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The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

The GI Kentucky Derby has long been billed as the most exciting two minutes in sports. After a series of lawsuits involving America's signature horse race over the last six years, it might be more precise to start referring to it as the most litigated two minutes in sports. The week between the first two legs of this year's Triple Crown began with the connections of Derby winner **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief) **opting out** of the GI Preakness Stakes based on the assessment by trainer Bill Mott and owner/breeder Godolphin that skipping Saturday's race in Baltimore would be in the colt's best interest. Rather than wheel back two weeks after the Derby, Sovereignty will now be pointed for the June 7 GI Belmont Stakes at Saratoga.

After several days of re-ignited public debate about whether the Triple Crown race spacing **needs to be adjusted** to meet the modern "less is more" template for training top-level Thoroughbreds, the week closed with the news that Sovereignty's jockey, Junior Alvarado, is facing a \$62,000 fine and two-day suspension for allegedly violating the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) rule for using his whip two times above the six-strike limit when winning the Derby.

Delivered via late-day Friday news dump **in the form of a ruling** posted to the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation (KHRGC) website, chief state steward Barbara Borden, state steward Brooks "Butch" Becraft, and Churchill Downs steward Tyler Picklesimer signed off on the penalties. **Cont. p3**

JOURNALISM CONFIRMED FOR PREAKNESS

Journalism (Curlin), runner-up in the GI Kentucky Derby, will contest the GI Preakness Stakes at Pimlico Saturday, co-owner Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners confirmed in a tweet Sunday night.

"Journalism has been grand since the Kentucky Derby and [trainer] Michael McCarthy has green-lighted him to head to Pimlico Race Course for the 150th Preakness Stakes," the tweet read. "We look forward to showcasing Journalism's talents in Baltimore in such a coveted American Classic with Umberto Rispoli set to ride."

After watching Journalism train Sunday morning at Churchill Downs, McCarthy said, "I thought he looked very good. I didn't see a whole lot of difference. He's a horse that carries a lot of substance, a lot of condition. He looked very, very good this morning." **Cont. p5**

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WOOTTON BASSETT'S HENRI MATISSE RALLIES TO POULAINS TALLY

Henri Matisse (Ire) (Wootton Bassett (GB)) won the G1 Emirates Poule d'Essai des Poulains in Paris on Sunday.

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Monmouth Park kicked off its summer season on Saturday. | Bill Denver/EQUI-PHOTO

5 | GOAL ORIENTED WORKS FOR PREAKNESS

'*TDN Rising Star*' Goal Oriented (*Not This Time*), now two-for-two in his career, tuned up for the GI Preakness Stakes with a four-furlong work at Churchill Downs Sunday.

6 | BURNHAM SQUARE TO TARGET MATT WINN STAKES

GI Toyota Blue Grass Stakes winner Burnham Square (*Liam's Map*), a troubled sixth in the GI Kentucky Derby, is expected to make his next start in the June 8 GIII Matt Winn Stakes.

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The Week in Review (cont. from p1)

The rule infraction is HISA-based, but the local stewards are in charge of interpreting and reporting purported violations of it.

Because news had broken earlier in the week that Alvarado had been asked to appear at a Thursday stewards' hearing to discuss his Derby whip use, the ruling wasn't a complete shock.

But what was unexpected was the severity of the penalty. Because of a previous one-strike-over-the-limit whip infraction that Alvarado had incurred within the past 180 days (on Dec. 1, 2024, while, coincidentally, also winning a race for Mott at Churchill), HISA Rule 2283 (c)(1) mandated the doubling of what otherwise would have been a \$31,000 financial hit (10% of the winning purse) and a one-day suspension.

The super-sized fine is believed to be the second-largest monetary penalty ever imposed on a United States jockey.

Put another way, that's three strikes over the limit (within five months on two different mounts) and you're out \$62,000.

Alvarado is considering an appeal. "As everybody can see, it's unfair the penalties we're facing," he told *Daily Racing Form's* Dave Grening Saturday.

So where exactly does Alvarado's \$62,000 fine stand compared to recent penalizations of jockeys?

The highest financial penalty handed down to an American jockey is believed to be the \$100,000 fine (and five-year suspension) imposed upon the late Roman Chapa by the Texas Racing Commission after a finish-line photograph showed him holding an illegal electrical horse shocking device while winning a stakes race at Sam Houston Race Park in 2015.

On the lower end of the scale--but for an act that most racetrackers would consider far more egregious than hitting a horse eight times in a race--contrast that penalty to the \$100 fine that the stewards at Mountaineer Park imposed upon jockey Jose A. Leon in 2023 after multiple licensees testified that Leon dismounted from an unruly horse and intentionally struck it across the face with his whip during morning training.

Alvarado further told Grening that--like most rational people who are averse to long, drawn-out processes involving lawyers, but also want to fight for what they believe in--"I would like to just get it over with and put it behind me. I don't want to carry this one extra day, but at the same time I don't want to give up that easily like they were right."

Past performances suggest that Alvarado's appeal process is likely to take quite a while to play out.

He can first contest his HISA charges before an internal adjudication panel. A secondary step would be to appeal to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). A third option might be litigation in the court system.

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The connections of **Maximum Security** unsuccessfully tried to sue the Kentucky racing commission that year over an in-race foul disqualification in a case that lingered in the courts until 2020.

The 2021 Derby yielded the medication-related disqualification of Medina Spirit, and trainer Bob Baffert's subsequent banishment by Churchill Downs and his penalization by the Kentucky commission spawned a three-year series of largely fruitless legal actions that lasted until just before the 2024 Derby.

The prediction here is that Alvarado's case will at least make it to the FTC appeal level.

If it does, his odds of success will get a significant boost if the case gets assigned to chief administrative law judge D. Michael Chappell, who has already **twice ruled in favor** of a single jockey, the New Mexico-based jockey Oscar Ceballos, the only rider so far to have HISA penalties related to a more-than-six-strikes whipping violation wiped off his record.

Ceballos's two cases dating from 2022 and 2024 (11 total strikes in each instance) were different in that he argued (and the administrative law judge agreed) that the over-the-limit hits were used for safety or to control a dangerous situation.

Alvarado, by contrast, indicated in several published interviews last week that some of his striking motions with the whip never even made contact with Sovereignty, and that those actions were meant to encourage the colt without actually hitting him.

HISA's rules explicitly permit that type of action, stating, "A jockey may show or wave the crop to the Covered Horse without physically contacting the Covered Horse."

Although those circumstances are different from Ceballos's two overturned rulings, the administrative law judge did write in the 2024 reversal that, "The burden of proof is on the Authority to show, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the covered person has violated a rule issued by the Authority."

According to Alvarado's version of the May 8 hearing that was conducted via Zoom, the three Churchill stewards couldn't--or wouldn't--tell him exactly at which points in the race he hit Sovereignty with the allegedly over-the-limit strikes.

As Grening reported: "Alvarado said that during his meeting with the stewards, he tried to point out the two times where he swung but did not make contact with the horse, but got no response from the three stewards."

Alvarado told the *Form*, "They didn't argue that I did, they stayed silent. They made me count the times that I had contact with the horse. When I asked [them] if they could count where they think I had contact, they didn't."

The HISA whipping rule does give stewards flexibility to determine if "the merits of an individual case warrant consideration of an aggravating or mitigating factor."



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For background, HISA's six-strike rule that went into effect in 2022 was partially modeled after similar regulations approved in Kentucky in 2021.

At the time of the passage of those state rules, Borden was not silent about a revised penalty structure that gave stewards leeway to employ common sense in meting out fines and suspensions.

"There are many times we struggle with the mandatory penalties that are scattered throughout our regulations and don't always give us discretion when we feel like we need it," Borden said at a meeting of the Kentucky commission's rules committee **back on May 3, 2021**.

Ironically, Borden expressed that sentiment about the need for discretion exactly four years prior to the date of Alvarado's winning ride on Sovereignty that netted him a mandatory \$62,000 HISA fine.

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Journalism Confirmed for Preakness

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Journalism opened 2025 with a win in the Mar. 1 GII San Felipe Stakes and followed up with a win in the Apr. 5 GI Santa Anita Derby. He came up 1 1/2 lengths short of Sovereignty (Into Mischief) as the 3-1 favorite in the Kentucky Derby.

Journalism will likely ship to Pimlico Tuesday, McCarthy said.

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GOAL ORIENTED WORKS FOR PREAKNESS

Goal Oriented (**Not This Time**) tuned up for his expected stakes debut in the GI Preakness Stakes at Pimlico Race Course next Saturday with a four-furlong drill in :47.60 (4/35) at Churchill Downs Sunday. Churchill clockers caught the colt going the first quarter of a mile in :23 3/5 and galloping out five-eighths of a mile in 1:01 1/5 with exercise rider Eric Garcia in the saddle.

"He went a half really easily," said trainer Bob Baffert, who will be looking to extend his record of eight Preakness victories. "He did it on his own, just cruising around there. That's all he needed. He was nice and relaxed. Looks like the race didn't take too much out of him. I just wanted a little maintenance work. I just wanted to see how he handled it. He's only had two outs,

and you want to see how it affects them mentally. Some horses get a little bit uptight or tense and nervous. He handled it like a pro. He's got a great mind."

Tabbed a '**TDN Rising Star**' following his six-furlong debut win Apr. 6 at Santa Anita, the \$425,000 Keeneland September purchase followed up with a 1 1/16-mile allowance win at Churchill on the Kentucky Derby undercard May 3.

Goal Oriented will be making just his third lifetime start and starting at his third different track in Saturday's Preakness.

"It's asking a lot," Baffert said. "But I've always been really high on this horse. He's a big, strong horse. He's handled everything thrown at him. He's shipped, he won. **Justify** won the GI Santa Anita Derby third out. I'm not comparing him to **Justify**, but he's a big, strong horse like **Justify**. I think he can handle it."

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PETER PAN WINNER HILL ROAD EYES BELMONT STAKES

Amo Racing's **Hill Road** (**Quality Road**) may have earned himself a tilt at the June 7 GI Belmont Stakes with his win in the GIII Peter Pan Stakes at Aqueduct Saturday.

"He bounced out of the Peter Pan in good shape," trainer Chad Brown said Sunday. "Hopefully once we get him back under tack and he's healthy and good, we will go onto the Belmont."

A debut winner at Leopardstown last August, Hill Road was third behind champion Citizen Bull (Into Mischief) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Del Mar last November for trainer Adrian Murray. Transferred to Brown, he opened 2025 with a third-place effort in the Mar. 8 GIII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby and had been expected to start in the GII Wood Memorial Stakes before being sidelined by a fever.

Brown said he was expecting a big comeback effort in the Peter Pan.

"I was not surprised--it was a good spot for him," Brown said of the Peter Pan win. "After a little bit of a layoff, it was a reasonable spot for him to get going again. It wasn't too difficult of a race, it was at the right distance, at least off a layoff, and I think at a mile and a quarter, you'll see the best of him. That's what he's been looking for."

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Cove Springs Exacta at Santa Anita

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Brown sent out reigning 3-year-old champion **Sierra Leone** (**Gun Runner**) to work four furlongs in :50 flat (131/187) over the Belmont Park dirt training track Sunday. The colt, who was third in the GII New Orleans Classic in his 4-year-old debut Mar. 22, is expected to make his next start in the June 28 GI Stephen Foster Stakes at Churchill Downs.



Hill Road | *Chelsea Durand*

“He is doing fine. He is idling for a little while and is probably not going to run until the Stephen Foster in late June,” said Brown. “Today was a solo [breeze], just maintenance to stretch his legs. I might pick it up with him next week and do something a little more serious.”

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BURNHAM SQAURE POINTS TO MATT WINN

Whitham Thoroughbreds' **Burnham Square** (**Liam's Map**), coming off a troubled sixth-place effort in the GI Kentucky Derby, is now being aimed at the June 8 GIII Matt Winn Stakes at Churchill Downs, trainer Ian Wilkes confirmed.

Jockey Brian Hernandez, Jr. had to check repeatedly aboard Burnham Square in the Derby when when Admire Daytona (Jpn) (Drefong) slowed abruptly in front of him.

“In a 20-horse field, somebody is going to have trouble and I guess it was my turn,” Wilkes said the morning after the race. “I thought he ran a terrific race. He got stopped at the half-mile pole when everybody else was making their move and then he got going again to get sixth. Without the trouble, I think he would have been in the top three.”

Burnham Square opened his sophomore campaign with a win in the Feb. 1 GIII Holy Bull Stakes and, after finishing fourth in the GII Coolmore Fountain of Youth Stakes, he won the Apr. 8 GI Toyota Blue Grass Stakes.

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GODOLPHIN FLYING START TRAINEES HOST LEADERSHIP LEXINGTON FOR 'THOROUGHBRED INDUSTRY DAY'

by Sara Gordon

Though Lexington, Kentucky is commonly known as the 'Horse Capital of the World,' serving as a central hub for the Thoroughbred industry, there are many who live in the area that have no knowledge of how multi-faceted the world of horse racing truly is. In an effort to bridge that gap, first-year trainees on the **Godolphin Flying Start** (GFS) course—currently based in Lexington—coordinated with leaders across the greater equine industry to host a "Thoroughbred Industry Day" for the Leadership Lexington group on Thursday, May 8.

Spanning 11 months, **Leadership Lexington** is a leadership development program for professionals in the greater Lexington area that consists of 10 informative day-sessions that help broaden perspectives and provide an increased understanding of the community, signature industries, and public issues.

May's day-session was entirely focused on the Thoroughbred industry, one of Lexington's most prominent industries with a storied history in the city.



Click to view the TDN's recap on the activities and presentations during the GFS 'Thoroughbred Industry Day' | Sara Gordon

Following an outing spectating morning training at Keeneland, Leadership Lexington's group of 45 attendees sat in on a panel entitled 'Thoroughbred Industry Education, Workforce & Community Engagement.' The discussion was hosted by Greg Harbut, Ed Brown Society and Kentucky Horse Racing Commission; Kara Heissenbuttel, Keeneland; Laurie Mays, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce; Annise Montplaisir, Amplify Horse Racing; Frank Taylor, Stable Recovery; Clark Williams, Ed Brown Society; and moderated by Hallie Hardy of Horse Country.

After receiving an overview of the local Thoroughbred industry, the group ventured out to experience it firsthand as they traveled to Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, the Kentucky Horse Park and Secretariat Center, Spy Coast Farm, and Spendthrift Farm.



Flying Start trainee Grace Hamilton (right) with an attendee Sara Gordon

It was during these visits that they not only witnessed the intricacies of breeding, raising, racing and safely retiring a racehorse, but also gained perspective on how vital the equine industry is as a whole to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

With a wealth of newfound knowledge under their belts, the Leadership Lexington group returned to Keeneland's sales pavilion where they participated in a hands-on Thoroughbred sale simulation.

"As a graduate of both the Godolphin Flying Start program and Leadership Lexington, it was exciting to host the Flying Start group here at Keeneland and have them help us show the community of Lexington just what happens at the sales pavilion and the impact it has, which is broad," said Dean Roethmeier, Keeneland's Director of Sales Operations.

"We're always excited to have people out to the races, but it's really fun to open the doors here at the sales and show everybody a peek behind the curtain at just how much goes into each of these moments in the sales ring."

Under the guidance of prominent industry members Liz Crow, Kenny McPeck, Danny Mulvihill, Gavin O'Connor, Tom Ryan, and Jonny Smyth, participants were given a brief overview of what it takes to not only host a live Thoroughbred auction, but work it through the perspective of a consignor, agent, and buyer.

"I think it's eye-opening to see all of the intricacies that go into the horse industry that you wouldn't normally see. I come to Keeneland once a season, but that's not all there is. There's so much more to it," said David Urekew, Plant Manager of Graham Packaging and a member of the 2024-25 Leadership Lexington class.

As they made their way around the Keeneland sales pavilion, sale rings and surrounding barns, the participants learned about what it takes to get a horse ready for a sale, which included opportunities to pet and groom the horses while also hearing firsthand about the process behind evaluating a horse prior to bidding. Industry leaders, serving as mentors for the group, explained the basics in regards to conformation, pedigree, and reading through a pedigree page in a sale catalog.

From there, each group was given the opportunity to participate in a mock auction of six horses with the industry mentors guiding them through the fast-paced bidding process.

A group of six track ponies and retired racehorses served as stand-ins for prominent Thoroughbreds previously sold at Keeneland, though Brother in Arms (**War Front**)--originally sold for \$2.9 million at the 2019 Keeneland September Yearling Sale--represented himself. The third foal out of 2012 GI Kentucky Oaks winner Believe You Can (Proud Citizen) is now happily retired and enjoying life as a riding horse, owned by Mulvihill's daughter, Grace.



Sales simulation at Keeneland | Sara Gordon

"The biggest takeaway from my experience was to see not only how invested Keeneland is in the Thoroughbred industry, but the actual surrounding community. It's amazing to know that this isn't just a racecourse generating revenue, it's all about the experience you get out of it," said Steven Pickarski, Financial Services Manager of Kentucky League of Cities and a member of the 2024-25 Leadership Lexington class.

Working alongside GFS graduates Conrad Bendoroff, Sam Bussanich, Hallie Hardy, Dean Roethmeier, and Caroline Wilson, the group of 12 GFS trainees spent four months planning and constructing an all-encompassing experience to allow the group of Leadership Lexington participants to fully immerse themselves in the Thoroughbred industry.

"Of the four teams, we had a multimedia team, that's our team, so we were in charge of the digital side of things such as filming on the day, preparing the presentation that was shown, and covering any media aspects. There was also a stage management team that kept us all on track, and a material team that produced our catalog, along with any other information that was distributed. The fourth team handled the industry members, meaning they were in charge of reaching out to people to invite to the event, which was really successful. We were really grateful for them to all turn up and give their time to us and to Leadership Lexington as well," explained GFS trainee Megan Bulbulia.

Though a laborious process, the event itself proved more than worthwhile as another example of industry members working together, in an effort spearheaded by GFS trainees and alumni, to bridge the gap between those within horse racing and those outside of it.

"I think it's really special. It's so nice to see a fresh perspective of the industry through other people's eyes and also to explain our experience, describing what the industry actually has to offer and how important it is to the local and global economy. Seeing how people resonate with that, especially from Lexington...it was nice to be a part of that," concluded Bulbulia.

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MONMOUTH PARK SETS MOTHER'S DAY ATTENDANCE RECORD

Monmouth Park set a Mother's Day attendance record Sunday when a crowd of 14,687 turned out to support a 10-race card. The New Jersey track's previous Mother's Day record attendance of 14,121 was set in 2015. The total handle for the day was \$4,144,072.

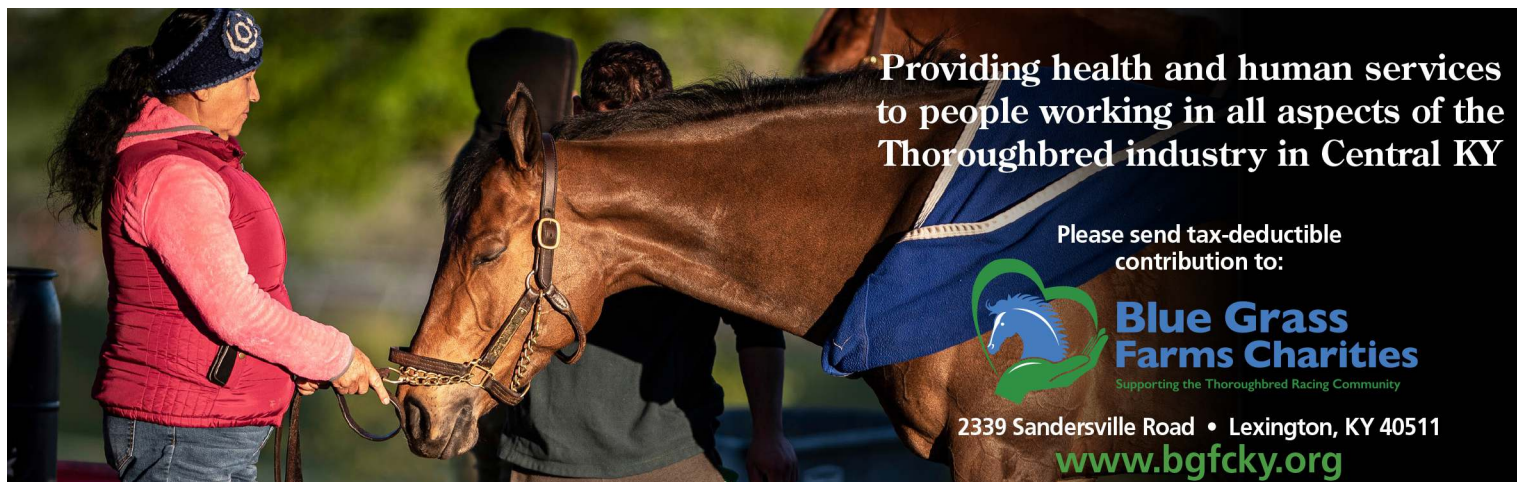
"We appreciate the turnout by our fans to help make Mother's Day a special afternoon at Monmouth Park," said Bill Anderson, the track's president and chief operating officer. "It's always nice to see a big crowd and a festive atmosphere like we had today."

A year ago, Monmouth Park had the second largest Father's Day crowd in track history with 28,976 in attendance. The track's record Father's Day crowd of 29,262 was set in 2015.

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2	Princess Aliyah 🐾	Into Mischief	BC Stables, Morplay Racing and Platts, Joey	Lukas	Juarez	122
3	Margie's Intention	Honor A. P.	Baron Stable and WinStar Farm LLC	Cox	Prat	118
4	Runnin N Gunnin 🐾	Gun Runner	Douglas Scharbauer	Asmussen	Ortiz	122
5	Kinzie Queen 🐾	McKinzie	Holleman, John and Compton Racing, LLC	Compton	Alvarado	122
6	Paris Lily	City of Light	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Rosario	120
7	Reply 🐾	Curlin	Repole Stable	Russell	Ortiz, Jr.	118
8	Amarth	McKinzie	Green Lantern Stables LLC	Kenneally	Saez	120
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Friday, Pimlico #10, post time: 4:07 p.m. EDT

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3	High Paf	McKinzie	Dubb, Michael, Bouchey, Steven & Caruso, Michael	Russell	Russell	118
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5	Family	Sharp Azteca	C2 Racing Stable & Machmer Hall Thoroughbreds	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	118
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7	Delray 🐾	Munnings	Vintage Thoroughbreds LLC and McKenzie, Sharon	Servis	Pennington	118
8	Echo Sound	Echo Town	Gabriel Duignan	Arnold II	Saez	124
9	Long Neck Paula 🐾	Uncle Mo	Stroud, Will and O'Connor, Debra L	Ward	Alvarado	122
10	Mila Rose 🐾	Vekoma	West Point Tbreds, Lyden, M & Olszewski, M	Asmussen	Ortiz	122
11	You'll Be Back 🐾	Practical Joke	Greenwell Thoroughbreds, LLC	Amoss	Rodriguez	118
12	Vodka With a Twist 🐾	Thousand Words	BlackRidge Stables LLC, Medallion Racing, Schwing Thoroughbreds, Aldabbagh, Omar and Strauss, William	D'Amato	Smith	122
13	Not Too Late 🐾	McKinzie	Trin-Brook Stables, Inc.	St. Lewis	Martinez	118

Breeders: 1-Glendalough, LLC, 2-Dr. Frank Batten, 3-Wynnstay Inc. & H. Allen Poindexter, 4-Larry Alan Wynn, 5-Machmer Hall, 6-Brereton C. Jones, 7-Gregg Hugo Moore, 8-Springhouse Farm, Vision TBs, BrucePieratt & Patricia Pieratt, 9-WinStar Farm, LLC, 10-Hugh McQueen Moore, 11-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds, 12-Pillar Property Services Inc, 13-Tony Holmes

Friday, Pimlico #12, post time: 5:10 p.m. EDT

PIMLICO SPECIAL S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Phileas Fogg 🐾	Astern (Aus)	Jupiter Stable LLC	Rodriguez	Carmouche	122
2	Cataleya Strike 🐾	Catalina Cruiser	J R Sanchez Racing Stable LLC	Sanchez-Salomon	Toledo	120
3	Encino	Nyquist	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	120
4	Awesome Aaron 🐾	Practical Joke	Turman Racing Stable & AJ Suited Racing Stable	Casse	Velazquez	122
5	Time for Trouble 🐾	English Channel	Thorndale Stable LLC and Hiles, Jeff A.	Hiles	Alvarado	120
6	Just Steel 🐾	Justify	BC Stables LLC and Schmucke, Henry	Lukas	Juarez	120
7	Pyrenees 🐾	Into Mischief	Blue Heaven Farm	DeVaux	Ortiz	120
8	Star of Wonder	Uncle Mo	WinStar Farm LLC	Cox	Prat	122
9	Red Route One	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Lopez	126
10	San Siro 🐾	Classic Empire	Andrew Farm, Mountmellick Farm, Ocean Reef Racing, White Mountain Stables & Stonecrest Farm	Walsh	Saez	120

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Erik R Johnson, 3-Godolphin, 4-Lester Kwok & Dr. Naoya Yoshida, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-Summerhill Farm, 7-Blue Heaven Farm, 8-WinStar Farm, LLC, 9-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 10-Frankfort Park Farm, Bemart, Equinow, Valle Falcone & K. Byrne

Saturday, Churchill Downs #9, post time: 10:11 p.m. EDT

LOUISVILLE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Idratherbeblesed 🐾	Unified	JD Thoroughbreds LLC and Wayne Scherr	Hartman	Curtis	120
2	Missed the Cut 🐾	Quality Road	Bee Zee LLC, Lanes End Racing, St. Elias Stables, LLC, Edward P. Babington, Edward J. Hudson, Jr., Lynne Hudson	DeVaux	Hernandez, Jr.	118
3	Rebel Red (GB)	Frankel (GB)	John D. Gunther and Eurowest Bloodstock Services	DeVaux	Cannon	118
4	Tapit Shoes	Tapit	Steve Moger	Moger, Jr.	Bejarano	118
5	Verstappen 🐾	War Front	Andrew Farm, For the People Racing Stable LLC and Debra L. O'Connor	Walsh	Dettori	118
6	Utah Beach	English Channel	Jeffrey S. Amling and Merriebelle Stable	Correas IV	Cheminaud	123
7	Rock'n a Halo 🐾	Catholic Boy	Pocket Change Racehorses	Amoss	Morales	118
8	Accredit 🐾	Flatter	Bob Grayson, Jr. and Pavel Matejka	Matejka	Gutierrez	118
9	Sugoi	Karakontie (Jpn)	Paradise Farms Corp. and David Staudacher	Maker	Machado	118

Breeders: 1-Narola, LLC, 2-Framont LTD, 3-Mr John Gunther, 4-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey & Tapit Syndicate, 5-Frank Hutchinson, 6-J. Amling & Merriefield Farm, 7-Rosilyn Polan, 8-E. H. Beau Lane III, 9-Normandy Farm



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CINEMA S., \$100,500, Santa Anita, 5-11, 3yo, 1mT, 1:34.74, fm.

1--**FREEDOM'S NOT FREE, 124, c, 3, by Omaha Beach**

1st Dam: Wonderfuladventure, by Tiz Wonderful

2nd Dam: A. P. Petal, by A.P. Indy

3rd Dam: Golden Petal, by Mr. Prospector

(\$75,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '24 EASMAY).

O-Blinkers On Racing Stable, Janlois Racing, LLC, Valinor Racing Stable, LLC, Tom Corbett, Andy Kwan, and Jay Lester Wagner; B-Cove Springs, LLC (KY); T-Mark Glatt; J-Antonio Fresu.

\$60,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-2, \$178,080.

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2--**Bodi Zafa, 124, g, 3, Good Samaritan--Lightning Dove, by Uncle Mo.** (\$45,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.**

O-George Todaro; B-Cove Springs, LLC (KY); T-John W. Sadler. \$20,000.

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3--**Incanto (Ire), 120, g, 3, Mehmas (Ire)--Hateel (Ire), by Kodiak (GB).** (220,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT; \$95,000 RNA 3yo '25 KEEAPR).

O-David A. Bernsen LLC and Leon King Stable Corp.; B-Novidale Ltd & Eoghan Grogan (IRE); T-Peter Eurtan.

\$12,000.

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Margins: 1 1/4, HF, NO. Odds: 1.00, 15.00, 14.80.

Also Ran: Game Warrior, Artislas, Mythical Reel (Ire).

Freedom's Not Free has found a home on the grass, and he made even-money look like a gift here as he stamped his name to the Cinema Stakes annuals with an authoritative win.

A winner last out Mar. 9 at this venue in the local Pasadena Stakes--where he produced a career-high Beyer figure of 84 in the process--and third two back Feb. 16 in the Baffle Stakes, he came into this contest with a string of works signaling his readiness. The betting public picked up on those waves, and crowned him the favorite in his question to pick up another stakes win.

Breaking in line with the rest, Freedom's Not Free was in no rush to see the front, and he tracked the tempo set by Incanto

(Ire) in second behind :23.10, :46.94, and 1:11.11 splits. Pushed along to close the distance as they swung through the final turn and into the home straight, he swept by the tiring pacesetter and sailed in to score a comfortable victory by 1 1/4 lengths. Bodi Zafa, the Turf Paradise invader formerly on a four-race win streak, put in a powerful rally to nail Incanto for second in a photo.

Freedom's Not Free was his dam's most expensive offspring from the ones to walk through a sales ring and is her most accomplished thus far. His juvenile half-sister by **Modernist** sold last month for \$85,000 at OBSAPR to Martin Racing Stable and the mare has a yearling filly by **Practical Joke** to her credit. She had been bred to **Epicenter** for 2025.

Wonderfuladventure is a full-sister to GSW S'Maverlous and a half to GSP Coco Channel (English Channel). They claim MGSP Pony Up (Aikenite) as a half-brother. This is the immediate family of Group 1-placed and multiple Group/Graded winner Lotus Pool (Spectacular Bid) and his half-brothers MGISP Golden Larch (Slew O'Gold) and GSP Golden Glen (Forestry). One of the graded-placed half-sisters, Honour a Bull (Holy Bull), garnered her acclaim via her son--multiple Group 1-placed globetrotter, Lear Spear (Lear Fan). **Click for the [Equibase.com](https://www.equinibase.com) chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

SERENA'S SONG S., \$95,000, Monmouth, 5-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:42.19, ft.

1--**TAKETHEMONEYHONEY, 118, f, 4, Golden Lad--**

Goodonehoney (SW, \$193,098), by Great Notion.

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Kasey K Racing Stable LLC, Michael R. Day and Final Turn Racing Stable LLC; B-Kasey K Racing Stable, Michael Day and Final Turn Racing Stable (MD); T-Michael M. Moore; J-Eliseo Ruiz. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0, \$171,770.

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2--**Catherine Wheel, 120, f, 4, Into Mischief--Succeeding, by Smart Strike.** (\$245,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$725,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). O-Richard Schermerhorn, Team Hanley, Thirty Year Farm, Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. (J. G. Sikura) and Stretch Run Ventures LLC; B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc & Stretch Run Ventures, LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown. \$20,000.

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3--**Power Squeeze, 118, f, 4, Union Rags--Callmethesqueeze, by Awesome Again.** (\$50,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$90,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). O-Lea Farms LLC; B-Forging Oaks LLC (KY); T-Jorge Delgado. \$10,000.

Margins: NO, NK, 2HF. Odds: 2.00, 5.10, 0.50.

Also Ran: Vincey Girl. Scratched: Beach Daze, Morning Matcha.

Facing three others while trying two turns and balck-type company for the first time, Takethemoneyhoney upended 1-2 choice Power Squeeze to take home the lion's share of money in Sunday's Serena's Song Stakes on Monmouth Park's opening weekend card.

Dragging Eliseo Ruiz to the front early, the 2-1 chance led the tightly packed-field through an opening quarter in :24.09 and a half in :48.76. In tandem with the pacesetter, Catherine Wheel and Power Squeeze raced three abreast passing the quarter pole and it appeared to be anybody's race.



Takethemoneyhoney eking out a win in Sunday's Serena's Song Stakes during Monmouth's opening weekend card | Equi-Photo

However, the early pacesetter was determined, and dug in late to hold off Catherine Wheel by a nose with the favorite a neck back in third.

"I was a little worried about her going two turns and carrying her speed, said Ruiz. "But I was able to get her relax and slow it down a little and then I was waiting to see what she had left. She had just enough left. She's a really good filly. You can tell she is learning every race. I think he wants to run even more. I want to see where she takes me next."

An impressive winner first out going seven furlongs at her homebase of Parx last July, Takethemoneyhoney came home a two-length winner next time going six panels against restricted company at Laurel Feb. 22. Nosed out for the win by Catherine Wheel going a mile at the Big A Mar. 15, she rebounded to score by 5 1/4 lengths over that same trip in a Laurel optional claimer Apr. 13.

Trainer Michael Moore added, "The [\$500,000, Grade III] Molly Pitcher (on July 19) has to be a possibility now. Graded stakes is the next step you would think. We always thought this filly could run. When she won her first race by 13 1/2 lengths I remember thinking 'I didn't know she could run like that.' Some

horses have the ability but not the gameness. She has it all."

Goodonehoney produced a filly by Wicked Strong last season and was bred back to Cloud Computing.

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GOLDFINCH S., \$50,000, Prairie Meadows, 5-10, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:09.17, ft.

1--RICH CITY GIRL, 124, f, 3, City of Light--Hassler (Ire), by War Front. (\$195,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$435,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Patricia's Hope LLC and Richard Ravin; B-Jim Daniell & Donna Daniell (KY); T-Larry Rivelli; J-Jareth Loveberry. \$28,800. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$263,205.

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2--Keepsake, 118, f, 3, Into Mischief--Top Quality, by Quality Road. (\$725,000 RNA Ylg '23 FTSAUG). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$9,600. 2

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3--Alexandra Elaine, 118, f, 3, Munnings--Piccadilly Line, by Air Force Blue. (\$75,000 Wlg '22 FTKNOV; \$70,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$250,000 2yo '24 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Holly Wilson and David Wilson; B-Mike Abraham II (KY); T-Bart G. Hone. \$4,800.

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Also Ran: Battleshipper, Black Ginger, Two Bar, Carson Bay, Squeeze the Day, Lit Miss Hat Trick, A Thousand Miles.

Rich City Girl graduated at first asking by 3 1/4 lengths at Ellis Park in early July and then was the runner-up in the Debutante Stakes over the same course a month later. Trying the Kentucky Downs grass, the filly cleared an auction-restricted allowance level Aug. 29 before finishing a well-beaten sixth in the GI Darley Alcibiades Stakes at Keeneland in early October.

Making her 3-year-old debut here, the 3-2 favorite was in the mix early as she raced three wide up the backstretch. The OBS March grad came away with the lead entering the far turn, continued to pour on the speed down the lane and she never looked back.

The winner's unraced dam is responsible for a 2-year-old colt by **Not This Time** and a yearling filly by **Epicerter**. Hassler was bred to **Liam's Map** for this season. Rich City Girl counts as her second dam MGISW Turbulent Descent (Congrats), who also produced Irish group stakes winner Spanish Steps (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



Claret Beret | Lauren King

8th-Gulfstream, \$57,480, Hcp, 5-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.59, ft, 19 3/4 lengths.

CLARET BERET (f, 4, **Not This Time--Bessie M {SW, \$218,282}, by Medallist)** was formerly in the care of trainer Greg Compton where her best efforts came when she cleared a pair of allowance conditions at Remington Park in late November and at Oaklawn Park Feb. 1. Backed at 60 cents on the dollar for her new digs here, the favorite overcame a hop at the start to run a close-up third out of the chute and up the backstretch. The 4-year-old meant business around the far turn and when she was given her cue she responded in-kind. Entering the lane, Claret Beret left the rest of the field behind to run up the score by 19 3/4 lengths. Princess Indy (Lord Nelson) was the runner-up. The winner is a half-sister to Benedict Canyon (Midnight Lute), SP, \$174,145. Dam Bessie M passed away in 2021. Sales History: \$85,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$375,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 12-5-0-1, \$240,009. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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8th-Woodbine, C\$90,517, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$35,867), 5-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (AWT), 1:23.36, ft, 9 1/2 lengths.

SHIFTY (f, 3, **Medaglia d'Oro--Elusive Luci, by Elusive Quality),** winner of last summer's 6 1/2-furlong Catch a Glimpse Stakes over this turf course, finished sixth in the 1 1/16-mile GII Miss

Grillo Stakes at the Big A in October. Switched to the all-weather for her next start, she was third in the GIII Grey Stakes back at Woodbine before rounding out the season with a fourth in the restricted Princess Elizabeth Stakes Nov. 30. Installed the 3-5 choice for her sophomore bow, Shifty went straight to the front, held the advantage throughout and drew off to score by an emphatic 9 1/2-length margin. The winner, a half to Big Runner (Stormy Atlantic), GSW, \$263,660, is out of a half-sister to Grade I winning Stormy Lucy (Stormy Atlantic). Sales history: \$350,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$141,998. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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6th-Belmont The Big A, \$90,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 5-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:08.90, gd, 1 3/4 lengths.

CREED'S GOLD (f, 4, Jimmy Creed--Foxyfromfairbanks, by Fairbanks) has only been off the board twice at the very start of her career last year, but since then has strung together a very consistent campaign. On the back of her head denial in second last out Apr. 10 at Keeneland to SW & MGSP Crown Imperial (Classic Empire) when facing a salty allowance field, the betting public gave her a 3-1 shot at collecting her second win of the year here. Chasing Tazara (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire})--made the 1-2 favorite for her Stateside debut in the colors of Resolute Racing--as that one set the tempo, she was never far away as :22.86 and a half in :45.57 were posted. Rolling into the stretch coming three wide, she wrestled command away at the eighth pole and slowly increased her advantage to 1 3/4 lengths on the wire.

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Creed's Gold | Adam Coglianese

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Creed's Gold is her dam's only black-type runner, which she collected right at the end of her season last year in June up at Woodbine. Foxyfromfairbank's last registered offspring is a juvenile filly named Foxy Roxy (Tap Fever). Sales history: \$25,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SP, 9-3-2-2, \$189,024.

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O-Kristin Meldahl; B-Linda Griggs (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

4th-Pimlico, \$49,300, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000-\$62,500), 5-11, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.84, ft, 1/2 length.

NATIONAL LAW (c, 3, Constitution--Susie's Baby, by Giant's Causeway) failed to hit the board in his debut at Monmouth last summer and while trying turf at Colonial in early September. Three months later though, the colt got the job done with a front-running score at Parx. Ready for his 3-year-old campaign by shedding the blinkers, the gray went off as a 9-2 shot here. National Law was a touch rank out of the blocks, which put him at the rear of the field heading into the first turn. The Jorge Duarte trainee used the three path to make significant headway up the backstretch and he kept motoring on the outside to pull even with the leaders by the quarter pole. Finding his best stride inside the final furlong, National Law got up by half a length over Amy's Music ([Maclean's Music](#)). The winner is a half-brother to \$1.45-million Fasig-Tipton Fall Mixed Sale grad Family Way (Uncle Mo), GSW & MGISP, \$1,002,860, and Saudi Arabian champion miler Just for Sul ([Justify](#)). Susie's Baby, who was purchased by Cypress Creek for \$600,000 at the 2022 Keeneland January Sale while National Law was in-utero, is also responsible for a 2-year-old filly by Uncle Mo and she foaled a filly by [Gun Runner](#) Mar. 27. Out of SW Mekko Hokte (Holy Bull), Susie's Baby is a half-sister to current Japan-based sire Caravaggio (Scat Daddy) and GSW My Jen (Fusaichi Pegasus)--the dam of Japanese group stakes victor Purpur Ray (Jpn) (Isla Bonita {Jpn}). Sales History: \$250,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$63,025. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).

O-Colts Neck Stables LLC; B-Diamond Creek Farm (KY); T-Jorge Duarte, Jr.

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7th-Churchill Downs, \$122,025, Msw, 5-11, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:33.95, fm, 3/4 length.

DIRECT CHANNEL (g, 4, Uncle Mo--Eloisa, by [Tapit](#)), ninth going a mile over the Aqueduct turf while under the care of Rick Dutrow Jr. last spring, was gelded in the interim and sent off at 34-1 returning for Brian Lynch. Given Lasix for the first time while breaking from the high draw, the dark bay was unhurried in the early going behind a solid opening pace. Steadily making up ground on the pace, the gelding swung out several paths wide turning for home, steadily reeled in the late-leading Swirling Eights ([Twirling Candy](#)), caught him in deep stretch and inched clear to score by 3/4 of a length. The first foal for Eloisa, Direct Channel also has an unraced juvenile sister by [Munnings](#) in addition to a foal brother by [McKinzie](#). Sales history: \$160,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$69,540.

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O-Deberdt, Bruno, Ferro, Angelo and Don Alberto Stable; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Brian A. Lynch.

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10th-Churchill Downs, \$93,494, Msw, 5-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.00, ft, 7 1/2 lengths.

TRUE PASSION (f, 3, Audible--Fortune Pearl {GSW, \$347,072}, by Mineshaft) was well-beaten in her first start in Hot Springs Mar. 30 and finished third against auction restricted company at Keeneland Apr. 18. Facing a similar bunch here, the 5-2 second choice raced in the third position to the outside up the backstretch. The filly moved smooth as silk around the far turn and the 3-year-old took a firm hold of the lead entering the lane. Full of run, True Passion stopped the clock with a strong 7 1/2-length win. Order Restored (Tom's d'Etat) was the runner-up. Sexton, a current juvenile colt by Game Winner, is Fortune Pearl's last registered foal of record. Sales History: \$125,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$120,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '24 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$59,852. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Norman Stables LLC; B-SF Bloodstock, LLC & Hartwell Farm Inc. (KY); T-Lonnie Briley.

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1st-Woodbine, C\$93,475, Msw, 5-11, 2yo, 4 1/2f (AWT), :52.69, ft, 4 lengths.

CASSON (c, 2, Caravaggio--Zee Ro Drop, by Lemon Drop Kid) went to post here as the 3-5 favorite and ran to the goods, vying for the lead through an opening sectional in :23.29, and had challengers on both sides as they swung for home. Urged forward as Sipping History (Old Forester) tried to close the growing margin, it was ultimately in vain as Casson led them home by four lengths. The victor is out of a half-sister to SW & GSP The Reds (Tonalist) and is a full-sister to GSP Zee Drop. Another half-sister is the dam of MSP Circle Back Jack (Tonalist).

This is the immediate female family of GISW Wickedly Perfect (Congrats), herself dam of GSW-Jpn Hartley (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in her adoptive country of Japan. Sales history: \$200,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$38,995. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Manfred and Penny Conrad; B-Ballycroy Training Centre & Villa Rosa Farms (ON); T-Mark E. Casse.

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3rd-Woodbine, C\$93,218, Msw, 5-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:48.54, ft, 3/4 length.

STREET PRINCESS (f, 3, Street Boss--Crowning Jewel, by Into Mischief) was unveiled going seven panels at Woodbine in early November and the filly finished well-beaten. Off the bench and carrying a bug as a 3-1 shot here, the nominee for the Woodbine Oaks was quickest at the bell and the 3-year-old set to work carving out some easy fractions around the first turn. Saving her strength for the final push at the top of the lane, Street Princess had enough left in the tank to get her picture taken by 3/4 length over a charging Serenading Kitten (Seattle Serenade). A half-sister to current stalwart sire Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire}), the winner's dam is responsible for 2-year-old colt Very Special (Ghostzapper) and a yearling filly by American Pharoah. Crowning Jewel foaled a colt by Shaman Ghost Mar. 20. Street Princess's extended female family includes GIII Stonestreet Lexington Stakes hero Encino (Nyquist). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$39,353. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Stronach Stables; B-Adena Springs (ON); T-Kevin Attard.

9th-Belmont The Big A, \$85,000, Msw, 5-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:10.28, gd, neck.

MY ANTICIPATION (f, 3, Maclean's Music--Baby Rags, by Union Rags) finished runner-up in her first two career starts at Gulfstream, including the most recent going five panels on the turf Feb. 15. Returning to the same course and trip last time, the bay was sixth Mar. 16 and was sent off the 9-5 choice to get back on track here. A bit sluggish off the blocks, My Anticipation was camped at the back through and opening quarter in :23.07 and a half in :46.56. Still last cornering for home, she turned on all boosters late, swept to the front late and was a neck ahead of Sugar Run (Twirling Candy) at the wire. Baby Rags is also represented by a yearling colt by Silver State. Sales history: \$250,000 Ylg '23 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$77,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Rocco, Steven and Branch, William; B-Kent Kunz & Nicholas M. Lotz (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

1st-Belmont The Big A, \$82,450, Msw, 5-11, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.32, ft, 1 length.

HOT SPUN (c, 3, Spun to Run--Ruby Roan, by Jimmy Creed), third last time out going a mile over this surface Apr. 19, was given a 9-1 chance on this cut back. Settled off a reasonable early pace set by favored Be Real (Curlin), the bay rallied up the rail late and was up to get a length jump over the favorite at the wire. Second choice Fully Booked (Maclean's Music) blew the start and never got into the mix, finishing a distant fourth. Ruby Roan is also responsible for a juvenile colt by Global Campaign and a filly foal by Loggins. Sales history: \$44,000 Ylg '23 FTKFEB; \$8,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$10,000 2yo '24 FTJUN. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$74,030. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Adram Atreopersaud; B-Highclere, Inc. (KY); T-Chetram Bhigroog.



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, MAY 12

2025 Stud Fees Listed

Calculator (In Summation), Breakway Farm, \$2,500
17 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Onry, 6-1

Fog of War (War Front), Topaz Stud
71 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Finger Lakes, 1:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Kitty of War, 6-1
\$4,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$8,000 OBS OPN 2yo
6-Finger Lakes, 3:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Liliths Moon, 12-1

Higher Power (Medaglia d'Oro), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000
157 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Finger Lakes, 1:29 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Desert Power, 8-1

Honor A. P. (Honor Code), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
131 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Finger Lakes, 4:23 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Run With Honor, 9-5
\$20,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$45,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$42,000 RNA EAS
MAY 2yo

Instagrind (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$8,000
227 foals of racing age/46 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Goodbar, 3-1

Joevia (Shanghai Bobby), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds
32 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
8-Finger Lakes, 4:23 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Honor for Mandin, 10-1

King for a Day (Uncle Mo), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, \$5,000
83 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Finger Lakes, 1:29 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, King's Spirit, 4-1

Tom's d'Etat (Smart Strike), WinStar Farm, \$5,000
136 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Thistledown, 2:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Clean Machine, 3-1
6-Thistledown, 3:20 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Lovebug, 7-2
\$14,000 KEE SEP yrl

Volatile (Violence), Three Chimneys Farm, \$12,500
233 foals of racing age/40 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Finkle, 5-2
\$85,000 KEE SEP yrl

War of Will (War Front), Claiborne Farm, \$15,000
204 foals of racing age/29 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Thistledown, 3:20 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Stella E Veloce, 12-1
\$35,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$50,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl

Win Win Win (Hat Trick {Jpn}), Ocala Stud, \$8,500
97 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Thistledown, 2:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Win Herbie Win, 2-1



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STAKES RESULTS:

COIN COLLECTOR S., (NB) \$75,900, Charles Town, 5-10, (S), 3yo, 4 1/2f, :52.32, ft.

1--**MOONLIT NOTION**, 122, c, 3, by Great Notion--Moonlit Song (MSW, \$404,840), by Fiber Sonde. O/B/T-Timothy C. Grams & Judith A. Grams (WV); J-Larry C. Reynolds. \$45,540. Lifetime Record: 6-6-0-0, \$132,344.

2--**Ray of Sunshine**, 122, c, 3, Golden Years--Burren Trail (Ire), by Shamardal. O-John C. Funkhouser; B-O'Sullivan Farms LLC & Eric Steinmann (VA); T-Javier Contreras. \$15,180.

3--**Dadsnumbronehelp**, 122, g, 3, Juba--Romantic Cork, by Denis of Cork. O-KP Racing Stables, LLC; B-John A. Casey (WV); T-Kristy Petty. \$8,349.

Margins: 2 3/4, NK, 95 1/4. Odds: 0.10, 33.90, 17.60.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-Churchill Downs, \$132,695, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 5-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:46.80, fm, nose.


ADRASTEIA (f, 4, Speightster--Arrostos, by Bodemeister) Lifetime Record: 14-3-0-1, \$246,926. O-Fergus Bogle; B-Mullikin Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Fergus Bogle. *\$5,000 Ylg '22 FTKFEB; \$29,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

9th-Churchill Downs, \$123,679, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 5-11, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.26, fm, neck.

LORD BULLINGDON (g, 4, Lord Nelson--Ms Silver Oak, by Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) Lifetime Record: MGSP, 14-3-2-2, \$325,450. O-Colbart Stables and Coronado Hill Investments, LLC; B-Veloce LLC (KY); T-Michael W. McCarthy. *\$22,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$55,000 2yo '23 EASMAY.




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2nd-Churchill Downs, \$123,355, 5-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:49.30, ft, 3/4 length.

SAVE TIME (f, 4, Into Mischief--Chamber, by Tapit) Lifetime Record: 12-2-5-2, \$233,444. O-Miller Racing LLC; B-Juddmonte (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. *\$140,000 3yo '24 KEENOV.



7th-Belmont The Big A, \$85,360, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 5-11, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.70, ft, 3 lengths.

WAR STRIDE (g, 5, Tamarkuz--Mudreqah, by Seeking the Gold) Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-1, \$166,170. O-Daigneault Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY); T-George Weaver.

8th-Belmont The Big A, \$82,000, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 5-11, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.73, gd, nose.


BE OF COURAGE (h, 5, Noble Mission {GB}--Swear by It {MGSP, \$171,043}, by Broken Vow) Lifetime Record: 16-3-3-2, \$221,443. O-Gerald Goodman, and John S. Pregman, Jr.; B-Lawrence Goichman (NY); T-John S. Pregman, Jr.. *\$60,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR.

1st-Santa Anita, \$61,500, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 5-11, 3yo, 1mT, 1:35.81, fm, 3 1/2 lengths.

BRO BRO (g, 3, Nyquist--Frege, by Johar) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$83,140. O/B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Doug F. O'Neill. *1/2 to Squared Shady (Square Eddie), SP, \$185,694.



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8th-Pimlico, \$57,505, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000-\$40,000), 5-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45.13, ft, 2 lengths.

NORTHERN GLOW (m, 5, Union Rags--Love's Blush {MSW, \$299,247}, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-4-5-2, \$208,165. O-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC; B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC (MD); T-Brittany T. Russell. *1/2 to Beach View (Giant's Causeway), GSW, \$294,200.

9th-Woodbine, C\$56,489, Ocl (C)/Opt. Clm (\$28,694), 5-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (AWT), 1:25.02, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

MISS PIERRE (f, 3, Souper Speedy--Prado Girl, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$53,123. O-P413 Racing; B-Paul Buttigieg (ON); T-John A. Coryat.

9th-Monmouth, \$55,000, 5-11, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.88, fm, 1/2 length.

EJTIMAA (g, 4, Candy Ride {Arg}--Talaay {SP}, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 14-7-0-1, \$126,320. O-Michael Dini; B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY); T-Michael Dini.

6th-Gulfstream, \$45,970, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-11, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.18, ft, 4 lengths.

VITALITY (g, 4, Street Boss--Belissimo, by Awesome Again) Lifetime Record: SW-Can, 13-3-2-1, \$299,020. O-Stronach Stables and Hunsburger, Joel B.; B-Adena Springs (ON); T-Joseph F. Orseno.

5th-Prairie Meadows, \$40,794, 5-10, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03.19, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

TALKIN TIPSYPY (m, 6, Greenpointcrusader--Topsy Toes, by Got the Last Laugh) Lifetime Record: SP, 31-8-4-4, \$371,455. O-Kelly's Racing LLC; B-Jim Gulick (FL); T-Jon G. Arnett.

3rd-Lone Star, \$36,500, (NW16MX)/Opt. Clm (\$42,500), 5-11, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.12, fm, 3/4 length.

ILLUSTRATOR (c, 4, Demarchelier {GB}--Prehistory, by Palace Malice) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-4-4-2, \$131,067. O-Ron A. Stolich; B-Troy Rankin (KY); T-H. Ray Ashford, Jr. *\$17,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$24,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSMAR; \$50,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN.

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7th-Evangeline Downs, \$31,560, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 5-10, 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:40.50, gd, 1 1/2 lengths.

MR. FAVERSHAM (g, 4, Tonalist--Weight No More, by Pure Prize) Lifetime Record: 18-5-2-2, \$98,408. O/T-Juan Munoz Cano; B-Machmer Hall (KY). *\$50,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **1/2 to Bayerness (Bayern), MSW & MGSP, \$433,823.

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3rd-Charles Town, \$29,800, (S), 5-10, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.78, ft, 3/4 length.

REDHOTCHILPHILLY (f, 3, Uncle Lino--Red Ring, by El Corredor) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$52,968. O/B-Sugarland LLC Equine Etiquette (WV); T-Joey Martinez.

4th-Charles Town, \$29,800, 5-10, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.44, ft, neck.

JUDGEMENT DAY (g, 4, Divining Rod--Bench Ruling, by Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: MSP, 15-6-3-3, \$143,518. O/B/T-Timothy C. Grams & Judith A Grams (WV).

2nd-Charles Town, \$28,800, (S), 5-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:27.81, ft, 2 lengths.

TWO BRONZE STARS (c, 4, Jimmy Creed--Mountaineer Cat, by Even the Score) Lifetime Record: 20-6-3-2, \$112,530. O-Sterbenz Racing LLC; B-Sterbenz Racing, LLC & Francis Abbott (WV); T-Ronney W. Brown.

7th-Emerald Downs, \$25,500, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 5-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:02.01, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.

ATTRACTED (f, 4, Enticed--Love's Illusion, by Tapit) Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$52,250. O-Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.; B-P. Fountain of Youth Br (CA); T-Blaine D. Wright. *\$15,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$30,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$200,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR.

10th-Sunray, \$25,363, (S), 5-10, (NW36MX), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.46, ft, 2 lengths.

MCTHANKS (g, 9, McKenna's Justice--Thanks Be to Gold, by Formal Gold) Lifetime Record: 77-15-16-11, \$389,995. O-Juan Carlos Gutierrez; B-McKenna Thoroughbreds LLC (NM); T-Jose A. Gonzalez.



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6th-Century Mile, C\$24,400, 5-10, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.24, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

ITSALLGOODMAN (g, 4, Speightster--Geisha Peebles, by First Samurai) Lifetime Record: SP-Can, 15-5-4-2, \$153,163. O-Curtis Landry; B-Stone Ranches (AB); T-Gonzalo Anderson. C\$23,000 Ylg '22 ALBMIX.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Awesome Empire, g, 3, **Classic Empire**--To Dream About, by Monarchos. Woodbine, 5-11, (C), 7f (AWT), 1:24.80. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$19,514. B-John C. Oxley (KY). *\$19,000 RNA 3yo '25 FTDFEB. **1/2 to Sky Dreamer (**Sky Mesa**), GSP-USA, MSP-Can, \$176,065, Dream Dancing (**Tapit**), GISW, \$483,271, Dream Maker (**Tapit**), GSP, \$151,692 and Awesome Sky (**Sky Mesa**), GSP, \$143,916.

Smuggler's Gold, g, 3, **Goldencents**--Romney Marsh, by **Midshipman**. Monmouth, 5-11, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.11. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-3, \$79,392. B-Hope H. Jones & Isabelle H. de Tomaso (NJ).

Donttellourwives, f, 3, **Khozan**--My Princess Dawn (SP), by Master Command. Santa Anita, 5-10, (C), (C), 6f, 1:11.41. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-3, \$36,860. B-Cheryl Ann Curtin (FL). *\$57,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR.

Humorous, g, 3, **Klimt**--Pilipha, by Distorted Humor. Charles Town, 5-10, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.82. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$24,463. B-John & Cynthia McKee (WV).

Can Do Andrew, c, 3, **Practical Joke**--Rainbow Sparkle (SP), by Majestic Warrior. Prairie Meadows, 5-10, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:03.27. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-1-1-1, \$61,750. B-Girl Power Racing LLC (IA).

Olivia Valentina, f, 3, **Malibu Moon**--Tiamaria, by Harlan's Holiday. Gulfstream, 5-11, 1mT, 1:33.51. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$37,400. B-Ballyfair Bloodstock (KY). *\$77,000 RNA Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$25,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$45,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR.

Gil's Folly, c, 3, **Thousand Words**--Miss Moultrie, by Uncle Mo. Woodbine, 5-11, (WC), 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:07.33. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$12,012. B-Ellen J. Caines (OK). *\$9,500 RNA Ylg '23 TTAYRL; \$3,000 2yo '24 KEEJAN. **1/2 to Bank On Shea (**Central Banker**), MSW, \$509,650.

Cheating Heart, g, 3, **Yoshida (Jpn)**--You Cheated (SP, \$160,254), by Colonel John. Lone Star, 5-11, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:19.73. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$42,376. B-Glen Robertson (TX). *1/2 to Society Man (**Good Magic**), GSW, \$510,760.

Maldini, c, 3, **Vino Rosso**--Never Sober, by Silent Name (Jpn). Woodbine, 5-11, (C), 7f (AWT), 1:25.29. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$26,414. B-Jay Goodwin & Chuck Wilkes (KY). *\$60,000 Ylg '23 KEEJAN.

Brody, g, 4, **Brody's Cause**--Cinnie, by Marte. Hawthorne, 5-11, 6f, 1:11.96. Lifetime Record: 10-1-1-2, \$44,863. B-Dale Blake Schmid (KY).

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Sugarcoat, f, 4, **Constitution**--Kalahari Cat, by Cape Town. Lone Star, 5-11, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.36. Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-3, \$45,951. B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY). *\$75,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **1/2 to Francois (Smarty Jones), SW & GSP, \$381,485; Full to **Independence Hall**, MGSW & GISP, \$881,500; 1/2 to Black Onyx (Rock Hard Ten), GSW, \$418,860 and Quality Council (Elusive Quality), GSP, \$248,743.

Cognoscenti, g, 4, **Palace Malice**--Blank Slate, by Gio Ponti. Belmont The Big A, 5-11, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:42.77. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$54,850. B-Alan Quartucci & Sebastian Varney (NY).

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Audible, True Passion, f, 3, o/o Fortune Pearl, by **Mineshaft**. MSW, 5-11, Churchill Downs

Brody's Cause, Brody, g, 4, o/o Cinnie, by Marte. MSW, 5-11, Hawthorne

Candy Ride (Arg), Ejtimaa, g, 4, o/o Talaay, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 5-11, Monmouth

Caravaggio, Casson, c, 2, o/o Zee Ro Drop, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 5-11, Woodbine

City of Light, Rich City Girl, f, 3, o/o Hassler (Ire), by **War Front**. Goldfinch S., 5-10, Prairie Meadows

Classic Empire, Awesome Empire, g, 3, o/o To Dream About, by Monarchos. MOC, 5-11, Woodbine

Constitution, National Law, c, 3, o/o Susie's Baby, by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 5-11, Pimlico

Constitution, Sugarcoat, f, 4, o/o Kalahari Cat, by Cape Town. MSW, 5-11, Lone Star

Demarchelier (GB), Illustrator, c, 4, o/o Prehistory, by Palace Malice. AOC, 5-11, Lone Star

Divining Rod, Judgement Day, g, 4, o/o Bench Ruling, by Successful Appeal. ALW, 5-10, Charles Town

Enticed, Attracted, f, 4, o/o Love's Illusion, by **Tapit**. AOC, 5-10, Emerald Downs

Golden Lad, Takethemoneyhoney, f, 4, o/o Goodonehoney, by Great Notion. Serena's Song S., 5-11, Monmouth

Goldcents, Smuggler's Gold, g, 3, o/o Romney Marsh, by **Midshipman**. MSW, 5-11, Monmouth

Great Notion, Moonlit Notion, c, 3, o/o Moonlit Song, by Fiber Sonde. Coin Collector S., 5-10, Charles Town

Greenpointcrusader, Talkin Topsy, m, 6, o/o Topsy Toes, by Got the Last Laugh. ALW, 5-10, Prairie Meadows

Into Mischief, Save Time, f, 4, o/o Chamber, by **Tapit**. ALW, 5-11, Churchill Downs

Jimmy Creed, Creed's Gold, f, 4, o/o Foxyfromfairbanks, by Fairbanks. AOC, 5-11, Belmont The Big A

Jimmy Creed, Two Bronze Stars, c, 4, o/o Mountaineer Cat, by Even the Score. ALW, 5-10, Charles Town

Khozan, Donttellourwives, f, 3, o/o My Princess Dawn, by Master Command. MOC, 5-10, Santa Anita

Klimt, Humorous, g, 3, o/o Pilipha, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 5-10, Charles Town

Lord Nelson, Lord Bullingdon, g, 4, o/o Ms Silver Oak, by Leroidesanimaux (Brz). AOC, 5-11, Churchill Downs

Maclean's Music, My Anticipation, f, 3, o/o Baby Rags, by **Union Rags**. MSW, 5-11, Belmont The Big A

Malibu Moon, Olivia Valentina, f, 3, o/o Tiamaria, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 5-11, Gulfstream

McKenna's Justice, McThanks, g, 9, o/o Thanks Be to Gold, by Formal Gold. ALW, 5-10, Sunray

Medaglia d'Oro, Shifty, f, 3, o/o Elusive Luci, by Elusive Quality. AOC, 5-11, Woodbine

Noble Mission (GB), Be of Courage, h, 5, o/o Swear by It, by Broken Vow. AOC, 5-11, Belmont The Big A

Not This Time, Claret Beret, f, 4, o/o Bessie M, by Medallist. HCP, 5-11, Gulfstream

Nyquist, Bro Bro, g, 3, o/o Frege, by Johar. AOC, 5-11, Santa Anita

Omaha Beach, Freedom's Not Free, c, 3, o/o Wonderfuladventure, by Tiz Wonderful. Cinema S., 5-11, Santa Anita

Palace Malice, Cognoscenti, g, 4, o/o Blank Slate, by Gio Ponti. MSW, 5-11, Belmont The Big A

Practical Joke, Can Do Andrew, c, 3, o/o Rainbow Sparkle, by Majestic Warrior. MSW, 5-10, Prairie Meadows

Souper Speedy, Miss Pierre, f, 3, o/o Prado Girl, by Rahy. OCL, 5-11, Woodbine

Speightster, Adrasteia, f, 4, o/o Arroostos, by Bodemeister. AOC, 5-11, Churchill Downs

Speightster, Itsallgoodman, g, 4, o/o Geisha Peebles, by **First Samurai**. ALW, 5-10, Century Mile

Speightstown, Comedy Town, g, 7, o/o Unbridled Humor, by Distorted Humor. STR, 5-11, Churchill Downs

Spun to Run, Hot Spun, c, 3, o/o Ruby Roan, by Jimmy Creed. MSW, 5-11, Belmont The Big A

Street Boss, Street Princess, f, 3, o/o Crowning Jewel, by Into Mischief. MSW, 5-11, Woodbine

Street Boss, Vitality, g, 4, o/o Belissimo, by Awesome Again. AOC, 5-11, Gulfstream

Tamarkuz, War Stride, g, 5, o/o Mudreqah, by Seeking the Gold. AOC, 5-11, Belmont The Big A

Thousand Words, Gil's Folly, c, 3, o/o Miss Moultree, by Uncle Mo. WMC, 5-11, Woodbine

Tonalist, Mr. Faversham, g, 4, o/o Weight No More, by Pure Prize. AOC, 5-10, Evangeline

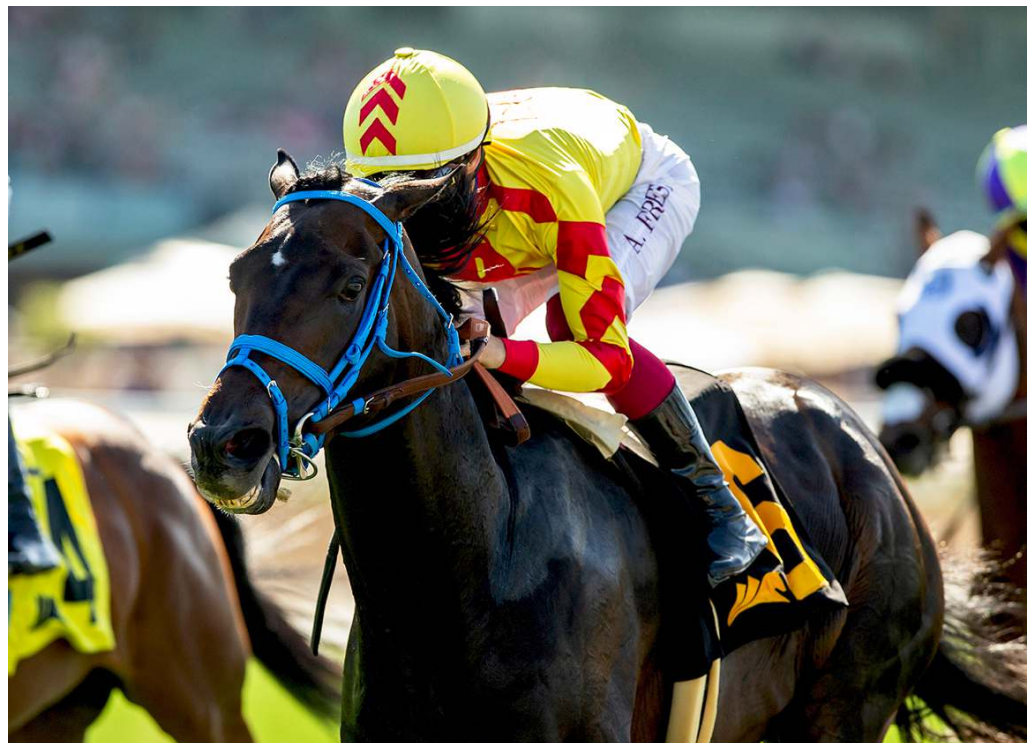
Uncle Lino, Redhotchiliphilly, f, 3, o/o Red Ring, by El Corredor. ALW, 5-10, Charles Town

Uncle Mo, Direct Channel, g, 4, o/o Eloisa, by **Tapit**. MSW, 5-11, Churchill Downs

Union Rags, Northern Glow, m, 5, o/o Love's Blush, by Not For Love. AOC, 5-11, Pimlico

Vino Rosso, Maldini, c, 3, o/o Never Sober, by Silent Name (Jpn). MOC, 5-11, Woodbine

Yoshida (Jpn), Cheating Heart, g, 3, o/o You Cheated, by Colonel John. MSW, 5-11, Lone Star



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by Sean Cronin

Representatives of **Wootton Bassett's** first Coolmore crop continued their plunder of elite-level contests with last term's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf hero **Henri Matisse** doubling his tally at the top table and registering a narrow victory, in track-record time, from Juddmonte's **TDN Rising Star Jonquil** (Lope De Vega) in Sunday's G1 Emirates Poule d'Essai des Poulains at ParisLongchamp.

The 12-5 favourite was positioned many lengths off the tempo as a group of five stole a march on the remainder of the field through halfway. Bustled along to improve upon turning for home, the eventual winner thundered forward to launch his challenge entering the final furlong and was driven out to best the rallying Jonquil by a head. The runner-up's fellow Rising Star and winner's stablemate **Camille Pissarro** (**Wootton Bassett**) flashed home late to finish a length adrift in third. The win provided trainer Aidan O'Brien with a sixth renewal of the mile Classic, five shy of Robert Denman's century-old record of 11.

"He's a horse that doesn't like to be in front too long and it was a nice, even pace," the winning trainer commented. "We were hoping it was going to be like that, because he was going to be ridden back, and we're delighted with the outcome."

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'ROLLERCOASTER OF EMOTIONS' AS FELLOWES AND SHOEMARK FACE CRUEL REVERSAL

By Emma Berry

PARIS, France --- "Where's Charlie?" The reaction of Francis Graffard, looking for Charlie Fellowes to commiserate before celebrating his own good fortune in being awarded the Poule d'Essai des Poulaches, spoke volumes. Not only for the decency of the winning trainer but for the extreme awkwardness surrounding the prolonged stewards' enquiry and ultimate outcome. One man's gain, another's pain.

In the case of the demoted Shes Perfect it was not, however, just one man's pain. Almost 60 syndicate owners had joined manager Basher Watts on the pilgrimage to Longchamp in pursuit of Classic glory. On seeing their free-running filly battle back when seemingly beaten, plunging her nose down on the line to be first past the post by the merest of margins, they filled the winner's enclosure with whoops and hollers, hugs and tears.

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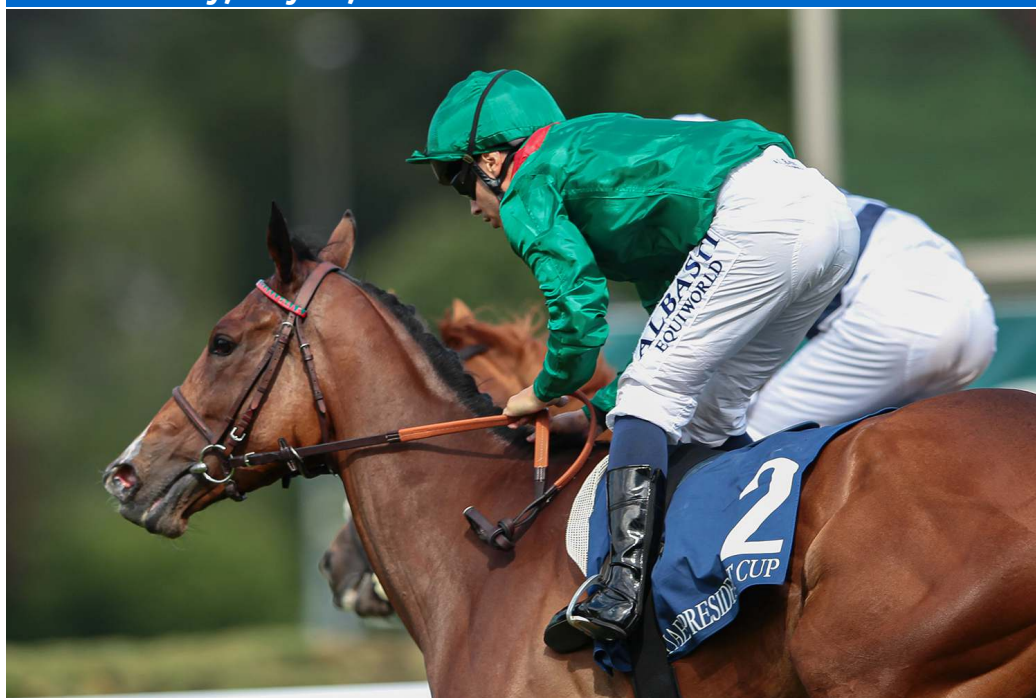
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Zarigana, pictured shortly after winning the G1 Emirates Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, is a granddaughter of Zarkava (Zamindar), who also won the Pouliches, as well as the Arc and Prix de Diane during her unbeaten career. See page 5 for more. | Scoop Dyga

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He added, "When the pace is strong and even, usually if you have the best horse you have a chance. There was going to be no traffic for everybody, but when you're riding back you're never sure you're going to get there. I'm never confident, I'm always hopeful, but Ryan [Moore] gave him a brilliant ride. I think he could be a miler and we think that he's probably going to be a [G1] St James's Palace horse, but obviously the lads will decide that."

Ryan Moore, who added to his lone prior victory aboard The Gurkha (Galileo) in 2016, added, "They went a good gallop and it sorted the race out. He travelled very well, very comfortable, he picked up well and I always felt like he was going to win. He's a horse with an awful lot of ability, he was good in America last year and he was good on his comeback. I think he's getting better and there's a chance he'll get further, but he's pacey and

he's got a lot of gears."

Reflecting on the performance of third home Camille Pissarro, O'Brien said, "Christophe [Soumillon] thought his horse could be a French Derby horse, so the lads will probably split them up and we'll see what happens."



Henri Matisse's winning connections | Scoop Dyga

Pedigree Notes

Henri Matisse, one of his sire's 14 winners at the highest level, is the sixth of seven foals throne by Immortal Verse ((Pivotal), whose career highlights include victories in the G1 Coronation Stakes and G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois. Immortal Verse topped the sheets at Tattersalls' 2013 December Mares sale when knocked down for 4,700,000gns. She is the leading performer out of stakes-winning G3 Prix Fille de l'Air runner-up Side Of Paradise

(Sadler's Wells), whose descendants include stakes-winning G1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes runner-up Roseman (**Kingman**).

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Side Of Paradise is a full-sister to Listed Rose Bowl Stakes winner Flowerdrum as well as being a half-sister to multiple Group 1-winning sire Last Tycoon (Try My Best), G3 Prix du Bois victrix The Perfect Life (Try My Best) and dual G3 Goldene Peitsche-winning sire Astronef (Be My Guest). Side Of Paradise is also kin to the stakes-placed dam of G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulaches heroine Valentine Waltz (Be My Guest) and G1 Matron Stakes victrix Sense Of Style (Thunder Gulch).

Black-type descendants of Henri Matisse's third dam Mill Princess (Ire) (Mill Reef) include top-level winners Hermosa (Galileo), Hydrangea (Galileo), The United States (Galileo) and Tie Black (Machiavellian). Immortal Verse, who has a yearling colt by **Justify** to come, is also the dam of G1 Cheveley Park Stakes heroine Tenebrism (Caravaggio) and G2 Airlie Stud Stakes victrix Statuette (**Justify**). She was bred back to **Justify** last year.

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Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France

EMIRATES POULE D'ESSAI DES POULAINS-G1, €650,000, ParisLongchamp, 5-11, 3yo, c, 8fT, 1:33.91 (NCR), gd.

1--**HENRI MATISSE (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by **Wootton Bassett (GB)**

1st Dam: Immortal Verse (Ire) (G1SW-Eng & Fr, \$1,053,873), by Pivotal (GB)

2nd Dam: Side Of Paradise (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

3rd Dam: Mill Princess (Ire), by Mill Reef

O-Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Merriebelle Irish Farm Ltd; B-Immortal Verse Syndicate (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. €371,410. Lifetime Record: GISW-US & MGSW-Ire, 8-6-1-0, €1,122,640. *1/2 to Tenebrism (Caravaggio), G1SW-Eng & Fr, SW & G1SP-Ire, \$662,772; and Statuette (**Justify**), GSW-Ire. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*. Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**, or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

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2--**Jonquil (GB)**, 128, c, 3, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Jovial (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). **TDN Rising Star. 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.** O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd (GB); T-Andrew Balding. €148,590.

3--**Camille Pissarro (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Entreat (GB), by Pivotal (GB). **TDN Rising Star.** (1,250,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT). O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Peter M Brant; B-CN Farm Ltd (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. €74,295.

Margins: HD, 1, SNK. Odds: 2.40, 7.00, 7.40.

Also Ran: Luther (GB), Ridari (Fr), Detain (Ire), Reach The Sky (Fr), Selenien (Fr), Sahlan (Ire), Houquetot (Ire), Heybetli (Ire), Aomori City (Fr), Dos Mukasan (Fr), Zarraf (Fr), Misunderstood (Fr), Serengeti (Fr). Scratched: Tipinso (Fr), Hotazhell (GB).



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ZARIGANA AWARDED POULICHES; SHES PERFECT DEMOTED *by Tom Frary*

At the end of a week to forget for Kieran Shoemark, the rider who had suffered agony at Newmarket eight days earlier had to endure a second bout as the ParisLongchamp stewards stripped his mount **Shes Perfect** of G1 Emirates Poule d'Essai des Pouliches glory on Sunday. Connections of the Charlie Fellowes-trained daughter of **Sioux Nation** were ebullient for a precious few minutes after the photo showed her a nose ahead of the 4-5 favourite **Zarigana**, but an objection from Mickael Barzalona soon raised the alarm.

After deliberation, the officials judged the 18-1 winner to have caused interference to the eventual fourth **Exactly** as she drifted left in the closing stages, who in turn took Zarigana off a true line. With such a minimal margin separating the duo who had

finished the other way around in the course-and-distance G3 Prix de la Grotte, the decision came down in favour of the Aga Khan Studs' daughter of **Siyouni**.

"Obviously, it was a tough few minutes and we don't like to win like this," trainer

Francis-Henri Graffard said of the promoted winner, who for a brief period looked to have suffered a second heart-breaking defeat here, having also lost out by a nose in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac on Arc day. "We feel sorry for the connections of Shes Perfect, but this is racing and it has happened to me in the past. To be fair to my filly, when she came, she got really unbalanced at the wrong time and at the end it was only a nose."

"I am very happy for this filly,

there was a lot of expectation and she deserved a win like that and it would have been very frustrating to be second, beaten a nose," he added. [Cont. p6](#)



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"It's so important for the team, it's huge. It's quite hard to really enjoy it, it's more like a relief than proper joy. I think she can be ridden closer to the pace, but I think it's important to give her cover. Mikael gave her a good ride and I think she deserved to win, but again I'm very sorry for the connections of Shes Perfect."

Key to the outcome here was the errant passage of Shes Perfect inside the final two furlongs, but the real story of the race was the remarkable final three-furlong split of Zarigana as she stormed home in a rapid :32.50 despite receiving a bump. Once she was clear of Exactly, her surge to the line in :11.31 demonstrated how much running she had left in the tank and there is no decisive call on the judgement of the inquiry.

Charlie Fellowes was taken aback by the outcome, with an appeal being considered. "I thought the contact was minimal

and it was a long way out, so I was very surprised," he explained. "In England, it would not have been overturned--we would have kept it. I need to speak to some people and get some advice on the situation--whether it's worth appealing, I've no idea really."

"My filly is so tough, I was worried about the ground before the race and that it was plenty quick enough for her, but she's obviously more versatile than I realised," he added. "I think she'll stay 10, but she just needs to relax a bit better. She's just nearly won a Classic over a mile, so there's no desperate need to step her up yet. We'll maybe look at that later in the year."

TDN Rising Star Zarigana may not be asked to emulate the Classic double achieved by her second dam Zarkava, with the

G1 Prix de Diane appearing less likely than the G1 Coronation Stakes where she can renew rivalry with the demoted winner.

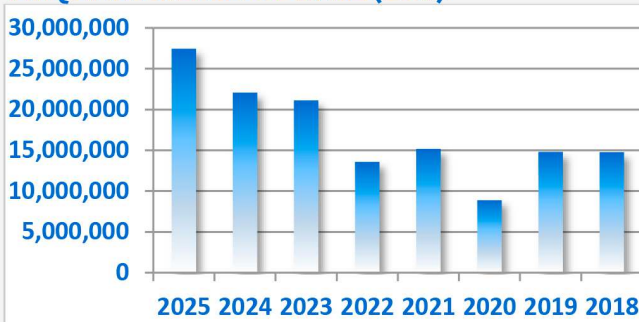
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2024	207	174	139	16.0%	80.0%	67.1%	€ 22,070,500	€ 166,775
2023	195	167	140	14.4%	83.8%	71.8%	€ 21,110,500	€ 150,789
2022	152	123	103	19.1%	83.7%	67.8%	€ 13,573,000	€ 131,777
2021	164	123	108	25.0%	87.8%	65.9%	€ 15,171,100	€ 140,473
2020	165	77	64	53.3%	83.1%	38.8%	€ 8,879,700	€ 140,698
2019	167	145	114	13.2%	78.6%	68.2%	€ 14,797,000	€ 129,798
2018	170	150	113	11.8%	75.3%	66.4%	€ 14,766,000	€ 130,673

G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches Cont.

"I'm not sure she needs to step up in trip," Graffard added. "If we decide to stick to a mile, then we will go to Royal Ascot and the Coronation with her. Mandanaba should step up in trip and head to the Prix de Diane."

Pedigree Notes

Frankel's Zarkamiya, who proved a genuine 12-furlong performer when winning the Listed Prix Thiberville and finishing third in the G1 Prix Vermeille, is one of two notables produced by the luminary Zarkava who holds a special place in the operation's annals. Her Dubawi-sired G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud-winning son **Zarak** is now emerging as a force in his second career, while Zarkava's G3 Prix Minerve-winning half-sister Zarshana by **Sea The Stars** is responsible for **Frankel's** G1 Prix Ganay runner-up Zarir. The third foal out of Zarkamiya is a filly named Zarouma by **Zarak's** sire Dubawi.

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Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France

EMIRATES POULE D'ESSAI DES POULICHES-G1, €550,000, ParisLongchamp, 5-11, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:34.05, gd.

1--**ZARIGANA (GB)**, 126, f, 3, by **Siyouni (Fr)**

1st Dam: Zarkamiya (Fr) (SW & G1SP-Fr, \$144,304), by **Frankel (GB)**

2nd Dam: Zarkava (Ire), by Zamindar

3rd Dam: Zarkasha (Ire), by Kahyasi (Ire)

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*2--**Shes Perfect (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, **Sioux Nation**--Galeaza (GB), by Galileo (Ire). **1ST GROUP 1 BLACK-TYPE.** (€22,000 RNA Wlg '22 GOFNOV; €35,000 Ylg '23 GOFORB; €50,000 2yo '24 ARQMay). O-Basher Watts Racing 2; B-Denis McDonnell; T-Charlie Fellowes. €125,730.

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3--**Mandanaba (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Ghaiyyath (Ire)--Mandesha (Fr), by Desert Style (Ire). **TDN Rising Star. 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK-TYPE.** O/B-Princess Zahra Aga Khan; T-Francis-Henri Graffard. €62,865.

Margins: NO, 1, HD. Odds: 0.80, 18.00, 6.90.

Also Ran: Exactly (Ire), Better Together (GB), Bedtime Story (Ire), Daylight (Fr), Godspeed (Fr), Ghoufrann (Ire), Mimos (Fr), Heavens Gate (Ire), Celestial Orbit (GB), Merrily.

*Shes Perfect finished first, but was disqualified and placed second.

Euphoria And Despair On Poules Day Cont. from p1

Their cries of 'Shooey' added yet more poignancy to what looked to be the ultimate tale of sporting redemption: Classic glory for Kieran Shoemark after a torrid week of being pushed down the pecking order of jockeys at Clarehaven.

Whatever one's view of the outcome of the previous weekend's 2,000 Guineas, there can be no denying that Shoemark has been riding at the top of his game this season. An owner or trainer looking for the 'best available' could well have had their heads turned by his performances in each of the Longchamp Classics. From a desperate draw, Luther outran his odds to take fourth for Fellowes in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains, while Shes Perfect was beaten only by her own slight waywardness in the straight. And it was slight. The rules, often more harshly applied in France than in other jurisdictions, have to be adhered to, no matter how aggrieved those closest to the action may justifiably feel.

As Zarigana was announced as the winner there was booing in some quarters around the parade ring. The tears of stunned joy shed by Fellowes as he attempted to take in the extraordinary performance of his filly to deliver what had appeared to be his first Classic winner will have tasted bitter on his cheeks only moments later. Watts magnanimously led his followers in a round of applause for the team from the Aga Khan Studs as they departed the hallowed arena, crestfallen.

"That's horseracing," said the admirably equable Shoemark, showered and changed and on his way out of the weighing-room after calling a polite "Merci" to the officials within. He could have walked on by and refused to speak at this gloomiest of hours but instead the politeness continued.

"I'm gutted for the connections but we've got a wonderful filly who has put up another mighty performance. I am sorry for the connections that it didn't happen today. Unfortunately I think that was part of my 'it comes in threes' and we'll get over today and I am sure we'll see her at Ascot." **Cont. p8**



Charlie Fellowes greets Shes Perfect and Kieran Shoemark before delight turned despair | Racingfotos.com

Euphoria And Despair On Poules Day Cont.

He added of his week in an unwelcome spotlight, "I've had an incredible amount of support throughout the last five, six days – even just walking back in off the filly then, and my phone's been red hot. It's just another rollercoaster of emotions.

"I'm a big boy, I've got big shoulders, and we'll move on."

Emotion enveloped both sides of this equation. Those involved with Zarigana clearly took no pleasure in throwing shade on the visitors' brief moment in the sun.

"Nobody wants to win a race like this," said Graffard, who is currently dominating the French scene with a 30 per cent strike rate, so many of those winners coming in the green and red livery of the Aga Khan Studs.

This should have been a delightful result for Princess Zahra Aga Khan and her loyal team – one that reflected not only the immense contribution of her recently deceased father to racing and breeding but also that of her great grandfather.

Zarigana's coronation echoes down through a century and more, way beyond her famed and beloved granddam Zarkava, whose first Classic triumph she emulated here. This was a victory eleven generations in the making, right the way through from the second handful of yearling purchases by HH Aga Khan III in 1922, which included the supremely influential Mumtaz Mahal.

For that extraordinary devotion to the development of thoroughbred families alone, nobody could deny the Aga Khan Studs another major success here – a seventh in the Poule d'Essai des Poulaches since 1984. It is to their credit that Graffard, Princess Zahra and her family made no show of celebration as they were handed their trophies.

At the other end of the broad spectrum of racehorse ownership came the many involved with Shes Perfect. They have a terrific filly, no doubt, and it can only be hoped that the collective dismay they must have felt on leaving Longchamp can soon be focused on what may lie ahead.

Shoemark, too, must find his strength in adversity. He looks to be well on his way.

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LIKE MOTHER LIKE DAUGHTER AS GEZORA WINS THE SAINT ALARY *by Tom Frary*

Bringing yet more success to the Francis-Henri Graffard stable in 2025, White Birch Farm's **Gezora** emulated the 2006 Prix Saint-Alary success of her dam Germance at ParisLongchamp on Sunday. Sent off at 6-1 for the former Group 1 contest, now a level below carrying the sponsors' "Auguste Rodin Coolmore" title, last year's G3 Prix des Reservoirs winner was anchored behind the leading pair early by Mickael Barzalona.

Showing the sharpest acceleration of the quartet in the straight, the daughter of Almanzor who had been third behind

Mandanaba and **Flaming Stone** in the course-and-distance G3 Prix Vanteaux last month took over from the latter 300 metres from the finish before seeing off her stablemate, Dubawi's 1-2 favourite **Audubon Park**, by 1 1/4 lengths.

Graffard, who was later to go through the gamut of emotions after the Pouliches, is thinking of the G1 Prix de Diane for the first two. "Gezora is a nice filly, very straightforward, she had a very good first run in the Vanteaux here and she came on a lot for the race," he said. "She blossomed physically and mentally she was so happy and well in herself that I said to the owner we should give it a go today, we had nothing to lose and she lengthened really nicely in the straight."

"Audubon Park is a big, scopey filly and I didn't want to run her four times before the Prix de Diane, so I gave her a long break and physically I think she needed it today," he added. "She was a little bit in season also--when I put the saddle on her she was showing bad signs to me. She needed the run, she asked for a big blow at the wrong moment in the straight and she will come on a lot for that. She's a lovely filly. Gezora will definitely go to the Prix de Diane after that and regarding Audubon Park, let's see how she comes out and I will speak to the owner, but this is a trial and she will probably line up too."

Pedigree Notes

Gezora is the last foal out of Germance, who also captured the G3 Prix de la Nonette and G3 Prix Penelope and was second in her Diane. Responsible for only one black-type performer so far in Teofilo's triple listed-placed Garance, she is a half to the dual listed scorer Gaily Game by Montjeu related to **Sea The Stars's** G1 Prix d'Ispahan-winning sire Mekhtaal and Le Havre's G1 Criterium International runner-up Normandy Bridge. This is also the family of the G1 Derby Italiano hero and Arc runner-up White Muzzle and the G1 Dubai World Cup hero Almutawakel.

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Gezora | Scoop Dyga

Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France

AUGUSTE RODIN COOLMORE PRIX SAINT-ALARY-G2,
€130,000, ParisLongchamp, 5-11, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:04.10, gs.

1--**GEZORA (FR), 126, f, 3, by Almanzor (Fr)**

1st Dam: **Germance (G1SW-Fr, \$558,680),**
by **Silver Hawk**

2nd Dam: **Gaily Tiara, by Caerleon**

3rd Dam: **Majestic Role (Fr), by Theatrical (Ire)**

O-White Birch Farm; B-Haras d'Etreham; T-Francis-Henri Graffard; J-Mickael Barzalona. €74,100. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, €160,100. **Werk Nick Rating: F. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Audubon Park (Fr), 126, f, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Right Hand (GB),** by **Lope De Vega (Ire).** **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€390,000 Ylg '23 ARQAUG). O-Craig Bernick; B-Ecurie des Monceaux, Langlais Bloodstock, Noir Et Or Elevage SA & C Hirst; T-Francis-Henri Graffard. €28,600.

3--**Flaming Stone (GB), 126, f, 3, Kingman (GB)--Burning Rules (Ire),** by **Aussie Rules.** (425,000gns Wlg '22 TATFOA). O-Juddmonte; B-Mrs Anita Wigan & Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Henri-Francois Devin. €13,650.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, HD. Odds: 6.00, 0.50, 2.70.

Also Ran: Jones (Fr).

ZARAK'S FLATTEN THE CURVE EDGES OLEANDER-RENNEN THRILLER, NEW YORK AN OPTION by Sean Cronin

Eckhard Sauren's former handicap stalwart **Flatten The Curve (Zarak)** registered a third success for conditioner Henk Grewe on Hoppegarten's Sunday card by defeating Irish raider **Enfranchise** (Invincible Spirit) in an enthralling finish to the Berlin track's two-mile G2 Comer Group International 54th Oleander-Rennen.

The resurgent six-year-old closed last term with a career high in Cologne's G3 Silbernes Pferd and opened this campaign with a three-length tally in this venue's Listed Altano-Rennen last time.

Patently ridden off the tempo in seventh until urged forward once into the home straight, the 2-1 second favourite weaved a passage to the far side hedge for his challenge entering the final furlong and had enough reserves under a late drive to outpoint Enfranchise by a head in a thrilling bobber. Last year's runner-up **Waldadler** (Adlerflug) fared best of the remainder and finished 1 3/4 lengths adrift in third.

Flatten The Curve's victory qualifies for an automatic place in New York's GII Belmont Gold Cup. "That race is the plan and the [G1] Irish St Leger is also an option," Grewe told *GaloppOnline*.

Winning rider Thore Hammer-Hansen added, "This is a very special victory for me. The horse has improved tremendously

from start to start and fought like a true champion today. It was a bit tight at times, but he pulled through and, in the end, he won with his heart."

Pedigree Notes

Flatten The Curve, one of his sire's 18 pattern-race winners, is the second of six foals and one of three scorers produced by a winning daughter of Listed Prix de Thiberville third Ludhiana (Dalakhani). Ludhiana is a half-sister to three black-type winners, namely G3 Prix de Psyche victrix Luna Kya (Kendor), dual stakes winner Livandar (Fantastic Light) and and Listed Prix La Moskowa and Listed Prix des Tourelles victrix King Luna (King's Best).

King Luna is the dam of G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte and G3 Prix Eclipse victor Kiram (Elusive City) while Luna Kya's descendants include GIII My Charmer Handicap victrix Kya One (One Cool Cat). Flatten The Curve's third dam Luna Caerla (Caerleon) is a half-sister to three pattern-race winners headed by G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero Linamix (Mendez) and G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Luna Wells (Sadler's Wells). Flatten The Curve is half to an unnamed 2-year-old filly by Wooded.



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Sunday, Hoppegarten, Germany

COMER GROUP INTERNATIONAL 54TH OLEANDER-RENNEN-G2,
€130,000, Hoppegarten, 5-11, 4yo/up, 16fT, 3:25.93, gd.

1--**FLATTEN THE CURVE (FR), 126, g, 6, by Zarak (Fr)**

1st Dam: **Lailoma (Fr), by Teofilo (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Ludiana (Fr), by Dalakhani (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Luna Caerla (Ire), by Caerleon**

(€24,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT). O-Eckhard Sauren; B-SAS I.E.I., Ecurie de Castillon, Khalifa Mohammed Al Attiyah & Sheikh Faisal Bin Hamad Bin Jassim Al-Thani (FR); T-Henk Grewe; J-Thore Hammer-Hansen. €75,000. Lifetime Record: 38-6-9-4, €253,210. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*. **Click for**

the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--**Enfranchise (Ire)**, 122, m, 7, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Saoirse Abu, by Mr. Greeley. 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. (68,000gns 4yo '22 TATMA). O-Annette F Mee; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Willie McCreery. €25,000.

3--**Waldadler (Ger)**, 126, g, 6, Adlerflug (Ger)--Waldblume (Ger), by Halling. (€9,000 Ylg '20 BBAGS). O-Stall Kalifornia; B-Gestut Sommerberg (GER); T-Pavel Vovcenko. €14,000.

Margins: HD, 1 3/4, 3. Odds: 2.00, 12.00, 14.60.

Also Ran: Lordano (Ger), Sir Siljan (Fr), Nastaria (GB), Partnun (Ger), Atlantica (GB), Alpenjager (Ger).

DUBAWI'S TDN RISING STAR DELACROIX ANNEXES LEOPARDSTOWN FEATURE

by Sean Cronin

Just minutes after stablemate Henri Matisse (**Wootton Bassett**) secured G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains glory in France, Aidan O'Brien nominee and **TDN Rising Star Delacroix** (Dubawi) laid his Classic credentials on the line in Leopardstown's G3 Cashel Palace Hotel Derby Trial Stakes and passed with flying colours, registering a 2 3/4-length triumph in the 10-furlong test.

Last seen annexing March's G3 Ballysax Stakes over the Foxrock venue's same mile-and-a-quarter strip, the 1-3 favourite accepted a tow from stablemate **Rock Of Cashel (Wootton Bassett)** and raced second after breaking on the lead. Easing to the fore off the home turn, he was beyond recall after quickening clear approaching the furlong pole and hit the line with a comfortable buffer. Juddmonte's Dermot Weld trainee **Purview (Kingman)** finished second, four lengths ahead of Joseph O'Brien contender **Tennessee Stud (Wootton Bassett)** in third. First or second in all seven starts, Delacroix also annexed last term's G3 Autumn Stakes at Newmarket and ran second in both G2 Golden Fleece Stakes and G1 Futurity Trophy.

"Gavin [Ryan] went along at an even tempo [aboard Rock Of Cashel] and Wayne [Lordan] got a lovely lead into it," reflected Ballydoyle's Chris Armstrong. "When he got after him, a furlong-and-a-half out, the most impressive part was he really lengthened and quickened to the line. Wayne said going to the line he was having a good look, which is a good sign there is plenty left in there. His homework has been very good since here the last day, he's come forward lovely and all being well he'll come forward again. It's on to Epsom now."

Pedigree Notes

Delacroix, one of his sires 192 pattern-race winners, is the latest of four foals and one of two scorers from as many runners out of multiple Grade I-winning dual US champion Tepin

(Bernstein), who also bagged Royal Ascot's G1 Queen Anne Stakes. Tepin, whose other winner is last term's G1 Prix de Royallieu heroine Grateful (Galileo), is a full-sister to GII Peter Pan Stakes and GIII Coolmore Lexington Stakes placegetter Prime Cut. She is also kin to three-time Grade II winner Vyjack (Into Mischief). Delacroix's stakes-placed third dam Round It Off (Apalachee), who produced dual Grade III-winning sire Disco Rico (Citidancer), is a half-sister to GII Ladies Handicap and dual GIII Carousel Stakes victrix Miss Slewpyp (Slewpyp).

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Sunday, Leopardstown, Ireland

CASHEL PALACE HOTEL DERBY TRIAL STAKES-G3, €100,000, Leopardstown, 5-11, 3yo, 10fT, 2:10.59, gd.

1--**DELACROIX (IRE)**, 131, c, 3, by Dubawi (Ire)

1st Dam: Tepin (MGISW-US, GISW-Can & G1SW-Eng, \$4,437,918), by Bernstein

2nd Dam: Life Happened, by Stravinsky

3rd Dam: Round It Off, by Apalachee

TDN Rising Star. O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Tepin Syndicate (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Wayne Lordan. €60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-Eng, 7-4-3-0, \$263,097. *1/2 to Grateful (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), G1SW-Fr, GSW-Ire & GSP-Eng, \$269,515. **Werk Nick Rating: C.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

2--**Purview (GB)**, 131, c, 3, **Kingman (GB)**--Variable (GB), by **Sea The Stars (Ire)**. 1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd (GB); T-Dermot Weld. €20,000.

3--**Tennessee Stud (Ire)**, 131, c, 3, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**--In My Dreams (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. O-Westerberg, Tabor, Magnier

& Smith; B-Mrs Annemarie O'Brien (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien. €10,000.

Margins: 2 3/4, 4, 3/4. Odds: 0.33, 11.00, 7.00.

Also Ran: Rock Of Cashel (Ire), Acapulco Bay (Ire).

MGHEERA TOO STRONG IN THE SAINT-GEORGES *by Tom Frary*

Marking her first start in the Lloyd Webber silks with a career-best on Sunday, **Mgheera** emerged best of a clutch of pattern-race sprinters in ParisLongchamp's G3 Prix de Saint-Georges. Bought out of the Manon Scandella-Lacaille stable for €250,000 when offered at Arqana December, the Listed Prix Hampton winner and G2 Prix du Gros-Chêne runner-up was confidently ridden by Oisin Murphy anchored towards the rear in the initial stages.

Delivering a potent :20.59 split between the three-pole and the one, the Ed Walker-trained daughter of Zoustar stayed on strongly with the fastest final furlong in :11.49 to secure an authoritative 1 1/2-length success from Ciao Pa'. "She's been showing up really well at home and I know her pretty well from seeing her race against Makarova last year," Walker said of the 5-1 winner. "Whether or not we think about the [G2] Temple Stakes at Haydock or a Group 2 back in France on our way to Ascot, or we go straight to Ascot I don't know, we'll see how she is, but the focus will be the [G1] King Charles III."



Mgheera | Scoop Dyga

Pedigree Notes

Mgheera's dam Blue Angean by Invincible Spirit was a smart sprint handicapper for Godolphin who was sold for 55,000gns at the 2016 Tattersalls July Sale. A half-sister to Tobougg's G3 Firth of Clyde winner Distinctive from the family of the multiple Graded Stakes scorer Marshua's River, she also has a 2-year-old

filly by Mohaather named Reader and a yearling filly by Sergei Prokofiev.

Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France

PRIX DE SAINT-GEORGES-G3, €80,000, ParisLongchamp, 5-11, 3yo/up, 5fT, :54.95, gs.

1--**MGHEERA (GB)**, 126, m, 5, by Zoustar (Aus)

1st Dam: Blue Aegean (GB), by Invincible Spirit (Ire)

2nd Dam: Blue Azure, by American Chance

3rd Dam: Kibitzing, by Wild Again

1ST GROUP WIN. (€145,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT; €5,000 HRA '23 ARQJUL; 300,000gns RNA HRA '24 TATSEP; €250,000 HRA '24 ARQDEC. O-Lord Lloyd Webber and Arthur Mitchell; B-David Redvers & Framont Ltd; T-Ed Walker; J-Oisin Murphy.

€40,000. Lifetime Record: 19-5-3-4, €175,100. **Werk Nick**

Rating: A+. Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**, or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

2--**Ciao Pa' (Fr)**, 129, h, 5, Shamalgan (Fr)--Miss Mo Brown Bear (Ire), by Kodiak (GB). **1ST GROUP BLACK-TYPE.** (€4,000 RNA Ylg '21 ARQAUT). O/B-Scuderia Micolò SNC; T-Cedric Boutin. €16,000.

3--**Ponntos (Ire)**, 129, h, 7, Power (GB)--Blessing Box (GB), by Bahamian Bounty (Ire). (€2,200 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; €6,800 Ylg '19 TIRSEP). O-Dr Eva Nieslanikova; B-Liam Butler & Churchtown House Stud (IRE); T-Miroslav Nieslanik. €12,000.

Margins: 1HF, 1, 1HF. Odds: 4.90, 18.00, 4.40.

Also Ran: Keran (Fr), Pradaro (Fr), Electric Storm (Ire), Lesslepasser (Fr), Kylian (Ire), Zorken (Fr).

NO CATCHING VERA'S SECRET IN THE MUTAMAKINA *by Tom Frary*

One of racing's late developers, Vera's Secret who was only breaking her maiden as a 5-year-old last July made the leap forward on Sunday to dominate Leopardstown's G3 Al Shira'aa Racing 'Mutamakina' Stakes. Given a masterclass from the front by Seamus Heffernan, the 11-2 shot pulled away in the final furlong to inflict a four-length defeat on last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf fourth Fiery Lucy.

"She was good last year and hasn't had a lot of racing," trainer Johnny Feane said of the winner, whose 2024 campaign saw her win competitive handicaps at The Curragh and at this venue. "She is a big strong six-year-old now, a quality filly and she proved it there today. She goes well fresh and is a bit more relaxed this year, so we kept it simple today. She's entered in the [May 25 G2] Lanwades Stud Stakes and later on in the year will probably come back here for the [G1] Matron Stakes. She will come on for that run today. She is over 600 kilos and takes plenty of work at home. She's a tough bit of stuff." **Cont. p12**

Pedigree Notes

Vera's Secret's dam Pure Jazz, who also has a yearling colt by Profitable, is a half to Excelebration's G2 Premio Vittorio di Capua and G3 Sceptre Stakes winner Bounce The Blues and Bahhare's G3 Athasi Stakes scorer Jazz Princess. This is the family of Danzig's G1 Middle Park Stakes-winning sire Zieten and his G1 Cheveley Park Stakes winning full-sister and champion Blue Duster and the GI Man O'War Stakes hero Highland Chief by **Gleneagles**.

Sunday, Leopardstown, Ireland

AL SHIRA'AA RACING 'MUTAMAKINA' STAKES-G3, €60,000, Leopardstown, 5-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f 53yT, 1:31.21, gd.

1--VERA'S SECRET (IRE), 135, m, 6, by Epaulette (Aus)

1st Dam: Pure Jazz (Ire), by Marju (Ire)

2nd Dam: Jazz Up (GB), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB)

3rd Dam: Slow Jazz, by Chief's Crown

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN. O-J Browne;

B-Kilnamoragh Stud; T-John Feane; J-Seamus Heffernan.

€36,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$125,981. **Werk Nick**

Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Fiery Lucy (GB), 123, f, 3, Without Parole (GB)--Craighall (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). (38,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT). O-Lindsay Laroche/Dunphy Family Syndicate; B-Wharton Manor Stud; T-Gavin Cromwell. €12,000.

3--Bella Isabella (Ire), 123, f, 3, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Carla Bianca (Ire), by Dansili (GB). 1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. O/B-Moyglare Stud Farm; T-Dermot Weld. €6,000.

Margins: 4, NK, 3/4. Odds: 5.50, 4.50, 12.00.

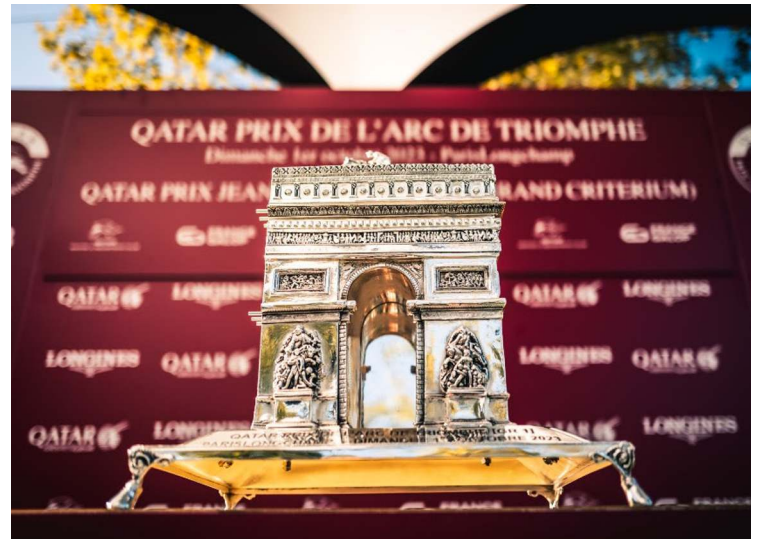
Also Ran: Vespertilio (Fr), Sweet Chariot (Ire), Chantez (Ire), Elinor Dashwood (Ire), Easy Mover (Ire).

following contests: the G1 Qatar Prix du Jockey Club on June 1 and the G1 Prix de Diane Longines on June 15 both at Chantilly; Saint-Cloud's G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud on June 29, the G1 Grand Prix de Paris back at ParisLongchamp on July 13, and the G1 Sumbe Prix Jean Romanet at Deauville on August 24. In addition, ParisLongchamp will host the Qatar Arc Trials on September 7 which encompass the G1 Qatar Prix Vermeille, the G2 Qatar Prix Niel and the G2 Qatar Prix Foy.

Winners of the Arc Races will be granted a wildcard to run in the Arc, provided they meet the race conditions. If there are too many starters (race limit is 24), Arc Races winners will be given priority and will not be included in the elimination procedure.

France Galop will also refund their entry fees (€8,300), while horses that have not been entered will be given the opportunity of an entry window 15 days after the official closing date. Winners of the Arc trial races will have their entry fees refunded. More importantly, if they don't have an entry in the Arc, they will receive a free supplementary entry worth €120,000.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

ARC RACES INITIATIVE LAUNCHED BY FRANCE GALOP

Arc Races, a new eight-race initiative that will grant each winner a spot in the €5-million G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in the autumn, was launched by France Galop on Sunday. Highlighting some of the best of French racing, the aim of the series is to raise the profile of the Arc, which takes place at ParisLongchamp on October 5 this year.

Spread across the calendar, the Arc Races include the

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Monday, May 12, 2025:

UNITED KINGDOM

Lope Y Fernandez (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), The National Stud
99 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
17:50-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, **Flying Macs (GB)**
10,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024

Starman (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
211 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner
17:50-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, **Flowerhead (Ire)**
35,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2024; 35,000gns
Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2025

FRANCE

Armor (GB) (**No Nay Never**), Haras de Bouquetot
23 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
1-TARBES, 1100m, **Nocturne Blou (Fr)**
€9,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2023
(English Version); €1,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings
2024



Armor has a runner at Tarbes | Al Shaqab Racing

BRITAIN

Sunday's Results:

5th-Newcastle, £31,000, **Novice**, 5-11, 3yo/up, f, 7f 14y (AWT),
1:26.22, st.

SOHO SQUARE (GB) (f, 3, **Showcasing {GB}**--**Cuban Treasure {GB}**, by **Havana Gold {Ire}**), well beaten on her sole start over six furlongs at Yarmouth in September, tracked the early leaders and looked to have too much to do inside the last two furlongs. Benefitting from a pace collapse, the 8-1 shot was in front 100 yards from the line and asserted to score by a neck from Ten Sovereigns's Hello Goodbye. The winner is the first foal out of the unraced dam, whose three listed-placed half-siblings include Montjeu's Lingfield Oaks Trial runner-up Bellajeu. The second dam is the Listed Pinnacle Stakes winner and G3 Ormonde Stakes-placed Arbella, while the family also features the G1

Middle Park Stakes-winning sire Primo Valentino. Cuban Treasure's 2-year-old filly by Magna Grecia is named Tutts Clump, while she also has a yearling filly by Ardad. Sales history: 45,000gns Wlg '22 TADEWE. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$22,269. O-Mrs A M Swinburn; B-Genesis Green Stud & Des Thurlby; T-James Fanshawe.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

8th-Newcastle, £75,000, 5-11, 4yo/up, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:10.71, st.
FERROUS (IRE) (g, 5, **Dark Angel {Ire}**--**Grizzel {Ire}** {**GSW-Can**, **SP-Eng**, **SP-US**, \$237,120}, by **Kodiak {GB}**) Lifetime Record:
18-7-1-4, \$214,824. O-Recycled Products Limited; B-Merriebelle Irish Farm Ltd; T-Jack Channon. *35,000gns Ylg '21 TADEY.

IRELAND

Sunday's Results:

PORSCHE IN SUPPORT OF BREAST CANCER IRELAND

AMETHYST STAKES-Listed, €45,000, Leopardstown, 5-11,
3yo/up, 8fT, 1:41.00, gd.

1--**CHICAGO CRITIC (GB)**, 135, g, 4, by **Night Of Thunder (Ire)**--
Criticism (GB) (MGSW & GISP-US, SW & GSP-Fr, \$815,367), by
Machiavellian. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN**. O-Sam Menco & Tony
Smurfit; B-Forenaghts Stud (GB); T-Johnny Murtagh; J-Ben
Coen. €27,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 10-3-0-3, \$80,510.
*1/2 to **Magical Touch (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), SW-Ger & GSP-Fr.

2--**Kortez Bay (Ire)**, 135, g, 4, New Bay (GB)--**Kayak (GB)**, by
Singspiel (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. (€80,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR).
O-Joanne Lavery & John Lavery; B-John O'Connor (IRE);
T-Sheila Lavery. €9,000.

3--**Mutasarref (GB)**, 138, g, 7, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--**Mulkeyya (Ire)**,
by **Mawathee**. (95,000gns 3yo '21 TATAHI). O-Eleanora
Kennedy; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-Ger Lyons.
€4,500.

Margins: 1 3/4, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 14.00, 25.00, 3.33.

Also Ran: **Wahdan (Ire)**, **Lord Massusus (Ire)**, **Layfayette (Ire)**.

Scratched: **Diego Velazquez (Ire)**.

1st-Leopardstown, €15,000, **Mdn**, 5-11, 3yo/up, 7f 53yT,
1:31.33, gd.

ZODIAC BEAR (IRE) (g, 3, **Kodi Bear {Ire}**--**Tut {Ire}**, by **Intikhab**),
well beaten on debut over a mile at The Curragh in March,
languished worse than mid-division throughout the early stages.
Surging to the front with a furlong remaining, the 5-1 shot drew
away to score by 4 1/4 lengths from **Wootton Bassett's**
newcomer **Esherann**. The dam, whose 2-year-old filly is by
Invincible Army, is a half-sister to **Exceed And Excel's** G3
Cornwallis Stakes winner **Electric Waves**. **Cont. p14**

1st-Leopardstown Cont.

She is from the family of the G1 Prix d'Ispahan and G1 Prix Lupin-winning sire Croco Rouge and the fellow Group 1 winners Taipan, Ali-Royal and Sleepytime. Sales history: €35,000 Ylg '23 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$10,125.

O-McPeake Investments(NI) Ltd; B-Mrs Jean Brennan; T-Johnny Murtagh.

2nd-Leopardstown, €15,000, Mdn, 5-11, 3yo, 12fT, 2:41.94, gd.

ROOSEVELT (GB) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Materialistic {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Oasis Dream {GB}), a G1 Irish Derby entry who trailed all nine rivals home in his Apr. 9 debut going 10 furlongs at this venue in his only prior start, broke sharply and set the tone from flagfall. Untroubled on the front end for the most part, the 7-1 chance came under pressure when threatened at the top of the straight and was driven out inside the final furlong to hold the late bid of Delta (Kitten's Joy) by a head. "Wayne [Lordan] gave him a lovely ride," said Ballydoyle's Chris Armstrong. "He steadied it up, he got the fractions spot on and stretched on at the line. In fairness, he ran here the last day and Declan [McDonogh] spoke highly of him. He's a big, burly colt and he's still carrying plenty of condition, even today. He's stepped forward from the last day and will step forward again. Wayne said he had two good blows before the line. He's a horse that stays well and has all the right entries. He could come back here for something like the [Listed] Nijinsky and could end up an Irish Derby type or the [G2] Queen's Vase for [Royal] Ascot. He'll strip fitter again so there is more to come from him." Roosevelt is the fourth of six foals and third scorer from as many runners produced by Listed Snowdrop Stakes runner-up Materialistic (Oasis Dream), herself one of four black-type performers out of G2 Lancashire Oaks victrix and G1 Yorkshire Oaks second Pongee (Barathea). They include the multiple Group-placed stakes-winning duo Drill (Dansili) and Pinzolo (Monsun). Pongee is also the second dam of stakes-winning G2 Prix de la Nonette and G3 Prix de Guiche third Alkandora (Nathaniel). Roosevelt's third dam is the stakes-winning matriarch Puce (Darshaan), whose descendants include G1 MacKinnon Stakes victrix Magic Wand (Galileo) and G1 Irish Oaks heroine Chicquita (Montjeu), the latter being the dam of G2 Curragh Cup winner Emily Dickinson (Dubawi). The 950,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 graduate is a full-brother to a yearling colt and half to a 2-year-old colt by Wootton Bassett. Sales history: 950,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$10,125. O-Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Peter M Brant; B-Fittocks Stud (GB); T-Aidan O'Brien.

6th-Leopardstown, €15,000, Mdn, 5-11, 3yo/up, 10fT, 2:07.46, gd. BUTTERFLY WINGS (f, 3, Justify--Butterflies {Ire} {MGSP-Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}), collected minor prizes in all three prior starts and went postward for this returning off a fourth behind the TDN Rising Star performance of Catalina Delcarpio (Lope De Vega) over this course and distance on sophomore return last month. Trapped three-wide in a prominent third through halfway, the 2-1 second choice was roused along to inch ahead with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and drew clear in the latter stages to defeat Diamond Exchange (Wootton Bassett) by four lengths. "She had run in a couple of very good maidens and we thought she might have won by now," admitted Chris Armstrong. "Hopefully that win will give her the confidence to send her to the next level. Wayne [Lordan] felt she was grand at that trip, but the best would probably be when she goes up to a mile-and-a-half and that gives plenty of options. It's great to get the maiden win and we'll see where she fits in with the other fillies and try to get some black type." Butterfly Wings is the fourth of five registered foals and third scorer produced by G3 Munster Oaks and G3 Flame Of Tara Stakes placegetter Butterflies (Galileo). The April-foaled bay is a half-sister to G3 Leopardstown 2000 Guineas Trial third Carracci (Quality Road) and G2 Balanchine Stakes runner-up Yet (War Front). The latter, in turn, is the dam of Saturday's TDN Rising Star Albert Einstein (Wootton Bassett). Butterflies is one of eight black-type performers thrown by dual Grade II and multiple Grade III-winning matriarch Mariah's Storm (Rahy) headed by multiple Group 1-winning sire Giant's Causeway (Storm Cat). Mariah's Storm is also the ancestress of elite-level winners Gleneagles (Galileo), Happily (Galileo), Marvellous (Galileo), Joan Of Arc (Galileo), Decorated Knight (Galileo) and Above The Curve (American Pharoah). Butterflies has a yearling colt by Gun Runner to come and she was bred back to Gun Runner last year. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$17,919. O-Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (KY); T-Aidan O'Brien.

FRANCE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Nadala (Ire), f, 3, Camelot (GB)--Palomba (Ire) (SW & MGSP-Fr, \$115,620), by Lope De Vega (Ire). Morlaix, 5-11, 9fT, 1:57.58. B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE).

Opera Light (Fr), g, 3, City Light (Fr)--Grande Symphonie (Fr), by Poliglote (GB). Morlaix, 5-11, 13fT, 2:55.65. B-Yves Tillet (FR).

Greymara (Fr), g, 3, The Grey Gatsby (Ire)--Stormara (Fr), by Stormy River (Fr). Orleans, 5-11, 11fT, 2:25.82. B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR).

GERMANY

Sunday's Results:

4th-Hoppegarten, €10,000, Cond, 5-11, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:05.54, gd.

INNORA (GER) (f, 3, Lord Of England {Ger}--I Think So {Ger}, by So You Think {NZ}), fifth on her sole juvenile start in Baden-Baden's hotly-contested Winterkonigin Trial conditions event in August, was in front of the main pack early behind the tearaway leader. Left in front passing the three-furlong pole, the 9-2 shot opened up to register an impressive 13-length success from Nurania, the **Camelot** filly who had been second on debut to Fantastic Moon's half-sister Fire and Ice. Jockey Thore Hammer-Hansen said, "I was quite surprised by how far I was in front, I had only concentrated on finding a good rhythm and she was so effortless." The unraced dam, a half-sister to three black-type performers headed by Lord Of England's G1 Deutsches Derby hero Isfahan, descends from the champion Indica who trounced the colts in the G1 Aral-Pokal. Her 2-year-old filly Impressive Lady is by Waldpfad, while she also has a yearling colt by Neatico and a filly foal by Torquator Tasso. Sales history: €30,000 Ylg '23 BBASEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €6,000. O-Stall Route 66 & Bernd Reese; B-Gestut Elsetal; T-Henk Grewe.

1st-Krefeld, €10,000, Cond, 5-11, 3yo, 6fT, 1:09.93, g/s.
ASCOT ROYAL (IRE) (c, 3, Calyx {GB}--Aspasias Tizzy, by Tiznow), who followed up an Oct. 27 debut victory at Hannover with a second at Mulheim on sophomore return last month, broke well and seized immediate control of this one-turn dash. In command throughout, the 1-2 lock was nudged along in early straight and ridden clear inside the final quarter-mile to easily outclass Some Rules Apply (Equiano) by an impressive 4 1/2 lengths. Ascot Royal is the latest of 11 reported foals and seventh scorer produced by a winning daughter of the multiple Graded-placed Listed River Downs Breeders' Cup Handicap victrix Ashford Castle (Bates Motel), herself a half-sister to G1 Spinaway and G1 Matron Stakes heroine Strategic Maneuver (Cryptoclearance). The April-foaled bay is a half-brother to G3 Chipchase Stakes victor Above The Rest (Excellent Art). Sales history: €30,000 RNA Ylg '23 GOFORB; €11,000 2yo '24 BBAGM; 16,000gns RNA 2yo '24 TATGNS. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €14,000. O-Jeanine & Marcell Muller; B-J C Carr (IRE); T-Bohumil Nedorostek.

1st-Hoppegarten, €10,000, Mdn, 5-11, 3yo, 8fT, 1:40.61, gd.
PASAND (FR) (c, 3, Persian King {Ire}--Princess Sofia {UAE}, by Pennekamp), an Apr. 26 debut fourth going seven furlongs at Dusseldorf in his only prior start, broke from the outside stall in fourth and went forward to claim the rail and the lead after the initial exchanges of this one. Comfortably clear straightening for home, the 9-10 pick was shaken up passing the quarter-mile marker and stayed on well under continued urging to hold the late surge of Mabel (Lord Of England) by 1 1/4 lengths. Pasand, full to the unraced 2-year-old filly Sofia's Spring, is the eighth of nine live foals and eighth scorer produced by a multiple-winning daughter of the G3 Fred Darling Stakes, G3 Jersey Stakes and G3 Beeswing Stakes placegetter Russian Royal (Nureyev). He is also kin to G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud and G1 Grosser Preis von Baden-winning sire Prince Gibraltar (Rock Of Gibraltar), the stakes-winning Princess Gibraltar (Rock Of Gibraltar) and G3 Bahrain Trophy third Sofia's Rock (Rock Of Gibraltar). Descendants of Russian Royal also include dual Group-winning G1 Cheveley Park Stakes second Illuminate (Zoffany) and G3 Premio Dormello-winning G2 Oaks d'Italia runner-up Lady Catherine (Bering). The May-foaled chestnut's third dam is G1 Hollywood Oaks and G1 Santa Margarita Invitational heroine Princess Karendra (Gummo). Sales history: €55,000 Ylg '23 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €6,600. O-Darius Racing; B-Jean-Francois Gribomont (FR); T-Henk Grewe.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Waldnebel (Ger), c, 3, Reliable Man (GB)--Wildbeere (Ger), by Maxios (GB). Krefeld, 5-11, 2350mT, 2:28.76. B-A Woeste.



IN ITALY:

Moonage Daydream (Ire), f, 2, Starman (GB)--Hello Bangkok (Ire), by Tamayuz (GB). Milan, 5-11, Deb., 1200mT, 1:11.10. O-Retrading SRL. B-Pier House Stud (Ire). T-Stefano Botti. *3rd winner for her freshman sire (by Dutch Art {GB}). **€17,000 Ylg '24 GOFNOV.

Borna (Fr), c, 4, Saxon Warrior (Jpn)--Kingdom Come (Fr), by King's Best. Milan, 5-11, G3 Premio Ambrosiano, 2000mT, 2:01.50. O-Darius Racing. B-Societe Nupsala Haras D'Ecouvres (Fr). T-Henk Grewe. *Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 11-14f & G1SP-Ger. **€20,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT.



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Taany (Ire), m, 5, **Teofilo (Ire)**--Aghaany (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). Milan, 5-11, Listed Premio Paolo Mezzanotte, 2200mT, 2:16.80. O-Scuderia Genets SRL. B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (Ire). T-Luciano Vitabile. *Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 14f+ & GSW-Ity. *€55,000 Ylg '21 GOFJAN.

IN HONG KONG:

Charming Steed (Fr), g, 7, **Charm Spirit (Ire)**--Militante (Ire) (SP-Fr), by Johannesburg. Sha Tin, 5-11, Hcp. (C4), 1650m (AWT), 1:39.21. B-Ecurie des Monceaux (Fr). *€130,000 Ylg '19 ARQAUG. **1/2 to Golden Fastnet (Fr) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), SP-Fr; and Wind Chimes (GB) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), GSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$302,207. **VIDEO**.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

SHOCK IN THE NHK MILE CUP, AS PANJA TOWER PREVAILS *by Heather Anderson*

Deep Creek's **Panja Tower** (Tower Of London) upset the G1 NHK Mile Cup at Tokyo on Sunday, producing a strong stretch run to sweep the spoils. The Shinsuke Hashiguchi-trained colt was winning his first Group 1 race.

Rated in midfield through the early going, the 25-1 shot stayed out of trouble on the backstretch. Spun widest of all off the turn, he set sail for the pacesetter, **Voulezvous** (Satono Crown), just before the 400-metre mark. Several rivals had a similar idea, and the field was soon strung across the course with at least six horses in with a chance by midstraight. Panja Tower kept grinding, eventually outfooting all of his foes to win by a head over the rallying **Magic Sands** (Kizuna), himself a nose in front of the filly **Cerbiatto** (Lord Kanaloa) in third.



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"We were able to sit in a good position but the rhythm was more of an important factor and I'm happy he ran steadily in good rhythm today," said jockey Kohei Matsuyama. "As you know, he's shown his strength since his debut and has a graded win in Tokyo, and the way he stretched incredibly today proves he has a bright future ahead of him,"

A winner of his first two starts at two, including the G2 Keio Hai Nisai Stakes, Panja Tower was a well-beaten 12th in the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity to **Admire Zoom** (Maurice), favoured on Sunday and the eventual 14th-place finisher of the NHK Mile Cup. The Tower Of London colt improved to fourth in the G3 Falcon Stakes over 1400 metres behind **Yankee Barows** (Epiphaneia)--ninth today--in March when making his 3-year-old bow. Admire Zoom was found to have lost a shoe during the running.

Pedigree Notes

The first stakes winner of any sort for his sire, whose eldest foals are now 3-year-olds, Panja Tower is a paternal half-brother to G3 Kokura Nisai Stakes third Arlington Row. Tower Of London won the G1 Sprinters Stakes and stands for ¥2 million at Darley's Japanese satellite.

The second foal, runner and winner for his unraced dam Clarksdale (Victoire Pisa), Panja Tower is followed by a 2-year-old filly by Declaration Of War, a yearling colt by Pyro and a colt foal of this year by Admire Mars. Granddam Acoustics (Cape Cross) foaled the Japanese Derby hero and sire Logi Universe, and Acoustics herself is a half-sister to three stakes winners anchored by group winners Renforcer (Symboli Kris S) and Northern River (Agnes Tachyon). This is also the family of Japanese champion Songline (Kizuna) and G1 Shuka Sho/G1 Nassau Stakes heroine Deirdre (Harbinger).

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FIRST GROUP 1 WINNER FOR SIRE

Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

NHK MILE CUP-G1, ¥253,400,000, Tokyo, 5-5, 3, c/f, 1600mT, 1:31.70, fm.

1--PANJA TOWER (Jpn), 126, c, 3, Tower of London (Jpn)

1st Dam: Clarksdale (Jpn), by Victoire Pisa (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Acoustics (Jpn), by Cape Cross (Ire)

3rd Dam: Soninke (GB), by Machiavellian

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-Deep Creek; B-Champions Farm (Jpn); T-Shinsuke Hashiguchi; J-Kohei Matsuyama; ¥133,780,000.

Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, ¥185,670,000. **Click for the**

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2--Magic Sands (Jpn), 126, c, 3, Kizuna (Jpn)--Kona Brewers (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn). 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.

O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥53,080,000.

3--Cerbiatto (Jpn), 121, f, 3, Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)--Cutie Gold (Jpn), by French Deputy. 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE. O-Silk Racing; B-Shiraoi Farm (Jpn); ¥33,540,000.

Margins: HD, NS, HF. Odds: 25.10, 7.40, 72.70.

Also Ran: Mondo dell'Amore (Jpn), Lance of Chaos (Jpn), Satono Carnival (Jpn), Ma Puce (Jpn), Meiner Ticket (Jpn), Yankee Barows (Jpn), Caught Alliciant (Jpn), Immigrant Song (Jpn), Mini Transat (Jpn), Arte Veloce (Jpn), Admire Zoom (Jpn), Voulezvous (Jpn), Shonan Xanadu (Jpn), Tiratore (Jpn), Total Clarity (Jpn).

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