



UNBEATEN KENTUCKY OAKS HEROINE GOOD CHEER HEADLINES ACORN, ONE OF SIX GRADED STAKES AT THE SPA FRIDAY



Good Cheer | Sarah Andrew

by Steve Sherack

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – Undefeated GI Kentucky Oaks heroine and Godolphin homebred **Good Cheer** (Medaglia d'Oro) will put her perfect seven-for-seven record on the line as she takes on six rivals in Friday's GI DK Horse Acorn Stakes at the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival at Saratoga Race Course.

The Acorn is one of six graded stakes races on Friday's 14-race program, which also features three other Grade I events--the GI Ogden Phipps Stakes, a 'Win and You're In' for the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff at Del Mar; the GI New York Stakes; and the GI Just a Game Stakes.

Good Cheer, also the winner of this term's GII Fasig-Tipton Rachel Alexandra Stakes Feb. 15 and GII Fasig-Tipton Fair Grounds Oaks Mar. 22, is the 1-2 morning-line favorite. The Acorn also includes 'TDN Rising Star' Shred the Gnar (Into Mischief), who makes her stakes debut after a pair of ultra-impressive wins.

BELMONT STAKES NOTEBOOK: EVERYTHING WORKING OUT JUST FINE FOR JOCKEY

SMITH by Tim Wilkin

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – When the phone rang, Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith was on the other end.

"I'm on the treadmill," Smith said.

Of course he was.

Smith, who will ride **'TDN Rising Star' Rodriguez** (Authentic) in Saturday's \$2-million GI Belmont Stakes at Saratoga Race Course, has always been obsessed with working out. And, as he closes in on his 59th birthday (Aug. 10), he has no intentions of pulling the plug on his two-hour, five-day-a week workout schedule.

Nor are there any plans to hang up his goggles. A 43-year career, which has produced 5,780 wins, is not ending any time soon. *Cont. p4*

IN TON EUROPE TODAY

WIDE-OPEN DERBY, AS GODOLPHIN DUO EYE CLASSIC DOUBLES AT EPSOM

The G1 Betfred Derby and G1 Betfred Oaks are finally upon us over the next two days at Epsom, and Godolphin's Classic haul could grow, with **Desert Flower** (Night Of Thunder) up to bat on Friday in the Oaks, and **Ruling Court** (Justify) taking on Europe's best colts in Saturday's Derby.



'TDN Rising Star' Rodriguez Wednesday at the Spa | Sarah Andrew

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Bless the Broken (Laoban) gallops over Saratoga's main track on the eve of the GI Acorn Stakes. | Sarah Andrew

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T.D. Thornton ranks the field for the GI Belmont Stakes in "likeliest winner" order.

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

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5:46p	Acorn SGI, Saratoga	TJCIS PPs	FOX
6:25p	New York SGI, Saratoga	TJCIS PPs	FS1
7:04p	Just a Game SGI, Saratoga	TJCIS PPs	FS1



Friday's graded preview, cont. from p1

Recent Kentucky Oaks winners to double up in the Acorn include: Bird Town (Cape Town) (2003), Abel Tasman (Quality Road) (2017), Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) (2018), 'Rising Star' Pretty Mischievous (Into Mischief) (2023) and 'Rising Star' Thorpedo Anna (Fast Anna) (2024).

"We're just enjoying the ride and she's a special filly," Godolphin USA's Director of Bloodstock Michael Banahan said of Good Cheer. "The longer they stay undefeated, a little more pressure comes on to keep that streak going."

Trainer Brad Cox added, "Someone asked me one word to describe her, and it's real easy--it's class."

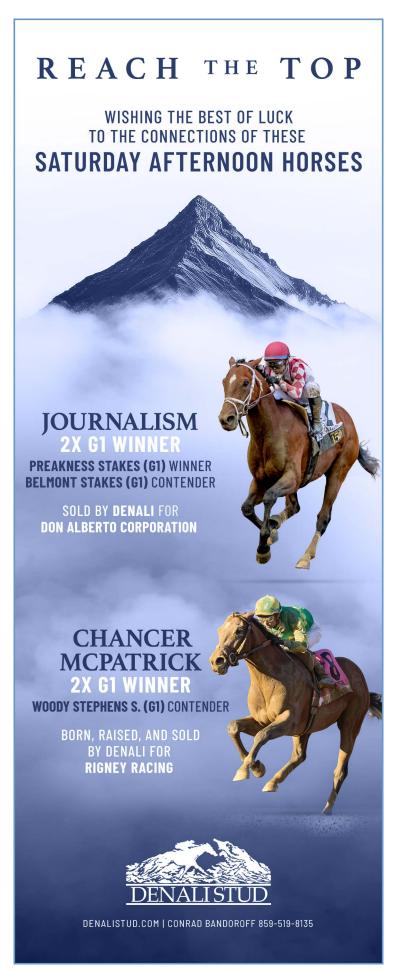


Raging Sea | Sarah Andrew

The Ogden Phipps has also attracted a field of seven, led by last year's GI Personal Ensign Stakes winner and GI Breeders' Cup Distaff runner-up **Raging Sea** (Curlin), who launched her 5-year-old campaign with an impressive win in the GI Fasig-Tipton La Troienne Stakes on Kentucky Oaks Day. Trainer Chad Brown will also saddle defending Phipps winner **Randomized** (Nyquist), who held on to defeat champion Idiomatic (Curlin) by a head in wire-to-wire fashion.

She Feels Pretty (Karakontie {Jpn}) is another headliner on Friday's card, who towers over her seven rivals in the New York. The 3-5 morning-line favorite enters riding a three-race winning streak--the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup Stakes at Keeneland Oct. 12, the GI American Oaks at Santa Anita Dec. 26 and the GIII Modesty Stakes at Churchill Downs May 2. She is trained by Cherie DeVaux.

A wide-open renewal of the 11-deep Just a Game features a rematch of the GI Jenny Wiley Stakes one-two-three--Choisya (GB) (Night of Thunder {Ire}), Excellent Truth (Ire) (Cotai Glory {GB}) and Kehoe Beach (Omaha Beach). The very troubled second-place finisher while making her U.S. debut that day, Excellent Truth has been tabbed as the 5-2 morning-line favorite. Cont.



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Friday's graded preview, cont.



She Feels Pretty | Sarah Andrew

Last year's GI Test Stakes winner and 'TDN Rising Star' Ways and Means (Practical Joke) is the horse to beat in the GII Bed o' Roses Stakes.

Friday's card also features the GII Belmont Gold Cup, going two miles over the inner turf.



Ways and Means | Sarah Andrew

The weather forecast in upstate New York continues to be very fluid, with rain expected over the next few days. America's Day at the Races will present daily coverage and analysis of the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival on the networks of FOX Sports.

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Belmont Stakes Notebook, cont. from p1

"I feel too good," Smith said. "If I start feeling like I am getting in the way, that's a different story. I don't feel like I am getting in the way. I have a lot of experience, my core is strong, my legs are strong. My weight is good, and I can tack anywhere from 118 to 120 and do it naturally. Why would I stop now? And do what? Whatever I do after this, I can do another four years from now."

If Smith and Rodriguez get to the finish line first in the Belmont, the rider would become the oldest jockey to ever win a Triple Crown race. Bill Shoemaker was 54 when he won the 1986 GI Kentucky Derby aboard Ferdinand (Nijinsky II).

Smith doesn't ride as many horses a day as he used to, but that is by design.

He wants to ride in the big races; he wants the best opportunities. He flew cross-country from California and was expected to be in town Thursday (naturally, he said he would get a run in once he got here).



Citizen Bull | Sarah Andrew

Smith has two mounts on Belmont Day. He will also ride Baffert's Citizen Bull (Into Mischief), last year's 2-year-old champion, in the GI Woody Stephens Stakes.

"I don't worry about him," Baffert said. "He is a pro, Big Money Mike. When I put him on a horse, I know he is going to fit him really well. He was perfect for Rodriguez. Mike is just in unbelievable physical shape."

Smith and Baffert have a history. In 2018, they teamed up to win the Triple Crown with Justify (Scat Daddy). Cont.



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Belmont Stakes Notebook, cont.

According to Equibase, Smith has ridden for Baffert 607 times and has 163 wins; in stakes races, they have 93 wins in 316 starts together.

Smith rode Rodriguez when he overwhelmed nine others winning the April 5 GII Wood Memorial at Aqueduct by 3 1/2 lengths. He hasn't run since as he missed the Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness Stakes with a foot bruise.

Expect Smith to put Rodriguez where he'll be most comfortable in the 1 1/4-mile Belmont. On the lead.



'TDN Rising Star' Rodriguez | Sarah Andrew

"I will let him be who he is and get happy and get in a happy rhythm," Smith said. "I'm not looking to steal the race in a :25 (second quarter mile), :50 (half mile). Hopefully, he is good enough to hold them off. He held that last group off (in the Wood), let's see if he can hold this group off. There are a couple in there who have already proved who they are. We have a ways to go to prove we are as good as they are."

Heart of Honor Looking for Better Showing in Belmont

Jamie Osborne, the trainer of Belmont Stakes contender **Heart of Honor (GB)** (Honor A. P.) wasn't going to lie. When the Preakness started on May 17, his, pardon the pun, heart sank.

"I wanted to dig a hole and jump into it," Osborne said outside the Stakes Barn at Saratoga Race Course Thursday morning. "I wanted to crawl under a bush." That's because his horse, fractious at the gate, got off to a slow start and was never a factor in the Preakness. Only a mild late rally got him a fifth-place finish in the field of nine. He finished 8 3/4 lengths behind Journalism (Curlin) in Baltimore.

Heart of Honor's flop in the Preakness came after five starts in Dubai and one in Great Britain (two wins, four seconds).

Osborne, who won a steeplechase race here 27 years ago as a jockey, is making his first trip back to the Spa since then.

There is not much faith given to his horse, owned by Jim and Claire Bryce (Jim and Claire Limited). He was given morning-line odds of 30-1 by New York Racing Association oddsmaker David Aragona.

"Look, you can only deal with the facts that are staring you in the face," Osborne, who is based in England, said when asked if his horse is not getting any respect. "I would just like to see him get a shot at it and not give himself such a big disadvantage early on."

Then, after a pause and a smile, he said, "he is not as slow as he looks."



Heart of Honor | Sarah Andrew

Thursday, Heart of Honor visited the track with Osborne's 23-year-old daughter, Saffie, in the saddle. She will ride the colt in the Belmont.

Heart of Honor has been spending plenty of time standing in the starting gate with the hopes he will be relaxed in the Belmont.

That was the exercise that was repeated on Thursday.

Cont.



Belmont Stakes Notebook, cont.

"He has a fairly decent cruising speed, but he will only use that cruising speed if he is not getting a massive sandstorm in his face," Jamie Osborne said about the kickback his horse got in the Preakness. "Hopefully, he won't be on the back foot, and he'll be able to sit somewhere in touch of the leaders."

Osborne, who has been training since 1999, has had success in the U.S. before. He trained Toast of New York (Thewayyouare) to a second-place finish in the 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

He knows how much of a chore is in front of Heart of Honor in the Belmont.

"At this level, against these sorts of horses, we need everything to go right," he said. "If any tiny thing goes wrong, we understand we have a mountain to climb on Saturday. But it's a horse race. Strange things can happen. I kind of figure we've got nothing to lose by rolling the Belmont dice as we are here."

No Pressure on Cox as Good Cheer Eyes Eighth Straight



Good Cheer | Sarah Andrew

Trainer Brad Cox sat in a golf cart outside his barn office at the Oklahoma Training Track on a steamy Thursday morning. If he was feeling the heat, he sure wasn't showing it.

Late Friday afternoon, Cox's star 3-year-old filly **Good Cheer** (Medaglia d'Oro) will put her seven-race win streak on the line when she goes to the post as the 1-2 morning-line favorite in the GI Acorn Stakes. Cox wasn't sweating bullets over this, either.

"I feel more confidence than I do pressure, if that makes any sense," Cox said.

Good Cheer is squarely at the top of the 3-year-old filly rankings, especially after a punctuating 2 1/4-length win in the prestigious GI Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs May 2. That was her first Grade I win after three straight Grade II scores.

When Cox brings Good Cheer and jockey Luis Saez to the races for Godolphin LLC, he expects good things. So far, so good. When Godolphin first sent her to Cox, he wasn't blown away. There was no way he could have thought after seven starts she would have seven wins.

"I don't know if you can ever expect this from any horse that continues to win race after race," Cox said. "We thought she was good; did we think she was this good? I have had enough horses at this point of my career that they have to prove it to you."

Good Cheer is part of a stable of riches that Cox has regarding 3-year-old fillies.

Immersive (Nyquist), last year's champion 2-year-old filly, won all four of her starts in 2024 and is set to make her seasonal debut in the Monomoy Girl Stakes at Churchill on June 14.

He also has Margie's Intention (Honor A.P.), the winner of the GII Black Eyed Susan Stakes. Cox said she could show up next in the GIII Delaware Oaks at Delaware Park, also on June 14.

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Trainer Michael McCarthy brings GII Eight Belles Stakes winner Look Forward to challenge Good Cheer in the Acorn Sarah Andrew



COLLOQUIAL OUT OF WOODY STEPHENS



Colloquial | Adam Coglianese

'TDN Rising Star' Colloquial (Vekoma), the 6-1 fourth choice on the morning line for Saturday's 500,000 GI Woody Stephens at Saratoga, will be withdrawn from the race, according to his trainer, George Weaver.

"Since his last breeze, he hasn't been moving on the track to our satisfaction," said Weaver. "He's been jogging and galloping but just not moving 100%. He's not hitting the ground the way we would like. We don't have time to get really concrete diagnosis done [before the race]. We're going to get it done, but we don't feel he should run this weekend."

Weaver was asked if he was disappointed in the turn of events. "He is one of the most talented horses I have ever had," said Weaver, who also trained the colt's sire, dual Grade I winner Vekoma. "We have been looking forward to this race for a long time. It's a disappointment, but I have been doing this long enough that I have been disappointed before and I can take it. He's one of the best horses I have ever trained. He reminds me a lot of his sire. Vekoma."

Owned by Harrell Ventures LLC and Starlight Racing, the 3-year-old Colloquial has won both of his 2025 starts, a Rising Star-earning maiden special weight win at Aqueduct on Feb. 7, and a wire-to-wire score in Keeneland's Lafayette Stakes on Apr. 7. The margin of victory in his maiden race was seven lengths, and he earned a 106 Beyer Speed figure, the third-fastest 3-year-old Beyer this year. He was given a Ragozin figure of 3 3/4, currently the fastest of any 3-year-old in North America.

He was second in his debut on June 15, 2024 at Agueduct, to Mentee (City of Light), the full-brother to champion and 'TDN Rising Star' Fierceness, before an eight-month absence from the races.

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WHATLOVELOOKSLIKE EUTHANIZED AFTER BEING PULLED UP AT THE SPA WEDNESDAY



Whatlovelookslike in 2022 | Sarah Andrew

During the running of the ninth race--the Mount Vernon Stakes--at Saratoga Race Course on Wednesday, the Todd Pletcher-trained SW Whatlovelookslike (English Channel) was pulled up and on Thursday the 6-year-old was humanely euthanized, according to a press release from NYRA VP of Communications Pat McKenna.

The wearer of saddle cloth 10 was pulled up by jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. after sustaining an injury to the right hind. The mare was immediately attended to by on-track veterinarians, who stabilized the injury and transported the Barry Schwartz-owned runner to Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

Although surgery was considered, a CT scan on Thursday revealed severe fractures to the right-hind condyle, pastern and sesamoid. The extent and complicated nature of the injuries did not allow for surgical intervention. As a result, and upon the recommendation of attending veterinarians, Whatlovelookslike was humanely euthanized at the hospital.

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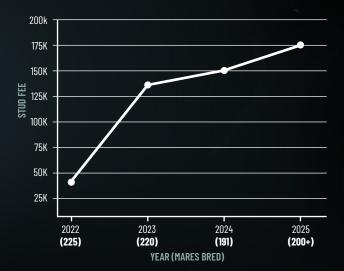
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The field for the GI Belmont Stakes, ranked in "likeliest winner" order.

1) JOURNALISM (c, Curlin--Mopotism, by Uncle Mo)
O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Bridlewood Farm, Don
Alberto Stable, Robert LaPenta, Elayne Stables 5 LLC, Mrs
John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Don Alberto
Corporation (KY); T-Michael W. McCarthy. Sales history:
\$825,000 Ylg '23 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 7-5-1-1,
\$2,838,880. Last start: WON May 17 GI Preakness Stakes.

Another Saturday Afternoon Horse Sold by Denali

Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate

For most handicappers, the decision to bet on or against Journalism will come down to whether you think he's still riding an upward arc after three demanding Grade I races that yielded wins in the Santa Anita Derby and Preakness Stakes, plus a near-miss second in the Kentucky Derby.

But it's also reasonable to speculate whether those exerting efforts within a span of six weeks will make their toll evident in the third jewel of the Triple Crown, even after an additional three weeks of rest.

So which is it, still-evolving and dangerous or vulnerable as the 8-5 morning-line fave?

The bet here is that Journalism will be up to the task, and that on Saturday we will see a tough, rugged colt thriving under a steady workload at the highest level of the sport.

Momentum is the crux of the argument surrounding Journalism, who enters the 10-furlong Belmont-at-Saratoga after having left no doubts about his ability to fight for position and muscle his way out of tight spots.

As if that wasn't enough, the out-of-nowhere burst of acceleration this Michael McCarthy trainee uncorked in the final 100 yards of the Preakness--when he looked too far back to win-added another dimension to Journalism's well-developed skill set.

But jockey Umberto Rispoli will need to call upon every bit of

tactical torque that this \$825,000 FTSAUG colt by Curlin can muster if they are to win the Belmont Stakes, which stacks up as the most difficult field Journalism has ever encountered.

In the Santa Anita Derby, Journalism secured the rail, eased into fifth, ranged to within two lengths of dueling pacemakers, then got trapped on the fence on the far turn, with Rispoli needing to shoulder aside a rival before running hard through the lane to win by three-quarters of a length.



Journalism | Sarah Andrew

In the Kentucky Derby, Journalism was unfazed by minor crowding at the break, asserted himself inside, edged to the three path six furlongs out, then picked off most of the field before throttling into a higher drive 3 1/2 furlongs from the finish.

Five wide off the turn, he snatched the lead a furlong and a half out, then was immediately accosted by Sovereignty (Into Mischief). Journalism stayed on well under urging, outrun by 1 1/2 lengths behind a talented winner who executed a better-timed move.

By now the entire racing world has witnessed the smash-and-grab stretch run of the Preakness, which saw Journalism burst through a barely clearable hole amid rock 'em, sock 'em bumping. *Cont.*

Even though the post-Preakness focus has been on Journalism overcoming the rowdy stretch run, the most telling takeaway might be Rispoli admitting post-win that he had a difficult time getting his colt interested down the backstretch and around the far turn, and that he "just didn't have the horse" at the quarter pole.

Journalism did his best running in the final furlong and a half, when it counted. But he's going to have to mentally engage much earlier in the Belmont Stakes, which will feature faster and stronger waves of challengers.

2) SOVEREIGNTY (c, Into Mischief--Crowned, by Bernardini) O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-William I. Mott; Lifetime Record: GISW, 6-3-2-0, \$3,672,800. Last start: WON May 3 GI Kentucky Derby.

Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate

Sovereignty prevailed in the Derby after a minor shuffle at the start, settling fourth from last while in the clear and enjoying as clean a trip as was possible over the sealed/sloppy Churchill surface.

This Into Mischief-sired homebred for Godolphin worked his way up outside, aggressively shadowed Journalism's far-turn move while five deep, then angled to the seven path for the drive with dead aim on that favorite.

Sovereignty ranged up on even terms with Journalism three-sixteenths out, and when Journalism dug in and responded, that challenge emboldened Sovereignty, who levelled off with purposeful, powerful strides, relishing both the mud and being roused for full run.

Trainer Bill Mott said post-win that Sovereignty emerged from the Derby with a small pastern scrape, most likely inflicted by a rival when leaving the gate. *Cont.*



Sovereignty | Sarah Andrew



But the primary decision for opting out of the Preakness had more to do with wanting this colt to be fully dialed in for the Belmont Stakes, with a five-week cushion between starts.



Derby winner Sovereignty | Sarah Andrew

Mott's win percentage at all levels over the past five years is 16% from 3,142 starts. With horses racing back from layoffs between 33 and 37 days, he's won at a 15% clip from 391 starters.

He's made 31 Grade I starts with layoffs of that span over the past five years, winning with seven (23%).

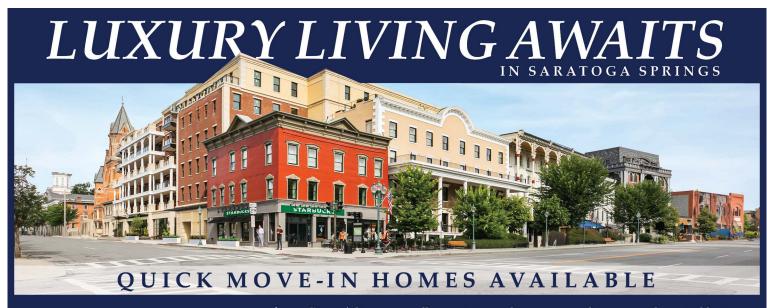
The most recent was Sovereignty himself, who won the Kentucky Derby 35 days after running second in the GI Florida Derby.

There's no way of knowing if Sovereignty's 12-point Beyer Speed Figure jump between late March and early May was attributable to significant, next-level development or if he simply relished a wet track under favorable Derby pace circumstances. Maybe a bit of both.

But make no mistake: This colt can reliably be counted upon to uncoil with a long, sustained, well-focused run.

Sovereignty has honed a commanding, visually appealing way of taking control of his stretch drives, exhibiting a touch of gravitas first evident in October of his juvenile season when he ran up the score against a very good field in the 1 1/16-miles GIII Street Sense Stakes. *Cont.*







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3) BAEZA (c, McKinzie--Puca, by Big Brown) O-C R K Stable LLC and Grandview Equine; B-Grandview Equine (KY); T-John A. Shirreffs. Sales history: \$1,200,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISP 5-2-1, \$648,500. Last start: 3rd May 3 GI Kentucky Derby.

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DAM PURCHASED AS A MAIDEN BY THOMAS CLARK, AGENT

Baeza, who has yet to win beyond the maiden ranks, figured to be the "wiseguy" play in the Belmont Stakes from the moment he crossed the finish wire third in the Derby. He was beaten only 1 3/4 lengths by Sovereignty and Journalism, and was finishing with a flourish despite breaking from the far outside 19 post after having drawn into the race as an also-eligible.

This \$1.2-million KEESEP colt by McKinzie was agitated in the walk-up and in the Churchill Downs paddock, but by no means did he come completely unraveled despite the huge crowd and chaotic surroundings.

Baeza was parked widest first time through the lane and cornered outside onto the backstretch. He was on the move trying to follow mid-race advances of Journalism and Sovereignty, but rather than chasing them out wide, Flavien Prat opted for the three path, which saved real estate but necessitated having to deal with far-turn hemming and bumping before Baeza cut loose with a five-wide swoop into the stretch.

Under left-handed urging, Baeza floated out a rival to claim the path he wanted, then locked into a determined drive for the final furlong as the only runner gaining ground on the Derby's top two. He galloped out on even terms with Sovereignty and Journalism.

In his previous race, the Santa Anita Derby, Baeza stalked outside, got first run at the pacemaker, then led between the three-sixteenths and sixteenth poles before losing focus for a few strides in deep stretch and getting collared by the more-seasoned Journalism. *Cont.*



Baeza | Sarah Andrew



Reportedly, Baeza lost his right front shoe at some point in that race.

Baeza draws inevitable comparisons to his two older half-brothers, the 2023 Kentucky Derby champ Mage and the 2024 Belmont Stakes winner Dornoch. As a May 13 foal, it's no surprise Baeza is poised to bloom a bit later than his siblings, especially considering trainer John Shirreffs is known for a patient, pragmatic approach.

As an imposing stalker who's just now figuring out the timing of his moves, Baeza is capable of blowing the Belmont Stakes wide open if he can make an aggressive first run at the pacemaker that affords him a few lengths of separation before the closers get rolling.

4) RODRIGUEZ (c, Authentic--Cayala, by Cherokee Run) 'TDN Rising Star' O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Dianne Bashor, Determined Stables, Robert E. Masterson, Tom J. Ryan, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Catherine Donovan; B-Kingswood Farm & David Egan (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$485,000 Ylg KEESEP '23. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-2-2-1, \$522,800. Last start: WON Apr. 5 GII Wood Memorial Stakes.

THINK INDIAN CREEK

Benson Farm Graduate



Like Baeza above, Rodriguez, a May 20 foal, also hasn't come close to peaking yet at this stage of his career.

This **'TDN Rising Star'** by Authentic is coming off a breakout-race wiring of the GII Wood Memorial Stakes in which trainer Bob Baffert removed blinkers and added jockey Mike Smith.

The result was the fastest nine-furlong clocking in any points-awarding Derby prep stakes since 2022, and the second time in his five-race career that Rodriguez has broken the triple-digit Beyer barrier (100 in his Jan. 4 maiden win and 101 in the Apr. 5 Wood).

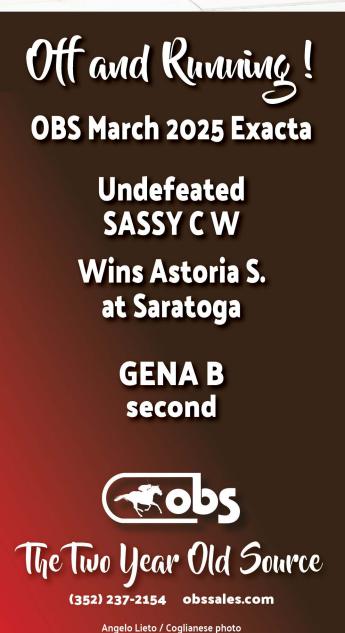
Baffert and Smith believe that taking the blinkers off this \$485,000 KEESEP colt allows him to be a more comfortable free-runner because he can better see what's around him.

A caveat from Wood Memorial day is that early speed was the prevailing winning profile at Aqueduct that afternoon: six of 13 main-track races were won wire to wire, plus four by forwardly placed horses who either dueled or forced the fractions.

Rodriguez drew post four, but had to scratch from the Kentucky Derby because of a foot bruise. The issue was minor, but lingered long enough to derail aspirations of running in the Preakness.

Having drawn post three for the Belmont Stakes with the only other projected speed of the race in gate five, the pace should be Smith's to control. *Cont.*





Baffert has repeatedly said in the lead-up to the Belmont Stakes that Rodriguez will come out running.

Although flashes of brilliance have been there during his West Coast campaign, Rodriguez finished 11 3/4 lengths behind Journalism the only time they met back in March, and he has yet to put together back-to-back efforts that prove he belongs at the top of the crop.

But he does have upside at 6-1 on the morning line: A bet on this front-running colt is essentially a gamble that you believe previous efforts to try and rate Rodriguez can be safely discounted, and that, like his speed-centric, later-to-mature champion sire, his best races will be in the back half of his sophomore season.

5) HILL ROAD, (c, 3, Quality Road--Exotic Notion (Arg), by Lemon Drop Kid) 'TDN Rising Star' O-Amo Racing USA; B-Lynch Bages LTD & Camas Park Stud (KY); T-Chad C. Brown. Sales history: \$350,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, \$336,496. Last start: WON May 10 GIII Peter Pan Stakes.

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Hill Road campaigned in Ireland as a juvenile, winning his debut in **'TDN Rising Star'** fashion and finishing seventh in a

Group 1 stakes before shipping to Del Mar and running a surprise third at 61-1 odds in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

This \$350,000 KEESEP colt by Quality Road was later transferred from trainer Adrian Murray to Chad Brown. Hill Road was a best-of-the-rest third (84 Beyer) in the GIII Tampa Bay Derby, then spiked a fever that kept him out of further Kentucky Derby prep action. *Cont.*



Hill Road | Sarah Andrew



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Hill Road resurfaced with a well-timed, off-the-pace winning move into a softened-up speed duel to take the GIII Peter Pan Stakes (94 Beyer) May 10 at Aqueduct, scoring by three-quarters of a length and finishing up under a hand ride despite not switching leads.

Irad Ortiz, Jr. picks up the 10-1 mount from Flavien Prat, who has opted to retain the ride aboard Baeza.

6) CRUDO (c, Justify--Blossomed, by Deputy Minister)O-Bobby Flay and James Ventura;

B-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. Sales history: \$350,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$520,000 RNA Ylg '23 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: SW, 3-2-0-0, \$130,148. Last start: WON May 17 Sir Barton Stakes.



Crudo is talented but lightly raced, falling into the "taking a shot" category for the Belmont Stakes.

After leading late but capitulating to fourth as the 9-10 favorite in his Gulfstream six-furlong debut Feb. 8, this Todd Pletcher trainee wired a seven-eighths MSW field by 7 1/4 lengths as the .44-1 fave at Keeneland Apr. 19.

Crudo then aimed for the Sir Barton Stakes on the Preakness

undercard, and romped home by 7 1/2 lengths at 7-2 odds going 1 1/16 miles, leading at every call.

Crudo's Beyer Speed Figure pattern is 68-82-84. There is no published par figure for the 10-furlongs-at-Saratoga version of the Belmont Stakes, but half the field this year has already at least once topped 100.

As co-owner Jimmy Ventura quipped to *TDN* earlier in the week, "The good news is that Crudo can't read the numbers."



Crudo | Sarah Andrew



John Velazquez has been aboard for all three of Crudo's starts and will ride again on Saturday. Post five gives him the option of pressuring likely leader Rodriguez from the outside.

7) HEART OF HONOR (GB) (c, Honor A. P.--Ruby Love (Chi), by Scat Daddy) O-Jim & Claire Ltd; B-David Redvers Bloodstock (GB); T-Jamie Osborne. Sales history: 35,000gns Wlg '22 TATNOV; €42,000 Ylg '23 GOFSEP; €160,000 2yo '24 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: GSP, 7-2-4-0, \$400,919. Last start: 5th May 17 GI Preakness Stakes.

Prior to shipping over for the Preakness, trainer Jamie Osborne indicated that Heart of Honor (GB) would likely remain stateside to also target the Belmont Stakes, simply because there are no major dirt races in Europe or the Middle East for this colt at this point in the season.

So if you view the Preakness as a tune-up try, it's reasonable to expect improvement from this son of Honor A. P.

On May 17 at Pimlico, Heart of Honor was fractious at the gate, broke slowly, raced in last for most of the 1 3/16-miles trip, then swung wide for the drive to pick off tiring horses.

The Preakness was also 23-year-old jockey Saffie Osborne's first ride in the United States.

She is not booked on any Saratoga mounts leading up to the Belmont Stakes.

Heart of Honor won two one-mile dirt allowance races at Meydan Race Course earlier this year after debuting with a second-place finish in England at Southwell on an all-weather surface.

He was then second in three Dubai stakes: the UAE 2,000 Guineas, the Al Bastakiya Stakes, and the G2 UAE Derby, in which Heart of Honor was beaten a nose by Admire Daytona (Jpn) (Drefong), who came out of that race to run last in the 19-horse Kentucky Derby.

8) UNCAGED (c, Curlin--Dark Nile, by Pioneerof the Nile)

O-WinStar Farm LLC and Repole Stable; B-WinStar Farm, LLC; T-Todd A. Pletcher. Sales history: \$450,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$105,450. Last start: 6th May 10 GIII Peter Pan Stakes.

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Uncaged has the distinction of being the only Belmont Stakes entrant to have already won a race at Saratoga. He prevailed by 1 3/4 lengths in his Aug. 3 debut last summer, a six-furlong sprint over a sealed/muddy surface at 5-1 odds. *Cont.*



Heart of Honor with Saffie Osborne | Sarah Andrew



Uncaged | Sarah Andrew

In fact, if the weather comes up wet on Saturday, note that both of this son of Curlin's lifetime victories have come over muddy tracks. His other score was a one-turn mile allowance/ optional claimer at Aqueduct in April, a race that has yet to yield a next-out winner.

Trainer Todd Pletcher has explained this \$450,000 KEESEP colt's uninspiring sixth in the May 10 Peter Pan Stakes as an instance of Uncaged not being able to handle kickback he endured with a rail-running trip.

Luis Saez rides Uncaged for the first time in the Belmont Stakes.

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PEDIGREE POWER: FIERCENESS, WHITE ABARRIO TOP FIELD OF FIVE FOR STALLION-

MAKING MET MILE by Steve Sherack

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – Led by Breeders' Cup winners Fierceness (City of Light) and White Abarrio (Race Day), a talented field of five will line up for Saturday's GI Metropolitan Handicap on the stacked GI Belmont Stakes program at Saratoga. TDN's Senior Racing Editor Steve Sherack takes a closer look at the pedigrees of all five of the runners entered in the stallion-making race.

#1 FIERCENESS (c, 4, City of Light--Nonna Bella, by Stay Thirsty) Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Colt & MGISW, 10-6-1-1, \$4,315,320. O-Repole Stable, Derrick Smith, Michael B. Tabor & Mrs. John Magnier; B-Repole Stable, Inc. (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

'TDN Rising Star' Fierceness is one of two Grade I winners for young Lane's End stallion City of Light, winner of the GI



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Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile and GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes. City of Light's sire Quality Road won the 2010 Met Mile and is also the sire of the race's 2024 winner National Treasure.

Mike Repole paid \$200,000 for Fierceness's second dam Nonna Mia (Empire Maker)--named in honor of his grandmother--at the 2008 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale. She was a talented 2-year-old in her own right, breaking her maiden by 12 lengths at second asking at Belmont Park before finishing third to stablemate Devil May Care (Malibu Moon) in the 2009 GI Frizette Stakes.

Nonna Mia, a close relative of MGSW sire Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), was an immediate hit in the breeding shed, first producing the multiple stakes-placed Nonna's Boy (Distorted Humor) before a mating with Uncle Mo resulted in Outwork, the 2016 GI Wood Memorial Stakes hero.

Fierceness, the champion 2-year-old colt of 2023, was produced by her third foal, the 11-year-old mare Nonna Bella, a daughter of Repole's 2011 GI Travers Stakes hero Stay Thirsty. Nonna Bella has also produced last year's GIII Futurity Stakes winner Mentee (City of Light), who set a track record going five furlongs on debut at the Big A last spring. Her 2-year-old filly Nonna's Love (Caravaggio) was a debut third at Keeneland this spring. Nonna Bella is also responsible for a colt by Uncle Mo of 2024 and a filly by Curlin of this year. Cont.



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Fierceness | Sarah Andrew

Legendary 1994 Met Mile winner Holy Bull is the sire of Fierceness's third dam.

Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher saddled the aforementioned Quality Road to a win in the 2010 Met Mile as well as 2014 winner Palace Malice.

Fierceness's loaded resume includes wins in the 2023 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, the 2024 GI Curlin Florida Derby and GI Travers Stakes and a track-record setting performance in the GII Alysheba Stakes in his 4-year-old debut on the Kentucky Oaks undercard. He was also a too-good-to-lose second in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Del Mar. Fierceness is a perfect three-for-three at the Spa.

#2 WHITE ABARRIO (h, 6, Race Day--Catching Diamonds, by Into Mischief)

Lifetime Record: MGISW, 21-10-2-3, \$6,971,920.

O-C Two Racing Stable LLC, Gary Barber & La Milagrosa Stable LLC; B-Spendthrift Farm, LLC (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. Sales History: \$7,500 Ylg '20 OBSWIN; \$40,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR.

White Abarrio, a \$7,500 OBS Winter yearling turned \$40,000 OBS March 2-year-old (:10 2/5), is the lone graded winner for Race Day, a MGSW son of Tapit. The mighty Tapit is the sire of Met Mile winners Flightline (2022) and Frosted (2016).

Race Day previously stood at Spendthrift Farm in Kentucky, but was exported to Korea prior to the 2021 season. The Spendthrift Farm-bred White Abarrio is one of 11 graded winners--two at the top level--for the all-conquering Into Mischief as a broodmare sire.

The unplaced Catching Diamonds, a \$425,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase by Spendthrift, produced White Abarrio as her first foal. A half to MGSW-UAE and MSW-U.S. Cool Cowboy (Kodiak Kowboy) and to the dam of GSW & GISP Mutasaabeq (Into Mischief) and GSW Eclatant (Into Mischief), she is also responsible for a 2-year-old filly by Yaupon and a Taiba colt of this year.

Four-time Grade I winner White Abarrio, hero of the 2023 GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita, has lined up in this race two previous times, finishing third downstate at Belmont in 2023 and a well-beaten fifth over this course last year. The 2023 GI Whitney Stakes winner is perfect in two starts this term, winning Gulfstream's GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes Jan. 25 and GIII Ghostzapper Stakes Mar. 29.



White Abarrio | Sarah Andrew

#3 CASTLE CHAOS (g, 7, Palace Malice--Queen Victoria, by Flatter)

Lifetime Record: MGSP, 22-3-6-5, \$476,277.

O-Sanford J. Goldfarb, Nice Guys Stables, Robert N. Falcone, Jr., John D. Fielding & Beast Mode Racing LLC; B-Dragon Slayer Stable (KY); T-Robert N. Falcone, Jr.

We won't take too deep of a dive on the gelded **Castle Chaos**, a son of the race's previously mentioned 2014 winner Palace Malice, who is responsible for six graded/group winners worldwide. A longshot fourth in this race last year, Castle Chaos will be a huge price once again this weekend following a fourth-place finish in the Knicks Go Overnight Stakes at Churchill Downs May 3. He's been a fantastic claim by trainer Rob Falcone and owner Sandy Goldfarb, who dropped a \$75,000 slip on him out of a runner-up effort on debut at Saratoga back in 2021.

#4 JUST A TOUCH (c, 4, Justify--Touching Beauty, by Tapit) Lifetime Record: GISP, 7-3-3-0, \$440,778.

O-Qatar Racing LLC, Resolute Racing & Marc Detampel; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

Sales History: \$170,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$125,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$300,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. *Cont.*

Met Mile Pedigrees, cont.

Just a Touch is a son of 2018 Triple Crown winner **Justify**, already the sire of eight top-level winners worldwide.

He was produced by the Tapit mare Touching Beauty, winner of the 2010 GIII Comely Stakes at Aqueduct and an \$800,000 Keeneland November purchase by Don Alberto in 2014. Her first foal was the stakes-placed gelding Corps of Discovery (Unbridled's Song). She has a 2024 Mandaloun colt and a 2025 Justify filly in the pipeline.

Leading sire Tapit has also achieved a tremendous amount of success as a broodmare sire, led by Horse of the Year and 2023 Met Mile winner Cody's Wish (Curlin) and 2023 GI Belmont Stakes winner Arcangelo (Arrogate). The Justify x Tapit cross has also produced Champions Dream, one of 24 graded/group winners for Justify.

After RNA'ing for \$170,000 as a Keeneland September yearling, the Don Alberto-bred Just a Touch brought \$125,000 from Scanlon Training & Sales as a Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall yearling, then \$300,000 from Hunter Valley Farm's Fergus Galvin, who serves as an U.S. advisor to co-owner Qatar Racing's Sheikh Fahad, after breezing in a bullet :9 4/5 as an OBS April 2-year-old.

Just a Touch, a fantastic second behind subsequent Breeders' Cup Classic winner and 'TDN Rising Star' Sierra Leone (Gun Runner) in last year's GI Blue Grass Stakes, kicked off his 4-year-old campaign with a pair of jaw-dropping allowance wins at Fair Grounds Mar. 1 and Keeneland Apr. 19.



Raging Torrent | Sarah Andrew

#5 RAGING TORRENT (c, 4, Maximus Mischief--Violent Wave, by Violence)

Lifetime Record: GISW-US & GSW-UAE, 13-6-1-2, \$1,247,400. O-Yuesheng Zhang & Craig Dado; B-Rodney J. Winkler & Alfonso Mazzetti (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill.

Sales History: \$27,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

Raging Torrent, winner of the GI Malibu Stakes at Santa Anita Dec. 26 and G2 Godolphin Mile at Meydan Apr. 5, is one of three graded winners and the first top-level winner for Maximus Mischief, a Spendthrift-based son of Into Mischief. He is the lone starter from his winning dam Violent Wave (Violence), who was claimed by Equinox, Inc. for just \$6,250 out of her career finale at Gulfstream Park in 2018.

Violent Wave, a \$150,000 KEESEP yearling and a half-sister to GSW The Nth Degree (Distorted Humor), was offered with Raging Torrent in utero at the 2021 Keeneland January Sale, but was led out unsold on a bid of \$27,000. Raging Torrent was himself bought back for the same price by breeders Rodney Winkler and Alfonso Mazzetti at Keeneland September in 2022, and it was Mark Davis's name (Steve Rothblum, agent) on the ticket when he fetched \$75,000 at the 2023 OBS April Sale (:10).

The first daughter of Violence to produce a Grade I winner, Violent Wave is also the dam of the unraced 3-year-old colt Contra Mundum (Honor A.P.), a \$55,000 RNA at KEESEP in 2023, and the 2-year-old filly Layan (Collected), a \$47,000 KEENOV weanling.

Violent Wave was bought back for \$575,000 in foal to Up to the Mark at the 2024 KEENOV sale.

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Pipsy (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) wins the GII Intercontinental Stakes (click to watch)

Thursday, Saratoga

INTERCONTINENTAL S.-GII, \$200,000, Saratoga, 6-5, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:00.98, fm.

1--PIPSY (IRE), 118, f, 4, by Kodiac (GB)

1st Dam: Experte (Fr), by High Chaparral (Ire) 2nd Dam: Arme Ancienne (GB), by Sillery

3rd Dam: Agathe, by Manila

(€60,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; 45,000gns RNA Ylg '22 TATOCT; 700,000gns 2yo '23 TATMA). O-Woodford Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Noel Finegan (IRE); T-William Walden; J-Jose L. Ortiz. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Ire, 9-5-2-0, \$489,751.

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Intercontinental, cont.



Pipsy front and center | Sarah Andrew

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2--**Future Is Now**, 124, m, 5, Great Notion--Past as Prelude, by Bernardini. O-The Estate of R. Larry Johnson; B-R. Larry Johnson (MD); T-Michael J. Trombetta. \$40,000.

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3--Kairyu (Ire), 118, f, 4, Kuroshio (Aus)--Vegatina (GB), by Lope de Vega (Ire). (€80,000 2yo '23 TATGOR). O-Martin S. Schwartz and Michael O'Callaghan; B-Mr P. Turley (IRE); T-Cherie DeVaux. \$24,000.

Margins: HF, 3/4, NO. Odds: 5.20, 2.25, 12.80.

Also Ran: Time to Dazzle, Pandora's Gift (Ire), Danse Macabre, Creed's Gold, On Command, Twirling Queen. Scratched: Run for the Hills.

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Pipsy (Ire)'s early firepower, sticktoitiveness halfway and late resolve were seminal as she collected the second higher-level win of her career in the GII Intercontinental Stakes upstate on Thursday afternoon.

A former member of trainer Ger Lyons's yard, she debuted as a juvenile in the early fall as the runner-up at Cork. The filly next cleared the maiden ranks at The Curragh then won the Irish Stallion Farms EBF Legacy Stakes at Dundalk that October.

Offered in the 2023 Tattersalls December Mixed Sale, Woodford Thoroughbreds took her home for 700,000gns.

Sent to young Will Walden, Pipsy came off the jetway like a lion instead of a mouse as she took home the GIII Soaring Softly Stakes at the Big A May 12.

After a well-beaten try in the Tepin Stakes at Churchill Downs in late June, the bay was the runner-up in the GII Music City Stakes at Kentucky Downs Sept. 7 and finished off the board in the GII Franklin Stakes at Keeneland Oct. 13. As a 4-year-old, the Walden trainee returned to course and distance in an allowance condition which resulted in a trip to the winner's circle Apr. 19.

Sent off as a 5-1 shot here, Pipsy sailed out of the gate and made the lead, which was no small chore. Pressed by Kairyu (Ire) and favorite Future Is Now, the filly kept to the task around the far turn, but appeared to waver a touch at the top of the lane. Leaving the rail open for the chalk, Pipsy could have folded, but she did nothing of the sort and responded with good energy to see the race out.



Will Walden won the third graded race of his career | Sarah Andrew

"It wasn't the intended path [setting the pace], but what are you going to do, take it away from her?" said trainer Walden, who celebrated his third career graded victory. "To accelerate, to go 21 and three, and then still come home the way she did, she is incredible.

"I think horses if you give them that break from three to four, they can stay the same or really take a jump forward, and we are just blessed that she has taken a jump forward," he said.

About the GIII Caress Stakes at the Spa July 19 being next, Walden said: "Yes, probably. We are going to keep her here over the summer. She trained well up here last summer. You get to breeze on the turf course here, which in Kentucky can be a little iffy. So we will keep her here and probably go to the Caress. We will see how she comes out of this and talk to the owners, but that is a likely spot."

Pedigree Notes:

The sire of 16 crops of racing age, Kodiac (GB) (by Danehill) continues to enter more graded victories into his ledger.

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Intercontinental, cont.



Pipsy | Tod Marks

The winner's unraced dam is responsible for 2-year-old colt Zia Zabel (Ire) (Ghaiyyath {Ire}) and her last registered foal of record is currently a yearling colt by Naval Crown (GB). Experte's half-brother is French group stakes winner Ziyad (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), who was Grade I placed in Canada and multiple graded stakes placed in the U.S. Pipsy's extended female family includes French MG1SW & G1 Hong Kong Vase runner-up Aquarelliste (Fr) (Danehill) and MGISW Artiste Royal (Ire) (Danehill). @campbellparley

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POKER S.-GIII, \$300,000, Saratoga, 6-5, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.22, fm

1--DONEGAL MOMENTUM, 118, c, 4, by Uncle Mo 1st Dam: Moon Dash (SP), by Malibu Moon 2nd Dam: In the Slips, by More Than Ready 3rd Dam: Tjinouska, by Cozzene

'TDN Rising Star'. 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$375,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Donegal Racing; B-Speedway Stable (KY); T-Thomas Morley; J-Javier Castellano. \$165,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 10-5-2-1, \$480,650. Werk Nick Rating: A+++. *Triple Plus* Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

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2--Intellect (Fr), 118, g, 4, Intello (Ger)--Caldera (Ire), by Iffraaj (GB). **1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.** (€20,000 Wlg '21 ARQDEC). O-Madaket Stables LLC, Michael Dubb and Steven Bouchey; B-Ecurie Michel Sardou (FR); T-Chad C. Brown. \$60,000.

3--Major Dude, 122, h, 5, Bolt d'Oro--Mary Rita, by Distorted Humor. (\$550,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG). O-Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Clearsky Farms (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$36,000.

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After knocking on the graded door with a placing in the GI Hollywood Derby last fall at Del Mar, Donegal Racing's 'TDN Rising Star' Donegal Momentum broke through with his first graded victory in Thursday's GIII Poker Stakes during the second day of the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival held at Saratoga Race Course. Despite breaking from the outside post, the dark bay shot to the front and stayed there, going into the first turn with a defiant, catch-me-if-you-can edge. MGSW veteran Major Dude stayed just off his flank to his inside throughout the :24.34 first quarter, but Donegal Momentum quickly repelled his early challenge and that one dropped back a few lengths as 16-1 Mischievous Angel (Into Mischief) took up the chase. Donegal Momentum bobbed along on the lead through the :48.09 half and exited the final turn strong as Major Dude attempted to reengage. The winner sailed for home under Javier Castellano with powerful strides, leaving the victory never in doubt even as the trailing favorite Intellect (Fr), who was making his second U.S. start, unfurled a closing kick that had him flying by all but Donegal Momentum in late stretch. The winner completed the mile on the inner turf in 1:34.22.

"We had the fastest horse in the race," said winning trainer Tom Morley. "There were probably a couple of horses in there that needed a strong gallop, and this horse is exceptionally fast."

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Donegal Momentum couldn't be caught in the Poker | Sarah Andrew

Poker, cont.



Donegal Racing's Jerry Crawford and trainer Tom Morley

Sarah Andrew

Morley continued: "When he quickens, he really does quicken and I've said it all along, a mile on turf, on firm ground, is what I always believed he [wanted]. He got all the right conditions, and the right set up today, and he proved he is a good one."

Bred by Speedway Stable in Kentucky, Donegal Momentum was a \$375,000 Keeneland September buy for Donegal Racing. He debuted at three with an 8 1/4-length tour de force in a maiden special weight at the Belmont at Aqueduct meet last spring, good for a 'Rising Star' tag and a 92 Beyer Speed Figure. His Hollywood Derby placing was preceded by a win in the Gio Ponti Stakes and he was last seen finishing second in a tough optional allowance over the Aqueduct lawn May 8. Morley said the team would target the Aug. 2 GI Fourstardave Stakes at the Spa for Donegal Momentum with a consideration of the July 5 GIII Kelso Stakes in the meantime.



Happy connections celebrate the Poker win | Sarah Andrew

"Winning graded stakes at Saratoga never gets old. Ever. I don't care what anyone says, even the big guys enjoy it, honestly," said Morley. "This horse has meant an awful lot. [The late] John Attfield was my assistant for a number of years; he sadly died in the fall of last year. He absolutely adored this horse, so this is for him."

261 YEARLINGS ON OFFER, CATALOGUE FOR FASIG-TIPTON'S 'THE JULY SALE' ONLINE



Chancer McPatrick | Sarah Andrew

Fasig-Tipton has catalogued 261 selected yearlings for The July Sale, to be held Tuesday, July 8, at Newtown Paddocks in Lexington, Kentucky. The sale will begin at 10 AM. To view the catalogue, click here.

"We are excited to lead off yearling sales season with a quality catalogue of precocious, selected yearlings," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "July continues to be at the top of all major North American yearling sales in a variety of performance statistics. It's a sale all yearling buyers need to focus on or risk missing major opportunities."

The sale's graduates include 'TDN Rising Star' Chancer McPatrick (McKinzie), winner of last year's GI Hopeful Stakes and GI Champagne Stakes; and Carson's Run (Cupid), who captured last year's GI Saratoga Derby Invitational Stakes. The sale is also responsible for GSWs Black Forza, Chop Chop, Federal Judge, Maysam, Non Compliant, Shisospicy, Taking Candy and Three Technique.

The sale opens with the Freshman Sire Showcase (Hips 1-94), highlighting the offspring of first-crop yearling sires.

This year's first-crop roster include Mystic Guide, Cyberknife, Early Voting, Happy Saver, Drain the Clock, Nashville, Pinehurst, Mo Donegal, Greatest Honour, Mandaloun, Jackie's Warrior, Golden Pal, Epicenter, Olympiad, Highly Motivated, Idol, Jack Christopher, Aloha West, Corniche and Speaker's Corner. *Cont.*

July Sale catalogue, cont.

"This year's crop of freshman sires is a very exciting group, and they are well represented by some outstanding individuals in July," noted Browning. "There is also a great mix of proven sires as well, making this a very attractive catalogue."

Nominations are also now open for the July Selected Horses of Racing Age sale, which will be held immediately following the conclusion of the yearling sale July 8. Fasig-Tipton will accept nominations up until sale time; however, to be included in the catalogue's initial release, entries should be finalized by June 13.

The July Sale catalogue will also be available via the Equineline sales catalogue app. Print catalogues will be available by June 9.

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FAIR HILL TRAINING CENTER TO UPGRADE TAPETA SURFACE



The original Tapeta surface at Fair Hill | Sarah Andrew

Maryland's Fair Hill Training Center will replace its seven-furlong Tapeta Footings track this summer, an upgrade from one of the synthetic surface's earliest installations to the company's newest iteration, Tapeta 13.

Work is slated to begin in mid-July and take approximately six weeks, depending on weather and other factors. Fair Hill, home to approximately 700 Thoroughbred racehorses in 18 privately owned barns, was founded in 1983 with a seven-furlong wood-chip track and upgraded to include a one-mile dirt track shortly thereafter.

The wood chips were replaced 19 years ago with Tapeta, a synthetic training surface consisting of silica sand, wax and fibers created by former trainer Michael Dickinson, who established Tapeta Footings in 2005.

Funds acquired via condominium fees, state grants and a business loan will pay for the project.

"It's been a two-and-a-half year project," said Buddy Jones, co-owner of two barns on the property, who spearheaded the funding effort. "A lot of people did a lot of work to get here, and we're excited about the future. Fair Hill has a big economic impact in Cecil County and the state, and that was an important point to keep in mind. We're grateful to the barn owners, the state of Maryland, Tapeta Footings and everyone who helped make this a reality."

Construction steps will include removal of the existing footing, a thorough examination of and repairs to the porous asphalt base, blending of the new material on site and finally installation of the new surface on the same footprint inside the dirt oval. Unlike the nearly black Tapeta 1, the new version is lighter in color and does not use rubber as part of the formula.

"The Tapeta has held up well and we've been pleased with it, but we felt it was time to replace it," said trainer Graham Motion, a Fair Hill barn owner and a member of the association board. "We breezed a lot of good horses on that track. We're excited about it. It will be one more piece to training at Fair Hill."

The Tapeta replacement also comes with the recent re-opening of the Fair Hill turf course for training on state-owned property adjacent to the training center. The one-mile course was rebuilt and redesigned in 2019-20.

"I think it's spectacular," Motion said of the turf. "It will be great to have it when we're replacing the Tapeta, but I think it's genuinely exciting for Fair Hill as a whole. To add access to that to everything else here is great. It's already a great place to train horses and it's getting better."

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MAY ECONOMIC INDICATORS: WAGERING **UP OVER MORE RACE DAYS**

The number of race days was higher and so was wagering compared to a year ago in May, according to information released by Equibase on Thursday.

Total wagering of \$1,445,615,184 on races during the month represented a 2.97% increase over the same period from 2024, while available purses of over \$122 million were lower by 1.56%. The figure of over \$118 million for paid purses in May was also down by 1.45%. As for the total number of race days, they increased from 359 to 365 (+1.67%) and the number of U.S. races was lower from 2,958 in May 2024 to last month's tally of 2,933 (-0.85%).

Average field size in May was down a tick from over a year ago when it was 7.10, and checked in at an average of 7.09 runners, a slight decrease of 0.14%. Average daily wagering increased by 1.28% to \$3,960,590, but the average available purse number per race day was down 3.18% to \$336,247 from the figure of \$347,292 in 2024. Cont.



JOB OPENING

POSITION SUMMARY

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) is seeking a dynamic and strategic individual to lead the organization's national communications efforts and serve as a resource for member tracks and partners. This individual will play a central role in shaping the public narrative around Thoroughbred racing by providing expert counsel in public relations strategy, crisis communications, and proactively pitching positive stories highlighting the industry's progress.

This full-time role, which reports to the NTRA President and CEO, is ideal for a seasoned communications professional with strong media relationships, a deep understanding of public relations, and a strong appreciation for Thoroughbred racing.

- Strategic Communications Support: Provide support to NTRA member tracks and industry organizations on PR strategies, messaging, and media engagement. Lead efforts to elevate positive narratives for Thoroughbred racing in the national spotlight.
- · Media Relations: Cultivate and maintain strong relationships with national, regional, and industry media. Proactively pitch stories that highlight the sport's progress in areas such as safety and integrity, fan engagement, technology and hospitality.
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- Spokesperson Duties: In coordination with NTRA leadership, identify and potentially serve as a spokesperson for the NTRA and, when appropriate, for partner tracks and industry initiatives.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in Communications, Public Relations, Journalism, Marketing, or a related field.
- 7-10 years of professional experience in public relations, crisis communications, or sports marketing, preferably in a high-profile or fastpaced environment.
- Strong understanding and appreciation of Thoroughbred racing and the broader horse racing industry.
- Demonstrated success in developing and executing strategic communication plans.
- · Excellent verbal and written communication skills; media training or spokesperson experience.
- · Strong organizational skills and ability to manage multiple priorities under tight deadlines.
- · Proven ability to collaborate with cross-functional teams and external partners.

ABOUT THE NTRA

The NTRA, based in Lexington, Ky., and Washington, D.C., is a broad-based coalition of more than 100 horse racing interests and thousands of individual stakeholders consisting of horseplayers, racetrack operators, owners, breeders, trainers and affiliated horse racing associations, charged with increasing the popularity, welfare and integrity of Thoroughbred racing. In addition to the NTRA President and CEO, the NTRA Board of Directors consists of individuals representing Breeders' Cup Limited; Churchill Downs, Inc.; Del Mar Thoroughbred Club; FanDuel Racing; Horseplayers; The Jockey Club; Maryland Jockey Club; Monmouth Park; New York Racing Association, Inc; Oaklawn Jockey Club; PENN Entertainment; Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association; Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association; Thoroughbred Owners of California; Thoroughbred Racing Associations; and 1/ST Racing.

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Economic indicators, cont.

When it comes to the year-to-date figures, through May of 2024 wagering on U.S. races came in at \$4.920 billion, while this year the amount is \$4.829 billion (-1.85%). Those numbers include worldwide commingled wagering on U.S. races.

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KENTUCKY DOWNS TO OPEN REGION'S LARGEST SPORTS BOOK AT THE MINT KENTUCKY DOWNS



Circa Sports Kentucky | Circa Sports

Kentucky Downs will debut a new sports book at The Mint Gaming Hall Kentucky Downs--the home of the historical racing entertainment complex, in Franklin, Kentucky, according to a press release from Circa Sports, the operators of the site. The new 21-and-over venue will feature an 80-foot-wide LED screen, a 31-foot-wide odds board and over 5,100 square feet of space.

"After operating in Kentucky for a year, introducing a sports book of this caliber to the region marks a significant milestone for Circa Sports," said Derek Stevens, CEO of Circa Sports. "Along with Kentucky, we're also seeing tremendous excitement from fans in Tennessee--especially in Nashville. Together with The Mint, we're creating a high-tech betting destination that will bring a new level of live-viewing excitement for customers across both states."

Fans at Circa Sports's new state-of-the-art book can enjoy:

 80-Foot Viewing Experience: Fans can watch all the game-day action on an 80-foot-wide LED screen, complete with a 31-foot-wide odds board displaying real-time lines and updates.

- Premium Seating Options: Guests can relax in comfort in one of 113 stadium-style seats, luxury recliners or three tiers of booth-style seating.
- Flexible Betting Access: The Circa Sports Kentucky sports book will feature five staffed betting stations, including an ADA-accessible station, and four self-service kiosks. Three self-service kiosks will be located within The Mint Kentucky Downs casino for convenience.
- Live Broadcast Studio: A VSiN (Vegas Stats & Information Network) broadcast studio will be housed within the book, where live on-air talent, analysis and game-day content will be captured daily. Founded in Las Vegas, VSiN provides coverage across major sports through broadcasts, podcasts and digital content, all designed to inform and empower the betting audience.

Johan Mirkovic, The Mint Gaming Hall Kentucky Downs' vice president and general manager said, "The Circa Sports Book adds yet more amenities for our guests enjoying The Mint Gaming Hall's gambling, entertainment and dining options. This region, spanning the Kentucky-Tennessee border, is a true sports enthusiast's haven. The upcoming Circa Sportsbook will elevate the experience, offering the area's premier viewing venue for all your favorite sporting events--no matter where you are."

Click here to watch the video with The Mint Gaming Hall Kentucky Downs's Johan Mirkovic and The Mint properties' codirector of marketing John Wholihan.

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NEW VOCATIONS ALL-THOROUGHBRED CHARITY SHOW RAISES OVER \$180,000

The 22nd New Vocations All-Thoroughbred Charity Horse Show Presented by Heider Family Stables raised over \$184,000, according to a press release from the organization. Proceeds from the event go directly to support New Vocations' efforts to rehab, retrain and rehome retiring racehorses.

New Vocations' annual show brought together over 150 retired Thoroughbred racehorses from 14 different states, showcasing the versatility of the breed. Both familiar faces and new exhibitors competed in a variety of classes, including dressage, hunter, jumper, in-hand, Western, and pleasure. New additions to this year's show included an Adult Lead Line Class, Egg and Spoon and Ride-a-Buck classes, and In-Hand Invitational Championship.

"New Vocations is proud to have launched the first all-Thoroughbred horse show in the country," said Anna Ford, New Vocations' Thoroughbred Program Director. *Cont.*

New Vocations, cont.



Diamond Bachelor | New Vocations

Ford continued:."It's been incredibly rewarding to watch the event grow and become a key part of our mission to showcase the Thoroughbred's versatility while generating critical funds for our program,""We're deeply grateful for the generosity of our sponsors--many of whom are Thoroughbred owners, breeders, and industry organizations. Their continued support allows us to host a meaningful and successful show year after year."

Show highlights included:

- The premiere of an In-Hand Invitational Championship class, won by Radiant Child (Ire), owned by Jean Bickley.
 Competitive and well-attended War Horse classes, all of which were sponsored by 100% Racing.
- The crowd favorite Open Hunter Derby, won by Atticus, owned by Annabelle Axinn and ridden by Mandy Lynch.

At the show's exhibitor party, New Vocations presented several Thoroughbred Specialty Awards recognizing the following entrants:

- Oldest Thoroughbred competing--Mr. O.E. owned by Denise Talley, born on 5/13/2001.
- Youngest Thoroughbred competing--Briny Breezes, owned by Zoey Faulkner, born on 4/11/2022.
- Thoroughbred sold for the highest price at auction--New Vocations graduate Greyes Creek, owned by Amanda Tucker, sold for \$850,000 at the OBSMAR 2YO Sale in 2018.
- Thoroughbred with the most career starts--King's House, owned by Lara Anderson, with 119 starts.
- Thoroughbred with the highest earnings--Twisted Tom, owned by Paul Smith, with \$939,135.
- Highest Speed Figure--New Vocations graduate
 Diamond Bachelor, owned by Alison Andrews, with an Equibase speed figure of 115.

- Lowest Speed Figure--tie between Dogster, owned by Camden McGlamery, and Around the Moon, owned by Terry Jones, both with Equibase speed figures of 2.
- The most recently raced Thoroughbred--Lautrec, owned by Paige Gifford, raced on 3/3/25.

Dates and additional details for the 2026 New Vocations All-Thoroughbred Charity Horse Show will be available at newvocations.org/events and on New Vocations' social media channels as they become available.

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Sacred Wish is one of 11 in Friday's Just A Game Stakes at the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew



2025 Leading Sires by Earnings

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

Rank	Stallion	BTW/%strts	BTH/%strts	GSW/%strts	GSH/%strts	G1SW/%strts	G1SH/%strts	Earnings
1	Into Mischief	10 /3.15	31 /9.78	7 /2.21	18 /5.68	2 /0.63	2/0.63	\$13,518,935
	(2005) by Harlan's	Holiday	FYR: 2010/C	rops: 14/Stand	s: Spendthrift	Farm KY	Fee: 250,000	Sovereignty
2	Candy Ride (Arg)	2/1.53	6/4.58	1/0.76	5/3.82	1/0.76	1/0.76	\$9,852,716
	(1999) by Ride the	Rails	FYR: 2006/C	rops: 18/Stand	s: Lane's End F	arm KY	Fee: 75,000	Hit Show
3	Gun Runner	9/4.57	20/10.15	5/2.54	10/5.08	1/0.51	2/1.02	\$7,790,405
	(2013) by Candy R	ide (Arg)	FYR: 2019/C	rops: 5/Stands:	Three Chimne	eys Farm KY	Fee: 250,000	Locked
4	Curlin	5/3.4	14/9.52	2/1.36	6/4.08	2 /1.36	2/1.36	\$7,090,363
	(2004) by Smart St	trike	FYR: 2010/C	rops: 14/Stand	s: Hill 'n' Dale	at Xalapa KY	Fee: 225,000	Journalism
5	Practical Joke	10 /4.15	24/9.96	3/1.24	11/4.56	/	2/0.83	\$6,455,745
	(2014) by Into Mis	chief	FYR: 2019/C	rops: 5/Stands:	Coolmore Asl	hford KY	Fee: 75,000	Awesome Aaron
6	Constitution	6/2.63	17/7.46	2/0.88	6/2.63	1/0.44	1/0.44	\$6,308,240
	(2011) by Tapit		FYR: 2017/C	rops: 7/Stands:	WinStar Farm	n KY	Fee: 110,000	Mindframe
7	Justify	9/5.26	15/8.77	3/1.75	8/4.68	1/0.58	1/0.58	\$5,991,575
	(2015) by Scat Dad	ddy	FYR: 2020/C	rops: 4/Stands:	Coolmore As	hford KY	Fee: 250,000	Javaja (Aus)
8	Medaglia d'Oro	4/3.13	11/8.59	4/3.13	9/ 7.03	2/1.56	3/2.34	\$5,684,831
	(1999) by El Prado	(Ire)	FYR: 2006/C	rops: 18/Stand	s: Darley KY		Fee: 75,000	Good Cheer
9	Vekoma	7/ 6.93	16/ 15.84	3/2.97	4/3.96	/	/	\$5,405,195
	(2016) by Candy R	ide (Arg)	FYR: 2022/C	rops: 2/Stands:	Spendthrift F	arm KY	Fee: 35,000	Golden Vekoma
10	Nyquist	6/3.31	13/7.18	5/2.76	8/4.42	1/0.55	5/2.76	\$5,370,984
	(2013) by Uncle M	lo	FYR: 2018/C	rops: 6/Stands:	Darley KY		Fee: 175,000	Gosger
11	Not This Time	9/5.29	16/9.41	4/2.35	8/4.71	/	/	\$5,183,212
	(2014) by Giant's (Causeway	FYR: 2018/C	rops: 6/Stands:	Taylor Made	Farm KY	Fee: 175,000	Final Gambit
12	Munnings	4/1.56	13/5.06	/	4/1.56	/	1/0.39	\$4,924,106
	(2006) by Speights	stown	FYR: 2012/C	rops: 12/Stand	s: Coolmore A	shford KY	Fee: 65,000	G W's Girl
13	Twirling Candy	5/2.43	10/4.85	4/1.94	6/2.91	/	1/0.49	\$4,919,185
	(2007) by Candy R	ide (Arg)	FYR: 2013/C	rops: 11/Stand	s: Lane's End F	arm KY	Fee: 60,000	Think Big
14	American Pharoah	4/1.9	13/6.19	1/0.48	2/0.95	/	1/0.48	\$4,834,236
	(2012) by Pioneer	of the Nile	FYR: 2017/C	rops: 7/Stands:	Coolmore As	hford KY	Fee: 45,000	Publisher
15	Good Magic	1/0.76	4/3.05	/	1/0.76	/	1/0.76	\$4,682,489
	(2015) by Curlin		FYR: 2020/C	rops: 4/Stands:	Hill 'n' Dale a	t Xalapa KY	Fee: 125,000	Mixto



GRADED STAKES ENTRIES



CHALLENGE SERIES WIN AND YOU'RE IN."

Friday, Saratoga #12, post time: 6:25 p.m. EDT

NEW YORK S. PRESENTED BY RIVERS CASINO-GI, \$750,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Forever After All 🖛	Connect	Dixiana Farms LLC	Walsh	Ortiz, Jr.	10-1
2	Immensitude (Fr)	Lawman (Fr)	Wathnan Racing	Mott	Alvarado	20-1
3	Gimme a Nother (SAf)	Gimmethegreenlight (Aus)	Newstead Stables LLC	Motion	Ortiz	7-2
4	Miwa (GB)	Siyouni (Fr)	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Davis	30-1
5	Edict (Arg)	Il Campione (Chi)	John T. Behrendt	Donk	Franco	15-1
6	Bellezza (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	Moyglare Stud Farm, Ltd.	Clement	Prat	8-1
7	Beach Bomb (SAf)	Lancaster Bomber	Cayton Park Stud	Motion	Saez	10-1
8	She Feels Pretty 🛪	Karakontie (Jpn)	Lael Stables	DeVaux	Velazquez	3-5

Breeders: 1-Dixiana Farms LLC, 2-Isabelle Corbani, 3-Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein, 4-Wertheimer et Frere, 5-Triple Alliance S.A., 6-Moyglare Stud Farm, 7-Drakenstein Stud (Nom Mrs. G. A.Rupert), 8-Payson Stud Inc

Chad Brown has won this race five times, but, surprisingly does not have a horse entered this year. The pick will be **Bellezza** (**Ire**) (Siyouni (Fr}). Dismissed at 10-1 in the GIII Sheepshead Bay, she proved best of the five entered and won by 1 1/2 lengths. Her form wasn't great in Ireland, but she certainly showed in the Sheepshead Bay that she belongs at this level in the U.S. **She Feels Pretty** (Karakontie (Jpn}) has been made the 3-5 morning-line favorite, based on her three straight wins, two of them in graded stakes company. Just don't like the price. **Gimme a Nother** (**SAf**) (Gimmethegreenlight ({Aus}) was undefeated in seven starts in South Africa and has since run creditably in two stakes here. This is the third start off a long layoff, so she has license to improve. --Bill Finley

Friday, Saratoga #9, post time: 4:28 p.m. EDT

OGDEN PHIPPS S. PRESENTED BY FORD-GI, \$500,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Dorth Vader	Girvin	John Ropes	Weaver	Velazquez	10-1
2	Dazzling Move <a>**	Not This Time	Miller Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	15-1
3	Leslie's Rose 🛪	Into Mischief	Whisper Hill Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	7-2
4	Raging Sea 🛪	Curlin	Alpha Delta Stables LLC	Brown	Prat	5-2
5	Candied	Candy Ride (Arg)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Flay, Bobby	Pletcher	Franco	3-1
6	Tarifa	Bernardini	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Saez	9-2
7	Randomized 🖛	Nyquist	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Rosario	9-2

Breeders: 1-John Ropes, 2-Jesse Korona, 3-John D. Gunther & Eurowest BloodstockServices, 4-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 5-Buck Pond Farm, Inc., 6-Godolphin, 7-Cove Springs, LLC

The Ogden Phipps goes through the Chad Brown barn and we'll take the better price of the two on top. This race's defending winner **Randomized** (Nyquist) can clear the field of seven from her outside draw and have things her own way over a racetrack that she's done extremely well over in the past. Actually prefer her more at this 1 1/8-mile trip after tiring late in her first start off the bench in the 1 1/16-mile GI Fasig-Tipton La Troienne S. Absolutely no knocks on her very imposing stablemate **Raging Sea** (Curlin), who won last year's GI Personal Ensign S. at the Spa and kicked off her 5-year-old campaign with a fantastic win in the aforementioned La Troienne. --Steve Sherack

Friday, Saratoga #11, post time: 5:46 p.m. EDT DK HORSE ACORN S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Scottish Lassie 🖛	McKinzie	Sportsmen Stable, Parkland Thoroughbreds,	Abreu	Ortiz, Jr.	12-1
			Photos Finish, Corms Racing Stable & Jorge Abreu			
2	Good Cheer	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Saez	1-2
3	La Cara	Street Sense	Tracy Farmer	Casse	Davis	10-1
4	Shred the Gnar	Into Mischief	Flying Dutchmen	Lynch	Ortiz	3-1
5	Bless the Broken	Laoban	Cypress Creek Equine and Madaket Stables LLC	Walden	Velazquez	10-1
6	Look Forward 🖛	Bolt d'Oro	Reddam Racing LLC	McCarthy	Rispoli	15-1
7	Quickick 🛪	McKinzie	Greenwell Thoroughbreds	Amoss	Prat	20-1

Breeders: 1-Winchester Farm, 2-Godolphin, 3-Tracy Farmer, 4-Camas Park Stud & Lynch Bages LTD., 5-Cypress Creek Equine, LLC, 6-Woods Edge Farm, LLC & Ballyfair Bloodstock, 7-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD & Whisper Hill Farm LLC

The unbeaten GI Kentucky Oaks heroine and 1-2 morning-line favorite **Good Cheer** (Medaglia d'Oro) towers over this field on paper and should also get plenty of pace to close into. Not worth trying to beat to her. **'TDN Rising Star' Shred the Gnar** (Into Mischief) has looked like a potential star in the making winning her last two starts by a combined 13 1/2 lengths, but will have to deal with some very fast rivals up front in this stakes debut, including the speedy **La Cara** (Street Sense) and **Look Forward** (Bolt d'Oro). --Steve Sherack

Friday, Saratoga #13, post time: 7:04 p.m. EDT JUST A GAME S. PRESENTED BY RESOLUTE RACING-GI, \$500,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Dynamic Pricing (Ire)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Davis	12-1
2	Special Wan (Ire)	Belardo (Ire)	Team Valor International LLC and Steve Rocco	Walsh	Rosario	10-1
3	Segesta	Ghostzapper	Juddmonte	Brown	Ortiz	15-1
4	Simply in Front 🖛	Summer Front	John Brnjas	Kenneally	Dettori	15-1
5	Kehoe Beach 🖛	Omaha Beach	Thomas W. Bachman	Ward	Ortiz, Jr.	9-2
6	Do Gooder	Good Samaritan	Copper Thoroughbreds	Antonucci	Morelos	30-1
7	A Lilac Rolla (Ire)	Harry Angel (Ire)	Resolute Racing	Mott	Alvarado	6-1
8	Excellent Truth (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Resolute Racing	Brown	Prat	5-2
9	Choisya (GB)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Rabbah Bloodstock	Crisford	Saez	4-1
10	Heredia (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	Motion	Franco	15-1
11	Sacred Wish 🖛	Not This Time	Black Type Thoroughbreds, Swinbank Stables,	Weaver	Velazquez	12-1
			Steve Adkisson, Christopher Dunn & Anthony Spinazzo	la		

Breeders: 1-Epona Bloodstock Ltd, 2-Kilnamoragh Stud, 3-Juddmonte, 4-William Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo, 5-John Bates, Ron Kirk & Michael Riordan, 6-Sackleh Suzanne & Michael Masters, 7-John Cullinan, 8-Sandra Russell, 9-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 10-St Albans Bloodstock LLP, 11-John R. Penn

Choisya (Night of Thunder (Dubawi {Ire}) won the GI Jenny Wiley Stakes in her first start in the U.S., finishing ahead of three horses that she will meet here. With three straight wins she is in career-best form. A Lilac Rolla (Ire) (Harry Angel {Ire}) has run some good races against the best fillies in Europe. Hard to ignore that second-place finish in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas. She's in good hands now that she is in the Bill Mott barn. Will be making her first start since July 12, but Mott can get them ready. Excellent Truth (Ire) (Cotai Glory {GB}) was beaten just a half-length when facing Choisya in the Jenny Wiley. Was second in a Group 1 race in France in her prior start. --Bill Finley

Friday, Saratoga #6, post time: 2:40 p.m. EDT BED O' ROSES S.-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Irish Maxima	Maximus Mischief	Irish Three Racing LLC	Servis	Pennington	6-1
2	Scylla	Tapit	Juddmonte	Mott	Rosario	5-2
3	Ways and Means	Practical Joke	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	6-5
4	Jody's Pride	American Pharoah	Parkland Thoroughbreds and Sportsmen Stable	Abreu	Ortiz, Jr.	9-2
5	Justique 🛪	Justify	C R K Stable LLC	DeVaux	Ortiz	12-1
6	Miss Justify 🛪	Justify	Twin Oaks Bldstk, IEE, Joseph Bulger, Will Campbell	Pletcher	Davis	12-1
7	St. Benedicts Prep 🛷	Flatter	Ronald P. Stewart	Rice	Lezcano	20-1

Breeders: 1-Pillar Property Services Inc, 2-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 3-Klaravich Stables, 4-Mr. Steve Weston, 5-John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock, 6-Killora Stud, LLC, 7-Claiborne Farm

'TDN Rising Star' Ways and Means (Practical Joke), third as the favorite in the GI Derby City Distaff S. while launching her 4-year-old campaign in the slop on Kentucky Derby day, is way the horse to beat second off the layoff getting back over her favorite track here. Last year's GI Test S. winner fired a bullet, four-furlong warning shot for Chad Brown over the Oklahoma May 30. Win machine Irish Maxima (Maximus Mischief) faces much tougher, but is controlling speed and could prove difficult to reel in from her rail draw. She's a perfect four-for-four at this seven-furlong distance and also has a pair of wire-to-wire wins from the fence on her resume. The very well-related Juddmonte homebred and 'TDN Rising Star' Scylla (Tapit) is the best of the rest. --Steve Sherack

Friday, Saratoga #10, post time: 5:08 p.m. EDT BELMONT GOLD CUP S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Flatten the Curve (Fr)	Zarak (Fr)	Eckhard Sauren	Grewe	Hmmr Hnsen	3-1
2	Padiddle 🖛	Empire Maker	Imaginary Stables	Abreu	Ortiz	15-1
3	Limited Liability	Kitten's Joy	Stuart S. Janney III	McGaughey III	Dettori	2-1
4	La Mehana (Fr)	Al Wukair (Ire)	LSU Stables	Clement	Franco	15-1
5	Anglophile	English Channel	Michael Thomas Paradis	Lynch	Castellano	9-2
6	The Ginger Wizard (Ire)	Calyx (GB)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Frassetto Stables	Motion	Rispoli	15-1
7	Curbstone 🖛	Street Sense	Patricia L. Moseley	Morley	Curtis	12-1
8	Grand Sonata 🛪	Medaglia d'Oro	Whisper Hill Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	6-1
9	Tawny Port 🖛	Pioneerof the Nile	Peachtree Stable	Clement	Prat	12-1
10	Lord Flintshire	Flintshire (GB)	Parkland Thoroughbreds	Brion	Velazquez	30-1
Mai	n Track Only					
11	Yo Daddy	Yoshida (Jpn)	Winning Move Stable	Rice	Carmouche	5-1
12	Timeout	Curlin	Claiborne Farm and Dilschneider, Adele B.	Mott	Alvarado	9-5
13	Parchment Party 🛪	Constitution	Pin Oak Stud LLC	Mott	No Rider	7-2

Breeders: 1-Ecurie de Castillon, KM. Al Attiyah, &Cheik FHJ. Al-Thani, 2-Frankfort Park Farm, 3-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC, 4-S.A. Haras du Mezeray, 5-Upson Downs Farm & Louie W. Wright, 6-Longfield Stud, 7-Patricia L. Moseley, 8-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 9-WinStar Farm, LLC, 10-Parkland Thoroughbreds, 11-Big Chief Racing LLC & Rocker O RanchLLC, 12-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider, 13-B. Flay Thoroughbreds

Run at two miles, it's the most unique graded stakes race run in New York. The distance should be no problem for Limited Liability (Kitten's Joy), who the 2 1/4-mile Nashville Gold Cup at Kentucky Downs. He was also a close third in this race last year. That he has Dettori riding is a plus as the European star rider will have had a lot more experience in races that are this long than his American rivals. Anglophile (English Channel) has turned in several good efforts at a mile-and-a-half. Can he get the extra half mile? The top two picks both ran in the GII Elkhorn Stakes at Keeneland in their most recent starts. Flatten the Curve (Fr) (Zarak {Fr}) is coming off a win in two-mile Group 2 event in Germany. Prior to that he won at 1 3/4 miles and 1 7/8 miles. --Bill Finley

Saturday, Saratoga #13, post time: 7:04 p.m. EDT

BELMONT S. PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS-GI, \$2,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Hill Road 🖛	Quality Road	Amo Racing USA	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	10-1
2	Sovereignty	Into Mischief	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	2-1
3	Rodriguez 🛷	Authentic	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC	Baffert	Smith	8-5
			Stonestreet Stables LLC, Bashor, Dianne, Determined			
			Stables, Masterson, Robert E., Ryan, Tom J.,			
			Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine			
4	Uncaged 🖛	Curlin	WinStar Farm LLC and Repole Stable	Pletcher	Saez	30-1
5	Crudo 🖛	Justify	Flay, Bobby and Ventura, James	Pletcher	Velazquez	15-1
6	Baeza 🛪	McKinzie	C R K Stable LLC and Grandview Equine	Shirreffs	Prat	4-1
7	Journalism	Curlin	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Bridlewood Farm,	McCarthy	Rispoli	8-5
			Don Alberto Stable, Bob LaPenta, Elayne Stables Five,			
			Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael B. & Smith, Derrick			
8	Heart of Honor (GB)	Honor A. P.	Jim And Claire Limited	Osborne	Osborne	30-1

Breeders: 1-Lynch Bages LTD & Camas Park Stud, 2-Godolphin, 3-Kingswood Farm & David Egan, 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 6-Grandview Equine, 7-Don Alberto Corporation, 8-David Redvers Bloodstock

Sovereignty (Into Mischief) proved that he's the leader of the 3-year-old division in the GI Kentucky Derby and has had five weeks to prepare over his home track for this. The pace should be honest enough to help set up another huge run from him. Baeza (McKinzie) may work out a perfect trip sitting just off the expected leaders and continues to move forward with each start, including a fast-closing third with trouble on the first Saturday in May. Journalism (Curlin) is a deserving favorite after a fantastic runner-up effort in the Derby and a GI Preakness S. win for the ages. 'TDN Rising Star' Rodriguez (Authentic) is the one to catch, but will have to deal with early pace pressure from **Crudo** (Justify). -- Steve Sherack

Saturday, Saratoga #8, post time: 3:17 p.m. EDT

HILL 'N' DALE METROPOLITAN H.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Fierceness	City of Light	D Smith, Repole Stable, M Tabor and Mrs. J Magnier	Pletcher	Velazquez	1-1
2	White Abarrio	Race Day	C Two Racing Stable, G Barber & La Milagrosa Stable	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	9-5
3	Castle Chaos	Palace Malice	Goldfarb, Sanford J., Nice Guys Stables, R Falcone, Jr.	Falcone, Jr.	Prat	20-1
			Fielding, John D. and Beast Mode Racing LLC			
4	Just a Touch 🛷	Justify	Qatar Racing, Resolute Racing and Detampel, Marc	Cox	Geroux	4-1
5	Raging Torrent 🖛	Maximus Mischief	Zhang, Yuesheng and Dado, Craig	O'Neill	Dettori	5-1

Breeders: 1-Repole Stable, Inc., 2-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 3-Dragon Slayer Stable, 4-Don Alberto Corporation, 5-Rodney J. Winkler & Alfonso Mazzetti

Just a Touch (Justify) looks primed for a breakout performance on the big stage (as potentially the third choice) following a pair of ultra-impressive allowance victories for Brad Cox so far this season. The turnback in distance should suit him quite well, too. Prefer the rail-drawn 'TDN Rising Star' Fierceness (City of Light), who is a perfect three-for-three at Saratoga, including last year's GI Travers S., of the two expected favorites. -- Steve Sherack

Saturday, Saratoga #12, post time: 6:09 p.m. EDT RESORTS WORLD CASINO MANHATTAN S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Endlessly	Oscar Performance	Amerman Racing LLC	McCarthy	Rispoli	20-1
2	Integration	Quality Road	West Point Thoroughbreds and Woodford Racing LLC	McGaughey III	Prat	9-2
3	Highway Robber 🖛	Hard Spun	Hill, Jim and Susan	Lynch	Torres	6-1
4	Carson's Run 🛷	Cupid	West Point Thoroughbreds and Bouchey, Steven	Clement	Davis	12-1
5	Deterministic 🛪	Liam's Map	St. Elias Stable, K Langone, S Duncker & Vicarage Stbl	Clement	Carmouche	9-2
6	Spirit of St Louis 🛷	Medaglia d'Oro	Madaket Stables LLC, M Dubb and R Schermerhorn	Brown	Franco	5-2
7	Tucson 🛷	Constitution	WinStar Farm LLC and Rock Ridge Racing LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	20-1
8	Corruption 🛷	Medaglia d'Oro	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Colburn, Harry	Casse	Ortiz	15-1
9	Far Bridge	English Channel	LSU Stables	Clement	Rosario	3-1

Breeders: 1-Mrs. Jerry Amerman, 2-Larkin Armstrong, 3-Foxpointe Thoroughbreds, 4-Frankfort Park Farm, 5-Hinkle Farms, 6-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 7-CHC Inc., 8-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 9-Calumet Farm

'TDN Rising Star' Far Bridge (English Channel) is the pick. A win here by trainer Miguel Clement after the recent death of his father would make for a great story. The experienced runner has won four of his last five with the only defeat coming in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf. If he takes the Manhattan, then he will be the best male turf horse in training. But he has to beat Spirit of St Louis (Medaglia d'Oro), who has graduated from New York-bred races to become one of the top turf horses in the country. 'TDN Rising Star' Deterministic (Liam' Map) is another from the Clement barn. He's been racing against a little easier company, but his speed makes him dangerous. --Bill Finley

Saturday, Saratoga #9, post time: 4:08 p.m. EDT JAIPUR S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Extendo	Handsome Mike	Robert Cotran	Orseno	Castellano	20-1
2	Think Big	Twirling Candy	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Curtis	6-5
3	Our Shot	Kantharos	Gatsas Stables, Schoenfeld, Steven and J Terranova II	Terranova II	Saez	8-1
4	My Boy Prince	Cairo Prince	Gary Barber	Casse	Lezcano	10-1
5	Arzak 🛪	Not This Time	Sonata Stable	Trombetta	Ortiz, Jr.	8-1
6	Vinsanity 🖛	Tapiture	Next Level Stables	Arriaga	Santana, Jr.	50-1
7	Bold Journey 🖛	Hard Spun	Barber, Gary, Pantofel Stable LLC and Wachtel Stable	Mott	Cancel	20-1
8	Alogon	California Chrome	Charles T. Matses	Allard	Ortiz	10-1
9	Ag Bullet (f) 🖛	Twirling Candy	Nguyen, Calvin and Tran, Joey C.	Baltas	Prat	7-2
10	Coppola 🖛	Into Mischief	Hammer Time Stable & Sport of Kings Racing Partners	Romans	Rispoli	12-1

Breeders: 1-Helen Barbazon, Joseph Barbazon, Edward Seltzer & Beverly Anderson, 2-Godolphin, 3-Dr. S. Mark Rayburg Inc., 4-Murray Graham Smith, 5-John C. Oxley, 6-Hartwell Farm Inc., 7-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 8-Charles T. Matses, 9-H & E Ranch, 10-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock

Think Big (Twirling Candy) has been on a tear since trainer Michael Stidham removed the blinkers. That has resulted in two straight wins and a pair of triple digit Beyers. The filly Ag Bullet (Twirling Candy) is not out of this. She had a terrible trip in the Unbridled Sidney Stakes. She could be second early on, right behind Coppola (Into Mischief), which could mean a great trip. My Boy Prince (Cairo's Prince) ran very well in the Elusive Quality Stakes, prompting a fast pace only to gamely fight off all challengers in the stretch. --Bill Finley



Saturday, Saratoga #11, post time: 5:28 p.m. EDT WOODY STEPHENS S. PRESENTED BY MOHEGAN SUN-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Big Truzz 🛷	Justify	Flying Dutchmen	Lynch	Rosario	10-1
2	Madaket Road	Quality Road	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC D Bashor, Determined Stables, Masterson, Robert E., Ryan, Tom J., Waves Edge Capital LLC & Donovan, Catherine	Baffert	Velazquez	10-1
3	Macho Music 🛪	Maclean's Music	Mark Fletcher Taylor, R Crichton & Walters, Daniel L.	Crichton	Castellano	8-1
4	Patch Adams	Into Mischief	CHC, Inc. and WinStar Farm LLC	Cox	Saez	5-1
5	Citizen Bull 🖛	Into Mischief	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC,	Baffert	Smith	5-1
			Stonestreet Stables LLC, Bashor, Dianne, Determined			
			Stables, Masterson, Robert E., Ryan, Tom J., Waves			
			Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine			
6	T Kraft 🖛	Connect	LRE Racing LLC	Mott	Lezcano	30-1
7	Colloquial 🖛	Vekoma	Harrell Ventures, LLC and Starlight Racing	Weaver	Franco	6-1
8	Gunmetal 🖛	Gun Runner	CHC, Inc. and WinStar Farm LLC	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	8-1
9	Neoequos	Neolithic	C Two Racing Stable, Parsard, Ian, Shining Stables LLC,	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	10-1
			Stefania Farms LLC, Reimer, Ken T., Braverman, Paul			
			and Pinch, Timothy			
10	Chancer McPatrick	McKinzie	Flanagan Racing	Brown	Prat	4-1
11	Gate to Wire	Munnings	Donegal Racing	Pletcher	Davis	12-1

Breeders: 1-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt & Kaleen Shahlnc., 2-SF Bloodstock LLC, 3-Bridlewood Farm, 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Robert Low & Lawana Low, 6-Dr. John Eaton & Dr. Steve Laymon, 7-Michael Orem & J.B. Orem, 8-Andrew N. Warren, 9-Helen Barbazon, Joseph Barbazon & Matalona Thoroughbres, LLC, 10-Rigney Racing, LLC, 11-Moyglare Stud Farm LTD.

After a trio of disappointing performances around two turns, two-time Grade I winner and 'TDN Rising Star' Chancer McPatrick (McKinzie) cuts back to his preferred trip over a course that he posted a pair of jaw-dropping victories over last summer, led by the GI Hopeful S. Should have more than enough pace to close into as well. Flavien Prat remains aboard after also riding impressive last-out Brad Cox-trained winners Gunmetal (Gun Runner) and 'TDN Rising Star' Patch Adams (Into Mischief). Gate to Wire (Munnings) has some dirtied-up form since his impressive win in the Swale and is coming in under the radar for Hall of Famer Todd Pletcher. --Steve Sherack

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Saturday, Saratoga #6, post time: 1:55 p.m. EDT WONDER AGAIN S.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Al Jafara (GB)	Pinatubo (Ire)	Madaket Stables LLC, M Dubb & R Schermerhorn	Brown	Prat	6-1
2	May Day Ready	Tapit	KatieRich Stables LLC	Lee	Dettori	9-2
3	Bessie Abott (Ire)	Kuroshio (Aus)	Team Valor International and Barber, Gary	Casse	Davis	20-1
4	Virgin Colada	More Than Ready	Resolute Racing	Brown	Rosario	10-1
5	Opulent Restraint (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Stephanie Seymour Brant	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	8-1
6	Nitrogen	Medaglia d'Oro	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Ortiz	1-1
7	Love You Anyway 🦟	Tapit	Bregman Family Racing LLC	Arnold II	Saez	20-1
8	Laurelin (Ire)	Zarak (Fr)	Newstead Stables LLC	Motion	Carmouche	5-1

Breeders: 1-V. I. Araci, 2-White Birch Farm, Inc., 3-Dr Noel Cogan & Patrick Williams, 4-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 5-White Birch Farm, SC, 6-D. J. Stable, LLC, 7-Aaron & Marie Jones, LLC, 8-M. H. Dixon & Mount Coote Estates

May Day Ready (Tapit) didn't fire when ambitiously placed in a 2-year-old stakes in Japan. Her stateside record is far better. She won three straight and then finished a good second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Her best effort gets this done. Nitrogen (Medaglia d'Oro) has been a win machine--netting four straight stakes. The only knock on her is that her numbers aren't improving and if she runs another 88 Beyer that might not be good enough. Laurelin (Ire) (Zarak {Fr}) is undefeated in three starts and is not out of this. Might need to improve some. --Bill Finley

Saturday, Saratoga #7, post time: 2:37 p.m. EDT TRUE NORTH S.-GIII, \$400,000, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Concrete Glory	Bodemeister	Big Frank Stable	Joseph, Jr.	Saez	8-1
2	Crazy Mason 🛷	Coal Front	Wright, Donna and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Sacco	Franco	9-2
3	Surveillance 🛪	Constitution	Winning Move Stable	Rice	Carmouche	15-1
4	Nakatomi ở	Firing Line	Qatar Racing LLC and Hay, Mrs. Fitriani	Ward	Ortiz, Jr.	4-1
5	Book'em Danno 🛷	Bucchero	Atlantic Six Racing, LLC	Ryan	Lopez	5-2
6	Mullikin 🖛	Violence	WinStar Farm LLC	Brisset	Prat	2-1
7	Full Moon Madness	Into Mischief	Jay Em Ess Stable	Nevin	Velazquez	20-1
8	Nutella Fella 🖛	Runhappy	Bell Gable Stable LLC	Contessa	Alvarado	20-1

Breeders: 1-Bodemeister Syndicate &Kyle M. Horlacher, 2-Gmbracstables LLC, Mr. & Mrs. RamonRangel & Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Madden, 3-Kendall E. Hansen, M.D. Racing, LLC, 4-Arnold Zetcher LLC & Crestwood Farm, 5-Gregory J. Kilka & Bright View Farm, 6-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 7-Jay Em Ess Stable, 8-Ashview Farm

Mullikin (Violence) ran too well in defeat off the bench after a wide journey to have to settle for only fifth in the GI Churchill Downs S. Returns to the scene of his dynamite GI Forego S. win and is fast enough to keep intriguing longshot **Concrete Glory** (Bodemeister) honest up front. **Book'em Danno** (Bucchero) finished one slot ahead of the top pick after a perfect trip on Derby Day and ran huge in his two previous trips to the Spa. **Nakatomi** (Firing Line) is another who has done some of his best running at Saratoga and has been firing bullets for Wesley Ward since his near miss in Dubai. --Steve Sherack

Saturday, Saratoga #10, post time: 4:47 p.m. EDT PENNINE RIDGE S.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Zulu Kingdom (Ire)	Ten Sovereigns (Ire)	Madaket Stables LLC, M Dubb, W Strauss & M Caruso	Brown	Prat	6-5
2	A. P. Kid 🖛	Honor A. P.	Donegal Racing	Pletcher	Velazquez	10-1
3	States' Rights 🖛	Constitution	Belladonna Racing, LLC, Twin Brook Stables,	DeVaux	Ortiz	6-1
			Woodford Racing, LLC, B.C.W.T. Ltd., Taylor Creek,			
			Hatfield, Rod and Hatfield Stables			
4	Flying Mohawk 🖛	Karakontie (Jpn)	Two Eight Racing, Berry Family Racing &Kaleta Racing	Beckman	Dettori	9-2
5	Tom's Magic 🖛	Justify	CJ Thoroughbreds and Mo Speed Racing	Stidham	Curtis	15-1
6	Bulldoze 🖛	Nyquist	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Saez	30-1
7	Mi Bago	Vekoma	Gary Barber	Casse	Ortiz, Jr.	6-1
8	Golden Channel	English Channel	Gatsas Stables and R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Franco	20-1
9	Noble Confessor	Quality Road	St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Davis	12-1
10	Thirteen Colonies 🖛	Hit It a Bomb	Lindy Farms	Antonacci	Rispoli	20-1

Breeders: 1-Ecurie Peregrine SAS, 2-Parks Investment Group, LLC, 3-Audley Farm Equine, 4-John O'Meara, 5-Sean Fitzhenry & Dorothy Fitzhenry, 6-Upson Downs Farm & Louie W. Wright, 7-Highclere, Inc., 8-Edward Seltzer, 9-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 10-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson)

States' Rights (Constitution) gets the call here. He had all sorts of trouble in his last--a second-place finish in a Keeneland allowance race. He steps up in class, but is obviously talented and can handle the assignment. **Zulu Kingdom** (Ire) (Ten Sovereigns {Ire}) is clearly the horse to beat after winning the GI American Turf Stakes last out at Churchill. The Chad-Flavien combo is very tough in races like these. **Flying Mohawk** (Karakontie {Jpn}) returns to his preferred surface after running 18th in the Derby in what was his first attempt on dirt. --Bill Finley

Saturday, Santa Anita #7, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT SUMMERTIME OAKS-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Thought Process 🛷	Collected	Estate of Brereton C. Jones, Little Red Feather Racing and Madaket Stables LLC	D'Amato	Berrios	124
2	Howin 🛪	Gun Runner	Baoma Corp	Baffert	Van Dyke	120
3	Sea Runner 🖛	Gun Runner	CUYATHY LLC	Yakteen	Fresu	120
4	Our Moonlight 🖛	Tapit	Jett, T. Lawrence and Jett, Ann	Pederson	Pereira	120
5	Allihies 🛪	City of Light	Firsthome Tbreds, JK Ahern and N Barnhart	Kitchingman	Franco	120
6	Silent Law 🖛	Tiz the Law	CSLR Racing Partners LLC	Baffert	Kimura	120
7	Cash Call 🖛	McKinzie	CSLR Racing Partners LLC	Baffert	Hernandez	120

Breeders: 1-Brereton C. Jones, 2-Coffee Pot Stables, 3-Cuyathy, LLC, 4-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 5-Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent, 6-Newstead Corp, 7-Brent Harris & Beth Harris

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Sunday, Churchill Downs #8, post time: 4:22 p.m. EDT MATT WINN S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Gaming 🖛	Game Winner	Pegram, Michael, Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Geroux	118
2	Final Gambit	Not This Time	Juddmonte	Cox	Prat	120
3	Chunk of Gold	Preservationist	Terry L. Stephens	West	Loveberry	118
4	Just a Fair Shake 🛪	Laoban	LaShawna Lynch	McKenzie	Rodriguez	118
5	Burnham Square	Liam's Map	Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC	Wilkes	Hernandez, Jr.	123
6	Coal Battle	Coal Front	Norman Stables LLC	Briley	Lanerie	123
7	East Avenue	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Saez	123

Breeders: 1-Mt Brilliant Farm & Ranch, LLC, 2-Juddmonte, 3-Brereton C. Jones, 4-Brookstone Farm, Lee Mauberret, & JamesBlazek, 5-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Hume Wornall & Jay Adcock, 7-Godolphin

Sunday, Saratoga #7, post time: 3:29 p.m. EDT SOARING SOFTLY S.-GIII, \$175,000, 3yo, f, 5 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Love Cervere	Into Mischief	Seltzer, Edward A., Anderson, Beverly and	Clement	Rosario	120
			Reeves Thoroughbred Racing			
2	Yougottahavehope	Twirling Candy	Barry K. Schwartz	De Paz	Santana, Jr.	118
3	Saturday Flirt	Mendelssohn	Mrs. Fitriani Hay	Ward	Alvarado	118
4	Brindi (Ire) 🖛	No Nay Never	Robert M. Evans	Danner	Carmouche	120
5	Make Haste (GB)	Blue Point (Ire)	Gainesway Stable and LNJ Foxwoods	Clement	Franco	118
6	Hey Bertie	Kantharos	Klein Racing	DeVaux	Castellano	118
7	Fortuna Mia	Vekoma	Lighthouse Racing	Rice	Lezcano	118
8	Cloe	Tiz the Law	Lugamo Racing Stable LLC	D'Angelo	Ortiz, Jr.	120
9	Spirited Boss	Street Boss	Tag Stables	D'Angelo	Velazquez	120
10	Abientot 🛪	Not This Time	Tracy Farmer	Casse	Davis	123
11	Rojo Rita 🖛	Volatile	Kamil Ozhan	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	123

Breeders: 1-Edward Seltzer & Beverly Seltzer, 2-Stonewall Farm, 3-Wesley Ward, 4-Framont Ltd, 5-Sheraton Bloodstock Limited, 6-Klein Racing, 7-Tyler B. Jones, 8-Crosshaven Bloodstock, 9-TAG Stables, 10-Killora Stud, LLC, 11-Glen Oak Farm & Two Stamps Stables

Make Haste (GB) (Blue Point {Ire}) went the opening quarter in :20 4/5 in her last start. She pulled away impressively to earn an 84 Beyer. Cloe (Tiz the Law) is back home after a good try in a 6 1/2-furlong down-the-hill race at Santa Anita, where she was third. At 5 1/2-furlong on the grass here, this spot seems to be a much better fit. Love Cervere (Into Mischief) tries for a second straight win for the Clement stable. She's 2-for-2 around one turn, but 0-for-2 around two. --Bill Finley



NORTH AMERICAN RACING

FRIDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:

by Stefanie Grimm



Tacitus | Sarah Andrew

DAUGHTER OF CLOSE HATCHES LEADS TALENTED SARATOGA MAIDEN FIELD

2nd-SAR, 100K, Msw, 3yo/up, f, 7f, 12:16 p.m.

RESURGE (Constitution) is the latest offspring to the races for Juddmonte out of the champion mare Close Hatches who has already produced this runner's three-quarter Tapit siblings-- Tacitus, 'TDN Rising Star' Scylla and Batten Down. Close Hatches herself is a full-sister to SW/MGISP Lockdown who has found success as a broodmare as well by producing dual champion mare Idiomatic (Curlin). The blue-blooded family also includes G1 Tattersalls Irish Two Thousand Guineas victor Siskin (First Defence).

Amongst those lined up to oppose her is **Endorse** (Curlin), a \$375,000 Repole Stable purchase out of KEESEP in 2023 who is a half-sister to SW/MGSP Jace's Road (Quality Road). She joins **Lost Horizon** (Into Mischief) for Peter Brant, a daughter of Chilean Horse of the Year Wow Cat (Chi) who came to White Birch Farm for \$1.7m from FTKNOV in 2019. They join the rail-drawn Godolphin homebred **Ragtime** (Union Rags), a half-sister to GSW Snowbell (Tapit). **TJCIS PPS**

1st-CD, 120K, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, 12:45 p.m.

One the juvenile front, **Spa Prospector** (Authentic) sold for \$450,000 at KEESEP last year and is a half-sister to both GISP Alys Beach (Omaha Beach) and MSP Praying (Vekoma). This is also the family of GSW Hidden Connection (Connect) who went Spendthrift's way for \$1.5m at KEENOV last year. **TJCIS PPS**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

TREMONT S., \$145,500, Saratoga, 6-5, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:03.57, ft.

1--MYTHICAL, 119, f, 2, by St Patrick's Day

1st Dam: Lailoni, by Brethren

2nd Dam: Dat You Miz Blue, by Cure the Blues 3rd Dam: Emma Loves Marie, by Wild Again

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Arindel (FL); T-Jorge Delgado; J-E. Jaramillo. \$82,500. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$132,500.

- 2--Blinging It Back, 120, c, 2, Volatile--Ima Three Blinger, by Too Much Bling. (\$80,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Barber, Gary and Deutsch, Peter; B-Forever Spring Farm (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. \$30,000.
- 3--Romeo, 122, c, 2, Honor A. P.--Fancy Love, by Not For Love. (\$14,000 RNA Ylg '24 EASOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Joseph Lloyd; B-John C. Davison (MD); T-John J. Robb. \$18,000.

DARK HOLLOW Consigned IT PAYS TO BREED MARYLAND-BREDS

Margins: 3HF, 7 3/4, NK. Odds: 1.85, 1.10, 3.95. Also Ran: Baytown Dreamer, Mercilesanihilator.

Opting to face the boys instead of taking a chance with a speed-laden Astoria Stakes later in the card, the connections of Mythical chose wisely as the filly remained undefeated with a victory in Thursday's Tremont Stakes at Saratoga.

Wasting no time going to the front, Mythical rolled through an opening quarter in a crisp :22.2 with Mercilesanihilator (Audible) and favored Blinging It Back in hot pursuit. **Cont.**



Mythical beats the boys in Thursday's Tremont | Sarah Andrew

Still clear turning for home, the filly kept finding more to kept the favorite at bay, winning by a geared-down 3 1/2 lengths.

"This was the plan from the very beginning," said winning jockey Emisael Jaramillo. "The idea was to take the lead and go all the way. These horses are just learning to run, so the horse that takes the lead usually is the one that gets the win."

He continued, "She stumbled just a little bit at the break, but she recovered herself very easily and took the lead right away. She was moving perfectly. All the way around she felt like a winner."

In her career unveiling, the Florida-bred employed similar tactics, wiring a field of nine others by 8 1/2 lengths.

"It was actually an owner's decision [to run in this race]," said winning trainer Jorge Delgado. "Entry day, they were looking at what was a better spot [versus facing fillies in the Astoria]. They figured that this filly has tons of speed, there was a little more speed in the filly race. We wouldn't run away from anybody, but we wanted to find the easier spot for the way she runs and to develop that speed."

The filly has been posting her most recent works at Monmouth Park, where Delgado set up shop for the first time this season.

"She does that [show speed] in the morning which is scary," he said. "She does really well every breeze. She just wants to run. Once she hears the bell, she wants to go."

Asked if another date with the colts is in the cards for the speedy filly, Delgado explained, "We'll see when the time comes. I will discuss with the owners. Most likely, probably, sticking with the boys was a one-time thing [laughs]. We are very happy she won and we'll enjoy this win."

Out of GSW Dat You Miz Blue, Lailoni produced a Noble Bird colt last term and was bred back to Colonelsdarktemper.

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Mythical | Tod Marks



Sassy C W | Tod Marks

FIRST STAKES WINNER FOR FRESHMAN SIRE

ASTORIA S., \$145,500, Saratoga, 6-5, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06.04, ft. 1--SASSY C W, 122, f, 2, by Yaupon

1st Dam: Sassy Miss Sue, by Tiznow 2nd Dam: Sue's Good News, by Woodman 3rd Dam: Montera, by Easy Goer

(\$30,000 Wlg '23 KEENOV; \$190,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP; \$375,000 2yo '25 OBSMAR). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Patricia's Hope LLC and Carolyn Wilson; B-Harun Kahraman (KY); T-Larry Rivelli; J-Jareth Loveberry. \$82,500. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$124,500.

D A **BUCKLAND** Sales Graduate

- 2--Gena B, 120, f, 2, Brody's Cause--Melody Maiden, by Saint Ballado. (\$16,000 Wlg '23 KEENOV; \$87,000 2yo '25 OBSMAR). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Triple B Stables LLC (Ryter) and John M. Foster; B-Ron Stolich (KY); T-Horacio De Paz. \$30,000.
- 3--Vernon Valley, 122, f, 2, Vekoma--Sinister Siren, by Empire Maker. (\$130,000 Ylg '24 OBSOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-D. J. Stable LLC; B-Trail Creek Stables LLC (NY); T-Mark E. Casse. \$18,000.

Margins: 3, 2 3/4, 2 3/4. Odds: 0.45, 5.30, 3.35. Also Ran: Varinisi, Ticket to Ride. Scratched: Looks to Kill. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

Sassy C W put in a 'TDN Rising Star'-worthy performance in her Churchill debut Apr. 30, going gate to wire with the race notes simply stating "rocket ship" to become the first winner for her freshman sire (by Uncle Mo). Just over a month later, the 2-5 favorite went a furlong further in similar style to give Yaupon his first stakes winner in Thursday's Astoria Stakes at Saratoga. Away the slowest of the quintet, Sassy C W wasted absolutely no time in rushing her way to the front and opened up a sizable advantage in the first furlong as Vernon Valley and Gena B gave

chase from far back. Hand ridden by Jareth Loveberry around the turn through fractions of :21.92 and :45.41, the favorite put this field away and refused to be caught, coming in under wraps ahead of a strung-out group in her wake.

"She breaks so fast that [Loveberry] said the ground just broke out from underneath her," said winning trainer Larry Rivelli. "I thought she'd be three in front as soon as they opened the gate. She's a pretty special filly. I was expecting her to do it, and she did, but when you're 2-5 it's always something anxious. We'll be selective about her spots. Hopefully we can keep her winning, but this was a big race for her. She's got a lot of talent, a lot of class."

"I think she feels like a sprinter, but her gallop-out, she is galloping out great," added Loveberry. "So who knows where to go from here. We've got a good filly and I'm thankful for the whole team."

Sassy C W is out of Sassy Miss Sue, who sold for just \$37,000 with the winner in utero at KEENOV in 2022 and was exported to Turkey in 2023. She last reported a 2024 full-sister.

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4th-Saratoga, \$110,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 6-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.88, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

HOLD YOUR BREATH (f, 3, McKinzie--Illicit Affair, by Midnight Lute) was an impressive debut winner at Parx back in November of 2024 and followed that with a try against stakes company in the Any Limit Stakes in March at Gulfstream but finished a distant fifth. In her first attempt on the grass and with Lasix, jockey Kendrick Carmouche encouraged this filly to the front end, leading this group of sprinters in :21.84 and :44.50. Several rivals lined up in an effort to run her down but Hold Your Breath continued to draw off, scoring at odds of 29-1. The winner is the half sister to stakes winner My Sweet Affair (Twirling Candy). Illicit Affair just foaled a filly by Omaha Beach this year who is her first foal since Hold Your Breath in 2022. Sales history: \$135,000 Ylg '23 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$93,470. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by

O-Main Line Racing and Avalon Racing Stables; B-Highclere Inc., Constance Wickes & Rocky Top Racing (KY); T-John C. Servis.





T-Brad H. Cox.



Hold Your Breath | Sarah Andrew

6th-Saratoga, \$110,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 6-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.27, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

VELVET VORTEX (f, 3, Complexity--Sweet Pistol, by Smart Strike) earned an 89 Beyer Speed Figure in her debut victory going six panels in February at Fair Grounds, then followed that effort with a fourth-place finish in April, her first start against winners as the 6-5 favorite at Keeneland. Velvet Vortex made an effort to make the front and was confronted by several rivals to her inside. As they hit the backstretch, jockey Flavien Prat nudged his filly along to take a clear lead, heading the field through an opening quarter in :23.59. After a half in :47.19, the 9-10 favorite started to widen her lead, increasing it to four lengths at the eighth pole. Table Flirt (Constitution) closed that margin but only enough for a non-threatening runner up. Sweet Pistol, also the dam of Faiza (Girvin), GISW, \$672,000, has a 2year-old full-brother to Velvet Vortex and reported a colt by Not This Time this year. Sales history: \$375,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$99,350. Click for the Equibase.com

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9th-Gulfstream, \$49,170, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-5, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.39, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

CATALYTIC (c, 4, Catalina Cruiser--One Show Only, by Distorted Humor), second behind Fierceness in last year's GI Florida Derby, was second-to-last in the GI Kentucky Derby and had put together a string of four straight runner-up efforts leading into this start. The streak began in the Carry Back Stakes last July and ended with late-closing effort after a troubled start in Apr. 12 optional claimer over this track and trip last time out. The 3-5 favorite was on the lead in the early strides before settling into a stalking third. He stuck his head in front in upper stretch and pulled away inside the final furlong to score by 2 3/4 lengths. Pacesetting Beastly Speed (The Big Beast) was second. One Show Only was exported to Turkey after selling carrying a full-sibling to the winner for \$42,000 at the 2021 Keeneland November sale. Sale history: \$70,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$125,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. Lifetime Record: GISP, 9-2-6-0, \$291,965.

O-Tami Bobo and Julie Davies; B-Fred W. Hertrich (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.



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4th-Churchill Downs, \$120,000, Msw, 6-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.13, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

MAGIC ESCAPADE (f, 4, Medaglia d'Oro--Don't Leave Me {GSW-USA, GSW-Can, \$315,517}, by Lemon Drop Kid) debuted in April at Keeneland and finished a closing third at 5 1/2 furlongs. Showing some improved early speed, jockey Luan Machado kept the foot on the gas pedal as they recorded splits of :21.73 and :44.40. Lugging in a bit, Machado did his best to keep this filly straight as several rivals took aim on this frontrunner. As the 5-2 favorite, Magic Escapade was able to stick to the task, as Tempting Eve (Alternation), who was just behind the winner on the tote board, nosed out other closers for second 13/4 lengths back. Don't Leave Me has not produced a foal since foaling Magic Escape back in 2021. Sales history: \$370,000 Wlg '21 PENOAK; \$435,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$250,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$79,175. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by

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O-Bruce Lunsford; B-Godolphin and Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); T-Thomas Drury, Jr.



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2nd-Saratoga, \$100,000, Msw, 6-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.25, fm, 4 lengths.

CURLIN'S ANGEL (f, 4, Curlin--Sabrina's Angel, by Scat Daddy), dismissed at 15-1 in this belated debut, was away slowly from her outside post, but recovered quickly and rushed up to midpack before being taken in hand to settle near the back of the field through pedestrian splits. Tipped out three wide approaching the stretch, she exploded down the lane and soared home four lengths in front. Favored Time Stone (American Pharoah) got a head in front of Key Actress (Mo Town) to be second. The winner is a half-sister to Mischievous Angel (Into Mischief), SP, \$261,050 and has a weanling half-brother by Practical Joke. Sabrina's Angel is a half-sister to GI Florida Derby winner Audible (Into Mischief). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$55,000.

O-Parkland Thoroughbreds; B-Parkland Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Jorge R. Abreu.

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Curlin's Angel | Tod Marks

5th-Saratoga, \$90,000, (S), Msw, 6-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.22, fm, neck.

TRALEE GIRL (f, 3, Mendelssohn--Kerry Girl, by Pioneerof the Nile), unraced since two off-the-board finishes at Aqueduct last year, was supported at 7-2 off the layoff and picked up Lasix for her third straight attempt at the distance. Situated just off the speed in third from her wide draw, Tralee Girl stayed in touch with the lead through fractions of :23.78 and :49.09 before advancing up the outside to strike the front into the stretch. Clear into the final sixteenth, Tralee Girl had to withstand a late charge from Nonna Lynne (Slumber {GB}) and just lasted by a neck. Kerry Girl saw her 2-year-old Twirling Candy colt RNA for \$175,000 at OBS April this year. She has a yearling Mind Control

colt and reported another Twirling Candy foal, a filly, this season. Sales History: \$50,000 Ylg '23 OBSOCT; \$210,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$54,563. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. O-New Phoenix Stable, Kenneth G. Beitz, Gail P. Beitz and Steven Bouchey; B-David & Christine Stack (NY); T-Miguel Clement.

** NBS SUCCESS ** TAPROOT (TWO-YEAR-OLD PURCHASE)



Tralee Girl | Sarah Andrew

1st-Gulfstream, \$40,300, Msw, 6-5, 2yo, f, 5f (AWT) (off turf), :56.36, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

SPINELLI (f, 2, Upstart--Town Grad, by Speightstown), installed the 4-5 favorite for this first go, shot to the front and threw down an opening quarter in a toasty :21.53. In charge straightening for home, the dark bay proved tough to catch, crossing the wire 4 3/4 lengths ahead of Back Ring Buzz (Hard Spun), who was clear of Spicy Princess (Tapit). Town Grad, also responsible for SP Coach Lori (Cairo Prince), produced a full brother to the winner this season. Sales history: \$60,000 Wlg '23 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-D. J. Stable LLC; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Joseph F. Orseno.

7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw, 6-5, 2yo, f, 5f (off turf), :59.79, sy, 1 1/4 lengths.

CHAMONIX (f, 2, Tapit--Modify, by Candy Ride {Arg}) proved to be stubborn on the front end in her career debut in this rained-off event. She broke just in behind the speed but wasted no time as she began to creep her way towards the early pacesetter, where she slightly headed the field as the first quarter went in :22.78. The rival to her inside and eventual

second-place finisher Super Pachi (Daredevil) fought hard, but Chamonix was able to put her away late as the 7-2 third choice to win by 1 1/4 lengths. Modify most recently foaled a 2025 colt by Practical Joke. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



IN IRELAND:

Moments Of Joy, f, 2, Justify. See "Ireland".



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JUNE 6

2025 Stud Fees Listed

Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}), Lane's End Farm 59 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners 1-Churchill Downs, 12:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Muriel Sax, 20-1 \$3,500 FTD JUN yrl

Maxfield (Street Sense), Darley, \$40,000 116 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners 1-Churchill Downs, 12:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Lilies N Paradise, 9-2

\$200,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$200,000 OBS APR 2yo

Raging Bull (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000 88 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 4-Gulfstream, 2:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Ciborio, 2-1 \$97,000 KEE SEP yrl

Rushie (Liam's Map), Blue Star Racing 15 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Gulfstream, 12:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Soda, 9-2 \$4,000 OBS WIN yrl; \$20,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$45,000 OBS APR 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JUNE 6

2025 Stud Fees Listed

Authentic (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000 295 foals of racing age/44 winners/3 black-type winners

2-New York - Belmont Double, 7:04 p.m. EDT, \$2000K GI Belmont S. Presented by NYRA Bets SAR - R13, 1 1/4m, Rodriguez, 6-1

\$485,000 KEE SEP yrl

1-Churchill Downs, 12:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Spa Prospector, 4-1 \$100,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$450,000 KEE SEP yrl

Honor A. P. (Honor Code), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000 131 foals of racing age/26 winners/3 black-type winners 4-Two Day Pick 5, 4:47 p.m. EDT, \$300K GIII Pennine Ridge S. SAR - R10, 1 1/16m, A. P. Kid, 10-1 \$275,000 KEE SEP yrl

2-New York - Belmont Double, 7:04 p.m. EDT, \$2000K GI Belmont S. Presented by NYRA Bets SAR - R13, 1 1/4m, Heart of Honor (GB), 30-1

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Improbable | Sarah Andrew

Improbable (City Zip), WinStar Farm

221 foals of racing age/36 winners/6 black-type winners 5-Belterra, 2:35 p.m. EDT, \$100K Best of Ohio Green Carpet S., 1 1/16mT, Ed's Reward, 6-1

9-Churchill Downs, 4:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Truly Possible, 20-1 \$22,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$45,000 KEE SEP yrl

Instagrand (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$8,000 228 foals of racing age/52 winners/2 black-type winners 5-Belterra, 2:35 p.m. EDT, \$100K Best of Ohio Green Carpet S., 1 1/16mT, Superwolf, 3-1

McKinzie (Street Sense), Gainesway Farm, \$75,000 301 foals of racing age/37 winners/3 black-type winners 2-New York - Belmont Double, 7:04 p.m. EDT, \$2000K GI Belmont S. Presented by NYRA Bets SAR - R13, 1 1/4m, Baeza, 4-1

\$1,200,000 KEE SEP vrl

5-Two Day Pick 6, 5:28 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Woody Stephens S. Presented by Mohegan Sun SAR - R11, 7f, Chancer McPatrick, 4-1

\$260,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$725,000 OBS APR 2yo 11-Saratoga, 5:46 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI DK Horse Acorn S., 1 1/8m, Quickick, 20-1 \$275,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$550,000 KEE SEP yrl 11-Saratoga, 5:46 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI DK Horse Acorn S., 1 1/8m, Scottish Lassie, 12-1

\$50,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$85,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Tiz the Law (Constitution), Coolmore Ashford, \$30,000 248 foals of racing age/40 winners/6 black-type winners 7-Prairie Meadows, 9:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Bamtwentyklater, \$20,000 FTK FEB wnl

Tom's d'Etat (Smart Strike), WinStar Farm, \$5,000 136 foals of racing age/31 winners/2 black-type winners 4-Belterra, 2:05 p.m. EDT, \$100K Best of Ohio Norm Barron Queen City Oaks, 1 1/16m, Goosebumps, 5-1

Vekoma (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000 288 foals of racing age/81 winners/11 black-type winners 5-Two Day Pick 6, 5:28 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Woody Stephens S. Presented by Mohegan Sun SAR - R11, 7f, Colloquial, 6-1 \$240,000 KEE SEP yrl

4-Two Day Pick 5, 4:47 p.m. EDT, \$300K GIII Pennine Ridge S. SAR - R10, 1 1/16m, Mi Bago, 6-1 \$62,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$90,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl

Win Win (Hat Trick {Jpn}), Ocala Stud, \$8,500 97 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners 1-Gulfstream, 12:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Winrooski, 7-2 \$20,000 OBS MAR 2yo





STAKES RESULTS:

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON H., (NB) \$100,000, Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-4, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.00, ft.

- 1--C. J'S STORM, 125, g, 5, Storm's Eye--Perfect List, by Peaks and Valleys. (\$6,200 Ylg '21 INDMIX). O-Haran Thoroughbreds LLC, Watt, Janet and Watt, Charles; B-Triple D Partners LLC (IN); T-John Haran; J-Alberto Burgos. \$57,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 31-6-2-3, \$246,007.
- **2--Mondavila**, 124, g, 3, Mondavi--Lost Village, by Jump Start. O-Klopp, Liz and Patrick, Jill M.; B-Elise W. Kendall (IN); T-Randy L. Klopp. \$19,000.
- **3--Tiz Eddie**, 125, g, 4, Sahara Sky--Tiz Athena, by Poseidon's Warrior. O-Ellen K. Hobson; B-Don R. Hobson (IN); T-Tomas Medina. \$10,450.

Margins: 3/4, 2 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 6.90, 3.80, 1.70.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Saratoga, \$120,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 6-5, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:48.79, ft, 1/2 length.

WILLY D'S (g, 4, Lookin At Lucky--Boston Mine, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: MSP, 20-4-5-2, \$282,371. O-Paradise Farms Corp.; B-Beau Lane (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$60,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

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Willy D's | Sarah Andrew

3rd-Churchill Downs, \$117,410, 6-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.13, ft, 1 length.

SAM'S TREASURE (f, 4, Munnings--Malibu Treasure, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-2, \$228,087. O-Breeze Easy LLC; B-Baron Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward. *\$700,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG.

8th-Churchill Downs, \$103,215, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 6-4, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.22, fm, 1 length.

DHABAB (IRE) (g, 6, No Nay Never--Habbat Reeh {Ire}, by Mastercraftsman {Ire}) Lifetime Record: GSP 21-4-3-1, \$230,945. O-Jeff Whitfield and Mike Morrison; B-Al Shira'aa Farms S.A.R.L. (IRE); T-E. Vaughan. *£200,000 2yo '21 GOFTY.

7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$42,120, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 6-4, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:08.88, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

GOING UP (g, 4, Mineshaft--Shush Up, by Silent Name {Jpn}) Lifetime Record: SW 16-8-1-3, \$284,700. O/B-Tammy & Robert Klimasewski (PA); T-Ron G. Potts.

1st-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$40,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 6-5, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.72, sy, 2 1/2 lengths. **ICE EXPRESS (g, 4, Keen Ice--Express Run {SW, \$343,640}, by Unbridled Express)** Lifetime Record: 15-3-0-2, \$83,582. O/B-L.T.B. Inc & Hillerich Racing, Inc. (IN); T-Genaro Garcia. *Full to King Ice, MSW, \$433,756.

6th-Hawthorne, \$33,280, 6-5, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.88, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

MARY'S BOON (m, 5, Central Banker--Glaze, by Flatter)
Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-0, \$55,225. O-Hugh H. Robertson, John
Mentz and Jeff Larson; B-Hidden Brook Farm (NY); T-Hugh H.
Robertson. *\$15,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$135,000 2yo '22 EASMAY.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

More for Sure (Ire), f, 3, Cracksman (GB)--Cascella (Ire), by Iffraaj (GB). Saratoga, 6-5, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.52. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$87,730. B-Phillistown House (IRE). *€42,000 Wlg '22 GOFNO1; €160,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR.

Gabe's Choice, g, 3, Three Hour Nap--Can't Buy a Thrill, by Borrego. Hawthorne, 6-5, (S), 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.93. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$18,900. B-Hugh Robertson (IL).

Bourbon Curiosity, g, 3, **Tom's d'Etat**--Tashiara, by Exchange Rate. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-5, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.52. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$32,760. B-Scott Pierce (IN).

Moonman Rules, g, 4, Penitent Man--Tidy Rules, by Tenpins. Assiniboia Downs, 6-4, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:10.18. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-2, \$23,249. B-Hedy Joanna Kling (MB). *C\$4,900 RNA Ylg '22 CTHMAN.



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RULING COURT & DELACROIX GO TOE TO TOE IN BETFRED DERBY



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by Tom Frary

Now that the line-ups have been confirmed for the Derby and Oaks, the wait has become one of merely hours for connections and fans of the protagonists alike. An intense period of final planning and preparation, of intermittent reverie. With the current century a quarter of the way though its course, there is little sign that the Epsom Classics have lost any of their draw for the big operations and the lists assembled for Friday and Saturday's Betfred-sponsored tests are testament to that.

Since 2000, overseas interests--mainly Irish--have held sway an astonishing 15 times in the Derby and 10 times in the Oaks, making the races almost a pipedream now for the shrinking influence of the traditional British stables. While the first empire of Ballydoyle enjoyed six great days in the Blue Riband, they were spaced out over a period of 20 years whereas Aidan O'Brien's second wave has seen a relative tsunami of triumph in the beloved monument.

Responsible for 15 of the 26 most recent winners of the Derby and Oaks, the Rosegreen stable's pre-eminence is beyond anything imaginable in modern-day sport. Such is its domination of the peak action of the next two days, the operation has accomplished a true synonymy with the occasion. Think Derby, think the Magnier navy blue, the Tabor blue-and-orange, the Smith purple-and-white. Cont. p3

PAGE IMPRESSIONS: EXAMINING THE DERBY AND OAKS PEDIGREES

By Emma Berry

For so long now we have been used to the Galileo factor at Epsom, and while none of his final small crop of 13 has made the line-up for the Derby or the Oaks, we still find his name all over the place on the pages of this year's runners, merely starting to shuffle back a bit in the generation game.

Galileo's sons Frankel, Australia and Circus Maximus each have at least one runner in the Derby, and Frankel and Australia also have Oaks runners. Eight of the 19 Derby runners and seven of the nine fillies in the Oaks have a dose of Galileo blood.

The more significant influence is of course Galileo's dam, Urban Sea, who, through her other Derby-winning son Sea The Stars, can be found in the pedigrees of 19 of the 28 runners in the two Epsom Classics, and in the case of Nightime Dancer and Tuscan Hills she is there twice, top and bottom.

Sea The Stars has two Derby runners – Sea Scout and The Lion In Winter – both bred by his own breeder, the Tsui family's Sunderland Holding. His son Affinisea is the sire of Al Wasl Storm, and Sea The Stars is the broodmare sire of two runners in the Derby and Qilin Queen in the Oaks. Cont. p5



Al Wasl Storm is one of two runners for Ahmad Al Shaikh | John Hoy

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Betfred Derby/Oaks Previews Cont. from p1

There is no doubt that Godolphin have made a concerted effort in recent times to interrupt the flow of Derby winners back to Ballydoyle, with Charlie Appleby breaking the hegemony twice since 2018, while John Gosden has interfered once in the Blue Riband and on an impressive four occasions in the Oaks. Since 2012, just six stables have been responsible for the winners of the two Classics with Dermot Weld, Ralph Beckett and the now-retired Sir Michael Stoute the outliers.

Looking at Saturday's Derby, there are no surprises there at all. Ballydoyle, Godolphin, the Gosdens and Ralph Beckett account for nine of the first 10 in the betting, with the only exception being the French colt running in the silks of the late Aga Khan IV which the 2025 edition honours. Barring a sizeable upset, current trends will continue until next year at least.

Luckily, the romance associated with the 2,000 Guineas-Derby double lives on and the onus is on **Ruling Court** to become the first since Camelot in 2012 to bring it home. Bidding to extend the 100% Derby record of Justify after City Of Troy 12 months ago, Godolphin's leading hope has an unusual profile as a breeze-up graduate without a black-type win at two who was campaigned initially this year in the desert. What he does have is an admirable temperament, the perfect racing attitude and draw and a big-race jockey who with each passing year grows in stature. His pedigree sends mixed messages, but on the whole the mile-and-a-half is probably within his compass and he may have a slight class edge over his peers.

Strangely, it is Godolphin's main man who has the Coolmore sire and Coolmore's chief runner who flies the flag for Darley's number one stallion, with Dubawi's **Delacroix** leading the line for Ballydoyle. The son of Tepin has been one of the yard's creepers, with his juvenile campaign lacking major pizzazz despite the high points of winning an Autumn Stakes and running a close second in the Futurity Trophy.



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He comes here via the Galileo route of Leopardstown's Ballysax and Derby Trial, where he looked to have taken a step forward much as his full-sister Grateful did with each passing month last term.

It is interesting that Aidan O'Brien is allowing **Lambourn** to take his chance, with the son of Australia needing to find just over two lengths on his stablemate from their running in the Ballysax. He would be a strange Derby winner, having won his Stakes race at two at the French provincial track of Craon and having made heavy weather of that too. Taken to Chester last month, he proved ample stamina in the Vase with old lethargy giving way to new zest. Are we in for another Ruler Of The World or Wings Of Eagles-style awakenings here?

Last of the Ballydoyle trio is the difficult-to-weigh-up **The Lion In Winter**, who dealt with Ruling Court so efficiently in a telling renewal of York's G3 Acomb Stakes in August. Subsequently plagued by setbacks, his comeback effort in that track's Dante told us little other than he remains a free-running type not typical of his sire Sea The Stars. That would normally put off Derby backers, but it is hard to easily dispel the memory of the aura that he carried last summer and he remains the race's quandary.

Betfred Derby/Oaks Previews Cont.

While The Lion In Winter was disturbing the stable's flow of success in the Derby trials, New Bay's **Pride Of Arras** was signalling his insurgence into the Derby picture with a Dante display which is impossible to fault. All boxes are ticked when it comes to the Aykroyds' homebred, from ability to athleticism to potential to requisite stamina and were he housed at Ballydoyle he would be favourite for this year's renewal. Ralph Beckett's 3-year-olds really started to blossom at the time of his York breakthrough and there is much more to come from this colt.

Of the outsiders, the Gosdens' **Damysus** looks a live one for Wathnan Racing given how impressively he finished off in the Dante. The son of **Frankel** will love this step up to a mile and a half, while the Chester Vase runner-up **Lazy Griff** appeals as an ideal type to outrun his odds and get into the frame. By Protectionist, he would be a distinctly uncommercial winner of the race for Charlie Johnston but if there is one fairytale horse in this year's line-up it is the one who sports the colours of the Middleham Park Racing syndicate.

Will The Flower Wilt Or Bloom At Epsom?



Desert Flower & William Buick | *Emma Berry*

Friday's Oaks fits all the trends outlined above, with Godolphin's 1,000 Guineas winner **Desert Flower** taken on by three Ballydoyle cohorts headed by **Frankel**'s Listed Cheshire Oaks scorer **Minnie Hauk**. Like Ruling Court, Desert Flower is no surefire stayer at the trip, with the daughter of Night Of Thunder out of Promising Run who was at her limit at a mile and a quarter. Almost certainly capable at that distance, the unbeaten homebred heads into the unknown here without the pedigree credentials of the operation's previous Guineas-Oaks winner Kazzia but her ability should take her most of the way.

What Minnie Hauk achieved at Chester and fellow Frankel

representative **Giselle** achieved in the Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial is uncertain, but the former is from the Juddmonte family of an Irish Oaks heroine in Wemyss Bight and has this mile-and-a-half in her DNA. Giselle beat two others in her prep, but in doing so looked an Oaks filly through and through while the stable's other runner **Whirl** represents the highly successful Wootton Bassett-Galileo cross and was out on her own at the end of the Musidora.

Julian Richmond-Watson's homebred **Revoir** lost out to Pinatubo's **Qilin Queen** in Newbury's Listed Childwickbury Stud Fillies' Trial Stakes last month, but in the process greatly enhanced her Oaks prospects. A daughter of Study Of Man from the family of the 2008 winner of this Classic, Look Here, she looks tailor-made for this race on paper but surprisingly Ralph Beckett is not completely convinced about the distance.

"You would think the step up in trip will probably be in her favour. There are stamina influences on her page, but I have slight reservations in the fact that [the dam] Regardez didn't stay a mile and a half, she got a mile and a quarter well," he said. "This filly is a slightly different character and is more laid-back than her mother was, but we are taking it on trust."

"I think she should come forward for the run at Newbury. I felt it was a good starting point, but she was still pretty green through the race. I liked the way she went through the line. Look Here winning the Oaks when we were at Whitsbury is a big part of what is going on here now. It's been 17 years and it's been a big joy to train the family--it's been a privilege."

There is a chance that Cayton Park Stud's

Wemightakedlongway has been underestimated given the way she relished aggressive tactics in Navan's G3 Salsabil Stakes in April. The daughter of Australia comprehensively beat Minnie Hauk when also making all in her Cork maiden in October and while it is possible that the runner-up has made significantly more progress in the interim, it is not a given.

Calandagan's Coronation...

So unlucky to come up against City Of Troy at York last summer, Calandagan has ideal conditions to flourish in Friday's G1 Betfred Coronation Cup. While the Aga Khan Stud representative has been subsequently undone in the G1 Champion Stakes and G1 Dubai Sheema Classic, the son of Gleneagles is the class act here with his Juddmonte International sectionals so strong.

"I suppose the only real doubt is handling the track and he's probably never run on anything like Epsom before," racing manager Nemone Routh said. "He's a very balanced horse and we imagine he is going to be okay, but you never know until they get there and run. This has been the plan for a while and we hope he's in great form." Cont. p5



Calandagan | Megan Coggins

Betfred Derby/Oaks Previews Cont.

Aidan O'Brien has nine of these to his name and saddles the last two winners of the St Leger in Jan Brueghel and Continuous, with the latter seemingly utilised as a pacemaker at present. Second on his return in the G3 Alleged Stakes, Jan Brueghel will have to run out of his comfort zone if Calandagan is on song. Mastercraftsman's G1 Hong Kong Vase winner Giavellotto and the Irish Oaks heroine You Got To Me shore up this year's renewal, with the latter expecting to need the reintroduction.

"She was always a big girl and in that sense not much has changed," Ralph Beckett said of the daughter of Nathaniel. "This looked a good starting place for her. It looks a deep renewal and she'll have to go a bit, but she's been away for gallops a couple of times this spring and they've gone well, so I couldn't be happier. Inevitably she'll need the match practice, but this leads us into the year."

"I'd like to get her in against her own sex at some point," he added. "The Yorkshire Oaks is the obvious one but France Galop, in their wisdom, moved the Prix Vermeille so there is only 17 days between the only two fillies' Group 1s over a mile and a half in Europe, which makes life somewhat complicated. Those two races are high on her agenda."

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What must be acknowledged is the increasing influence of Dubawi through a range of his sons. No fewer than four of those – New Bay, Too Darn Hot, Night Of Thunder, and Ghaiyyath – account for six Derby runners, while Dubawi is himself represented by Delacroix. It is a particularly noteworthy achievement for Ghaiyyath to have his first-crop sons Stanhope Gardens and Nightime Dancer in the Derby field, Ghaiyyath himself being out of Galileo's first ever Classic winner back in 2006, Nightime.

Dubawi of course provided last year's Oaks winner, Ezeliya, and is the broodmare sire of 2021 Derby winner Adayar. Of the Derby sires for this year's race, only Frankel, Sea The Stars and Justify have sired a previous winner: Adayar, Harzand and City Of Troy respectively. Frankel has also supplied two Oaks winners in Anapurna and Soul Sister, while one of the early top-liners for Sea The Stars was his Oaks-winning daughter Taghrooda.

The late Deep Impact has been represented at Epsom by Derby winner Auguste Rodin and Oaks winner Snowfall, and Deep Impact's son Study Of Man has a runner in each Classic this weekend: Rogue Impact and Revoir.

Aside from Coolmore and Godolphin, the only other breeder to be represented in the Derby and the Oaks is Annemarie O'Brien, with Tennessee Stud and Wemightakedlongway. Both are trained by her son Joseph, and in the case of the latter, the filly's sire Australia was also ridden by Joseph O'Brien to win the Derby, trained of course by his father and Annemarie's husband, Aidan. Some family.

BETFRED DERBY (run in honour of HH Aga Khan IV)

Al Wasl Storm

Affinisea - Dearborn (Martaline)

Breeder: Gavin Wallace

Yes, on the face of it, Affinisea, who ran only twice at four and five, and whose best winner to date is the Grade 2-winning hurdler Hollygrove Cha Cha, shouldn't really have a runner in the Derby. But when you frame it differently, and consider that the stallion is by Derby winner Sea The Stars and a half-brother to Irish Derby winner Soldier Of Fortune (by Galileo) then it starts to look a lot less unusual. Al Wasl Storm, a €7,000 purchase at the Tattersalls Ireland November National Hunt Foal Sale, is his unraced dam's first offspring. The mare's family is pretty short on black type, but he will certainly see out the trip while others may fall short. He coped readily with the tight turns of Chester when making all to win his maiden there in May, and he had a spin around Epsom in last week's gallops morning, but will need to show significant progress. Cont. p6

Damysus

Frankel - Legerete (Rahy)

Breeder: Newsells Park Stud & Merry Fox Stud

The Dante runner-up was also present for Epsom's Derby gallops morning last week and looked right at home on the track at a click below racing pace. We know Frankel can get a good one at just about any distance, and Legerete was herself a Group 2 winner over 1m4f who has produced two Listed winners over a mile among her eight winners. The extended family also includes Arc runner-up Aventure and Prix Saint-Alary second Audubon Park. Legerete is now 21 but has a colt on the ground this year by Classic sire Nathaniel, and is back in foal to him. This colt is at least named to succeed as, in Greek mythology, Damysus was said to be the fastest giant, and his name translates to 'conqueror'.



Nightwalker and Damysus at the Epsom gallops morning | John Hoy

Delacroix

Dubawi - Tepin (Bernstein)

Breeder: Tepin Syndicate

Tepin, an \$8 million purchase at Fasig-Tipton's November Sale, and a winner at the Breeders' Cup and Royal Ascot among her 13 triumphs, died two years ago at the age of 12 and her loss is looking increasingly lamentable. Her third foal, Grateful, a daughter of Galileo, won last season's G1 Prix de Royallieu and now her final foal Delacroix is co-favourite for the Derby. He has romped through two Derby trials in Ireland over 10f and while the extra two furlongs are a step into the unknown, there is cause for hope that he will take it in his stride.

Green Storm

Circus Maximus - Banimpire (Holy Roman Emperor) Breeder: Banimpire Syndicate

Ahmad Al Shaikh has pulled off the feat of having two Derby runners bought collectively for €19,000, for this colt was a

€12,000 Goffs Orby purchase and is now rated 107, having won at Yarmouth last September before placing at G1 and G2 level. Admittedly, the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud featured only three runners, the winner being Tennessee Stud, and those first two home will line up for the Derby. Green Storm is from the first crop of Circus Maximus, who now resides solely in New Zealand at Windsor Park Stud after three seasons of shuttling between there and Coolmore in Ireland. His dam Banimpire was a classy racemare, winning the G2 Ribblesdale and being beaten a short-head by Blue Bunting to finish second in the Irish Oaks. She's a half-sister to the dam of Melbourne Cup winner Twilight Payment and is out of the 1m4f Listed winner My Renee.

Lambourn

Australia - Gossamer Wings (Scat Daddy)

Breeder: Coolmore

His dam was beaten a short-head when second in the G2 Queen Mary Stakes and appeared averse to racing beyond 5f, but Australia has done plenty of lifting here when it comes to stamina and Lambourn is already proven at the trip, having beaten Lazy Griff in the Chester Vase. Gossamer Wings is one of 10 winners for her dam Lavender Baby, four of which earned black type in America, including her full-sister, the Zia Park Oaks (9f) winner Lavender Chrissie.

Lazy Griff

Protectionist - Linarda (Rock Of Gibraltar)

Breeder: Gestut Westerberg

If Lazy Griff defies his long odds to win, he would be the first Derby winner since 1906 to be sired by a Melbourne Cup winner after Spearmint, by Carbine. Bred at Gestut Westerberg, outside Frankfurt, by Peter and Aline Rodde, he was bought as a yearling at BBAG for €75,000 and is a full-brother to the G3 Bavarian Classic winner Lambo. Their Danish-bred dam won the Swiss 1,000 Guineas. This trip will be no problem.

Midak

Footstepsinthesand - Minya (Sinndar)

Breeder: Aga Khan Studs

In a year in which the late Aga Khan is honoured at Epsom, it is not only good to see his operation with a Derby runner in the supplemented Midak, but also fitting that the G2 Prix Greffulhe winner is out of a mare by Sinndar, the Derby hero of 2000. Minya had plenty of stamina herself, twice winning over 1m6f, and her dam Minatlya, is a sister to the high-class stayer Manighar, a treble Group 1 winner in Australia. This unbeaten colt is an intriguing addition to the race and certainly should not be overlooked, especially when considering the excellent form of his trainer Francis Graffard.

New Ground

New Bay - Gaining (American Post)

Breeder: Juddmonte Farms

The second of the French supplementary entries, New Ground is the second foal of his dam, who won the G3 Prix Fille de l'Air before earning further black type in America. Stamina doesn't appear to be a concern, as the colt was pitched straight in over 1m2f for his juvenile debut, which he won. He may well appreciate the rain which is likely to fall over the next few days at Epsom.

Nightime Dancer

Ghaiyyath - Stella d'Italia (Sea The Stars)

Breeder: GCE Farm

Not only inbred to Urban Sea 4x3 through Galileo and Sea The Stars, Nightime Dancer also has the same repetition of Colorado Dancer in his pedigree through the colt's paternal great grandsire Dubai Millennium and his half-sister Ragsah, the dam of Stella d'Italia. Proven over the distance but will need to take another big step forward.

Nightwalker

Frankel - Sleep Walk (Oasis Dream)

Breeder: Juddmonte Farms

As discussed in this week's Seven Days, this is a family in the news of late, with Sleep Walk's half-sisters Suffused and Alienate appearing over the weekend as the dams of group winners Sunly and Estrange. Another half-sibling of Sleep Walk is Logician, the winner of the St Leger in 2019 and also by Frankel, making him a close relation of this colt. Bated Breath and Cityscape also feature in the family.

Pride Of Arras

New Bay - Parnell's Dream (Oasis Dream)

Breeder: Mr & Mrs David Aykroyd

The Dante winner impressed many on only his second start and another furlong and a half should be within his grasp. His dam won over a mile and a half, and her dam is a sister to the St Leger winner Brian Boru (Sadler's Wells), while Derby and Arc winner Workforce is also a family member.

Rogue Impact

Study Of Man - Just So (Galileo)

Breeder: Eric Chen

Yet another winner of the St Leger pops up in this family as Rogue Impact's dam Just So is a once-raced half-sister to Mukhadram, their dam Magic Tree being a half-sister to Godolphin's 2009 winner of the final Classic, Mastery. Rogue Impact beat Al Wasl Storm when breaking his maiden over this

trip at Lingfield in April but was later last of the six runners in the Derby Trial back at that track. He clearly has ability and stamina, and he is bred along very similar lines to 2023 winner Auguste Rodin, but this is likely to overface him at the stage of his career.

Ruling Court

Justify - Inchargeofme (High Chaparral)
Breeder: Nursery Place, Manfuso & Wilhite

The 2,000 Guineas winner is by the sire of last year's Derby winner out of a mare by the 2002 winner and hails from the same Inchmurrin family as The Lion In Winter. Grade III-placed in America, Inchargeofme is a sister to G1 Racing Post Trophy runner-up Johann Strauss and is a granddaughter of the Listed Ballymacoll Stud Stakes winner Incheni.



Can Ruling Court follow up his Guineas success by winning the Derby?

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Sea Scout

Sea The Stars - We Do Xin (Shamardal)

Breeder: Sunderland Holding

Already a winner over course and distance in the Blue Riband Trial, Sea Scout's pedigree holds further Epsom claims in that his granddam Moonshadow is a full-sister to Lordship Stud's Oaks winner Love Divine, later the dam of St Leger winner Sixties Icon. His dam was unraced but has already produced an Australian Listed winner from an earlier mating to Sea The Stars.

Stanhope Gardens

Ghaiyyath - Pure Art (Dutch Art)

Breeder: Tulpark Ltd

He's yet to go beyond a mile but there is reason to hope that Stanhope Gardens will cope with the step up. His Barnett-bred dam Pure Art may be by a sprinter but she won over 1m2f herself and is a half-sister to Godolphin's Romsdal, who was third in the Derby and runner-up in the St Leger. Their granddam is the Irish and Yorkshire Oaks winner Pure Grain. Cont. p8

Tennessee Stud

Wootton Bassett - In My Dreams (Sadler's Wells)

Breeder: Mrs Annemarie O'Brien

Could Wootton Bassett collect a third Classic of the season? Tennessee Stud was a Group 1 winner over 1m2f on heavy ground last year and has been in action just once this year when third to Delacroix in the Leopardstown Derby Trial. His dam made no impact in two starts but is a Sadler's Wells half-sister to the great Rock Of Gibraltar.



Tennessee Stud | Scoop Dyga

The Lion In Winter

Sea The Stars - What A Home (Lope De Vega)

Breeder: Sunderland Holding

Like Ruling Court, he is from the family of Inchinor, and his dam was a 94-rated mile-and-half winner and half-sister to the Irish Oaks runner-up Venus De Milo. He'll need to settle better than he did at York but stamina shouldn't be an issue.

Tornado Alert

Too Darn Hot - Bint Almatar (Kingmambo)

Breeder: Godolphin

Fourth in the 2,000 Guineas behind Ruling Court, he's a half-brother to the G1 Metropolitan winner Just Fine (Sea The Stars). His dam won over a mile and is a half-sister to the classy Master Of The Seas, who was just touched off in the Guineas and later won the Breeders' Cup Mile. Bit of a stamina question mark.

Tuscan Hills

Night Of Thunder - Tagleed (Sea The Stars)

Breeder: John Richard Wheeler

Oaks winners as his second and third dams should help his cause, as does having the Derby-winning half-brothers Sea The Stars and Galileo in the second and third generations of his pedigree. Taqleed was unraced but her first foal was a Listed-winning juvenile in Italy. The stiff mile of Pontefract was within his range when winning the Listed Silver Tankard Stakes at two but he'll need to improve on his comeback run when seventh in the Dante.

BETFRED OAKS

Desert Flower

Night Of Thunder - Promising Run (Hard Spun)
Breeder: Godolphin

Stamina will be the only question mark for this champion two-year-old who is already a Classic winner. She certainly has the physique of a middle-distance filly even if her page doesn't guarantee that she will be. Her Brazilian Grade 1-winning granddam Aviacion may come to her rescue here as she is by a son of Shirley Heights and won over the distance herself, as well as producing the Lillie Langtry Stakes runner-up Arabian Comet and a couple of National Hunt winners.

Elwateen

Dubawi - Tawkeel (Teofilo)

Breeder: Shadwell Estate Company

A supplementary entry after finishing fourth in the 1,000 Guineas, Elwateen is the first foal of the G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner Tawkeel who is herself a granddaughter of the G2 Prix de Sandringham winner and G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest runner-up Joanna, by High Chaparral. Has to be respected for her gritty run at Newmarket on only the second start of her life but not guaranteed to stay.

Giselle

Frankel - Newspaperofrecord (Lope De Vega)
Breeder: Coolmore & White Birch Farm

The Lingfield Oaks Trial winner is the first foal of the very smart miler Newspaperofrecord, herself a daughter of the G3 Sceptre Stakes winner Sunday Times. The latter's half-sister Question Times is the dam of the Irish Derby winner Latrobe and Oaks runner-up Pink Dogwood, both of whom are by Camelot.

Go Go Boots

Night Of Thunder - Hertford Dancer (Foxwedge) Breeder: Highclere Stud & Mrs Michelle Morris

Her fourth dam Rafha certainly made her mark, both as a Classic winner herself in the Prix de Diane, and as the dam of Invincible Spirit and Kodiac. Cont. p9

The Prix du Jockey Club winner Mishriff is also from the same family, through Rafha's daughter Acts Of Grace, but it is another daughter, the Empress Stakes winner Massarra, whose line leads to Go Go Boots. Her dam Hertford Dancer won the Lingfield Oaks Trial for John Gosden but missed Epsom for Ascot and a third-placed finish in the Ribblesdale. Go Go Boots has some improvement to find but looks progressive.

Minnie Hauk

Frankel - Multilingual (Dansili)

Breeder: B V Sangster

A granddaughter of the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches winner Zenda, Minnie Hauk's dam is a half-sister to Kingman and has already produced the G2 Summer Mile winner Tilsit (First Defence). A €1.85 million yearling from the Goffs Orby Sale, she bids to become the second winner of the Oaks bred by Ben Sangster after Dancing Rain. Oasis Dream also features in this signature Juddmonte family.

Qilin Queen

Pinatubo - Seagull (Sea The Stars)

Breeder: Mrs T Mahon

It is only six years since Pinatubo was tearing down the Epsom straight lickety-split to win the Woodcote en route to becoming champion juvenile, and now here he is with his very first Oaks runner. He never quite managed to win at a mile, but his daughter has already coped admirably with the 1m2f of the Childwickbury Stud Fillies' trial at Newbury, in which she beat Revoir by a short-head. That stamina doubtless comes from her dam, a 1m4f maiden winner for Lady Rothschild and a half-sister to the Irish 1,000 Guineas winner Nightime (dam of Ghaiyyath). She is representing the red-hot stable of Ed Walker.



Qilin Queen, right, and Revoir, centre | Racingfotos.com

Revoir

Study Of Man - Regardez (Champs Elysees)

Breeder: Lawn Stud

From the second crop of Study Of Man, Revoir represents a family which has been nurtured by former TBA chairman Julian Richmond-Watson for generations, a member of which had already graced the winner's circle after the Oaks. That was Look Here (Hernando) in 2008, who became the first Classic winner for Revoir's trainer Ralph Beckett. Look Here's sister Look So (Efisio) was a four-time winner and though she accrued no black type herself has been the better broodmare. Her son Scope won the G1 Prix Royal-Oak while Revoir's dam Regardez was a Listed winner and has produced the G3 Fred Darling winner Remarquee (Kingman).

Wemightakedlongway

Australia - Dont Ask Me At All (No Nay Never)

Breeder: Mrs Annemarie O'Brien

It perhaps bodes well that she is by a Derby winner, who was himself by a Derby winner out of an Oaks winner. Annemarie O'Brien has a long history with this family as

Wemightakedlongway's third dam Queen Titi was owned and bred by her and trained at Ballydoyle to win at Listed level. The mare later produced the Dewhurst winner Beethoven along with this filly's grandam Ask Me Nicely (Fastnet Rock), a moderate maiden. The dam Dont Ask Me At All was unraced but as this is her first foal she is well on her way to atoning for that. Wemightakedlongway looked smart and straightforward in her all-the-way win in the Salsabil Stakes, giving the impression that another two furlongs would be within her scope.

Whirl

Wootton Bassett - Salsa (Galileo)

Breeder: Coolmore

The first foal of Salsa, a mile maiden winner who is out of the speedy and classy Beauty Is Truth (Pivotal) and thus a sister to three Group 1 winners in Hydrangea, Hermosa and The United States. Whirl looked impressive in winning the Musidora easily, a performance which should help to allay some doubts as to her reserves of stamina.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

SIOBHAN SHERIDAN TAKES TOP ACCOLADE AT IRISH THOROUGHBRED INDUSTRY **EMPLOYEE AWARDS**



Siobhan Sheridan receives the Irish Racing Excellence Award Patrick McCann

Siobhan Sheridan was announced as the Irish Racing Excellence Award winner at the 2025 Irish Thoroughbred Industry Employee Awards, supported by Godolphin, which took place at the Keadeen Hotel in Newbridge on Tuesday evening.

Sheridan, who is the Yard and Foaling Unit Manager for Olive O'Connor Bloodstock in Redcross, County Wicklow, received a specially commissioned trophy by sculptor Ani Mollereau, plus a cash prize of €5,000, with another €2,500 going the way of her employer to be used for the benefit of her work colleagues.

She received the flagship award after seeing off competition from the seven other individual Irish Thoroughbred Industry Employee Award winners, which were announced back in April. In addition, Roscommon Racecourse, won the Racecourse Award, chosen by the Irish Stable Staff Association, for the facilities they offer stable staff.

"I am completely stunned to have won the Irish Racing Excellence Award," said Sheridan, who has worked on stud farms for almost 30 years. "It's hard for me to put into words how much it means and it will take a while to sink in. I am so blessed to work with Olive and work with such good people around me--that means the world to me.

"For those of us working in yards, to be seen and recognised like this is so special and it really highlights all the aspects of the work we do, all for the love of the horse. I'm very grateful to

Godolphin and all the sponsors to demonstrate through the Irish Thoroughbred Industry Employee Awards how amazing our industry is."

The Irish Thoroughbred Industry Employee Awards are run in conjunction with the Irish Stable Staff Association, the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, the Racing Post and equuip - Horse Racing Ireland's education and training department.

Joe Osborne, managing director, Godolphin Ireland, said, "The 2025 Irish Thoroughbred Industry Employee Awards ceremony was yet again a wonderful celebration of the great people within our industry. All of us at Godolphin extend our congratulations to the recipients and our gratitude to their colleagues who nominated them."

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PAGGANE BREAKS INTO SIX FIGURES AS TATTERSALLS ONLINE ENDS

The Grade 2-placed mare Paggane caught the eye of Charles Shanahan and topped the Tattersalls Online June Sale for 100,000gns on Thursday.

Consigned by Willie Mullins's Closutton Stables as lot 87, the daughter of Muhaarar sports wins under both codes. Second in the Listed Paddy Power EBF Novice Hurdle at Cork, her greatest claim to fame is a second in the G2 Dawn Run Novice Chase. She is a half-sister to the listed winner Pennymoor by Frankel, and to the Classic-placed California Dreamer (Mehmas).

Shanahan said of the mare who will stay in training with an eye to Cheltenham, "She caught our eye in the sale, especially after California Dreamer placed in the Irish 1000 Guineas. She has been bought for an existing partnership and we potentially will have some other partners coming into her. She has run some very good races this year, and, no matter what happens, she will be a very valuable broodmare for the future."

For the Tattersalls Online Breeze-Up Session, a filly by Maclean's Music (lot 29) took pride of place, selling post-sale for 33,000gns to Derek Passant after not meeting her reserve in the ring. She was consigned by M. C. Thoroughbreds.

"The facilities at Dundalk and how the sale was run by Tattersalls was all absolutely brilliant," said M. C. Thoroughbreds' Micky Cleere. "It's like all the breeze up sales, if you have what they want, you will get it sold."

The day's highest priced breeze-up colt was a Silky Thoroughbreds-consigned son of Starman (lot 2), who sold to Sean Grassick Bloodstock for 31,000gns. Out of a half-sister to G1 Derby great Authorized, the bay is also related to the Wertheimer top-notcher Solemia (Poliglote).

Overall, 72 lots sold (64%) for a gross of 907,542gns. The average was 12,605gns and the median was 6,000gns.

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, June 6, 2025:



A'Ali has a runner at Bath | Newsells Park Stud

UNITED KINGDOM

A'Ali (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}), Newsells Park Stud 75 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners 18:20-BATH, 5.75f, **The Glory Code (GB)** 1,000gns Tattersalls November Online Sale 2024

Bangkok (Ire) (Australia {GB}), Chapel Stud 22 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners 14:05-EPSOM DOWNS, 6f, Rising Empire (GB) 8,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; 17,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2024

Lucky Vega (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud 101 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 18:20-BATH, 5.75f, Secret Santa (Ire) €35,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2023; 20,000gns RNA Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2024

Nando Parrado (GB) (Kodiac {GB}), Irish National Stud 95 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners 18:20-BATH, 5.75f, Coinin Caisc (Ire) 4,000gns RNA Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2024

FRANCE

Victor Ludorum (GB) (Shamardal), Haras d'Etreham 104 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 2-COMPIEGNE, 1400m, Off to Dubai (Fr) €23,000 Argana Deauville October Yearlings 2024

IRELAND

Nando Parrado (GB) (Kodiac {GB}), Irish National Stud 95 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners 1-FAIRYHOUSE, 7f, Andosky (Ire) €3,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024

St Mark's Basilica (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), Coolmore Stud 133 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners 1-FAIRYHOUSE, 7f, Equilux (Ire) 1-FAIRYHOUSE, 7f, Piazza San Marco

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

MEHMAS'S MAXIMIZED TAKES AIM AT THE WOODCOTE

2.05 Epsom, Betfred British EBF Woodcote Stakes (Conditions), £75,000, 2yo, 6f 3yT

MAXIMIZED (GB) (Mehmas {Ire}) earned **TDN Rising Star** status at Haydock on debut and is put the test in this downhill slalom for the Woodcote which used to carry Listed status and was won in 2019 by Pinatubo. Godolphin's half-brother to the Listed scorer and Group 3-placed Benefit and grandson of the G1 Cheveley Park Stakes heroine Hooray was at £720,000 the second-highest-priced juvenile at the Goffs UK Breeze-Up and that early experience will stand him in good stead here.

6.40 Doncaster, Novice, 3yo, 8fT

MUDBIR (GB) (Kingman {GB}) bids to follow up his win at Chelmsford 15 days previously and enhance his family's reputation as a half-brother to the stable's Group 1 winners Mostahdaf and Nazeef. Shadwell's homebred is also under the care of the Gosdens, who may be plotting a path to better things and who will get a gauge on his ability via some smart opposition here. Also lurking is Clipper Logistics' newcomer Lone Warrior (Ire) (New Bay {GB}), an Andrew Balding-trained half-brother to Invincible Spirit's classy Ghostwriter.

HOW THEY FARED

16.20 Leopardstown, Mdn, 2yo, f, 7f 60yT

Ballydoyle nominee **Minerva** (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), a 1.5m guineas Tattersalls October Book 1 graduate from the immediate family of Mohaather, was firing distress flares soon after halfway in this debut and made promising late headway to finish 4 1/2 lengths adrift of the winner in third.

BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

5th-Chelmsford City, £11,000, Nov, 6-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 10f (AWT), 2:09.45, st.

SEA THE WONDER (IRE) (f, 3, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Emotion {Fr}, by Exceed And Excel (Aus)) refused to enter the stalls at York last month and raced fourth passing the judge first time in this belated debut. Urged forward off the home turn, the 4-6 chalk quickened to the front approaching the furlong pole and drew off late to easily outpoint Jeanne Baret (Sea The Moon) by an impressive 2 1/2 lengths. Sea The Wonder is the third of four foals and first scorer out of a half-sister to multiple Group 2winning G1 Prix de Royallieu thrd Enbihaar (Redoute's Choice), G2 International Topkapi Trophy runner-up Silent Attack (Dream Ahead) and Listed August Stakes third King Bolete (Cape Cross). Her third dam is G2 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G3 Prix du Palais Royal victrix Spectacular Joke (Spectacular Bid). The Mayfoaled bay is half to a 2-year-old colt by No Nay Never. Sales history: 310,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7.803.

O-Marcstown Ltd & Andrew Rosen; B-Norelands, Robinson & Sunderland Holding Inc; T-Ralph Beckett.



Sea The Wonder as a yearling | de Burgh Productions

3rd-Lingfield, £10,200, Mdn, 6-5, 3yo, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:10.87, st. **SHAVKAT (GB) (g, 3, Showcasing {GB}--Killermont Street {Ire}, by Dream Ahead)** chased the leaders in fourth through halfway in this debut. Taking closer order on the home turn, the 14-1 chance launched his challenge four-wide approaching the final furlong and kept on in game fashion in the latter stages to deny the fast-closing Dannick (Havana Grey) by a neck. Shavkat is the third foal and scorer out of a winning half-sister to G3 Cornwallis Stakes victrix Ponty Acclaim (Acclamation). Descendants of his second dam Leopard Creek (Weldnaas) include multiple Group-

placed Listed Prix Francois Mathet victor Talk Or Listen (Alhebayeb), G3 Anglesey Stakes third Do It With Style (Ten Sovereigns) and the multiple stakes-placed Roussel (Kodiac). The February-foaled bay is a full-brother to G3 Commonwealth Cup Trial winner Cold Case. He is also kin to the unraced 2-year-old filly Killavia (Havana Grey) while his yearling full-brother died earlier this year. Sales history: 100,000gns Wlg '22 TADEWE. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,466.

O-Nurlan Bizakov; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud; T-Roger Varian.

1st-Hamilton, £8,000, Mdn, 6-5, 2yo, f, 6f 6yT, 1:13.72, gd. MIDNIGHT TANGO (GB) (f, 2, Night Of Thunder {Ire}--Nina Bailarina (GB) (GSP-Fr), by Lope De Vega (Ire)), who ran fourth over six furlongs at Newmarket in her May 17 debut last time, dwelt at the break and jinked left departing the stands' side stall before racing keenly under cover in fifth during the opening exchanges. Angled into the clear with a quarter-mile remaining, the 5-6 favourite went second passing the furlong pole and overpowered long-time leader Blue Nguru (Blue Point) nearing the line for an ultimately comfortable 1 1/2-length verdict. Midnight Tango is the second foal and scorer out of G3 Prix Eclipse runner-up Nina Bailarina (Lope De Vega), herself a halfsister to G1 Prix de l'Abbaye heroine Makarova (Acclamation). Her second dam Vesnina (Sea The Stars) is a half-sister to G3 Atalanta Stakes victrix Potapova (Invincible Spirit) and G3 Fred Darling Stakes winner Marenko (Exceed And Excel). Vesnina is a granddaughter of multiple Group 1-winning European champion Russian Rhythm (Kingmambo). The January-foaled bay is half to a yearling filly by St Mark's Basilica and a weanling colt by Sioux Nation. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$9,065.

O/B-Brightwalton Bloodstock Ltd; T-Ed Walker.

1st-Chelmsford City, £8,000, Mdn, 6-5, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:11.91, st.

ECLIPSER (IRE) (f, 2, Arizona {Ire}--Amthaal {GB}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus}), a May 19 first-up fourth going a shade over six furlongs at Windsor in her only prior start, was well away to track the leaders in third after the early shuffling here. Scrubbed along rounding the home turn, the 11-10 favourite powered to the front approaching the final furlong and was driven out to defeat Jane Of The Jungle (Bungle Inthejungle) by 1 1/2 lengths, becoming the first winner for trainer Charlie Clover. Eclipser is the latest of three foals produced by a winning daughter of G3 Cornwallis Stakes third Darajaat (Elusive Quality). The Aprilfoaled bay is a half-sister to multiple Group-placed Listed Chelmer Fillies' Stakes victrix Pandora's Gift (Churchill). Sales history: €11,000 Ylg '24 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,883.
O-Moores Racing & Odds On Syndicate; B-Rossenarra Bloodstock Ltd; T-Charlie Clover.

2nd-Chelmsford City, £8,000, Mdn, 6-5, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:11.44, st.

NIFTY (IRE) (f, 2, Dandy Man {Ire}--Law Keeper {Ire}, by Lawman (Fr)), who hit the board going five furlongs at Salisbury in her May 24 unveiling last time, raced along the fence in third after the opening exchanges of this one. Stirred into action off the home turn, the 8-11 favourite seized control along the farside rail approaching the final furlong and was driven out to assert by 2 1/4 lengths from Azleet (Tasleet). Nifty is the fifth of six foals and second scorer out of a winning half-sister to Listed Prix Six Perfections victrix and G3 Prix des Reservoirs third Tigrilla (Clodovil). Her second dam Lisieux Orchid (Sadler's Wells) is a half-sister to G1 National Stakes third Force Of Will (Diesis) while her third dam Clear Issue (Riverman) is a half-sister to GI Meadowlands Cup-winning sire Twilight Agenda (Devil's Bag) and Grade III-placed matriarch Market Slide (Gulch). The February-foaled bay is kin to a yearling filly by Nando Parrado. Sales history: 16,000gns Ylg '24 TATSOM. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$7,392.

O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Cherry); B-Ballyphilip Stud; T-Richard Hughes.

IRELAND

Thursday's Results:

IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF GLENCAIRN STAKES-Listed, €45,000, Leopardstown, 6-5, 3yo/up, 9fT, 1:54.21, gd.

- 1--GREEN IMPACT (IRE), 129, c, 3, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Emerald Green (GB), by Galileo (Ire). O-Marcstown Farms SC; B-Marc Chan; T-Jessica Harrington; J-Shane Foley. €27,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ire, 5-3-1-0, \$151,601.
- 2--Currawood (Ire), 124, c, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Mohassan (Ire), by Sea The Stars (Ire). (€240,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR). O-Glyn Davies; B-Rathbarry Stud; T-Paddy Twomey. €9,000.
- 3--Azada (Ire), 133, f, 4, Siyouni (Fr)--Azmiyna (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). TDN Rising Star. O/B-Aga Khan Studs; T-Dermot Weld. €4,500.

Margins: HF, 3, SHD. Odds: 1.38, 2.00, 12.00.

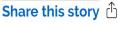
Also Ran: Layfayette (Ire), Cristal Clere (Ire), Bravais (GB), Eastwatch (Ire). Scratched: Norwalk Havoc (GB).

Marc Chan's homebred G2 Golden Fleece Stakes winner Green Impact, who defeated G1 Derby favourite Delacroix twice last year, went postward for Thursday evening's Listed Irish Stallion Farms EBF Glencairn Stakes at Leopardstown returning off a G1 2000 Guineas sixth and bounced back in style to claim a second black-type success in the nine-furlong contest.

The 11-8 favourite asserted for an early advantage and set an even tempo through halfway. Holding sway throughout, he was driven to subdue **TDN Rising Star** Azada approaching the final furlong and found extra to withstand the late challenge of Currawood by a half-length in game fashion. Azada finished three lengths adrift in third.

"Nobody wanted to go on and Shane [Foley] said he was squeezing him along all the way," said trainer Jessica Harrington, who won this in 2022 with dual group winner Cadillac (Lope De Vega). "He only dosses in front and when the other horse came to him it looked like he was going to go past him, but he keeps lengthening. All being well, he'll now go straight to the [G1] Irish Derby. Shane can't wait to see him run over a mile-and-a-half. I know he's by Wootton Bassett, but he's out of a Galileo mare, so you'd hope that he will stay. It's good ground out there with no yielding in it. That's ideal for him, but I think he can go on any ground."

Green Impact is the first of two foals and lone performer out of a half-sister to multiple group-placed G2 Flying Five second Alphabet (Lawman) and the stakes-winning duo Mirage (Oasis Dream) and Amnesia (Invincible Spirit). Amnesia, in turn, is the dam of multiple stakes winner St Anthony (Noble Mission). The January-foaled bay's second dam Applauded (Royal Applause) is a half-sister to dual Group 1-winning sire Power (Oasis Dream), GI E P Taylor Stakes heroine Curvy (Galileo) and G2 Ribblesdale Stakes victrix Thakafaat (Unfuwain). Green Impact, whose fourth dam is Group 3-winning matriarch Glatisant (Rainbow Quest), is kin to a yearling colt by Siyouni.





Wootton Bassett | Coolmore

KING GEORGE V CUP-Listed, €45,000, Leopardstown, 6-5, 3yo, 12fT, 2:34.63, gd.

1--ZAHRANN (IRE), 131, c, 3, by Night Of Thunder (Ire) 1st Dam: Zannda (Ire) (GSW-Ire & SP-Eng, \$132,142), by Azamour (Ire) 2nd Dam: Zanoubiya (Ire), by Dalakhani (Ire)

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

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Aga Khan Studs; T-Johnny Murtagh; J-Ben Coen. €27,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$43,634.

- 2--Arouet (Fr), 131, c, 3, Galiway (GB)--Sapotille (Fr), by Bated Breath (GB). 1ST BLACK TYPE. (€52,000 Ylg '23 ARQDOY). O-Timothy Michael Ryan; B-Haras des Sablonnets; T-Paddy Twomey. €9,000.
- 3--Acapulco Bay (Ire), 131, c, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Je Ne Regretterien (GB), by Galileo (Ire). TDN Rising Star. 1ST BLACK TYPE.

 O-Westerberg, Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Westerberg; T-Aidan O'Brien. €4,500.

Margins: 2 1/4, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 2.50, 3.50, 2.00.

Also Ran: Titanium Emperor (Ire), Nuit (Ire), What's Your Game (Ire), Bay Colony (Ire), Rock of Cashel (Ire), Dawn Spirit (Ire).

Zahrann, a G1 Irish Champion Stakes entry who was denied by a head going one mile at Navan in his Apr. 8 debut, shed maiden status in style when posting a seven-length win over 10 furlongs at Cork last month and continued on a roll with a career high in this black-type bow.

Employing patient tactics and settled at the tail of the ninerunner field for the most part, the 5-2 second favourite made eyecatching progress out wide in the straight and powered right on by all rivals and ahead of Arouet (Galiway) with 100 yards remaining en route to an impressive 2 1/4-length triumph from that rival.

"He came out of Cork really well, we were happy coming here today and it was a good performance," said Johnny Murtagh. "He had a nice run round and got to the line really well. He's learning on the job and learning all the time. He's got a good turn of foot and he's going the right way. I had kind of pencilled in that maybe we should go to [Royal] Ascot for the mile-and-a-half Group 2 [King Edward VII Stakes]. If he won that, then we could maybe think about supplementing him for the [G1] Irish Derby. It's not a bad option, but we'll see how he is after this and we'll take it race by race."

Zahrann is the fourth of five foals and one of three scorers produced by G3 Give Thanks Stakes victrix Zannda (Azamour), herself a half-sister to Listed Prix Delahante and Listed Prix du Grand Camp third Zanndabad (Iffraaj). The February-foaled homebred bay is a half-brother to the unraced 2-year-old colt Zaghar (Too Darn Hot).

1st-Leopardstown, €20,000, Mdn, 6-5, 2yo, 7f 60yT, 1:34.43, gd

MOMENTS OF JOY (f, 2, Justify--Shell House {Ire} {GSP-Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}), broke well from the inside stall and accepted a tow in third after the initial exchanges of this debut. Coming under pressure on the home turn, the 3-1 second favourite was

ridden to the fore approaching the final furlong and found extra when tackled by Little Sure Shot (Dark Angel) in the closing stages to deny that rival by a half-length. Last year's renewal was won by subsequent Listed Chesham Stakes, G3 Silver Flash Stakes and G2 Debutante Stakes victrix Bedtime Story (Frankel) with a **TDN Rising Star** performance. "They went a solid pace and it just caught her out early, but she was very professional," said Ballydoyle's Chris Armstrong. "Billy [Lee aboard eventual runner-up Little Sure Shot] coming up on Wayne [Lordan]'s outside helped him along. We'll see how she comes out of this and she could be one for the [Listed] Chesham [at Royal Ascot]. She's a fine, big, scopey filly with a great temperament and there would be no trouble stepping up in trip." Moments Of Joy is the eighth of nine foals and fifth scorer out of G3 Give Thanks Stakes third Shell House (Galileo), herself a half-sister to dual Grade I-placed sire Diabolical (Artax) and dual Group 3-winning G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere runner-up What A Name (Mr. Greeley). The March-foaled chestnut is a half-sister to stakeswinning GII La Jolla Handicap runner-up Hudson Ridge (American Pharoah) and a yearling colt by Epicenter. Shell House was bred to Corniche last year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,703. O-Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (KY); T-Aidan O'Brien.

FRANCE

Thursday's Results:

1st-Tarbes, €**27,000, Cond**, 6-4, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.30, sf. THE BEST GLORY (FR) (f, 2, Romanised {Ire}--Wondrous Scene {Ire}, by Acclamation {GB}), who followed up an Apr. 6 debut success over this strip with a sixth in Vichy's Listed Prix des Reves d'Or last month, broke in third and tanked forward to lead after the initial strides. Holding sway thereafter, the 57-10 outsider-of-four lengthened clear under mild rousting in the straight and was pushed out inside the final furlong to comfortably hold the late bid of Campacite (Zarak) by 1 1/2 lengths. The Best Glory is the latest of three foals, all winners, out of a full-sister to Listed Rous Stakes victor and G1 Middle Park Stakes third Justice Day (Acclamation). The May foaled bay's Group 3-placed third dam Finity (Diesis) is a half-sister to G1 Grand Prix de Paris hero Cavalryman (Halling) and hails from the family of G3 Musidora Stakes-winning blue hen Magnificient Style (Silver Hawk). The Best Glory is a full-sister to the yearolder Roman Forum, who shed maiden status later on the card. Sales history: €7,000 Ylg '24 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €25,000.

O-Anthony Lopez, Allan Estrabol, Mme Francis Lopez & Mme Melanie Havez; B-Robert Ng; T-Allan Estrabol.

3rd-Tarbes, €**22,000, Cond**, 6-4, 3vo, 10 1/2fT, 2:10.30, sf. MANEKI (IRE) (c, 3, Cracksman {GB}--Mona Vale {Fr}, by **Zoffany (Ire)**) backed up a Mar. 3 maiden win at Toulouse with an Apr. 29 conditions fifth at Bordeaux last time and recovered from an early bump to lead passing the judge first time here. In command throughout, the 23-5 third choice turned for home with a clear advantage and maintained a high tempo under mild coaxing inside the final 300 metres to prevail by 1 1/4 lengths from Kai Lung (Galiway). Maneki is the fourth of five foals and one of three scorers thrown by an unraced granddaughter of G3 Prix Fille de l'Air-winning matriarch Marie De Ken (Kendor). She produced GI Shoemaker Breeders' Cup Mile second and GII San Francisco Breeders' Cup Mile-winning sire Charmo (Charnwood Forest) and the multiple Group 1-placed G2 Prix d'Harcourt victrix Ana Marie (Anabaa), herself the dam of stakes-winning G1 Prix Saint-Alary third Ana Americana (American Post). The April-foaled homebred bay is a half-brother to G2 Oaks d'Italia third Maylin (Footstepsinthesand) and the hitherto unraced 2year-old filly Ma Corazon Or (Belardo). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, **€22,600**.

O/B-Mme Waltraut Spanner; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-ParisLongchamp, €27,000, Cond, 6-5, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:39.44, g/s.

SAIDI EL FAL (FR) (c, 4, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Storm To The Sea {Fr}, by Siyouni {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-2, €62,000. O-Fal Stud SAS, Ecurie Haras du Chateau & Haras de Clairefontaine; B-Mme Marie-Laure Collet, Jean Collet & Mme Marylene Collet; T-Mario Baratti. *€60,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

1st-ParisLongchamp, €**20,000**, Cond, 6-5, 3yo, 9fT, 1:53.90, g/s. **YOUNG AND PROUD (FR) (c, 3, Romanised {Ire}--So Long Malpic {Fr} {SW & MGSP-Fr, \$351,833}, by Fairly Ransom)** Lifetime Record: 30-4-5-5, €87,375. O-Rene Roobaert; B-Pierre Pasquet; T-Joao Pedro Macedo de Costa Oliveira. *€15,000 Ylg '23 ARQOCT.

8th-ParisLongchamp, €16,000, Cond, 6-5, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:44.10, g/s. QANTIEM (FR) (g, 5, Anodin {Ire}--She Loves You {GB}, by Lawman {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 18-3-3-2, €45,270. O-Marcel Chaouat & SA Malo Cash; B-Fair Salinia Ltd; T-Manon Scandella-Lacaille. *€35,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT. **1/2 to Layla (Lope De Vega), MSP-Fr, \$141,147.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Paraniak (GB), c, 3, Pinatubo (Ire)--Paratonnerre (GB), by Montjeu (Ire). Tarbes, 6-5, 11 1/2fT, 2:24.80. B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm & Ecurie des Charmes. *€200,000 Ylg '23

ARQAUG. **1/2 to Perama (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), GSW-Fr, \$106,140.

Roman Forum (Fr), g, 3, Romanised (Ire)--Wondrous Scene (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). Tarbes, 6-5, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.40. B-Robert Ng.

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HAYES "THRILLED" AS HKJC SECURES THE EVEREST SLOT FOR KA YING RISING



Ka Ying Rising | HKJC

Ka Ying Rising (Shamexpress), the world's highest-rated sprinter, has been confirmed as an intended runner in the A\$20 million G1 The Everest after the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) finalised a deal to secure the Australian Turf Club's slot for two years.

Trained by David Hayes, Ka Ying Rising was last seen winning the G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize at Sha Tin in April, beating Japanese ace Satono Reve by over two lengths to gain his 12th consecutive win.

"I'm absolutely thrilled it's been finalised," Hayes told the *South China Morning Post* on Thursday. "And I'm thrilled the club has organised the best deal possible for the owner, which is the most important thing for me."

Outlining the details of the agreement, the HKJC's executive director of racing, Andrew Harding, added, "The club has entered into an agreement with the ATC for rights to use its The Everest slot. For this year, the Club will use the slot to enable Ka Ying Rising to take part in The Everest. In future years, we will use the slot to either facilitate a Hong Kong horse running or to target Australian or New Zealand sprinters to come onto the Hong Kong International Races after The Everest." Cont. p16

The Everest/Ka Ying Rising Cont.

The richest turf race in the world, The Everest is scheduled to take place at Randwick on Saturday, October 18, with Hayes yet to decide whether Ka Ying Rising will have a run on home soil before travelling to Australia. The HKSAR Chief Executive's Cup, a race he won last year, has been identified as a potential stepping stone.

"I'm going to work him as if he's heading towards [the Chief Executive's Cup]," said the Australian-born trainer. "Last year I went into it with one trial, but this year if he runs he'll probably go into with two trials.

"If he doesn't run, he'll have an exhibition gallop. But in the back of my mind I'm wary that when The Everest hits he'll be six months without a run, which is a long time."

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NEW BREEDING HUB LAUNCHED ON KICK UP PLATFORM



Kick Collective's Nathan Skrivanic | Kick Collective

The Kick Up team in Australia has launched a new Breeding Hub to tackle misinformation head-on, following the public backlash after the death of Black Caviar last year when much of what was shouted about the breeding industry was said to be incorrect.

"We saw, very aggressively and loudly, possibly for the first time, that there was a lot of criticism towards the breeding industry, and a heck of a lot of misinformation came along with that," said Nathan Skrivanic of Kick Collective, who is part of the Kick Up team that spearheaded the effort to put together the hub.

"When the particularly controversial ABC article came out, we had a lot of people calling asking Kick Up to help address the lies that were being told. However, all our work needs to be

anchored with real information - stats and science - and we'd created that for racing only. It became clear that a resource to correctly communicate about the complexities of breeding, simplified in a way the public could understand, was also very urgently needed."

The Breeding Hub breaks down the information into four sections, focusing on foaling, broodmares, raising and weaning foals, and the process of conception itself. Each section contains several blogs that go more in-depth into relevant topics.

Kick Up relies on sponsorships to put resources together, while Kick Collective doubles the impact by matching sponsors with in-kind resources. Skrivanic credits international thoroughbred owner Rick Gold, recipient of the 2024 Thoroughbred Owners of California's Ed Friendly Industry Service Award, for his regular contributions to the organisation.

"Rick has fallen in love with the Australian industry, and despite actually being based in California, he is our biggest sponsor. His generosity has provided the base funds to ensure we can keep ticking over each year," Skrivanic added.

The project has also received widespread support from across the industry, including hefty donations from Godolphin Australia, Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Association and OTI Racing, amongst others, and collaboration with the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association.

For more information about Kick Up's Breeding Hub, click here.

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Friday, Epsom Downs, Britain, post time: 16:00

BETFRED OAKS-G1, £573,150, 3yo, f, 12f 6y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Desert Flower (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
2	Elwateen (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	Saeed bin Suroor	Jim Crowley	128
3	Giselle (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Brant/Magnier/Tabor/Smith/Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Colin Keane	128
4	Go Go Boots (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Bobby Flay	John & Thady Gosden	Oisin Murphy	128
5	Minnie Hauk (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
6	Qilin Queen (Ire)	Pinatubo (Ire)	TBT Racing	Ed Walker	Tom Marquand	128
7	Revoir (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	J H Richmond-Watson	Ralph Beckett	Hector Crouch	128
8	Wemightakedlongway (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Cayton Park Stud Ltd	Joseph O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	128
9	Whirl (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	M Tabor, D Smith & Mrs J Magnier	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd, 3-Coolmore & White Birch Farm SC, 4-Highclere Stud & Mrs Michelle Morris, 5-B V Sangster, 6-Mrs T Mahon, 7-Lawn Stud, 8-Mrs Annemarie O'Brien, 9-Coolmore.

Desert Flower has possibly stronger credentials than stablemate Ruling Court for getting the Newmarket-Epsom Classic double done and she has proven time and again that she is a top-class filly, but this is further than she wants to go in an ideal world which opens it up. Minnie Hauk will get the trip alright, as she proved at Chester, but she has already been beaten by Wemightakedlongway at two and that G3 Salsabil Stakes winner is a strong stayer who is underestimated due to having suffered a few defeats along the way. When ridden forward, she is a force to be reckoned with and has vital experience to call on should it get tough. Revoir has the pedigree to shine here and is a scary prospect for the big guns to face, being so unexposed and promising. [Tom Frary].

Friday, Epsom Downs, Britain, post time: 14:40

BETFRED CORONATION CUP-G1, £450,000, 4yo/up, 12f 6y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ancient Wisdom (Fr)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
2	Bellum Justum (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Andrew Balding	James Doyle	128
3	Calandagan (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Aga Khan Studs	Francis-Henri Graffard	Mickael Barzalona	128
4	Continuous (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Smith/Magnier/Tabor/Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128
5	Giavellotto (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Scuderia La Tesa Ltd & Vaibhav Shah	Marco Botti	Oisin Murphy	128
6	Jan Brueghel (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Westerberg/Magnier/Tabor/Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
7	You Got To Me (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd	Ralph Beckett	David Egan	125

Breeders: 1-Ecurie des Monceaux & LNJ Foxwoods SC, 2-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 3-Aga Khan Studs, 4-Wynatt & Chelston Ireland & Orpendale Bloodstock, 5-Societa Agricola La Tesa SRL, 6-Barronstown Stud, 7-Dullingham Park Stud & Sarabex

None of these could hope to get near the kind of sectionals produced by **Calandagan** at York last summer and provided the ground doesn't deteriorate, he is the class act. **Continuous** is possibly here to set the kind of crazy pace he carved out in the Tattersalls Gold Cup last time, but the faster he goes the more the French raider will like it. **Giavellotto** is another who can produce high-class fractions when the heat is on and could pose the main threat, while **Jan Brueghel** has yet to prove that he can live with these type of rivals over this trip. Green all year in 2024, he is going to have to man up big time here. [*Tom Frary*].

Saturday, Epsom Downs, Britain, post time: 15:30

BETFRED DERBY (IN HONOUR OF HIS HIGHNESS AGA KHAN IV)-G1, £1,604,000, 3yo, c/f, 12f 6y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Al Wasl Storm (Ire)	Affinisea (Ire)	Green Team Racing	Owen Burrows	David Probert	128
2	Damysus (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Wathnan Racing	John & Thady Gosden	James Doyle	128
3	Delacroix (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
4	Green Storm (Ire)	Circus Maximus (Ire)	Ahmad Al Shaikh	Charlie Johnston	Billy Loughnane	128
5	Lambourn (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor & D Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128
6	Lazy Griff (Ger)	Protectionist (Ger)	Middleham Park Racing & G Griffiths	Charlie Johnston	Christophe Soumillon	128
7	Midak (Fr)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Aga Khan Studs	Francis-Henri Graffard	Mickael Barzalona	128
8	New Ground (GB)	New Bay (GB)	Juddmonte	Henri Francois Devin	Alexis Pouchin	128
9	Nightime Dancer (Ire)	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Stall Perlen AB	Richard Hannon	Jamie Spencer	128
10	Nightwalker (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Juddmonte	John & Thady Gosden	Tom Marquand	128
11	Pride Of Arras (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Mrs David Aykroyd	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	128
12	Rogue Impact (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	The Rogues Gallery	James Owen	Luke Morris	128
13	Ruling Court	Justify	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
14	Sea Scout (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Abdulla Al Mansoori	Simon & Ed Crisford	Harry Davies	128
15	Stanhope Gardens (Ire)	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Marcstown Ltd & New Chelsea	Ralph Beckett	Hector Crouch	128
16	Tennessee Stud (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Westerberg/Tabor/Magnier/Smith	Joseph O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	128
17	The Lion In Winter (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	M Tabor, D Smith & Mrs J Magnier	Aidan O'Brien	Colin Keane	128
18	Tornado Alert (Ire)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Godolphin	Saeed bin Suroor	Oisin Murphy	128
19	Tuscan Hills (Fr)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd	Raphael Freire	David Egan	128

Breeders: 1-Gavin Wallace, 2-Newsells Park Stud & Merry Fox Stud, 3-Tepin Syndicate, 4-Banimpire Syndicate, 5-Coolmore, 6-Gestut Westerberg, 7-Aga Khan Studs, 8-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 9-GCE Farm Ltd, 10-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 11-Mr & Mrs David Aykroyd, 12-Eric Chen, 13-Nursery Place, Manfuso & Wilhite, 14-Sunderland Holding Inc, 15-Tullpark Ltd, 16-Mrs Annemarie O'Brien, 17-Sunderland Holding Inc, 18-Godolphin, 19-John Richard Wheeler.

With rain about, albeit not a great deal, this is not going to be a fast-ground Derby and with such a large field the emphasis could be more on stamina than ever. If that is true, it will suit the G3 Chester Vase winner Lambourn who has the ideal draw in "lucky" stall 10 and who may just have been hiding his true light under a bushel so far. If he's in the mix, the likes of Midak and Lazy Griff may not be too far away and this could be one of those renewals where the principals aren't quite what they are cracked up to be. There are stamina doubts surrounding Ruling Court, Delacroix and The Lion In Winter but none surrounding the G2 Dante winner Pride Of Arras. His York performance was very strong and it is impossible to ignore all his ideal credentials for this race. Possibly underestimated due to the fact that he is not trained at Ballydoyle or sports Godolphin silks, he is under the care of Ralph Beckett who has proven time and again that he knows exactly how to train a top prospect. [Tom Frary].

Friday, Epsom Downs, post time: 13:30

THE NYETIMBER SURREY STAKES-Listed, £75,000, 3yo, 7f 3yT

	SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
	1	The Waco Kid (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	The Gene Genies II	Hugo Palmer	Hollie Doyle	133
	2	Diego Ventura (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	Hamad Al Jehani	James Doyle	131
	3	Rebel's Gamble (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Clipper	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	131
	4	Francisco's Piece (GB)	Mayson (GB)	Keatley Racing Owners Group & D Moore	Adrian Keatley	Tom Marquand	128
;	5	Hallasan (GB)	Pinatubo (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
	6	Glamis Road (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	NBR 6 and Partners	Ollie Sangster	Sam James	126
	7	Formal (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cheveley Park Stud	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	123
	8	Saggara Sands (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Mr D. J. Deer	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Rvan	123

Breeders: 1-Tally-Ho Stud, 2-Sean Ronan & Caroline Hanly, 3-Rossenarra Bloodstock Limited, 4-Lord Margadale, 5-Highview Bloodstock Ltd, 6-Rory O'Brien, 7-Cheveley Park Stud Limited, 8-D. J. and Mrs Deer.

The race that kicks it all off and the furious downhill ensures that pace will be key. **TDN Rising Star Formal** showed an abundance of that when with Sir Michael Stoute last year and while the wheels have come off on her two Group-race tests, she retains a lot of potential and is pitched at a meeting at which Cheveley Park like to have success. **Diego Ventura** has a penalty for his latest win in ParisLongchamp's Listed Prix de Pontarme, while the Listed Radley Stakes runner-up **Saqqara Sands** might need this return. [*Tom Frary*].

*All posts displayed in local time.



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