

HOW OWNER MICHAEL IMPERIO BROKE THE STORY OF PP-GATE



Michael Imperio | *Coglianesse*

by Bill Finley

Marshall Gramm's problems started on June 9 when horse owner Michael Imperio made a **post on X** inquiring about an unusual set of past performances for two horses, Deterministic (**Liam's Map**) and Griffin's Wharf (**Constitution**), that he had come across.

The post read: "Has anyone seen these new PP's with vet work? Also, how can I get them?"

That led to an investigation that led to more investigations that concluded with **serious allegations from the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA)** against horse owner, gambler, handicapping contest player and college professor Marshall Gramm. Gramm has admitted that he was the one who had exploited vulnerabilities in HISA's cyber security to obtain confidential horse health records not just on Deterministic and Griffin's Wharf, but on millions of records, HISA says. On Monday, HISA charged Gramm with multiple rule violations and has referred the matter to law enforcement officials, asking them to look into whether or not he committed fraud.

So how did Imperio, who does not own any part of either horse, get hold of the information that led to one of the biggest scandals in horse racing history? **Cont., p3**

SARATOGA NOTEBOOK, PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS: NAPOLEON SOLO WILL RUN IN TRAVERS, VELAZQUEZ WILL RIDE *by Tim Wilkin*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. -- The decision is in. Napoleon Solo (Liam's Map), winner of the GI Preakness Stakes, will run in next Saturday's GI, \$1.25 million Travers Stakes at Saratoga.

The grey colt, who finished second in the GI Haskell Stakes in his last start on July 18, will be ridden for the first time by Hall of Fame jockey Johnny Velazquez.

"Look, he is one of the best 3-year-olds of his generation and we want to give him the chance to go the classic distance of a mile and a quarter," trainer Chad Summers said by phone Thursday afternoon. "We'll let the results speak for itself on Aug. 29."

Summers said the decision was made after a 20-minute call with members of Espoir USA, an international group that bought the horse from former owner Al Gold for an undisclosed--but enormous--price after the Preakness.

"It was a team decision," Summers said. "All systems go. We are on the same page."

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KALPANA CLAWS OUT YORKSHIRE OAKS WIN

Kalpana (Study Of Man) won the G1 Yorkshire Oaks at York on Thursday.



Napoleon Solo after his work | *Sarah Andrew*

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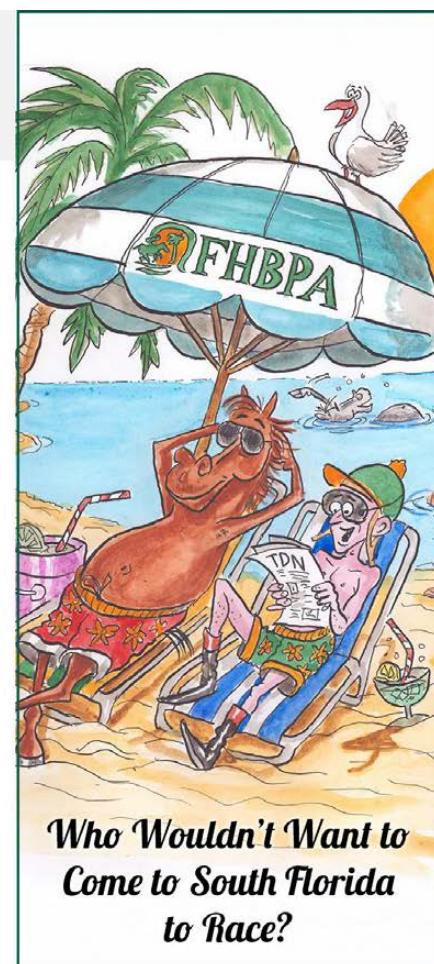
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Michael Imperio, cont. from p1

It all started with a phone call from a friend, whose name Imperio would not divulge, who was participating in a handicapping contest that centered around the Belmont Stakes Festival at Saratoga. There were two—one run by XpressBet and the other by NYRA Bets.

Gramm had two entries in the XpressBet contest and finished with a bankroll of \$0 in both. In the NYRA Bets contest, Gramm finished second with a bankroll of \$37,328. He earned \$35,250, plus a seat in the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge. There was a \$5,000 buy-in to enter the contest, which means he made an additional profit of \$32,328 with his actual wagers. HISA has reported that it will compensate the contest players who finished behind Gramm and will seek restitution from Gramm to pay the players.

According to Imperio, one gambler noticed that someone was using PP's that contained veterinary information and took screenshots of the past performances of Deterministic and Griffin's Wharf. Those screenshots were passed around until they landed with Imperio's friend and were forwarded on to Imperio. Imperio said he does not know if the person using the PP's was, in fact, Gramm.

The gambler sent the screenshots to Imperio, believing that, as a horse owner, he might be able to help solve the mystery.

"So he sent it to me," Imperio said. "He goes, 'Michael, you're a horse owner. Can you get these? Is this out?' And I said, 'No, it's impossible. You can only get your own horses.' This whole thing broke because some gamblers in the contest figured that someone else was cheating them. That's how this whole thing happened.

"There's a story I heard that a guy told his friend he saw somebody on their iPad and he said, 'What the hell is this?' And he took a couple of pictures. Some were blurry. I don't know how many pictures he took, but those were only two that I got. If I had gotten more, I would have posted them."

Imperio said he logged into the HISA portal to check to see if the veterinary records on his horses were available to him and says they weren't because he is only a minority owner of the horses in his stable and only the managing owner is privy to the information. In Imperio's case, that is trainer Rudy Rodriguez.

Imperio said he might feel differently about the situation if it had not involved a handicapping contest.

"If you were betting a Pick Five, nobody cares because you're betting against the house," he said. **Cont.**

"They're getting their takeout. But you go to a contest and people are putting up their own money. Whoever saw this originally was in that contest with this guy. That's when they got mad. They thought, 'you're betting against me and robbing me.' I think the funniest part is this was all uncovered not by HISA, but by gamblers that were mad they were getting cheated."

Imperio said he is also upset that the information might have given Gramm an edge when it came to claiming horses.

"To me, it's the claiming horse part," he said. "I gave an analogy to someone and I said, 'It'd be like this: I go to my safe deposit box. I open the box that ain't my box. He worked in someone else's boxes. Do I have the right to go to everybody's boxes? No.'"

Imperio said that he is surprised that Gramm is fighting the charges.

"(HISA) offered him a great deal and he didn't take it," he said. "That's the part I don't understand."

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Johnny Velazquez, pictured after winning the 2024 Travers aboard **Fierceness**, has picked up the mount on Napoleon Solo for the 2026 running of the summer marquee | Sarah Andrew



Napoleon Solo, cont. from p1

Velazquez worked Napoleon Solo last week and it was decided that he would be the pilot in the Travers. He replaces Paco Lopez, who had ridden Napoleon Solo in his last three starts.

"Johnny is a guy who has been there and done that," Summers said. "We love the job that Paco did for us in the Preakness and I would think there would be a chance Paco could be reunited with him at some point. We are going with a Hall of Famer who has more Grade I races than anybody."

Earlier Thursday, Napoleon Solo worked a bullet four furlongs in 47.67 seconds (1/41) with regular exercise rider Emily Elingwood aboard. He came onto the main track at 5:30 a.m. and did what he normally does.

He ran fast.

Summers said the colt has been working "great" since he arrived in Saratoga following the Haskell.

"We have always felt he had an affinity for this track," Summers said after the Thursday morning work. "He has put on weight since he got here, and he has been touting himself. I don't think he could have had three better breezes than he has since the Haskell. We think he is coming into this race the right way."

Napoleon Solo began his career at Saratoga, breaking his maiden by 5 1/4 lengths last summer.

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HIP 184

c. Yaupon – Dame Iris

Out of the Medaglia d'Oro mare Dame Iris, the colt is from the family of Irish heavyweight Bachelor Duke, G1 winner Talco (FR) and G2 winners Spanish Mission and Asbury Park. Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, agent

HIP 377

f. Tapit – Queen Caroline

Out of the stakes-winning Blame mare Queen Caroline, the filly is a half-sister to champion and freshman sire Forte. Consigned by Gainesway, agent



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Chad Summers after the Preakness | Sarah Andrew

What Summers wants to do is give his colt a chance to be 3-year-old champion. The clear-cut favorite right now is Travers-bound Golden Tempo (**Curlin**), winner of the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Belmont Stakes.

Napoleon Solo's resume this year shows four starts, one win and a second (in the GI Haskell Stakes). A win in the Travers--no easy feat because the field will be a tough one--could put him in

the conversation with the Breeders' Cup looming at Keeneland in the fall. But Golden Tempo is currently way in front.

Besides Golden Tempo, Napoleon Solo will have to contend in the Travers with the likes of GII Jim Dandy winner Renegade (Into Mischief), Sea Strike (**Midshipman**), winner of the **Curlin** Stakes, GII Louisiana Derby victor Emerging Market (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), longshot GI Haskell Stakes champ Baby Vino (Vino Rosso), GIII Tampa Bay Derby winner The Puma (**Essential Quality**), Silent Tactic (**Tacitus**) who was third in the Jim Dandy, GIII Indiana Derby winner Leading Change (**Gun Runner**) and maiden Ocelli, who was third in the Kentucky Derby and fourth in the Preakness.

Napoleon Solo has never run against Golden Tempo or Renegade, who figure to be the top two betting choices on the Travers morning-line. Entries will be drawn for the Midsummer Derby on Sunday.

"If you want to be champion, you have to show up," Summers said "If you are not in the Travers, you're not champion. I still think it goes through Golden Tempo. Even if we were to run and win the Travers, you have to do the next step and beat older horses in the Breeders' Cup."

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Brown Taking on Counting Stars With Fresh Face

Without a doubt, there is one 3-year-old filly that towers over the other five that have been entered in Saturday's 146th running of the GI, \$600,000 Alabama Stakes at Saratoga Race Course.

Counting Stars (**Honor A.P.**), winner of a pair of GI stakes at Saratoga this year (Acorn and Coaching Club American Oaks) is the 1-2 favorite. And for good reason. None of the others have won a stake race, let alone a Grade I. Combined, the other five fillies have won seven races; Counting Stars has won six.

On paper, the Alabama looks like a colossal mismatch. Ah, but that's why the races are not run on paper.

Chad Brown, who knows a thing or two about getting a filly ready for the big stage, is coming to the Alabama with a lightly raced horse named My Gun's Loaded (**Gun Runner**). She has only run three times--two of them while in Brown's barn--and the leading trainer at the Saratoga meet is going to give his filly a puncher's chance against the top filly of the division.

My Gun's Loaded began her career with Steve Asmussen and ran once, last December at Oaklawn Par, where she finished eighth. Owner Douglas Scharbauer transferred her to Brown for her 3-year-old season.

Brown took his time with her and debuted her at Saratoga on Belmont Stakes Day, June 6.



Always a Runner (outside) My Gun's Loaded (inside) working together at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

She broke her maiden in a seven-furlong race by 4 1/2 lengths and then won a 1-mile allowance by three lengths at the Spa on July 24.

Even though she has the least amount of starts of any in the Alabama, My Gun's Loaded was made the 3-1 second choice on the morning line, set by David Aragona.

"I am excited about this race," Brown said outside his barn at the Oklahoma Training Track. **Cont.**

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"I have a lightly raced horse, but she is fresh. The big question for her is can she get a mile and a quarter?"

Brown has won the Alabama twice--the most recent with Randomized (**Nyquist**) in 2023.

Earlier this year, Brown won the prestigious GI Kentucky Oaks with Always a Runner (**Gun Runner**), who defeated Counting Stars that night in Kentucky. Since then, Always a Runner has been no match for that rival.

She was second to her in the Acorn by 3 1/4 lengths and then was second in the Coaching Club American Oaks, 4 1/2 lengths behind.

"We are going to try with a fresh horse this time with a horse that is in great form," Brown said. "The two times I have run her, she has run exceptionally well, albeit in one-turn races. But she is by **Gun Runner**, and these horses get classic distances, generally. She could not possibly be training any better."

Irada Ortiz Expected Back Saturday for Alabama

After being absent for a big chunk of the Saratoga meeting, jockey Irada Ortiz Jr. is expected to return just in time to ride Counting Stars (**Honor A.P.**) in Saturday's GI, \$600,000 Alabama Stakes.

Ortiz, the four-time defending Saratoga riding champion, has had a frustrating summer at the Spa. After missing the first six days of the meet due to suspension (five days) and a riding date out of town (one), he was injured on Whitney Day, Aug. 8.

He was involved in an incident during the post parade of the seventh race on Whitney Day that resulted in severe swelling in his left foot. He has not ridden since. When he returns on Saturday, he will have missed 15 days of the meet.

His agent, Steve Rushing, said Ortiz is scheduled to breeze a horse at the Spa on Friday and then ride three races on Saturday and four on Sunday.

"Every day he is making progress," Rushing said Thursday morning at the Oklahoma Training Track. "The swelling has come down, and he is about 90 percent. We will keep it light the first few days and then go full from there."

Ortiz has ridden Counting Stars in his last two starts--wins in the GI Acorn Stakes and GI Coaching Club American Oaks. Had he not been able to return in time, Rushing said the contingency plan was to have Jose Ortiz ride the filly.

Rushing said that Ortiz and his brother, Jose, who he also represents, will be leaving Saratoga after Travers Day, Aug. 29, and head to Kentucky Downs to ride. He said that Irada will not

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return to Saratoga for any of the final seven days of racing, but Jose is scheduled to ride here on Sept. 4.

After Thursday's card, Jose Ortiz led the standings with 59 wins, 12 more than Manny Franco, who, according to his agent John Panagot, is remaining in Saratoga for the rest of the meet.

"Obviously, it's the premier meet in the country," Rushing said. "It's definitely important to win it. Irada missed so many days ... for him to have 30 wins at this point is pretty impressive."

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DOWN THE SHEDROW WITH MARK CASSE, PRESENTED BY OBS

The Mark Casse stable is enjoying another blockbuster summer at Saratoga that could get even better this weekend. Currently sitting third in the Spa trainer standings with 10 wins

and over \$1.86 million in earnings, Casse walks us through some of his top horses, including four lining up for stakes contention this weekend, in this latest edition of Down the Shedrow, presented by **OBS Sales**.

Casse couldn't help but glow when discussing the ultra-talented Nitrogen, laying out the strategy behind pointing her to the GII Locust Grove Stakes as a stepping stone toward the Breeders' Cup. He also discussed a few precocious 2-year-olds eyeing the turf at Kentucky Downs and had a check-in with OBS graduate Counting Stars as she puts the finishing touches on her preparations for this weekend's GI Alabama Stakes.

Some of the horses featured in the video are previewed below and you can catch the episode here.

NITROGEN (4, f, Medaglia d'Oro -- Tiffany Case, by Uncle Mo)

No introduction needed for this champion and DJ Stable homebred.

She was second to Sovereignty (Into Mischief) and went from ninth to second in the national standings, which was what we were trying to accomplish. I felt like everybody looked at her as a very good filly. I wanted them to look at her as a great filly and I think we accomplished that. **Cont.**



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Silent Tactic in Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

We were originally thinking the GI Spinster for her, but now we're thinking the GII Locust Grove at Churchill because of the timing. She likes six weeks between races and if we go in the Locust Grove, the timing will be a little better for the Breeders' Cup.

AND ONE MORE TIME (4, f, Omaha Beach -- Complicated, by Blame)

Live Oak Plantation-owned filly looks to get a fourth career stakes win in Saturday's GII Ballston Spa Stakes.

She belongs to Mrs. Weber and just won the De La Rose here. She was a Grade I winner at two and has an impeccable pedigree. She's a half to several graded stakes winners, including GISW Simply In Front (Summer Front).

CLASSIC Q (4, f, Classic Empire -- Lovely Em, by Scat Daddy)

Gary Barber, Blue Crevalle Racing and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners-owned filly has scored back-to-back wins in the GII Churchill Distaff Turf Mile Stakes and GI Just a Game Stakes.

I bought this one for my wife and Hugh Daly, our dear friend, as a yearling for \$40,000. She has made \$1.4 million and is getting ready to run in a turf sprint for older fillies at Kentucky Downs.



SILENT TACTIC (3, c, Tacitus -- Magical Sign, by Gun Runner)

The \$500,000 OBS April graduate campaigned by John Oxley is pointing for the GI Travers Stakes.

I thought he ran extremely well finishing third in the GII Jim Dandy and he should run even better in the Travers. He won the GIII Southwest, was second in the GI Arkansas Derby and has won over a million dollars. I feel good about him.



COUNTING STARS (3, f, Honor A.P. -- Paynterbynumbers, by Paynter)

The \$150,000 OBS April graduate and West Point Thoroughbreds star runs in this weekend's GI Alabama Stakes

She could become the third filly ever to win three Grade I races at Saratoga in one meet. She's already won two, the Coaching Club American Oaks and the Acorn, and I can't say enough great things about her. She's a trainer's dream.

MEASURE (3, f, Essential Quality -- Fateer, by Eskendereya)

Gary Barber, Bridlewood Farm and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners-campaigned filly looks to get first win since November maiden win in the Alabama

She was third in the CCA Oaks behind Counting Stars and I think she's one of our up-and-coming stars. She's a filly we've been really high on, but she's taken a little bit of time because she wants more ground. She's going to love the mile and a quarter.

NEW YORK SPECIAL (3, f, Curlin -- Achalaya, by Bellamy Road)

Owned by Gary Barber, she makes her fourth career start in Friday's Fleet Indian Stakes.

This is a half-sister to Casa Creed (Jimmy Creed). She broke her maiden in her second start and was third in [the Suzie O'Cain Stakes]. She's kind of been a later developer. She's a big, tall, lanky filly that is just now starting to figure it out. As a 2-year-old, she didn't have a clue, but she's figuring it out.



HARBAUGH (2, c, Not This Time -- Courteous, by Midnight Lute)

Purchased by DJ Stable for \$450,000 at the OBS April Sale was runner-up in his last start. Runs on Sunday at Saratoga.

He was second in his second start here at Saratoga and is eventually going to Kentucky Downs.



VISSINO (2, c, Preservationist -- Treat, by Summer Front)

A \$30,000 OBS March purchase campaigned by Blue Crevalle Racing and Quintessential Racing Florida, the colt will make a turf debut in his third start.

He broke his maiden first time out at Churchill Downs and then was second in the GIII Sanford here. He's doing great and is getting ready to go to Kentucky Downs to try grass.

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SECOND CHANCES: U. S. S. VALOR -- 'WE JUST HAVE THE HIGHEST DREAMS POSSIBLE FOR A HORSE LIKE THIS' *by Steve Sherack*



U. S. S. Valor (outside) | Sarah Andrew

In this continuing series, TDN's Senior Racing Editor Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of promising maidens to keep on your radar.

"McGaughey colt can run."

U. S. S. Valor (c, 2, War of Will--Spangled Banner, by Tiz Wonderful) received some high praise from DRF's *Clocker Report* following consecutive B+ breezes for Hall of Famer Shug McGaughey ahead of his 6 1/2-furlong unveiling at the Spa Aug. 8.

Backed at 5-1 in a deep-looking maiden special weight in the lidlifter on Whitney day, the Team Valor International homebred was carried in at the break from his rail draw and was steered out in time by Tyler Gaffalione to avoid hitting the rail leaving the chute.

An inside sixth and traveling nicely through an opening quarter in :22.38, Gaffalione was forced to gently tap on the brakes rounding the far turn.

Guided out at least four wide at the top of the stretch, U. S. S. Valor raced a bit greenly and remained on his left lead as they straightened for home.

Gaffalione got U. S. S. Valor to switch over in deep stretch and the long-striding bay came rolling down the center while finishing up in a field-best :30.87 to complete the trifecta--beaten just three-quarters of a length--behind the promising duo of **Gaudreau** (**Nyquist**) and **Coach Pope** (**Tapit**).

U. S. S. Valor earned an 88 Beyer Speed Figure for the effort, one point less than the winner.

"Shug told me in the paddock, 'I don't think we're gonna win

here, but we'll stretch him out at Belmont and he'll win there,'" Team Valor International Founder/Chief Executive Officer Barry Irwin said.

"He ran a remarkable race and rather than wait for Belmont, we're gonna run him back at Saratoga. Hopefully, he'll break his maiden and then we can go on from there."

U. S. S. Valor returned to the worktab with a four-furlong bullet in :48 (1/22) over the Oklahoma training track Aug. 19.

"For a horse that is built like him to have as much gas as he's got and do it in a controlled way, we just have the highest dreams possible for a horse like this," Irwin said.

The son of 2019 GI Preakness Stakes winner War of Will was produced by the winning Tiz Wonderful mare Spangled Banner and hails from the family of MGISW Curalina (**Curlin**).

The 15-year-old broodmare, also responsible for the GISP Expressman (**Liam's Map**), was acquired by Irwin's operation for \$225,000 at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton August Digital Sale. Bred to **Tiz the Law** for 2027, she has been entered in this fall's Keeneland November sale, per Irwin.

"I put her in the sale to take advantage if this horse does what we hope he could do," Irwin said.

*Since launching 'Second Chances' in 2017, 78 maidens have been featured in these pages (through 2025), producing 24% graded stakes winners, 36% stakes winners and 49% stakes horses. The series has introduced nine future winners at the top level, led by 2025 Horse of the Year and dual Classic winner **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief), 2023 Horse of the Year **Cody's Wish** (**Curlin**) and fellow two-time Breeders' Cup winner **Golden Pal** (Uncle Mo).*

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- **Cody's Wish** (**Curlin**), Horse of the Year & Ch. Older Dirt Male, 2x GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner, MGISW, \$3,106,030. *Standing at Darley's Jonabell Farm.
- **Golden Pal** (Uncle Mo), 2x Breeders' Cup winner, GISW, \$1,825,131. *Standing at Ashford Stud.
- **Locked** (**Gun Runner**), MGISW, \$1,911,825. *Standing at Gainesway.
- **Commandment** (Into Mischief), GISW, \$1,477,339.
- **Honor A. P.** (Honor Code), GISW, \$532,200. *Standing at Lane's End.
- **Speaker's Corner** (**Street Sense**), GISW, \$739,963. *Standing at Darley's Jonabell Farm.
- **Paradise Woods** (**Union Rags**), MGISW, \$1,123,890.
- **A Mo Reay** (Uncle Mo), GISW, \$862,775.

HANDS ON HISTORY: KARAKONTIE AND THE POWER OF A STEADY HAND *by Katie Petrunyak*



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After more than two decades managing stallion barns across the country, Larry Walton has learned that matching a stallion with the right caretaker is a subtle practice that yields tangible results. When a horse has his own designated handler every day, it creates a rhythm of trust and predictability that keeps him steady through the pressure of a busy breeding season.

Walton recalls seeing this principle in action years ago at Spendthrift Farm. The notoriously headstrong Malibu Moon was a model citizen for his regular groom, but whenever that handler went on vacation, the rest of the stallion team played rock-paper-scissors to see who would be tasked with turning the horse out. When Walton took over as stallion manager at Gainesway Farm in 2022, he brought that philosophy with him. He cycled through a few different grooms with star sire **Tapit** before finding the right fit and took the same approach with **Karakontie**, another stallion who demands a steady hand.

To handle the former European Classic winner and Breeders' Cup champion, Walton turned to Zeferino Escobedo. Escobedo, a native of Mexico with almost as much experience in the business as his longtime boss, followed Walton to Gainesway three years ago. His two charges are the mild-mannered Grade II winner **Charge It** and the far more complex **Karakontie**.

"Zefe is a very good groom," Walton said. "He doesn't show a lot of emotion and is very laid back. Horses like that. If you bring **Karakontie** down to show and Zefe has him, he stands better. If somebody else brings him down to show, he may not stand as good. They have a lot of respect toward each other. A lot of the old-school stallions are like that. They're one-person kind of guys and they like having their one groom."

Speaking in Spanish, Escobedo said that when he first took

over caring for the sire, **Karakontie** made him earn his trust.

"When I arrived, because I didn't know him, the horse was very strong," Escobedo recalled. "The first time I worked with him, he scared me a lot because I did not know him. He was always trying to bite me. He is really strong, but I like working with the ones that have a strong temperament."

Bred in Japan by the Niarchos Family, **Karakontie** spent the majority of his racing career in France. Trained by Jonathan Pease, the son of Bernstein captured a pair of stakes races at two, including the G1 Grand Criterium, before returning at three to claim the G1 French Two Thousand Guineas. His defining moment on the racetrack came later that year when he shipped to Santa Anita for the 2014 Breeders' Cup.

Off at long odds of 30-1 in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile, **Karakontie** launched an explosive rally from wide off the turn, split rivals in the stretch and prevailed by a length over fellow French-campaigned Anodin (Ire) (Anabaa). He etched his name in the record books as the first Japanese-bred horse to win a Breeders' Cup race, opening the floodgate for other Japanese runners on the world stage in the years that followed.

The regally bred bay retired to Gainesway the following year, continuing a farm tradition pioneered by founder John Gaines of importing elite European turf bloodlines to enrich the American pool, and he has been an anchor of the Gainesway roster in the years since.

No one on the farm's stallion crew would go so far as to characterize **Karakontie** as difficult. He is an easy keeper with no real vices and is a consummate professional in the breeding shed. But he does seem to enjoy keeping his caretakers on their toes.

"You never know what you're going to get," Walton explained. "Some days he'll come out to show and stand like a statue and other days he'll come out and he won't stand up."

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Karakontie wins the 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Mile | Horsephotos



Karakontie and groom Zeferino Escobedo | Sara Gordon

"He loves to be turned out and he loves to run. In the paddocks he has **Olympiad** on one side of him and **Muth** on the other. He always tries to get them to run with him. He's an instigator, you could say."

That alertness and grit have translated to his offspring, as **Karakontie** has built a record of 16% stakes horses over his 11 years at stud.

While his progeny have achieved graded wins on both surfaces, his leading earners have unapologetically shined on the turf with graded stakes winners like Princess Grace, Spendarella and None Above the Law. His latest star Roja won this year's GII Intercontinental Stakes.

Karakontie's crowning achievement as a sire is his daughter She Feels Pretty. An Eclipse Award Champion Turf Female with five Grade I wins and over \$2.55 million in earnings, she capped her brilliant campaign with a runner-up effort in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf.

"She had a lot of heart like he did," Walton said. "I've watched his Breeders' Cup Mile several times because he was a longshot. He was all the way on the outside. I think there were 14 horses in the field and he had a heck of a run."

"That kind of goes with his character. He's got a lot of heart."

She Feels Pretty came within a length of it, but for now the search continues for a son or daughter who will inherit not just **Karakontie**'s tenacity, but his title as a Breeders' Cup champion.

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HALF-SISTER TO FORTE ONE OF TWO ADDED TO KEENELAND SEPTEMBER BOOK 1

A pair of yearlings--a colt by Yaupon and a filly by **Tapit**--have been supplemented to Book 1 of the Keeneland September Yearling Sale. Added to the auction's opening day Sept. 14 is **hip 184**, a son of Yaupon out of Dame Iris (Medaglia d'Oro). The mare is a half-sister to multiple group winner Spanish Mission (Noble Mission) and the yearling is consigned by Hunter Valley Farm. Supplemented to the second session is **hip 377**, a daughter of **Tapit** consigned by Gainesway. Out of multiple stakes winner Queen Caroline (**Blame**), the filly is a half-sister to champion and multiple Grade I winner Forte (**Violence**).

With these supplements, a total of 4,642 horses have been cataloged to the September sale, which runs 12 sessions through Sept. 26.

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TEAM GOLDEN TEMPO TO BE HONORED BY TURF WRITERS

The team surrounding GI Kentucky Derby and GI Belmont Stakes winner **Golden Tempo** (**Curlin**) will be honored by the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters with the Mr. Fitz Award for typifying the spirit of racing.

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Stable Recovery, launched by Frank Taylor and Christian Countzler to help individuals recover from substance abuse, support them on their path to sobriety and find meaningful employment within the Thoroughbred racing industry, is NTWAB's Bill Mooney Award honoree. The Bill Mooney Award recognizes those who have demonstrated "courage in the face of tremendous adversity."

The honorees will be recognized at the NTWAB's annual awards dinner Oct. 28 at Malone's Prime, located at 3373 Tates Creek Road in Lexington. The annual awards dinner serves as the NTWAB's sole fundraiser. A portion of the event's proceeds will fund Thoroughbred industry charities and internships for prospective racing journalists.

Tickets for the NTWAB Awards Dinner can be [purchased online](#). Ticket prices are \$85 for NTWAB members and Breeders' Cup credentialed media, and \$115 for non-members and guests. Full tables are also available for purchase.

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ERIC THOMSON TO LEAD CHURCHILL MARKETING AND PARTNERSHIPS

Eric Thomson has been named Churchill Downs Racetrack's new Senior Vice President of Marketing & Partnerships. Thomson, who will report to Churchill Downs Racetrack President Mike Anderson, will lead marketing, brand strategy, partnerships, sponsorships, licensing and creative services for Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby.

Thomson joins Churchill Downs from Pernod Ricard, where he held senior global and regional marketing leadership roles across some of the world's best-known premium wine and spirits brands. Over more than 20 years, he has led brand strategy, marketing innovation and high-profile collaborations across sports, entertainment and culture, including partnerships with the Melbourne Cup, FIFA, Wimbledon, the Australian Grand Prix and the Rugby World Cup.

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2026 Leading General Sires by Black-Type Winners

Year-to-Date - Standing NA - Worldwide Earnings - NH Foals

Rank	Stallion	BTW/%strts	BTH/%strts	GSW/%strts	GSH/%strts	G1SW/%strts	G1SH/%strts	Earnings
1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	21/6.09	40/11.59	13/3.77	24/6.96	5/1.45	6/1.74	\$20,603,421 Renegade
2	Not This Time (2014) by Giant's Causeway	20/7.14	39/13.93	11/3.93	21/7.5	3/1.07	3/1.07	\$21,954,647 Magnitude
3	Justify (2015) by Scat Daddy	15/6.85	29/13.24	7/3.2	15/6.85	2/0.91	4/1.83	\$9,242,586 Scandinavia
4	Vekoma (2016) by Candy Ride (Arg)	14/6.42	25/11.47	6/2.75	9/4.13	--/--	1/0.46	\$8,709,359 Alpyland
5	Gun Runner (2013) by Candy Ride (Arg)	13/4.69	33/11.91	8/2.89	17/6.14	2/0.72	4/1.44	\$14,611,298 Finger (JPN)
6	Nyquist (2013) by Uncle Mo	11/4.89	20/8.89	6/2.67	11/4.89	1/0.44	3/1.33	\$12,533,626 Nysos
7	Constitution (2011) by Tapit	10/3.52	31/10.92	3/1.06	14/4.93	--/--	1/0.35	\$10,705,690 Chief Wallabee
8	Practical Joke (2014) by Into Mischief	10/2.94	21/6.18	3/0.88	6/1.76	--/--	2/0.59	\$10,255,632 Ways and Means
9	Tiz the Law (2017) by Constitution	10/5.32	23/12.23	5/2.66	10/5.32	1/0.53	3/1.6	\$8,388,688 Michael Scofield
10	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie	10/4.98	18/8.96	4/1.99	9/4.48	--/--	--/--	\$8,305,869 Bishops Bay
11	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (Arg)	10/3.95	23/9.09	3/1.19	7/2.77	--/--	2/0.79	\$7,257,313 West End Kid
12	Curlin (2004) by Smart Strike	9/5.2	19/10.98	5/2.89	8/4.62	1/0.58	3/1.73	\$11,351,844 Golden Tempo
13	Liam's Map (2011) by Unbridled's Song	9/4.11	15/6.85	4/1.83	8/3.65	3/1.37	3/1.37	\$9,466,401 Napoleon Solo
14	Yaupon (2017) by Uncle Mo	9/6.47	17/12.23	5/3.6	8/5.76	--/--	1/0.72	\$5,362,684 Albus
15	Speightstown (1998) by Gone West	9/6.34	14/9.86	1/0.7	6/4.23	--/--	--/--	\$5,010,107 Outfielder

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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

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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 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)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Agave Racing Stable, Medallion Racing, and Evan Trommer	D'Amato	Rosario	122
10	Raiding Party (Ire)	Sioux Nation	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	American Pharoah	John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock Services	DeVaux	Ortiz	124	
4	Play With Fire	Oscar Performance	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



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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 and Debra L. O'Connor	Ward	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

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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

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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

Saturday, 8/22, Woodbine #7, post time: 4:08 p.m. EDT

SEAWAY S.-GIII, C\$175,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Uphill Dance	Tonalist	Gary Barber, Cheyenne Stable, LLC and Wachtel Stable	Halden	Campos	122
2	Elysian Field	Hard Spun	Gary Barber and Team Valor International LLC	Casse	Moran	122
3	Austere 🐾	Mendelssohn	Belmar Racing & Breeding LLC, Bradley Thoroughbreds Cambron Equine LLC, Tucci Stables and Gary Finder	Walsh	Maragh	123
4	Quadruple (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Mark Dodson	Carroll	Munger	122
5	Scat Girl 🐾	Audible	Zilli Racing Stables	De Paulo	Wilson	123
6	Reagan's Flame 🐾	Flameaway	St. Elias Stable, BAG Racing Stables, Turf Express Inc. and Watkins Diamond Stables LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	124
7	Bessie Abott (Ire)	Kuroshio (Aus)	Barber, Gary and Team Valor International LLC	Casse	Aebly	122
8	Creed's Gold 🐾	Jimmy Creed	Kristin Meldahl	Casse	Civaci	126

Breeders: 1-Chet Blackey & Trackside Farm, 2-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 3-Summer Wind Equine LLC, 4-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 5-Robert Marzilli, 6-Jason Hall, Herschel Martindale & Stephen Mott, 7-Dr Noel Cogan & Patrick Williams, 8-Linda Griggs

Mark Casse will send out three of the eight starters in this race and it looks like the best of the bunch is clearly **Creed's Gold** (Jimmy Creed). The horse loves Tapeta, particularly the one at Woodbine, where she is 2-for-2. Coming off a win in the GIII Hendrie Stakes as the favorite, she'll be bet heavily, but looks to have this bunch over a barrel. Brendan Walsh hasn't had much luck at Woodbine this year, but don't discount **Austere** (Mendelssohn). The mare showed marked improvement when switched to the synthetic surface at Presque Isle Downs and turning back to a sprint in last. **Reagan's Flame** (**Flameaway**) has been a disappointment since winning the GIII Whimsical Stakes, but is 2-for-3 on the Tapeta and hails from the Saffie Joseph Jr. barn. PP's say she was bumped at the break in last. In truth, her start was just fine.

--Bill Finley

Sunday, 8/23, Del Mar #7, post time: 8:00 p.m. EDT

CAESARS SPORTSBOOK DEL MAR DERBY-GII, \$300,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Proletariat	Raging Bull (Fr)	Dutch Girl Holdings LLC and Irving Ventures LLC	Mullins	Frey	122
2	Unrivaled Time	Not This Time	Innergy Racing Corp and Pais, Alfred	Powell	Ayuso	122
3	Secured Freedom 🐾	Practical Joke	Leslie A. & Pierre Jean Amestoy, Jr., and Roger Beasley	Yakteen	Vazquez	122
4	Tribalism (Ire) 🐾	No Nay Never	BR Thoroughbreds	McCarthy	Rosario	122
5	Bust Out 🐾	Complexity	Pegram, Jacob M. and Pegram, Timothy A.	McCarthy	Rispoli	122
6	Pavlovian	Pavel	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Maldonado	122
7	Jordi Bear (Ire)	St Mark's Basilica (Fr)	Glen Hill Farm, Little Red Feather Racing Madaket Stables LLC and Strauss, William	D'Amato	Fresu	122
8	Melismatic (Ire)	Space Blues (Ire)	Wells T. Watson	D'Amato	Kimura	122
9	Charlie's Curlin 🐾	Curlin	Les Blake	Mullins	Hernandez	122

Breeders: 1-Liberty Road Stables, 2-Alfred A. Pais, 3-Audley Farm Equine, LLC, 4-Phoenix Thoroughbred Limited, 5-Brereton C. Jones & Bret Jones, 6-Reddam Racing, LLC, 7-Armitage Bloodstock, 8-Norwegian Wood Stud, 9-Glen Hill Farm

Friday, 8/21, Saratoga, post time: 5:44 p.m. EDT

FLEET INDIAN S., \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Power of Women	Big Brown	Upback Racing LLC and Liberty House Racing LLC	De Paz	Prat	120
2	Hot Currency	Central Banker	Winning Move Stable, Sanford H. Robbins LLC, Lady Sheila Stable, Silverwood Stables and IEE Racing	Rice	Franco	124
3	Venetta	Yaupon	Sequel Racing	Gargan	Carmouche	124
4	Iron Orchard	Authentic	KatieRich Stables LLC	Asmussen	Ortiz	124
5	Lady Rose	Upstart	CJ Stables	Rice	Lezcano	122
6	New York Special	Curlin	Gary Barber	Casse	Zayas	120
7	Victory Hall	Independence Hall	Twin Sports Racing, Cypresshead Racing & Let's Go Racing	Morley	Santana, Jr.	124
8	Unlock the Value	Rock Your World	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Davis	120

Breeders: 1-Saul Kupferberg, 2-BHMFRR, LLC, 3-Sequel Thoroughbreds LLC, 4-Pine Ridge Stable LLC, 5-Chesapeake Farm & Three Times A Charm, 6-30 Year Farm, 7-Stonegate Stables LLC & EverythingsCricket Racing, 8-Seth Gregory

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



Central Banker | Barbara Livingston



Friday, August 21, 2026

Ellis 2, Moc, \$53k, 2yo, 6f, 1:19 p.m.

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price (\$)	Breeze
Cairo Charlie (Cairo Prince)	OBSAPR	40,000	:10 2/5
<i>C-Paul Sharp, agent; B-Chad Schumer, agent</i>			
Junction (Girvin)	OBSAPR	55,000	:10 1/5
<i>C-Wavertree Stables Inc (C Dunne), agent; B-Joe Sharp, agent</i>			

Saratoga 5, Msw, \$115k, 2yo, (S), 5.5fT, 3:26 p.m. ET

Pyrallis (Epicerter)	OBSMAR	150,000	:10
<i>C-Sequel, agent for Chester Broman;</i>			
<i>B-MyRacehorse.com, Stamatis Stables, Sean O'Connor</i>			
Royal Reserve (Central Banker)	OBSAPR	325,000	:10
<i>B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, agent;</i>			
<i>B-Kimmel/Sallusto, agent for Winning Move Stable/IEE</i>			

Saratoga 6, Msw, \$115k, 2yo, f, 8.5fT, 4:00 p.m. ET

Funny Words (Omaha Beach)-MTO	FTMMAY	90,000	G
<i>C-Lucan Bloodstock (K Keegan), agent; B-Anthony Perri</i>			
Get My Good Side (Life Is Good)-MTO	FTMMAY	140,000	G
<i>C-Niall Brennan Stables, agent; B-Starladies Racing</i>			

Ellis 9, \$100k, Msw, 2yo, 6f, 4:42 p.m. ET

Bombarino (Yaupon)	OBSAPR	140,000	:10
<i>C-Omar Ramirez Bloodstock, agent; B-Nick J Hines, agent</i>			
Borax (Army Mule)	OBSJUN	240,000	:9 4/5
<i>C-S G V Thoroughbreds (Steven Venosa), agent;</i>			
<i>B-Clark Brewster, Bill & Corinne Heiligbrodt/K Reimer</i>			
Moonfire (Yaupon)	OBSAPR	(195,000)	:21 2/5
<i>C-Caliente Thoroughbreds, agent; B-RNA</i>			
Staunch (Liam's Map)	FTMMAY	300,000	G
<i>B-Randy Miles, agent; B-Case Clay Thoroughbred Management</i>			

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1st-Del Mar, \$86,846, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 8-20, 3yo, 5fT, :56.66, fm, neck.

TAP THE GIN (g, 3, **Tiz the Law--Moon Rainbow {GSP, \$167,371}, by Smart Strike)** was a debut winner going six panels over the Santa Anita turf in March before coming home third--beaten seven lengths--by next-out stakes winner Proletariat (**Raging Bull {Fr}**) when facing optional claiming company in Arcadia on May 15. Starting as a gelding for the first time while cutting back an eighth here, the 8-1 chance settled in a stalking position behind early leader Wiki Kane (Bodexpress) through a :22.23 opening quarter. Ready to go in the stretch, the bay closed down the center of the course and got up just in time to eke out a neck win over Cal's Goal (**Cairo Prince**) Migo (Mitole) rounded out the trifecta.

GSP Moon Rainbow, a full-sister to SW Smartyfly, produced a filly by **Corniche** in 2024 followed by a **Practical Joke** colt last season. Dropping a **Charlatan** filly earlier this term, she was bred back to **Tiz the Law**. Sales history: \$135,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP; \$350,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$98,640. **Click for the [Equibase.com](#) chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel Racing.**

O-Saints or Sinners and Dan Agnew; B-Newstead Corp (KY); T-Mark Glatt.

3rd-Colonial Downs, \$78,400, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 8-20, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:32.37 (NCR), ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

CALDERA (c, 4, **Liam's Map--Send Me On My Way, by Tiznow)** was a close-up second while under the tutelage of the late D. Wayne Lukas in last year's Sunland Derby before filling the same position later in his sophomore campaign in Oaklawn's Bathhouse Row Stakes. Turned over to Saffie Joseph, Jr. for his 4-year-old season, the grey rolled to a 6 1/4-length score going a mile in a Gulfstream optional claimer on Apr. 30 before adding another check to the win column in a Colonial test on June 25. In pursuit of Macho Music through opening fractions of :23.08, :44.75 and 1:07.66, the 1-5 choice overtook the pacesetter midstretch and drew off while under wraps to set a new track record for a mile in 1:32.37.

A granddaughter of MGISW Finder's Fee (Storm Cat), Send Me On My Way has a juvenile colt by **Mandaloun** and a yearling filly by **Tacitus**. She was bred back to **Mandaloun**. Sales history:



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\$75,000 Ylg '23 FTKJUL; \$500,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: MSP, 9-4-3-0, \$343,016. **Click for the [Equibase.com](#) chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel Racing.**

O-MyRacehorse; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.

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4th-Saratoga, \$115,000, (S), Msw, 8-20, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18.73, ft, 13 1/2 lengths.

CASH BURN (f, 2, **Nyquist--Three Hawk {SP, \$172,328}, by **Violence**)** made 4-5 look like a bargain in this unveiling versus fellow New York-breds. She chased from third through fractions of :22.18 and :46.12. All dressed up with nowhere to go on the far turn, Cash Burn bulled her way through and split horses as they straightened for home and ran to daylight to graduate by 13 1/2 lengths over Dry Drastic (**Upstart**). The winner's dam produced a filly by **Honest Mischief** in 2025 and a colt by **Gunite** this year. She was bred back to **Gunite**.

"So impressive, it was our first 2-year-old winner (this year)," winning owner Seth Klarman said in the winner's circle on *Saratoga Live*. "Great to get her going and see what she could



Seth Klarman | Sarah Andrew

do. It's just like spring training in baseball, there's always a dream, and when they continue on, you're really excited. It's nice to see one validate our confidence."

Sales history: \$370,000 Ylg '25 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$63,250. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel Racing.**

O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Ned Williams, Mike Matese & Jack Murray (NY); T-Chad C. Brown.



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2nd-Colonial Downs, \$91,100, Msw, 8-20, 2yo, f, 5f, :57.72, ft, 7 lengths.

FOR THE MONEY (f, 2, Yaupon--For All the Grands {SP}, by Tale of Ekati), third on debut as the favorite in the restricted Keswick S. at Colonial Aug. 2, took care of business as the 1-5 choice here. She sped out to the front beneath Paco Lopez, was pressed on the far turn and ran away from them in the stretch to graduate by seven lengths. The winner is a half-sister to Uncle Dar (Uncle Lino), SP, \$180,344. For All the Grands was bred to **Gunita** for 2027. Sales history: \$29,000 Wlg '24 KEENOV; \$170,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP; \$180,000 2yo '26 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$79,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel Racing.**

O-Derek Alexander Chin; B-Awestrike & GLAM Racing LLC (VA); T-Rohan G. Crichton.



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Corniche (Quality Road), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000
109 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Saratoga, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Belmont Street, 15-1
9-Ellis, 4:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Westlake, 15-1
\$190,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$300,000 KEE SEP yrl

Epicenter (Not This Time), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
206 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Saratoga, 3:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2ft, Pyralis, 8-1
\$150,000 OBS MAR 2yo
6-Saratoga, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Superior Returns, 8-1
\$25,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$135,000 KEE SEP yrl

Fire At Will (Declaration of War), Mountain View Farm, \$2,500
24 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Saratoga, 3:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2ft, Fire Marshal, 4-1

Flightline (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$125,000
124 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Ellis, 4:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Clear for Takeoff, 12-1
\$575,000 KEE SEP yrl

Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
204 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Colonial Downs, 2:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, La Perico, 30-1
\$3,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$27,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo; \$18,000 RNA OBS OJN 2yo
9-Ellis, 4:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Roosevelt, 6-1
\$475,000 KEE SEP yrl

Greatest Honour (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
117 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Prairie Meadows, 8:33 p.m. EDT, Aoc 5 1/2f, Sofia's Love, 4-1
RNA IOW OCT yrl

Jack Christopher (Munnings), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000
187 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Evangeline Downs, 9:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Andrea Lee, 10-1
5-Colonial Downs, 2:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Princess Chanty, 12-1

\$60,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$65,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Life Is Good (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$60,000
133 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Saratoga, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Get My Good Side,
12-1
\$80,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$140,000 EAS MAY 2yo
4-Century Mile, 9:45 p.m. EDT, \$50K Princess Margaret S., 6f,
Northlander, 10-1
\$115,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Mandaloun (Into Mischief), Juddmonte Farms, \$10,000
100 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Century Mile, 10:15 p.m. EDT, \$50K Canadian Juvenile S., 6f,
Let's Get Rowdy, 4-1
\$25,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$4,500 FTD OCT yrl

Mind Control (Stay Thirsty), Rockridge Stud, \$6,000
123 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Saratoga, 3:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Gnosis, 6-1
\$70,000 SAR AUG yrl

Nashville (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$12,500
140 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Prairie Meadows, 8:33 p.m. EDT, Aoc 5 1/2f, Potential Sam,
3-1
\$95,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$160,000 KEE SEP yrl

Speaker's Corner (Street Sense), Darley, \$10,000
111 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Evangeline Downs, 8:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Charming Gail, 7-2
\$45,000 TTA YRL yrl

Strike Power (Speightstown), Red River Farm
20 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Evangeline Downs, 8:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Ms Toussaud, 4-1
\$10,000 BSL Y&M yrl

LEADING FIRST-CROP SIRES OF 2026

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	Strs	Wnrs	Earnings
1	Golden Pal	0	3	47	16	\$1,020,603
2	Life Is Good	1	3	33	10	\$941,411
3	Roadster	1	2	22	10	\$622,808
4	Highly Motivated	0	0	24	10	\$308,104
5	Jack Christopher	0	1	29	8	\$414,433

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 2026 Stud Fees Listed

By My Standards (Goldencents), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
132 foals of racing age/33 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Prairie Meadows, 9:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Queen's
Standard, 4-1
\$15,000 IOW OCT yrl

Charlatan (Speightstown), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$25,000
323 foals of racing age/49 winners/7 black-type winners
1-Del Mar, 5:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Smashing Machine, 5-2
\$200,000 KEE SEP yrl

Independence Hall (Constitution), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
196 foals of racing age/46 winners/3 black-type winners
9-Saratoga, 5:44 p.m. EDT, \$200K Fleet Indian S., 1 1/8m,
Victory Hall, 15-1
\$30,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$45,000 RNA OBS
APR 2yo

Knicks Go (Paynter), Kor, private
170 foals of racing age/58 winners/3 black-type winners
1-Del Mar, 5:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Semper Strong, 5-1
\$100,000 FTK OCT yrl

No Parole (Violence), Whispering Oaks Farm, \$2,000
33 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Evangeline Downs, 8:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Cajun Caviar, 5-1
\$18,000 TTA APR 2yo

Pound for Pound (Redding Colliery), Blue Star Racing
7 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Evangeline Downs, 8:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, I'm a Pound, 8-1

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Rock Your World (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
224 foals of racing age/66 winners/3 black-type winners
9-Saratoga, 5:44 p.m. EDT, \$200K Fleet Indian S., 1 1/8m, Unlock
the Value, 9-2, \$50,000 FTK OCT yr!

Shoplifted (Into Mischief), Valor Farm, \$4,500
33 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Remington, 10:57 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, He's So Handsome, 12-1

Yaupon (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$60,000
325 foals of racing age/73 winners/15 black-type winners
9-Ellis, 4:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Bombarino, 20-1
\$110,000 KEE SEP yr!; \$140,000 OBS APR 2yo
9-Ellis, 4:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Moonfire, 20-1
\$32,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$155,000 RNA FTK OCT yr!; \$195,000
RNA OBS APR 2yo
9-Saratoga, 5:44 p.m. EDT, \$200K Fleet Indian S., 1 1/8m,
Venetta, 5-2
\$25,000 RNA KEE SEP yr!



IN BRITAIN:

One Number, c, 2, **Jack Christopher**. See "Britain".



STAKES RESULTS:

NEW YORK STALLION CAB CALLOWAY S., \$150,000, Saratoga,
8-20, (C), 3yo, 1mT, 1:36.60, fm.

1--**CHUMMERS**, 124, g, 3, **Combatant--Giant Bird**, by Colonel
John. (\$6,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT). O-Blue Bison Stable; B-Levings
Racing LLC (NY); T-Raymond Handal; J-Dylan Davis. \$82,500.
Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-0, \$291,340.

2--**A Little At First**, 122, g, 3, **War Dancer--Brazo de Oro**, by
First Dude. O-Roger Cimborra, Jr.; B-Roger Cimborra (NY);
T-Horacio De Paz. \$30,000.

3--**Jaxer**, 124, g, 3, **Slumber (GB)**--Lost Ticket, by More Than
Ready. O-Head of Plains Partners LLC; B-Head of Plains, LLC
(NY); T-H. Graham Motion. \$18,000.

Margins: NK, 5, 3/4. Odds: 3.26, 1.66, 2.31.



Chummers (outside) | Sarah Andrew

CTHS SALES S., (NB) C\$50,750, Assiniboia Downs, 8-19, (C), 2yo,
5 1/2f, 1:07.16, ft.

1--**CIRCLE THE BIRD**, 122, f, 2, **Speculating--Sweet Tizzy Lizzy**,
by **Tiznow**. (C\$4,500 Ylg '25 CTHMAN). O-MacKenzie, Scott
and Leonard, Madison; B-Keaton & Aiden Ziprick (MB);
T-Michael Nault; J-Kerron Khelawan. C\$30,600. Lifetime
Record: 2-2-0-0, \$31,152.

2--**Maximum Up roar**, 123, g, 2, **Malibu Max--Trappiza**, by
Trappe Shot. (C\$7,500 Ylg '25 ALBMIX). *1ST-TIME STARTER.
O-Musgrove, Donald H. & Clowers, Bradley; B-WorkWize Ent.
Stables (AB); T-Keith Pedersen. C\$10,200.

3--**Poshdaddy**, 123, g, 2, **Kantharos--Queenofthepulpit**, by Holy
Bull. (C\$9,500 RNA Ylg '25 CTHMAN). *1ST-TIME STARTER.
O/B-Rivers North Racing (SK); T-Terry Neubuhr. C\$5,100.
Margins: 10 1/4, 1HF, 1. Odds: 0.30, 10.05, 21.50.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Saratoga, \$110,000, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 8-20,
3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.83, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

VALTELLINA (f, 4, **Complexity--Take Charge Sue**, by **Take Charge
Indy**) Lifetime Record: SW, 16-3-3-2, \$401,880. O-Pavilion
Racing; B-Thorostock, LLC (NY); T-Raymond Handal. *\$67,000
Ylg '23 SARAUG.

6th-Colonial Downs, \$87,900, (C), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000),
8-20, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:34.15, ft, neck.

MASAKADO (g, 5, **First Samurai--Trust in Hope**, by Bernardini)
Lifetime Record: 37-9-4-10, \$270,175. O-Larry Metz;
B-Catherine Zoc (KY); T-Richard P. Sillaman. *\$40,000 Ylg '22
KEEJAN; \$120,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$77,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.
**Full to Synthesis, MGSP, \$760,581.

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7th-Colonial Downs, \$70,800, 8-20, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.26, fm, neck.

FIRMANTOWN (c, 4, War Front--No Sweat {MSP, \$121,383}, by Blame) Lifetime Record: 19-4-5-1, \$169,856. O-Michael Scheffres; B-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables (KY); T-Carlos A. Mancilla. *\$80,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$17,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$14,000 2yo '24 FTDDE. **1/2 to Bull by the Horns (**Essential Quality**), SW & GSP, \$237,115.

8th-Delaware, \$46,150, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 8-20, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.83, ft, 1/2 length.

MAGICAL WAYS (g, 7, Maclean's Music--You Make Luvin Fun, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime Record: 41-10-4-9, \$455,453. O-JKX Racing; B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Ernesto Padilla-Preciado. *\$65,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$400,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Crystal Visions (**Bee Jersey**), SP, \$205,047.

6th-Delaware, \$45,850, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 8-20, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.41, ft, 3 lengths.

INTOGAGE (g, 3, Engage--Ecliptical Mary, by In Summation) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$58,670. O-Jeffrey W. Parthemore & Nicolby Racing Stable LLC; B-Maria M. Haire (MD); T-Mark V. Salvaggio. *\$14,000 Ylg '24 OBSOCT; \$120,000 2yo '25 EASMAY.

3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$43,000, (S), 8-20, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.18, gd, 1 1/2 lengths.

ONE MORE QUESTION (f, 4, Santiva--Perfect Question {SP}, by Perfect Circle) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-0, \$91,790. O-Tracey Wisner Racing LLC; B-Shane Spiess (IN); T-Tracey J. Wisner.

9th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$39,600, (S), 8-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.18, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

FOREVER GREEDY (g, 4, Forever d'Oro--Greedy American, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 23-4-6-2, \$181,617. O-Thirstyacres Racing LLC; B/T-Tianna Richardville (IN).

6th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$39,400, (S), 8-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47.64, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

SCREAMIN NINA (f, 4, Turbo Compressor--Northern Screamer, by Northern Afleet) Lifetime Record: 14-5-4-0, \$146,080. O-Dave Hearn; B-David L. Hearn (IN); T-Stephen V. Fosdick.

8th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$20,425, 8-19, (NW29MX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.13, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

GONE BOY (c, 4, Improbable--Brushed by a Star {MGSW & GISP, \$644,031}, by Eddington) Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-0, \$62,570. O-Richie's World Stables LLC; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Juan C. Vazquez. *\$75,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$35,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR.



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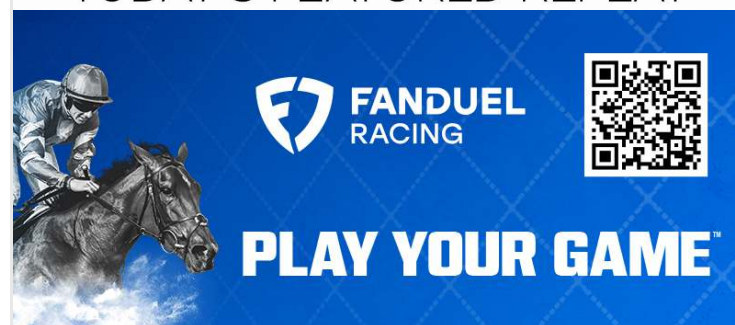
Princess Orlaith, f, 2, Gamble's Exchange--Golden Vision (MSW & GSP, \$372,849), by Court Vision. Woodbine, 8-20, (C), 5f (AWT), :59.44. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,156. B-Elizabeth Lickrish & Gordon M. Lickrish (ON). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Charlie's Prize, g, 3, Lent--Curlin's Prize, by Curlin. Assiniboia Downs, 8-19, 1m, 1:43.24. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-2, \$20,571. B-Prescott Farms (BC). *C\$8,900 RNA Ylg '24 BRCAUG. **SP.

Slobberknocker, c, 3, Tacitus--Vita Bella, by Super Saver. Delaware, 8-20, 1m, 1:39.89. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$42,900. B-Equine Futures LLC (KY). *\$110,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. **1/2 to West Memorial (Caracaro), SW, \$174,016.

Escapades, g, 4, Into Mischief--Verdana Bold (GSW-Can, SP-USA, \$331,297), by Rahy. Saratoga, 8-20, (C), 5 1/2fT, 1:02.45. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$40,550. B-Edward A. Seltzer, Beverly Anderson & Krista Seltzer (KY). *Full to Lucrezia, MSW & GSP, \$219,640; 1/2 to Copperplate (**Curlin**), SP-Can, SP-USA, \$221,527; Ghalia (Medaglia d'Oro), SW, \$168,800.

TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



CASH BURN (f, 2, Nyquist) romps on debut at the Spa.
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Combatant, Chummers, g, 3, o/o Giant Bird, by Colonel John.
New York Stallion Cab Calloway S., 8-20, Saratoga

Complexity, Valtellina, f, 4, o/o Take Charge Sue, by **Take Charge Indy**. AOC, 8-20, Saratoga

Engage, Intogage, g, 3, o/o Ecliptical Mary, by In Summation.
AOC, 8-20, Delaware

First Samurai, Masakado, g, 5, o/o Trust in Hope, by Bernardini.
AOC, 8-20, Colonial Downs

Forever d'Oro, Forever Greedy, g, 4, o/o Greedy American, by
Quiet American. ALW, 8-19, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Gamble's Exchange, Princess Orlaith, f, 2, o/o Golden Vision, by
Court Vision. MOC, 8-20, Woodbine



Complexity's Valtellina | Sarah Andrew

Improbable, Gone Boy, c, 4, o/o Brushed by a Star, by
Eddington. ALW, 8-19, Mountaineer

Into Mischief, Escapades, g, 4, o/o Verdana Bold, by Rahy. MCL,
8-20, Saratoga

Lent, Charlie's Prize, g, 3, o/o **Curlin's** Prize, by **Curlin**. MSW,
8-19, Assiniboia

Liam's Map, Caldera, c, 4, o/o Send Me On My Way, by Tiznow.
AOC, 8-20, Colonial Downs



Nyquist's Cash Burn | Sarah Andrew

Maclean's Music, Magical Ways, g, 7, o/o You Make Luvin Fun,
by A.P. Indy. AOC, 8-20, Delaware

Nyquist, Cash Burn, f, 2, o/o Three Hawk, by **Violence**. MSW,
8-20, Saratoga

Santiva, One More Question, f, 4, o/o Perfect Question, by
Perfect Circle. ALW, 8-20, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Speculating, Circle the Bird, f, 2, o/o Sweet Tizzy Lizzy, by
Tiznow. CTHS Sales S., 8-19, Assiniboia

Tacitus, Slobberknocker, c, 3, o/o Vita Bella, by Super Saver.
MSW, 8-20, Delaware

Tiz the Law, Tap the Gin, g, 3, o/o Moon Rainbow, by Smart
Strike. AOC, 8-20, Del Mar

Turbo Compressor, Screamin Nina, f, 4, o/o Northern Screamer,
by Northern Afleet. ALW, 8-20, Horseshoe Indianapolis

War Front, Firmantown, c, 4, o/o No Sweat, by **Blame**. ALW,
8-20, Colonial Downs

Yaupon, For the Money, f, 2, o/o For All the Grands, by **Tale of Ekati**. MSW, 8-20, Colonial Downs



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KALPANA HOLDS SPARAN NUA IN YORKSHIRE OAKS THRILLER



Kalpana (right) | Racingfotos.com

by Sean Cronin

Thursday's £600,000 G1 Legends Global Yorkshire Oaks promised to be a renewal for the ages and it delivered on that guarantee as three-time elite-level heroine **Kalpana** (Study Of Man) inched out the Jim Bolger-trained **Sparan Nua** (Dawn Approach) in a thriller and collected a fifth Group 1 victory in as many weeks for the relentless Juddmonte-Andrew Balding axis.

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TIMEFORM'S TOP JUVENILES: PUSH THE BOAT OUT A SMART PROSPECT FOR KODI BEAR

By Adam Houghton

The Timeform rankings return to highlight the top-rated maiden/novice winners in Britain and Ireland from the last fortnight (August 3-16), including a new 'TDN Rising Star' and a Kodi Bear colt with a poignant backstory.

=5. REAL BULLET (GB)

Mehmas (Ire)--Aldana (GB), by Slade Power (Ire)

Timeform performance rating: 90

Trained by George Boughey, Real Bullet made it two from two when winning the 6f novice run at Windsor on August 10, showing much-improved form to follow up his debut success over the same course and distance four weeks earlier. At the line he was two lengths clear of Wateera (Dandy Man), who was favoured in the betting as the 8-11 favourite but ultimately had no response when brushed aside by this strong-travelling son of Mehmas in the final furlong. [Cont. p7](#)

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HOW OWNER MICHAEL IMPERIO BROKE THE STORY OF PP-GATE

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Group-placed Night In Vegas (Lucky Vega) (right) will represent Eve Johnson Houghton and Kennet Valley Racing in Saturday's Tattersalls Somerville Auction Stakes. A full field of 20 runners has been declared for the £200,000 event over Newmarket's July Course. | Tattersalls

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The daughter of No Nay Never steamed home to win the G2 Sky Bet Lowther Stakes.

11 | HARRY'S HALF MILLION GOES TO SUN GODDESS

The Group 1-winning daughter of Sioux Nation dominated the Harry's Half Million at York by six lengths on Thursday.

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G1 Yorkshire Oaks Cont. from p1

"You knew after going a couple of furlongs it was going to be messy and passing the three [furlong marker] I thought the pacemaker was gone," said Juddmonte's Barry Mahon. "Colin [Keane] had to commit probably a bit sooner than he wanted. He had to chase her down a little bit, so she was always going to be vulnerable to something closing late, but she's gutsy and knows where the line is. She put her head down and it wasn't pretty, but she got the job done and that's the main thing. Fast ground, slow ground, she's just very versatile and the ultimate pro now. She's fully matured now at five years of age and keeps answering all the questions, so it's wonderful."

With connections' G1 Juddmonte International hero Item also in the mix for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Mahon spoke of future logistics. "We have the horse from yesterday, so whether he'll go to the Arc and we wait for Ascot [and the G1 British

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Champions Fillies & Mares] with this filly, we have to sit down and discuss all that," he added. "It's a nice problem to have. Item is definitely a top-of-the-ground horse and he got away with the good-to-soft here yesterday. Colin said this filly doesn't enjoy

the softer ground as much as she did last year and felt she enjoyed the faster ground in Ascot more than she did today. I wouldn't have thought we'd run both in the Arc, but that will be the owners' decision. Ascot was always the target with this filly and it would make sense to sidestep the Arc if the ground is good, but that's a big 'if'. She probably will retire at the end of the year and whether she'll finish at Ascot, or whether she'll go to the Breeders' Cup, there's

a lot of variables to work out."

The 10-11 favourite was settled way off the pace of this Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" in seventh as Ballydoyle's G1 Oaks third **Sugar Island** (Dubawi) established a clear lead up front. [Cont. p4](#)

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G1 Yorkshire Oaks Cont.

Leading the pursuit to reduce the rabbit's 20-length buffer in the straight, she used up more energy than ideal in getting to the front approaching the final furlong and was running on vapours as Newtown Anner's G1 Irish Oaks third powered home late to make it a pixel-splitter at the line.

Last year's winner **Minnie Hauk** (**Frankel**) stayed on in pleasing fashion to finish 2 1/2 lengths back in third, herself 3 1/2 lengths clear of G2 Ribblesdale victrix **Earth Shot** (Time Test) in fourth.

"We are thrilled," said Newtown Anner Stud's PJ Colville after Sparan Nua's runner-up finish.

"We went to Leopardstown on a fact-finding mission and just wanted to drop her back to a mile last time. She races a little bit lazily sometimes and we thought a mile might just sharpen her up for today. We just got a little bit squeezed a furlong-and-a-half out and that just maybe stopped our momentum for a

second. She showed a lot of guts and the wheels are back on, but I'm not yet sure where we will go. We will speak to Jim [Bolger] and Maurice [Regan], but she could go to the [G2] Blandford over a mile-and-a-quarter, the [G1] Prix de l'Opera in France and then you have the [G1] Fillies & Mares at Ascot. She seemed to handle the ground, she got through it so that's important coming into the autumn."

Reflecting on the run of last year's winner Minnie Hauk, Aidan O'Brien said, "She ran very well. Sugar Island was there for everyone, so that did not affect Minnie Hauk's performance."

Pedigree Notes

Kalpana is the eighth of 11 foals and leading performer from a half-dozen winners produced by Listed Prix Petite Etoile victrix Zero

Gravity (Dansili), herself a full-sister to G1 Grand Prix de Paris-winning sire Zambezi Sun and the dual stakes-placed Shared Account. [Cont. p5](#)



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G1 Yorkshire Oaks Cont.

Zero Gravity is also a half-sister to G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano victor Kalabar (Kahyasi) and the multiple Group-placed G2 Prix Eugene Adam runner-up World Heritage (Kahyasi).

Shared Account, in turn, is the dam of four stakes performers headed by dual Group 3 winner Better Together (Oasis Dream) and G3 Prix des Reservoirs and GIII Athenia Stakes victrix Pocket Square (Night Of Thunder).

The winner, who hails from the family of G1 July Cup and G1 Prix de l'Abbaye hero Continent (Lake Coniston), is kin to a yearling filly by **Chaldean**.

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Thursday, York, Britain

LEGENDS GLOBAL YORKSHIRE OAKS-G1, £600,000, York, 8-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 11f 188yT, 2:36.00, g/s.

1--**KALPANA (GB)**, 135, m, 5, by **Study Of Man (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Zero Gravity (GB) (SW-Fr)**, by **Dansili (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Imbabala (GB)**, by **Zafonic**

3rd Dam: **Interval (Ire)**, by **Habitat**

O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd; T-Andrew Balding; J-Colin Keane. £340,260. Lifetime Record: MG1SP-Ire,

18-9-6-2, \$3,645,538. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#), or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

2--**Sparan Nua (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, **Dawn Approach (Ire)**--Sparanai, by Leroidesanimaux (Brz). O-Newtown Anner Stud Farm; B/T-Jim Bolger. £129,000.

3--**Minnie Hawk (Ire)**, 135, f, 4, **Frankel (GB)**--Multilingual (GB), by Dansili (GB). (€1,850,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR). O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-B V Sangster; T-Aidan O'Brien. £64,560.

Margins: SHD, 2HF, 3HF. Odds: 0.91, 25.00, 4.00.

Also Ran: **Earth Shot (Ire)**, **Tattycoram (GB)**, **Johanna Walsh (Ire)**, **Sugar Island (Ire)**, **Inis Mor (Fr)**, **Legacy Link (GB)**.



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LIBERTANGO WINS THE LOWTHER, BREEDERS' CUP IN HER SIGHTS

by Tom Frary

Entering Thursday's G2 Sky Bet Lowther Stakes the proven one, the Albany winner **Libertango** (**No Nay Never**) emerged best in the York contest to further enhance her record.

Buried behind the main group by jockey Billy Loughnane as he switched from the stands' side to the centre, the 3-1 second favourite was eventually delivered on the far rail to overhaul the 9-4 market-leader **Star Of State** (State Of Rest) and prevail by half a length. Juddmonte's blueblood **Jolivette** (Wootton Bassett) was a further length behind the Joseph O'Brien-trained TDN Rising Star in third.

Beaten in Newmarket's Duchess Of Cambridge Stakes following her Royal Ascot success, Vefa Ibrahim Araci's 400,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up purchase was putting matters right here with her rider blaming himself for her last defeat. "I thought Joseph's filly would stay and I got it wrong at Newmarket, as she's a filly who enjoys having a target for as long as possible," Loughnane said. "Ascot to Newmarket is a quick turnaround and she's had a bit of time after that to strengthen up and relax. She might get a little bit further in time, but at the moment she's all about speed."

George Boughey has only the sprint tests in mind for the moment. "She's all about speed and it'll be the Cheveley Park now and maybe on to the Breeders' Cup after," he said. "She needs that bit of trouble in running and she'll love it in America. I do think when we see her back in trip at five, we might see an

even more explosive filly so it'll be the Sprint Turf at Keeneland rather than the mile."

"We had a bit of a gameplan to try and come across, we wanted to get on the back of the ones that we thought were going to take us closest into the race," he added. "She needs to find a tail, get into a bit of trouble and massive credit to Billy as he did exactly what we tried to do at Ascot. The ground slightly dampened the enthusiasm, but she got away with it."

Despite sticking to the speed tests at two, Boughey was not

ruling out training Libertango for the 1,000 Guineas in the spring. "I think naturally you have to train a horse for a race like the Guineas, but the Commonwealth Cup is there for her to come back to," he explained. "My suspicion is that she will look very fast when it comes to the trials and we go Pavilion before Royal Ascot, but all cards are on the table at the moment."

Joseph O'Brien said of Star Of State, "She's proven she's a high-class filly today and we think the best is yet to come. The winner is

obviously a top-class filly and she picked our pocket a bit, but I like ours long-term. Undoubtedly she'll stay further than this, but there's no rush to lock in to her next target. I think she's an exciting filly for the future."

Pedigree Notes

Libertango is the first of three current foals out of the dam, all by **No Nay Never**, with Ein Gedi (Oasis Dream) being a full-sister to the owner's Solario Stakes winner Aktabantay and half to the Prix Imprudence-winning Spanish champion two-year-old filly Reina Madre (**Kingman**). **Cont. p7**



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G2 Lowther Stakes Cont.

The second dam Splashdown (Falbrav), who captured the Ballymacoll Stud Stakes, is kin to the Height of Fashion winner Cosmodrome (Bahri) and Theatrical's Graded-Stakes-placed sire Tadreeb.

Her yearling colt was a €620,000 purchase by Rob Speers for Old Mill Stud during Monday's session of the Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale, while her 2026 offering by the sire is a filly.

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Thursday, York, Britain

SKY BET LOWTHER STAKES-G2, £250,000, York, 8-20, 2yo, f, 6ft, 1:13.66, g/s.

1--**LIBERTANGO (IRE)**, 128, f, 2, by **No Nay Never**

1st Dam: Ein Gedi (Ire), by Oasis Dream (GB)

2nd Dam: Splashdown (GB), by Falbrav (Ire)

3rd Dam: Space Time (Fr), by Bering (GB)

(€130,000 Ylg '25 ARAUG; 400,000gns 2yo '26 TATBRE). O-Mr V I Araci; B-Lynch Bages & Camas Park Stud; T-George Boughey; J-Billy Loughnane. £141,775. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$329,617. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. ***Triple Plus***.

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2--**Star Of State (Ire)**, 128, f, 2, State Of Rest (Ire)--Nations Alexander (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire). **TDN Rising Star**. **1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE**. (€85,000 Ylg '25 TATIRY). O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Mount Armstrong Stud; T-Joseph O'Brien. £53,750.

3--**Jolivette (GB)**, 128, f, 2, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Jovial (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE**. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd; T-Andrew Balding. £26,900.

Margins: HF, 1, 2 3/4. Odds: 3.00, 2.25, 25.00.

Also Ran: Miss Kodi (Ire), Sexy Chick (GB), Wild Blossom (Ire), Crownbreaker (Ire), In The Black (GB), Ruby Moon (Ire), Angels Passing (Ire), Big Negotiator (GB), Bint Archange (Ire), Crystal Queen (Ire), Shimmering Sun (Ire), Love A Giggle (Ire), Desert Sands (Ire), Alta Regina (Ire). Scratched: Livenka, Moonrise.

Timeform Cont.

Karl Burke's Wateera has since taken her form up another notch when finishing third in the Listed St Hugh's Stakes at Newbury, while Real Bullet has reportedly been gelded ahead of his hat-trick bid in the coming weeks. The first winner out of Aldana, who won twice over 6f when trained by Simon Crisford, he must be considered a useful prospect for owner-breeder Shaikh Duajj Al Khalifa.

=5. SHAKESPEARE (GB)

Dubawi (Ire)--Lady Bowthorpe (GB), by Nathaniel (Ire)

Timeform performance rating: 90

Won in recent years by the subsequent Group 1 winners Al Riffa, Diego Velazquez and **Delacroix**, the 7f maiden run at the Curragh on August 9 appears to have delivered another bright prospect this year in the shape of Ballydoyle blueblood Shakespeare, who put his experience to good use to get off the mark at the third attempt.

Making all to win by a length and a half with a bit in hand, the son of Dubawi and G1 Nassau Stakes heroine Lady Bowthorpe was followed home by a pair of promising newcomers from the Joseph O'Brien stable in Benown (**Starspangledbanner**) and Loughrea N Roll (Lope De Vega). It's a maiden which promises to throw up its fair share of winners, with Shakespeare--who cost his connections 1.7 million gns at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale--not one to underestimate when he steps up in grade given the progress he's made with every run so far.



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4. MINSTER MAN (IRE)

Blackbeard (Ire)--Spurofthemoment (GB), by Brazen Beau (Aus)

Timeform performance rating: 91

First-season sire **Blackbeard** is now up to 12 individual winners in Europe at the latest count, with Robert Cowell's Minster Man appealing as potentially one of the most promising we've seen so far after his 5f novice win at Musselburgh on August 7.

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Timeform Cont.

He was sharply away there and then showed a good attitude when tackled entering the final furlong, ultimately winning by nearly two lengths in a decent time.

In victory, Minster Man paid a handsome compliment to Boughy's Evenfall (Harry Angel) (102p), who had given him a fairly comprehensive beating when they were making their respective debuts at Yarmouth on July 23. Evenfall looks destined for bigger and better things, having maintained her unbeaten record in style when following up in a 6f fillies' conditions race at Newbury on August 14.

As for Minster Man, he remains with potential in his own right and is one to look out for in a nursery. A £78,000 purchase at the Goffs UK Doncaster Breeze-up Sale, he has a bit to recommend him on pedigree, too, with his dam being a half-sister to the eight-time winner and G2 Prix du Gros-Chêne third A Moment of Madness (Elnadim).

3. BIN JAHWAR (IRE)

Ghaiyyath (Ire)--Tasaday, by Nayef

Timeform performance rating: 93

A three-runner race contested solely by newcomers isn't the easiest to assess, but even a cautious view of the form shown by Bin Jahwar, an eight-and-a-half-length winner of the 1m novice run at Newmarket on August 15, suggests that the son of Ghaiyyath could be something out of the ordinary.

Sent off the 1-3 favourite to make a successful debut, Bin Jahwar only needed to be shaken up to stride clear of his two rivals in imperious fashion from two furlongs out, producing a powerful, front-running performance that was reminiscent of his sire in his pomp. Certainly, he looked full value for his nomination as a 'TDN Rising Star', with the large 'P' attached to his Timeform master rating (93P) underlining that he is open to significant improvement.

Looking ahead, something like the G2 Royal Lodge Stakes could be on the agenda this autumn for Bin Jahwar, who is bred to stay further than 1m in time. The Godolphin homebred is the fifth winner out of the G2 Prix de la Nonette scorer and G1 Prix de l'Opera second Tasaday, with the others including the G2 Prix Chaudenay hero Manobo ([Sea The Stars](#)) and G2 Celebration Mile runner-up Turgenev (Dubawi).

=1. NABATI (IRE)

Night Of Thunder (Ire)--Pronouncement, by Declaration Of War

Timeform performance rating: 94

Nabati, a stablemate of Bin Jahwar at the Charlie Appleby yard, made the most of a good opportunity to resume winning ways at Newmarket on August 7, justifying odds of 2-5 but not without giving his supporters a few anxious moments. Indeed, it

was only in the final strides of that 6f novice that the son of Night Of Thunder edged to the front to get the verdict by a head, beating the equally promising Tawakal ([Starspangledbanner](#)) (94p), an impressive debut winner at Nottingham the previous month.

In pure form terms, Nabati didn't need to be at his best to make it two wins from three starts, having already run to a useful level when beaten just a neck behind Arapaho Gold (Bayside Boy) (101p) in the Listed Rose Bowl Stakes at Newbury on July 17. As such, his Timeform master rating of 100p remains unchanged, with the way he shaped on the July Course suggesting that a step up to 7f could be the way to go to unlock further improvement.

Bought for 850,000gns at Book 1 of the October Yearling Sale, Nabati is the second foal out of the G3 Ballyogan Stakes runner-up Pronouncement, with the first being Chicago Call (Oasis Dream), who also hit the crossbar at Listed level when second in last year's Blenheim Stakes. This colt is worth following in his search for a black-type breakthrough in the coming weeks.



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=1. PUSH THE BOAT OUT (IRE)

Kodi Bear (Ire)--Brief Angel (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire)

Timeform performance rating: 94

A pair of newcomers came to the fore in the 6f maiden run at the Curragh on August 9, with Michael O'Callaghan's Push The Boat Out showing a good deal of ability in leading home Marco Polo (Night Of Thunder)--the apparent Ballydoyle second string on jockey bookings--by over a length. Interestingly, the runner-up has been declared for the G2 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Gimcrack Stakes at York on Friday, very much having caught the eye at the Curragh when running on well under a considerate ride. [Cont. p9](#)

Timeform Cont.

Push The Boat Out, meanwhile, proved more streetwise on debut, albeit he was perhaps a shade keener than ideal, racing on the heels of the early leaders. With that in mind, it was to his credit that he still looked strong at the finish, staying on well to collar the eventual third, New Bond Street (Havana Grey), close home. Returning to the Curragh just seven days later, New Bond Street was then seen finishing third again in the Listed Juvenile Sprint Stakes over 5f.

That suggests there was a bit of substance to the form of this big-field maiden, with Push The Boat Out certainly appealing as one who will be worth his place in a higher grade. Here's hoping he can develop into a smart colt for O'Callaghan, who bought the son of Kodi Bear for 85,000gns at the Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-up Sale. Poignantly, **O'Callaghan signed for him under the name 'Michael and Harvey'**, in tribute to his close friend and business partner John Fleming, who had tragically died just a week earlier.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

ITEM HIGHEST RATED 3YO IN TRAINING AFTER JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL SCORE



Item | Alamy

Juddmonte's **Item (Frankel)** is now Timeform's highest-rated three-year-old currently in training after his narrow tally in the G1 Juddmonte International at York on Wednesday.

He increased his Timeform rating from 123p to 128p. This puts him one up on Juddmonte International third **Constitution River** (Wootton Bassett) at 127. Item's new rating confirms himself as

a high-class colt and the leader of his age group, following Bow Echo (Night Of Thunder)'s retirement earlier this summer.

Timeform's Andrew Asquith said, "It looked a mouth-watering renewal of the Juddmonte beforehand and, while we didn't see either Ombudsman or **Constitution River** breaking through the 130 barrier, Item still produced a high-class performance to prevail.

"He was worth more than the head winning margin, too, doing well to reel in Almaqam – who traded at 1.01 in running on Betfair – given he didn't get the smoothest passage through.

"Item should have no problem staying a mile and a half on this evidence and this performance puts him in the Arc picture, provided the ground isn't too soft, while he's now also eligible for the \$5-million bonus should he win the G1 Japan Cup later this year."

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STALLION SHARES ADDED TO AKTEM STALLION ONLINE SALE

Five stallions shares and a breeding right have been added to the Aktem Stallion Online Sale, set for September 25.

The **catalogue** already features the stallions **Golden Horde, Taj Mahal, Van Beethoven** and **Dave**.

One share each is available in stakes sire **Armor**, based at Haras de Bouquetot, Haras de Colleville's group sire **Goken**, and Haras du Hoguenet's **Jigme**, who has his first juveniles.

Haras de Beaumont's duo of **Puchkine**, who welcomed his first foals this term, and current juvenile sire **Sealiway** round out the five stallions with shares on offer.

The final new lot is a breeding right in dual-purpose sire **Latrobe**, who is based at Haras de la Tuilerie.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Friday, August 21, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

Bayside Boy (Ire) (New Bay {GB}), Ballylinch Stud

85 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners

15:00-YORK, 250K GII The Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Gimcrack

Stakes (Class 1) (Group 2)6f, **Arapaho Gold (Ire)**

€42,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

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

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

16:45-YORK, 7f, **Benjamin Hornigold (GB)**

€30,000 Baden-Baden September Yearling Sale 2025; €50,000 Tattersalls Ireland Breeze Up 2026
17:57-SALISBURY, 6f, **Chan Noir (GB)**
32,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2025;
£12,600 RNA Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2026;
114,286gns Tattersalls July Sale 2026
17:57-SALISBURY, 6f, **Inmyopinion (GB)**
7,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2025;
£16,800 Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2026

Minzaal (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
115 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
14:35-NEWMARKET, 7f, **Majestic Jude (Ire)**
75,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025;
160,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2026
16:45-YORK, 7f, **Master Celeritas (GB)**
24,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2025;
€110,000 Arqana May 2yo Breeze Up 2026

Naval Crown (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
71 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
15:00-YORK, 250K GII The Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Gimcrack Stakes (Class 1) (Group 2)6f, **Hell of A Spin (Ire)**
€65,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025; €75,000 Tattersalls Ireland Breeze Up 2026

Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
99 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
16:45-YORK, 7f, **Dover Street (Ire)**
€16,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; £62,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025
15:35-YORK, 600K GI The Coolmore **City Of Troy** Nunthorpe Stakes (Class 1) (Group 1)5f, **Pershaada (Ire)**
88,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025
17:57-SALISBURY, 6f, **Storm Force Ten (Ire)**
€50,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 35,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

Stradivarius (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), The National Stud
76 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
14:00-NEWMARKET, 7f, **Give Me A Bow (GB)**

FRANCE

Minzaal (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
115 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
1-CLAIREFONTAINE, 1400m, **Gouyar (Ire)**
€10,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; €27,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025; £30,000 RNA Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026

IRELAND

State of Rest (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**), Rathbarry Stud
79 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
1-KILLARNEY, 8f, **Old Joanie (Ire)**
€38,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025



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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

BRITISH EBF & SIR HENRY CECIL GALTRES STAKES-Listed, £100,000, York, 8-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 11f 188yT, 2:34.94, g/s.

1--**PRIZELAND (GB)**, 126, f, 3, **Territories (Ire)**--**Sensationally (GB)**, by **Montjeu (Ire)**. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (80,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT). O-Mrs M E Wates; B-Meon Valley Stud; T-Andrew Balding; J-Oisin Murphy. £56,710. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0, \$133,271. *Full to Hoo Ya Mal (GB), GSW & G1SP-Eng, GSP-Aus.

2--**Rhapsody (Ire)**, 135, f, 4, **Ghaiyyath (Ire)**--**Soul Searcher (Ire)**, by **Motivator (GB)**. (€110,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR). O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing - Skylark; B-Lynn Lodge Stud; T-William Haggas. £21,500.

3--**Capichera (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, **Australia (GB)**--**Orcia (Ire)**, by **Shamardal**. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Mrs A G Kavanagh; B-Kildaragh Stud; T-Ed Walker. £10,760.

Margins: 3 1/4, SHD, 5. Odds: 11.00, 9.00, 25.00.

Also Ran: Summerson (GB), Vauntingly (Ire), Perfect Your Craft (Ire), Merveilleux Lapin (Ire), Ryka (Ire), K Sarra (GB), Ashariba (Fr), Morrophore (Fr), Club Class (GB), A La Prochaine (Fr). Scratched: Sunshine Star, Without Prejudice.

Listed Sir Henry Cecil Galtres Stakes Cont.

Continuing Andrew Balding's purple patch, Prizeland took a major step forward here on the easy ground she has in all likelihood been waiting for. Runner-up in the Lingfield Oaks Trial and in the Glasgow Stakes at Hamilton last time, she was able to cruise to the fore approaching two out and draw away for an emphatic first black-type success.

"She broke well, but there was a rush on so I ended up just taking a breath and she didn't waste any energy," jockey Oisín Murphy said. "She's improving, she's bred to handle this ground but has never raced on it. She might go to Ascot now, for the Fillies and Mares on Champions Day, or certainly something better anyway."

The dam, whose daughter of Lope De Vega is due to sell at the upcoming Tattersalls October Book 1, has also produced Territories's March Stakes winner and Derby runner-up Hoo Ya Mal. A daughter of the Juddmonte International heroine One So Wonderful (Nashwan) from the family of Lope De Vega's Group 3 scorer Four White Socks, her filly foal is by Palace Pier.

HARRY'S HALF MILLION BY GOFFS (COND), £596,145, York, 8-20, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.47, g/s.

1--**SUN GODDESS (IRE)**, 130, f, 2, by **Sioux Nation**

1st Dam: **Etoile Bleu (Ire)**, by **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**

2nd Dam: **Holly Blue (GB)**, by **Bluebird**

3rd Dam: **Nettle**, by **Kris (GB)**

TDN Rising Star. (£120,000 Ylg '25 GOFFUK). O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Westerberg; B-Owenstown Bloodstock Ltd; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. £293,184. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Ire & GSP-Eng, 6-4-2-0, £606,975.

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2--**Battle Fever (Ire)**, 128, c, 2, Sands Of Mali (Fr)--Miss Gradenko (GB), by Foxwedge (Aus). (£50,000 Ylg '25 GOFFUK). O-Allan Kerr & Partner; B-Ballyhane Stud; T-Kevin Ryan. £117,321.

3--**Speed Of Sound (Ire)**, 123, f, 2, **Sioux Nation**--All Speed (Ire), by Camacho (GB). (€42,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOF; £70,000 Ylg '25 GOFFUK). O-Phil Cunningham; B-D & E Phelan; T-Richard Spencer. £58,661.

Margins: 6, 3/4, NK. Odds: 1.00, 80.00, 40.00.

Also Ran: **Pride Of Toledo (Ire)**, **Satellite Of Love (Ire)**, **The Bookkeeper (Ire)**, **Secret Society (Ire)**, **Thebesthasyetcome (Ire)**, **It Dunt Marra (GB)**, **Rollthedicebaby (Ire)**, **Vollering (Ire)**, **Quillan (Ire)**, **Furturra (GB)**, **Glorious Game (GB)**, **Weekend Roar (Ire)**, **Tokaido (GB)**, **Kodiak Breeze (Ire)**, **Niewiadoma (Ire)**, **Innichen (Ity)**, **Mind Those Steps (GB)**. Scratched: **Where Love Lives (Ire)**, **Blake's Monarch (Ire)**.

We already knew that Ballydoyle's Sun Goddess was the real

deal after her Phoenix Stakes win, but Thursday's display in York's Harry's Half Million By Goffs was something to behold.

Left at the back on the unfavoured part of the track from the outset, the even-money favourite who had brushed aside Group 1 company on quick ground at The Curragh 11 days earlier was playing catch-up under Ryan Moore even before she was badly hampered passing two out.

What followed was hard to fathom, as she went from a game-over scenario to in front within the space of a furlong before bounding into clear daylight to win in a time marginally quicker than the preceding Lowther. Six lengths separated her from the 80-1 outsider Battle Fever, with Speed Of Sound 3/4 of a length away in third.

"She's obviously a very good filly, but we weren't sure about soft ground," Aidan O'Brien said. "They went very fast and she's best ridden that way. It would have been easy to put her away, but she came out of the race well and this is a great initiative, so we came here instead of the Group 2 as she's already a Group 1 winner. She's a Cheveley Park filly and then she could go to the Breeders' Cup over a mile."

Moore added, "She's very professional, they went hard early and I got a bit pushed down, one rolled on top of me but I got out in plenty of time. It's not ideal when you get a trip like that, but she's a Group 1 winner and won easy. She was always doing it very easy."

Sun Goddess is currently the last known foal out of the unraced Etoile Bleu (**Starspangledbanner**), a half-sister to the four-times South African Group winner Gibraltar Blue (Rock Of Gibraltar) and the Phoenix Sprint Stakes winner Scream Blue Murder (Oratorio). The latter's Listed-winning and Group 2-placed daughter Too Soon To Panic (**Gleneagles**) is the dam of the recent Prix Jean Prat and Jersey Stakes hero Thesecretadversary (**St Mark's Basilica**).

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3rd-Newcastle, £13,000, Nov, 8-20, 2yo, f, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:27.82, st.

SPIRITED GESTURE (GB) (f, 2, Kingman {GB}--Helleborine {GB} {GSW & G1SP-Fr}, by Observatory), a G2 Rockfel and G1 Fillies' Mile nominee who powered to TDN Rising Stardom going seven furlongs at Newmarket earlier this month, raced under a seven-pound penalty and was without cover until easing into the wake of Noccalula Falls (Soldier's Call) after the initial exchanges here. Tanking to the front with a quarter-mile remaining, the 1-6 favourite was not for catching thereafter and kept on powerfully to easily account for Angel In My Heart (Harry Angel) by an impressive three lengths.

"She knew she'd had her first run, she jumped into the bridle a bit more and we've seen that at home recently," explained Rab Havlin. "Billy Garrity [aboard Noccalula Falls] went forward and I just slotted across and she dropped in after two-and-a-half [furlongs]. She quickened up nicely, but just idled a bit in the last half-furlong. We got around the corner [after the line] and she went again! She's just learning at the minute and it's only her second run, but she's going the right way and she'll definitely stretch out to a mile. She'll be a much better ride in a better race as they'll be going a stride quicker in those good races and she'll be better dropped in."

Spirited Gesture is the 10th of one dozen foals and one of four scorers out of G3 Prix d'Aumale-winning G1 Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up Helleborine (Observatory), herself a full-sister to G1 Haydock Sprint Cup heroine African Rose.

African Rose is the dam of G3 Princess Margaret Stakes victrix Fair Eva (Frankel) and another full-sister, Needleleaf, is the dam of G1 Vincent O'Brien National Stakes, G1 Dewhurst Stakes and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas hero Native Trail (Oasis Dream).

Spirited Gesture is a full-sister to the ill-fated dual Group-winning sire Calyx, Listed-winning GII Churchill Distaff Turf Mile second Coppice, a yearling colt and a weanling colt.

She is also a half-sister to the dams of Listed Silver Tankard runner-up Calla Lagoon (New Bay) and Listed Yeats Stakes third Willesee (Gleneagles). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$18,585. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd; T-John & Thady Gosden.

2nd-Lingfield, £13,000, Mdn, 8-20, 2yo, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:36.20, st.

ONE NUMBER (c, 2, Jack Christopher--Ghoshinim, by Ghostzapper) hit the board in last month's Listed Pat Smullen Stakes before running fifth to subsequent G3 Acomb third Trean (Bayside Boy) at Galway just over three weeks ago and broke sharply for an immediate lead here. Holding sway throughout, the 4-5 favourite kicked clear off the home turn and surged right away inside the final furlong to easily overpower Berkshire Regal (Calyx) by an impressive 4 1/2 lengths, becoming the first

European--and an overall ninth--winner for his Ashford Stud-based freshman sire (by Munnings).

"He brought some solid form to the race, he's got a laid-back attitude about him and he seemed to handle the surface well," said winning rider David Probert. "I wanted him to use his stride, I built him up from three-and-a-half [furlongs] out and put a bit of stamina into play. I thought his last furlong was good and he did it well, but he was still having a look around so I'm sure there's more to come. He gave me a nice feel and there's plenty of scope for improvement."

One Number is the latest of three live foals and second scorer produced by an unraced granddaughter of the dual stakes-placed Haka Girl (War Chant).

Haka Girl, herself the dam of Listed Spring Cup runner-up Tutu Nguru (Blame), is a half-sister to the multiple Grade II-winning GI John C Mabee runner-up and GI First Lady third Gotta Have Her (Royal Academy). Sales history: \$55,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP; \$140,000 2yo '26 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: SP-Ire, 5-1-1-1, \$19,953.

O-Munir, Souede, MacLennan, et al; B-First Row Partners (KY); T-Joseph O'Brien.

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HANDICAP RESULTS:

3rd-York, £150,000, Hcp, 8-20, 3yo/up, 7f 192yT, 1:40.20, g/s.

THE LOST KING (GB) (g, 4, Kingman {GB}--King Power {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Frankel {GB}) Lifetime Record: 13-5-1-2, \$240,590. O/B-King Power Racing Company Ltd; T-Andrew Balding.

6th-York, £100,000, Hcp, 8-20, 2yo, 7fT, 1:29.34, g/s.

MIA FANTASIA (IRE) (c, 2, Make Believe {GB}--Ombra Mia {Ire}, by Olympic Glory {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$84,043.

O-South By Northwest Partnership; B-Kildaragh Stud; T-Hugo Palmer. *€40,000 Ylg '25 TATIRY.

7th-York, £100,000, Hcp, 8-20, 3yo/up, f, 7fT, 1:27.55, g/s.

MACHADADORP (GB) (f, 3, Mehmas {Ire}--Maid To Remember {GB} {GSP-Eng & US}, by Redoute's Choice {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$105,792. O/B-Cayton Park Stud Ltd; T-Andrew Balding.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Newcastle, £10,000, Nov, 8-20, 3-5yo, f/m, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:27.86, st.

STAR OF COMMALA (IRE) (f, 3, Starman {GB}--Commala {Ire}, by Dawn Approach {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$14,618.

O/T-Jane Chapple-Hyam; B-Farran House Stud & Rocal Bloodstock. *€6,000 Ylg '24 GOFFEB; 4,000gns Ylg '24 TADEY.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Birkacre Brow (GB), f, 2, **A'Ali (Ire)**--Meggy's Dream (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). Lingfield, 8-20, 5f 6y (AWT), :58.57. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$12,553. B-Highfield Farm LLP.

Minkaas (Ire), f, 2, **Minzaal (Ire)**--Luceita (Ire), by **Dawn Approach (Ire)**. Newmarket, 8-20, 6fT, 1:12.72. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$12,226. B-Forenaghts Stud. *11th winner for freshman sire (by Mehmas {Ire}). **€80,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY; £140,000 2yo '26 GOUKB.

Tie A Navyribbon (GB), f, 2, **Mohaather (GB)**--Tie A Yellowribbon (GB), by Poet's Voice (GB). Newmarket, 8-20, 8fT, 1:40.43. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$11,869. B-D Garrad. *5,000gns RNA Ylg '25 TATOCT.

IRELAND

Thursday's Results:**BET WITH TOTE ON RACING & SPORTS IRISH EBF VINNIE ROE**

STAKES-Listed, €50,000, Leopardstown, 8-20, 3yo, 14fT, 3:02.29, g/y.

1--**HIGHWAYMAN (FR)**, 133, c, 3, by **Persian King (Ire)**

1st Dam: Salyana, by Harlan's Holiday

2nd Dam: Saliyna (Fr), by Linamix (Fr)

3rd Dam: Slipstream Queen, by Conquistador Cielo

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€19,000 RNA Ylg '24 ARQDOY). O-John Neocleous; B-Thierry de la Heronniere; T-Joseph O'Brien; J-Scott McCullagh. €30,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$48,468.

2--**Cannes (Ire)**, 133, c, 3, **Sea The Stars (Ire)**--Celeste De La Mer (Ire), by Zoffany (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€310,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; €500,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY). O-Al Shaqab Racing & Stall Perlen AB; B-Langan, Hickey & Sunderland Holding Inc; T-Joseph O'Brien. €10,000.

3--**Piazza San Marco**, 133, c, 3, **St Mark's Basilica (Fr)**--Willow (Ire), by **American Pharoah**. **TDN Rising Star. 1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (KY); T-Aidan O'Brien. €5,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 1 3/4, HD. Odds: 22.00, 3.50, 5.00.

Also Ran: Wyman (Ire), Teologia (Fr), Madbadanddangerous (Ire), Abbotsford (GB), Keepsgettingbetter (Ire), Trojan Fighter (GB).

Highwayman had fared no better than eighth in four outings before streaking to a nine-length tally in a Killarney maiden last month and the G1 St Leger entry made another leap forward with a career high on black-type debut here.

The 22-1 chance tracked the leaders in fourth for most of this

marathon and was hustled into contention rounding the home turn.

Sent wide in early straight, he tackled the pacesetter Wyman (Australia) approaching the furlong marker and was driven out underneath the stands' side rail in the latter stages to defeat stablemate Cannes by 2 1/4 lengths in decisive fashion.

"He's a lovely, straightforward horse with a great temperament and he is improving rapidly," said Mick Halford, representing the winning stable. "He is improving from run to run and I'd say he just needed time. He just took a while to come to himself and, now that he's come to himself, he has really stepped up in spades. It is lovely to see that improvement."

Highwayman is the latest of four foals and one of two scorers out of a half-sister to Listed Wyong Gold Cup third Sayed (Stormy Atlantic).

His second dam Saliyna (Linamix) is a dual-winning full-sister to the multiple Group 1-winning sire Slickly, while descendants of the winner's dual stakes-placed third dam Slipstream Queen (Conquistador Cielo) also include the Group 1 winners **Siyouni** (Pivotal), Siyouma (Medicean) and Siyarafina (Pivotal).



Persian King | Zuzanna Lupa

1st-Leopardstown, €22,000, Mdn, 8-20, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:27.35, g/f.

SO LOVELY (f, 2, Wootton Bassett {GB})--Love {Ire}

{MG1SW-Eng, G1SW-Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}}, the first foal out of her illustrious multiple Group 1 and dual Classic-winning dam, had been second over a mile here on debut and over this seven-furlong trip at the Qatar Goodwood Festival and enjoyed an early lead. Sent to the front three out by Wayne Lordan, the 2-5 favourite kicked off the bend and stayed on strongly for a 1 1/2-length success from the newcomer Zenith Blaze (**Kingman**), Juddmonte's first runner from the Joseph O'Brien stable. **Cont. p14**

1st-Leopardstown Cont.

In a race hosting potential several smart prospects, there was another 1 1/4 lengths back to the third-place dead-heaters Isle Of Capri (Wootton Bassett), a Donnacha O'Brien trainee who was another behind Alpha at the Curragh, and the Ger Lyons-trained Villaray (Showcasing).

"She's a filly that's crying out for a mile," stable representative Chris Armstrong said. "Just the way the programme presented, we thought we'd bring her here and Aidan thought she'd be very hard to beat. The plan is to step her up to a mile. She could be a very high-class filly going forward. Come the end of the year, she could be a filly for something like the Fillies Mile or the Boussac."

Love, who also broke her maiden at the third attempt here before going on to glory five times at the highest level including in the 1,000 Guineas and Oaks, is kin to the Lowther and Cherry Hinton Stakes winner Lucky Kristale (Lucky Story) and Galileo's Group 3 winners Peach Tree and Flattering. Lucky Kristale has produced the Prix Niel-placed Bravais (**Frankel**) while her full-siblings are responsible for the Group and Graded-Stakes-placed Serenity Prayer (Dubawi) and Clever Again (**American Pharoah**). Also connected to the Group winners Arabian Gleam (Kyllachy), Pogo (Zebedee) and Noble Champion (Lope De Vega) and the Japanese heavyweights Sol Oriens (Kitasan Black) and Vin De Garde (Deep Impact), she has visited **Justify** in each of the last three years, with a yearling filly produced so far. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$39,569.

O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor;
B-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt (KY); T-Aidan O'Brien.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Banks Of The Boyne (Ire), g, 2, **Space Traveller (GB)**--High Shine (GB), by Paco Boy (Ire). Leopardstown, 8-20, 7fT, 1:27.09. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$27,675. B-Ms Ethel Anne Moloney. *6th winner for freshman sire (by **Bated Breath {GB}**). **€3,000 Ylg '25 GOAUJR.

Uncle Goalie (Ire), c, 3, **Galileo Gold (GB)**--Ardingly (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Leopardstown, 8-20, 8fT, 1:42.19. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$13,020. B-Kevin Quinn. *€30,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY.

FRANCE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

The Pistol Star (Fr), f, 3, **Sea The Stars (Ire)**--Ambivalence (Ire) (SP-Fr), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Deauville, 8-20, 12 1/2f (AWT), 2:43.03. B-Petra Bloodstock Agency & Ecurie de Meautry.

Imdala (Ire), f, 3, **Siyouni (Fr)**--Imera (Fr), by Paco Boy (Ire). Le Lion d'Angers, 8-20, 7fT, 1:27.84. B-Aga Khan Studs.

Sevenna's Bay (Ger), f, 4, **New Bay (GB)**--Sevenna (Fr) (GSW-Eng), by Galileo (Ire). Le Lion d'Angers, 8-20, 15fT, 3:23.25. B-Gestut Ammerland. *1/2 to Sevenna's Knight (Ger) (**Camelot {GB}**), MGSW & MG1SP-Fr; Sevenna Star (Ire) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), GSW-Eng; Savanne (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), GSW-Fr; Sassella (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), SW-Fr; and Samurai (Ire) (Shamardal), SW-Swi.



WINNERS BY
EUROPEAN SIREs

IN AUSTRALIA:

Narbold (Aus), g, 5, **Churchill (Ire)**--Noblest (GB), by Pivotal (GB). Hawkesbury RC, 8-20, Listed Rowley Mile, 1600mT, 1:36.38, sf. B-Rosemont Stud (Vic). *1/2 to Palm Angel (**Starspangledbanner**), GSW-Aus, \$232,677. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

VANDEEK TO MISS SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE COVERING SEASON WITH TENDON INJURY



Vandeek | Arrowfield Stud

Dual Group 1 winner **Vandeek** will miss the Southern Hemisphere covering season after sustaining a tendon injury in quarantine, Arrowfield Stud announced on X. The son of Havana Grey was due to cover his second book of mares Down Under.

"Vandeek sustained an injury to a tendon in his hind limb while undergoing quarantine in Victoria," Arrowfield Stud said of the Prix Morny and Middle Park Stakes winner in a statement.

"Following consultation with the veterinary team responsible for his care, it has been determined that the injury and the rehabilitation period required will prevent Vandeek from undertaking stallion duties during the 2026 Southern Hemisphere breeding season.

"Vandeek continues to make encouraging progress and is expected to make a full recovery."

The half-brother to G1 Irish 2000 Guineas hero and G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf victor Gstaad (**Starspangledbanner**) stands at Cheveley Park Stud in the Northern Hemisphere, where his first foals arrived this spring. Their Wootton Bassett half-sister **will be offered at the Tattersalls December Foal Sale**.

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AMAZING JOURNEY AIMING FOR THE GOLDEN EAGLE AFTER PRIVATE PURCHASE

Amazing Journey (**Starspangledbanner**) has been bought to race for Ciaron Maher in Australia. Formerly trained by Jamie Osborne, his target is the A\$10-million Golden Eagle on October 31.

Owned by Gallagher Bloodstock for his victory in the £150,000 Moet and Chandon International at Ascot in July, the three-year-old gelding was sold privately afterward. He is traveling to enter quarantine at Harry Charlton's yard, and will travel Down Under with Charlton's G1 Melbourne Cup chance Wine Dark Sea (Ulysses).

Osborne told the *Press Association*: "Will Bourne completed the deal acting for Ciaron Maher and the new connections have the idea of taking him Down Under to aim at the race that Lake Forest (**No Nay Never**) won for William Haggas two years ago.

"It is a four-year-olds only seven-furlong race and while Amazing Journey would have a little bit to go to match Lake Forest he is improving fast."

He added, "That is part of the job and it gives us immense satisfaction to be able to buy a thirty grand yearling and sell it on for a significant sum. When this happens it is very much a success, so I'm pleased for Pat Gallagher who now gets a period of 'free' racing."

Amazing Journey will become a Southern Hemisphere four-year-old on arrival to Australia, with the Melbourne Spring Carnival at Randwick in Sydney kicking off their season.

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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	SCR	SCR	SCR
5	Columbus (Ger)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Angela Shamooin, 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. [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	SCR	SCR	SCR
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]

Saturday, York, post time: 15:00

THE SKY BET CITY OF YORK STAKES-G1, £600,000, 3yo/up, 7fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lake Forest (GB)	No Nay Never	Tony Bloom & Ian McAleavy	William Haggas	Cieren Fallon	134
2	Marvelman (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Bond Thoroughbred Limited	Andrew Balding	P. J. McDonald	134
3	Native Warrior (GB)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Wathnan Racing	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	134
4	Notable Speech (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	134
5	Paborus (GB)	Recoletos (Fr)	Wathnan Racing	Edward Bethell	James Doyle	134
6	Powerful Glory (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum	Richard & Peter Fahey	Jamie Spencer	134
7	Rogue Diplomat (Ire)	Calyx (GB)	The Rogues Gallery	James Owen	Harry Davies	134
8	Satono Reve (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Mr Hajime Satomi	Noriyuki Hori	Joao Moreira	134
9	Ten Bob Tony (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	TBT Racing	Ed Walker	Kieran Shoemark	134
10	Flora Of Bermuda (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	131
11	Lifepan (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Martin Tedham & Wasdell Properties Ltd.	Declan Carroll	Zak Wheatley	129
12	Power Blue (Ire)	Space Blues (Ire)	Amo Racing Limited	Robson De Aguiar	David Egan	129
13	Puerto Rico (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	129
14	Zavateri (Ire)	Without Parole (GB)	Mick and Janice Mariscotti	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	129

Breeders: 1-Sahara Group Holdings, 2-Gigginstown House Stud, 3-Branton Court Stud LLP, 4-Godolphin, 5-Culworth Grounds Farm, 6-C. Marnane, 7-Mrs Noreen McManus, 8-Shirai Stud Farm, 9-Knocktoran Stud, 10-Mr Francisco Bernal, 11-Miss Joann Lyons, 12-Finanza Locale Consulting, 13-April Showers Syndicate, 14-John D. Gunther & TTR Bloodstock.

A fascinating contest complicated by the wet spell that has hit York this week and which might compromise Godolphin’s flagbearer **Notable Speech**. His only encounter with true soft ground resulted in a disappointing fifth in the 2024 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, so Charlie Appleby will be hoping it dries as much as possible. Underfoot conditions are also an unknown for the Lennox winner **Lake Forest**, but are unlikely to be a problem for **Ten Bob Tony** who proved his Queen Anne success was no fluke in the Sussex last time. **Zavateri** was a real eye-catcher in that Goodwood feature, proving he has lost none of his two-year-old potency, and this is probably his ideal trip. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Curragh, post time: 14:50

ALPHA CENTAURI DEBUTANTE STAKES-G2, €78,000, 2yo, f, 7fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Alpha (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd & Mrs John Magnier & M	A P O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128
2	Blonde Over Blue (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Oxley/O'Connor/Ballyhimikin	Joseph O'Brien	Chris Hayes	128
3	Dancing Destiny (Ire)	Magna Grecia (Ire)	Fishdance Limited	Joseph O'Brien	Declan McDonogh	128
4	Green Empress (Ire)	Saxon Warrior (Jpn)	The Thoroughbred Racing Corporation Ltd	Joseph O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	128
5	Ibelieveicanfly	Frankel (GB)	Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier &	A P O'Brien	Ronan Whelan	128

Breeders: 1-Coolmore & Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd, 2-Michael E Wates CBE, 3-Fishdance, 4-Sunderland Holding INC, 5-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt & Flaxman Holdings, Ltd.

All eyes on **Alpha**, whose thunder has been stolen by her sensational stablemate Sun Goddess over the past fortnight but who remains as exciting a Classic prospect as there is in 2026. Back over the course and distance of her emphatic maiden win in June, she probably won’t want the ground to deteriorate as that put paid to her excellent dam’s chances in the Moyglare here in 2017. If it does, the Silver Flash runner-up **Dancing Destiny** could get close again, while **Ibelieveicanfly** has obviously stepped forward markedly since trailing in Alpha’s wake in that maiden. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Curragh, post time: 15:25

COOLMORE STUD CITY OF TROY TOM COOPER IRISH EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND FUTURITY STAKES-G2, €78,000, 2yo, 7fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	City Of Dubai (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Bond Thoroughbred Limited	P Twomey	Billy Lee	131
2	Florida Bay (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Magnier,Tabor,Smith,Westerberg,Brant	A P O'Brien	Ronan Whelan	131
3	Giant Sequoia	Frankel (GB)	Resolute Racing, Coolmore, Westerberg	A P O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	131
4	Green Dreamer (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Declan McDonogh	131
5	Nail House (Ire)	No Nay Never	Tropical Racing	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	131
6	Nola Soul	Justify	Craig Bernick	J A Stack	Seamie Heffernan	131

Breeders: 1-John Connaughton, 2-Kennedy,Wall & Nwc Bloodstock, 3-Resolute Bloodstock LLC, 4-Kilfeacle Stud, 5-Lynn Lodge Stud, 6-John D. Gunther.

Aidan O’Brien has won this 18 times and the course-and-distance Barronstown Stud Maiden winner **Giant Sequoia** is the first string on jockey bookings, but he has the Chesham winner **Nola Soul** to deal with and Fozzy Stack’s runner looks a solid proposition at present. Ballydoyle’s Tyros winner **Florida Bay** could be here to cut out the running, which could end up aiding Nola Soul in turn. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, York, post time: 13:50

THE SKY BET STRENSALL STAKES-G3, £175,000, 3yo/up, 8f 177yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Damysus (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Wathnan Racing	John & Thady Gosden	James Doyle	136
2	Archivist (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	Hamad Al Jehani	Callum Rodriguez	133
3	Dividend (GB)	Kodiac (GB)	Chris Stedman	Dr Richard Newland	Rossa Ryan	133
4	Expanded (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Coolmore/Westerberg/Mrs A. M. O'Brien	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	133
5	Jonquil (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Juddmonte	Andrew Balding	Colin Keane	133
6	Naqeeb (Ire)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Mr N. O'Keeffe	Julie Camacho	Ryan Sexton	133
7	Persica (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Martin Hughes & Michael Kerr-Dineen	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	133
8	Point Lynas (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Julie and David R Martin and Dan Hall	Edward Bethell	Jamie Spencer	133
9	Ridari (Fr)	Churchill (Ire)	Amo Racing Limited	George Scott	David Egan	133
10	Geryon (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Newtown Anner Stud Farm	G. M. Lyons	G. F. Carroll	129
11	Hankelow (Ire)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Exors of the Late Sheikh Mohammed Obaid	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	126
12	King Of Earth (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Mr Ali Abdulla Saeed	William Haggas	Cieren Fallon	126
13	Saber Strike (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Victorious Forever	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	126

Breeders: 1-Newsells Park Stud & Merry Fox Stud, 2-Cheveley Park Stud Limited, 3-Mr G. S. Bishop, 4-Whisperview Trading Ltd, 5-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd, 6-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd, 7-The Applecross Syndicate, 8-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 9-Aga Khan Studs, 10-Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd, 11-George Kent, 12-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 13-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd.

After Item's win in the Juddmonte International, **Damysus's** form in the York Stakes looks a lot better and provided he handles this slower ground is the one to beat. Goodwood's Golden Mile Handicap winner **Archivist** is improving, but meets genuine Group performers and may be in too deep, while the Poule d'Essai des Poulains third **Hankelow** is back over a trip and surface that will suit ideally. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Curragh, post time: 16:35

COMER GROUP INTERNATIONAL IRISH ST LEGER TRIAL STAKES-G3, €42,000, 3yo/up, 14fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Carmers (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Ms Fiona Carmichael	P Twomey	Billy Lee	135
2	Dallas Star (Fr)	Cloth Of Stars (Ire)	Amo Racing Limited	Robson De Aguiar	Seamie Heffernan	135
3	Kizlyar (Ire)	Make Believe (GB)	H O S Syndicate	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	135
4	Layfayette (Ire)	French Navy (GB)	Mrs Patricia Hunt	Noel Meade	Adam Caffrey	135
5	Leinster (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Al Shira'aa Racing	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Declan McDonogh	135
6	Queenstown (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, D Smith, Westerberg	A P O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	135
7	Asakir (Ire)	Zarak (Fr)	Exors of the Late H H Aga Khan	John Patrick Murtagh	Ben Coen	126

Breeders: 1-Westward Bloodstock Ltd, 2-MME E. Dieuaide & Domaine Billard Pere Et Fils, 3-His Highness The Aga Khan's Studs S.C., 4-Matthew Duffy, 5-Al Shira'aa Farms S.A.R.L., 6-Coolmore, 7-His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S.C.

Kizlyar looked a real improver over staying trips when taking the Royal meeting's Ascot Stakes when last seen and will be popular to bridge the gap to Pattern company. Sixth in the Gold Cup, **Carmers** is the obvious danger while **Asakir** comes back after a break having disappointed in the Queen's Vase. [Tom Frary].



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Saturday, York, post time: 16:45

THE JULIA GRAVES ROSES STAKES-Listed, £100,000, 2yo, 5fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Adonius (Ire)	Soldier's Call (GB)	Michael Hughes & Riverdee & West Paces	Rebecca Menzies	Kaiya Fraser	128
2	Dance A Jig (GB)	Naval Crown (GB)	Mr J. C. Smith	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	128
3	Dorigo (Ire)	Space Blues (Ire)	Mrs J. Ryan	Kevin Ryan	Kevin Stott	128
4	Dubai Champion (Ire)	Persian Force (Ire)	Future Champions Racing Syn & MPS Racing	Ben Haslam	Ryan Moore	128
5	El Floridita (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Mr K. Dole	Nigel Tinkler	Tom Marquand	128
6	Hanney Boy (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Miss A. Jones	Miss Evanna McCutcheon	Liam Keniry	128
7	Hickory Lad (Ire)	James Garfield (Ire)	Mr J Toes & Mr J O'Loan	Phillip Makin	Sam James	128
8	Jaan Ki Tukri (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Mr Arjun Waney	Clive Cox	Kieran Shoemark	128
9	Sale Shark (Ire)	Bayside Boy (Ire)	Orange & Owen	Hugo Palmer	Oisin Murphy	128
10	Undercover Affair (Ire)	Havana Grey (GB)	Mr P. D. Evans	David Evans	Saffie Osborne	128
11	Roots In Touche (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Mr Garry Wilkie Wilson & Andy Finneran	Adrian Keatley	M. P. Sheehy	123
12	Silesia (GB)	Zoustar (Aus)	Mrs Angie Bailey	Kevin Ryan	Shane Gray	123

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Second in the Molecomb, **Adonius** sets the standard and is one who has already shown a liking for slow ground when recording his impressive debut win. **Dance A Jig** comes off a confidence booster at Haydock and is bred to progress with racing, while Ryan Moore sticks with **Dubai Champion** having gone so close on him in a competitive nursery at the Qatar Goodwood Festival. [Tom Frary].

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	5	Majnoun (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Graffard	Barzalona	126
2	2	Rosberg (GB)	Palace Pier (GB)	Burke	Jamin	126
3	1	Quinte Flush Aas (Ire)	Golden Pal	Bellemere	Madamet	126
4	3	Big Money Man (Ire)	No Nay Never	C Head	Guyon	126
5	4	Jaminus (GB)	Australia (GB)	Plisson	Protti	126

Bond Thoroughbred's **Big Money Man** had subsequent G3 Prix Francois Boutin placegetter Zakkan in arrears when scorching to a five-length maiden triumph at Compiègne last month and is the one to beat here, with the similarly one-from-two **Rosberg** and **Majnoun** heading postward as his chief dangers. The quintet also includes the two-race maiden **Quinte Flush Aas**, while **Jaminus** remains winless after nine starts and hadn't placed until finishing third at Le Lion d'Angers earlier this week. [Sean Cronin].

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