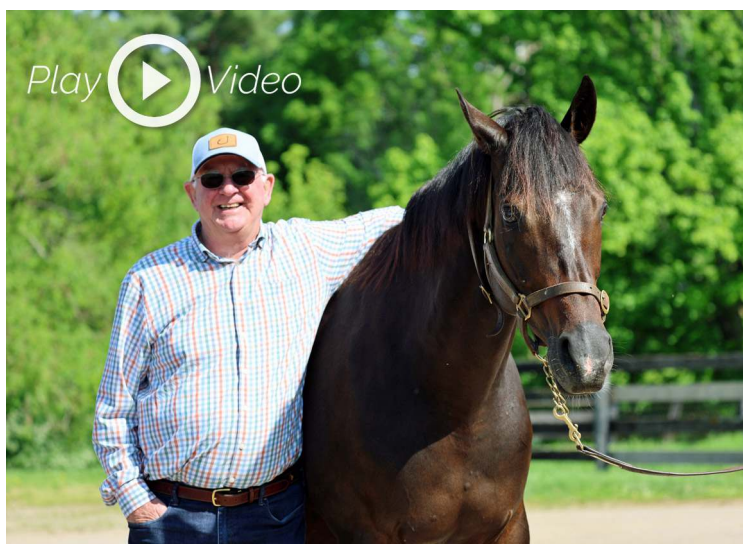


WITH STAR BROODMARE KAMAKURA, MIKE RYAN BRINGING OUT THE BEST



Click here for our visit with Mike Ryan and his
Grade I-producing star broodmare Kamakura | Katie Petrunyak

by Katie Petrunyak

Bloodstock agent Mike Ryan has picked out dozens of Grade I winners over the years. He has also bred Grade I winners, most notably Kentucky Derby winner Always Dreaming (Bodemeister) and his half-sister Hot Dixie Chick (Dixie Union), and he's even raced a few, including 2008 GI Spinaway Stakes victress Mani Bhavan (Storm Boot) and 2019 GI United Nations Stakes winner (Tiz Wonderful)

But this year's GI Gamely Stakes marked a particularly special victory for Ryan when **'TDN Rising Star' Be Your Best (Ire)** (Muhaarar {GB}), a horse that he bred *and* races, scored her first win at the elite level.

"It doesn't get any better," said Ryan, who watched the Santa Anita race from back home in Kentucky. "It's the pinnacle, when you've had patience and are lucky enough to make some good decisions along the way. It was a very thrilling win and very exciting because of her being a homebred and still having the mare and the siblings."

One of Be Your Best's siblings is poised to further bolster his family's credentials.

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CDI TELLS LOUISIANA COMMISSION IT WANTS TO SURRENDER FAIR GROUNDS LICENSE by T.D. Thornton

Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI) has escalated its recent threat of pulling out of racing at Fair Grounds in New Orleans.

"Given the legislature's ease with which it approved legislation that is directly adverse and harmful to the economic interests of Fair Grounds, the opposition by elected officials to engage in meaningful solutions in collaboration with the Fair Grounds, and the forthcoming adjournment of the legislative session, CDI is left with no choice but to request an appearance before the LSRC to begin the next steps for voluntarily surrendering the racing license held by the Fair Grounds," stated a June 9 letter signed by CDI's chief executive, Bill Carstanjen, that was sent to the Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC) and CC'd to high-ranking state politicians.

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IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

GAVOO BIDDING FOR ROYAL ASCOT GLORY

Trainer David Marnane is high on G2 Coventry Stakes-bound **Gavoo (Ire)** (Elzaam {Aus}). Brian Sheerin has the details.

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Mark Casse team members Sam Bussanich, assistant trainer Shane Tripp and Jacinta O'Brien stand proudly with GIII Wonder Again Stakes winner Nitrogen (*Medaglia d'Oro*) and GI DK Horse Acorn Stakes winner La Cara (*Street Sense*), both newly minted millionaire 3-year-old fillies following their wins this past weekend at Saratoga.

| Photo courtesy of Mark Casse team

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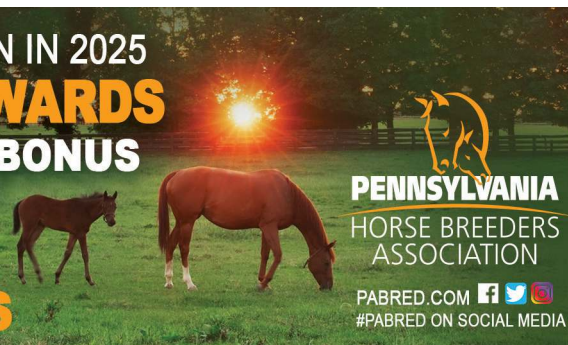
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During the first session of the under-tack show for the OBS June 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale Tuesday, a trio of first-crop juveniles shared the furlong bullet. Jessica Martini has more.

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Mike Ryan, cont. from p1

'TDN Rising Star' Postmodern (Too Darn Hot)--whom Ryan sold for 270,000gns at Tattersalls October Book 1 last year- is pointing toward the G2 Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot on June 17.

Under the moniker St. Croix Bloodstock, Ryan runs a commercial breeding operation with around 35 broodmares. Some are owned in partnership, including the mare he co-owned with his late friend Gerry Dilger that produced a Kentucky Derby winner. He boards the majority of his mares at Indian Creek Farm in Paris, Kentucky, though he also keeps a few at Ballylinch Stud in his native Ireland. Most of his stock goes to auction, but Ryan is not shy about retaining a filly for his own racing program.

Such was the case for Be Your Best, who was foaled and raised at Ballylinch. By the time the filly was a yearling, her sire Muhaarar had fallen out of commercial favor and was moved

from Shadwell's Nunnery Stud to France.

"She wouldn't have brought \$25,000 at a sale," Ryan predicted. "She was a nice yearling but we knew we would be

overlooked at the sales and understandably so. If it had been a colt, I probably would not have kept him. But she had enough quality about her that I said, 'Let's bring her back to America and see what we can do.'"

After earning the 'Rising Star' nod in her Saratoga debut and collecting a stakes win in the P.G. Johnson Stakes under the tutelage of trainer Horacio de Paz, Be Your Best has raced almost exclusively in graded company over her four years on the racetrack. She was

transferred to Saffie Joseph, Jr. last fall and has since made four trips to the winner's circle, including a gutsy score in the GII Pegasus World Cup Filly and Mare Turf Invitational Stakes.

Ryan said that one of the keys to the now-millionaire's recent success has been figuring out her affinity for firm turf. **Cont.**



Be Your Best wins the Gamely | Benoit

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Mike Ryan, cont.

In between her wins in the Pegasus and the Gamely, Be Your Best put in a disappointing last-place effort in the GI Jenny Wiley Stakes during a particularly soggy Keeneland meet.

"We finally understand now that she doesn't want anything but fast, firm ground and since Saffie has had her, she's won four of six races, all graded stakes," said Ryan. "She has been a remarkable filly. She's very sound, very low maintenance and she's been very consistent."

From here, Ryan reported that Be Your Best will likely make an appearance in the GI Diana Stakes at Saratoga on July 12, although the Beverly D. Stakes at Colonial and E. P. Taylor Stakes at Woodbine are also under consideration.

"If it's not firm ground, she won't run," he said. "She'll have two more races hopefully before the Breeders' Cup. We think she'll like that firm turf [at Del Mar]. When we give her the time between races, on the right surface, she always runs well."

While awaiting Be Your Best's next start, Ryan has plenty more to look forward to from other members of his star homebred's family.

Just four days before Be Your Best's Gamely score, her half-brother Postmodern stamped his ticket to Royal Ascot after an eye-catching five-length debut win at Yarmouth on May 22 for owner Wathnan Racing and trainer Hamad Al Jehani.

"He has a blend of terrific speed, but he should be able to get a mile to a mile and an eighth and possibly a mile a quarter like Be Your Best," said Ryan. "Too Darn Hot is one of the most exciting young stallions in Europe. I'm a huge fan of Dubawi (Ire) and he's one of Dubawi's best sons. Postmodern has gotten a lot of media attention. The manner of his win was super impressive and we're really looking forward to seeing him run in the Coventry, but he better be good because Aidan O'Brien has got a couple of nice Wootton Bassetts that are going to be there as well." **Cont.**



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Mike Ryan, cont.

With both Be Your Best and Postmodern showing sky's-the-limit potential for the latter half of the year, their dam Kamakura (**Medaglia d'Oro**) is well positioned to cement her status as a top-class broodmare for Ryan.

Ryan purchased Kamakura from Godolphin for 150,000gns at the 2016 Tattersalls July Sale. The 3-year-old was unraced, but came with a pedigree that was too good for Ryan to pass up.

"This was one the greatest pedigrees of Mr. [William] Farish, with Up the Flagpole (Hoist the Flag) and Flagbird (Nureyev)," Ryan described. "Those kinds of pedigrees are hard to access and when you have the opportunity, I prefer really good bloodlines over a mare that was a good race mare but doesn't have much pedigree."



Kamakura and her **Cody's Wish** foal | Katie Petrunyak


Already, Kamakura has had three winners from four to race, starting with her first foal Komachi (Ire) (**Kingman {GB}**) who sold for 625,000gns as a yearling back in 2019.

Ryan is hoping for more fireworks from the family this fall when the latest Kamakura yearling hits the sales ring. The mare's Baaeed (GB) filly was foaled and raised at Indian Creek, but was recently sent to Ireland where she will point toward the Tattersalls October Sale.

"She is very impressive," Ryan noted. "She's a big, strong, powerful filly with a lot of **Medaglia d'Oro** in her. She's much bigger than Be Your Best."

With Be Your Best's growing reputation in the U.S., Kamakura is here to stay for the time being. This year she produced a **Cody's Wish** colt and has since checked in foal to **Nyquist**.

"The family goes both ways," explained Ryan. "There is a lot of dirt and grass in this pedigree, so it seems very versatile from that perspective. We don't have a half-sister right now except for the yearling filly that is going to sell at Tattersalls, so if she were carrying a **Nyquist** filly we would lean pretty heavily towards keeping her and racing her ourselves." **Cont.**




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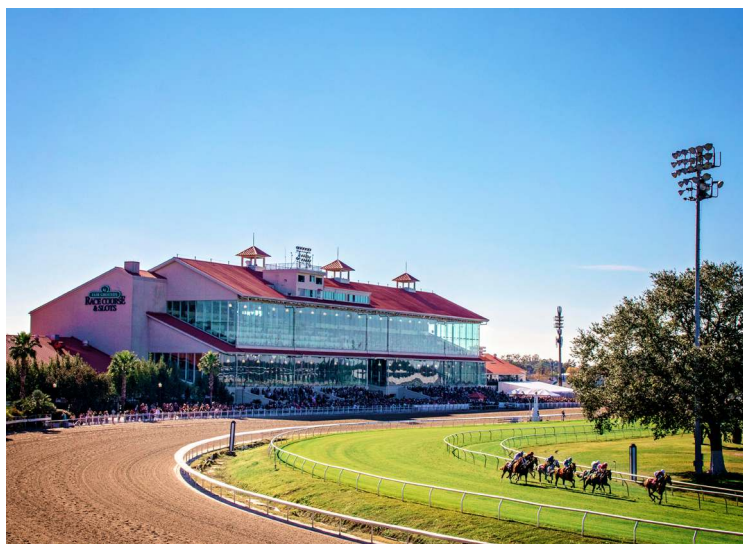
"The mare is only 12 years of age, so hopefully we'll have a few more years to get another filly out of her."

Ryan said he has around 20 horses in his racing program. He is excited about several 2-year-old homebreds set to debut in the coming months, especially a half-sister to stakes winner Saddle Up Jessie (More Than Ready) named Give Your Best (Ire) (Too Darn Hot), as well as a filly he owns with his friend Jeff Drown called Sweet Little Lila (Ire) (Palace Pier {GB}), who is the first foal out of the partners' Grade I-placed mare Sassy Little Lila (Artie Schiller).

For Ryan, watching a mare like Kamakura make an impact on both sides of the Atlantic is the validation of a long-term vision. And he is confident that there is still more to come.

"She's on her way to becoming a blue hen like her great-grandmother Up the Flagpole," he said. "It's a lot of fun. Believe me, we're enjoying the ride."

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Fair Grounds, cont. from p1

Fair Grounds | Hodges Photography

Carstanjen wrote that, "It is my understanding that soon after the Louisiana Legislature adjourns on June 12, 2025, an emergency meeting of the LSRC will be conducted. This correspondence is CDI's formal request to appear at the meeting to discuss the timeline and next steps concerning the license" that CDI holds for Fair Grounds.

The letter, which *TDN* obtained from a CDI spokesperson, was delivered almost a month after a **May 13 commission meeting** at which a CDI attorney informed commissioners that the Kentucky-based gaming corporation might pull out of Fair Grounds over a Louisiana Supreme Court ruling in March that

upheld a lower court's ruling from 2021 deeming historical horse racing (HHR) to be unconstitutional.

CDI in recent seasons has ceased racing at such high-profile tracks as Arlington and Calder over alleged profitability issues related to gaming.

Benard Chatters, the president of the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (LAHBPA), told *TDN* in a Tuesday phone interview that his organization intends to take an active role in making sure the November-through-March season at Fair Grounds goes off as scheduled.

"Hopefully cooler heads prevail. That's my thinking on the matter," Chatters said.

"We'll sit down and look at the situation and see how we can work together to make everybody a winner," Chatters said. "The Fair Grounds is very important to Louisiana, to New Orleans, and to the country. And we're going to do everything we can--as the horsemen's representative, I promise you--to make sure the Fair Grounds is in business and doing what it's done for the last century. I'm committed to that."

Chatters continued: "I can't speak to Churchill's position. Are they angry [at] a downturn in business? You know, I'd be in a heck of a fix when business went bad for me for a little while if I just up and quit. That doesn't quite sound like the horse racing business to me. From a horseman's perspective, we always do what's right for horse racing in Louisiana, and we always work diligently with and for the Fair Grounds, all the time. So I get kind of baffled how this thing escalates all of a sudden into 'Are we closing down?' But, like I said, cooler heads will prevail."

"I believe," Chatters added. "I hope." **Cont.**



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Fair Grounds, cont.

According to a June 10 story published by the Louisiana news site NOLA.com, the LSRC's executive director, Stephen Landry, said Tuesday that he's seen the CDI letter, but that a date hasn't yet been set for the next meeting, which he expects will be within 30 days.

Carstanjen's letter stated that, "For the last few months, CDI has attempted to engage in good faith discussions with elected officials and various other industry stakeholders to find a path toward long term economic viability for the Fair Grounds after the recent decision of the Louisiana Supreme Court that resulted in the elimination of HHR and nearly half of the Fair Grounds' off-track betting (OTB) revenues. To date, our efforts to engage elected officials have not led to meaningful discussions and, confoundingly, CDI's efforts have been met with a combination of reluctance, indifference, apathy, and even opposition."

Two bills recently passed by the House and Senate but not yet signed into law by the governor are problematic for CDI.

House Bill 540 would allow truck stop operators to increase the number of poker machines they can operate from 50 to 60, while bars and restaurants would be able to go from operating three to four machines.



The paddock at Fair Grounds | Horsephotos

According to reporting by Anthony McAuley and Tyler Bridges of NOLA.com, "HB540 aims to offset the loss of revenue to the horse racing industry from the shutdown of Churchill Downs' HHR machines. For the first time, the new law sets aside a share of video poker revenue from sources other than track operators. That money will go directly to the horse racing industry in the form of higher purses."

House Bill 547 would authorize fixed-odds wagering on horse races in Louisiana, establishing a purse supplement fund that would direct 55% of its money to Thoroughbreds, 24% to Quarter Horses, 14% to the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association, and 7% to the Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders

Association for breeder awards.

Carstanjen didn't view either of those bills as being beneficial for CDI.

"To make matters worse, the passing of HB 540 and 547 further negatively impacts the Fair Grounds' ability to remain competitive," Carstanjen wrote.



Fair Grounds | Hodges Photography

"House Bill 540 will lead to significant cannibalization of revenue from our OTB network in and around greater New Orleans, a network in which the Fair Grounds has heavily invested since 2005--the only racetrack operator in the state to do so," Carstanjen wrote.

"House Bill 547 will shift wagering handle from current brick and mortar racetracks, OTBs, and advanced deposit wagering platforms, all of which provide revenues to track operators and local horsemen groups, to out-of-state bookmaking operators," Carstanjen wrote.

Senate President Cameron Henry told NOLA.com that CDI's attempts to gain what he termed as separate forms of "subsidies" from the legislature didn't fly with lawmakers, and he indicated he was not afraid to call CDI's bluff about closure.

"They came at the end of the session and wanted a subsidy from the state and we said we couldn't do it because they're a profitable business," Henry told NOLA.com. "If they choose to close the track we'll work through that, if they choose to sell it we'll work through that as well."

Carstanjen's letter indicated that a high-stakes game of political "chicken" could be on the horizon.

"This is not the path CDI wishes to proceed down, but the inaction from elected officials to offer any sort of compromise has made this the only possible outcome..." Carstanjen wrote. "The inaction of the legislature and others in a position to save this racetrack have forced us into the current situation."

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THE FIVE FASTEST MAIDENS, PRESENTED BY TAYLOR MADE, FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 2-9

by Randy Moss

5. ASBURY PARK (GB), 6/6, SAR, Race 8, 1 1/16 miles (turf), VIDEO

Beyer Speed Figure- 85

(c, 4, by **Frankel {GB}**--Limonar {Ire} by Street Cry {Ire})

O-Peter Brant and St Elias Stable. B-St Elias Stable (GB).

T-Chad Brown. J-Flavien Prat.

Not surprisingly, Saratoga produced all five of these maiden graduates--three on Friday. Asbury Park got his race in just before heavy rain and powered away as much the best despite a slow pace, wide trip and an 9 1/2-month layoff due to shin issues. Brant bought the colt as a yearling for \$318,526 from Vinny Viola in October 2023 at Tattersalls, with Viola opting to keep an ownership share. Brown emptied the barn at Saratoga, going 5-for-28 with Grade I and Grade II victories.

4. RAGTIME, 6/6, SAR, Race 2, 7 furlongs, VIDEO

Beyer Speed Figure- 86

(f, 3, by **Union Rags**--Burmilla, by Storm Cat)



Ragtime | Sarah Andrew

O/B-Godolphin (Ky). T-Bill Mott. J-Junior Alvarado.

Mott may be all-world, but he has never prioritized success with first-time starters: heading into Saratoga last weekend he had lost with 43 in a row. Then he unleashed winning debuters Friday and Saturday at 9-1 and 8-1 odds, respectively, and both make our top five. Ragtime rolled to the front in midstretch and drew off sharply by 3 3/4 lengths. Her now-22-year-old dam Burmilla had her own Saratoga highlight: in 2007 she earned a 107 Beyer in taking the Grade II Honorable Miss.

3. HIT THE POST, 6/6, SAR, Race 14, 7 furlongs, VIDEO

Beyer Speed Figure- 87

(g, 3, by **Kantharos**--Memento d'Oro, by **Medaglia d'Oro**)

O/B- Old Tavern Farm (NY). T-Melanie Giddings. J-Chris Elliott.

In his fourth career start and first as a 3-year-old after 7 1/2 months sidelined, Hit the Post dashed to the front and splashed home a decisive 6 3/4 lengths ahead of New York-breds. Saddled by Giddings of Maple Leaf Mel fame, he became the first Saratoga winner for apprentice Elliott and the second for owners/breeders Walt and Melanie Borisenck, who in 2016 founded Old Tavern Farm in Saratoga Springs.

2. MAINSTREAM, 6/7, SAR, Race 2, 7 furlongs (2nd), VIDEO

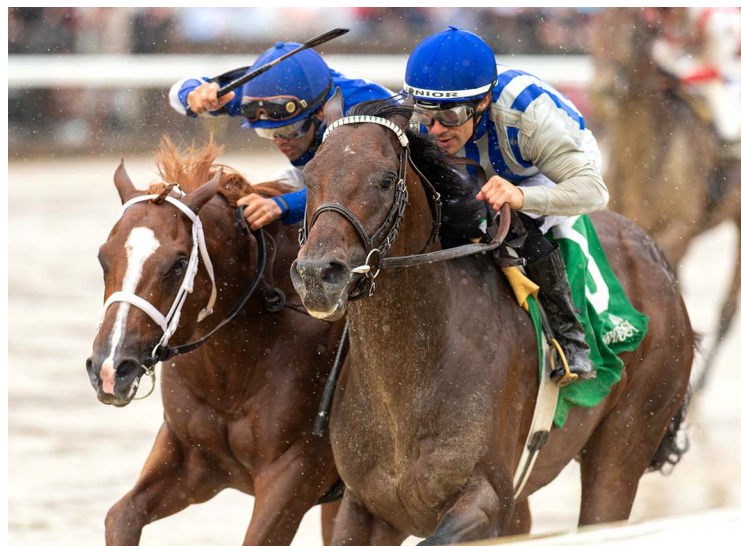
Beyer Speed Figure- 92

(c, 3, by **Speightstown**--Lesley May, by **Tapit**)

O-Jeffrey Drown, Don Rachel and Stonestreet Stables.

B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings. T-Brad Cox. J-Luis Saez.

Of those who have raced, Mainstream was perhaps America's fastest maiden before Saturday--and still is. At 3-5 odds, he battled head-to-head with Junior Alvarado and Stars and Strides for the final 3/16th as they leaned/rubbed/bumped repeatedly. A stewards' inquiry resulted in no change and Mainstream is 0-for-3 despite back-to-back 92 Beyers on sloppy tracks. **Cont.**



Stars and Strides (inside) and Mainstream | Sarah Andrew

Five Fastest Maidens, cont.

Trip note: he stumbled at the break Saturday, and despite an impressively quick recovery may have been unlucky since the final margin was only a head.

1. STARS AND STRIDES, 6/7, SAR, Race 2, 7 furlongs, VIDEO**Beyer Speed Figure- 92**

(c, 3, by **American Pharoah**--Holiday Blues, by Ghostzapper)

O-Pin Oak Stud. B-Four Pillars Holdings (Ky). T-Bill Mott. J-Junior Alvarado.

This \$475,000 yearling buy was Mott's second winning first-timer in two days, showing talent and determination to outfinish Mainstream. Aside from his 'Pharoah' genes, his half-brother Panther Island was a stakes sprinter on turf and he already shows a bullet work on grass at Payson, so the green is a nice future option.

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BREEDING DIGEST: EPSOM REMINDS US WHO'S THE DADDY

by Chris McGrath

First and foremost, let's salute Journalism (**Curlin**) and his connections for confirming that only feebleness in horsemen, not horses, menaces the Triple Crown schedule. In last weekend replicating his Churchill challenge to crop leader Sovereignty (Into Mischief), moreover actually moving up his numbers, the only horse to contest all three legs demonstrated precisely the prowess that breeders have long sought from this series. That deserves to be remembered once Journalism goes to stud.

Obviously the GI Belmont Stakes is not asking quite so exacting a question just now. By the same token, we cannot give full weight to what would otherwise represent a new horizon for the sire of the horse who denied Journalism a Triple Crown. Into Mischief's evolution as a Classic influence, having started as a purveyor of precocity round a single turn, has corresponded to the upgrading of his mares with uncommon neatness. For him to sire a Classic winner over 12 furlongs, however, would still feel almost as startling as when Scat Daddy did so in 2018.

As it turns out, **Justify** has duly confirmed himself to have advertised genetic wares of great significance that day. Sadly his prospects of in turn slaking our thirst for a British Triple Crown winner were thwarted by Ruling Court's withdrawal at Epsom on Saturday. Nonetheless the horse who exploited his absence, Lambourn (Ire) (**Australia** **[GB]**), was still able to enhance the legacy of Scat Daddy--this time as a broodmare sire.

Lambourn's dam Gossamer Wings (Scat Daddy) was a very sharp juvenile, beaten a nostril in the G2 Queen Mary Stakes. If her contemporaries matured past her, that scarcely disqualified her as a familiar kind of foil for that latent dourness that Coolmore managed so successfully in Galileo (Ire) and meanwhile in sons such as Australia.

Many breeders can attest that matings intended to balance extremes mostly cancel out distinction of any kind, so there's nothing merely formulaic to the way Galileo conjured the best of both worlds from sprinting mares. True, you might argue that Sovereignty represents a broadly similar equation, in reverse: a mare laden with the Triple Crown endurance of Seattle Slew (sire of her third dam, while her own sire Bernardini is a grandson) sent for extra pep to Into Mischief.

But remember that when **Justify** stretched for the Belmont, he could draw even on his sire for help: Scat Daddy's granddam was by the last horse to win that 8f-14f British Triple Crown. Nijinsky also recurs in the bottom half of the pedigree, **Justify**'s third dam being by his son Baldski. One of his lesser sons, maybe, but one who certainly channelled aristocratic blood: his dam, inbred 2x3 to Nasrullah, also produced Capote and Exceller.

Now these names lurk in a pretty deep seam. For some of us, however, one of the keys to pedigree breadth is seeding by sires that themselves represent good family. Because if you can't even be sure what color your foal's coat will be, then you want to be entwining as many strands of quality as possible.

As grandsire and damsire of Gossamer Wings, for instance, neither Johannesburg nor Rubiano are necessarily limited by their individual stud records when it comes to an eligibility, in the right circumstances, to spark something special. (As Rubiano perhaps did already, for instance, as damsire of **War Front**.) Johannesburg is a conduit for the Narrate line, his dam being half-sister to Tale of the Cat and Minardi. **Cont.**



Lambourn after winning the Betfred Derby | Emma Berry



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Breeding Digest, cont.

And Rubiano's dam Ruby Slippers, who incidentally introduces another dose of her sire Nijinsky, additionally produced **Tapit's** dam Tap Your Heels (Unbridled). (**Tapit**, of course, is by another stallion representing the Narrate family in Pulpit.)

Lambourn's third dam, meanwhile, was by Hero's Honor. Hardly one of Northern Dancer's more influential sons--but look at the other taps out of the same pipe: his siblings include Sea Hero and Wild Applause, herself dam of Yell, Eastern Echo and Roar. Again, then, his individual profile doesn't necessarily put a ceiling on the right of Hero's Honor to filter something special into the mix.

Ultimately, indeed, the same holds true of Australia himself: if his overall performance cannot be considered electrifying, exceptional genetic embers remain available to be stoked up behind him (Ouija Board (GB)/Urban Sea/Park Appeal (Ire) etc).

Few would bother with this kind of exercise when it comes to Crowned (Bernardini), the late dam of Sovereignty. Besides being by an outstanding broodmare sire, her grandsire and damsire are huge brands: A.P. Indy and Empire Maker. But let's not forget that both are out of mares, Weekend Surprise and Toussaud, that do not owe their celebrity exclusively to the sons who happen to put their names in this pedigree.

In fact, it's much the same even with Into Mischief. When he went to stud, a dam by Tricky Creek looked a pretty tricky proposition--but then of course Leslie's Lady additionally produced Beholder (Henny Hughes) and **Mendelssohn** (Scat Daddy).

Now Sovereignty is plainly entitled to draw on much else besides, his first three dams all having been seven-figure yearlings. Crowned was the second foal of GI Spinster winner Mushka (Empire Maker), herself first foal of turf stakes winner Sluice (Empire Maker); and the latter, in turn, was second foal of Lakeway (Seattle Slew), winner of four Grade 1s.

Beyond this sequence of early foals, this family has admittedly produced plenty of expensive disappointments. It certainly hasn't lacked opportunity. We can seldom account for why one particular angle should have clicked, when so many others subsequently don't. But that's the point, really: the richer the seeding of those neglected third and fourth generations, the less it will matter which flavor ultimately percolates through.

Mischief Nearing New Heights

With another sophomore son, '**TDN Rising Star**' Patch Adams, winning the GI Woody Stephens Stakes on the same card, Into Mischief is already hurtling towards his seventh successive championship.

That would match the streak put together between 1963 and 1969 by Bold Ruler, who added an eighth title in 1973. Even that modern record--we must leave Lexington's achievements the previous century as a case apart--scarcely feels safe from a

20-year-old of such freakish libido and fertility. Despite his intimidating fee, Into Mischief's last published book in 2024 actually moved back up to 193 after an outstanding 82 percent of 174 mares the previous year delivered live foals.

His sheer volume makes it very hard to lay a glove on the Spendthrift phenomenon, now breathing down the neck of **Tapit** at the head of the all-time North American sires' table.

Despite **Tapit's** four extra crops, the pair are virtually in step, Into Mischief having now

just edged ahead by starters (1,458 over 1,453), winners (1,069 over 1,065) and stakes winners (175 over 168). **Tapit's** ratios in the elite indices remain clear, however, last weekend reaching another landmark with his 200th graded stakes performer, ahead of Into Mischief on 161.

But that gap has steadily closed with the upgrading of his mares, and Into Mischief will shortly seize **Tapit's** crown. His lifetime earnings have now reached \$216,254,446, with the venerable gray clinging on at \$217,020,128.

Well Dressed Family Cutting a Dash

Like so many stallions, even Into Mischief finds himself indebted to Distorted Humor mares. In fact, Patch Adams brings them up to a startling one-in-five among his 25 elite winners. Back in 2021 the WinStar team had particular encouragement to send the dam of Patch Adams, Well Humored (Distorted Humor), over to Spendthrift. For just about then they were buzzing over the sensational emergence of **Life Is Good**, a yearling purchase with China Horse Club on the same cross. CHC are duly also partners in Patch Adams, the first foal out of Well Humored to reach the track.

This family had quite a weekend. **Cont.**



Sovereignty | Sarah Andrew

Breeding Digest, cont.

The day before the Woody Stephens, Well Humored's half-brother and **'TDN Rising Star'** Parchment Party (**Constitution**) romped over twice the distance in the GIII Belmont Gold Cup-- a freakish test, albeit transferred off the turf, for American Thoroughbreds.

Well Humored herself won a stakes in a light career, while her brother Muqtaser managed a couple of graded stakes podiums. But the most accomplished foal out of their dam Life Well Lived (Tiznow) remains GI Maker's 46 Mile winner American Patriot. The latter joined Darley Japan on retirement, his third dam being sister to the mother of dual Japanese Horse of the Year Symboli Kris S. But the core of the dynasty spreads beneath Life Well Lived's dam, Well Dressed (Notebook), a stakes-winning sprinter whose \$150,000 purchase at the 2001 Keeneland November Sale has proved outstanding value.



Patch Adams | Sarah Andrew

The Awesome Again filly she was carrying that day has since become granddam of the top-class Cyberknife (**Gun Runner**). But Well Dressed in the meantime discovered a particular affinity to Distorted Humor and/or Tiznow, both of course resident at WinStar.

Most obviously Well Armed (Tiznow) banked over \$5 million; while the five Tiznow siblings inspired by his G1 Dubai World Cup success included not just Life Well Lived but also the dam of GI La Troienne Stakes winner Played Hard (Into Mischief). Well Dressed's three foals by Distorted Humor, meanwhile, all contributed to the page: graded stakes winner/producer Witty; GI Travers-placed Helsinki; and the unraced O'Toole, whose daughter by Tiznow produced multiple graded stakes winner Mr. Money (Goldencents). That formula (by a son of Into Mischief, first two dams by Tiznow and Distorted Humor) represents an especially strong echo of Patch Adams (by Into

Mischief, first two dams by Distorted Humor and Tiznow). No patching up required by a family as Well Dressed as this one.

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TRIO OF FIRST-CROP JUVENILES SHARE FURLONG BULLET AT OBS TUESDAY

by Jessica Martini

In the early minutes of the first session of the under-tack show for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's June 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale Tuesday, a colt by Yaupon (**hip 104**) turned in what would be the day's fastest furlong time of :9 4/5 and that mark was matched later in the day by a filly by Leinster (**hip 81**) and a colt by Engage (**hip 152**).

It was the second :9 4/5 work at OBS for the colt from the first crop of Yaupon, who put in a similar work ahead of the company's March sale.

"It wasn't a big surprise that he went as fast as he did, because he'd already went :9 4/5 in March," said consignor Julie Davies. "He had a P1 [chip] after the breeze in March, so we had to stop and take that out. We had plenty of interest in him in March, but people didn't want to fool with that. So obviously there was the question mark of what fitness he lost in the time that he was off, as he hasn't done much between then and now, but we had no reason to think that he wouldn't do as well as he did then. He showed up and he did it again."

When the colt was purchased for \$85,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale, the name on the ticket was 'Happy Birthday, Chili.'

"My boyfriend, Chalino, picked him out as a yearling," Davies said. "He and Tami Bobo were together up in the back ring and they picked him out. Everybody calls him Chili, and it was his birthday, so Tami signed the ticket Happy Birthday Chili." **Cont.**



OBS sales grounds | OBS photo

OBS under-tack show, cont.

The colt is out of After the Party (Into Mischief) and from the family of Grade I winner Callback.

"He has always been fast and he's always been very happy to train," Davies said of the juvenile. "He enjoys training. He's a happy horse with a great mind."

A filly from the first crop of multiple graded winner Leinster, who is already sire of the Royal Ascot-bound Lennilu, equaled the furlong bullet for consignor Octavio Mejia. The bay is out of Wildcat Gaze (Wildcat Heir), a half-sister to stakes winners Saratoga Treasure (Treasure Beach {GB}) and April Gaze (High Cotton).

Purchased for \$13,000 at the OBS Winter sale last year, she RNA'd for \$27,000 at the OBS October sale.

Rounding out the trio of bullet workers was a colt by another first-crop sire in multiple graded winner Engage. Consigned by Blue Sapphire Stables, the juvenile hit the bullet mark Tuesday despite changing leads several times down the lane.

"Three weeks ago, he kicked the stall at the farm and the leg went through it and he got a serious cut," said Blue Sapphire's Jesus Avila. "It still bothers him a little bit, so that could be why he was switching leads there."

Avila continued, "He prepped :10 flat last week. So he could have gone :9 3/5, I think."

The bay colt is out of Bazinga B (Lion Hearted) and is a half-brother to stakes winner Bazinga C (Exaggerator). He was purchased for \$3,500 at last year's OBS October sale.

Blue Sapphire Stables also sent out the fastest quarter-mile worker of Tuesday's session when **I'm Here For Grace** (Combatant) ([hip 45](#)) covered the distance in :20 4/5.

"She was fast, but she is kind of small," Avila said. "I think she's 15.2, but she can run. She is a late April foal, so I think she is still going to grow."

The filly is out of stakes-placed True Religion (Yes It's True), a half-sister to graded winner Sharp Sensation (Sharp Humor), and she is a half to stakes-placed Monster Man (Unbridled's Song). She was purchased for \$5,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October sale.

"I want to buy the best ones for little money," Avila said with a laugh when asked about his yearling purchases. "I buy inexpensive horses--under \$10,000. So I look at the new sires and the [lighter] pedigree page."

Tuesday was the first of five sessions of the under-tack show and Davies said she thought conditions had remained consistent throughout the day.

"It didn't get too hot, it rained a little, so I did feel like it stayed pretty consistent today," she said.

The under-tack show continues through Saturday with sessions beginning each day at 7:30 a.m.

The June sale will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday. Bidding commences at 10 a.m. for each session.

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'TDN RISING STAR' OUTFIELDER TO MISS

ROYAL ASCOT by Bill Finley



Outfielder | Coady Media

Trainer Wesley Ward has sent some very good horses to Royal Ascot over the years and has won 12 races there. Win No. 13 looked to be well within his reach as he was planning on sending **'TDN Rising Star'** Outfielder (Speightstown) to the G2 Norfolk Stakes on June 19. The horse was so impressive when winning his debut that some believed he could be the best horse Ward ever sent to Ascot.

But a Tuesday morning workout at Keeneland yielded a minor injury that will keep the 2-year-old home.

"We breezed him and there was a little bit of a shin issue," Ward said. "It is very disappointing. With any horse, let alone one with this quality, you don't want to have any issues going into the race. This is just a minor problem and we're still hoping to have a great year with him. I'm still very excited about his future."

Ward remains hopeful that Outfielder can make the GI Prix Morny in Deauville, France on Aug. 24. The Kentucky-based conditioner has won that race three times, with **No Nay Never** (Scat Daddy), Lady Aurelia (Scat Daddy) and Campanelle (Ire) (Kodiac ({GB})).

With Outfielder sidelined, Ward will not have a starter at this year's Royal Ascot meet.

Racing at Churchill Downs, Outfielder won his debut by 6 1/4 lengths and covered the five furlongs on the turf in :55.93 seconds. **Cont.**

Outfielder to miss Royal Ascot, cont.

"He moves like a cat," Ward said after the race. "Usually, big horses like him are kind of lumbery and they don't have the agility that this guy does."

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BLACK TYPE THOROUGHBREDS WANTS ANOTHER SHOT AT ROYAL ASCOT GLORY

by Bill Finley



Crimson Advocate winning at Royal Ascot | Horsephotos

Jake Ballis didn't know quite what to expect when he sent Crimson Advocate (Nyquist) to the 2023 Royal Ascot meet, where she won the G2 Queen Mary Stakes. He says now it was one of the most exciting days of his life, and he has vowed to get back there every day since.

Ballis, who heads the Black Type Racing partnership, couldn't find a runner in 2024 that he thought could win at one of the most competitive meets in the world. But he never stopped looking.

"It was probably the greatest racing experience I've ever had," Ballis said. "It's an unbelievable experience. We wanted to find another horse and do it again. I'm not doing it just to say we had a participant. It needed to be one that we thought had a chance over there. Running against 25 other horses is not an easy task. We have partners that have wanted to run there, especially after we won. We were just trying to find the right one to take us back there."

This time around, he found his horse. Black Type has purchased **Azizam (GB)** (Havana Grey {GB}), a first-out winner at Hamilton Park in Scotland in his debut.

"Why did we buy him? It was the way the horse finished," Ballis said. "The jock flashed him the stick and he just took off. You can see that he was rank early and he was getting no cover.

Once they started going up the hill, the jockey asked him and he had a really nice turn of foot. That was the main thing that caught our eyes. The sire, Havana Grey, has been very, very good. Go back a few years and I wouldn't be looking to buy a turf sprinting colt. But after we won at Ascot in 2023, I wanted to go back. Last year, we looked and couldn't get anything done. Now this horse came around and we're going to take a shot."

Azizam will remain in the barn of Karl Burke for his next start before he is sent to the U.S., where he will join George Weaver's stable. Weaver also trained Crimson Advocate.

"We've been looking for something to buy to go over there," Ballis said. "Whether we bought it in the States or over there, that didn't matter. I have a friend named Adam Potts, who works for BBA Ireland. So we will bounce horses off of one another and I look to get his opinions on European horses. If he sees something, he'll send it to me. He was the first one who brought this horse to my attention. I wasn't watching European racing that day. I watched the replay and I sent the replay over to my wife who helps buy our horses and then to George Weaver. We all agreed it was worth taking a shot."

He said he's not going back just to be able to say that he had a horse run at Royal Ascot.

"It costs too much money to buy these horses and with the expenses and the shipping just to go over there to have a party," he said. "We're happy that we are going to be there, but we don't want to do anything just to say we participated. We're going to try to pick the right spot for him over there, a spot where he can win."

Ballis said that Azizam will most likely start in the June 18 Windsor Castle Stakes.

Once back in the U.S., Azizam will be pointed to the Kentucky Downs meet, where he could land in the Kentucky Downs Juvenile Sprint.

The stable was planning on using John Velazquez, **but with 'TDN Rising Star' Outfielder no longer making the trip to Royal Ascot**, Velazquez has decided to stay home. Ballis said it is likely that Luis Saez will pick up the mount.

"We're going to keep trying this because it's an incredible place to visit and it was one of the best experiences we ever had," Ballis said. "Even if we hadn't won with Crimson Advocate we would be trying to get back. That's how special that place is."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUFFERING IN PUERTO RICO IS HAPPENING ON OUR WATCH *by Chrissy Laughlin*

On Jan. 9, 2025, a Thoroughbred mare named Kayseri was euthanized in Puerto Rico. She had no joint space left in her fetlocks. Her body was broken down from overuse, her mind likely exhausted from pain and confinement. Her death is not only a tragedy--it is the subject of three formal complaints now filed against the Puerto Rico Racing Commission, the track veterinarians, and her final owner.

Kayseri was not a forgotten horse. She was bred by the University of Kentucky. She raced under Hall of Famer Mark Casse. She competed at Gulfstream Park. But in 2021, after a decline in performance, she was sold off privately and shipped via cargo container to Puerto Rico--where she was raced over 50 times in three years, with minimal oversight, on a dangerous surface, while her condition clearly deteriorated.

I personally flagged Kayseri in July 2024 and submitted an official intervention request to the Puerto Rico Racing Commission. I provided race history, declining speed figures, and an offer to retire her to a safe home.

My formal complaints cite:

- Regulatory failure by the Puerto Rico Racing Commission for allowing Kayseri to be repeatedly raced after being placed on the vets' list multiple times (for lameness, medication violations, and appetite loss), and for failing to respond to a written intervention request made six months before her death.
- Veterinary misconduct by Equine Practitioners & Associates and Veterinary Clinic de Confederación for the continued administration of joint injections and pain-masking treatments rather than recommending rest or retirement, in direct violation of veterinary ethics and welfare standards.
- Owner negligence by Establo Anajalin PR, for knowingly exploiting a declining, unsound mare until she collapsed under the weight of their indifference.

These complaints are not symbolic. They are a plea for justice--not just for Kayseri, but for the 1,000+ horses euthanized at Camarero between 2021 and 2024. The data speaks volumes:

- 2021: 268 horses euthanized, 32.3% within 7 days of last race
- 2022: 257 euthanized, 34.8% within 7 days
- 2023: 270+ euthanized, 41.4% within 7 days
- 2024: 254 euthanized, 36% within 7 days

Many of these horses were Kentucky-bred. Many were only three or four years old. This is not "retirement" racing. This is a disposal system in disguise.

Now, with the Ocala Breeders' Sales (OBS) approaching, the American Thoroughbred industry--breeders, consignors, trainers--must take responsibility for where these horses are ending up. If we continue to sell to bad-faith buyers who ship to Puerto Rico, we are enabling cruelty.

Puerto Rico is U.S. soil. These are U.S.-bred horses. And the suffering happening at Hipódromo Camarero is happening on our watch.

I urge the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) to expand its jurisdiction to include Puerto Rico, or for Puerto Rico's regulators to voluntarily adopt and enforce HISA's welfare standards. Until such protections are in place, U.S. sales companies and racetracks should blacklist any buyer known to ship horses to Puerto Rico, where there is currently no reliable oversight or enforceable safeguards. If Puerto Rico refuses to accept external accountability, the industry must act by cutting off its supply of horses. And the public and press must continue to shine a light on these regulatory failures until meaningful reform is no longer optional, but inevitable.

Kayseri ran in 60-plus races. She tried every time. She did not deserve to be discarded, ignored, and raced to death in silence. Her death must mean something.

The letters have been filed. The facts are documented. Now it is time for accountability.

Chrissy Laughlin is an advocate and owner of a retired racehorse.

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**JOCKEY CLUB TO AWARD RACING REGULATORY VETERINARIAN FELLOWSHIP**

The Jockey Club will award a Racing Regulatory Veterinarian Fellowship, a loan repayment program that will award up to \$25,000 in veterinary school loan repayment to an employed racing regulatory veterinarian, the entity announced Tuesday.

"The racing industry suffers from a prominent shortage of equine veterinarians, something we must actively try to change to continue to improve the safety and integrity of our sport," said Kristin Werner, deputy general counsel and director of Industry Initiatives, The Jockey Club. "We hope this fellowship will incentivize recent veterinary college graduates to pursue or continue pursuing a career as a racing regulatory veterinarian by providing some relief from their veterinary school loans."

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Veterinarian fellowship, cont.

To qualify for this program, an applicant must:

- Be employed at least half-time as a racing regulatory veterinarian in the U.S., Canada, or Puerto Rico and have been employed at least half-time as a racing regulatory veterinarian for the past two years.
- Be a graduate of a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program (or equivalent) from an accredited college of veterinary medicine within seven years of the application date.
- Have outstanding qualified educational loan debt borrowed for educational costs related to the graduate education of the veterinarian.

Each year, The Jockey Club reviews applications to determine finalists and a panel of experts in veterinary medicine help select the award winner.

The 2025 application window is open through Monday, July 7, 2025 with the winner announced at the Round Table Conference held July 31, 2025.

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DRF BETS SOLD TO 1/ST TECHNOLOGY, REBRANDED AS 1/ST BET PRO

Affinity Interactive, the parent company of *Daily Racing Form*, has sold its advance-deposit wagering platform, DRF Bets, to 1/ST TECHNOLOGY, who has rebranded the product as 1/ST BET PRO, the company announced Tuesday.

Affinity Interactive and 1/ST TECHNOLOGY have partnered since 2011 on DRF Bets, with Xpressbet providing back-end technology, wagering, pathways, customer service, and data security. Tuesday's acquisition marks the next phase in a longstanding relationship between the two organizations.

Customers of DRF will experience a seamless and secure transition to 1/ST BET PRO, with no changes to their user credentials, wagering interface, promotions, or key benefits. Beginning June 10, existing DRF Bets users can log in at 1stbetpro.com or via the new 1/ST BET PRO app on iOS devices using their current DRF Bets credentials.

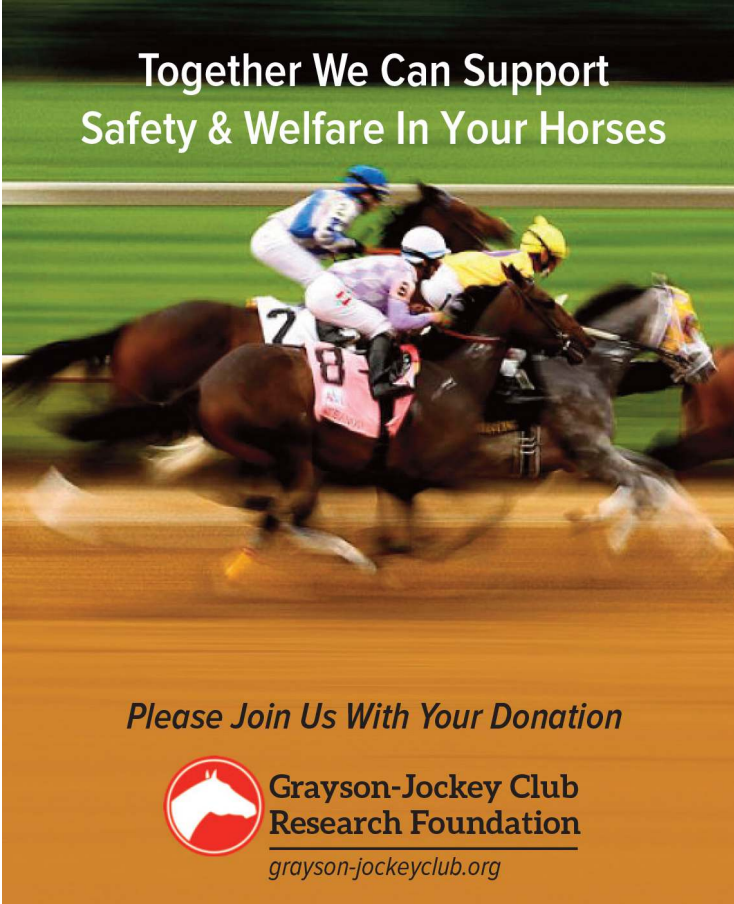
"This is a pivotal moment for Affinity Interactive and DRF," said Scott Butera, Chief Executive Officer of Affinity Interactive, the publisher of DRF. "This strategic transaction allows us to sharpen our focus on DRF's core strengths—premium racing data, expert handicapping, and compelling content. We are now better positioned to collaborate with a broader array of racetracks, wagering platforms, and sportsbook operators as an independent and innovative media and data company."

"This move enhances our ability to serve the broader horse racing and gaming ecosystems, supporting innovation, integrity, and new fan engagement," added Butera. "We are proud of

what we built with DRF Bets and are excited about this next chapter."

"1/ST TECHNOLOGY is committed to continuing to provide the consistent superior service and user experience DRF Bets customers have come to expect—now under the 1/ST BET PRO brand," said 1/ST TECHNOLOGY President, Keith Johnson. "We look forward to welcoming DRF Bets customers and expanding our product offerings to horseplayers across the country and around the globe."

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Saturday, Delaware #9, post time: 4:51 p.m. EDT

DELAWARE OAKS-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

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1	Kinzie Queen 🦋	McKinzie	John Holleman and Compton Racing, LLC	Compton	Alvarado	120
2	Late Nite Call	Audible	Richard E. Harris	Saville	Conner	116
3	Complexity Jane	Complexity	Golden Lion Racing	Russell	Toledo	122
4	Margie's Intention	Honor A. P.	Baron Stable and WinStar Farm LLC	Cox	Machado	122
5	Paris Lily	City of Light	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Rosario	120
6	Cassiar	City of Light	W.S. Farish	McGaughey III	Lezcano	118
7	Fondly	Upstart	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Madaket Stables LLC	Motion	Ortiz, Jr.	122
8	Dyna Soar	Summer Front	Ballybrit Stable LLC	Dini	Centeno	116
9	WhatintheLiteral	Lord Nelson	horseOlogy Racing and Craig Steinhart	Antonucci	Hernandez	116

Breeders: 1-Curtis C. Green, 2-R. Larry Johnson, 3-Brereton C. Jones, 4-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC, 5-Godolphin, 6-Calumet Farm, 7-Brereton C. Jones, 8-Ballybrit Stable, LLC, 9-Bella Inizio Farm, LLC

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SALVATOR MILE S-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1m

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1	Antigravity	First Samurai	Brad's Equine Adventure	Ward	-	118
2	Trademark 🦋	Upstart	BBN Racing LLC	Oliver	Concepcion	118
3	Tuscan Sky	Vino Rosso	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	118
4	Offaly Cool 🦋	Kantharos	Lawrence A. Rebbecchi, Jr.	Solis	Adorno	118
5	Surface to Air	Midshipman	Premier Stable	Synneffias	Marin	118
6	Vitality	Street Boss	Stronach Stables and Joel B. Hunsburger	Orseno	Pennington	118
7	Nelson Avenue	Into Mischief	Photos Finish LLC	Abreu	Camacho	118
8	Awesome Ruta	Mendelssohn	Tri-Star Racing LLC and Cimarron TTT Farms LLC	Ward	Castillo	118
9	Bishops Bay 🦋	Uncle Mo	Spendthrift Farm LLC, Steve Landers, Martin S. Schwartz, Michael Dubb, Ten Strike Racing, Jim Bakke, Titledown Racing, LLC, Kueber Racing, LLC, Big Easy Racing LLC, Rick Kanter, Michael J. Caruso, and WinStar Farm LLC	Cox	Prat	124

Breeders: 1-Glen Oak Farm & Two Stamps Stables, 2-Brereton C. Jones, 3-Sierra Farm, 4-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 5-Silverton Hill, LLC, 6-Adena Springs, 7-Godolphin, 8-Brian Levings, 9-WinStar Farm, LLC

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Saturday, Monmouth #11, post time: 5:24 p.m. EDT**EATONTOWN S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Maggie Go (Arg)	Winning Prize (Arg)	Michael Dubb, Andrew Rosen, John D. Stuart, and Michael J. Caruso	Brown	Prat	118
2	Five Towns (GB)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Merry Fox Stables	Motion	Ruiz	118
3	Ozara (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Cheyenne Stable LLC	Clement	Marin	122
4	Lady Firefoot 🌿	Temple City	Charles Hallas	Giddings	-	118
5	Delightful Ava	Bucchero	James A. Frangella, Jr.	Frangella, Jr.	Olver	118
6	Damaso 🌿	Outwork	Perrine Time Thoroughbreds	O'Connell	-	118
7	Whiskey Decision 🌿	Into Mischief	Frederick Hertrich III and John D. Fielding	Brown	Camacho	118

Breeders: 1-Esposito Horacio Humberto y Porta PiaSRL, 2-Merry Fox Stud Limited, 3-Fleche D'Or Partnership, 4-Athens Woods, LLC, 5-Gregory Kilka, 6-Turnley Farms LA, 7-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding

Saturday, Santa Anita #10, post time: 8:00 p.m. EDT**DAYTONA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 6 1/2FT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Air Force Red	Air Force Blue	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Holly Golightly	Powell	Ayuso	126
2	Bran (Fr)	Muhaarar (GB)	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Rispoli	126
3	Goliad	War Front	Perry R. Bass II and Ramona S. Bass	Mandella	Smith	126
4	Daniel's Magic	Magician (Ire)	S. J. S. Stables and Lindy S. Diamond	Harty	Frey	122
5	Stay Hot	Summer Front	Burns Racing LLC, Exline-Border Racing LLC, SAF Racing, Estate of Brereton C. Jones and William Dan Hudock	Eurton	Hernandez	126
6	Lovesick Blues	Grazen	Mia Familia Racing Stable	Barocio	Franco	124
7	Motorious (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	Anthony Fanticola	D'Amato	Fresu	126
8	Watsonville	Jack Milton	Pine Racing Stables and Saints or Sinners	Glatt	Kimura	126

Breeders: 1-Stephen B. Weissman Living Trust, 2-Lordship Stud, 3-Ramona S. Bass, LLC, 4-SJS Stables, 5-Brereton C. Jones, 6-Nick Alexander, 7-Kirtlington Stud & Mrs Mary Taylor, 8-Kings and Queens Farm

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4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$36,000, (S), Msw, 6-10, 2yo, f, 5f, 1:01.17, ft, neck.

STARRY EYE JUSTICE (f, 2, Harry's Holiday--Katara Princess, by Tale of the Cat), a 7-2 shot, broke from the outside in the field of eight and rushed up to take the lead nearing the far turn. She scampered clear around the bend, held a one-length advantage at the top of the lane, and grittily held Dreaming Bonita (Brody's Cause) at bay to the wire to graduate by a neck. Starry Eye Justice, who has a yearling full-sister, was a \$3,500 INDYRL purchase. **Click for the [Equibase.com](#) chart.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,600.

O-Spiess Stable LLC, Charles & Gran Turner & Randy Klopp;
B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (IN); T-Randy L. Klopp.



IN ITALY:

Wind Fire Storm, c, 4, Ghostzapper--Charming Delilah (SW-Can, \$250,952), by Stephen Got Even. Rome, 6-10, Hcp., 1600m (AWT), 1:42.00. O-Scuderia Semeso di Sebastiano Guerrieri. B-September Farm, LLC (KY). T-Melania Cascione. *SP-Itly. **\$50,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; €66,667 RNA 2yo '23 GOFMAR; £68,000 2yo '23 GOFAPR.



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

2025 Stud Fees Listed

Knicks Go (Paynter), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500

116 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Churchill Downs, 1:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Go to Girl, 6-1
\$42,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$130,000 KEE SEP yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

2025 Stud Fees Listed

Authentic (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000

295 foals of racing age/46 winners/3 black-type winners
3-Churchill Downs, 1:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Actual, 5-1

Country House (Lookin At Lucky), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000

54 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:16 p.m. EDT, \$100K Hoosier Breeders Sophomore H., 6f, Wicked Vette, 4-1
\$15,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$15,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$14,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo; \$35,000 FTJ UN 2yo

McKinzie (Street Sense), Gainesway Farm, \$75,000

301 foals of racing age/37 winners/4 black-type winners
3-Churchill Downs, 1:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Ruby Ruby, 15-1
\$50,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$75,000 OBS APR 2yo

Spun to Run (Hard Spun), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000

142 foals of racing age/36 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Delaware, 3:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Butter Kisses, 12-1
\$4,500 RNA EAS OCT yrl; \$1,200 OBS OPN 2yo

Thousand Words (Pioneer of the Nile), Spendthrift Farm, \$12,500

202 foals of racing age/42 winners/5 black-type winners
8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:47 p.m. EDT, \$100K Hoosier Breeders Sophomore H., 6f, Woodaz, 9-2
\$40,000 KEE SEP yrl



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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

8th-Parx Racing, \$64,200, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 6-10, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.69, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

ROAN BURGUNDY (g, 5, The Factor--Expect Wonderful, by Tiz Wonderful) Lifetime Record: 33-7-4-5, \$247,854. O-Ricardo Rivera Stable; B-Smart Angle, LLP (PA); T-Josue Arce. *\$6,000 Wlg '20 EASDEC; \$70,000 2yo '22 EASMAY. **1/2 to Uncle Heavy (Social Inclusion), GSW, \$413,180.

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3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$38,000, (S), 6-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.61, ft, head.

TEXAS FREE (g, 4, Texas Red--Net Free, by Zavata) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$63,100. O-Spiess Stable LLC and Randy Klopp; B-Dawn Martin (IN); T-Randy L. Klopp.

7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, 6-10, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46.58, ft, 3/4 length.

CONDONE (m, 5, Justify--Jacaranda {GSW, \$207,200}, by Congrats) Lifetime Record: 17-2-1-1, \$122,381. O-G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.; B-Alpha Delta Stables (KY); T-V Oliver. *\$300,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. **1/2 to Be You (Curlin), GISP, \$136,300.



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6th-Fairmount, \$33,300, (NW2\$Y+)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-10, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.89, ft, head.

BILL'S HONOR (g, 5, Ghaaleb--Honor Graeme, by Graeme Hall) Lifetime Record: 9-6-1-1, \$120,592. O-Charles Ritter & Scott Becker; B-William P. Stiritz (IL); T-Scott Becker. *Full to Megan's Honor, SP, \$266,627.

3rd-Fairmount, \$21,760, (S), (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 6-10, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:42.48, ft, 1 length.

MIDNITE ALEX (g, 3, Afleet Alex--Havana Stroll, by Stroll) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-2, \$41,780. O/B/T-Terry Burdess (IL).

7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$19,600, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$6,500), 6-9, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06.39, sy, 1/2 length.

MAC DADDY (g, 5, Limehouse--Spring Fever, by Orientate) Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-1, \$47,932. O-Shuler Stables LLC; B-O'Sullivan Farms LLC (WV); T-John R. Shuler.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Half Way There, g, 3, Half Ours--Barbslilgem, by Majestic Warrior. Louisiana Downs, 6-10, (S), 5f, 1:00.72. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,800. B-Gill Frederick & Ken Cormier (LA). *\$6,500 Ylg '23 BSLY&M. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Picaro, r, 3, Maclean's Music--Sudden Heat, by Congrats. Thistledown, 6-10, 5 1/2f, 1:07.39. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$24,003. B-J & J Stables (KY). *1/2 to Little Jamie (Collected), SW & MGSP, \$261,426; and to Music Street (Street Sense), GSP, \$295,274.

Gabby's Legacy, f, 3, McKinzie--Fourscoreandseven, by Colonel John. Finger Lakes, 6-10, 1m 70y, 1:46.15. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-1, \$43,070. B-Michael Lewis (NY). *\$47,000 Ylg '23 SARAUG; \$37,000 RNA Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$60,000 2yo '24 EASMAY.

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Welcometomyholiday, f, 3, Quality Road--Gottahaveaholiday, by Harlan's Holiday. Louisiana Downs, 6-9, (S), 5f (off turf), :59.30. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$16,860. B-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC (LA). *\$195,000 RNA Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$9,500 2yo '24 FTD OCT.



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Mr. Colossal, c, 3, Tapwrit--Prairie Pie, by Belong to Me.

Presque Isle Downs, 6-10, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:43.14. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-0, \$36,884. B-C. Kidder & N. Cole (KY). *\$32,000 Ylg '23 FTKFEB. **1/2 to Bear's Future (Rockport Harbor), SW, \$266,862.

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Half Ours, Half Way There, g, 3, o/o Barbslilgem, by Majestic Warrior. MSW, 6-10, Louisiana Downs

Harry's Holiday, Starry Eye Justice, f, 2, o/o Katara Princess, by Tale of the Cat. MSW, 6-10, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Justify, Condone, m, 5, o/o Jacaranda, by Congrats. ALW, 6-10, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Limehouse, Mac Daddy, g, 5, o/o Spring Fever, by Orientate. AOC, 6-9, Mountaineer

Maclean's Music, Picaro, r, 3, o/o Sudden Heat, by Congrats. MSW, 6-10, Thistledown

McKinzie, Gabby's Legacy, f, 3, o/o Fourscoreandseven, by Colonel John. MSW, 6-10, Finger Lakes

Quality Road, Welcometomyholiday, f, 3, o/o Gottahaveaholiday, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 6-9, Louisiana Downs

Tapwrit, Mr. Colossal, c, 3, o/o Prairie Pie, by Belong to Me. MSW, 6-10, Presque Isle Downs

Texas Red, Texas Free, g, 4, o/o Net Free, by Zavata. ALW, 6-10, Horseshoe Indianapolis

The Factor, Roan Burgundy, g, 5, o/o Expect Wonderful, by Tiz Wonderful. AOC, 6-10, Parx Racing



GAVOO BIDS TO PROVIDE GORMLEY FAMILY WITH EMOTIONAL FILLIP AT ROYAL ASCOT



Gavoo [nearside]: is on course to run in the Coventry Stakes
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By Brian Sheerin

David Marnane knows a thing or two about taking aim and plundering big-race riches at Royal Ascot but the trainer admitted that success with his juvenile Gavoo could potentially beat all given the Coventry Stakes outsider is bidding to provide his owner-breeders with an emotional fillip next week.

A recent winner at Listowel, Gavoo was bred in County Roscommon by Seamus and Bernadette Gormley. Sadly, Bernadette passed away earlier this year and Marnane has commended the A Touch Of Leather Syndicate, which is made up by family and friends of the breeders, for resisting the temptation to sell their Royal Ascot contender in favour of living in the moment with the rapidly-progressive colt.

"We're taking a bit of a step here but Gavoo will run in the Coventry Stakes," Marnane said on running plans for the colt. "He built on a lovely debut run at the Curragh to win nicely at Listowel and, while I know Royal Ascot will represent a big step up in class for him, he's not just an early two-year-old and I think he's a very nice horse going forward who should acquit himself well next Tuesday." **Cont. p3**

YOUNG TRAINER IN CLOVER WITH FOUR JUVENILE WINNERS IN A WEEK

By Emma Berry

It has been quite the purple patch for trainer Charlie Clover, who saddled his first winner on Thursday at Chelmsford, then another, and another, and another.

In his first season based in Newmarket, where his brother Tom also trains, the 29-year-old has five juveniles among the 13 horses in his stable, and now four of those youngsters are winners.

"It's extraordinary," he says. "It's been a bit of a dream week really."

The dream started when Eclipser (Arizona), an €11,000 yearling purchase by the trainer, struck on her second start under Hector Crouch. Two days later it was the turn of Flowerhead, from the first crop of Starman and owned by Amo Racing, who also won at the second time of asking, having finished runner-up on her debut on May 12. **Cont. p4**

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Owner/breeder Mike Ryan celebrated a win in the GI Gamely Stakes with **Be Your Best** (Muhaarar) over the weekend.

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Ghaiyyath sired his first 2-year-old winner from his second crop of foals when My Highness won at Saint-Cloud for Godolphin on Tuesday. | Scoop Dyga

5 | EUROPEANS STRIKE DURING THE BELMONT STAKES FESTIVAL

Wednesday's Making Waves features a strong European contingent, who capitalised on the high-quality turf races during the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival.

7 | ECONOMICS RULED OUT OF ROYAL ASCOT WITH A SETBACK

The Group 1 winner pulled a muscle and will miss an intended start in the G1 Prince Of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot.

8 | FALAKEYAH TO MISS DIANE; GROUND KEY FOR ANMAAT AT ASCOT

New Bay's Falakeyah will miss the G1 Prix de Diane on Sunday, while Anmaat (Awtaad)'s participation at Royal Ascot depends on the ground.

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David Marnane/Gavoo Cont. from p1

He added, "I'm not really running him on what we have seen from him already - we think there's an awful lot more under the bonnet. He has always worked like a really, really good horse. He has size and scope and he also has the temperament for Royal Ascot. We're under no illusions. A Coventry is a Coventry and he'll be taking on the best in Europe but he's done nothing wrong and deserves to take his chance."

Gavoo can be backed at odds of 33-1 for the Coventry Stakes but this doesn't quite illustrate how far the owner-breeders have come with the horse. The dam, Daddy's Gal, beat just two horses in all five of her starts on a racecourse before connections decided to go another route with the daughter of Scat Daddy. After seeking out the advice of David and his brother Ed, a plan was hatched to visit the then Ballyhane-based stallion Elzaam with Daddy's Gal. Lo and behold, up popped a Coventry Stakes contender. There is no law to this game at times.

Marnane explained, "He's owned and bred by lovely people, the Gormley family, based in Roscommon over in the West of Ireland. They've a lovely horse on their hands and it's a great advert for what can be achieved in this game. Gavoo's dam Daddy's Girl beat a total of two horses during the entirety of her career. The Gormley family are great friends of ours and, when

they asked what they should put the mare in foal to, my brother Ed suggested Elzaam because the mare is by Scat Daddy - and they can be a bit hot - but Elzaam was inexpensive and gets solid racehorses. He was a gorgeous foal. He came to us to be broken before Christmas and he just hasn't put a foot wrong since."

He added, "Never in our wildest dreams did we think we'd end up at Royal Ascot with the progeny. Now, the mare does have a decent back pedigree, so it wasn't like they were feeling around in the dark here and I'm just so glad for them because there's a huge amount of poignancy given Seamus Gormley's wife Bernadette [co-breeder] passed away earlier this year. They have been offered a few quid for the horse but they syndicated him out and there are a good few family and friends involved so they are rolling the dice. I commend them for it because it's great to see people being involved in ownership for the pure enjoyment of it all. The horse may well be sold in time but they are enjoying the ride for now and please God he can reward them with a big run next week."

Gavoo will be joined in transit by stablemate Tokenomics, who is looking increasingly unlikely to get a run in the Royal Hunt Cup, a race the trainer won back in 2018 with Settle For Bay. Connections do, however, have a Plan B in the shape of the Buckingham Palace Stakes on Thursday, with Marnane quietly confident of a bold showing in whatever race the four-year-old son of The Grey Gatsby rocks up in. [Cont. p4](#)

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David Marnane/Gavoo Cont.

"He's being aimed at the Royal Hunt Cup but it's going to be a bit of a sweat I'd say. Now, if it was a normal year, he'd have got in but the handicapper dropped him 2lbs so it's looking doubtful. We have a Plan B, which is the Buckingham Palace Stakes on the Thursday. We were actually second in that race with Jamesie a few years back so it would be nice to go and win it."

Marnane added, "Niall Molloy took a gamble on this horse. We brought him to the Autumn Horses-In-Training Sale at Tattersalls last year but he wasn't vetting clean so he sold for 70,000gns. He just didn't X-ray wonderfully but, listen, we were delighted to have him back and fair play to Niall for stepping up to the plate. He's been a fantastic supporter of the yard for a good number of years and this is a new foray into sole ownership for him and I hope it works out for him now at Royal Ascot. We think he'll run a big race."

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Charlie Clover Cont. from p1

This pair was followed on Sunday and Monday by the victories at Goodwood and Pontefract of A'Ali G (A'Ali) and No Spritz No Party (Sergei Prokofiev).



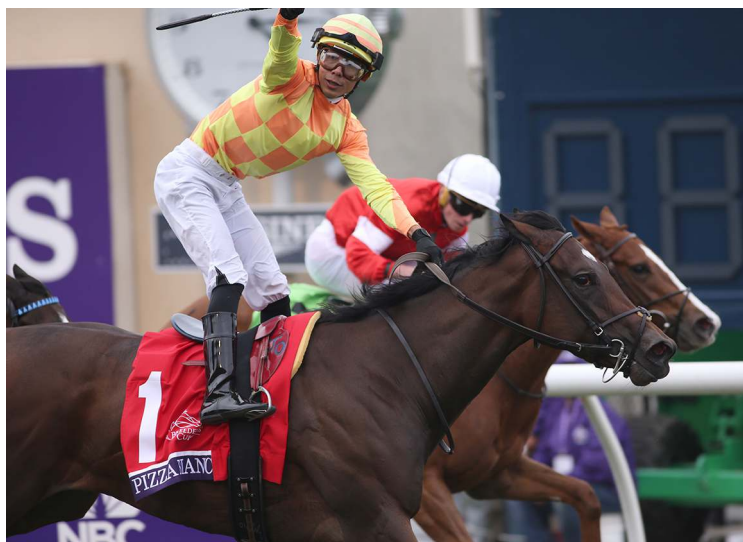
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Clover says, "To have got them through the whole yearling breaking-in and breeze-up process and to be out and winning races before Royal Ascot is quite remarkable really. They were all affordable horses as well, nothing with a big price tag."

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Jake Launchbury and Tom Howell recently set up LH Equites, a business that specialises in stalls work with racehorses but also provides help with a range of behavioural issues. With a number of trainers on their books in a short space of time we caught up with the team. | TDNtv



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Charlie Clover Cont.

He added, "A'Ali G was bought by a client of Jack Morland, who is a very good friend of mine, and the plan was to breeze him but he couldn't get in a sale because he was too small, so he ended up with me."

A former event rider, Clover has worked in racing for eight years. He served a stint in America with White Birch Farm and Christophe Clement, as well as assisting fellow Newmarket trainer Kevin Philippart de Foy, and is now based at Albert House Stables at the foot of Warren Hill.

"I ride out anything from two to five lots a day," he says. "There are only 13 horses here so we are all pitching in and mucking out. I drive the horse box. It's very hands-on at the moment."

He can also rely on help and advice from his brother Tom and sister-in-law Jackie, the daughter of the late Classic-winning trainer Michael Jarvis.

"We talk a huge amount," he says. "I was best man at Tom's wedding so he's a very close mate, as he is a brother. He would never offer advice unless I ask him, but if ever I ask him or Jackie, there are many aspects of this game to be learned and he has been there eight years longer than me, so it's great to have someone I can call up and double-check things with."

He adds, "Even the greats of the game are still learning every day. It would be very naive to think that there aren't questions that I need to ask."

Some of that early experience gained across the pond came in the stable of Christophe Clement, to whom many tributes have been paid since his death two weeks ago.

Clover says, "It was touching after his passing to see the feedback from so many people who regarded Christophe as a father figure. You'd go there and he'd take you under his wing and treat you like family. When you're in a strange country in a new environment that was so comforting. He was a very

talented trainer but also a very kind man who had a great work-life balance."

On his return from America, Clover was entrusted to look after Clement's most recent Royal Ascot runner, Pizza Bianca, ahead of her run in the Coronation Stakes, and now he finds himself in the position of pondering whether he may be represented by a runner of his own at this year's meeting.

Regarding the potential participation of one or more of his recent winners, he says, "It's not a yes or no. Two of them are straight nos and two of them are maybes. There are still conversations to be had and to look at all of our options."

"We'll make the decision based on what's the best thing to do for the horses and the owners and really what's the best chance of our being represented in a positive manner rather than just going for a day out. I might be there with one, might be there with two, but might be there with none. It's all about trying to work out the best plans for the horses and to give them the best chance of winning more races."

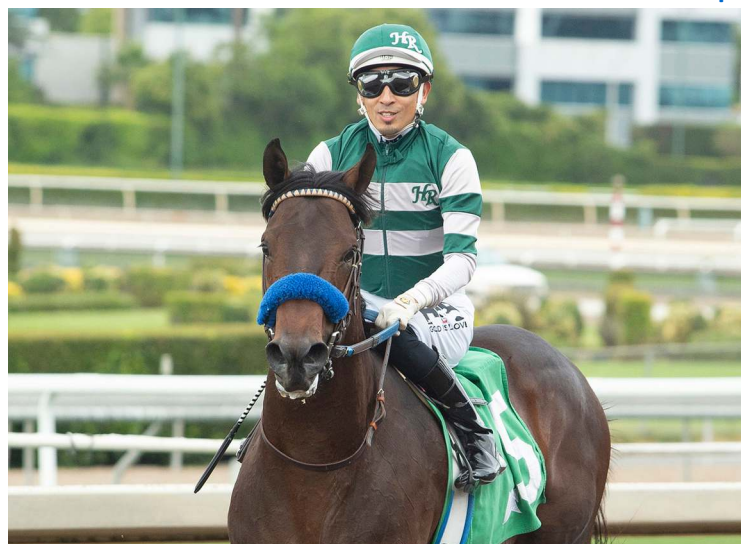
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NO NAY NEVER AT THE DOUBLE

In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America. This week's column is highlighted by the victories of Sapphire Beach and Hey Nay Nay.

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Hey Nay Nay | Benoit Photo

No Nay Never Sires Pair Of Juvenile Debut Winners

Sapphire Beach, flying the flag for Three Diamonds Farm, won a five-furlong sprint over a sloppy Churchill main track on May 30 ([video](#)). Trained by George “Rusty” Arnold, the Charlie Brooks-bred re-rallied to finish second after being cut off by the winner, and the placings were reversed in the stewards’ room.

First an \$85,000 RNA at the Keeneland September Sale, the **No Nay Never** filly sold for \$57,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October Yearling Sale to DKW Racing later that autumn. A half-sister to multiple group-placed Wall Of Fire (Canford Cliffs) and to the dam of South African graded winner Parisian Walkway (Ideal World), Sapphire Beach is the last known produce out of her dam, Bright Sapphire (Galileo). Her second dam, the Bluebird mare Jewel In The Sand, won the G2 Cherry Hinton Stakes.

Just two days later, fellow **No Nay Never** juvenile **Hey Nay Nay** triumphed over five furlongs on the Santa Anita turf course for trainer John Sadler ([video](#)). Owned by Hronis Racing and Iapetus Racing, the colt was bred by Lynch Bages, Camas Park and Summerhill Bloodstock in Ireland.

Martin Anthony bought the dark bay for \$300,000 out of the 2024 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. A half-brother to G2 Dubai City Of Gold hero Global Storm (Night Of Thunder) and the stakes-placed Where I Wanna Be (**Camelot**), Hey Nay Nay has half-sisters by Churchill and Pinatubo foaled in 2024 and 2025, respectively, yet to race. His dam, Travel (Street Cry), is a half-sister to the star-crossed GII Fantasy Stakes and GIII Honeybee Stakes heroine Eight Belles (Unbridled’s Song), who ran second in the GI Kentucky Derby before breaking down past the wire.

Coolmore’s **No Nay Never** sired his 62nd and 63rd U.S. winners from 108 runners (58%) with the victories of Sapphire Beach and Hey Nay Nay. Of his 10 stakes winners there, GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf heroine Meditate is his best, while he also has GII Mrs Revere Stakes and GIII Matchmaker Stakes scorer Nay Lady Nay and GIII Palm Beach Stakes hero Vitalogy to his credit. The bay commands €125,000 this year.

Asbury Park Pleases The Masses Upstate

Peter Brant and St Elias Stable’s **Asbury Park** (**Frankel**) graduated by 3 1/2 lengths at second asking at Saratoga on Friday ([video](#)). The victory was stylish enough to earn a coveted ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ badge for the Chad Brown trainee, who had run fifth on debut over this course 10 months ago.

Bred by St Elias Stables, the bay is a son of the Listed Prix Coronation victress Limonar (Street Cry), and he sold for 250,000gns as a Tattersalls October Book 1 yearling to Brant’s White Birch Farm in 2023. Great things are expected of the now-3-year-old colt, as he is a half-brother to stakes winner and G2

Gimcrack Stakes second Mokarris (More Than Ready), multiple graded/group winner and G1 Gold Cup/G1 Melbourne Cup third Spanish Mission (Noble Mission), and the stakes winner and graded-placed Dude N Colorado (Uncle Mo). Limonar is a half-sister to GI Shoemaker Mile Stakes hero Talco (Pivotal). Her **Kingman** juvenile colt is unnamed, she has a yearling colt by Cracksman, and her latest offspring is a Blue Point colt foal.

Juddmonte’s **Frankel** sired the G1 Betfred Oaks heroine Minnie Hauk on the same day Asbury Park returned to the winner’s circle. In the U.S., the son of Galileo has 36 winners from 68 runners (53%) and 13 stakes winners. His quartet of American Grade I winners are McKulick, Measured Time, Inspiral and Lake Victoria. His 2025 fee is £350,000.



Asbury Park | Tod Marks

‘Miami’ Storms to Victory at the Spa

Mark Dobbin’s **Storm Miami** won for the second time in her career in her first start beyond a mile at Saratoga on Friday ([video](#)). Trained by Brendan Walsh, the 4-year-old Blue Point filly was bred by JC Bloodstock & Goodwill Bloodstock.

Offered by Kilminfoyle House Stud at the Goffs Orby Yearling Sale, the bay caught the eye of Brian Grassick and R Fitzpatrick, who bought her for €300,000. She won her debut at Naas under Colin Keane for Ger Lyons in July of 2023, and was second in the Listed Marwell Stakes there later that month. Switched to the Walsh barn after five Irish starts, the filly managed a third in Presque Isle’s Lady Erie Stakes over the all-weather in August of 2024. Frankie Dettori was in the irons on Friday.

Out of the stakes-placed Cosmic Love (**Sea The Stars**), Storm Miami is followed by the juvenile colt Ya Karim (Ghaiyyath)—a 200,000gns 2024 Tattersalls October Book 1 yearling purchase by Harry Charlton—and a yearling half-brother by Palace Pier. This is the family of G1 1000 Guineas heroine Virginia Waters (Kingmambo). [Cont. p7](#)



More For Sure | Tod Marks

Making Waves Cont.

Darley's Blue Point has sired eight winners (53%) in the U.S. from 15 runners anchored by GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf scorer and Tally-Ho Stud stallion Big Evs, as well as GIII Goldikova Stakes heroine Raziya. Blue Point's 2025 fee is €100,000.

Cracksman Filly Comes Good At Saratoga

Team D's **More For Sure** (Cracksman) captured a maiden at Saratoga for trainer Tony Dutrow on June 5 ([video](#)). Part of the Phillistown House breeding programme, the 3-year-old filly was making her sixth start.

A €42,000 weanling buy when snapped up at the Goffs November Foal Sale by Woodlane Stables and Peter Nolan, the May foal blossomed into a €160,000 Goffs Orby yearling when acquired by her current connections. The third foal and third winner for her dam, the winning Iffraaj mare Cascella, More For Sure has a 2-year-old half-brother by Australia.



Pipsy | Tod Marks

Granddam Lily's Angel (Dark Angel) won the G3 Chartwell Fillies' Stakes and was runner-up in the G1 Matron Stakes.

Available for £12,500 at Dalham Hall Stud under the Darley banner, Cracksman has sired two winners from three runners (66%) in the States. On an international scale, his best is the undefeated G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero and Haras de Beaumont stallion Ace Impact.

Repeat Winners

Kodiac's **Pipsy** collected another graded victory in Thursday's GII Intercontinental Stakes at Saratoga during the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival ([video](#)). She races for Woodford Thoroughbreds and trainer Will Walden.

At Churchill, **Out Too Late** (Expert Eye) added another check to her win column for Pura Vida Investments and trainer Michael Maker that same day ([video](#)).

The Belmont Stakes Racing Festival continued at Saratoga on Friday, with **Dynamic Pricing** (Night Of Thunder), bearing the Klaravich Stable colours, prevailing in the GI Just A Game Stakes for trainer Chad Brown ([video](#)).

Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Bruce Treitman's **Sunset Glory** (Cotai Glory) won for the fourth time in eight starts at Santa Anita on Friday for trainer Michael McCarthy ([video](#)).

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EUROPEAN NEWS

ECONOMICS TO MISS ROYAL ASCOT WITH PULLED MUSCLE

Economics (Night Of Thunder), the winner of last year's Irish Champion Stakes, has been ruled out of the G1 Prince Of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot after pulling a muscle, according to a report by the *Racing Post* on Tuesday.

Trained by William Haggas, Economics went unbeaten in his first four starts as a three-year-old, culminating with his maiden top-level victory at Leopardstown, before signing off with a below-par effort when sixth in the G1 Champion Stakes at Ascot in October.

His return to action at Royal Ascot had been eagerly anticipated, but that is now set to be delayed in the short term by the setback which Haggas described as "no big deal".

In the absence of Economics, Los Angeles is now no bigger than 11/4 at the head of the ante-post betting for the Prince Of Wales's Stakes, with his closest pursuer in last month's G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup, Anmaat, next best at a general 4/1.

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Economics | Scoop Dyga

FALAKEYAH TO MISS DIANE; GROUND KEY FOR ANMAAT AT ASCOT

The unbeaten **Falakeyah** (New Bay), one of the leading fancies for Sunday's G1 Prix de Diane, will miss the race as she continues to return to form following a dirty scope.

The Shadwell homebred, from the family of Group 1 winners Baaed and Hukum, pleased Owen Burrows in her work on Tuesday morning but the trainer has opted to take a cautious approach.

Shadwell's racing manager Angus Gold said, "She scoped dirty two weeks ago, we treated her, she missed a gallop, and she worked this morning. Jim [Crowley] was delighted with her and said she worked really well, but Owen said she had a good blow afterwards and she would have a long day's travel over [to France] on Friday and it's just not a perfect preparation for a Classic. Unfortunately it's just bad timing."

With regard to the option of supplementing Falakeyah for the Coronation Stakes at Ascot a week on Friday, he added, "We'll sit back and look at all the options. It wasn't going to be such a question until Lake Victoria came out as we thought we weren't going to beat her, but that's opened the race up a bit. But the same rules apply - it's a Group 1 obviously and we won't supplement unless we're absolutely convinced that she's bouncing."

Gold and Burrows will also be on weather watch for **Anmaat**, who is entered in next Wednesday's Prince of Wales's Stakes at the track where he defeated Calandagan in last year's Champion Stakes. The seven-year-old son of Awtaad finished a close second on his seasonal reappearance in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup.

Gold said of the dual Group 1 winner, "He's a star and he ran a huge race the other day. I love the way he travelled through the race and cruised into it before just taking a blow in the last 100

yards, and it was a tough horse, Los Angeles, who beat him.

"Owen says he has come out of the race well but it will just be a case of how fast the ground gets for next week. If it's proper fast ground we might have to have a think about it because he's seven now, and he's a very important horse for us for the rest of the season. With what he did last autumn, if he can do that again this year, it would transform our season, so we've just got to do everything right by him.

"They always do a good job at Ascot and the fast ground horses want fast ground, so I'm not going to make a fuss, but he wouldn't want it rattling."

Shadwell's **Elwateen** (Dubawi), trained by Saeed Bin Suroor, ran seventh in the Oaks behind Minnie Hauk on Friday having been a promising fourth in the 1,000 Guineas.

Issuing an update on her wellbeing, Gold added, "I spoke to Saeed yesterday and he said she seems fine, so it's a bit of a mystery. She just ran a very flat race for whatever reason. It wasn't just the trip, so we are back to the drawing board and we'll let her tell us when she's bouncing again. I wouldn't write off going a mile and a quarter with her."

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Falakeyah winning the Pretty Polly Stakes at Newmarket

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BRITISH EBF INDUSTRY DOCUMENT PUBLISHED

The British EBF published its annual industry document on Tuesday, covering its activities for the 2024 Flat and 2024/25 National Hunt seasons.

Maintaining record contributions to racing's prize-money at £2 million for the third consecutive year, the British EBF has been a leading supporter of the high-value development novice and maiden races and taken on sponsorship of the NH Junior Hurdle programme. [Cont. p9](#)

British EBF Industry Document Cont.

The document details how funds are allocated following the generous contributions made by British stallion studs from their covering income, a system that has played a vital role in nurturing domestic prize-money for over 40 years.

Two races are highlighted as examples of racecourses and the British EBF working together to provide successful development opportunities for horses destined for Group competition.

The British Stallion Studs EBF Alice Keppel Fillies' Conditions Stakes, run on the second day of the Qatar Goodwood Festival, has supplied nine individual stakes winners since its inception in 2019, including the subsequent G1 Prix de l'Abbaye heroine The Platinum Queen.

Meanwhile, the recent roll of honour for Hamilton Park's British Stallion Studs EBF Glasgow Stakes, the course's only Listed race, features future Group 1 winners such as Defoe (2017), Subjectivist (2020) and Kalpana (2024).

The British EBF Industry Document can be viewed [here](#).

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Kalpana, the winner of last year's British Stallion Studs EBF Glasgow Stakes | Megan Coggin

NO RISK AT ALL GELDING LEADS THE WAY AT GOFFS ARKLE SALE

Coolmeen Farms shelled out €190,000 for lot 133, a son of No Risk At All, who topped the first day of the Goffs Arkle Sale on Tuesday.

Consigned by Sluggara Farms, the 3-year-old gelding is out of a full-sister to stakes winner Bonne Gargotte (Poliglote) and a half-sister to Trait De Genie (Diamond Prospect). Trainer Ellmarie Holden bought the half-brother to Flat listed winner Syrita (**Siyouni**) with her father Paul under the Coolmeen banner. They previously pinhooked two-mile chaser Jonbon and

sold him to JP McManus for £570,000 at the Goffs Yorton Sale.

"Everyone here seemed to be mad about him, and we were in love with him too," she said. "He walked beautifully – he tuned out and was so laid back – and he has a lovely pedigree too. He's just a smasher. Please God now he'll do the job for us.

"Derek O'Connor will break him in, and then we'll get him going around September time and take it from there. Hopefully we'll get him to win a maiden point-to-point and bring him back to market. We did it with Jonbon but the pressure is back on."

Overall, 15 lots made €100,000 on the first day of the store sale. The clearance rate was 84% for 188 lots sold from 223 offered. The aggregate was €10,306,500 (+12%), while the average was €54,822 (+9%) and the median was €50,000 (+12%).

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, June 11, 2025:

UNITED KINGDOM

Starman (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud

211 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner

16:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, **Enter Sandman (Ire)**

30,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2024

16:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, **Starakova (GB)**

£13,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2024; £22,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2025

Ubettabelieveit (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}), Mickley Stud

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

19:00-HAMILTON PARK, 6f, **Let Me Show You (GB)**

37,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2024



Starman has a pair of runners at Lingfield | Tally-Ho Stud

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

HOW THEY FARED

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

Battle Drum (GB) (War Front), the son of Emollient, was slowly away and always on the back foot as he registered a fourth on debut.

BRITAIN

Tuesday's Results:

1st-Salisbury, £10,000, Novice, 6-10, 2yo, 6fT, 1:15.19, g/f.
FACTUAL (IRE) (c, 2, Sioux Nation--Drombeg Dream {Ire}, by Arcano {Ire}), sent off the 5-2 joint-favourite, ended up with one behind after the frantic early stages. Following Astrazar (Starman) through, the newcomer overhauled that other market-leader close home to prevail by a neck. The dam, a half-sister to **Starspangledbanner**'s Group 3-placed Drombeg Banner, also has a yearling filly by Arizona. Sales history: €30,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; £33,000 Ylg '24 GOFFUK; 48,000gns 2yo '25 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,318.
 O-The Factual Partnership; B-Philip McAuliffe; T-A Balding.

2nd-Salisbury, £10,000, Nov, 6-10, 2yo, 6fT, 1:15.38, g/f.
ZAVATERI (IRE) (c, 2, Without Parole {GB}--Zeroua {Fr}, by Siyouni {Fr}) was hesitant at the break and chased the leaders in seventh through halfway in this debut. Making smooth headway into contention approaching the final furlong, the 11-2 chance quickened to the fore with 150 yards remaining and was pushed clear thereafter to defeat Wojtek (Invincible Army) by 2 1/2 lengths. Zavateri, kin to a yearling filly by Ghaiyyath, is the first of two foals produced by an unraced half-sister to G3 Craven Plate and G3 Neville Sellwood Stakes victor Zeyrek (**Sea The Stars**). The March-foaled chestnut's third dam is storied champion Zarkava (Zamindar). Sales history: 35,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,318.
 O-Mick & Janice Mariscotti; B-John D Gunther & TTR Bloodstock (IRE); T-Eve Johnson Houghton.

1st-Catterick Bridge, £8,000, Mdn, 6-10, 2yo, f, 5fT, :59.69, gd.

DESERT JUNGLE (IRE) (f, 2, Bungle Inthejungle {GB}--Nova Tor {Ire}, by Trans Island {GB}), fifth on debut at Thirsk last month, was again quickest away to lead. Staying on strongly this time, the 9-2 second favourite registered a 1 1/2-length verdict over Duskaura (Twilight Son). The winner is currently the last known

foal out of the dam of Fast Company's Devonshire who captured the G2 Ridgewood Pearl Stakes and was third in the G1 Irish 1,000 Guineas before producing Dubawi's G3 Prestige Stakes winner Fairy Cross. She was also responsible for Camacho's Listed Harry Rosebery Stakes scorer Hurryupharriet, whose daughter of Dark Angel, Exalted Angel, was also successful at that level, while her first foal Glowing Star (Clodovil) threw another Listed-winning sprinter in Two Stars (**Starspangledbanner**) and his full-brother King Of Stars who was Listed-placed. Remarkably, Nova Tor is also the dam of the Cheltenham Festival's Fred Winter Hurdle winner Veneer Of Charm who is Devonshire's full-brother. BungleInthejungle comes into the pedigree in dramatic fashion as the sire of the G1 Nunthorpe Stakes heroine Winter Power, a daughter of the dam's half-sister Titian Saga (Titus Livius), whose latest by the sire is the winning 2-year-old filly Revival Power. Sales history: €90,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$6,260.
 O-Jaber Abdullah; B-P Burns; T-Kevin Ryan.

1st-Wolverhampton, £6,800, Mdn, 6-10, 2yo, 6f 21y (AWT), 1:15.74,.

NINTH CRUSADE (IRE) (c, 2, Kodiak {GB}--Dawn Crusade {Ire}, by Dawn Approach {Ire}), backed into 8-15 favouritism, raced keenly early close to the pace. In front turning for home, the newcomer held on to score by half a length from She's Divine (Acclamation). The dam, whose yearling filly is by Inns Of Court, is a half to Shamardal's smart sprinter Good Effort who was a triple Listed scorer and placed at Group 3 level also on three occasions. The third dam is the GI Garden City Breeders' Cup Handicap winner Indy Five Hundred (A.P. Indy). Sales history: £205,000 2yo '25 GOUKB. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,976.
 O/T-Michael O'Callaghan; B-Tally Ho Stud.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Revelance (GB), f, 3, Blue Point (Ire)--Mujabaha (GB), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). Salisbury, 6-10, 6f 213yT, 1:28.62.
 B-Mujabaha Partnership (GB). *67,000gns Wlg '22 TADEWE.
 **1/2 to Magnanime (GB) (Elusive City), SW-Fr.

Azure Zain (Fr), c, 3, Hello Youmzain (Fr)--Dublin Rocker (Ire), by No Nay Never. Wolverhampton, 6-10, 6f 21y (AWT), 1:15.10.
 Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$7,220. B-Haras Voltaire & Haras d'Etreham. *€31,000 Ylg '23 ARQDOY; €80,000 2yo '24 ARQBRU.

Triple Gee (GB), g, 3, Masar (Ire)--Quenelle (GB), by Nayef. Salisbury, 6-10, 12f 5yT, 2:34.63. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$10,545. B-Stanley House Stud. *100,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT.

Right And Exact (GB), g, 3, Oasis Dream (GB)--Excellent Sounds (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). Catterick Bridge, 6-10, 5fT, :59.03. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,854. B-Meon Valley Stud.
 *16,000gns Ylg '23 TADEY.

FRANCE

Tuesday's Results:

3rd-Saint-Cloud, €30,000, Cond, 6-10, 2yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:30.99, gs.
IKOTOFETSY (FR) (c, 2, Threat {Ire}--Kourkie {Fr}, by Country Reel), runner-up on debut over five furlongs at Chantilly last month, soon led. Kicking two out, the 4-1 shot held on to prevail by a neck from Yep (Dark Angel). The winner is currently the last known foal out of a daughter of the G3 Prix de Saint-Georges and G3 Prix du Petit Couvert-placed sprinter Kourka (Keos). She produced two stakes performers by American Post in Kourkam and Kourkan, with the latter boasting a second in the G2 Prix du Muguet. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €24,500.
 O/T-Mbolatiana Andriantsoa Ratsimihah; B-P Lamy.



Ikotofetsy | Scoop Dyga

4th-Saint-Cloud, €30,000, Mdn, 6-10, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:28.92, g/s.
MY HIGHNESS (IRE) (f, 2, Ghaaiyyath {Ire}--Majestic Queen {Ire}, by Kheleyf), who was denied by a nose when registering a debut second tackling six furlongs here in her May 19 debut last time, settled off the pace in sixth after the opening exchanges. Making smooth headway in the straight, the 3-10 favourite came under pressure when going second with 300 metres remaining and was ridden out to deny Rhiyanna (Elarqam) by short-head on the line. My Highness is the fifth foal and scorer of six foals G3 Chartwell Fillies' Stakes and G3 Ballyogan Stakes winner Majestic Queen (Kheleyf), who is a half-sister to Listed King Charles II Stakes third Lincoln Bright (Lope De Vega) and to the dam of the dual stakes-placed So Majestic (Siyouni). The February-foaled homebred bay is full to a yearling filly and kin to Listed Dusseldorfer Stutenpreis victrix Maria Amalia (Dubawi). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €20,700.
 O/B-Godolphin; T-Andre Fabre.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Siecle D'Or (GB), g, 3, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Days Of Old (GB), by New Approach (Ire). Saint-Cloud, 6-10, 10 1/2fT, 2:23.13.
 B-Godolphin.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

REILLY COMMENTS ON MRC DEPARTURE, SAUNDERS RESIGNS

Following Monday's decision to remove Tom Reilly as Melbourne Racing Club (MRC) CEO, board director Barb Saunders has resigned, citing governance concerns. In an email reported by the *Herald Sun*, Saunders expressed opposition to "giving jobs to the boys."

Reilly, former Thoroughbred Breeders Association CEO, replaced long-serving CEO Josh Blanksby but lasted just three months. His successor, Tanya Fullerton, was allegedly appointed without due process, according to Saunders, who also claimed she is personally connected to several current board members.

Reilly, a former *Sydney Morning Herald* journalist, responded briefly on social media, "While I am disappointed to leave the MRC, I can say that during my time as CEO I always sought to act in the best interests of the club."

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