F17 | KY  | \$110,000 | 8    | 7    | \$640,714   | \$550,000   |
| 11   | Flightline       | F24 | KY  | \$150,000 | 7    | 7    | \$600,714   | \$500,000   |
| 12   | Uncle Mo         | F13 | KY  | \$150,000 | 10   | 9    | \$568,333   | \$450,000   |
| 13   | Medaglia d'Oro   | F06 | KY  | \$75,000  | 2    | 1    | \$535,000   | \$535,000   |
| 14   | Good Magic       | F20 | KY  | \$125,000 | 3    | 2    | \$487,500   | \$487,500   |
| 15   | Candy Ride (Arg) | F06 | KY  | \$75,000  | 5    | 5    | \$456,100   | \$190,000   |

## Leading 2026 Freshmen Sires of Yearlings

*by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America through Fasig-Tipton NY-Bred Yearlings*

| Rank | Name               | Sire's Sire   | Loc | 2024 Fee | Ring | Sold | Avg       | Median    |
|------|--------------------|---------------|-----|----------|------|------|-----------|-----------|
| 1    | Cody's Wish        | Curlin        | KY  | \$75,000 | 9    | 7    | \$411,428 | \$300,000 |
| 2    | Forte              | Violence      | KY  | \$50,000 | 16   | 12   | \$328,624 | \$362,500 |
| 3    | Elite Power        | Curlin        | KY  | \$50,000 | 13   | 10   | \$284,200 | \$300,000 |
| 4    | Gunite             | Gun Runner    | KY  | \$35,000 | 17   | 14   | \$261,428 | \$242,500 |
| 5    | Up to the Mark     | Not This Time | KY  | \$25,000 | 7    | 6    | \$228,333 | \$225,000 |
| 6    | Arcangelo          | Arrogate      | KY  | \$35,000 | 9    | 6    | \$190,833 | \$142,500 |
| 7    | Taiba              | Gun Runner    | KY  | \$35,000 | 13   | 12   | \$188,416 | \$187,500 |
| 8    | Mage               | Good Magic    | KY  | \$25,000 | 15   | 12   | \$150,416 | \$112,500 |
| 9    | Loggins            | Ghostzapper   | KY  | \$7,500  | 15   | 12   | \$128,083 | \$75,000  |
| 10   | Arabian Lion       | Justify       | KY  | \$30,000 | 18   | 16   | \$127,437 | \$112,500 |
| 11   | Americanrevolution | Constitution  | NY  | \$12,500 | 21   | 17   | \$112,176 | \$100,000 |
| 12   | Mullion            | Into Mischief | NY  | Private  | 5    | 4    | \$106,750 | \$100,000 |
| 13   | Dr. Schivel        | Violence      | KY  | \$12,500 | 5    | 4    | \$83,500  | \$71,500  |
| 14   | Fulsome            | Into Mischief | KY  | \$7,500  | 3    | 2    | \$82,500  | \$82,500  |
| 15   | Zandon             | Upstart       | KY  | \$12,500 | 12   | 11   | \$71,954  | \$55,000  |



**Saturday, 8/22, Del Mar #10, post time: 9:30 p.m. EDT**

**PACIFIC CLASSIC S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m**



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| PP | HORSE              | SIRE             | OWNER                                                                                                          | TRAINER     | JOCKEY     | WT  |
|----|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|-----|
| 1  | Om N Joy           | Om               | Baker Stables, LLC, Scanlan Racing LLC and Michael Golovko                                                     | Ordonez     | Desormeaux | 119 |
| 2  | Forged Steel       | Vekoma           | C2 Racing Stable LLC, Mathis Stable LLC and TCC Stables LLC                                                    | Joseph, Jr. | Gonzalez   | 124 |
| 3  | Finger (Jpn)       | Gun Runner       | M's Racing                                                                                                     | Tanaka      | Tosaki     | 118 |
| 4  | Subsanador (Arg)   | Fortify          | Wathnan Racing                                                                                                 | Mandella    | Smith      | 124 |
| 5  | Malarchuk          | Nyquist          | ERJ Racing LLC and Reddam Racing LLC                                                                           | McCarthy    | Rispoli    | 124 |
| 6  | Original Sin       | Curlin           | Calumet Farm                                                                                                   | Walsh       | Hernandez  | 124 |
| 7  | Hit Show           | Candy Ride (Arg) | Wathnan Racing                                                                                                 | Cox         | Geroux     | 124 |
| 8  | British Isles      | Justify          | Slam Dunk Racing, Deborah A. Baltas, and Cynthia McClanahan                                                    | Baltas      | Herrera    | 124 |
| 9  | Navajo Warrior 🐾   | Candy Ride (Arg) | BAG Racing Stables, Miller Racing LLC, Dr. Derek K. Paul, Mathis Stable LLC, Paul Braverman, and Timothy Pinch | Joseph, Jr. | Husbands   | 124 |
| 10 | Full Serrano (Arg) | Full Mast        | Hronis Racing LLC                                                                                              | Sadler      | Rosario    | 124 |
| 11 | Knightsbridge      | Nyquist          | Godolphin, LLC                                                                                                 | Mott        | Alvarado   | 124 |

**Breeders:** 1-Jerry Baker & Connie Baker, 2-Richard E. Wilson, 3-Masahiko Sugino, 4-EI Mallin, 5-Chippewa Bloodstock, 6-Calumet Farm, 7-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 8-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 9-Hinkle Farms, 10-Stud Haras Gran Muneca S.a., 11-Godolphin

Call me crazy, but I'm going to try to beat 'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard **Knightsbridge (Nyquist)**, even with that 122 Beyer number of his jumping off the page. The last time he ran out of his skin, in the GIII Gulfstream Park Mile, he bounced badly in the GI Churchill Downs Stakes. And do we really know if he can go a mile-and-a-quarter? Yes, he can win, but he presents no value here. Why not **Finger (Jpn) (Gun Runner)**? He's by **Gun Runner** and coming off a win in a seven-figure race in Japan. **Hit Show (Candy Ride {Arg})** was beaten a long way in the GII Suburban Stakes, but on his best day he can score an upset. Was beaten only a half-length by Magnitude (**Not This Time**) in the GII Clark Stakes. --Bill Finley

**Saturday, 8/22, Saratoga #11, post time: 6:42 p.m. EDT**

**ALABAMA S. PRESENTED BY KEENELAND SALES-GI, \$600,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4m**

| PP | HORSE             | SIRE              | OWNER                                                           | TRAINER | JOCKEY     | WT  |
|----|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|-----|
| 1  | Nycon 🐾           | Nyquist           | Icon Racing Stable                                              | Beckman | Davis      | 122 |
| 2  | Ati Girl 🐾        | Nyquist           | Pantofel Stable LLC, Wachtel Stable & Gary Barber               | Mott    | Velazquez  | 122 |
| 3  | Measure 🐾         | Essential Quality | Gary Barber, Bridlewood Farm, and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners | Casse   | Prat       | 122 |
| 4  | My Gun's Loaded 🐾 | Gun Runner        | Douglas Scharbauer                                              | Brown   | Franco     | 122 |
| 5  | A. P.'s Girl      | Honor A. P.       | C R K Stable LLC                                                | Eurton  | Gaffalione | 122 |
| 6  | Counting Stars 🐾  | Honor A. P.       | West Point Thoroughbreds                                        | Casse   | Ortiz, Jr. | 122 |

**Breeders:** 1-Pursuit of Success LLC, 2-BlackRidge Stables LLC, 3-Town & Country Farms, 4-Corser Thoroughbreds LLC, 5-Parks Investment Group, LLC, 6-HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud

It should be another coronation for the magnificent **Counting Stars (Honor A.P.)**, who seeks to become the first horse since Sky Beauty in 1993 to sweep the GI Acorn, the GI Coaching Club American Oaks and the GI Alabama. Chad Brown won't try Counting Stars again with his GI Kentucky Oaks winner Always a Runner (**Gun Runner**), but could complete the exacta with **My Gun's Loaded (Gun Runner)**. She's an improving horse and the second fastest horse in here on the Beyer scale. **Ati Girl (Nyquist)** took nine starts to break her maiden for Bill Mott, but that he's throwing her into this race shows a degree of confidence on his part. --Bill Finley

**Saturday, 8/22, Del Mar #9, post time: 9:00 p.m. EDT**

**DEL MAR OAKS PRESENTED BY KEENELAND SALES-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT**

| PP | HORSE                  | SIRE                            | OWNER                                                                                   | TRAINER  | JOCKEY    | WT  |
|----|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----|
| 1  | Victorious Dream (Ire) | Ghaiyyath (Ire)                 | Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Sabby Racing, LLC and Michael House                      | McCarthy | Hernandez | 122 |
| 2  | Lookin At Diamond      | Lookin At Lucky                 | Diamond 100 Racing Club LLC                                                             | Powell   | Leparoux  | 122 |
| 3  | Tam Tam                | Medaglia d'Oro                  | Rigney Racing LLC                                                                       | Bauer    | Alvarado  | 122 |
| 4  | Green Carrera (GB)     | Lope de Vega (Ire)              | Chivalry T'bred Racing, Farfellow Farms, Ltd. and Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners | O'Brien  | Rispoli   | 122 |
| 5  | Define (Ire)           | Lope de Vega (Ire)              | Farfellow Farms, Ltd.                                                                   | Walsh    | Kimura    | 122 |
| 6  | Inbox (GB)             | Ectot (GB)                      | Hopeless Stables, Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables, LLC and Marsha Naify     | D'Amato  | Berrios   | 122 |
| 7  | Peanutbutterbombe      | Collected                       | Little Red Feather Racing and William Strauss                                           | D'Amato  | Fresu     | 122 |
| 8  | Wild Like the West 🐾   | Into Mischief                   | Sayjay Racing LLC                                                                       | Baltas   | Ayuso     | 122 |
| 9  | Kensington Lane (Ire)  | <b>Starspangledbanner (Aus)</b> | Agave Racing Stable, Medallion Racing, and Evan Trommer                                 | D'Amato  | Rosario   | 122 |
| 10 | Raiding Party (Ire)    | <b>Sioux Nation</b>             | Larry R. Rodgers, James J. Lamonica, Fick Farms and Shu Qun Sun                         | Walsh    | Curtis    | 122 |

**Breeders:** 1-Mr Paul Croke, 2-Diamond 100 Racing Club, LLC, 3-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 4-Coverdale Stud, 5-Hamwood Stud Unlimited Company, 6-Orbis Bloodstock (UK) Limited, 7-Speedway Stables LLC, 8-White Birch Farm, Inc., 9-Almost Always Partnership, 10-Barry Moorhead

**Kensington Lane (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus})** was an impressive winner of the GI Belmont Oaks and now moves into the D'Amato barn. This race came up tough, but a repeat effort of her last could be good enough. **Tam Tam** (Medaglia d'Oro) ran the race of her life when airing in the Tepin Stakes at Churchill. Looks like the main threat. You have to respect anything from the Joseph O'Brien barn, but note that **Green Carrera (GB)** (Lope de Vega) has never so much as run in a group race. --Bill Finley

**Saturday, 8/22, Saratoga #10, post time: 6:07 p.m. EDT**

**BALLSTON SPA S. PRESENTED BY STIHL-GII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT**

| PP | HORSE                | SIRE                     | OWNER                                          | TRAINER | JOCKEY   | WT             |
|----|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|----------------|
| 1  | Ozara (Ire)          | Lope de Vega (Ire)       | Cheyenne Stables LLC                           |         | Clement  | Davis 126      |
| 2  | Sunlit Uplands (Ire) | Sands of Mali (Fr)       | Rachel Flynn and Rae Guest                     |         | Williams | Velazquez 124  |
| 3  | Deep Satin           | <b>American Pharoah</b>  | John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock Services |         | DeVaux   | Ortiz 124      |
| 4  | Play With Fire       | <b>Oscar Performance</b> | LSU Stables                                    |         | Brown    | Franco 124     |
| 5  | And One More Time    | Omaha Beach              | Live Oak Plantation                            |         | Casse    | Castellano 124 |
| 6  | Segesta              | Ghostzapper              | Juddmonte                                      |         | Brown    | Prat 126       |
| 7  | Grayosh              | Yoshida (Jpn)            | Flanagan Racing                                |         | Brown    | Gaffalione 124 |
| 8  | Long Ago (GB)        | Roaring Lion             | Christopher S. Nolan                           |         | Morey    | Carmouche 124  |
| 9  | Scalable 🐾           | Speightstown             | Repole Stable                                  |         | Pletcher | Rider TBA 126  |

**Breeders:** 1-Fleche D'Or Partnership, 2-Prospect Stables, 3-Eurowest Bloodstock Services, 4-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 5-William Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo, 6-Juddmonte, 7-Susan E. Bedwell, 8-Let It Be Me Partnership, 9-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

**Segesta** (Ghostzapper) has lost two in a row, but towers over this field in the class category. She drops into Group II company after winning a pair of Grade I events in her last four starts. No surprise that Chad Brown has won this race eight times. Having drawn inside of Segesta, **And One More Time** (Omaha Beach) might be able to get the jump on the morning line favorite. That could make her dangerous. But Segesta probably has too much class for her. **Grayosh** (Yoshida ({Jpn})) is the “other Chad Brown,” always a dangerous angle and is coming off a win in the GIII Matchmaker against a pretty strong field. --Bill Finley

**Saturday, 8/22, Del Mar #11, post time: 10:00 p.m. EDT**

**DEL MAR MILE S.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 1mT**

| PP | HORSE                | SIRE                 | OWNER                                                                                                                     | TRAINER       | JOCKEY    | WT  |
|----|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----|
| 1  | Cabo Spirit 🦋        | Pioneerof the Nile   | Kretz Racing LLC                                                                                                          | Papaprodromou | Smith     | 122 |
| 2  | Seal Team (GB)       | War Front            | Perry R. Bass II and Ramona S. Bass                                                                                       | Mandella      | Rosario   | 122 |
| 3  | Artislas             | Catalina Cruiser     | Dutch Girl Holdings LLC, Irving Ventures LLC, William Meathe, and Jeanne Tumanjan                                         | Mullins       | Leparoux  | 122 |
| 4  | Freedom's Not Free 🦋 | Omaha Beach          | Blinkers On Racing Stable, Janlois Racing, LLC, Valinor Racing Stable, LLC, Tom Corbett, Andy Kwan, and Jay Lester Wagner | Glatt         | Jaramillo | 122 |
| 5  | Detain (Ire)         | Wootton Bassett (GB) | Juddmonte                                                                                                                 | McCarthy      | Hernandez | 122 |
| 6  | Sinsel (Brz)         | Alpha                | Red Rafa Stud, Inc.                                                                                                       | Mandella      | Kimura    | 124 |
| 7  | Almendares (GB)      | Havana Grey (GB)     | CYBT, McLean Racing Stables, Saul Gevertz, Michael Nentwig, and Ray Pagano                                                | D'Amato       | Fresu     | 122 |
| 8  | Astronomer           | Air Force Blue       | Bamford, Alice and Tabor, Michael B.                                                                                      | Callaghan     | Espinoza  | 122 |
| 9  | King of Gosford (GB) | Zoustar (Aus)        | Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, Saul Gevertz, Michael Nentwig, & Jeremy Peskoff                                              | D'Amato       | Rispoli   | 124 |
| 10 | Flyover              | Om                   | Integrity Thoroughbred Racing LLC, ITR LLC, The Ellwood Johnston Trust and Kenneth A. Tevelde                             | Sadler        | Ayuso     | 122 |
| 11 | Twirling Point       | Twirling Candy       | Paula P. Henline and Tracy D. Henline                                                                                     | Wright        | Gonzalez  | 122 |
| 12 | El Potente           | Temple City          | My Way Racing LLC                                                                                                         | Blackner      | Berrios   | 122 |

**Breeders:** 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-Bass Stables LLC, 3-University of Kentucky, 4-Cove Springs, LLC, 5-Swordlestown Little, 6-Stud Red Rafa, 7-D. R. Tucker, 8-Alice Bamford, 9-The Miss Sugars Partnership, 10-Old English Rancho, 11-George Strawbridge Jr., 12-Charmsil LLC

With plenty of speed breaking to his inside, **El Potente** (Temple City) figures to get a dream trip here under Hector Berrios. A consistent horse, he can stalk and pounce. The same can be said for **Almendares (GB)** (Havana Grey ({GB})), who did not have a good trip in the GII Eddie Read Stakes, but nearly ran down a tough bunch in his prior start in the GI Shoemaker Mile. **Detain (Ire)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}) steps way up in class, but looks to be sitting on a career-best race for sharp trainer Michael McCarthy.

**Saturday, 8/22, Del Mar #5, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT**

**GREEN FLASH H.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 5fT**



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| PP | HORSE           | SIRE          | OWNER                                                     | TRAINER  | JOCKEY    | WT  |
|----|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----|
| 1  | Monster         | Leinster      | Arindel                                                   | D'Angelo | Jaramillo | 116 |
| 2  | Mescalero       | Into Mischief | Perry R. Bass II and Ramona S. Bass                       | Mandella | Kimura    | 119 |
| 3  | Man O Rose      | Stanford      | B and B Zietz Stables, Inc.                               | Mullins  | Maldonado | 121 |
| 4  | Incanto (Ire) 🦋 | Mehmas (Ire)  | David A. Bernsen LLC, TCC Stables LLC and Jeffrey Lambert | Eurton   | Baze      | 117 |
| 5  | Sumter          | War Front     | Perry R. Bass II and Ramona S. Bass                       | Mandella | Smith     | 123 |
| 6  | Motorious (GB)  | Muhaarar (GB) | Anthony Fanticola                                         | D'Amato  | Fresu     | 124 |
| 7  | Virat           | Bayern        | Sareen Family Trust                                       | Blackner | Berrios   | 120 |

|    |                        |                     |                                                                                                      |           |             |
|----|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 8  | No Nay Hudson (Ire) 🌿  | No Nay Never        | Andrew Farm, For the People Racing Stable, LLC Ward and Debra L. O'Connor                            | Hernandez | 123         |
| 9  | Sorrento Sky (Ire)     | Prince of Lir (Ire) | Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, McLean Racing Stables, Saul Gevertz, Marc Lantzman, and Michael Nentwig | D'Amato   | Rispoli 120 |
| 10 | Saratoga Special (Ire) | Mehmas (Ire)        | Abbondanza Racing LLC and TCC Stables LLC                                                            | Baltas    | Rosario 114 |

**Breeders:** 1-Dr. Ross Russell & Deeann SmithCavanaugh, 2-Bass Stables, LLC, 3-B & B Zietz Stables, Inc., 4-Novidale Ltd & Eoghan Grogan, 5-Bass Stables, LLC, 6-Kirtlington Stud & Mrs Mary Taylor, 7-Sareen Family Trust, 8-RJB Bloodstock, 9-Miss Colleen Dwyer, 10-David Byrne & Pierce Molony

**Motorious (GB)** (Muhaarar {GB}) has won this race three straight years, once via DQ, and is coming off a sharp second in his first start off a layoff. Looks like trainer Phil D'Amato has him primed for four straight. **Sumter** (War Front) beat the top pick last time out, so obviously deserves respect. **No Nay Hudson (Ire)** (No Nay Never) is not in great form, but throw out Wesley Ward in these turf sprints at your own peril. --Bill Finley

### Saturday, 8/22, Century Mile #11, post time: 10:30 p.m. EDT

#### CANADIAN DERBY-GIII, C\$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m

| PP | HORSE               | SIRE                | OWNER                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | TRAINER     | JOCKEY       | WT  |
|----|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----|
| 1  | Helioo              | Authentic           | Don B. Danard                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Snow        | Perez        | 126 |
| 2  | Debrusk             | Finality            | D Condilenios, J Froelich, G Georgeopoulos & T Georgeopoulos                                                                                                                                                            | Condilenios | Morales      | 126 |
| 3  | Kamal               | Fed Biz             | Mohamad K. Khan                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Brown       | Marti        | 126 |
| 4  | Quarry              | War of Will         | Henry S. Witt, Jr.                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Gourneau    | Bynoe        | 126 |
| 5  | Magicstrikesagain 🌿 | Good Magic          | C Duggan, D Ries, L Deitz & B Poliakiwski                                                                                                                                                                               | Nicholson   | Asencio      | 126 |
| 6  | Direct Strike 🌿     | Into Mischief       | Smokin Guns Stable, J Graham, CNK Holdings, Ltd. Bob and Terry Kwas, Lucky Diamond Stables, Hard Ball Stable, Bauder, James, Bauder, Robert, Trehan, Sunil, Highfield Investment Group, Inc., D D Smith and B Appleyard | Smith       | Prescod      | 126 |
| 7  | Really Ralis        | Ralis Dennis Spence | Krasner                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Khelawan    | 126          |     |
| 8  | Big Curl            | Big Brown           | Stetson Inc, Stetson, Ryan, Stetson Enterprises Ltd. and Everblack Cattle Co. Ltd.                                                                                                                                      | Rycroft     | Gonzalez     | 126 |
| 9  | Gethsemane 🌿        | Knicks Go           | Cattleman's Club Stable                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Goulet      | Whitehall    | 126 |
| 10 | Tisum               | Caravaggio          | Duggan, Chris, Ries, Dorn, Deitz, Lloyd and B Poliakiwski                                                                                                                                                               | Nicholson   | Asencio      | 126 |
| 11 | Javier              | Practical Joke      | Don B. Danard                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Frey        | Boodramsingh | 126 |
| 12 | Western Warrior     | Essential Quality   | Christoff, Gordon and Giesbrecht, Lance B.                                                                                                                                                                              | Condilenios | Nelson       | 126 |
| 13 | Need the Purse 🌿    | The Factor          | Charles Garvey                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Diodoro     | Santo        | 126 |

**Breeders:** 1-William Humphries & Altair Farms LLC, 2-Red Rock Farm, 3-Red Hawk Ranch, 4-Claiborne Farm, 5-TK Stables LLC, 6-Cypress Creek Equine, LLC, 7-Elton H. Gunther, 8-Mat Monaco, 9-Bloodstock Investments 2022, 10-Fletcher Gray & Carolyn Gray, 11-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC, 12-Tracy Farmer, 13-Troy Rankin

Though he didn't really fire in the Manitoba Derby, **Direct Strike** (Into Mischief) did finish second in a 10-furlong maiden at Churchill four starts back. Have to imagine he was facing much tougher foes that day than the ones he'll be meeting here and he is the only one in here proven at the distance. At 12-1 in the line, he's serious value. **Quarry** (War of Will) is another who has had some success on the Kentucky circuit and just missed by a nose in the Manitoba Derby. **Western Warrior** (Essential Quality) won the Manitoba Derby. No reason why he can't do it again. --Bill Finley

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## SUMMER BREEZES:

State-Breds In the Spotlight at Saratoga



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



Sarah Andrew

### Thursday, August 20, 2026

**Saratoga 4, Msw, \$115k, 2yo, f, (S), 6.5f, 2:54 p.m. ET**

| Horse (Sire)                | Sale   | Price (\$) | Breeze  |
|-----------------------------|--------|------------|---------|
| Chic in Motion (Mo Donegal) | OBSAPR | 45,000     | :10 3/5 |

C-Little Farm Equine LLC, agent; B-Mary K Thomas

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C-McMahon of Saratoga TBs, agent; B-Country Life Farm, agent

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**2nd-Saratoga, \$125,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 8-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.39, ft, 3 lengths.**

**PRONGHORN (f, 4, *Justify*--Donna Veloce {GSW & MGISP, \$502,500}, by Uncle Mo)** graduated in her third career start sprinting at Fair Grounds. In her first two starts this season at 8 1/2 furlongs, she was fifth facing allowance company at Oaklawn on Feb. 7 before finishing second in the slop Mar. 7. A winner in an Oaklawn optional claimer On Apr. 2, she was nosed out for the win in the one-mile Dig A Diamond Stakes on Apr. 25. Up to contest a modest early pace this time, she took over approaching the five-sixteenths pole and drew clear to score by three lengths over MGSP Low Country Magic (*Good Magic*).



Pronghorn | Sarah Andrew

The first foal out of GSW Donna Veloce, Pronghorn also has a yearling sister by *Justify*. Dona Veloce brought \$1.9 million--carrying a filly by *Tiz the Law*--at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton November Sale.

The winner's third dam is GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine Cash Run (Seeking the Gold). Sales history: \$400,000 Wlg '22 FTKNOV. Lifetime Record: SP, 8-3-2-0, \$275,132. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel Racing.**

O-Kaleem Shah, Inc.; B-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt & Kaleen Shah Inc. (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

**6th-Presque Isle Downs, \$32,670, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm** (\$62,500), 8-19, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:09.61, ft, 4 1/4 lengths. **BOSSY WOSSY (c, 2, Maclean's Music--Family Friend, by Lemon Drop Kid)** debuted with an eye-catching 12 1/4-length victory going five panels here on July 27 and was sent off the 1-5 choice to make it two straight going a furlong farther. Remaining close to pacesetter What's Your Name (**Aloha West**) in the early going, the favorite took over in the stretch and drew clear to score over Uncle Kef (Uncle Chuck). Greatest Joy (Greatest Honour) was third. Sales history: \$8,000 yrl '25 KEESEP; \$10,000 2yo '26 OBSAPR. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel Racing.**

O/T-Juan Arriagada; B-MKW Racing & Breeding LLC (KY).

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**5th-Saratoga, \$100,000, (S), Msw, 8-19, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT,** 1:03.27, fm, 2 lengths.

**TRUE LEGEND (g, 3, Honest Mischief--Ascent, by More Than Ready),** on the board in two of three starts on the grass last season, rounded out his campaign with a last-place finish in the seven-furlong New York Stallion Series on the dirt at the Big A on Dec. 6. Gelded following that effort, he was given a 4-1 chance in this return to the grass. Prompting favored Sultan Hassan (**Cairo Prince**) through opening splits of :22.00 and :45.47, the New York-bred took over in the stretch and drew clear to score by two lengths.

The winner's dam, Ascent, produced a colt by **Highly Motivated** earlier this season and was bred back to **Idol**. Sales history: \$60,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT; \$150,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$87,064. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel Racing.**

O-Gatsas Stables, R. A. Hill Stable and Qatar Racing; B-Cypress Creek Equine LLC (NY); T-George Weaver.



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#### FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

##### 2026 Stud Fees Listed

**Early Voting (Gun Runner),** Taylor Made Farm, \$12,500  
116 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Saratoga, 2:54 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Early and Often, 8-1  
\$35,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$40,000 SAR AUG yrl  
4-Saratoga, 2:54 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Early Returns, 6-1  
\$47,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$40,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$80,000  
EAS MAY 2yo

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

117 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Evangeline Downs, 6:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, G's Soxy, 12-1  
\$19,000 TTA YRL yrl  
1-Evangeline Downs, 6:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Honourable  
Sandra, 15-1  
\$24,000 RNA OBS WIN wnl; \$30,000 TTA YRL yrl

**Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music),** Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000  
136 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Colonial Downs, 1:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Empress Warrior, 7-2  
\$35,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Mo Donegal (Uncle Mo),** Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

135 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
2-Colonial Downs, 1:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Baby Chantal, 30-1  
\$35,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Cont.**

4-Saratoga, 2:54 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Chic in Motion, 6-1  
\$39,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl; \$25,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$45,000  
OBS APR 2yo

**Nashville** (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$12,500  
140 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Colonial Downs, 1:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Princess Eliana, 30-1  
\$7,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$37,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

**Roadster** (Quality Road), Ocala Stud, \$7,500  
86 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-Colonial Downs, 1:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, La Loba, 30-1  
\$37,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

**Speaker's Corner** (Street Sense), Darley, \$10,000  
111 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-Colonial Downs, 1:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Moirai, 15-1  
\$12,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$5,000 KEE SEP yrl

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, AUGUST 20**  
*2026 Stud Fees Listed*

**Combatant** (Scat Daddy), Rockridge Stud  
44 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners  
7-Saratoga, 4:39 p.m. EDT, \$150K New York Stallion Cab  
Calloway S., 1m, Chummers, 3-1  
\$6,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Tacitus** (Tapit), Taylor Made Farm, \$5,000  
199 foals of racing age/38 winners/1 black-type winner  
4-Charles Town, 8:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Tactfully, 10-1  
\$120,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$3,500 FTD FEB 2yo

**Yaupon** (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$60,000  
325 foals of racing age/73 winners/15 black-type winners  
9-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Upon Review,  
8-1  
\$75,000 KEE SEP yrl



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**Haffner**, c, 2, **Justify**. See "Group Results".



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**RACING**

**STAKES RESULTS:**

**NEW YORK STALLION STATUE OF LIBERTY S.**, \$150,000,  
Saratoga, 8-19, (C), 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.19, fm.

1--**GREYJOY**, 120, f, 3, by **Lookin At Lee**--**Tapceptional**,  
by **Concord Point**. (\$9,000 RNA Wlg '23 FTNMIX; \$5,000 Wlg  
'23 FTIDE; \$25,000 Ylg '24 EASOCT; \$55,000 2yo '25  
EASMAY). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Gatsas Stables and AHHA  
Stables; B-Harry L. Landry (NY); T-John P. Terranova II; J-Tyler  
Gaffalione. \$82,500. Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-4, \$169,282.



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2--**Morning Prayer**, 120, f, 3, **Combatant**--**Awesome Prayer**,  
by **Awsome Again**. (\$13,000 RNA Ylg '24 FTKOCT; \$150,000  
2yo '25 EASMAY). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-LJSS Thoroughbreds;  
B-Levings Racing (NY); T-Thomas Morley. \$30,000.

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**TAPROOT TWO-YEAR-OLD PURCHASE**

3--**Celtic Dawn**, 124, f, 3, **Honest Mischief**--**Tapa Liath**, by **Paddy**  
**O'Prado**. O-Blue Devil Racing Stable (Holliday); B-Blue Devil  
Racing Stable (NY); T-Carlos F. Martin. \$18,000.  
Margins: 2 3/4, 2HF, NK. Odds: 4.45, 5.84, 2.44.

**GRADUATION S.**, (NB) C\$51,000, Assiniboia Downs, 8-18, 2yo, 5f, 1:01.37, ft.

1--**SOLID CONNECTION, 122, g, 2, Connect--Remember Lucy, by Tale of Ekati.** (\$6,000 Ylg '25 FTKOCT). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Wright, Keith, Anderson, Wendy M. and Suderman, Norm; B-T.F. VanMeter (KY); T-Wendy Anderson; J-Kerron Khelawan. C\$30,600. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,054.

### **VANMETER SALES Graduate**

2--**Thick, 123, f, 2, Flameaway--Goldstorm Glory, by Tonalist.** (C\$10,000 Ylg '25 CANSEP). O-A2 Thoroughbreds and True North Thoroughbreds; B-Phoenix Rising Farms (ON); T-Michael Nault. C\$10,200.

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

### **GARRENCASEY SALES GRADUATE**

Margins: 1 1/4, 3HF, HF. Odds: 6.65, 6.05, 7.95.

#### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**12th-Parx Racing, \$102,050, (NW1X)/Opt.** Clm (\$16,000), 8-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.69, gd, 2 lengths.

**LADY ANNABELLE (m, 6, Goldigger's Boy--Cartier Lady, by Point Given)** Lifetime Record: 27-8-1-2, \$247,348. O/T-Ernesto Padilla-Preciado; B-Luana J. Johnson (PA).

**6th-Saratoga, \$78,000, Str, 8-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24.05, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**DISCOTHEQUE (g, 4, Connect--New Hope Road, by Quality Road)** Lifetime Record: 19-2-10-0, \$230,369. O-Rachel L. Gerson; B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & W. S. Farish (KY); T-J. Kent Swezey. \*\$210,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

### **LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE**

**2nd-Penn National, \$42,550, 8-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :57.43, fm, neck.**

**HOPEFORGREATNESS (f, 4, Weigelia--Dancingwithdebbie, by Mizzen Mast)** Lifetime Record: 28-4-5-2, \$125,833. O-Padilla, Hugo O. and Truehart, Jessica M.; B-Scott Bunker & Cynthia Bartkowski (PA); T-Hugo O. Padilla. \*Full to Gamboling Ghost, SW, \$122,349; Full to Shoshanah, MSP, \$231,303.

**8th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$39,600, (S), 8-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.16, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.**

**OIL MAN (g, 5, Turbo Compressor--Nightly Ritual {SW, \$164,805}, by Crown Ambassador)** Lifetime Record: 20-5-3-5, \$154,380. O-Liz Klopp; B-Liz Klopp (IN); T-Randy L. Klopp.

**2nd-Thistledown, \$39,500, 8-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.12, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.**

**GOOSEBUMPS (f, 4, Tom's d'Etat--Callisto, by Malibu Moon)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 20-5-4-4, \$170,138. O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC and America's Thoroughbred Investors; B-WinBlaze, LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

**2nd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$38,000, (S), 8-19, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.78, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.**

**WILLY'S IN CHARGE (c, 3, Will Take Charge--Hoosier Queen, by Sun King)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, \$52,180. O/B-Reese Ranch (IN); T-Randy L. Klopp.

**4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, 8-19, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.83, ft, 3 lengths.**

**HE'S LATE AGAIN (g, 4, Aurelius Maximus--Pixie Devil {SP, \$109,725}, by Stephen Got Even)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 17-7-3-2, \$346,130. O-George Messina; B-Nathan Granger, Shannon Luquette, Chris Hebert & Brody Trahan (LA); T-Brad H. Cox. \*\$20,000 Ylg '23 TTAYRL.

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**3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, 8-19, (NW1X), 3yo, 6f, 1:09.39, ft, 3 lengths.**

**TIZ AUTHORITY (c, 3, Tiz the Law--Dictate Cool, by Curlin)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$64,123. O-Flatland Racing Stable; B-Upson Downs Farm (KY); T-Chris A. Hartman.

**7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, 8-19, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :57.31, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**SPECIAL SAUCE (f, 3, Practical Joke--Saucy At Midnight, by Midnight Lute)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-2, \$94,290. O-Southwest Racing Stables, Inc. and Lewis, Steve H.; B-Torie Gladwell & Knollwood Stables (KY); T-Genaro Garcia.

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**7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$33,420**, 8-18, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:40.41, ft, 1/2 length.

**KID CAIRO (g, 5, Cairo Prince--Sweet Lady, by Scat Daddy)**

Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-2, \$80,252. O-Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC and Parks, Brenda Bruck; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Randall R. Russell. \*\$50,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

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**1st-Finger Lakes, \$27,240**, 8-19, (C), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.61, ft, 1/2 length.

**SEAMS LIKE DESTINY (g, 5, Destin--Bustinattheseams, by Bustin Stones)** Lifetime Record: 21-4-3-5, \$103,614. O-Bradley E. Dufrane and Troy Smith; B-Eaton & Thorne, Inc (NY); T-Troy Smith. \*\$9,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$21,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$58,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN. \*\*1/2 to Stone Smuggler (**Honest Mischief**), MSW, \$377,847.

**5th-Fort Erie, C\$26,728**, 8-18, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.82, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

**STIRLING CASTLE (g, 4, Souper Speedy--Lynnessa, by Old Forester)** Lifetime Record: 12-5-2-2, \$75,976. O-Bermuda Blue Farm and ICON Racing Stables; B-Philip Lanning & John Carey (ON); T-Anthony Adamo. \*C\$25,000 Ylg '23 CANSEP.

**5th-Finger Lakes, \$26,500**, 8-19, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.41, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**SWEET TONE (g, 5, Tonalist--Sweet Slam, by Grand Slam)** Lifetime Record: 36-2-5-8, \$105,238. O-Bernardo Mongil III; B-Sugar Maple Farm (NY); T-Rafael Jose Rohena.

**6th-Finger Lakes, \$26,325**, 8-19, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:48.59, ft, head.

**INONIT (g, 5, Include--Gregorian Jest, by Phone Trick)** Lifetime Record: 18-2-4-2, \$115,900. O/T-Lisa L. Lugovich; B-Richard J. Lugovich (NY).

**7th-Finger Lakes, \$24,500**, (S), 8-19, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.29, ft, 2 lengths.

**MARILYN'S NY PRIDE (f, 4, Tonalist--Auntie's the One, by Exchange Rate)** Lifetime Record: 9-5-0-0, \$74,925. O-Joseph Bucci; B-Don McCormick (NY); T-Richard Shaffer. \*\$40,000 Ylg '23 SARAUG.

**6th-Fort Erie, C\$23,618**, 8-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT, 1:27.29, fm, 1 length.

**JUSTIFY PERFECTION (m, 5, Justify--Silent Perfection, by Perfect Soul {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-0, \$32,756. O-Charles E. Fipke; B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Michaela Neubauer. \*1/2 to Perfect Silent Cat (Tale of the Cat), MSP, \$177,648; 1/2 to Stormy Perfection (Tale of the Cat), GISP.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Cash Per Trip**, c, 2, **Modernist**--Lemon Drop Twist, by Lemon Drop Kid. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-19, (S), 5f, :59.17. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$25,200. B-Watershed Bloodstock LLC (IN).

**Saggy**, f, 3, **Brethren**--Levy Land, by Handsome Mike. Mountaineer Casino & Resort, 8-18, 5f, 1:01.78. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-0, \$23,380. B-Arindel (FL). \*\$1,700 Ylg '24 OBSWIN; \$10,000 2yo '25 OBSOPN.

**Turtle Pace**, f, 3, **Ghaaleb**--Turtle Pie, by Wild Zone. Fairmount, 8-18, (S), 6f, 1:12.24. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$38,916. B-William Tippet (IL). \*Full to Fast Jack, MSW, \$387,100.

**Paula's Choice**, f, 3, **Slumber (GB)**--Enrage (SP), by Algorithms. Saratoga, 8-19, (S), (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:44.96. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$34,800. B-Head of Plains, LLC (NY).

**El Numero Uno**, g, 3, **Vekoma**--Blue Magic, by Yes It's True. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-18, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.12. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$23,760. B-Rancho Monarca, LLC (IN).

**Majestic Rain**, f, 3, **Warrior's Reward**--Pringipessa, by El Padrino. Penn National, 8-18, (S), 6f, 1:13.01. Lifetime Record: 9-1-4-0, \$61,680. B-Angelo Zalalas (PA).

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**Aurelius Maximus**, He's Late Again, g, 4, o/o Pixie Devil, by Stephen Got Even. ALW, 8-19, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Brethren**, Sagcy, f, 3, o/o Levy Land, by Handsome Mike. MSW, 8-18, Mountaineer

**Cairo Prince**, Kid Cairo, g, 5, o/o Sweet Lady, by Scat Daddy. ALW, 8-18, Presque Isle Downs

**Connect**, Discotheque, g, 4, o/o New Hope Road, by **Quality Road**. STR, 8-19, Saratoga

**Connect**, Solid Connection, g, 2, o/o Remember Lucy, by **Tale of Ekati**. Graduation S., 8-18, Assiniboia

**Destin**, Seams Like Destiny, g, 5, o/o Bustinattheseams, by Bustin Stones. ALW, 8-19, Finger Lakes

**Ghaaleb**, Turtle Pace, f, 3, o/o Turtle Pie, by Wild Zone. MSW, 8-18, Fairmount

**Golddigger's Boy**, Lady Annabelle, m, 6, o/o Cartier Lady, by Point Given. AOC, 8-18, Parx Racing

**Honest Mischief**, True Legend, g, 3, o/o Ascent, by More Than Ready. MSW, 8-19, Saratoga

**Include**, Inonit, g, 5, o/o Gregorian Jest, by Phone Trick. ALW, 8-19, Finger Lakes

**Justify**, **Justify** Perfection, m, 5, o/o Silent Perfection, by Perfect Soul (Ire). ALW, 8-18, Fort Erie

**Justify**, Pronghorn, f, 4, o/o Donna Veloce, by Uncle Mo. AOC, 8-19, Saratoga

**Lookin At Lee**, Greyjoy, f, 3, o/o Tapceptional, by Concord Point. New York Stallion Statue of Liberty S., 8-19, Saratoga

**Maclean's Music**, Bossy Wossy, c, 2, o/o Family Friend, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 8-19, Presque Isle

**Modernist**, Cash Per Trip, c, 2, o/o Lemon Drop Twist, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 8-19, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Practical Joke**, Special Sauce, f, 3, o/o Saucy At Midnight, by Midnight Lute. ALW, 8-19, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Slumber (GB)**, Paula's Choice, f, 3, o/o Enrage, by Algorithms. MCL, 8-19, Saratoga

**Souper Speedy**, Stirling Castle, g, 4, o/o Lynnessa, by Old Forester. ALW, 8-18, Fort Erie

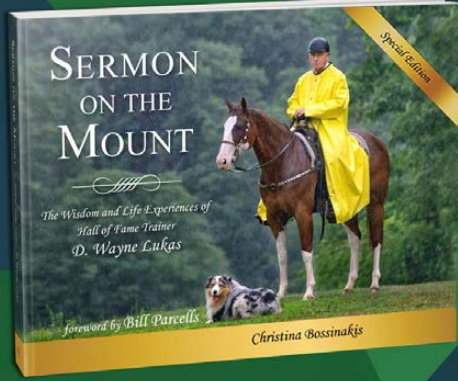
**Tiz the Law**, Tiz Authority, c, 3, o/o Dictate Cool, by **Curlin**. ALW, 8-19, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Tom's d'Etat**, Goosebumps, f, 4, o/o Callisto, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 8-19, Thistledown

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**Tonalist**, Marilyn's Ny Pride, f, 4, o/o Auntie's the One, by Exchange Rate. ALW, 8-19, Finger Lakes

**Tonalist**, Sweet Tone, g, 5, o/o Sweet Slam, by Grand Slam. ALW, 8-19, Finger Lakes

**Turbo Compressor**, Oil Man, g, 5, o/o Nightly Ritual, by Crown Ambassador. ALW, 8-19, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Vekoma**, El Numero Uno, g, 3, o/o Blue Magic, by Yes It's True. MSW, 8-18, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Warrior's Reward**, Majestic Rain, f, 3, o/o Pringipessa, by El Padrino. MSW, 8-18, Penn National

**Weigelia**, Hopeforgreatness, f, 4, o/o Dancingwithdebbie, by Mizzen Mast. ALW, 8-18, Penn National

**Will Take Charge**, Willy's in Charge, c, 3, o/o Hoosier Queen, by Sun King. ALW, 8-19, Horseshoe Indianapolis



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## JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL GLORY FOR FRANKEL'S ITEM



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by Tom Frary

At the end of Wednesday's G1 Juddmonte International Stakes, there was a star three-year-old in charge but not the one expected as the sponsors' **Item** (Frankel) landed in front where it mattered.

Left out of the main pre-race topic despite showing a love for York and this 10-furlong trip when taking the Dante and York Stakes, the 10-1 shot, who hails from the all-conquering Andrew Balding stable, followed the too-strong pace set by **Hawk Mountain** (Wootton Bassett) at a sensible distance.

With **Constitution River** (Wootton Bassett) over-racing from the start, this was always going to fall to a closer and while for much of the finale it looked as if **Almaqam** (Lope De Vega) would clinch it for the older brigade, Item found a decisive surge for Colin Keane to overhaul him in the dying strides and win by a head. **Constitution River** paid for his early exertions, finishing 3 1/2 lengths away in third as the 5-6 favourite **Ombudsman** (Night Of Thunder) could manage only fourth.

While Kalpana reached her zenith as a fully mature five-year-old, stablemate Item was collecting this prestige event while still a green, unfinished product to further enhance the training prowess of his Kingsclere handler. [Cont. p3](#)

## ARQANA'S RUN OF RECORDS CONTINUES WITH "OUTSTANDING" €265K CHACHNAK IN V2 By Brian Sheerin

DEAUVILLE, France - A remarkable launch to the European yearling sale season continued into the V2 session at Arqana on Wednesday when bloodstock agent Paul Nataf paid a record €265,000 for a colt by the emerging young French-based sire Chachnak from Arcadia Elevage.

Continuing the trend for records tumbling at Arqana this week, the Chachnak smashed the previous V2 high of €200,000 in 2023 - just a couple of days after Coolmore set a new bar for the sale company's flagship August Yearling Sale when paying a massive €4.6 million on a close relation to star stayer Scandinavia.

A son of **Kingman**, Chachnak stood for as low as €3,000 in 2025 and it was his promising results with small crops of runners that convinced Nataf to take Antoine Bellanger's charge so seriously.

The agent said, "I saw every horse in this sale with no exception and he was my number one. The number one needs to get a number one price. He was a little bit outstanding for me." [Cont. p9](#)



The V2 sale-topping colt by Chachnak | Zuzanna Lupa

## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### CASSE FEELING GOOD ABOUT SILENT TACTIC

In today's Saratoga Notebook, presented by NYRA Bets, Hall of Famer Mark Casse shares why he likes his chances with **Silent Tactic** (**Tacitus**) ahead of the GI Travers Stakes on August 29.

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*Prince Ahmad bin Khalid Abdullah watches on as the Queen present his sons Prince Salman and Prince Khalid with the trophy for the Juddmonte International Stakes.*

*Emma Berry*

**6 | MALTESE CROSS TAKES GREAT VOLTIGEUR**

*The son of **Sea The Stars** won the G2 Great Voltigeur Stakes at York on Wednesday.*

**8 | HAFFNER DOWNS ACOMB RIVALS AT YORK**

*By **Justify**, Haffner ran to his odds to take the G3 Tattersalls Acomb Stakes.*

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### G1 Juddmonte International Stakes Cont. from p1

Bar the Derby, where the horror conditions killed the class of some proper heavyweights both in the Blue Riband and Coronation Cup, this colt has an unblemished record tackling bigger and bigger tests each time.

"We've pitched him in some good races with the belief that he will do well in them, but he's kept improving and improved physically and that's the most important thing," Balding said.

"Physically he's really a very different horse than the one that ran in the Dante and I think anything is possible--he would certainly have no problem staying a mile and a half if we wanted him to," he added, before revealing that the stable had to endure a late scare. "I just want to say a big thank you to the



Item (left) | [Racingfotos.com](#)

team at home, because it wasn't straightforward getting him here. Everything had gone great up until about declaration time and we had a little hiccup there with his feet. Thankfully everyone who looks after him have worked overtime to get it

right and happily it was a 5am decision that he got on the box to come up here. I'm very relieved."

This renewal was shaped largely by what occurred in the initial run to the bend, with **Constitution** River demonstrating his freshness by lighting up from his wide draw and stumbling across the first path across the track. Hawk Mountain was forced to go too hard to provide him with the lead that the supposed pacemakers **Action** (**Frankel**) and **Devil's Advocate** (**Too Darn Hot**) were either unable or unwilling to, but after the first two furlongs

the damage was done to Ballydoyle's Prix du Jockey Club and Eclipse hero. [Cont. p4](#)

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# IT'S BEEN A **SCORCHING** SUMMER

*As hot as the weather! What a run the Darley stallions have enjoyed on the racecourse over the last three months...*



No stallion anywhere in the world has more G1 winners in 2026 than Champion sire **NIGHT OF THUNDER**, whose prodigious son **Bow Echo** retires undefeated in the 2,000 Guineas, St James's Palace and Sussex Stakes...



...while **NIGHT OF THUNDER**'s **Ombudsman**, the highest-rated horse in the world in 2026, wins back-to-back runnings of the G1 Prince of Wales's at Royal Ascot. He's now the winner of four G1 races and will join the Darley roster for 2027...



...and **Estrange**, previously the winner of four Black Type races, secures another G1 success for her sire **NIGHT OF THUNDER** in the Pretty Polly Stakes at the Curragh – and has more G1 targets later in the year.



**DUBAWI**'s remarkable **Rebel's Romance**, a standing dish in G1 races all around the world and the winner of 22 races, nine of them at G1 level, retires from racing on a high after winning the G2 Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket...



...and another son of **DUBAWI**, last year's Breeders' Cup Mile winner and *future Darley stallion* **Notable Speech**, shows his flawless turn of foot once again to become the winner of five G1 races – and will chase a sixth on Saturday.



One of the most popular mares in training, **Tiffany**, the six-year-old daughter of **FARHH**, gains a deserved first G1 success in the Grosser Preis von Berlin, having previously been placed four times at the top level.

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A bolt from the blue: **BLUE POINT**'s daughter **Blue Bolt** is unbeaten in 2026, winning the G2 Duke Of Cambridge at Royal Ascot, Newmarket's G1 Falmouth Stakes and the G1 Prix Rothschild...



...while the Aga Khan Studs' **Samangan**, a son of **BLUE POINT**, stakes his claim to being Champion three-year-old sprinter, beating his elders in Deauville's G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest...



...and Godolphin's **Inner City Blues**, the top-priced colt at the Arqana Breeze Up, is now the unbeaten winner of the G2 July Stakes at Newmarket and heads **BLUE POINT**'s 161-strong two-year-old crop.



It's been a Hot! Hot! Hot! summer in America, too: **Title Role**, already a Classic winner for **TOO DARN HOT** in the German 2,000 Guineas, follows up in the G1 Belmont Derby at Saratoga...



...where **Glacius**, another three-year-old son of **TOO DARN HOT**, makes all in this month's G1 Saratoga Derby. He now heads for the \$3 million Nashville Derby at Kentucky Downs...



...and the globetrotting **Hotazhell**, previously winner of the G1 Futurity as a two-year-old for **TOO DARN HOT**, regains the G1-winning thread with success in Munich's Bayerisches Zuchtrennen.

**PLUS:** **Opera Ballo**, whose sire **GHAIYYATH** has G1 winners in both hemispheres in 2026, bids for more G1 glory at Woodbine next month, before heading to the Breeders' Cup. Meanwhile, yearling sales across Europe will feature first yearlings by Champion two-year-old **NATIVE TRAIL**, Dubawi's five-time G1 hero **MODERN GAMES** and the highest-rated miler by Frankel, **TRIPLE TIME**. *And that's all we could fit on the page!* You can keep in touch with all our news by heading to [darleystallions.com](https://darleystallions.com).

## HERE'S TO A GOLDEN AUTUMN!

## G1 Juddmonte International Stakes Cont.

Item was on the rail in behind racing more conventionally, with Ombudsman at the back but as the pace collapsed in midstraight there was a temporary traffic jam with the eventual winner one of those unable to get a clean trip. That he was still able to pull around Almaqam and give that high-class Group 1 winner in full flight a length headstart and wear him down by the line speaks volumes about the level of his ability, but then those who had seen him here twice already were perhaps less surprised by the end result.

Such was the intense pace of the race throughout the first half, even Item had gone too quick despite being reserved but the ultimate difference was his finale of 12.78 compared to the runner-up's 13.14, **Constitution River's** tired 13.58 and the favourite's strangely flat 13.69. At the business end, Item was the only one really piling it on with his

rivals falling by the wayside for differing reasons.

What is worrying for Item's peers is the fact that Keane thinks he can do better with conditions more in his favour. This is a Win-and-You're In for the \$7-million Longines Breeders' Cup

Classic and while the winner is unlikely to shift to the dirt, the Turf looks a prime target now. "At no point was I comfortable to be honest--not until William [Buick] came to me and he got between horses and that really got him going," his rider said.

"He struggled on this slow ground and I was never really happy, but when he got levelled up you'd love what he did in his last furlong--I was really motoring."

"He feels like a horse who will go back up in trip and that's when you'll see the best of him," he

added. "I thought he'd travel smoother and it took every inch of the straight for him to get there. It is soft ground and loose and he'd be better on a sounder surface. He's a specialist around here, he seems to love it." **Cont. p5**



Colin Keane, Prince Ahmad bin Khalid Abdullah and Andrew Balding with Item | *Racingfotos.com*

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Almaqam may have gone too soon, providing the target that the winner needed as a raw immature prospect, but Ed Walker was proud of the runner-up's effort. "It's a tough one, but you dream about being involved in races like this and training horses like this and this is one of the best races of the season," he said.

"I'm just pleased he's shown how good he is and when he gets his conditions, he's exceptional. We've given him time with two dry summers and it's been hard to keep him on the go, so we're very proud. I really hope he retires to Dalham Hall, he deserves his place and is a very special horse with a great temperament. He's got a couple of races left, the Irish Champion and the Champion, as I don't think we'll run in the Arc. This is his trip."

Aidan O'Brien was left to ponder the way it all unravelled for Constitution River. "It didn't work as we thought," he explained. "John's pacemaker didn't go and our pacemaker missed it and Wayne [Lordan] felt he ended up going too quick on a lazy horse and found it hard to judge the pace on that ground. Ryan got there a little bit earlier than he wanted to and as he had been in a gear too high early and because it had been a while since he last ran he got a little bit tired."

"Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't and we feel they will come forward for their next runs," he added. "Ryan ended up more forward than he expected and Constitution River was too fresh and keen today and got tired. The Irish Champion will be next I would imagine, if the lads want to go and hopefully we'll have a better horse to take them into that."

John Gosden offered one standout reason for Ombudsman's uncharacteristically tame finishing effort. "It was the ground," he stated. "The jockeys are saying it's soft out there and that didn't suit him at all. William was in trouble some way out, between the four and the three he was in trouble before he got to the two. He came with a run, but he knew it would peter out."

"You'd look for better ground in future," he added. "You don't know about the ground for the Irish Champion and we'll definitely be looking for faster ground, even if we have to wait for a Breeders' Cup. We know this isn't his scene, we've kept away from it all the time since the early days. I did say in the build-up when everyone was saying it was a two-horse race, that usually something else happens."

Pedigree Notes

Item is the third foal out of the Natalma Stakes and My Charmer Stakes winner Capla Temptress (Lope De Vega), who started her career with Marco Botti and won her Grade I in the Team Valor silks before transferring to Juddmonte. Her second was the Listed Prix Matchem winner Temptable (Kingman), while she also has the unraced two-year-old filly Tympana (St Mark's Basilica) and a yearling filly by Dark Angel.

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|----|--------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| 1. | Mehmas       | €70,000       | 31/66     | 47%         | 17%           |
| 2. | KODI BEAR    | €12,500       | 28/54     | 52%         | 22%           |
| 3. | No Nay Never | €100,000      | 26/64     | 41%         | 16%           |
| 4. | Sioux Nation | €37,500       | 25/63     | 40%         | 11%           |
| 5. | Havana Grey  | Private       | 23/56     | 41%         | 17%           |
| 6. | Blue Point   | €100,000      | 19/59     | 32%         | 12%           |

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The second dam Mrs Beeton (Dansili), who raced in Peter Harris's colours, is a half-sister to that owner-breeder's multiple Group winner Stotsfold (Barathea) who was also third in the Arlington Million, while this is the family of Pendley Farm's other stars Leporello, Poppy Carew and Calypso Grant all by Danehill. There is ample stamina in this pedigree, with the third dam Eliza Acton (Shirley Heights) a full-sister to the popular dual-purpose handicapper Top Ceas.

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Wednesday, York, Britain  
JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL STAKES-G1, £1,500,000, York, 8-19, 3yo/up, 10f 56yT, 2:08.44, gd.  
1--ITEM (GB), 127, c, 3, by Frankel (GB)  
1st Dam: Capla Temptress (Ire) (GISW-Can, GSW-US, GSP-Eng), by Lope De Vega (Ire)  
2nd Dam: Mrs Beeton (Ire), by Dansili (GB)  
3rd Dam: Eliza Acton (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB)  
1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O/B-Juddmonte; T-Andrew Balding; J-Colin Keane. £850,650. Lifetime Record: 6-5-0-0, \$1,469,660. Werk Nick Rating: A+++. \*Triple Plus\*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.  
2--Almaqam (GB), 134, h, 5, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Talmada, by



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Following the first major yearling sale of the year, the Arqana August sale, **CHALDEAN** stands out with the **highest yearling average of €202,000** (seven times his stud fee) and the **highest-priced yearling** of all first-crop sires commanding a price of **€650,000**.

**JUDDMONTE**

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Cape Cross (Ire). O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin; T-Ed Walker. £322,500.

3--**Constitution River (Fr)**, 127, c, 3, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Chuppy (Fr), by Le Havre (Ire). (€400,000 Ylg '24 ARAUG). O-M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs J Magnier/Westerberg; B-LG Bloodstock; T-Aidan O'Brien. £161,400.

**BORN & RAISED AT HARAS DU CADRAN**

Margins: HD, 3HF, 1. Odds: 10.00, 14.00, 1.75.

Also Ran: Ombudsman (Ire), Zaydann (GB), Hawk Mountain (Ire), Devil's Advocate (GB), Action (Ire).

Scratched: Pride Of Arras.

## GRAND PRIX DE PARIS HERO MALTESE CROSS OVERPOWERS GREAT VOLTIGEUR FIELD AT YORK by Sean Cronin

The only blip on an otherwise perfect 2026 for George Waud's TDN Rising Star **Maltese Cross** (*Sea The Stars*) was a runner-up finish behind **Christmas Day** (*Camelot*) in the G1 Derby and he exacted revenge on the rival with a dominant performance--under a five-pound Group 1 penalty--in Wednesday's G2 Sky Bet Great Voltigeur Stakes at York.

"He showed a nice turn of foot in Paris last time, he did very well today and I think that was probably a career best," said trainer William Haggas. "I thought he came there well, Tom said he went too early, which I think he did, but he got drawn into it because Ryan [Moore aboard Christmas Day] set off."

Looking ahead, the Newmarket-based conditioner added, "We had a conversation about the Arc when Baaeed was around and I was pretty non-committal, and I'll be the same again. I've no idea where we're going, but he clearly stays very well and the [G1] St Leger is a prestigious race in its own right, so let's not be hasty and make decisions today. All options are open. The ground in Paris is likely to be slower than today and that's a factor, and if it's dry at Doncaster that's also a factor." [Cont. p7](#)



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**Sky Bet Great Voltigeur Stakes (Gr.2)**  
York  
Owner: George Waud  
Trainer: William Haggas  
Breeder: Écurie du Sud & Écurie Gribomont

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## G2 Great Voltigeur Stakes Cont.

He added, "They're two very prestigious races. One is world renowned, but the other is very prestigious to a Yorkshire-born, English trainer and owner. That was a Group 1 performance today."

Last month's G1 Grand Prix de Paris hero was slick from the outside stall and settled several lengths off the clear leader **Antigua** (Camelot) in fourth after the initial strides of this stepping stone to next month's G1 St Leger.

Cruising forward in eyecatching fashion on the bridle in the straight, the 9-4 second favourite wrested control from new leader **Pierre Bonnard** (Camelot) soon after passing the quarter-mile marker and stayed on strongly under forceful urging in the closing stages to outpoint that rival by two lengths.

Derby hero Christmas Day, who was also burdened with a five-pound Group 1 penalty, was far from disgraced and stayed on well to finish 2 1/4 lengths further adrift in third.

Reflecting on the performances of the second and third home, Aidan O'Brien said, "I was very happy with both horses [Pierre Bonnard and Christmas Day]. They both had a break after they ran in the Irish Derby and we knew the two of them were going

to come on from it. It was a tough race and William's horse is a very classy horse, but we're delighted with ours. I would imagine they will both point towards the St Leger now, that was what we were thinking before this."

## Pedigree Notes

Maltese Cross is the third of five foals and one of two scorers out of a winning half-sister to five stakes performers headed by G1 Deutsches Derby-winning sire Nutan (Duke Of Marmalade), G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin heroine Nymphaea (Dylan Thomas) and Group 3-winning G1 Prix Jean Romanet third Navaro Girl (Holy Roman Emperor).

Descendants of his Group 3-placed second dam Neele (Peintre Celebre) also include stakes-winning G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin runner-up Nerik (Ruler Of The World) and G3 Premio Del Giubileo victrix Norge (Dylan Thomas).

The winner is a half-brother to the Listed-placed Namouria (Adlerflug), the unraced two-year-old colt Prince Of Petra (Persian King) and a weanling filly by Charyn.

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## Wednesday, York, Britain

**SKY BET GREAT VOLTIGEUR STAKES-G2**, £250,000, York, 8-19, 3yo, c/g, 11f 188yT, 2:32.04, gd.

1--**MALTESE CROSS (FR)**, 133, c, 3, by **Sea The Stars (Ire)**

1st Dam: Nabatea (Ger), by **Camelot (GB)**

2nd Dam: Neele (Ire), by Peintre Celebre

3rd Dam: Night Teeny (GB), by Platini (Ger)

**TDN Rising Star.** (€200,000 Wlg '23 ARQDEN; 350,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT). O-George Waud; B-Ecurie du Sud & Ecurie Gribomont; T-William Haggas; J-Tom Marquand. £141,775. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Fr & G1SP-Eng, 7-5-2-0, \$1,206,653.

\*1/2 to Namouria (Fr) (Adlerflug {Ger}), SP-Ger. **Werk Nick**

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**TRAINER** Andrew Balding



**JUDDMONTE**

2--**Pierre Bonnard (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, **Camelot (GB)**--Sultanina (GB), by New Approach (Ire). (€80,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; €280,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY). O-Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Westerberg; B-Rathasker Stud; T-Aidan O'Brien. £53,750.

3--**Christmas Day (Ire)**, 133, c, 3, **Camelot (GB)**--Beaully (GB), by **Sea The Stars (Ire)**. (450,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT). O-Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Westerberg & Peter Brant; B-Framont Ltd; T-Aidan O'Brien. £26,900.

Margins: 2, 2 1/4, 3 1/4. Odds: 2.25, 3.33, 1.50.

Also Ran: Superior Choice (GB), Galiyan (GB), Antigua (Ire).

## JUSTIFY'S RISING STAR HAFFNER DOWNS ACOMB RIVALS AT YORK, SNAGS BREEDERS' CUP "WIN AND YOU'RE IN" TICKET

by Sean Cronin



Haffner and Ryan Moore | Racingfotos.com

Peter Brant, Coolmore and Westerberg's TDN Rising Star **Haffner (Justify)** bounced back off a defeat in last month's G2 Vintage and the Aidan O'Brien trainee found plenty under forceful urging to make a stakes breakthrough in Wednesday's G3 Tattersalls Acomb Stakes at York.

"He ran a lovely race at Goodwood, but Ryan [Moore] thought he was a little bit babyish," commented O'Brien after collecting a fourth rosette in the seven-furlong Breeders' Cup Challenge Series qualifier. "He's a very good mover and we always thought the quicker the better for him with the ground. He handled that today, on the softer side of good, no problem and with every week that goes by he'll improve.

"He's a typical **Justify** and they very rarely relent when they get to the front. He was a little bit slowly away, but when Ryan asked him he got there a little bit quicker than he wanted. This horse will have no problem staying a mile, he'd have no problem

going to a Breeders' Cup over a mile. He could go to Doncaster for the [G1] Futurity Trophy and next year he'd have no problem with a mile-and-a-quarter. We have the trials in Ireland and the National Stakes and all those races, but he's right in the mix and always was."

The 11-8 favourite found a comfortable slot behind the leaders in fourth after breaking smartly from the outside stall. Bustled along to gain an edge approaching the quarter-mile marker, he refused to yield thereafter and kept on strongly under a Ryan Moore-drive to defeat **Gentle Hurricane** (Invincible Spirit) and **Trean** (Bayside Boy) by two lengths and a half-length.

Andrew Balding is looking beyond this year for the runner-up and commented, "He travelled nicely through the race and Oisín [Murphy] thought he was going to pick the winner up, but he just took a bit of time to find his feet and finished off well. I don't know where we'll go next and we might try to find a Listed race. He won't have a busy time this year and he'll probably have one more run somewhere. He will stay a mile, but we'll just look at our options. He's going to be a nice horse."

### Pedigree Notes

Haffner is the second of four foals and one of two scorers out of the stakes-placed Earth Strike (Zoffany), herself kin to five black-type performers headed by multiple Group 1-winning sire Order Of St George (Galileo) and the Group/Grade 3-winning duo Angel Terrace (Ghostzapper) and Asperity (War Chant).

The winner, whose third dam is dual Grade I-winning US champion Storm Song, is full to a weanling filly and half to a yearling filly by **Not This Time**.

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Wednesday, York, Britain

**TATTERSALLS ACOMB STAKES-G3**, £175,000, York, 8-19, 2yo, 7fT, 1:25.96, gd.

1--**HAFFNER**, 129, c, 2, by **Justify**

1st Dam: **Earth Strike (Ire) (SP)**, by **Zoffany (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Another Storm**, by **Gone West**

3rd Dam: **Storm Song**, by **Summer Squall**

**TDN Rising Star. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN.**

(\$375,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP). O-Peter Brant, Coolmore, Westerberg & B Smith; B-D J Stables & **Justify** Syndicate (KY); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. £99,243. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$211,314. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the](#)

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2--**Gentle Hurricane (Ire)**, 129, c, 2, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Marsh Daisy (GB), by Pivotal (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE**. (€105,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY). O-Mrs A Althani; B-Mrs S M Rogers & Sir Thomas Pilkington; T-Andrew Balding. £37,625.

3--**Trean (Ire)**, 129, c, 2, Bayside Boy (Ire)--Wondrous Words (Ire), by Lope De Vega (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE**. (€27,000 Ylg '25 GOFFEB; €20,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY). O-Red Lily Racing Syndicate; B-Ballylinch Stud; T-Paddy Twomey. £18,830.

Margins: 2, HF, 1. Odds: 1.38, 3.50, 4.50.

Also Ran: Alfred Wallace (GB), Clash Of Hearts (Ire), Stardom Glory (Ire), Big Cigar (Ire), Siouxperb (GB), Fuel The Jet (Ire), Vega King (Ire). Scratched: Confucius (Ire).



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#### Arqana V2 Cont. from p1

He added, "I thought he would sell for somewhere between €200,000 and €400,000 but, at this level, you never can tell. You have to pay big money for horses like this.

Nataf added, "Chachnak started off the hard way. I like horses like this - you have Fairy King, Danehill Dancer and so many others who started off the hard way and proved themselves by upgrading mares. Those sort of stallions climb step by step and I think Chachnak is one of them."

As well as a new top lot, the V2 session posted a massive 19% jump in turnover to €4,522,500 while the €34,523 average climbed by 22%. The median stayed the same at €25,000 while the clearance rate was up marginally to 86%.

Commenting on the top lot, consignor Bellange said, "He is a cracking horse - very well developed, very professional and by quite an exciting stallion to use, so it's good advertising for the stallion. A very nice individual. We expected a good price, but no, this is a big surprise."

#### Sioux Nation Filly Caps "Big Week" For Dubois At €250k

Burgeoning bloodstock agent Louis Dubois capped a memorable week at Arqana by signing for the €250,000 **Sioux**

**Nation** filly from Haras de l'Hotellerie to go into training with Miguel Clement in America.

"The plan for this filly is to go to America, where she will be trained by Miguel Clement. She has a beautiful page - a **Sioux Nation** filly out of a black-type Wootton Bassett filly and she's a great mover as well," Dubois said.

He added, "We can see a lot of improvement in her so we are just very happy to have secured her. That was our maximum bid, so happy days. She definitely stood out the most to me in this sale. We tried to buy one in the main sale but couldn't manage to get one, so we're very happy."



Paul Nataf | Zuzanna Lupa

Dubois has been making waves all week. After being announced as the new Goffs agent for America, he saw his **St Mark's Basilica** filly - who he sourced for €98,000 from that sales house last winter - rock into €300,000 when selling to George Boughey during the main sale.

He concluded, "Look, it's been a big week for me in every way. I've got the new role with Goffs as their American agent, and I also had a fantastic pinhook with a **St Mark's Basilica** filly, who sold for €300,000. Now, we have secured this filly, which is the top-priced horse in the sale. So, yes, I am very excited and there are a lot of good things coming up."

#### Ghaiyyath Filly Highlights Excellent Sale For Etreham

The decision to target V2 with a strong draft paid off for Haras d'Etreham with eight lots selling for €466,000, headed by a €200,000 Ghaiyyath filly to Pia Brandt.

Nicolas de Chambure commented, "The main sale is very strong so it's nice to bring some horses to V2. It gives people a bit more time, and, yeah, we always love that feeling of a strong sale." **Cont. p10**



Louis Dubois (left) and Erwan de Chambord | Zuzanna Lupa

### Arqana V2 Cont.

He said, "With this filly, I just thought that her pedigree may not be strong enough for her to shine in the main sale, so we decided to hold her back. We are delighted because so many people have been keen to see her and it worked out."

### Delloye Not Ruling Out Running Golden Ticket Idea At Another Arqana Sale

Arqana president Olivier Delloye has not ruled out the prospects of the Golden Ticket initiative, which provided buyers of 10 randomly selected lots during the opening session of the August Yearling Sale with a €30,000 voucher to be reinvested on another lot, to be implemented at another Arqana sale in the future.

The Golden Ticket is the brainchild of Delloye, who not only dreamed up the idea in a bid to do something special to mark the 20th anniversary of the sales house's existence, but to set a strong tempo from the outset of the August Sale. To that degree, he believes the initiative was a resounding success.

"It worked well," Delloye reflected during Wednesday's session. "I think it was a bit of fun on the Saturday and we could see some people excited to get the vouchers, even on expensive horses. I'm still happy to see €30,000 earned to be spent on another horse. So I think that was good for the atmosphere and good for the start of the sale."

There were 10 Golden Voucher tickets allotted randomly to the horses slated to sell on Saturday. One of those horses was withdrawn while another failed to sell. All told, there were eight vouchers handed out which in theory should cost Arqana €240,000. However, Delloye said he must wait before the invoices are circulated before he knows for sure just how much of the €240,000 was recirculated into the market. Nevertheless, he said he feels the sales company got a good

bang for their buck and is therefore not ruling out going forward with the idea at another premier sale in the future.

Delloye explained, "As far as I know, at least five or six had already been spent by Monday evening, which is good. I think it was a good investment on our part because it helped get the sale off to a good tempo. It was nice to try something new, eventful and fun for clients. It brought a bit of atmosphere to the opening day of the sale, which can sometimes be a little sleepy."

He added, "When the idea was conceived and launched, it was really only brought in for the August Sale to celebrate Arqana's 20th birthday. We don't know if it is something that we will reintroduce at another sale but at the moment, it wasn't something that was intended to be replicated. We'll see whether it has any impact on the brand and on the sales results. But, why not? I'm a pretty flexible guy so I won't rule it out. But for this moment, there is no commitment for us to do it at every sale."

The Golden Ticket was one of many initiatives that Arqana ran this week. As well as organising private planes from Saratoga and Ireland, there were lavish parties, complementary lunches and champagne receptions. A substantial investment that Delloye was repaid in the record-breaking trade that saw over €65.5 million spent at its flagship sale for the first time.

Delloye concluded, "It has been at the very heart of this August Yearling Sale for many years to try to make this week in Deauville enjoyable and memorable for people making the trip.

"It's important to have the end users on site and not rely only on professionals, trainers or agents. We are lucky to organise sales here in Deauville. We know how nice it is in August, with all the racing. When we manage to bring people here to Deauville for a week of inspections and sales, it is really up to us to try to deliver a great experience for them." [Cont. p11](#)



Pia Brandt | Zuzanna Lupa



Wednesday's top-priced filly: lot 442, by **Sioux Nation** | Zuzanna Lupa

### Arqana V2 Cont.

He said, "We have the Arqana Series, which is organised with that objective in mind. The parties we organise, the Golden Ticket and a few other initiatives - such as inviting people to the sales ground for lunch the day before the sale - are all part of it. There are many small things. I think they are genuinely appreciated by people. When you combine them all, they make people feel welcome and well looked after, and that adds to the atmosphere of the sale."

### Buy of the Day

Perhaps not a sire that many people outside of France would be overly familiar with, but the Texas colt that Paul Harley paid €75,000 for out of Haras de Castillon was one of the standout athletes on show on Wednesday. On the face of it, €75,000 looks punchy but there are a couple of reasons why it makes sense. Texas has had a couple of interesting horses in France, including the full-sister, La Belle Isola, who is likely to get black-type on the evidence of her fifth-place finish in a Listed contest at Deauville last week. She is already a winner over 6f but her yearling brother has loads of scope and, being from the family of Melbourne Cup winner Dunaden, is likely to excel over a trip in time.

### Thought for the Day

Anyone who has a nice yearling to sell over the coming weeks and months in Europe will have taken a lot of encouragement about what played out in Deauville over the past week or so. As well as a very strong top end to the market in the main sale, the middle - and even the bottom - of the market held up well right through to the end of V2. Okay, we don't know how many trainers in Britain and Ireland will be going to the yearling sales

with a loaded gun. The first clues of that will be provided at Goffs during the Premier Yearling Sale. But there will be a lot of encouragement to be taken from the fact many breeze-up handlers - who on the whole endured a difficult season - got in on the action at Arqana this week. Taking everything into consideration, there are plenty of positives to carry forward into the yearling sale season from France.

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| SESSION TOTALS       | 2026              | 2025       |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| • Catalogued         | 162               | 170        |
| • Number Offered     | 152               | 158        |
| • Number Sold        | 131               | 135        |
| • Not Sold           | 6                 | 23         |
| • Clearance Rate     | 86%               | 85%        |
| • High Price         | €265,000          | €110,000   |
| • Gross              | €4,522,500 (+19%) | €3,799,500 |
| • Average (% change) | €34,523 (+22%)    | €28,144    |
| • Median (% change)  | €25,000 (N/C)     | €25,000    |

## SALES TOPPERS

### ARQANA V.2 SALE TOPPERS

| Lot        | Sire   Dam                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Price (€)      |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>471</b> | <b>c, Chachnak (Fr)--Briante (Fr)</b><br><i>Bred by Ecurie la Vallee Martigny EARL,<br/>Ecurie Normandy Spirit (Fr)</i><br><i>Consigned by Arcadia Elevage<br/>Purchased by Paul Nataf</i>                                             | <b>265,000</b> |
| <b>442</b> | <b>f, Sioux Nation--Wootton Diva (Fr)</b><br><i>Bred by EARL Haras de l'Hotellerie, Mme I. Corbani &amp; S. Wattel (Fr)</i><br><i>Consigned by Haras de l'Hotellerie<br/>Purchased by Miguel Clement/Louis Dubois agent/EDC Agency</i> | <b>250,000</b> |
| <b>439</b> | <b>f, Ghaiyyath (Ire)--Vadsariya (Fr)</b><br><i>Bred by Haras d'Etreham &amp; Riviera Equine SARL (Fr)</i><br><i>Consigned by Haras d'Etreham<br/>Purchased by Pia Brandt</i>                                                          | <b>200,000</b> |

## Toppers Cont.

**473 f, Onesto (Ire)--Casamance** **130,000**  
*Bred by SNIG Elevage (Fr)*  
*Consigned by Haras de l'Hotellerie*  
*Purchased by BMS, Inc.*

**411 f, Havana Grey (GB)--Shaikha (Fr)** **120,000**  
*Bred by Al Shaqab Racing (Ire)*  
*Consigned by Fairway Consignment*  
*Purchased by Mandore International Agency*

Fantasy (Tate Gallery).

Ballydoyle's **Brussels** (Wootton Bassett) and Japan's **Satono Reve** (Lord Kanaloa) were the only overnight defections.

Elsewhere on Friday's card, undefeated Listed Rose Bowl Stakes winner **Arapaho Gold** (Bayside Boy) heads a field of one dozen for the G2 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Gimcrack Stakes, while Victorious Forever's dual Group 1 winner **Caballo De Mar** (Phoenix Of Spain) is one of nine declared for the G2 Weatherbys Lonsdale Cup.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### BACIO, RAYEVKA AND ASFOORA AMONG 18 DECLARED FOR FRIDAY'S NUNTHORPE



Asfoora | Bronwen Healy

Wesley Ward trainee **Bacio** (Maclean's Music) heads a strong overseas challenge and is one of 18 entries declared for Friday's £600,000 G1 Coolmore **City Of Troy** Nunthorpe Stakes, which is a "Breeders' Cup Challenge Series: Win and You're In" qualifier, at York.

Royal Ascot's Palace Of Holyroodhouse Handicap winner is joined by the G1 King Charles III Stakes first and second, **Mission Central** (**No Nay Never**) and **Rayevka** (Blue Point), while the lure of one more race on European soil was too tempting for connections of last year's heroine **Asfoora** (Flying Artie).

Other confirmations of note include Middleham Park Racing's two-year-old filly **Pershaada** (Persian Force), the Richard Hannon-trained G2 Molecomb Stakes victrix who will attempt to become just the second juvenile winner of the five-furlong dash since the Hannon stable annexed the 1992 renewal with Lyric

### ZIVA MULLINS JOINS GOFFS UK BLOODSTOCK TEAM

Ziva Mullins has joined the Goffs UK bloodstock team full-time in advance of the Goffs Premier Yearling Sale at Doncaster on August 25-26.

The Irish native spent 12 years in Australia working for Arrowfield, Aquis Farm and Spendthrift in various roles before joining William Inglis & Son as a bloodstock consultant. She returned to Ireland in 2024 and most recently worked as an independent bloodstock advisor, managing racing and breeding interests in Ireland and Australia and advising clients on purchasing, breeding and sales decisions.

Said Mullins, "I am delighted to be joining Goffs UK and excited to work alongside such an experienced, dedicated and respected team. After 12 years in Australia, I look forward to bringing the knowledge and international perspective I gained there to the role, while continuing to build relationships with vendors and buyers in the UK, Ireland and further afield.

"Goffs has a strong reputation for integrity, innovation and client service, and I am particularly keen to contribute to the Flat and online sales. The Premier Yearling Sale is a great place to begin, and I look forward to meeting and getting to know clients and colleagues in Doncaster next week." **Cont. p13**



Ziva Mullins | Goffs UK

**Ziva Mullins Cont.**

Goffs UK managing director Tim Kent added, “Ziva comes to Goffs with a wealth of international bloodstock experience and we are excited to welcome her to the team. Her background in nominations and sales and her time at Inglis have given her exposure to many different areas of the industry, and she has demonstrated a forward-thinking, innovative approach.

Ziva’s role will see her focus predominantly on the Flat and online sales side of the business and we look forward to introducing her to everyone at the Doncaster Premier Sale next week.”

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

**Friday, August 20, 2026:**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

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

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

14:10-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, **Black Treasure (Fr)**

€30,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2025

14:35-NEWMARKET, 8f, **Missouri Waltz (Ire)**

€26,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 95,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025; £20,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026

16:45-YORK, 7f, **Soldier of The Sea (Ire)**

€130,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025; €100,000 Arqana May 2yo Breeze Up 2026

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

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

14:25-YORK, 6f, **Furturra (GB)**

€100,000 Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 7,000gns Tattersalls February Mixed Sale 2025; £15,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

19:24-NEWCASTLE, 7f, **Texting (GB)**

32,000gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2025

**Jack Christopher (Munnings)**, Coolmore Ashford

187 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners

14:45-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, **One Number**

\$55,000 Keeneland Association September Yearling Sale 2025; \$140,000 Ocala Breeders' Sales March Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training 2026

**Minzaal (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud

115 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner

13:50-YORK, 250K GII The Sky Bet Lowther Stakes (Class 1) (Group 2)6f, **Crownbreaker (Ire)**

550,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025

14:00-NEWMARKET, 6f, **Minkaas (Ire)**

€80,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025; £140,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026

14:45-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, **Minsmere (Ire)**

€50,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025

16:45-YORK, 7f, **Rising Tiger (Ire)**

€60,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 52,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

14:25-YORK, 6f, **Satellite of Love (Ire)**

£45,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

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

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

14:35-NEWMARKET, 8f, **Voyager One (Ire)**

£45,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; £15,750 Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2026

13:50-YORK, 250K GII The Sky Bet Lowther Stakes (Class 1) (Group 2)6f, **Star of State (Ire)**

€85,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025

**IRELAND**

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

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

1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 7f, **Ever My Treasure (Ire)**

€105,000 RNA Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025; €50,000 Goffs Classic Breeze Up Sale 2026

**Ebro River (Ire)** (Galileo Gold {GB}), Haras de la Haie Neuve

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

2-LEOPARDSTOWN, 7f, **Letmeentertainyou (Fr)**



Minzaal has several runners in the UK | Shadwell

**Space Traveller (GB)** (**Bated Breath {GB}**), Starfield Stud  
122 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-LEOPARDSTOWN, 7f, **Banks of The Boyne (Ire)**  
€3,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2025  
2-LEOPARDSTOWN, 7f, **Blitogue (Ire)**  
€3,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024

**State of Rest (Ire)** (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**), Rathbarry Stud  
79 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-LEOPARDSTOWN, 7f, **Togetherwearefree (Ire)**

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

### SUN GODDESS LOOMS OVER HARRY'S HALF MILLION FIELD

**2.25 York, Cond, 2yo, 6fT**

**SUN GODDESS (IRE)** (**Sioux Nation**) is an unusual runner in this highly-competitive Harry's Half Million By Goffs, as a Group 1 winner taking a marked drop in class for Ballydoyle. This comes just 11 days after her Phoenix exploits and she has some smart types to overcome, most notably the Amy Murphy-trained Prix du Bois and Prix Robert Papin winner **Tokaido (GB)** (**Ubettabelieveit {Ire}**) and the unbeaten Clive Cox-trained colt **Satellite Of Love (Ire)** (**Minzaal {Ire}**).

**7.24 Newcastle, Novice, 2yo, f, 7f 14y (AWT)**

**SPIRITED GESTURE (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**) earned TDN Rising Star status as her full-brother Calyx had at Newmarket on debut, but while her sibling went straight to the Coventry she is kept to novice company for her second start by the Gosdens. This should be well within the grasp of the Juddmonte homebred if she is able to replicate her first effort, even allowing for her penalty.

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## BRITAIN

### Wednesday's Results:

**3rd-Kempton, £13,000, Novice, 8-19, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:27.26, st/sl.**  
**SONIC ANGEL (GB)** (c, 2, **Dark Angel {Ire}**--**Breath Of Joy {GB}**, by **Kodiak {GB}**), carrying a penalty for his debut win at Newcastle at the end of last month, was quickly into the lead. Powering clear inside the final furlong, the 7-4 second favourite

hit the line with 5 1/2 lengths to spare over Liberty's Hall (Nathaniel).

The dam, whose yearling son of Havana Grey is catalogued in next week's Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale, hails from the family of the dual Group winner and Champion Stakes, Sussex Stakes and Eddie Read Handicap-placed Rob Roy (Lear Fan). She also has a colt foal by Mehmas. Sales history: €170,000 2yo '26 TATBRU. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$16,771.

O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Blue Diamond Stud Farm (UK) Ltd; T-Simon & Ed Crisford.

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**1st-Carlisle, £10,000, Nov, 8-19, 2yo, f, 5f 182yT, 1:16.11, g/s.**  
**DIAMOND NEW BAY (IRE)** (f, 2, **New Bay {GB}**--**Queen Kindly {GB}** {**GSW-Eng**}, by **Frankel {GB}**), a July 24 debut fourth going seven furlongs at Thirsk last time, broke well and led from flagfall here. Positioned on the front end throughout, the 11-4 second choice came under pressure when threatened with a quarter-mile remaining and was driven out inside the final furlong to assert by 3/4-of-a-length from Guadalevin (State Of Rest).

Diamond New Bay is the sixth of seven foals and fifth scorer produced by G2 Lowther Stakes victrix Queen Kindly (**Frankel**), herself the leading performer out of the multiple Group 1-placed G2 Diadem, G2 Lowther and G3 Princess Margaret winner Lady Of The Desert (Rahy). She is a half-sister to G3 Firth Of Clyde third Queen Me (Dubawi) and a weanling colt by Blue Point. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,404.

O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd; T-Karl Burke.

### HANDICAP RESULTS:

**1st-York, £135,000, Hcp, 8-19, 4yo/up, 5f 89yT, 1:03.44, gd.**

**AIR FORCE ONE (IRE)** (g, 5, **Starspangledbanner {Aus}**--**Great Dame {Ire}**, by **Dandy Man {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 19-4-2-3, \$198,903. O-Bond Thoroughbred Ltd; B-The Great Dame Partnership; T-Geoff Oldroyd. \*600,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

**7th-York, £100,000, 8-19, 2yo, 6fT, 1:12.63, gd.**

**HENLEY ON THAMES (IRE)** (c, 2, **Persian Force {Ire}**--**University {Fr}**, by **Siyouni {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$84,858. O-Amo Racing Limited; B-The University Partnership; T-Kevin P De Foy. \*€17,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOF; €22,000 Ylg '25 TATIRY; £125,000 2yo '26 GOUKB.

**5th-York, £100,000, Hcp, 8-19, 3yo/up, 16f 56yT, 3:35.52, gd.**

**SMALL FRY (IRE)** (g, 5, **Harzand {Ire}**--**Duchess Of Daars {Ire}**, by **Zoffany {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 24-6-5-4, \$219,065. O-OTI Racing; B-T Boylan; T-Joseph O'Brien. \*€1,000 Ylg '22 GOAUJR; £110,000 RNA 4yo '25 GOFLO; 100,000gns 4yo '25 TATJUL.

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**6th-York, £100,000, Hcp, 8-19, 3yo, 5fT, :58.05, gd.**  
**MISS YECHANCE (IRE) (f, 3, Cotai Glory {GB}--Rosie Bassett {GB}, by Wootton Bassett {GB})** Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-1, \$151,741. O-Al Leith Racing Club; B-Tally-Ho Stud; T-Karl Burke. \*£32,000 Ylg '24 GOFFUK; £48,000 RNA 2yo '25 GOUKB.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Liberate (Fr), c, 3, Muhaarar (GB)--Song Of Norway (GB), by Halling.** Kempton, 8-19, 11f 219y (AWT), 2:36.10. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, £9,837. B-Raymond Henley.

**Green Area (GB), f, 3, St Mark's Basilica (Fr)--Reckoning (Ire) (MSP-Eng), by Danehill Dancer (Ire).** Carlisle, 8-19, 11f 39yT, 2:29.82. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$12,833. B-Mascalls Stud. \*110,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Subjectivist (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}), G1SW-Eng & Fr, GSW-UAE; Sir Ron Priestley (GB) (Australia {GB}), MGSW & MG1SP-Eng; and Alba Rose (GB) (Muhaarar {GB}), GSP-Eng.

**Merry (GB), f, 3, Zoustar (Aus)--Hilary J (GB), by Mount Nelson (GB).** Kempton, 8-19, 7f (AWT), 1:26.78. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$12,000. B-Bumble Bloodstock Ltd. \*20,000gns RNA Wlg '23 TADEWE.

## FRANCE

#### Wednesday's Results:

**PRIX OCCITANIE-Listed, €50,300, La Teste - Bassin Arcachon, 8-19, 3yo, f, 9 1/2fT, 2:00.53, g/s.**

**1--LETHAL BEAUTY (FR), 126, f, 3, by Acclamation (GB)**

**1st Dam: Amazonka (Ire), by Camelot (GB)**

**2nd Dam: Amazone (Ger), by Adlerflug (Ger)**

**3rd Dam: Amarette (Ger), by Monsun (Ger)**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (€600,000 Ylg '24 ARQAUG).

O-Victorious Forever; B-Ecurie Haras de Beaufay; T-Carlos & Yann Lerner; J-Ronan Thomas. €25,150. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Fr, 10-2-3-2, €87,130. \*1/2 to Rashabar (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), GSW-Eng & MG1SP-Fr.

**2--Exceed The Stars (Fr), 126, f, 3, Zelzal (Fr)--Al Baidaa (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). 1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€50,000 Ylg '24 ARQOCT). O-Haras du Grand Courgeon; B-Scudeia Waldeck SNC; T-Edouard Monfort. €10,060.

**3--City Queen (Ire), 126, f, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Alkandora (GB), by Nathaniel (Ire).** O/B-Godolphin; T-Charlie Appleby. €7,545. Margins: 1HF, SHD, NK. Odds: 2.80, 25.60, 1.90. Also Ran: Eklleel (GB), Sangomar (Fr), Sheeran (Ire), La Llosa (Fr), Palm Springs (Fr), Life Study (GB).

Runner-up in the Prix Vanteaux and third in the Prix Chloe, Lethal Beauty earned some compensation here to register a black-type breakthrough success. Always comfortable sitting

second off the moderate pace, she was committed at the top of the straight and gradually asserted in workmanlike but effective style.

The winner is the second foal out of the unraced dam, whose first was the classy Rashabar (Holy Roman Emperor) who captured the Coventry and was runner-up in the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere and Prix Morny. A half to the Caulfield Cup and Prix de Royallieu runner-up River Of Stars (Sea The Stars) and granddaughter of the well-connected Preis der Diana heroine Amarette (Monsun), her two-year-old colt The Mountain (St Mark's Basilica) was a €520,000 purchase by M V Magnier and White Birch Farm at last year's Arqana Deauville August. She also has a colt foal by City Of Troy.



Lethal Beauty | Scoop Dyga

**4th-Vichy, €21,000, Mdn, 8-19, 2yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:39.28, g/s.**  
**BASILICO (FR) (c, 2, St Mark's Basilica {Fr}--Frisella {GB}, by Frankel {GB})** settled off the pace in ninth for most of this debut. Picking off rivals once into the home straight, the 18-5 second favourite went fifth entering the final furlong and kept on relentlessly to deny Woodstars (Zelzal) by a half-length in the dying strides.

Basilico is the third of five foals and second scorer out of a winning half-sister to G3 Musidora third Ricetta (Camelot), Listed Prix de Pontarme runner-up Spanish Intent (Acclamation) and to the dam of G3 Tyros third Surpass (Saxon Warrior) and Listed Queen Charlotte third Zenga (Lope De Vega).

The winner, whose third dam is G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Zenda (Zamindar), is a half-brother to Listed Prix Marchand d'Or third Grand Scoop (No Nay Never) and a yearling colt by Zarak. Sales history: €140,000 RNA Ylg '25 ARQAUG.

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,500.

O/B-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois; T-Patrice Cottier.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**1st-La Teste - Bassin Arcachon, €13,700, Cond, 8-19, 4yo/up, 11ft, 2:20.76, g/s.**

**MORPHEWAN (FR) (h, 6, Morpheus {GB}--Obiwan {Fr}, by American Post {GB})** Lifetime Record: 42-8-8-6, €256,328. O/B-Daniel Dumoulin; T-Patrice Cottier.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Asima (Fr), f, 2, Golden Horde (Ire)--Alash Orda (GB), by Kodiak (GB).** Vichy, 8-19, 8ft, 1:39.43. B-Sumbe.

**Ocala (Fr), f, 3, Kingman (GB)--Orendina (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Siyouni (Fr).** Vichy, 8-19, 7ft, 1:25.94. B-Aliette & Gilles Forien. \*€400,000 Wlg '23 ARQDEC.

**Estima (Fr), f, 3, St Mark's Basilica (Fr)--Modern Eagle (Ger) (SW-Fr), by Montjeu (Ire).** Vichy, 8-19, 10ft, 2:03.80. B-Dayton Investments Ltd. \*1/2 to **Paddington (GB) (Siyouni {Fr})**, MG1SW-Eng & G1SW-Ire; and Masterpiece (Fr) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), MSP-Fr.

**City Babe (Fr), f, 4, City Light (Fr)--Maraza (Ire), by Paco Boy (Ire).** Vichy, 8-19, 7ft, 1:27.05. B-Haras de l'Hotellerie.

**Milena (Fr), f, 4, Kendargent (Fr)--Perfect Mood (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire).** Vichy, 8-19, 10ft, 2:04.40. B-Ecurie Haras du

Cadran, Alain Decrion & Ecurie JML Racing. \*€17,000 Ylg '23 ARQOCT.

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**Thursday, York, post time: 15:35**

**THE LEGENDS GLOBAL YORKSHIRE OAKS-G1**, £600,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 11f 188yT

| SC | HORSE               | SIRE                | OWNER                                    | TRAINER                | JOCKEY                 | WT  |
|----|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 1  | Kalpana (GB)        | Study of Man (Ire)  | Juddmonte                                | Andrew Balding         | Colin Keane            | 135 |
| 2  | Minnie Hauk (Ire)   | Frankel (GB)        | Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor | Aidan O'Brien          | Ryan Moore             | 135 |
| 3  | Tattycoram (GB)     | Camelot (GB)        | Chasemore Farm                           | Ralph Beckett          | Edward Greatrex        | 135 |
| 4  | Earth Shot (Ire)    | Time Test (GB)      | Wathnan Racing                           | William Haggas         | James Doyle            | 126 |
| 5  | Inis Mor (Fr)       | Galiway (GB)        | Quantum Leap Racing XI                   | David Menuisier        | Oisin Murphy           | 126 |
| 6  | Johanna Walsh (Ire) | Sea The Stars (Ire) | Wells Watson                             | Joseph Patrick O'Brien | Dylan Browne McMonagle | 126 |
| 7  | Legacy Link (GB)    | Dubawi (Ire)        | Juddmonte                                | John & Thady Gosden    | William Buick          | 126 |
| 8  | Sparan Nua (Ire)    | Dawn Approach (Ire) | Newtown Anner Stud Farm                  | J. S. Bolger           | Rossa Ryan             | 126 |
| 9  | Sugar Island (Ire)  | Dubawi (Ire)        | Westerberg/Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith | Aidan O'Brien          | Ronan Whelan           | 126 |

**Breeders:** 1-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 2-B. V. Sangster, 3-Chasemore Farm, 4-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd, 5-2 0 Al Shaqab Racing, 6-Sunderland Holding Inc., 7-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 8-J. S. Bolger, 9-Westerberg.

Provided she likes York as much as she does Ascot, **Kalpana** should be able to add this to her resume having moved up to a new level last time in the King George. So consistent in 2025, **Minnie Hauk** has been drastically in-and-out this term without any obvious reason and has something to prove as she bids to win back-to-back renewals while **Johanna Walsh** has a lot on her plate for one so inexperienced even allowing for her impressive Irish Oaks victory. **Tattycoram** put Tiffany in her place in the Lancashire Oaks last time and is a filly progressing fast, so it is not out of the question that she could run a big race here. [Tom Frary].

**Thursday, York, post time: 13:50**

**THE SKY BET LOWTHER STAKES-G2**, £250,000, 2yo, f, 6fT

| SC | HORSE                | SIRE                 | OWNER                            | TRAINER                       | JOCKEY                 | WT  |
|----|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 1  | Alta Regina (Ire)    | Sioux Nation         | Wathnan Racing                   | Hamad Al Jehani               | Callum Rodriguez       | 128 |
| 2  | Angels Passing (Ire) | No Nay Never         | Brook T Smith Investments, Llc   | Kevin Ryan                    | Kevin Stott            | 128 |
| 3  | Big Negotiator (GB)  | Havana Grey (GB)     | Bond Thoroughbred Limited        | P. Twomey                     | W. J. Lee              | 128 |
| 4  | Bint Archange (Ire)  | Ubetabelieveit (Ire) | Mr Jaber Abdullah                | Richard Hughes                | Ryan Moore             | 128 |
| 5  | Crownbreaker (Ire)   | Minzaal (Ire)        | Amo Racing Limited               | Kevin Philippart de Foy       | David Egan             | 128 |
| 6  | Crystal Queen (Ire)  | Cotai Glory (GB)     | Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum | Richard & Peter Fahey         | Connor Beasley         | 128 |
| 7  | Desert Sands (Ire)   | Gleneagles (Ire)     | Mr Sultan Ali                    | Ismail Mohammed & Jose Santos | Silvestre De Sousa     | 128 |
| 8  | In The Black (GB)    | Havana Grey (GB)     | Bond Thoroughbred Limited        | Geoff Oldroyd                 | P. J. McDonald         | 128 |
| 9  | Jolivette (GB)       | Wootton Bassett (GB) | Juddmonte                        | Andrew Balding                | William Buick          | 128 |
| 10 | Libertango (Ire)     | No Nay Never         | Mr V. I. Araci                   | George Boughey                | Billy Loughnane        | 128 |
| 11 | Livenka (GB)         | Bated Breath (GB)    | Juddmonte                        | G. M. Lyons                   | Colin Keane            | 128 |
| 12 | Love A Giggle (Ire)  | Kodiac (GB)          | Mr C. Waters                     | K. R. Burke                   | Clifford Lee           | 128 |
| 13 | Miss Kodi (Ire)      | Kodi Bear (Ire)      | Miss Alison Jones & Partner      | Clive Cox                     | Rossa Ryan             | 128 |
| 14 | Moonrise (Ire)       | Churchill (Ire)      | Mr Ahmad Alkhalafi               | Andrew Balding                | Oisin Murphy           | 128 |
| 15 | Ruby Moon (Ire)      | No Nay Never         | Mrs Richard Henry                | Richard & Peter Fahey         | Oisin Orr              | 128 |
| 16 | Sexy Chick (GB)      | Havana Grey (GB)     | Phil Cunningham                  | Richard Spencer               | George Wood            | 128 |
| 17 | Shimmering Sun (Ire) | Havana Grey (GB)     | Mr Shapoor Mistry                | Harry Eustace                 | Tom Marquand           | 128 |
| 18 | Star Of State (Ire)  | State Of Rest (Ire)  | Mr Jaber Abdullah                | Joseph Patrick O'Brien        | Dylan Browne McMonagle | 128 |
| 19 | Wild Blossom (Ire)   | Mehmas (Ire)         | Wathnan Racing                   | K. R. Burke                   | James Doyle            | 128 |

**Breeders:** 1-Guidenstown Dairy Farm Ltd, 2-RJB Bloodstock Ltd, 3-Lady Bamford, 4-Kildaragh Stud, 5-Redpender Stud Ltd, 6-Ballyhampshire Stud Ltd, 7-Aughamore Stud, 8-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 9-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd, 10-Lynch Bages & Camas Park Stud, 11-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 12-Peter & Hugh McCutcheon, 13-Corduff B/stock & Yellowbird Syn., 14-Mr A. A. Alkhalafi, 15-Premier Bloodstock, 16-Biddestone Stud Ltd, 17-C. Marnane, 18-Mountarmstrong Stud, 19-Tally-Ho Stud.

The formbook says **Libertango**, who was impressive at Royal Ascot and may have found Newmarket's July Festival coming too soon. TDN Rising Star **Star Of State** will be popular given the manner of her maiden win at Leopardstown last month representing this trainer-jockey combination and it could be that she has improved dramatically since her debut defeat by **Livenka** at Fairyhouse but that Juddmonte homebred impressed in the Ballyhane Stakes and her professionalism will carry her far. Up in trip after winning Goodwood's Alice Keppel, **Wild Blossom** has stamina to prove. [Tom Frary].

**Thursday, York, post time: 16:10**

**THE BRITISH EBF & SIR HENRY CECIL GALTRES STAKES-Listed**, £100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 11f 188yT

| SC | HORSE                    | SIRE                   | OWNER                                   | TRAINER                | JOCKEY                 | WT  |
|----|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 1  | Ashariba (Fr)            | Ribchester (Ire)       | Nicole Hutchings & G Augustin-Normand   | David Menuisier        | Sean Levey             | 135 |
| 2  | Club Class (GB)          | Frankel (GB)           | Helena Springfield Ltd                  | James Fanshawe         | Marco Ghiani           | 135 |
| 3  | Merveilleux Lapin (Ire)  | Mohaather (GB)         | Mr Patryk Gorczyca                      | Owen Burrows           | Callum Rodriguez       | 135 |
| 4  | Morrophore (Fr)          | Kingman (GB)           | Mr George Strawbridge                   | John & Thady Gosden    | Ryan Moore             | 135 |
| 5  | Perfect Your Craft (Ire) | Mastercraftsman (Ire)  | Cheeky Pups Syndicate                   | P. Twomey              | W. J. Lee              | 135 |
| 6  | Rhapsody (Ire)           | Ghaiyyath (Ire)        | Highclere Thoroughbred Racing - Skylark | William Haggas         | Tom Marquand           | 135 |
| 7  | Ryka (Ire)               | Night Of Thunder (Ire) | Akela Thoroughbreds Limited             | David O'Meara          | Daniel Tudhope         | 135 |
| 8  | A La Prochaine (Fr)      | Lope De Vega (Ire)     | Wathnan Racing                          | Ralph Beckett          | James Doyle            | 126 |
| 9  | Capichera (Ire)          | Australia (GB)         | Mrs A. G. Kavanagh                      | Ed Walker              | Kieran Shoemark        | 126 |
| 10 | K Sarra (GB)             | New Bay (GB)           | Mrs David Aykroyd                       | Ralph Beckett          | Rossa Ryan             | 126 |
| 11 | Prizeland (GB)           | Territories (Ire)      | Mrs M. E. Wates                         | Andrew Balding         | Oisin Murphy           | 126 |
| 12 | Summerson (GB)           | Kingman (GB)           | Chasemore Farm                          | Roger Varian           | Ray Dawson             | 126 |
| 13 | Sunshine Star (GB)       | Sea The Stars (Ire)    | Lady Bamford                            | John & Thady Gosden    | Billy Loughnane        | 126 |
| 14 | Vauntingly (Ire)         | Night Of Thunder (Ire) | Stonestreet Stables LLC                 | Joseph Patrick O'Brien | Dylan Browne McMonagle | 126 |
| 15 | Without Prejudice (Ire)  | Starman (GB)           | Lord Lloyd Webber                       | John & Thady Gosden    | William Buick          | 126 |

**Breeders:** 1-S.C.E.A. J. L. C. & S.C.E.A. De L' Aubay & S.A.R.L. Ecurie Brillantissim, 2-Meon Valley Stud, 3-Treadstone Bloodstock & Tally Ho Stud, 4-George Strawbridge, 5-Newstead Breeding, 6-Lynn Lodge Stud, 7-Lynchbages, Camaspark Stud & Summerhill B/S, 8-S.C.P. Ecurie Du Sud & S.A.S. Ecurie Gribomont, 9-Kildaragh Stud, 10-Mr & Mrs David Aykroyd, 11-Meon Valley Stud, 12-Chasemore Farm, 13-Lady Bamford, 14-Gigginstown House Stud, 15-Piercetown Stud.

**Morrophore** appeals as a steadily-improving George Strawbridge homebred from Clarehaven and commands respect despite her long absence since beating all-weather specialist Sky Safari in Lingfield's Winter Oaks in January. Surprisingly, the Gosdens also run Emily Upjohn's deeply promising half-sister **Without Prejudice**, who although having been impressive on her belated debut at Newmarket last month lacks the kind of seasoning usually required for a race as competitive as this. **A La Prochaine** may not have appreciated the ground when a distant fourth in the Oaks, while the Meadow Court Stakes runner-up **Rhapsody** is up in trip again with potential to improve for it. [Tom Frary].



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**Thursday, Leopardstown, post time: 18:30**

**BET WITH TOTE ON RACING & SPORTS IRISH EBF VINNIE ROE STAKES-Listed, €30,000, 3yo, 14fT**

| SC | HORSE                    | SIRE                    | OWNER                                           | TRAINER          | JOCKEY          | WT  |
|----|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----|
| 1  | Abbotsford (GB)          | Frankel (GB)            | Juddmonte                                       | D K Weld         | Chris Hayes     | 133 |
| 2  | Cannes (Ire)             | Sea The Stars (Ire)     | Al Shaqab Racing & Stall Perlen AB              | Joseph O'Brien   | Declan McDonogh | 133 |
| 3  | Highwayman (Fr)          | Persian King (Ire)      | John Neocleous                                  | Joseph O'Brien   | Scott McCullagh | 133 |
| 4  | Madbadanddangerous (Ire) | Coulsty (Ire)           | J Hunt                                          | Noel Meade       | Gary Carroll    | 133 |
| 5  | Piazza San Marco         | St Mark's Basilica (Fr) | Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor | A P O'Brien      | Wayne Lordan    | 133 |
| 6  | Trojan Fighter (GB)      | Ulysses (Ire)           | Robert J W Moran                                | P Twomey         | Donagh O'Connor | 133 |
| 7  | Wyman (Ire)              | Australia (GB)          | Hampstead Holdings LLC                          | Mrs J Harrington | Shane Foley     | 133 |
| 8  | Keepsgettingbetter (Ire) | Sottsass (Fr)           | Mrs Richard Henry & Mrs John Magnier            | Donnacha O'Brien | Gavin Ryan      | 128 |
| 9  | Teologia (Fr)            | Teofilo (Ire)           | San Paolo Agri-Stud S r l                       | Joseph O'Brien   | Ben Coen        | 128 |

**Breeders:** 1-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 2-Langan, Hickey & Sunderland Holding Inc, 3-1m. 1thierry De La Heronniere, 4-Suroben Ltd & Summerhill B'Stock, 5-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 6-Cheveley Park Stud Limited, 7-Grange Stud, 8-Premier Bloodstock, 9-Autre San Paolo Agri Stud Srl.

Juddmonte's wide-margin Galway winner **Abbotsford** hails from the family of the St Leger hero Brian Boru and is open to progress, while Ballydoyle's TDN Rising Star **Piazza San Marco** debuts for the season having contested some smart races at two. **Wyman** beat Keepsgettingbetter here last time and along with **Teologia** and **Madbadanddangerous** is on a roll in this intriguing contest. [Tom Frary].



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**Friday, York, post time: 15:35**

**THE COOLMORE CITY OF TROY NUNTHORPE STAKES-G1, £600,000, 2yo/up, 5fT**

| SC | HORSE                  | SIRE                    | OWNER                                   | TRAINER                | JOCKEY             | WT  |
|----|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1  | Ain't Nobody (Ire)     | Sands Of Mali (Fr)      | J Blackburn & J Matthews                | Kevin Ryan             | Kevin Stott        | 141 |
| 2  | American Affair (GB)   | Washington DC (Ire)     | Barraston Racing & Mr J S Goldie        | Jim Goldie             | Paul Mulrennan     | 141 |
| 3  | Cover Up (Ire)         | Exceed And Excel (Aus)  | Mr Khalifa Saeed Sulaiman               | Simon & Ed Crisford    | William Buick      | 141 |
| 4  | Jm Jungle (Ire)        | Bungle Inthejungle (GB) | MPS Racing Ltd & The Ayrshire Tradesmen | John & Sean Quinn      | Jason Hart         | 141 |
| 5  | Night Raider (Ire)     | Dark Angel (Ire)        | Wathnan Racing                          | K. R. Burke            | James Doyle        | 141 |
| 6  | Partisan Hero (Ire)    | Muhaarar (GB)           | D Lowe & S Hoyland                      | David Loughnane        | Tom Marquand       | 141 |
| 7  | Redorange (GB)         | Mehmas (Ire)            | AlMohamediya Racing                     | Clive Cox              | P. J. McDonald     | 141 |
| 8  | Rumstar (GB)           | Havana Grey (GB)        | Vincent and Russell Ward                | Jonathan Portman       | Rob Hornby         | 141 |
| 9  | Starlust (GB)          | Zoustar (Aus)           | Mrs Fitri Hay                           | Ralph Beckett          | Rossa Ryan         | 141 |
| 10 | Bacio                  | Maclean's Music         | Myracehorse/Gladwell/Dailey/Dejablu     | Wesley Ward            | Juan J. Hernandez  | 139 |
| 11 | Mission Central (Ire)  | No Nay Never            | Tabor/Smith/Magnier/Westerberg/Brant    | Aidan O'Brien          | Ryan Moore         | 139 |
| 12 | Asfoora (Aus)          | Flying Artie (Aus)      | Noor Elaine Farm Pty Ltd                | Henry Dwyer            | Oisin Murphy       | 138 |
| 13 | Azure Angel (GB)       | Harry Angel (Ire)       | Future Champions Racing And Partner     | Edward Bethell         | Daniel Tudhope     | 138 |
| 14 | Heavenly Heather (GB)  | Shamardal               | Mr S. Rain                              | Tracy Waggott          | Barry McHugh       | 138 |
| 15 | Rayevka (Ire)          | Blue Point (Ire)        | His Highness The Aga Khans Studs S.C.   | Francis-Henri Graffard | Mickael Barzalona  | 138 |
| 16 | Time For Sandals (Ire) | Sands Of Mali (Fr)      | Mr D Bevan and Mrs D Bevan              | Harry Eustace          | Kieran Shoemark    | 138 |
| 17 | Fitzella (GB)          | Too Darn Hot (GB)       | Mr D. R. Passant & Hefin Williams       | Hugo Palmer            | Colin Keane        | 136 |
| 18 | Pershaada (Ire)        | Persian Force (Ire)     | Middleham Park Racing XXIX              | Richard Hannon         | Silvestre De Sousa | 114 |

**Breeders:** 1-Ballyhane (Rathbride) Umlimited, 2-John McGrandles, 3-Godolphin, 4-Lodge Park Stud, 5-Linden Bloodstock Ltd, 6-Moyglare Stud F arm Ltd, 7-Petches Farm Ltd, 8-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 9-Branton Court Stud LLP, 10-Torie Gladwell, Cincinnati Equine, Borrowdale LLC & Knollwood farm, et al, 11-Gigginstown House Stud, 12-Noor Elaine Farm, 13-Mrs Tina Cox, 14-Godolphin, 15-His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S.C., 16-Ballyhane, 17-Parks Farm Stud, 18-Tally-Ho Stud.

As with so many of these sprints, particularly over Britain's minimum, this is wide-open with any advantage the runaway Royal Ascot winner **Bacio** had probably vastly diminished by the week's rain. Getting all the weight and sex allowances is the two-year-old filly **Pershaada**, who won a strong Molecomb with authority and represents the stable of the original "flying filly" Lyric Fantasy who beat all the older brigade in 1992. **Rayevka** has long given the impression she can win one of these if things fall right, has the pedigree to be still improving and has a strong record over this trip. Last year's winner **Asfoora** bids for a dream send-off, while **American Affair** looks like a sprinter coming into form at the right time along with the filly **Time For Sandals**. [Tom Frary].

#### Friday, York, post time: 14:25

#### THE WEATHERBYS LONSDALE CUP-G2, £250,000, 3yo/up, 16f 56yT

| SC | HORSE                | SIRE                   | OWNER                                    | TRAINER             | JOCKEY         | WT  |
|----|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----|
| 1  | Caballo De Mar (Ire) | Phoenix Of Spain (Ire) | Victorious Forever                       | George Scott        | Oisin Murphy   | 134 |
| 2  | Al Nayyir (GB)       | Dubawi (Ire)           | Mr Elbashir Elhrari                      | Tom Clover          | William Buick  | 131 |
| 3  | Amiloc (GB)          | Postponed (Ire)        | Mrs David Aykroyd                        | Ralph Beckett       | Rossa Ryan     | 131 |
| 4  | Carmers (Ire)        | Wootton Bassett (GB)   | Mrs Fiona Carmichael                     | P. Twomey           | W. J. Lee      | 131 |
| 5  | Columbus (Ger)       | Oasis Dream (GB)       | Angela Shamoon,G.Loxton,Vincent Caldwell | W. P. Mullins       | Colin Keane    | 131 |
| 6  | French Master (Ire)  | Frankel (GB)           | Wathnan Racing                           | John & Thady Gosden | James Doyle    | 131 |
| 7  | Illinois (Ire)       | Galileo (Ire)          | Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor | Aidan O'Brien       | Ryan Moore     | 131 |
| 8  | Mount Atlas (GB)     | Masar (Ire)            | Kingsclere Racing Club                   | Andrew Balding      | P. J. McDonald | 131 |
| 9  | Quickthorn (GB)      | Nathaniel (Ire)        | Lady Blyth                               | Hughie Morrison     | Tom Marquand   | 131 |

**Breeders:** 1-Barouche Stud Ireland Ltd, 2-Godolphin, 3-Mr & Mrs David Aykroyd, 4-Westward Bloodstock Ltd, 5-Gestut Brummerhof, 6-Normandie Stud Ltd, 7-Coolmore, 8-Kingsclere Stud, 9-Lemington Grange Stud.

In the absence of Scandinavia and Trawlerman, the Prix Vicomtesse Vigier hero **Caballo De Mar** is the standard-setter even under his penalty. **Amiloc** unseated his rider at the start of the Goodwood Cup and remains a fascinating prospect over staying trips, while it is worth remembering that the Gold Cup sixth **Carmers** was second to the classy Pride Of Arras in the Great Voltigeur here 12 months ago. [Tom Frary].

#### Friday, York, post time: 15:00

#### THE AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI GIMCRACK STAKES-G2, £250,000, 2yo, c/g, 6fT

| SC | HORSE                   | SIRE                   | OWNER                                | TRAINER               | JOCKEY             | WT  |
|----|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1  | Adaay Of Scarlett (Ire) | Mehmas (Ire)           | SVG, Exact Lifestyle Ltd & Owen      | Hugo Palmer           | Oisin Murphy       | 128 |
| 2  | Agamemnon (GB)          | Mehmas (Ire)           | Jastar Capital & Murt Khan           | Richard Hughes        | Kieran Shoemark    | 128 |
| 3  | Arapaho Gold (Ire)      | Bayside Boy (Ire)      | Doug Graham and Carole Dods          | Michael Dods          | Connor Beasley     | 128 |
| 4  | Final Objective (Ire)   | Sioux Nation           | Wathnan Racing                       | Hamad Al Jehani       | James Doyle        | 128 |
| 5  | Great Oak (Ire)         | Mehmas (Ire)           | Ballylinch Stud & Ecurie Des Charmes | K. R. Burke           | Clifford Lee       | 128 |
| 6  | Hell Of A Spin (Ire)    | Naval Crown (GB)       | Phillipa Griffin And Partner         | Adrian Keatley        | M. P. Sheehy       | 128 |
| 7  | Marco Polo (Ire)        | Night Of Thunder (Ire) | Tabor/Smith/Magnier/Westerberg/Brant | Aidan O'Brien         | Ryan Moore         | 128 |
| 8  | Matteo (Ire)            | Coulsty (Ire)          | Mrs J. Ryan                          | Kevin Ryan            | Kevin Stott        | 128 |
| 9  | Mrair (Ire)             | Mehmas (Ire)           | Victorious Forever                   | George Scott          | Tom Marquand       | 128 |
| 10 | Mussab (GB)             | Ten Sovereigns (Ire)   | Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabah      | Richard & Peter Fahey | Colin Keane        | 128 |
| 11 | Never Enough (GB)       | No Nay Never           | SBA Racing Limited                   | Ed Walker             | William Buick      | 128 |
| 12 | Ronson (GB)             | Ubettabelieveit (Ire)  | D Caslin, P Wilcock & Partner        | Nigel Tinkler         | Silvestre De Sousa | 128 |

**Breeders:** 1-Tally-Ho Stud, 2-Cheveley Park Stud Limited, 3-Newlands House Stud, 4-Richie Galway & Justin Carthy, 5-Ballylinch Stud & Ecurie Des Charmes, 6-Corduff Stud, 7-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 8-Rathasker Stud, 9-C. Marnane, 10-D. J. and Mrs Deer, 11-SBA Racing Limited, 12-Donna Caslin & Partner.

Aidan O'Brien hasn't won this since Rock Of Gibraltar in 2001, but **Marco Polo** was such an eye-catcher when second on his Curragh debut 12 days ago that he must be taken seriously. Unbeaten and a Listed winner already, **Arapaho Gold** hails from the Michael Dods stable which always seems to come up trumps at this meeting, while the Norfolk Stakes third **Mussab** comes here a dangerously fresh horse. He may have only narrowly won a two-runner Ayr novice, but it is worth noting that **Great Oak** represents the Karl Burke-Clifford Lee partnership and must be respected on that basis alone. *[Tom Frary]*

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