

JACOB WEST A FRESH DIRECTION FOR CLAIBORNE



Jacob West | Fasig-Tipton

by Chris McGrath

"The first big firework that's gone off since I got here," acknowledges Jacob West. "And I will say this: I think it'll put the other farms on notice. I think people are going to say, 'woah, they're back. Not exactly a new shooter, obviously--but reloaded.'"

The new stallion seasons and bloodstock manager at Claiborne Farm is at pains to stress that the recruitment of **Mindframe** (**Constitution**) only builds on the work of his universally esteemed predecessor Bernie Sams. After all, the last stallion brought here by Sams, who's still sharing his experience round the office a couple of days a week, was **Prince of Monaco**--perhaps the most eagerly subscribed of the latest Kentucky intake. But just as fourth-generation president Walker Hancock took over from his father Seth, already a decade ago now, so the time was ripe last October for an equivalent transfer between generations. As such, the stallion that West did then help to land, **Bright Future**, could not be more aptly named.

"It's like Mr. Hancock laid the foundation and Bernie built a mansion on it," West says. "It's my job not to let it crumble. The way I see it, I can only add on to the house. But bringing in Mindframe, I do think a lot of eyebrows have been raised."

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KEENELAND BREEDER SPOTLIGHT: WINCHESTER FARM UNCOVERING GEMS FROM ALL CORNERS

by Katie Petrunyak

Their first real introduction was at the 1997 Keeneland September Sale.

Naoya was working with Dr. Dave Fishback at Hagyard and Marie was scouting yearlings for her fledgling Hong Kong-based bloodstock agency. Things got off to a rather awkward start when Marie approached the Hagyard team to hand off her vet's list and Naoya asked to take a look at the hip numbers. Not knowing Naoya worked for the veterinary practice, Marie guessed he was a rival buyer fishing for intel.

"I was not very nice to him," Marie admitted with a laugh.

Marie later learned that she and Naoya had actually crossed paths years earlier at the 1994 International Thoroughbred Breeders' Federation meeting in Ireland.

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PETER EASTERBY DIES AT 95

Legendary trainer Peter Easterby, the man behind one of the most successful dual-purpose stables Britain has ever known, has died at the age of 95. John Berry pays tribute.



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Trainer Panagiotis Synnefias (first right) and his team had a reason to celebrate when their charge Top Gun Rocket went last-to-first in an optional claimer at Saratoga to close out Belmont Stakes Saturday. | Tod Marks

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After being pulled up during their respective races at Saratoga last Friday, the fillies were both sent to Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital for diagnoses of their injuries. The New York Racing Association reports a positive prognosis for both.



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Jacob West, cont. from p1

Talking to some of the biggest breeders, the sentiment has been, 'Damn, you guys, that's serious.' So yeah, couldn't be more excited. If you're looking at it as a draft, like the NBA or NFL, in my opinion he was one of one."

As West cheerfully concedes, that opinion may be somewhat prejudiced, the GI Churchill Downs Stakes winner having been purchased as a yearling by two of his own clients.

"I'm incredibly biased because I was part of the selection team for Mike Repole and Vinnie Viola," West says. "But he's absolutely beautiful, uber-talented, out of a **Street Sense** mare, and with an incredible amount of upside going forward. We had to fight for him, trust me. It isn't easy buying off two billionaires. And, quite frankly, while it wasn't hard to sell the horse's credentials to Walker and Will [Bishop, CFO], the real push was to say, 'Okay, this is a big swing--and we need to do it.'

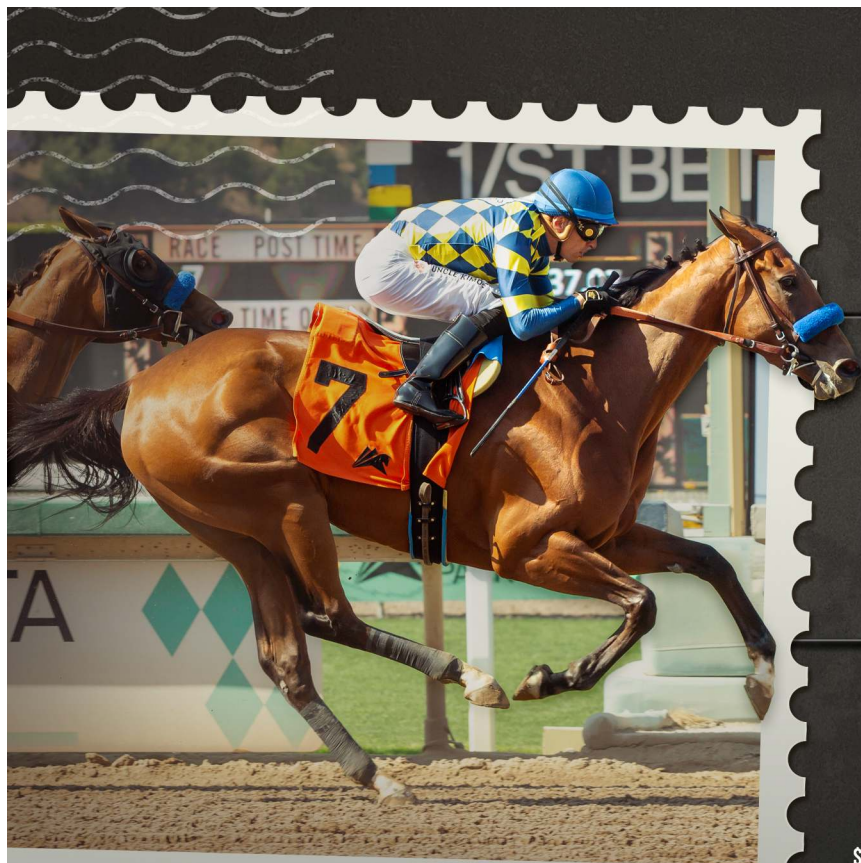
"So it's a tip of the cap to them, because they were like, 'Listen, the reason you're here is to get things like this done.' Of course that was the same with Bernie. But this, for Walker's regime, is like: deploy the troops, go execute, get going. And actually this horse fits the mold of what's been successful here in the past, horses that Mr. Hancock and Bernie oversaw, the likes of **Blame** and even going back to Unbridled."



Mindframe | Sarah Andrew

And that, of course, is the challenge of this whole transition: how to maintain continuity without complacency, to adapt dynamically to a changing environment.

Not yet 40 himself--though doubtless somewhat aged by recent parenthood!--West has long been pals with the farm's young executives, initially around the sales circuit and then on the golf course." **Cont.**



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"His recruitment was first floated a year or two back and, as it took more concrete form, it was agreed that West could continue his agency work. But whatever hats he may wear, the yellow of Claiborne will now sit uppermost.

West admits to an undiminished wonder.

"It's amazing, every day, driving in that front gate," he says. "As a kid who was an outsider, who didn't grow up in this industry, you look over those fields and think of the history and tradition, it just blows your mind. They've been doing it longer than anybody, and I'd even venture that some of the ways they still do it today are same as 100 years ago. And remember, it's all through the horse business. They don't have a secondary line of income to fund everything.

"This position I'm in, only three people in the world have ever held: Seth Hancock, Bernie Sams, and now myself. The pressure that comes with that isn't something you take lightly. Walker told me that, just as his dad was paired together with Bernie, it would be the same for us. As I jokingly told him, that means we can only screw up. Because what they've done is truly unbelievable. But I feel like the three of us--Walker, Will, me--are the 'younger' generation, and that it's the same for the guys around the farm, that this is the new regime."

So how do they go about making their mark, about consolidating without being afraid of change?

"Outsiders might think that Walker wouldn't be willing to step out on the ledge and take risks," says West. "Because there's a lot of pressure that goes with what he has inherited here. But nothing could be further from the truth. Okay, so I'm probably way more risk tolerant. But it's not like he's in any way meek. He'd just be on the lower side, and then Will's probably in the middle. That makes a perfect blend."

Arguably the very act of hiring someone like this--a complete "outcross" to the Bluegrass establishment--is itself a statement of intent. West wasn't born to the game, but nor, as a result, does he feel inhibited either by privilege or its accompanying burdens.

"I grew up in Western Kentucky," West explains. "And Paducah and Lexington might as well be on opposite sides of the world. But I always loved the racing on TV, and when I came to the University of Kentucky, I cheated my whole way through. My name's on the diploma, but should have one of my best friends in parentheses underneath. Because I was constantly off to Churchill, Ellis, Keeneland, while he did my assignments for me."

West graduated just in time for the 2008 crash, but got a job as a bank teller.

"The most miserable weeks of my life," he says. "The financial world was in the dumps, and I distinctly remember this older lady standing at the counter, literally crying. She was like, 'I don't have any more money.'" **Cont.**

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"My savings in the stock market, they're zero.' And I'm sitting there thinking, 'God, I need to get away from this.'"

Fortunately, the baseball coach he was assisting at a local high school noticed his misery, knew what really made him tick, and introduced him to a contact at Taylor Made. Little caring that bloodstock was in parallel freefall, West made his shedrow debut at the 2009 January Sale.

"The coldest sale on record, and the worst," he recalls happily.

"And as soon as I walked into the barn, that first morning, it was, 'Oh yeah, this is what I'm going to do with my life.' I'll never forget walking through the back ring holding a bucket and towel, and seeing Mark and Frank Taylor standing there. Mark said, 'You love this, don't you?' I said, 'I'm in heaven.' And Frank said, 'Well, if you love it now, just wait till it turns around.'"

They took him on, despite a hiring freeze, and put him to work with the barren mares.

"I got so lucky," West marvels. "Because the Taylor brothers are incredible teachers. The number of guys that came through their farm, now doing other things, it's unparalleled. And I think they saw a young, unmolded mind, a blank slate. My number-one mentor was Mark Taylor. I followed him around like a puppy dog, just a sponge trying to absorb as much as I could."

However fast a learner, it required unusual self-belief--not to say impudence--to imagine that wealthy people might now let him spend their money.

One day West suggested that he might approach Robert and Lawana Low to buy some horses.

"Mark replied, 'Absolutely not! You do that, I'll fire you!'" he recalls. "At the end of the day, I've always had a certain confidence in myself. My mom, a single mother raising my brother and me, always instilled in us that we were big, strong boys that needed to be leaders." **Cont.**

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“And, like I said, I'm a risk-taker. But you know what? Mr. and Mrs. Low allowed me to make mistakes, and learn. Mike Repole, the same. For whatever reason, they entrusted me.”

West had been similarly bold approaching Repole, when Taylor Made was selling Stopchargingmaria (Tale of the Cat) and others.

“Mike had never sold a horse and I was a young kid, ambitious and aggressive,” West recalls. “So I picked up the phone and started calling this billionaire. Mike made it black-and-white: 'You appraise my horses, and if you get the price for them, you'll be my man.' And that's what I did.”

This kind of hustle is hardly old school; hardly, indeed, the Claiborne way. But that's really the point. Claiborne doesn't need help doing what it has always done so well. But if hoping to broaden its reach, maybe it can experiment a little.

“Yes, [Taylor Made and Claiborne] are two opposite ends of the spectrum,” West agrees. “And that's not a knock on how anybody does it. At Claiborne, again from conception, it's all for the race. When I look around and see the stock they have here, I'm thinking, 'Oh my God, they could sell this for fortunes.' But you run that up the flagpole, they look at you like you have eight heads!”

Claiborne duly remains one of few farms to have resisted headlong expansion of books.

“There's many ways to skin the cat,” West says. “I'm not saying we're right and they're wrong, and I guarantee they're not saying that we're wrong and they're right. **Prince of Monaco** is breeding 175 mares, the most a Claiborne stallion has ever bred. He could have bred 300, if we wanted, but we hope that people will come back because they know it's a limited book.”

Nonetheless, West's arrival is intended to signal a receptive mindset. He even contrived to put Repole and Seth Hancock together for lunch at the Country Club.



Prince of Monaco | Benoit

“You know Mike, there's no pillow fights with him,” West says. “It was full-on haymakers, and I was cringing. But it turned out 95% they agreed on. The other 5% was just old school versus new. Mr. Hancock said, 'Mike, I've been around this business a long time and that does not work.' 'Well, I can make it work.' And a year later, Mike says, 'Damn, he was right.' You could not find two more different human beings on the face of the earth. But they ended up hugging each other, brought together by their love of the industry and desire to see things done right.”

For West, like Repole, the question is whether an outsider can usefully broaden perspectives for those who absorbed traditional lore with mother's milk.

“Well, maybe that's part of it,” West replies. “But I would also tell you, I've been a lucky so-and-so my whole life!”

Whether by luck or judgement, the man who also helped to unearth Forte (**Violence**) and Nest (**Curlin**), got his first big break with Magnum Moon (Malibu Moon)--who just happened to have been raised at Claiborne.

“He was my flagship,” he says. “And this is where he grew up. So here I am, back where it all started. Listen, I can't say it enough, what an incredible honor this is for a guy like me. It's the most iconic brand in the Thoroughbred industry. I see those tours coming through twice a day and the reverence people have for this place, it's unlike anything else.”

So how on earth do you go about change, experiment, daring?

“Confidence,” he replies with a grin. “It takes a hard-headed person like myself to not be scared to make a mistake, to fail. And that's the number one thing.”

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Marie was part of the French delegation and Naoya was there with his father, who was head of the Japanese delegation. Naoya had introduced himself, but noticing Marie's ring on her right hand, he mistakenly assumed it was the French custom for married women to wear their wedding rings there.

Once those early misunderstandings and mishaps were behind them, Marie and Naoya quickly hit it off. They crossed paths at industry events around the world. When a rain shower popped up at a Tattersalls sale, Naoya ran into an empty stall only to find Marie already waiting out the weather in the very same box. The pair went to a café and chatted for hours, discovering their shared vision of a 'borderless' Thoroughbred industry.

Nearly three decades later, Marie Yoshida-Debeusscher and Dr. Naoya Yoshida are partners in life and in business. As the owners of Winchester Farm in Lexington, Kentucky, they bring a distinctly global perspective to every aspect of their business. Their vision, shaped by international roots and decades of experience across continents, is paying off on the racetrack with horses like Grade I winners Locked (**Gun Runner**) and Scottish Lassie (**McKinzie**), plus recent GIII Pimlico Special Stakes victor Awesome Aaron (**Practical Joke**).

Naoya is a fourth-generation horseman. His family's involvement dates back to 1898, when his great-grandfather worked to improve the quality of military horses in Japan.

Later they moved to Sapporo, now the capital of Hokkaido, and focused on breeding Thoroughbreds at the family's Yoshida Stud Farm.

After earning his veterinary degree, Naoya sought experience outside Japan. At first opportunities were limited, but then he met Dr. Michael Osborne at Godolphin's Kildangan Stud.

"At the time, not many farms in the world had an interest in accepting trainees from Japan," Naoya explained. "I applied to the Irish National Stud program but I was rejected. Dr. Osborne kindly offered me a training position at Kildangan. I didn't know anything about breeding in Ireland, but I really wanted to get out of Japan and learn more. We were so far behind from Western countries with everything about breeding horses."

After working under Dr. Osborne for three years, Naoya set his sights on the United States. His father had once spent some time in California at Rex Ellsworth's farm when Swaps was in training there. Encouraged by those stories and upon the advice of Osborne, Naoya decided that working with Dr. Fishback would allow him to meet a wide range of people and get a better sense of the American industry.

While abroad, Naoya was still active with his family's breeding operation in Japan. In 1995, his father sent homebred Fujiyama Kenzan (Jpn) (Lucky Cast {Jpn}) to the G2 Hong Kong International Cup. The colt made history as the first Japanese runner to win an international graded race.

At that time, Japan was not considered a Part 1 racing jurisdiction and most stakes races there did not count toward international blacktype status. Fujiyama Kenzan's breakthrough in Hong Kong inspired Naoya to explore how their breeding program could benefit from international racing. A few months after meeting Marie, he traveled to Hong Kong to share the idea and, as he says, to "steal her heart."

Born and raised in France, Marie came from a Thoroughbred family herself. She began her career working for the French Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and then became the General Secretary of the European Federation of Thoroughbred Breeders' Associations. In 1996, she moved to Hong Kong to launch her own bloodstock agency.

The couple married in 1999 and, fittingly, spent their honeymoon at the Keeneland July Sale shopping for their clients based around the globe. **Cont.**



Marie Yoshida-Debeusscher and Dr. Naoya Yoshida
courtesy Winchester Farm



The 1994 ITBF meeting. Marie is in center of second row. Naoya is directly behind her. Other attendees include King Ranch Farm's Helen Alexander, Hill 'n' Dale Canada's Glenn Sikura, Lanwades Stud's Kirsten Rausing and Hong Kong Jockey Club CEO Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges | photo courtesy Naoya Yoshida

After Naoya's father passed away in 2001, Naoya and Marie considered establishing a farm of their own somewhere.

"I was in favor of Australia, because I could see the shift of the shuttle stallions there," recalled Marie. "You could see the potential, especially being so close to Asia. My husband of course loved Ireland. But we decided on Kentucky, with it having the best foundation and the best bloodlines for the speed that you need for Japanese racing or for anywhere really. It was the right place to be."

In 2002, the Yoshidas purchased a 150-acre farm on Winchester Road in Paris, Kentucky. Although Winchester Farm has grown and evolved over the years since, they have stuck to their original plan of maintaining a hands-on, boutique operation.

Today, the Yoshidas maintain a broodmare band of about 10 of their own mares while also offering a wide array of services to their clients including breeding and boarding management, sales representation and mating consultations.

The Yoshidas place a particular emphasis on physical when buying mares.

"You can study the catalog as much as you like, but nothing will change the way you inspect the horse physically," said Marie.

They also believe that success does not necessarily come at a premium. Naoya calls it "finding gemstones."

In 2012, the Yoshidas bought the granddam of Awesome Aaron at the Keeneland November Sale for \$70,000. Loure (A.P. Indy) was a winning Darley homebred out of a Group 3 winner in France.

"Who wouldn't buy a mare by A.P. Indy in 2012?" said Marie. "I mean, come on! But she was in foal to Discreet Cat, so maybe there was less commercial appeal. We were very lucky to buy her."

Loure's leading earner Randonnee (**Blame**) was a multiple stakes winner in Japan and that first foal by Discreet Cat, Do the Dance, became the dam of Awesome Aaron. The Yoshidas sold Do the Dance as a yearling, but they were able to buy her back privately after her stakes-winning career.

Awesome Aaron sold for \$130,000 at the 2020 Keeneland September Sale. Now in his fourth year of racing, the son of **Practical Joke** has earned 15 placings from 34 starts. A winner at 3, he dropped to the claiming ranks for a time before rising to his best form under the tutelage of Norm Casse.

"Awesome Aaron is six years old and we are very proud of that," said Marie. "We want to breed strong, sound horses. We are not in this for the short term. We always want to breed for long term. Horses should be able to race until they are six or seven. In Hong Kong they race until they are eight or nine years old. That's why Awesome Aaron does not surprise us."

The Yoshidas may have always known the toughness was there, but they certainly had to have been impressed when Awesome Aaron scored his first graded stakes victory in the Pimlico Special.

"Breeders are like parents," said Marie. "We do our best for them as babies and yearlings. It's very personal. It's a 365-days-a-year job. When we sell them, it's sometimes hard. We have to let them grow, but we keep an eye on all our babies."

The Yoshidas had a close eye on another Winchester Farm-bred star this weekend when they traveled to Saratoga to watch Scottish Lassie, the winner of last year's GI Frizette Stakes, run a game third in the GI Acorn Stakes.

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Awesome Aaron at two months old | courtesy Winchester Farm



Awesome Aaron winning the Pimlico Special | Horsephotos

The filly's dam Bodebabe (Bodemeister) was another gemstone that they uncovered from the claiming ranks of Gulfstream.

The Yoshidas place just as much emphasis on selecting the right stallions as they do on choosing their mares. They were high on Scottish Lassie's sire **McKinzie** from the start.

"McKinzie was one of those rare horses who was amazing not only at two, but at three, four and five," Marie explained.

"Soundness is very important to us. You need to put chance to your side when you breed. Reduce the unknown as much as possible even if it means not always following the latest fashion."

Naoya recalled another instance where their willingness to look past trends paid off.

"When Into Mischief first joined Spendthrift, Mr. B. Wayne Hughes came to our farm to give us a presentation and introduce us to Into Mischief," he recounted. "He asked us to send our best mare to him. We basically never send our best mares to new stallions, but Mr. Hughes really explained to us how much of a chance Into Mischief had."

After visiting Into Mischief at Spendthrift themselves, the Yoshidas were believers too. They bred five mares to him in his first year. Later, when the supersire's son **Practical Joke** retired to stud, they supported him in his early years as well. Awesome Aaron was bred on a \$30,000 cover in **Practical Joke**'s first year at stud. This year, the Ashford sire stands for \$100,000.

The Yoshidas' eye for spotting emerging talent has also served them in advising clients. They helped guide Italy-based breeder Rosa Colasanti in the mating that produced not only dual Grade I winner Locked (**Gun Runner**), but also his dam Luna Rosa (Malibu Moon). Both were foaled and raised at Winchester Farm. **Cont.**

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Macho Music, Pat Day Mile (G2)

Brushy Hill
Skippylongstocking, Hollywood Gold Cup S. (G2)

Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman
Spirit of St Louis, Turf Classic S. (G1)

Clearsky Farms
Booth, Maryland Sprint S. (G3)

2500 Determined Stud
Seismic Beauty, Santa Margarita S. (G2)

Dixiana Farms
Fionn, Regret S. (G3)

Eric Moreau-Sipiere & Randi Moreau-Sipiere
Charlene's Dream, Gallorette S. (G3)

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Book'em Danno, True North S. (G3)

H & E Ranch
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Awesome Aaron, Pimlico Special S. (G3)

Lynch Bages & Camas Park Stud
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She Feels Pretty, New York S. (G1) and Modesty S. (G3)

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Mindframe, Churchill Downs S. (G1)

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Raging Torrent, Metropolitan H. (G1)

Speedway Stable
Donegal Momentum, Poker S. (G3)

Sovereign Farm
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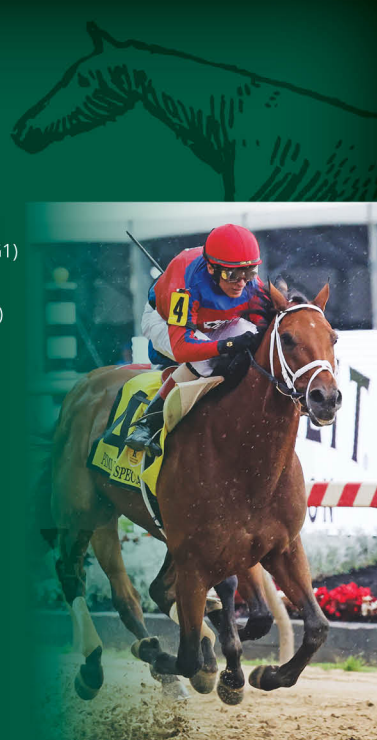
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Pimlico Special S. (G3) winner Awesome Aaron was co-bred by Dr. Naoya Yoshida of Winchester Farm





Hong Kong's titan--three-time HOY Golden Sixty | *Horsephotos*

At this year's Keeneland September Sale, the farm will be offering Locked's three-quarters brother by Early Voting, along with a homebred half-brother to Scottish Lassie by **Corniche**.

They will also be represented by a unique offering in a **Medaglia d'Oro** colt out of Golden Sister (Aus) (Capitalist {Aus}), a half-sister to three-time Hong Kong Horse of the Year Golden Sixty (**Medaglia d'Oro**).

Back in 2021, Marie had inspected Golden Sister as a yearling at the Magic Millions Sale in Australia. Though she didn't secure the filly at the time, her admiration left an impression. When Golden Sister's connections decided to send the mare to the U.S. to visit Medaglia d'Oro, they reached out to Winchester Farm to handle the mating and foaling.

The list of Keeneland-bound yearlings foaled and raised at Winchester Farm is a testament to how the Yoshidas' global outlook--and their belief in the power of shared vision--continue to open doors.

"It's important for us to smooth the relationship and the culture between people and be the middle person between different countries or different ways of breeding or racing," said Naoya. "Then you can build bridges and it benefits everybody."

This past weekend in Japan, the Yoshidas celebrated another important win when Jantar Mantar (Jpn) (Palace Malice) captured the Breeders' Cup 'Win and You're In' G1 Yasuda Kinen. When Jantar Mantar's dam Indian Mantuana (Wilburn) sold to Shadai Farm in 2020, Teruya Yoshida asked the Winchester team to handle her mating plans and Naoya chose Palace Malice.



Naoya with 1996 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner Storm Song
Sarah Andrew

After the mare returned to Japan, the resulting foal was Jantar Mantar.

"There are so many people in the Thoroughbred industry," said Naoya. "It's nice to share the excitement with them. We've had tragedy before, sickness and losing foals, but we always say good weather comes after bad weather. I'm quite lucky to be here in Kentucky. It has given us so many opportunities to work with people in the United States, Europe and Japan."

"Our reputation is everything," Marie added. "Our reputation, sense of duty and just doing the right thing as breeders. To future breeders: you always have the chance to find a gem. You don't need to spend \$2 or \$3 million. You just need to keep working hard."

In an increasingly global industry, the Yoshidas have carved out a space where cross-continental connections and quiet consistency pays off. At Winchester Farm, the next gem could come from any corner of the world.

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JUVENILE CHAMP TRIVIA: ASK AND YE SHALL RECEIVE...



Fierceness returns after running second in the GI Met Mile at Saratoga | Tod Marks

A TDN **column published Sunday** referenced the racing oddity of the two most recent North American champion 2-year-old colts both losing separate races within two hours of each other on June 7 at Saratoga Race Course.

'TDN Rising Star' Fierceness (**City of Light**), the 2023 juvenile male Eclipse Award champ, ran second as the 3-4 favorite in the GI Metropolitan Handicap. 'Rising Star' Citizen Bull (Into Mischief), the 2024 divisional champ, was fourth at 9-2 odds in the GI Woody Stephens Stakes.

T.D. Thornton asked, "Has this ever happened on the same card? TDN would welcome input from someone with access to a more robust database (or a better memory) than me."

It took less than 24 hours before a reader provided a detailed answer.

Brianne Sharp, the data analytics manager for Godolphin, wrote in a Monday email to TDN that, "My (well, Godolphin's) database goes back to 1992, and since then, the only time other than this past Saturday that two previous Eclipse champion 2-year-old males have run on the same card was Nov. 6, 1993, at Santa Anita when Gilded Time and Fly So Free ran third and ninth, respectively, in the [GI] Breeders' Cup Sprint."

Sharp further noted that, "Prior to 1992, we only have top three finishers in black type races, but that limited dataset shows three prior times that two 2-year-old champs ran on the same card, all were in the same race."

Those other instances (again, only based on data that shows top-three finishers) were:

- Oct. 6, 1979, Affirmed (first) over Spectacular Bid (second) in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup.

- Sept. 16, 1978, Seattle Slew (first) over Affirmed (second) in the GI Marlboro Cup Invitational Handicap.
- Sept. 15, 1973, Secretariat (first) over Riva Ridge (second) in the Marlboro Cup.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ON STRIDESAFE SENSOR TECHNOLOGY

Last week, I witnessed firsthand the career-saving and even life-saving potential of the StrideSAFE sensor technology--and I feel a responsibility to share what happened.

A stakes-level horse in our barn was flagged by StrideSAFE after showing a dramatic rise in injury risk in the right front leg over its two most recent races. A barn exam by our veterinarian showed no obvious lameness or inflammation. But based on the compelling StrideSAFE data, we took the next step and scheduled advanced imaging.

The PET scan results--confirmed by two separate equine hospitals--showed changes beginning in the right front sesamoid bone that indicated a serious injury was imminent. This horse is now resting for 90 days and is expected to make a full return to training pending a clean recheck. Without StrideSAFE, we wouldn't have caught it.

As both a trainer and president of the Kentucky HBPA, representing more than 6,000 owners and trainers, I believe this moment is a turning point. This wasn't theory or promise--this was proof. StrideSAFE did exactly what it was designed to do. It helped us protect a valuable athlete and likely prevented a catastrophic outcome.

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Change isn't always easy in horse racing, but when a tool works this well to keep our horses safe, we owe it to them to pay attention.

Sincerely,
Dale Romans

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RECLAIMING THE VALUE OF THE UNRIDEABLE HORSES

In the horse world, value is too often measured in miles ridden, ribbons won, or jumps cleared. Success is frequently defined by performance, competition, or potential. But there's an entire population of horses--older, injured, sensitive, or simply different--who remind us that value has nothing to do with being under saddle.

These are the horses who work in-hand. They don't need to be ridden to be remarkable. They don't perform in the arena, but they show up in ways that are often quieter, more profound, and more enduring. And yet, too often, they are treated as second-class citizens--dismissed as "pasture pets," or seen as burdens instead of beings with purpose.

Let's be clear: horses that can no longer be ridden--or perhaps never were--are not broken, useless, or lesser in any way.



Imagery (25) and Lumpsinmyoatmeal (19) enjoy a June Saturday at Thisoldhorse | Nancy Turner Photo

In fact, they may be among the most emotionally intelligent, communicative, and impactful animals in the herd.

Freed from the physical demands of carrying a rider, they often shine in ground-based partnerships. They offer connection, responsiveness, and presence that sometimes surpass that of their saddle-bound peers.

These horses excel at relational work. They are therapy partners, educators, and confidence-builders. They teach children how to lead with softness and elders how to stand tall. They model boundaries, trust, and forgiveness without ever needing to be mounted. In equine-assisted programs, they help humans navigate grief, fear, and trauma--not by carrying them, but by walking beside them.

We often talk about listening to horses. In-hand work demands it. With no bridle to control and no saddle to stabilize, we're asked to meet the horse at eye level, both physically and metaphorically. We learn to cue with breath, intention, and the lightest suggestion of energy.

We become better horse people--and better humans--because of it.

At sanctuaries and aftercare programs like *This Old Horse*, these animals thrive. They transition from overlooked to irreplaceable. Some are former athletes whose bodies could no longer meet the rigors of competition. Others were never trained for riding but possess a kind of wisdom that cannot be taught. All are teachers in their own right.

And the people who love them? The ones who don't ride, but brush manes, walk quietly alongside them, share space, and listen with reverence? They're just as real, just as passionate, just as connected as any equestrian in a saddle.

There's a stubborn myth in the horse world--that if someone doesn't ride, they're not a "real" horse person. That myth is outdated, and it's time to put it to rest. You don't need to ride to matter in a horse's life. And a horse doesn't need to carry you to be meaningful in yours.

If we believe horses are healers, then we must believe in every kind of healing they offer--ridden or not.

The industry, and our culture, must do a better job of honoring the whole horse--not just the rideable ones. Let's build space, funding, and programming not as pity projects, but as partnerships of purpose. Let's stop measuring value in saddle time and start honoring all the ways horses show up for us--and all the people who show up for them, no matter how.

No labels. No hierarchy. Just connection, compassion, and belonging.

After all, the most meaningful journeys often don't require a saddle.

--Nancy Turner, Founder of This Old Horse

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Ag Bullet flies home in the Jaipur to become the 10th elite-level winner for Lane's End's **Twirling Candy** | Sarah Andrew

Sire (Sire's Sire)	#SWs	#GSW (G/GSW)
Blame (Arch)	52	21

(Clear Conscience--Kingston S.)

Constitution (Tapit)	50	24
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(Parchment Party--Belmont Gold Cup S.-GIII)

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EMAIL LIAM O'ROURKE

Dialed In (Mineshaft)	30	10
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(Train the Trainer--Mike Lee S.)

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EMAIL STUART FITZGIBBON

Flat Out (Flatter)	23	3
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(Beleout--Louisiana Legends Mademoiselle S.)

Girvin (Tale of Ekati)	13	3 (2)
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(Dorth Vader--Ogden Phipps S.-GI)

Hard Spun (Danzig)	90	42
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(Spinning Colors--Mount Vernon S.)

Honor A. P. (Honor Code)	4	1
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(A. P. Kid--Pennine Ridge S.-L)

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EMAIL CHRIS KNEHR

Instagrand (Into Mischief)	2	---
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(Kay Cup--Bouwerie S.)

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Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday)	175	85 (25)
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(Patch Adams--Woody Stephens S.-GI)

Justify (Scat Daddy)	38	17
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(Warrior's Justice--Louisiana Legends Soiree S.)

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song)	29	13 (6)
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(Deterministic--Manhattan S.-GI;

Faith Alone--Prairie Rose S.)

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McKinzie (Street Sense)	4	3
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(Cash Call--Summertime Oaks-GIII)

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy)	18	4
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(Saturday Flirt--Soaring Softly S.-L)

St Patrick's Day (Pioneer of the Nile)	2	1
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(Mythical--Tremont S.-L)

Take Charge Indy (A.P. Indy)	23	3
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(Indy Bay--Jersey Girl S.)

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EMAIL LIAM O'ROURKE

Twirling Candy (Candy Ride {Arg})	59	25 (10)
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(Ag Bullet--Jaipur S.-GI)

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EMAIL CHRIS KNEHR

Yaupon (Uncle Mo)	1	---
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(Sassy C W--Astoria S.)

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OBS JUNE UNDER-TACK SHOW BEGINS TUESDAY

The under-tack show for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's June 2-Year-Olds in Training and Horses of Racing Age Sale begins Tuesday morning and continues through Saturday with sessions beginning each day at 7:30 a.m.

Hips one through 172 are scheduled to work Tuesday; followed by hips 173 through 343 on Wednesday; hips 344 through 386, as well as supplemental entries 387 through 430 and 451-534 on Thursday; hips 535 through 705 on Friday; and hips 706 through 833 and supplemental entries 834-873, as well as horses of racing age (hips 901 through 903) on Saturday.

The June sale will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday, with bidding starting at 10 a.m. for each session.

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NYRA ISSUES UPDATES ON PRINCESS MISCHIEF, MYSTIFYING

A pair of fillies pulled up during races at Saratoga last Friday were sent to Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital for diagnosis of injuries and are both now resting, according to updates issued by the New York Racing Association Monday.

Mystifying (**Curlin**), who was pulled up in the stretch run by jockey Jose Ortiz after sustaining an injury to her left front during Friday's seventh race, was immediately attended to by on-track veterinarians, who stabilized the injury and transported the 4-year-old filly to Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital for further evaluation. Further examination revealed an injury to the left front tendon. Mystifying has been returned to trainer Shug McGaughey's barn at Belmont Park to recuperate and is resting comfortably, according to NYRA.

Princess Mischief (**Honest Mischief**) was pulled up in the stretch run of Friday's first race by jockey Manny Franco after sustaining an injury to her left front. The horse was immediately attended to by on-track veterinarians and transported to Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital for further evaluation.

Per trainer Chris Englehart, further examination revealed an injury to her left scapula. She will remain at Rood and Riddle for the time being, but is improving daily and walking comfortably.

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THE JOCKEY CLUB AWARDS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Jockey Club has awarded five academic scholarships for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Lauren Maas was selected to receive The Jockey Club Scholarship (\$7,500 per semester), which is awarded to a student on an academic path toward employment in the equine industry. Maas earned her Master of Science in Animal Biology from UC-Davis with the thesis, "Arrhythmogenesis and Sudden Cardiac Death in Thoroughbred Racehorses." She is attending veterinary school at the Royal Veterinary College in London and plans to return to the United States upon graduation to find employment as a racetrack veterinarian.

The Jockey Club Advancement of Women in Racing Scholarship (\$10,000 per semester) is being awarded to Sophia Vega, who expects to graduate from the University of Kentucky in the spring of 2026 with a degree in Animal Science/Pre-Vet with an equine emphasis. Her goal is to become an equine veterinarian specializing in equine orthopedic and soft tissue surgery. She works as a nursing technician at Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital and is an Ed Brown Society Scholar and scholarship recipient. She recently served as Keeneland's Department of Equine Safety and Compliance's first intern under Dr. Stuart Brown and Kassie Creed.

Giovanni Ricardo will receive The Jockey Club Vision Scholarship (\$10,000 per semester), which is awarded to an undergraduate student who is from a minority racial or ethnic group. Ricardo is studying Finance and Marketing at the University of Kentucky and expects to graduate in May 2026. Giovanni is a current Ed Brown Society Scholar and a Keeneland Ambassador, and his goal is to modernize marketing strategies within the sport of Thoroughbred racing and to work with organizations dedicated to the long-term growth of the industry.

The Jockey Club Benevolence Scholarship (\$7,500 per semester) provides needs-based assistance with preference to backstretch and horse farm employees and their family members and was awarded to Xochilt Solorio. Solorio is studying Civil Engineering with a primary focus on transportation at Northeastern University. Her parents work at Belmont Park; her father is a day walker and groom, and her mother is a hot walker.

Nathan Klein is the recipient of The Jockey Club Jack Goodman Scholarship (\$3,000 per semester), which is open to students enrolled in the University of Arizona's Race Track Industry Program. Klein plans to graduate from RTIP in May 2026 with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Sciences. He is a race caller at TSG Global Wagering Solutions LLC and is also a member of the University of Arizona equestrian team. His goal is to become a racetrack announcer.

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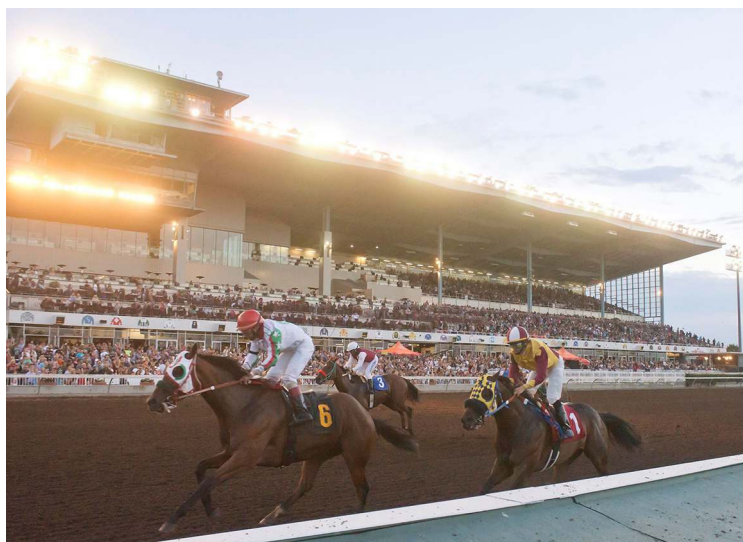
LA COUNTY FAIR MEETING BEGINS FRIDAY AT LOS ALAMITOS

The nine-day Los Angeles County Fair meeting at Los Alamitos kicks off Friday, June 20 and will run through Sunday, July 6 with three stakes worth a combined \$400,000 serving as the highlights, the track announced via press release Monday.

Racing is set to be conducted Friday-Sunday (June 20-22; June 27-29; and July 4-6) all three weeks with post time scheduled for 1:00 p.m. The richest of the stakes races, the \$200,000 GII Great Lady M. Stakes, will run Saturday, July 5 as the last of the black-type on offer. The Bertrando Stakes, restricted to California-sired or bred runners, will go Saturday, June 21 while the Los Alamitos Derby for 3-year-olds is the marquee event Saturday, June 28. Entries for opening day of the meet will be taken Tuesday, June 17.

There will also be a handicapping contest Saturday, June 28 and the Los Alamitos Racing Association will offer a cash prize and a pair of berths to the 2026 National Thoroughbred Racing Association Handicapping Championship in Las Vegas.

Cost to enter is \$500. Of that amount, \$100 will be placed in the contest prize pool with the remaining \$400 going towards a live money wagering card. **Cont.**



The LA County Fair Meet returns to Los Al | *Los Alamitos*

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MULTIPLE STAKES WINNER JOEY P EUTHANIZED AT OLD FRIENDS

New Jersey-bred GSW **Joey P** (Close Up) was euthanized at Old Friends Monday after succumbing to complications from a respiratory illness at the age of 23, the farm announced via release.

A frequent face in the black-type ranks his entire career, Joey P won the GIII Jersey Shore Breeders' Cup Stakes at Monmouth Park as a 3-year-old and was even given a shot at the GI Haskell Invitational Handicap. While it was not to be, the gelding visited the winner's enclosure 18 times in his career and retired in 2011 as a 9-year-old with a 48-18-10-1 record. His earnings tallied just over \$1.08-million.

He was sent to Old Friends in 2018 courtesy of Second Call Thoroughbred Adoption and Placement, who supported him monthly throughout his retirement.

"Joey P was a wonderful example of the star-power of 'regional' racehorses," said John Nicholson, president and CEO of Old Friends. "Joey P built his racing resume as the hero of New Jersey's Monmouth Park. His specialty at the track was running fast and he excelled at it, earning a following of devoted fans who adored him."



Joey P | *Laura Battles*

"Joey P's specialty at Old Friends was making friends who all fell in love with him. He is going to be missed, especially by his paddock-mate, Tuneintobow. We are so grateful to Lori Lane of Second Call Thoroughbred Adoption and Placement for giving us the honor of caring for Joey P in his retirement."

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Rank	Stallion	BTW %	BTH %	GSW %	GSH %	G1SW %	G1SH %	Earnings
1	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit	19 3.62	38 7.24	10 1.9	21 4	1 0.19	6 1.14	\$21,706,944 <i>FYR: 2006/Crops: 14/Stand: Gainesway Farm/Fee: 185,000</i>
2	Scat Daddy (2004) by Johannesburg	7 2.25	18 5.79	5 1.61	11 3.54	2 0.64	6 1.93	\$9,815,331 <i>FYR: 2009/Crops: 11/Stand: Coolmore Ashford USA (Dead)</i>
3	Bernardini (2003) by A.P. Indy	12 2.61	22 4.78	6 1.3	12 2.61	2 0.43	4 0.87	\$16,170,907 <i>FYR: 2008/Crops: 12/Stand: Darley USA (Dead)</i>
4	Street Cry (IRE) (1998) by Machiavellian	7 1.91	22 6.01	5 1.37	9 2.46	2 0.55	4 1.09	\$13,132,389 <i>FYR: 2004/Crops: 12/Stand: Darley USA (Dead)</i>
5	Mre Than Ready (1997) by Southern Halo	8 2.11	17 4.47	2 0.53	7 1.84	2 0.53	4 1.05	\$9,339,565 <i>FYR: 2002/Crops: 18/Stand: WinStar Farm USA (Dead)</i>
6	Distorted Humor (1993) by Forty Niner	7 1.58	17 3.84	5 1.13	11 2.48	3 0.68	3 0.68	\$11,537,546 <i>FYR: 2000/Crops: 20/Stand: WinStar Farm/Fee: Pensioned</i>
7	Street Sense (2004) by Street Cry (Ire)	11 3.72	17 5.74	5 1.69	8 2.7	2 0.68	3 1.01	\$8,061,806 <i>FYR: 2009/Crops: 12/Stand: Darley KY/Fee: 50,000</i>
8	Kitten's Joy (2001) by El Prado (Ire)	8 2.56	16 5.13	3 0.96	6 1.92	-- --	3 0.96	\$6,839,734 <i>FYR: 2007/Crops: 13/Stand: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa USA (Dead)</i>
9	Congrats (2000) by A.P. Indy	6 2.58	12 5.15	2 0.86	5 2.15	2 0.86	2 0.86	\$19,375,321 <i>FYR: 2008/Crops: 13/Stand: WinStar Farm/Fee: Pensioned</i>
10	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie	4 1.78	9 4	3 1.33	6 2.67	2 0.89	2 0.89	\$10,604,277 <i>FYR: 2013/Crops: 8/Stand: Coolmore Ashford USA (Dead)</i>
11	Speightstown (1998) by Gone West	4 1.09	16 4.37	2 0.55	7 1.91	1 0.27	2 0.55	\$7,653,033 <i>FYR: 2006/Crops: 14/Stand: WinStar Farm USA (Dead)</i>
12	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	6 2.45	12 4.9	5 2.04	5 2.04	1 0.41	2 0.82	\$7,218,625 <i>FYR: 2010/Crops: 9/Stand: Spendthrift Farm/Fee: 250,000</i>
13	Lemon Drop Kid (1996) by Kingmambo	6 1.9	15 4.75	3 0.95	5 1.58	1 0.32	2 0.63	\$6,036,514 <i>FYR: 2002/Crops: 18/Stand: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead)</i>
14	Storm Cat (1983) by Storm Bird	3 2.22	6 4.44	1 0.74	3 2.22	1 0.74	2 1.48	\$3,415,827 <i>FYR: 1989/Crops: 31/Stand: Overbrook Farm USA (Dead)</i>
15	Silnt Name (Jpn) (2002) by Sunday Silence	3 9.68	5 16.13	1 3.23	3 9.68	1 3.23	2 6.45	\$944,460 <i>FYR: 2009/Crops: 11/Stand: Adena Springs North ON/Fee: 8,000</i>

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1:50.02, fm, 4 1/4 lengths.

SOME PERFORMANCE (c, 3, Oscar Performance--Princely Sum, by Lemon Drop Kid), a distant third in his Irish finale going a mile at Leopardstown in April, kicked off his stateside campaign with a fourth--beaten three lengths--in a nine-furlong test at Churchill Downs May 2. Sent off at almost 3-1 to get the job done this time, Some Performance was squeezed back at the start and trailed the field through an opening quarter in :23.36. Still about six lengths behind a slowed down :49.27 half mile, the bay began to make headway approaching the quarter pole. Fanned out several paths wide entering the stretch, Some Performance closed resolutely down the stretch to take over late and drew clear to score by four 4 1/4 lengths over favored Vivaldi (**Mendelssohn**). 52-1 chance Demetrius (California Chrome) rounded out the trifecta. The winner's dam, Princely Sum, produced a filly by **Aloha West** last season and was bred back to **Nashville**. The half-sister to SW and MGSP Maximova (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) brought \$27,000 while in foal to Exaggerator in the 2020 Keeneland November Sale. Sales history: \$35,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$78,525. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Fergus Galvin; B-Jory Sherman & Don Blowe (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.



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Independence Hall (**Constitution**), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
121 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Dotted
Dream, 9-2
\$1,700 KEE JAN wnl; \$5,500 KEE SEP yrl



Echo Town | Sarah Andrew

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, JUNE 10

2025 Stud Fees Listed

Echo Town (Speightstown), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000
112 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Red lolla, 10-1
Mr. Money (Goldencents), Clear Creek Stud, \$4,000
57 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Thistledown, 2:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Macho Solo, 15-1
\$14,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$7,000 OBS OPN 2yo



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Dragon Taylor, c, 3, **Liam's Map**. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

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Zen Espoir, c, 3, **Practical Joke**. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Gwanaksan O Two, f, 3, **Connect**--Danessa Again, by **Blame**. Seoul, 6-8, Hcp. (C4), 1200m. B-Dr Steven Laymon (KY). *\$47,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR.

VIDEO (SC 5)

Nice Force, c, 3, **Mor Spirit**--Citizen Emma, by Proud Citizen. Seoul, 6-7, Hcp. (C3), 1200m. B-Sugarland Thoroughbreds LLC (IN). *\$35,000 Ylg '23 FTOKCT. **VIDEO (SC 3)**

IN RUSSIA:

Neznayka, c, 2, **Upstart**--Basaata (SP-Eng), by Dixieland Band. Krasnodar, 6-7, Summer S. (Rus-G2, NBT), 1200m. B-Marette Farrell & Austin & Brenda Paul (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **\$50,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. ***Won by six lengths. ****1/2 to Bashaar (Street Cry {Ire}), GSP, \$163,954; and Wahgah (Distorted Humor), MSP-Eng.

Teddy Star, f, 3, **Tapwrit**--Haas, by Tiznow. Krasnodar, 6-7, Analogichnaya S. (Rus-G2, NBT), 1600m. B-Dr Bernard & Michelle Vertuca (KY). *\$10,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. **1/2 to Bricklayer (Always Dreaming), SW, \$138,850.

Just a Boy, c, 3, **Union Rags**--Summer Passage, by **Mineshaft**. Krasnodar, 6-7, Grand Summer S. (Rus-G1, NBT), 1600m. B-Parks Investment Group LLC (KY). *\$47,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.



Saturday's Results:

12th-Tokyo, ¥15,200,000 (\$105,199), Allowance, 3yo/up, 1600m, 1:36.7, ft.

ROSSINIANA (c, 3, **Not This Time**--Dos Vinos, by **Twirling Candy**) graduated at second asking going 1800 meters at Nakayama in late January and was exiting an allowance fourth over that same track and trip Apr. 20. Cutting back to a one-turn mile for this, the \$850,000 OBS March breezer wasn't the quickest away from the outside barrier, but was ridden forward and pressed the pace from second into the bend. Felt for on the swing for home by Christophe Lemaire, the bay quickened up nicely to pinch a break and was home 1 3/4 lengths best as the 1-2 favorite. Dos Vinos, a three-time winner from six starts, is a half-sister to SW China Grove (City Zip), herself the dam of GSP Beach Walkn (Cross Traffic). The mare is responsible for the 2-year-old colt D'code (Speightstown), a \$775,000 purchase by Arroyo Bloodstock out of this year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Sale, a yearling filly by **Audible** and a full-sister to Rossiniana foaled Mar. 13. Sales history: \$850,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$118,898.

O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Tom Durant (KY); T-Tetsuya Kimura.



Rossiniana selling at OBS March in 2024
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TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY

Some Performance (by Oscar Performance) comes from well of the pace to graduate at Churchill Downs Sunday.
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4th-Hanshin, ¥10,600,000 (\$73,384), Maiden, 3yo, 1200m, 1:12.7, ft.

DRAGON TAYLOR (c, 3, [Liam's Map](#)--Cousin Newyork Fay, by Bluegrass Cat) was soundly beaten in two starts over a route of ground and had his fair share of supporters here at 33-5 while shortening up to a sprint for the first time. Very quickly into stride from the four hole, the gray colt led through the opening stages before being taken back to sit a stalking trip from close up. Still going nicely one off the inside turning for home, Dragon Taylor was roused to the front with a furlong to travel and pulled away to graduate by 3 1/2 lengths. The \$190,000 KEESEP yearling and \$150,000 OBS April breezer is one of two winners from two starters out of a half-sister to MSW & MGSP Mother Russia (Mayakovsky), the dam of 2015 Listed Hyacinth Stakes winner Golden Barows ([Tapit](#)). Cousin Newyork Fay also has a 2-year-old colt by [Cairo Prince](#) and a yearling colt by Vino Rosso. Sales history: \$190,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$150,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$38,660. O-Yoshiro Kubota; B-Respect the Valleys LLC & Laurel Glen Farm (KY); T-Hideaki Fujiwara.

Sunday's Results:

4th-Hanshin, ¥10,600,000 (\$73,384), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m, 1:55.4, ft.

ZEN ESPOIR (c, 3, [Practical Joke](#)--Elite Mom, by Scat Daddy) was unplaced, but not beaten far in the first two starts of his career but showed signs of life when runner-up in a course-and-distance contest when last seen Mar. 23. Drawn one from the outside in a field of 15, the \$32,000 KEENOV weanling was bumped by his outside rival leaving the stalls and was no better than three wide rounding the first turn. Given the hurry-up when another rival went for a middle move leaving the halfway mark, Zen Espoir was up into a three-wide third and poised to strike turning for home. Dueling heads apart into the final furlong, the chestnut began to assert and edged away to take it by 2 1/2 lengths as the 8-5 favorite. Zen Espoir is the first winner out of a full-sister to SW Giada Vegas and is also responsible for the 2-year-old colt Law Enforcer ([Tiz the Law](#)). Elite Mom sold for \$42,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Digital March Sale last year and foaled a filly by Mitole about a month later. Sales history: \$32,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$58,073. O-Zen Racing; B-Stoneriggs Farm (KY); T-Yuji Iida.

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8th-Parx Racing, \$51,700, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 6-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.15, ft, 6 1/4 lengths.

ADELEKE (f, 4, [Dialed In](#)--The Last Meow, by Storm Cat)

Lifetime Record: 10-7-0-0, \$142,456. O-Ben J. Dunn and Chris Mancusi; B-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC (KY); T-Felissa Dunn. *\$50,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$80,000 Ylg '22 FTKJUL.

7th-Thistledown, \$41,500, (S), 6-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.96, my, nose.

LIONISTIC (m, 6, Animal Kingdom--Race Lady, by Bernardini)

Lifetime Record: SW, 32-11-5-4, \$364,503. O-Annechino Racing, LLC; B-Raimonde Farms LTD (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich.

1st-Thistledown, \$38,400, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.84, my, 1/2 length.

CANDLELIGHT HOURS (m, 6, Dominus--Nava, by Even the

Score) Lifetime Record: MSW, 30-13-9-6, \$642,590. O/B-Elkhorn Oaks, Inc. (OH); T-James R. Jackson. *1/2 to Timeless Bounty (Elusive Hour), SW, \$319,510; Full to City Scene, SW, \$325,035.

2nd-Thistledown, \$28,000, 6-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.70, my, 6 1/2 lengths.

BRICK AMBUSH (c, 4, Laoban--Steve's Philly, by Tale of Ekati)

Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-1, \$121,598. O-Paul Woosley; B-seidman stables LLC (NY); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. \$160,000 Ylg '22 OBSWIN. *Full to Yo Cuz, MSW, \$406,800.

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Blue Dazzler, f, 3, **Mastery**--Seeking the Blue, by Arch.

Thistledown, 6-9, 5 1/2f, 1:06.63. Lifetime Record: 12-1-2-2, \$49,819. B-Payson Stud Inc (KY). *\$10,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

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Liaison. Prairie Meadows, 6-9, (S), 1m, 1:42.60. Lifetime

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Allen (IA). *\$50,000 Ylg '23 IOWOCT.

Up N Runnin, f, 3, **Uptowncharlybrown**--Runnin On Sunshine,

by Graydar. Parx Racing, 6-9, (C), 1m 70y, 1:47.72. Lifetime

Record: 5-1-2-0, \$48,000. B-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC

(PA).

Queens Cat, f, 4, **Courageous Cat**--Contender's Queen, by

Strong Contender. Finger Lakes, 6-9, 5 1/2f, 1:06.17.

Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$20,212. B-Linda K. Dixon (NY).

*1/2 to Queens Dancer (**War Dancer**), SP, \$176,444.

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Dominus, Candlelight Hours, m, 6, o/o Nava, by Even the Score.

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Laoban, Brick Ambush, c, 4, o/o Steve's Philly, by **Tale of Ekati**.

ALW, 6-9, Thistledown

Mastery, Blue Dazzler, f, 3, o/o Seeking the Blue, by Arch. MSW,

6-9, Thistledown

Maximus Mischief, Toms Prospector, g, 3, o/o Miss Waikiki, by

Liaison. MSW, 6-9, Prairie Meadows

Uptowncharlybrown, Up N Runnin, f, 3, o/o Runnin On

Sunshine, by Graydar. MCL, 6-9, Parx Racing

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By John Berry

Miles Henry Easterby, invariably known as Peter, who has died at the age of 95, was not only one of the best and most successful dual-purpose trainers Britain has ever known, but also one of the most popular and most respected.

Peter Easterby and his younger brother Mick had good teachers because they grew up under the wings of their father William, a farmer and amateur rider, and uncle Walter, a trainer. From them they absorbed an almost bottomless reserve of horsemanship and a very strong work ethic. Life was tough and William farmed in various parts of Yorkshire before settling his family at Great Habton, near Malton. There Peter, who had spent a short period away working for Frank Hartigan but whose induction into racing had mainly come from the family, began training in 1950, still aged only 20.

Walter Easterby was a very good trainer who enjoyed success with the small string which he handled but, even so, he cannot have foreseen the thousands of winners which would be churned out by his two nephews (Mick began training at Sheriff Hutton in 1961) and his grandson Tim, Peter's son who, in a seamless transition, took over the license at Habton Grange when his father retired in 1994, aged 65.

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SEVEN DAYS: UNAPOLOGETICALLY ALL ABOUT EPSOM

By Emma Berry

These days, it seems that as soon as the runners have crossed the line in the Derby the crabbing begins about everything that's wrong with the winner, the race and the meeting itself. It's a funny old game when the people who follow the sport, and in some cases whose livelihoods depend on it, seek constantly to undermine the very thing that brings such enjoyment.

Obviously there are concerns regarding falling attendances at the Derby, and at race meetings generally in different parts of the world. An ominous weather forecast certainly played its part this year, and it is clear that Epsom needs to review its pricing structure, particularly to allow children in for free, as is the case at Royal Ascot.

Thirty years on, would a move back to the traditional Wednesday slot work to avoid clashes with other major sporting fixtures on the day? Maybe. But for many people that would then mean booking an extra day off work to attend. **Cont. p5**

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Thereafter Peter remained an integral component of the stable and a regular at the Yorkshire racecourses.

The horse who really put Peter on the map was Goldhill (Le Dieu D'Or). One of the best two-year-olds in the north in 1963 when he won five consecutive five-furlong races including the Windsor Castle Stakes at Royal Ascot, Goldhill achieved little as a three-year-old before bouncing back to better than his previous best as a four-year-old in 1965, making all the running for a four-length win in the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot before losing out in a three-way photo-finish in the July Cup. He subsequently retired to Eastthorpe Hall Stud in Yorkshire before moving to Burston Stud in Staffordshire, eventually proving himself as versatile as his trainer with his winning offspring headed by the precocious sprinters Lush Park, Fretta and Dutch Gold as well as the dual Champion Hurdle winner Comedy Of Errors.

That 1965 season had begun well for the stable when the six-year-old gelding Old Tom (Relic) won the first feature race, the Lincoln Handicap (run for the first time at Doncaster after the closure of Lincoln racecourse), ridden by Scobie Breasley. Peter won this great race again eight years later when the 50/1 shot Bronze Hill, a son of Goldhill, won under Mark Birch, the multiple 'Cock of the North' who spent almost his entire career

riding for the stable after having served the first three years of his apprenticeship with Geoffrey Brooke in Newmarket.

Peter's dual-purpose status was emphasised in 1967, a year in which his biggest win came in the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham when the six-year-old entire Saucy Kit (Hard Sauce) beat 22 rivals to win the Champion Hurdle, ridden by Roy Edwards who, after both horse and jockey had retired, stood the stallion at Blakeley Stud in Shropshire.

Peter Easterby enjoyed a particularly golden era during the late 1970s and early '80s when the stable's stars included two dual Champion Hurdle winners (Night Nurse and Sea Pigeon) and two Cheltenham Gold Cup winners (Alverton and Little Owl). During this period Peter was champion National Hunt trainer for three consecutive seasons, beginning with the 1978/'79 campaign.

Night Nurse and Sea Pigeon (who moved to Great Habton after starting out on the Flat with Jeremy Tree and then beginning his jumping career with Gordon Richards) remain two of the legends of the sport. Other high-class hurdlers in the stable at the time included the 16-time winner Sula Bula (whom Peter had bought as a yearling at Doncaster for 2,200 guineas) as well as Within The Law and Major Thompson, who finished first and second in the Schweppes Gold Trophy at Newbury in 1979.

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Peter bought Night Nurse (Falcon) as a yearling at Tattersalls in 1972 for 1,300 guineas and then guided the horse to three wins on the Flat and, most famously, triumphs in exactly half of his 64 starts over jumps, comprising 19 wins over hurdles and 13 over fences. He came close to securing the holy grail of National Hunt racing, failing only narrowly to augment his two Champion

Hurdle triumphs with a victory in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, in which he finished second to his stablemate Little Owl (Cantab) in 1981. That was a second Gold Cup in three years for the stable, following the win of Alverton (Midsummer Night) in 1979. Alverton, previously a multiple winner on the Flat, had won the Arkle Trophy at Cheltenham 12 months before his Gold Cup triumph but heartbreakingly suffered a fatal fall at Becher's Brook when favourite for the Grand National three weeks after his finest hour.

Sea Pigeon (Sea-Bird) did not follow Night Nurse over fences, having fallen in the Colonial Cup steeplechase in the USA fairly early in his National Hunt career, but he augmented his hurdles victories (which included two Champion Hurdles, two Fighting Fifth Hurdles, two Scottish Champion Hurdles and one Welsh Champion Hurdle) with some magnificent performances on the Flat. He twice won the Chester Cup (both times ridden by Mark Birch), took the Ebor Handicap at York (carrying 10 stone, ridden by his usual jumps jockey Jonjo O'Neill and giving 40lb to the runner-up) and thrice landed the Vaux Gold Tankard at Redcar, carrying 10 stone each time and ridden twice by Birch and once by O'Neill. All told, he won 21 times over jumps and 16 times on the Flat.

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Peter Easterby (right) with brother Mick at York Racecourse
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Lest it seem that the stable was concentrating solely on older stayers, the Ebor Meeting at which Sea Pigeon won the eponymous handicap also featured victory in the G2 Gimcrack Stakes for the Mark Birch-ridden two-year-old sprinter Sonnen Gold (Home Guard) who had been bought for 1,700 guineas as a foal. This was Sonnen Gold's eighth start and seventh win of a season in which he went on to run once more, finishing second to subsequent 2,000 Guineas winner Known Fact in the G1 Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket.

At the end of the year, Sonnen Gold was allotted 9 stone 4lb on the Free Handicap, 3lb below the top-rated Monteverdi, the Vincent O'Brien-trained Dewhurst winner. He was given 10 stone 5lb on the Northern Free Handicap, 12lb higher than the second-top weight, his stablemate Silly Prices (Silly Season), a three-time juvenile winner whom Peter had bought for 2,000 guineas as a yearling.

By the time that Peter Easterby stepped back to hand over the licence at Habton Grange to his son Tim (who had ridden plenty of winners for his father as an amateur, both Flat and National Hunt, including on horses such as Sea Pigeon and Sula Bula) he had achieved the unique feat of being the only British trainer to have sent out over 1,000 winners both on the Flat and over jumps. Since then, the stable has continued to flourish as Tim, truly a chip off the old block, has prepared a huge volume of winners including several at Group 1 level. Most notably, Bollin Eric (Shaamit), bred and raced by Sir Neil and Lady Westbrook for whom Peter had trained for decades, won the St Leger in 2002. Almost similarly satisfying for a proudly Yorkshire family will have been the triumph of Winter Power (Bungle Inthejungle) in the G1 Nunthorpe Stakes at York's Ebor Meeting in 2021.

Softly spoken and blessed with a nature dominated by innate kindness, Peter Easterby was a legend of the training ranks; a

loving and loved husband, father and grandfather; a mentor to many; and a friend to all. He will be sorely missed and never forgotten, and we offer our sincere condolences to his family.

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Seven Days

by Emma Berry



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The suggestion last week by the Daily Mail's racing correspondent Dominic King of having Epsom as the sole meeting in the UK on Derby day is certainly worth exploring so that the focus of the racing world, in Britain at least, is on what happens on those historic Downs. But this kind of decision would require a diktat from the BHA, overruling the factional interests of other racecourse groups, and we all know how well that is working out at the moment.

The only regret felt in this quarter on leaving Epsom on Saturday evening was that we now have to wait another year for the most enthralling contest of them all. At least we have Ascot to cheer us up next week.

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So, in the spirit preferred by this column of glass half full--or, even better, glass completely full--we will continue to ponder not how to save the Derby, for the vocal and actual support of so many owners and breeders shows that it doesn't need saving, but how to make the great race even more special.

For starters, it would be good to see the restoration and return to use of Epsom's Prince's Stand, which dates back to 1879 and now stands lonely and unloved, though still beautiful. Having until quite recently been used for owners and trainers, it would be the perfect place to house a Derby museum or hall of fame.

It is also worth remembering, in these days of smartphones, that if--God forbid--you decided to go shopping instead of being at Epsom, you can instantly check the result with the help of Google or even watch the race online, a fact which has to be considered when one is comparing current attendances with those of yesteryear. Back in the time of, say, the marvellous Signorinetta, who, in 1908, became one of a select band of fillies to have won the Oaks and the Derby, if you weren't at Epsom, your next best option was to wait outside the window of Fore's art gallery in Piccadilly. There, presumably with some delay, the result would be posted on canvas by the sporting artist John Beer, whose job it was around that time to depict the finishing order for the Derby in paint. Good things come to those who wait.

Witnessing History in the Making

While we can look back with fondness on those great partnerships of Vincent O'Brien and Lester Piggott, Sir Henry Cecil and Steve Cauthen, Sir Michael Stoute and Walter Swinburn, it is important to appreciate what is happening right now in front of us. Being a fan of racing and attending its big Classic days is to play our own small part in its history, even just as bystanders.

By sheer numbers alone Aidan O'Brien, at age 55, has already secured his own chapter in the book of racing greats, and it is one very much still being written. Direct comparisons with his predecessor at Ballydoyle cannot be made because Vincent O'Brien was not working with anywhere near the same number of horses at his disposal, but Aidan's stable size is comparable to a number of other leading trainers in Britain and Ireland who end up with neither the same number of potential Classic horses, nor therefore a similar level of Classic success.

And, yes, he is fortunate in so many ways, not least in his constant supply of suitably bred animals to be honed on Ballydoyle's specially designed replica of Tottenham Corner. "Everything in Ballydoyle is about Epsom," he said on Saturday in the post-Derby press conference--a sentence which should be a shot in the arm to what is perhaps this week an Epsom management which feels under attack. "The whole breed is assessed by the Derby and the Oaks. It's left and it's right and it's up and it's down, and it really tests them."

With no disrespect to the superb jockeys who have gone before him at Ballydoyle, Ryan Moore's tenure as O'Brien's number one has brought about an even greater dominance for the stable. There is something so superior about Moore's riding at the moment which makes you believe that if he is in a position to challenge, as he was on Persica for his old ally Richard Hannon in the second race on Derby day, then he will simply galvanise his mount to win, just as he had done with Jan Brueghel and Minnie Hauk the day before.

In the Derby, Delacroix's lacklustre performance meant that there was not to be a clean sweep of the Group 1s for Moore, but that did open the door for Wayne Lordan to enjoy a deserved victory following a confident and well-judged ride on Lambourn, who was not for stopping.

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Derby branding at Epsom | Emma Berry



Lambourn with his happy winning owners | Emma Berry

Seven Days cont.

It is fascinating to watch the replay over and over again: Lambourn sent on and bowling along apparently unbothered on the lead, as several others behind him fought for their heads and dropped away tamely, their races run in the first furlong or two.

Pride Of Arras's race may even have been over before he left the parade ring, where he several times reared and struck out at his groom while being saddled. This was only his third time at a racecourse but it was unpromising behaviour which underlined just how big a role temperament plays on Derby day, not to mention stamina.

Year after year, we hear what the Derby means to the weighing-room fraternity. Memorably, when Moore won the Oaks for the first time on Snow Fairy in 2010, he said on being congratulated, "Yeah, but it's not the Derby."

By the next day he was a Derby-winning jockey, thanks to Workforce. On Saturday, Wayne Lordan had his own taste of that special arena, and he too outlined how much winning that particular race is a badge of honour any jockey yearns to wear, saying, "When you are growing up the Epsom Derby is always the one."

The Kevins Knew

Broadcaster Kevin Blake has been rightly congratulated for pinpointing the first three home in the Derby on ITV Racing, and TDN doffs its hat to another Kevin--the bloodstock agent Kevin Ross--who, watching the runners in the parade ring alongside his father-in-law Arthur Moore, noted that Lambourn (Australia) and Lazy Griff (Protectionist) were among less than a handful of horses who would truly stay. Here's hoping that he had the forecast. We didn't.

Remarkably, the first two home in this year's race, Lambourn and Lazy Griff, both emanate from the same family of the

British-bred mare L'Amour Toujours, a daughter of Lester Piggott's first Derby winner Never Say Die.

The mare was exported to the USA as a foal in 1958 and, in the case of Lambourn, the line remained in America through five generations until his dam Gossamer Wings (Scat Daddy) was brought to Ireland to be trained by O'Brien after being bought as a yearling at Keeneland. Lazy Griff's female line has an extra generation between him and L'Amour Toujours and it took a little detour through Denmark when his granddam Miss Skycat (Tale Of The Cat) ended up there as a breeding prospect. Lazy Griff's dam Linarda (Rock Of Gibraltar) carries a DEN suffix but she raced in Switzerland, France, Italy and Germany and now resides in the latter at Gestut Westerberg.

Gossamer Wings's sole win came over five furlongs, but seven years ago she was beaten a short-head by Signora Cabello when second in the G2 Queen Mary Stakes. Lambourn is her second foal and she has two more colts to follow, both by Frankel to whom she is once again in foal.

It is of course easy to say in hindsight, but, returning to the theme of temperament and stamina, the rock-solid Australia does appear to have been the perfect mate for her. And it is indeed fitting that the sire who was bred by Lord Derby, who went on to win the race to which his breeder's ancestor gave his name, following the Epsom success of Australia's parents Galileo and Ouija Board, now has a Derby winner of his own. Australia stood at his lowest fee of €10,000 this season just now drawing to a close.

"He is exceptionally underrated," said MV Magnier at Epsom on Saturday. "He's covered a lot of mares this year, and well done to all the breeders who have bred to him this year. They are in a good spot now."

It is entirely possible that Lord Derby's brother Peter Stanley, seen out early on the track on Saturday morning walking the famous course with Gai Waterhouse, may have suggested to the first lady of Australian racing to place an omen bet on Lambourn. Either way, Waterhouse appeared to be enjoying her march around the Downs as she continues her world tour of major racing events.

On Top Again

It has long been true that a horse making a lot of money in a sale ring doesn't necessarily equate to success on the track, but this season has so far been a good one for sale-toppers.

First, Ruling Court (**Justify**), who led the Arqana Breeze-up Sale at €2.3 million, won the 2,000 Guineas, and that was followed on Friday by the victory of Minnie Hauk (**Frankel**) in the Oaks. She went through the Goffs Orby Sale of 2023 in the Camas Park Stud draft and ended up with top billing at €1.85 million.

Seven Days cont.

The last time Aidan O'Brien swept all three Group 1 races at Epsom was in 2012, when Tattersalls October topper Was (at 1.2 million gns) won the Oaks, **Camelot** (the joint-second-most expensive colt at the same yearling sale) won the Derby and St Nicholas Abbey landed the Coronation Cup.

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ALMANZOR'S ZUCKERHUT TRIUMPHS IN COLOGNE'S G2 UNION-RENNEN



Almanzor | Zuzanna Lupa

By Sean Cronin

Rennstall Gestut Hachtsee's **Zuckerhut** (Almanzor) was too good for his rivals in a strong renewal of Monday's G2 Sparkasse KolnBonn 190th Union-Rennen at Cologne and the G3 Bavarian Classic fourth punched his ticket to July's G1 Deutsches Derby at Hamburg with a one-length triumph in Germany's premier trial for the main event.

The 5-2 favourite, who had previously snagged his Apr. 6 debut at Mulheim, employed patient tactics and was positioned off the pace in sixth for most of this 11-furlong contest. Rowed along to reduce arrears at the top of the straight, he quickened smartly to launch his challenge approaching the quarter-mile marker and was ridden out inside the final 300 metres to defeat **Hochkonig** (Polish Vulcano) in decisive fashion for a first black-type success of any kind.

"I have liked him since the very first time I saw him and his final piece of work was really good," commented rider Andrasch Starke. "I was able to keep him under wraps and that worked out well, especially as there was a good pace. We are now ready for [the G1 Deutsches Derby at] Hamburg." Trainer Peter Schiergen was winning this event for the sixth time, one shy of George Arnall's record seven editions.

"He had an excellent trip throughout and 2,400 metres will be even better for him," Schiergen added. "He will have improved again for this race and now the Derby can come."

Pedigree Notes

Zuckerhut, who becomes the 14th pattern-race winner for his sire, is the first of three foals produced by Group 2-winning G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) runner-up Zamrud (Samum), herself a full-sister to Listed Dusseldorf Derby-Trial runner-up Zirconic Star. Descendants of Zuckerhut's G1 Prix du Cadran-winning third dam Mercalle (Kaldoun) include G1 Japan Cup second Fabulous La Fouine (Fabulous Dancer). The April-foaled homebred bay is a half-brother to the unraced 2-year-old colt Zarif (**Zarak**) and a yearling colt by Tai Chi named Zinnsoldat.

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Monday, Cologne, Germany

SPARKASSE KOLNBONN - 190TH UNION-RENNEN-G2, €70,000, Cologne, 6-9, 3yo, 11fT, 2:17.28, sf.

1--**ZUCKERHUT (GER)**, 128, c, 3, by Almanzor (Fr)

1st Dam: Zamrud (Ger) (GSW & G1SP-Ger, \$174,876), by Samum (Ger)

2nd Dam: Zambuka (Fr), by Zieten

3rd Dam: Mercalle (Fr), by Kaldoun (Fr)


1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Rennstall Gestut Hachtsee; B-Gestut Hachtsee; T-Peter Schiergen; J-Andrasch Starke. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €49,000. **Werk Nick Rating: First SW from this cross. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Hochkonig (Ger)**, 128, c, 3, Polish Vulcano (Ger)--Halnara (Ger), by Kallisto (Ger). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O-Stall Cloverleaf; B-Stall MarcRuehl.com (GER); T-Yasmin Almenrader. €15,500.

3--**Abando (Ger)**, 128, c, 3, Adlerflug (Ger)--Amalie (Ger), by Areion (Ger). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (62,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT). O-Gestut Ittlingen; B-Gestut Gorldorf; T-Waldemar Hickst. €8,000.

Margins: 1, 3 3/4, NK. Odds: 2.50, 3.30, 19.20.

Also Ran: Sedano (Fr), Amico (Ger), Enzian (Ger), Rekabet (Ger).



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EUROPEAN NEWS

IRISH 1,000 GUINEAS WINNER LAKE VICTORIA RULED OUT OF ROYAL ASCOT



Lake Victoria | Horsephotos

Irish 1,000 Guineas heroine **Lake Victoria** has been ruled out of the G1 Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Undefeated in five juvenile starts last season, including Group 1 wins in the Moyglare Stud Stakes, the Cheveley Park and at the Breeders' Cup, Aidan O'Brien's filly was beaten into sixth place in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket on her return to action but bounced back to her best in the Irish equivalent.

The daughter of **Frankel** was expected to be a major part of the Ballydoyle handler's Ascot team next week, but owners Coolmore said in a post on X on Monday, "Lake Victoria will not run at Royal Ascot. She will have an easy few weeks and will return for a late summer/autumn campaign."

The post also confirmed plans for **Minnie Hauk** and **Whirl** after the pair finished first and second in the Betfred Oaks at Epsom on Friday.

It read, "Epsom Oaks winner Minnie Hauk will target the Irish Oaks, while Whirl, who finished runner-up in the Epsom Oaks, will head for the Group 1 Pretty Polly Stakes."

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SHARE IN ROYAL ASCOT HOPEFUL ADDED TO TATTERSALLS ONLINE POP-UP SALE

A 10% share in Royal Ascot contender **Brosay** has been added to the Tattersalls Online June Pop-Up Sale, which takes place between the hours of 10am and 12pm on Thursday, June 12.

Consigned by Racing Club, the three-year-old son of Tasleet is currently in training with Lambourn trainer Paul Attwater and the syndicate are targeting the Palace of Holyrood Stakes on the Friday of Royal Ascot for his next appearance. Last seen filling the runner-up spot in a five-furlong handicap at Sandown in April, he will be offered with a BHA rating of 88.

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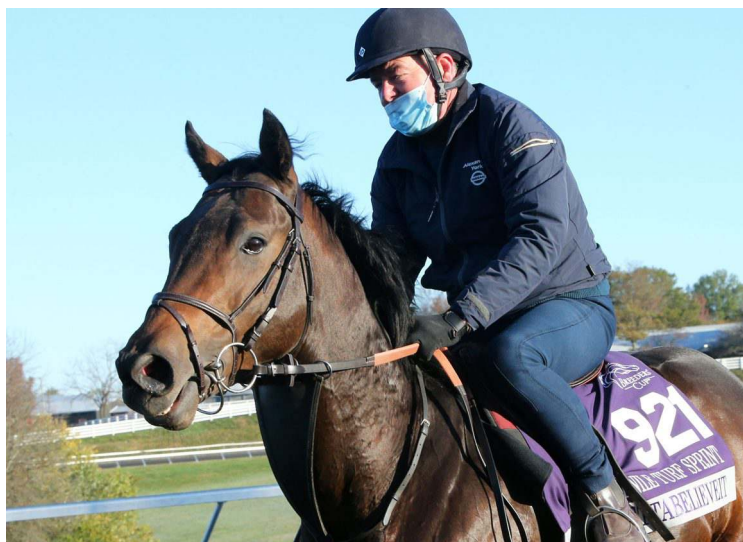
Lope Y Fernandez (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), The National Stud
99 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
14:00-SALISBURY, 6f, **Barry The Worm (GB)**
5,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2024

Starman (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
211 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
14:00-SALISBURY, 6f, **Astrazar (Ire)**
16,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; £25,000 Goffs
UK Premier Yearling Sale 2024
14:00-SALISBURY, 6f, **One Star (GB)**
1,500gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023

Supremacy (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
130 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
14:00-SALISBURY, 6f, **Supreme Diamond (Ire)**
€45,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2024
14:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, **Sunny Smile (Ire)**
78,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2024

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Ubettabelieveit (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Mickley Stud
80 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
14:30-SALISBURY, 6f, **White Ladder (Ire)**
40,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; 60,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024

Victor Ludorum (GB) (Shamardal), Haras d'Etreham
104 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
14:00-SALISBURY, 6f, **Sweet Lord (Fr)**
€70,000 Arqana Deauville August Yrlg Sale 2024

FRANCE

Victor Ludorum (GB) (Shamardal), Haras d'Etreham
104 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
4-SAINT-CLOUD, 1400m, **Darya (Fr)**
€20,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2023 (English Version)

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

WAR FRONT'S SON OF EMOLLIENT DEBUTS AT SAINT-CLOUD

3.30 Saint-Cloud, Mdn, 2yo, c/g, 7fT

BATTLE DRUM (GB) (**War Front**) is the latest progeny out of Empire Maker's four-times Grade I winner Emollient, responsible for this colt's G2 Airlie Stud Stakes-placed full-sister Peace Charter and three other Stakes performers by **Frankel** including past **TDN Rising Star** Raclette who captured the G2 Prix de Malleret. Juddmonte's homebred is under the care of

Andre Fabre, who also saddles Ecurie Ama.zingteam's **Yep (GB)** (**Dark Angel {Ire}**), a €220,000 Arqana May Breeze Up graduate whose dam is Danehill Dancer's G2 Balanchine runner-up Mia Tesoro.

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BRITAIN

Monday's Results:

2nd-Windsor, £9,950, Novice, 6-9, 2yo, f, 6f 12yT, 1:11.42, g/s.
BELLA LYRA (GER) (f, 2, **Oasis Dream {GB}**--**Baden Baden {Ger}**, by **Sea The Moon {Ger}**), third on debut over this trip at Haydock last month, raced close to the front end from the outset. In command approaching the furlong marker, the 13-8 favourite stayed on powerfully to account for Adalida (Ardad) by three lengths. The winner is the first runner and second of two current foals out of the unraced dam, a daughter of Dubai Destination's G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin runner-up Berlin Berlin. The family is the late Gerlald Leigh's excellent one of Baratheia and Gossamer at al. Sales history: £80,000 2yo '25 GOUKB. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$9,140.
O-Jastar Capital Limited; B-Gestut Gorldsdorf; T-Richard Hughes.
£80,000 2yo '25 GOUKB.

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3rd-Windsor, £8,000, Novice, 6-9, 3yo/up, 10fT, 2:09.96, g/s.
NAHRAAN (GB) (c, 3, **Make Believe {GB}**--**First Kingdom {Ire}**, by **Frankel {GB}**), a prohibitive 2-5 shot to follow up his debut win at Wolverhampton last month, travelled easily near the lead. In front two out, the homebred made light of his seven-pound penalty as expected to win by four lengths from Jupiter Ammon (New Bay). By the sire of connections' international superstar Mishriff, the winner is the first foal out of a dual winner whose dam Simple Magic (Invincible Spirit) was third in the G3 Sirenia Stakes. That makes her a half-sister to another prominent son of Make Believe in the G3 Prix Sigy and G3 Abernant Stakes scorer Sajir. Her 2-year-old filly Haddiah is by Olden Times, sire of the family's recent G3 Aston Park Stakes winner Eydon. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$11,117.
O-Prince A A Faisal; B-Nawara Stud Limited; T-John & Thady Gosden.

2nd-Brighton, £6,800, Mdn, 6-9, 2yo, 5f 60yT, 1:02.52, g/f.
LONDON BOY (GB) (c, 2, **Havana Grey {GB}**--**Lady Sparkles {Ire}**, by **Sir Prancealot {Ire}**) was the slowest of five into stride and raced at the tail of the field through the early fractions of this debut.

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2nd-Brighton cont.

Angling into an open lane approaching the two pole, the 15-8 second choice was ridden to challenge passing the furlong marker and kept on well under continued urging to assert by a length from Mission Classified (Acclamation). London Boy, half-brother to a yearling colt by Ubettabelieveit from the family of G1 King's Stand Stakes runner-up Anita's Prince (Stradavinsky), is the first of two foals produced by an unraced daughter of Miss Glitters (Chevalier), herself a multiple-winning half-sister to four stakes performers headed by Listed Firth Of Clyde Stakes victrix and G3 Summer Stakes runner-up Ruby Rocket (Indian Rocket) and Listed Flame Of Tara Stakes victrix Alexander Alliance (Danetime). Ruby Rocket is the dam of G1 Prix de l'Abbaye hero Maarek (Pivotal) and Alexander Alliance is the dam of the multiple Group-placed G2 Gimcrack Stakes runner-up Mystery Smiles (Mehmas). Descendants of the March-foaled grey's third dam Geht Schnell (Fairy King) also include G2 Flying Childers Stakes-winning sire Ardad (Kodiac) and last year's G2 Mill Reef Stakes winner Powerful Glory (Cotai Glory). Sales history: 90,000gns Wlg '23 TADEWE; 300,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,967. O-Amo Racing Ltd; B-Mickley Stud Ltd; T-Raphael Freire.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

No Spritz No Party (GB), f, 2, **Sergei Prokofiev**--Azma, by Bernardini. Pontefract, 6-9, 6fT, 1:17.28. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,113. B-Promenade Bloodstock Limited. *5,000gns Wlg '23 TADEWE; £11,000 RNA Ylg '24 GOFFUK.

Christmas Gift (Ire), f, 3, **No Nay Never**--Most Gifted, by **War Front**. Windsor, 6-9, 8f 31yT, 1:45.61. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$7,468. B-Westerberg.

Accentuate (GB), c, 3, **Sea The Moon (Ger)**--Fly (GB), by Pastoral Pursuits (GB). Windsor, 6-9, 8f 31yT, 1:44.18. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$14,536. B-T R G Vestey. *65,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT.

FRANCE

Monday's Results:

6th-Salon-de-Provence, €30,000, Cond, 6-9, 3yo, 10fT, 2:06.73, gd.

DIOPTASE (IRE) (c, 3, **New Bay {GB}**--**Gouville {Fr}**, by **Rajsaman {Fr}**), runner-up to Midak in last month's G3 Prix Greffulhe at Saint-Cloud, broke smartly to shadow the early leader in second. Committed at the top of the straight, the 3-10 favourite who holds an entry in next month's Arqana Deauville Summer Mixed Sale hit the line with 3/4 of a length to spare over Marchemalo (Toronado). The dam is a half-sister to Le Havre's Listed scorer

Sotteville, who was also placed in the G2 Prix de Royallieu and G3 Prix Minerve, and G2 Prix de la Nonette and G3 Prix Vanteaux-placed Crisolles. The former is in turn the dam of Churchill's smart Survie who captured the G2 Prix de Malleret and was runner-up in the G1 Prix de Diane last year, while Crisolles has subsequently produced Dark Angel's G3 Horris Hill Stakes third Son Of Man. Also connected to High Chaparral's G1 Chipping Norton Stakes and G1 Ranvet Stakes-winning champion and sire Contributor, Gouville's 2-year-old filly Autoroute by **Gleneagles** was a €29,000 purchase by Paul Nataf at Arqana Deauville October. Sales history: €55,000 Ylg '23 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 6-3-2-0, €59,400. O-Le Marais SAS, Ecuries Serge Stempniak & Guy Pariente Holding; B-SCEA Marmion Vauville, Ecurie Skymarc Farm & Nightchill LLC; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



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1st-Compiegne, €27,000, Mdn, 6-9, unraced 3yo, 10fT, 2:11.88, vsf.

QUEEN'S TRIAL (GB) (f, 3, **Kingman {GB}**--**Tajriba {Ire}**, by **Teofilo {Ire}**) went forward from an outer gate and gained an early lead in this unveiling. Holding sway throughout, the 23-10 second favourite was sent wide to the stands' side rail off the home turn and kept on well under mild urging inside the final quarter-mile to easily hold Deodata (Churchill) by 1 3/4 lengths. Queen's Trial is the sixth of seven live foals and third scorer produced by a winning sibling of G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Nighttime (Galileo), herself the dam of multiple Group 1-winning siure Ghaikyath (Dubawi) and G1 Man O' War Stakes heroine Zhukova (Fastnet Rock). Zhukova, in turn, is the dam of G2 Al Maktoum Classic winner and G1 Al Maktoum Challenge runner-up Imperial Emperor (Dubawi) and the dual stakes-placed duo First Ruler (Dubawi) and Ilda Rosa (Lope De Vega). [Cont. p12](#)

1st-Compiègne cont.

The April-foaled homebred bay is kin to the multiple stakes-placed Wishfully (Invincible Spirit), a 2-year-old filly by Palace Pier and to the dam of Listed Upavon Fillies' Stakes victrix High Spirited (Belardo). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. O/B-Godolphin; T-Andre Fabre.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Compiègne, €27,000, Cond, 6-9, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:08.26, sf. QUISISANA (FR) (m, 5, Le Havre {Ire}--Quamoclit {GB}, by Sea The Stars {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 6-4-0-1, €81,500. O/B-Haras de la Perelle; T-Francis-Henri Graffard. *1/2 to Qitura (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}), SP-Fr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Artistic Man (GB), c, 3, Study Of Man (Ire)--Artistic Jewel (Ire) (MSW-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$180,798), by Excellent Art (GB). Granville, 6-8, 8 1/2fT. B-Elevage Haras de Bourgeauville. *€16,000 RNA Ylg '23 ARQOCT.

Dream Filly (Fr), f, 3, Dream Ahead--Faithfilly (Ire) (SW-Fr), by Red Clubs (Ire). Savenay, 6-8, 13fT, 2:54.16. B-Haras de l'Hotellerie & Haras de Sainte Gauburge. *€10,000 RNA Wlg '22 ARQDEC.

Eternia (Fr), f, 3, Shalaa (Ire)--Smart Sister (Fr), by Dabirsim (Fr). Montauban, 6-8, 11 1/4fT, 2:27.40. B-Erich Schmid. *€4,000 Wlg '22 ARQDEC.

La Ferveur (GB), f, 3, Ghaiyyath (Ire)--Impulsion (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Footstepsinthesand (GB). Granville, 6-8, 8 1/2fT. B-Carisbrooke Stud. *85,000gns Wlg '22 TATDEC; 190,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT.

Optimus (Fr), c, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Pagaille (Ger), by Teofilo (Ire). Durtal, 6-9, 14 1/2fT, 3:24.31. B-Guy Pariente Holding. *€50,000 Ylg '23 ARQOCT.

Orly (Fr), c, 3, Threat (Ire)--Rive Reine (Fr), by Morandi (Fr). Limoges, 6-8, 10 1/2fT, 1:20.01. B-Hugues Rousseau.

Ponte De Lima (Fr), c, 3, King Of Change (GB)--Swift Mover (Ire), by Sire Prancealot (Ire). Limoges, 6-8, 10 1/2fT, 2:10.00. B-David Catalao Da Cunha.

Red Savannah (Fr), f, 3, Persian King (Ire)--Rueing, by Street Cry (Ire). Durtal, 6-9, 11 1/2fT, 2:25.57. B-Haras Voltaire. *€30,000 RNA Ylg '23 ARQOCT.

Sea The Aurora (Fr), f, 3, Sea The Moon (Ger)--Abys (Fr) (SP-Fr & Ger), by Montjeu (Ire). Wissembourg, 6-9, 12fT, 2:33.95. B-Eric Puerari, Ecurie du Parc Monceau & Herald Bloodstock Ltd. *€22,000 Ylg '23 ARQOCT. **Full to Vigatata (Fr), MGSP-Fr; and 1/2 to Suffrage (Fr) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), SP-Fr.

Shearkan (Fr), f, 3, Penny's Picnic (Ire)--Nelkan (Ire), by Dubawi (Ire). Dax, 6-9, 6fT, 1:11.60. B-Mme Yvette Pantall & Henri-Alex Pantall.

Soliway (Fr), c, 3, Galiway (GB)--Sofia (Fr), by Kingman (GB). Savenay, 6-8, 10 1/2fT, 2:12.94. B-J-P-J Dubois.

Senonnian (Fr), g, 3, The Grey Gatsby (Ire)--Exeter (Fr), by Kabool (GB). Salon-de-Provence, 6-9, 10fT, 2:04.26. B-SARL Jedburgh Stud. *€7,000 RNA Ylg '23 ARQOCT.

GERMANY

Monday's Results:

GROSSER PREIS DER HANNOVERSCHEN VOLKSBANK - STEHER CUP-Listed, €25,000, Hannover, 6-9, 4yo/up, 15fT, 3:14.87, gd.

1--NASTARIA (GB), 125, m, 6, Outstrip (GB)--Cinta (GB), by Monsun (Ger). (€8,000 Ylg '20 BBAGS; €15,000 Ylg '20 BBAGO). O/T-Anna Schleusner-Fruhriep; B-Mme Mette Campbell-Andenaes; J-Jozef Bojko. €15,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Ger, 34-8-7-9, €228,525.

2--Padre Palou (Ger), 128, h, 5, Mastercraftsman (Ire)--Promesse De L'Aube (Fr), by Galileo (Ire). (€70,000 RNA Ylg '21 BBAGS). O/B-Volker Kaufling; T-Henk Grewe. €5,000.

3--Waldadler (Ger), 128, g, 6, Adlerflug (Ger)--Waldblume (Ger), by Halling. (€9,000 Ylg '20 BBAGS). O-Stall Kalifornia; B-Gestut Sommerberg; T-Pavel Vovcenko. €3,125.

Margins: 1, 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 6.40, 1.60, 1.80.

Also Ran: Namouria (Fr), Wurfgeist (Ger), Aff Un Zo (Ger), Night Of Laki's (Ger).

2nd-Cologne, €10,000, Mdn, 6-9, 3yo, 9 1/4fT, 1:57.61, sf.

ISMAHANE (GER) (f, 3, Isfahan {Ger}--Identity {Ger}, by Manduro {Ger}), a May 18 debut third over course and distance last time, raced two lengths off the pace in third after the initial strides of this one. Pushed along once into the home straight, the 11-5 second choice came under sterner urging inside the final quarter-mile and kept on in relentlessly to nail Duchess Of Lips (Soldier Hollow) by a pixel on the line. Ismahane is the fifth of seven foals and fourth scorer produced by a winning daughter of the stakes-placed Irisijana (Diktat), herself kin to the multiple Group 1-placed G2 German 2000 Guineas hero Irian (Tertullian), Group-winning G1 Preis von Europa runner-up Ibicenco (Shirocco) and the dual stakes-placed Isotta (Tiger Hill). The March-foaled bay is a full-sister to G3 Premio Guido Berardelli victrix and G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) runner-up Isfahani, a 2-year-old filly and a yearling colt. Sales history: €90,000 Ylg '23 BBAGS. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €7,250.

O-Darius Racing; B-Gestut Karlshof; T-Marian Falk Weissmeier.



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2nd-Hannover, €10,000, Cond, 6-9, 3yo, 12fT, 2:33.52, gd. FANTASTICO (FR) (c, 3, Adlerflug {Ger}--Bravo Girl {Fr} {GSP-Ger}, by Lord Of England {Ger}), who holds the distinction of being his late sire's last born foal, broke smartly before being anchored behind the leading duo. Staying on strongly to collar Livin (Mastercraftsman) in the shade of the post, the 5-2 second favourite had a nose to spare there. The Group 3-placed dam, who produced Lawman's Listed Diana-Trial runner-up Sunshine Girl, is a half the G2 German 1,000 Guineas winner and Stakes producer Ajaxana by Rock Of Gibraltar. Her 2-year-old filly is by Intello, while she also has a colt foal by Japan. Sales history: Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,000.

O-Stall Lucky Owner; B-K Hofmann; T-Waldemar Hickst.

3rd-Hannover, €10,000, Mdn, 6-9, 3yo, 8fT, 1:38.83, gd. SADORA (GER) (f, 3, Amaron {GB}--Sanora {Ger} {GSW-Ger}, by Soldier Hollow {GB}), second going one mile at Cologne in her May 4 debut last time, was swiftly into stride from the outside stall and seized an immediate lead here. Untroubled on the front end throughout, the 9-10 pick was asked to stretch off the home turn and lengthened clear in style inside the final quarter-mile to easily account for Westwood (Areion) by 4 1/4 lengths. Sadora, half-sister to a yearling filly by Japan, is the first of two foals out of G3 Fritz Henkel Stiftung-Rennen Sanora (Soldier Hollow). Descendants of the April-foaled bay's stakes-winning fourth dam Shona (Windwurf) include G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin winner Sirius (Dashing Blade), GI Hollywood Turf Cup hero Sanagas (Lomitas) and the Group-winning sires Sommerabend (Shamardal) and Sommertag (Tiger Hill). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €8,000.

O-Stall Chronos; B-Sandra Lony & Gerhard Moser; T-Andreas Wohler.

4th-Hannover, €10,000, Mdn, 6-9, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:08.49, gd. RAPOSA (GER) (f, 3, Frankel {GB}--Realeza {Ger} {SW-Ger}, by Maxios {GB}), third on debut at Hoppegarten last month, missed the break but was able to recover quickly and take control on the front end by the first bend. Pushed out with hands and heels to settle the result inside the final furlong, the 6-5 favourite scored comfortably by 1 3/4 lengths from Lucky Shawna (Amaron). The first winner from two runners out of the Listed Diana-Trial-winning dam, Raposa hails from the family of Monsun's Listed Lord Weinstock Memorial Stakes winner Rumh whose five Stakes performers are headed by the GI Breeders' Cup Turf hero Yibir (Dubawi) and his similarly high-achieving full-sister Wild Illusion. Also connected to Monsun's GI Beverly D. Stakes heroine Stakes producer Royal Highness and the G1 Dubai World Cup hero Electrocutonist (Red Ransom), Realeza also has a 2-year-old filly by Japan, a yearling filly by New Bay

and a colt foal by Palace Pier. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €7,250. O/B-Gestut Fahrhof; T-Andreas Wohler.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Piu Bella (Ger), f, 3, Areion (Ger)--Passcode (GB), by Camacho (GB). Cologne, 6-9, 7fT, 1:25.41. B-Thomas Schaffer.

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TOM REILLY REMOVED AS CEO OF MELBOURNE RACING CLUB



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The Melbourne Racing Club announced on Monday that Tom Reilly has been removed as CEO.

"Sometimes it just doesn't work out," MRC Chairman John Kanga said in a press statement. "Tom was only CEO for three months and when things don't go as well as they should, it is best to pivot and move on. Everyone can be assured that we have put a management structure in place to ensure a smooth transition. I will spend substantial time at the Club as chairman, as I did before Tom Reilly was appointed."

He added, "I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Tanya Fullarton as Chief Operating Officer to work with me. Tanya has an excellent reputation and deep experience and relationships across the racing industry."

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