

SATURDAY SIRE: CONSTITUTION



Constitution at WinStar Farm | Sarah Andrew

by Jill Williams

He has a name as American as apple pie. How fitting then that **Constitution** has had a big week (and month) leading up to the Independence Day holiday. The WinStar Farm stallion's '**TDN Rising Star**' Mindframe won his second Grade I of the year--one of just five horses to do so--in Saturday's GI Stephen Foster Stakes at Churchill Downs over a star-studded field while notching a 105 Beyer Speed Figure. Less than 24 hours later, **Constitution**'s Pin Up Betty added the Anchorage Overnight Stakes in Louisville after also winning the GIII Old Forester Mint Julep Stakes earlier in the month, with her two June wins bookending additional stakes victories by **Constitution**'s '**TDN Rising Star**' Parchment Party in the GIII Belmont Gold Cup Stakes and the promising '**TDN Rising Star**' Admiral Dennis in the Delaware Derby.

Constitution currently appears among the country's top five 2025 leading sires by earnings, or top four if the earnings are amended to include solely North American performances.

"I think he's very, very consistent and gets a high percentage of solid horses," said David Hanley, WinStar's senior vice president of bloodstock services, "and now he's risen to the top of the league this year on the general sires list for runners in North America. He's only behind Into Mischief, **Curlin**, and **Gun Runner**."

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Q&A WITH LUCINDA FINLEY: "HISA ON VERY SOLID CONSTITUTIONAL FOOTING"

by Dan Ross

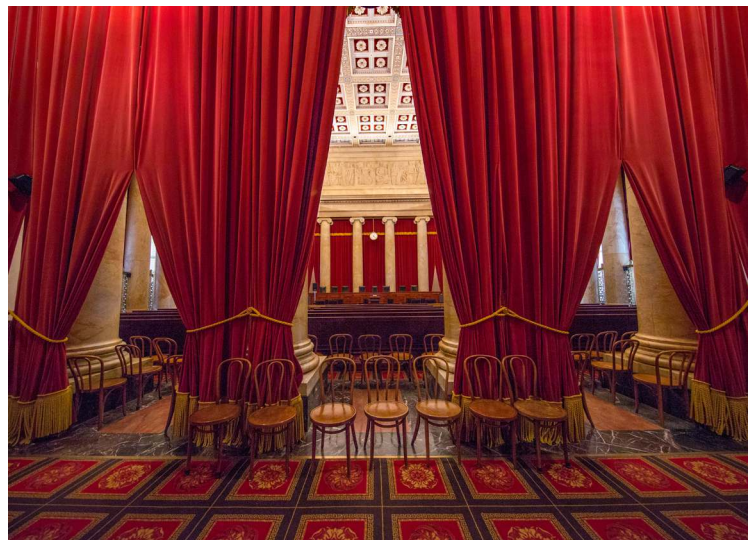
The United States Supreme Court **punted on Monday** the constitutionality of the Horseracing and Safety Integrity Act (HISA) back down the legal ladder, requiring three different federal appeals courts to reconsider their earlier decisions on the matter in light of a fresh ruling by the highest court in the land. The Supreme Court's Friday decision in Federal Communications Commission (FCC) vs. Consumers' Research saw a 6-3 majority of justices essentially dismiss an argument that the agency delegated too much authority to a private company to administer the program. With this decision in mind, the Supreme Court issued near identical "summary dispositions" for all three of the active petitions before the court focused on HISA--stemming from the 5th, 6th and 8th Circuits of the U.S. Court of Appeals--requiring them to reconsider how they had ruled in their prior decision on HISA's constitutionality.

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With his *Saratoga Notebook* ready, Tim Wilkin checks in with trainer Ken McPeek about *Thorpedo Anna* (*Fast Anna*) and several other key sources as the Spa opens.

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“When you look at their top progeny this year--Sovereignty for Into Mischief, Journalism for **Curlin**, and Locked for **Gun Runner-Constitution** is right there with Mindframe. He stacks up with all of those horses. Now with Mindframe having beaten the Breeders' Cup Classic winner Sierra Leone and last year's Kentucky Derby winner Mystik Dan [in the Stephen Foster], I think that puts him right at the elite status.”

Bred by Grapestock LLC and Fox Hill Farms in Kentucky, **Constitution** was the first of three graded winners for his dam, the Distorted Humor mare Baffled, who sold for \$3.5 million at Fasig-Tipton while carrying a full-sister to him the same year he covered his first book. Such is the **Constitution** effect that a half-sister sold for \$2 million at that same sale that year.

For his part, **Constitution** brought \$400,000 as a Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling. Twin Creeks Racing signed the ticket, but he raced in partnership for Twin Creeks and WinStar.

“He was a very talented racehorse,” said Hanley.

Named a '**TDN Rising Star**' on debut, **Constitution** won his first three starts, including the GI Florida Derby. After missing the Classics with a hairline fracture in a cannon bone, he returned to add a GI Donn Handicap win at four. Even before the Donn, WinStar CEO and president Elliott Walden called him, 'the most exciting stallion prospect of his generation.’”

Despite not necessarily expected to get early 2-year-olds, **Constitution** led the first-crop sire list in 2019 by both graded stakes winners (4) and winners (30) and finished second by earnings. It was a quick rise to the top levels, a spot he's showing no signs of abandoning. **Constitution** has eight U.S. stakes winners this year, with current international performers including Chilean Group 1 winner Spazzatura (Chi) and Chilean MGSW Medjool (Chi).

Among his first-crop runners was **Tiz the Law**, who won the GI Champagne Stakes at two before adding the GI Belmont Stakes, GI Travers Stakes, and GI Florida Derby at three. Now an Ashford sire and **Constitution's** first significant son at stud, **Tiz the Law** finished third in a close 2024 freshman sire race. With a joint-leading five black-type winners and two graded winners in 2024, **Tiz the Law** has added five graded performers in 2025 thus far.

“Constitution has so many things going on for him, including **Tiz the Law**, who is making a bit of an impression as a stallion as his first son to go to stud,” said Hanley. “Stallion sons **Americanrevolution** [first weanlings this year] and **Independence Hall** [first 2-year-olds] are also in the pipeline and they are both getting nice horses. **Independence Hall** has a lot of 2-year-olds on the watch list, with a couple out of the 2-year-old sales that were very impressive. A colt sold for \$1 million at OBS March.

“Everything kind of builds to **Constitution's** continued success, but also his continued popularity.”

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Although expectations were high for **Constitution** as a stallion from the start, Hanley said it has been gratifying for the WinStar team to see him not only fulfill, but exceed, expectations and to be appreciated as one of the nation's leading stallions.

“For us, he's more popular this year than last year. He bred 186 mares and he's had good yearling sales. And now with a horse like Mindframe, who not only won the Stephen Foster,

but also won a Grade I going seven furlongs, it shows **Constitution** is an elite horse.”

In his six crops ages three and up, **Constitution** has 39 graded winners and 77 black-type winners, including four champions in Chile from three years early in his stallion career when he shuttled. With a dozen 'TDN Rising Stars' and three seven-figure yearlings at Keeneland last September, the son of **Tapit** continues to make noise. Although he's had seven-figure yearlings the last three consecutive years, his yearling average and median have both consistently been on the rise with a career-high \$329,708 average in 2024, as well as a career-high median of \$300,000.

“I think with the mares that he has in the pipeline over the last few years, you'd expect him to get stronger, continue to get good mares, and hopefully continue to sire more Grade I winners,” said Hanley. “He's knocking out a lot of quality runners and now for him to have an elite horse like Mindframe has really put him up there with the very best stallions in America right now.”

Constitution kicked off his stallion career at \$25,000 in 2016 and took the customary drop in his fourth year, going down to \$15,000. That turned out to be a short-lived bargain, as his fee has steadily climbed since.

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The last three years, he's stood for \$110,000, one of an elite group of just a dozen horses in North America currently at six figures. His own sire, **Tapit**, is among those six-figure stallions, as is another son of **Tapit**, **Flightline**.

A striking bay with distinctive facial markings, **Constitution** doesn't seem to be limited in what he throws. Like the best stallions, his runners have performed on turf and dirt, short and long, and they've been both fillies and colts.

"They tend to mature more as 3-year-olds and he gets high-class turf horses and top-class dirt horses," said Hanley. "He's just a very good stallion all around."

"He's a beautiful horse. Physically, he's a very correct horse. A medium-sized quality mare suits him very well and he obviously gets a broad spectrum of mares seeing as he's a very well-made horse himself. While he fits a lot of mares, I think the most suitable mare for him is a medium-sized quality mare with muscle tone and plenty of quality."

Hanley gave a nod to **Constitution's** damsire, WinStar's **Distorted Humor**, who has emerged as one of the top broodmare sires of this generation.

"Constitution is a good mix of **Tapit** and **Distorted Humor**. I think he's got a lot of **Distorted Humor** in him and I think a lot of that comes through in his progeny, that will try hard, to show speed, to have some precocity."

"Temperament-wise, **Constitution** is not aggressive, but he's an active, high-energy horse and I think a lot of that comes from his **Distorted Humor** genes on the bottom. I think he has a lot of that in his progeny."

At 32, **Distorted Humor** is pensioned but remains at WinStar's stallion complex. Hanley said he is doted on at the farm, where first-crop yearling stallion **Life Is Good** is also out of one of his daughters.

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Pin Up Betty had her second Churchill stakes win of the month last Sunday | Coady Media

While it would be folly to expect any young stallion to match the career accomplishments and long-term influence of Distorted Humor, **Constitution** is just 14 with his best-bred crops yet to reach racing age. With his books continuing to improve, there's a good chance he'll continue to trend upward. Hanley said he's on the right path.

“He's right up there with the top stallions we've had. Obviously Distorted Humor has been a champion sire several times and he would have been the best,” said Hanley. “Speightstown and Tiznow were just amazing stallions, with More Than Ready being another one. **Constitution** is getting to their level. I think he's on an upward trajectory and hopefully he can go on and be on par with those stallions.”

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Lucinda Finley, cont. from p1

In those decisions, the 6th and 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld HISA's constitutionality. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, however, struck down HISA's enforcement mechanism as unconstitutional.

To discuss the possible implications from the Supreme Court's actions for HISA, the *TDN* spoke Thursday with constitutional law expert Lucinda Finley.

Finley is the Frank Raichle Professor of Trial and Appellate Advocacy, and director of Appellate Advocacy at the University of Buffalo Law School. The following has been heavily edited for brevity.

TDN: Why does the FCC vs. Consumers' Research case that the Supreme Court ruled on last week hold such import over the various HISA cases?

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LF: Essentially, the cases involve the same constitutional issue, namely whether congress delegated too much authority either to the [Federal Trade Commission] FTC in the HISA cases, or the FCC in the consumers' research case.

And second, did the agency delegate too much authority to a private entity, namely HISA [Authority], in the horse racing cases and a communications entity in the FCC case?

They involve the same basic constitutional issues of what is known as the nondelegation and the private nondelegation doctrines-the concern about the scope of congress' authority to grant discretion to agencies, and an agency's authority to grant discretion to develop rules to private entities.

TDN: Can you summarize the decision in the FCC vs. Consumers' Research case, and how it's applicable to HISA?

LF: What the decision to me is saying is that a majority of the Supreme Court have zero interest in reconsidering their longstanding precedence about the non-delegation and private nondelegation doctrines.

A six judge majority of the current Supreme Court has basically reiterated and upheld the precedence that the 6th, 8th and partially the 5th Circuit in the HISA cases have relied on to find most of HISA constitutional.

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The majority of the Supreme Court in the FCC vs. Consumers' Research case said congress can give broad authority to determine rules to an agency, as long as they have some general intelligible ascertainable principal to guide what the agency does.

The HISA statute clearly has that. All the rules that are developed have to be based on the welfare and the safety of horses and riders and the integrity of the sport.

That is actually more intelligible guidance than the principle in the FCC case, where the statute said that the private entity just had to determine a fee—that telecommunication carriers had to contribute to a fund as whatever amount was sufficient to enable the extension of telecommunication services to poor communities.

The second principle from the FCC case concerns the private nondelegation doctrine.

The petitioners in that case were challenging how, in order to provide broadband and other telecommunication services to poor or rural areas that the private marketplace might not want to serve on its own because they wouldn't make enough profit, the agency set up a fund requiring fees to be paid in.

The agency in that case, the FCC, had given the authority to a private party to look at how much things were costing, what it would cost to extend services, and based on that, to determine the fee that the service providers had to contribute to the fund.

The petitioners said that delegation by the federal agency to a private body violated the private nondelegation doctrine. The Supreme Court said, 'no it doesn't. It's fine.'

They noted that all the private body was doing was essentially making recommendations that the federal agency had to review and had the approval power over.

I think this new Supreme Court decision makes that argument a slam dunk for the constitutionality of the structure of the HISA Act, [for] it gives the [HISA] Authority the ability to recommend the rules in the first place and then send them up to the FTC for approval.

TDN: The Supreme Court has vacated each lower court's decision (in the 5th, 6th, and 8th Circuit Court cases), sending each one back to its originating federal appeals court. Can you walk us through what this will mean procedurally?

LF: We call it G.V.R. Grant the petition for certiorari. Vacate the lower courts. And remand for reconsideration. The Supreme Court is saying, 'We're going to show respect to the lower courts who have looked at the particulars of the HISA structure, and let them be the ones to reflect on our new decision and write their own opinions explaining how our new decision applies to the HISA cases.'

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By vacating the lower court decisions, basically what that means is there is no binding ruling for or against the constitutionality of HISA right now.

The lower courts will now probably ask the parties to submit briefs with their respective arguments as to how this new FCC vs. Consumers' Research case bears on the constitutional questions in the HISA cases, and then the lower courts will get to write their own opinions saying how they think this new decision applies to HISA.

TDN: How long will that take?

LF: That's a question of how quickly the lower courts decide to set a briefing schedule and whether they want oral arguments or just want to do it based on a briefing schedule.

I would hope that the lower courts will want to move this forward rather quickly because these cases were up at the Supreme Court for quite a long time. I think everyone understands it would be best to have a definitive resolution to the HISA issues sooner rather than later.



Lucinda Finley | University of Buffalo

TDN: The 6th and 8th Circuits agreed that HISA's rulemaking structure is constitutional. The 5th Circuit disagreed by opining that HISA's enforcement provisions are unconstitutional because it incorrectly delegates governmental enforcement powers to a private corporation.

How do you expect each of the appeals courts to act as they reconsider their original rulings in light of the FCC v. Consumers' Research decision?

LF: First let me say, the cases would go back to the same panel of three judges in the lower courts that heard the case initially, who already found the basic structure and rule-making authority in the HISA statute to be constitution.

I also think it is highly likely that the lower courts will once again, now bolstered by this new Supreme Court decision, say that the basic structure of the HISA statute that recognizes the private HISA Authority and gives it the ability to recommend rules to the FTC-and the FTC then gets to approve them, reject

them, suggest modifications-that fundamental structure of the statute is constitutional.

Now, the 5th Circuit found that the enforcement provisions of HISA were unconstitutional-that they gave too much enforcement authority to the private entity, because they gave it investigatory authority, subpoena authority, initial determination of violations.

There was no enforcement issue in the recent FCC Supreme Court case. There's nothing in that case that directly bears on the enforcement power given to the private entity. So, it is possible the same three judges of the 5th Circuit that already

found the enforcement power part of the HISA statute unconstitutional will say, 'we stick with our view. Nothing the FCC case changes that.'

I suspect that HISA and the FTC will then be arguing, 'Oh, no, no. The new recent Supreme Court decision does change that.'

As I said, going back to that larger policy implication, by a strong six-to-three majority, the current Supreme Court has basically said, 'We are not interested in revisiting our almost hundred-year-old precedence on private

nondelegation. As long as the federal agency has the ultimate authority, it's constitutional.'

Based on that, I would expect HISA and the FTC to argue that even under the enforcement provisions, the FTC and administrative judges and ultimately the federal courts have the final decision on whether anyone has violated the statute, and if so, what the proper penalty should be.

We'll see whether the 5th Circuit is receptive to those arguments.

It's important to emphasize the Supreme Court overruled the 5th Circuit in their FCC vs. Consumers' Research decision.

It's generally been the U.S. appeals court for the 5th Circuit in a variety of cases that has been trying to resuscitate challenges to the longstanding precedent of the nondelegation and private nondelegation doctrines. I think the recent FCC case shows that there are only three Supreme Court justices wanting to go that way.

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At some point, the 5th Circuit may realize, how many times do you need to get slapped down by the Supreme Court before you say, 'Okay, we get it. We're not going out and around to make new law on the nondelegation doctrine.'

TDN: But if the 5th Circuit rules in a way that would send the case back to the Supreme Court, what will happen then?

LF: If the 5th Circuit issues an opinion basically that HISA's rule making authority is constitutional but the enforcement authority is not, you will still have a conflict with the decisions of the 6th and 8th Circuits.

I would then expect that the FTC and the HISA Authority would once again petition the U.S. Supreme Court. And I think it would be very likely that the Supreme Court would have to take that case, because you would still have a conflict between the lower circuit courts on the constitutionality of a significant part of the HISA statute.

So yes, in another year or two, we could be right back at this same situation.

TDN: In this reconsideration process we're in right now, can the litigants apply other angles to their arguments, where they believe HISA is unconstitutional beyond the enforcement provisions?

LF: In their initial complaints filed in the district courts, they raised some additional issues such as the appointment authority [otherwise known as an appointments clause challenge]-whether the members of the HISA Authority need to be co-principal officers of the United States, given their rulemaking recommendation ability. And thus, need to be appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate.

That's an issue that the lower courts didn't really resolve and was not an issue in the Supreme Court petitions that just got sent back for reconsideration.

Another issue they raised in their complaints initially in the district courts was what they call the anti-commandeering argument. They argue that the fee structure in the HISA statute puts too much pressure on state racing commissions to be the ones to collect the fees and send them to HISA. But the lower courts have rejected that argument.

So, [the litigants] could now try to focus on their appointments

clause challenges. But there was another Supreme Court case last week that I think resolves the appointments clause question as well [in Kennedy vs. Braidwood Management].

I read both of those Supreme Court decisions of last week as pretty much settling the questions of the constitutionality of HISA, even on the enforcement issue.

Under the enforcement scheme, it's very clear that HISA's enforcement rulings are the beginning of the process, they're not the final say. They [defendants] can go to an administrative law judge, and then ultimately to a federal court.

[Furthermore], the lived experience under HISA, we are seeing administrative law judges more and more actively reviewing HISA decisions, and often disagreeing with them or making substantial changes, modifying and reducing penalties.

TDN: Unsurprisingly, various sides in the separate HISA cases have all claimed the Supreme Court's Monday action as a win. Do HISA's opponents have any reason to feel emboldened by Monday's decision?

For example, the national HBPA described the Supreme Court's decision to remand as a "renewed opportunity for the Fifth Circuit to address the fundamental constitutional issues raised by horsemen nationwide-and do so in a manner consistent with the highest Court's recent guidance and precedent."

LF: I think the [broader NHPBA] statement signals that they're going to press their enforcement claims and their appointments clause claims in the lower courts.

As I already said, the FCC case decision does not directly consider enforcement powers. But to the extent the enforcement powers arguments against HISA are essentially private nondelegation doctrine arguments, it's still the same underlying constitution issue.

The way the Supreme Court has analyzed the question of private nondelegation is to look at whether the federal agency ultimately has the right to review and reject the actions of the private authority. And the Supreme Court said in the FCC vs. Consumers' Research case that if the federal agency has the power to review and accept or reject the actions of the private body, then it does not violate the private nondelegation doctrine.

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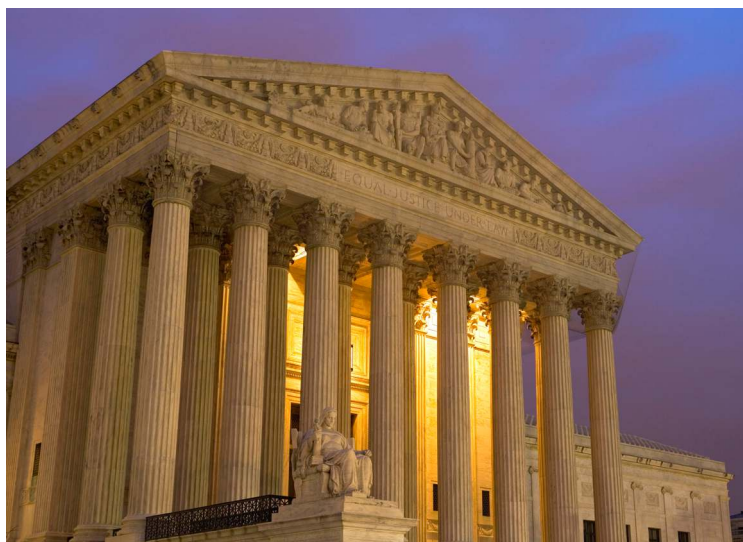


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That general principle should apply whether its enforcement recommendations of the private body or rule making recommendations of the private body.

As I said, I think the ultimate issue is, do they [the HISA Authority] have the powers of principal officers of the United States or not. That issue is why I think the case last week [Kennedy vs. Braidwood Management] about the panels that make recommendations about preventive health services to the secretary of HHS is so relevant.

The court said no, they don't exercise the powers of principal officers to the United States because ultimately what they're doing is making recommendations to the agency and the agency gets to decide whether to accept or reject their recommendations.

TDN: In light of all that has happened legally since HISA was enacted, how do you see its legal footing? Stronger than ever? Still a little shaky?

LF: I think the tenor of my remarks throughout our conversation has been that I think the Supreme Court decisions of last week put HISA on very solid constitutional footing.

I guess the big question going forward is going to be, how many other states are going to go the route of Texas and say, 'you know, we are so intent on doing it our own way that we are willing to give up millions of dollars in interstate wagering revenue that are a life blood of horse racing.'

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SARATOGA NOTEBOOK: MCPEEK NEVER LOST FAITH IN THORPEDO ANNA

by *Tim Wilkin*

SARATOGA SPRINGS - Next Wednesday, 2024 Horse of the Year & 'TDN Rising Star' Thorpedo Anna (Fast Anna) is expected to be in Saratoga. Trainer Kenny McPeek said she will ship to the Spa from Kentucky along with **Mystik Dan** (Goldencents), last year's GI Kentucky Derby winner.

Thorpedo Anna is coming off a three-length win in the GII, \$500,000 Fleur de Lis Stakes at Churchill Downs last Saturday.

"She is fine, she is like a rocket ship," McPeek said by phone from Kentucky Thursday. "She loves her work; she loves what she does."

Fans of the popular 4-year-old filly may have breathed a collective sigh of relief after the Fleur de Lis. That's because in her previous start, Churchill's GI La Troienne Stakes, Thorpedo Anna finished seventh--and last.

It was the first time in her 14-race career that Thorpedo Anna did not finish first (11 wins) or second. McPeek wasn't disappointed in the La Troienne result; he was enraged.

Thorpedo Anna was bumped hard, squeezed and bounced around like a ping pong ball while between horses going into the first turn and was basically eliminated.

"If you are a basketball fan, that was a flagrant 2 [foul]," McPeek said. "They mugged her. The notion that (Thorpedo Anna) wasn't right or ready is ridiculous. That was the only way they were going to beat her. I am actually still mad about it. She was locked and loaded and ready to win. I don't know if those tactics were accidental or intentional, but she should not have a mark on her race record because of that. It is what it is."

After the La Troienne, there were whispers that Thorpedo Anna had regressed, that she wasn't the same horse as last year. McPeek didn't buy it.

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Thorpedo Anna is back at the Spa for the summer | Sarah Andrew

“She is ready to go, same as last year,” he said. “Nothing has changed. She is a consummate professional. She does everything you ask her to do every day. She loves to work, she loves to eat, she loves to run. She wants to be the first one on the track every morning and is still the sweetest, kindest horse to be around.”

McPeek said Thorpedo Anna, owned by Brookdale Racing Inc., Mark Edwards, breeder Judy Hicks and Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeek) will target the \$500,000 GI Personal Ensign at Saratoga Aug. 23 and the \$650,000 GI Juddmonte Spinster Stakes at Keeneland Oct. 5.

If all goes well in those two races, things could get interesting.

“Let’s just say if she romps home in those two, you can make a case to entertain the [GI Breeders’ Cup] Classic,” McPeek said. “She steps up to her competition. Anyone who says she doesn’t fit ... she has beaten **Sierra Leone (Gun Runner)** and she gave **Fierceness (City of Light)** all he could handle. I don’t have to make any of those decisions for a very long time.”

Thorpedo Anna was second in last year’s GI DK Travers Stakes, beaten a head by **'TDN Rising Star'** Fierceness. Sierra Leone, also a **'Rising Star'** who would go on to win the 2024 Classic, was third in the Midsummer Derby.

McPeek also said he is not ruling out running Thorpedo Anna next season. While Thorpedo Anna is being pointed to a

Saratoga race, Mystik Dan’s name will likely not be seen in the entry box. He is coming off a fourth-place finish in the GI Stephen Foster Stakes last Saturday after winning the GIII **Blame** Stakes at Churchill May 31.

“I’m not planning on running him again until September,” McPeek said. “I don’t see him running at Saratoga at this point. His presence will be felt up there training.”

3-Year-Old Filly Championship On Casse’s Radar For Nitrogen

The overwhelming favorite for Saturday’s \$500,000 GI Belmont Oaks Invitational is **Nitrogen (Medaglia d’Oro)**, who is 4-5 on the morning line.

The 3-year-old filly will be chasing her sixth win in as many starts this season for Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse and owner D.J. Stable LLC. The classy grass runner is 3-for-3 on the lawn this year and Casse has a lofty goal for Nitrogen.

Providing everything goes well in the 1 1/8-mile Belmont Oaks on the Mellon Turf course, the next stop for Nitrogen would be the prestigious \$600,000 GI Alabama Stakes on the dirt at Saratoga Aug. 16.

“We still have our eyes set on being champion 3-year-old filly,” Casse said outside his barn on the Oklahoma Training Track.

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Nitrogen nets a sloppy Wonder Again | Sarah Andrew

“As long as she runs respectable [in the Belmont Oaks] and comes out in good order, I think we will try the Alabama,” he said.

Nitrogen was last seen burying two others in the GIII Wonder Again Stakes, which was taken off the grass on Belmont Stakes Day at Saratoga last month. Nitrogen and jockey Jose Ortiz romped to a 17-length win.

“I realize she beat two other fillies that had no dirt form.” Casse said. “But it was so how fast she ran and with the ease she ran and Josse said she just skipped over the dirt.”

In her other four wins this year, Nitrogen won the GII Edgewood Stakes at Churchill Downs, the GII Appalachian Stakes at Keeneland, the GIII Florida Oaks at Tampa Bay and the listed Ginger Brew Stakes at Gulfstream Park. All of those were on the grass and were by a combined 6 3/4 lengths.

If Nitrogen does make it to the Alabama, she could be facing stablemate **La Cara** (**Street Sense**), who upset previously unbeaten **Good Cheer** (Medaglia d’Oro) on a sloppy (sealed) track in the GI DK Horse Acorn Stakes at Saratoga June 6.

Casse is targeting La Cara to the \$500,000 GI Coaching Club American Oaks at Saratoga July 19.

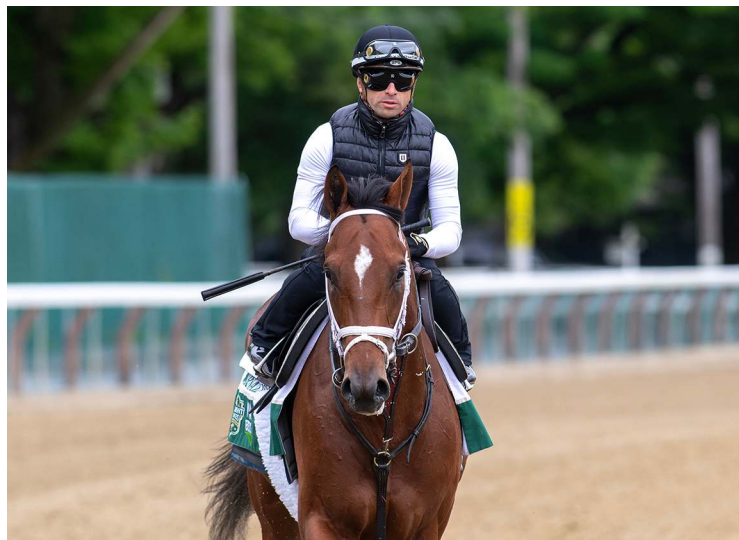
“La Cara still has a shot to be champion 3-year-old filly,” Casse said. “If she runs well in the Oaks, she’ll probably end up in the Alabama as well.”

Running two top fillies against each other won’t cause any worry for Casse.

“I never worry about that,” Casse said. “Two different owners, two different running styles. I never, ever let that be a factor.”

McCarthy In No Hurry To Decide Where Journalism Will Run Next

After a hearty spring campaign that saw him as the only horse to run in all three Triple Crown races, **Journalism** (**Curlin**) got



Journalism working for Belmont in early June | Sarah Andrew

back to work on Sunday with his first work since the GI Belmont Stakes. That being said, trainer Michael McCarthy is in no hurry to figure out where or when Journalism will run next.

“I’m not even sure when he is going to work back,” McCarthy said by phone from California. “He might work this weekend; we might wait a few days. He had three hard races in five weeks.”

Journalism, owned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Bridlewood Farm, Don Alberto Stable, Robert LaPenta, Elayne Stables Five, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith, went off as the favorite in all three Triple Crown races.

He finished second in the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Belmont Stakes behind **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief) and won the GI Preakness Stakes.

Journalism worked four furlongs in 47.80 (19/109) at Santa Anita on Sunday.

“Went very well,” McCarthy said. Pleased with what I saw. I just wanted him to stretch his legs. I am going to kind of play it by ear.”

McCarthy would not commit to having Journalism return in the \$500,000 GII Jim Dandy at Saratoga July 26 of the \$1 million GI Haskell Stakes at Monmouth July 19.

“I am going to let the horse tell me when he’s ready,” McCarthy said. “We have nothing on the table at this time. We are going to keep all our options open.”

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BELMONT DERBY/OAKS HEAD HOLIDAY WEEKEND AT THE SPA, TDN RISING STAR LOCKED RETURNS IN SUBURBAN



Belmont Derby contender Luther | Sarah Andrew

Saratoga's opening weekend kicks off with a trio of graded stakes Friday--the GI Belmont Derby, GII Suburban Stakes and GIII Manila Stakes. Saturday's card features three additional graded tests, including the GI Belmont Oaks. The day's undercard is highlighted by the GIII Sandford and GIII Kelso.

The Belmont Derby offers a salty assembly of turf horses, including European invader **Luther (GB) (Frankel {GB})**, who is trained by Charlie Fellowes.

In three starts this term, Luther was runner-up on the synthetic at Chelmsford in April before finishing fourth behind winner Henri Matisse--beaten only 1 1/4 lengths--in the French 2,000 Guineas, the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulins, at Longchamp in May. The sophomore looks to get back on track following a 15th in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly June 1.

Final Gambit (Not This Time) was third on the sod at Churchill Downs last November before finishing a close-up second going a mile over Turfway's synthetic Jan. 4. Winning his next two over that track, including the nine-furlong GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks in March, the grey came home a bang-up fourth behind Sovereignty (Into Mischief) and subsequent Preakness hero Journalism (**Curlin**) in a wet renewal of the GI Kentucky Derby. The Juddmonte homebred finished in that same spot June 8 in the 8 1/2-furlong GIII Matt Winn Stakes and gets another try on the grass here.

GIII Transylvania scorer **Test Score** (Lookin At Lucky), runner-up in the GI American Turf last time out, makes his first start back since as does GISW **New Century (GB)** (Kameko), who was third in the American Turf.

Cutting back from his last out victory in the American Turf,

Zulu Kingdom (Ire) (Ten Sovereigns {Ire}) appears hard to beat in the one-mile Manila. A winner in his sole start in France for Andre Fabre last term, the Irish-bred is four for five since joining Chad Brown stateside. Winner of the GII Pilgrim and GIII With Anticipation over this surface at two, the bay took the one-mile Columbia Stakes at Tampa earlier in March.

Locked Looks for Redemption in Suburban

'**TDN Rising Star**' **Locked (Gun Runner)** took plenty of money in his latest start in the GIII Alysheba at Churchill Downs on May 2 when finishing a fair bit behind his winning stablemate Fierceness (**City of Light**). Despite that tough beat that day, the lightly-raced chestnut has shown he is more than up to the task despite the recent defeat.

Victorious in the GI Breeders' Futurity at two, the colt also finished third in that season's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Winning both starts at three, including the GII Cigar Mile at the Big A in December, he closed well to be runner-up behind White Abarrio (Race Day) in the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational at Gulfstream in January before galloping home an 8 1/2-length winner in the 10-furlong GI Santa Anita Handicap. Jose Ortiz gets the return call here.



Locked schooling at the Spa this week | Sarah Andrew

Saturday's Graded Action Led by Belmont Oaks

While there certainly are some nice fillies ready to lineup in Saturday's featured Oaks, **Nitrogen (Medaglia d'Oro)** seems to breath different air than her rivals in Saturday's GI Belmont Oaks.

Trained by Mark Casse, the D J Stable homebred has proven unbeatable so far this season, winning all five starts, including a quartet of graded stakes. Grade I placed in a pair of starts at two, Nitrogen won this season's Ginger Brew Stakes, GIII Florida Oaks and GII Appalachian before cruising home a confident winner of Churchill's GII Edgewood Stakes May 2. **Cont.**



Obliteration works at the Spa | Sarah Andrew

With only two others daring to face her in the rained-off GIII Wonder Again Stakes at this venue on June 7, she was all alone at the wire, winning by double digits. Regular rider Jose Ortiz gets back on board here.

Looking to stand in the way of the morning line favorite is **Fionn (Twirling Candy)**, who herself has shown consistency, winning four of her last five starts, including the nine-furlong GIII Regret Stakes at Churchill on May 31. Trained by Brad Cox, the dark bay gets the services of Flavien Prat for the first time. The jockey-trainer combo are pure fire, having connected at almost a 50% strike rate at the Spa so far this year.

The juvenile division also gets some play Saturday with six entered for the six-furlong Sanford.

'TDN Rising Star' **Obliteration (Violence)** ran off to an embarrassingly easy victory in his Churchill debut going 5 1/2 furlong June 12 and gets jumped into graded company for his follow-up swing.

Mark Casse offers up two viable options, however, with runaway debut winner **Strategic Risk (Noble Bird)** and morning line favorite **Blinging It Back (Volatile)**, who finished third in the Tremont Stakes at the Spa June 5. A homebred for John Oxley, Strategic Risk faces opening company here after his debut win over fellow Florida-breds June 7. His stablemate, who is still a maiden, was third in his career bow in Louisville May 1. Irad Ortiz Jr. rides the former while his brother, Jose, is named on the latter.

The GIII Kelso has attracted eight, including a handful marked for main-track-only. Among the main contenders, **Donegal Momentum (Uncle Mo)** comes into this off a 1 3/4-length score in the June 5 GIII Poker Stakes over this course. He faces Poker third-place finisher **Intellect (Fr) (Intello {Ger})**, in addition to dual graded stakes winner **Think Big (Twirling Candy)**.

Graded Action From Coast to Coast

Horseshoe Indianapolis has its day with a pair of sophomore tests--the GIII Indiana Derby and GIII Indiana Oaks. Though still a maiden, **Publisher (American Pharoah)** has spent much of the season knocking heads with the current Triple Crown class. Promoted to sixth via DQ in the GIII Southwest in January, he ran fourth in the GII Rebel Stakes before finishing second to Sandman (**Tapit**) in the GI Arkansas Derby. He hasn't seen racing action since finishing 14th in the Kentucky Derby.

Victorious in the aforementioned Rebel, **Coal Battle (Coal Front)** was third in the Arkansas Derby before coming home 11th in the Derby. he most recently finished third in the GIII Matt Winn.

Likely favorite in the card's filly counterpart, **Clicquot (Quality Road)** tries to collect her first taste of black-type following a pair of Kentucky wins. Trained by Brendan Walsh, the grey was a six-length winner going seven panels at Keeneland in April before taking her two-turn bow at Churchill May 31.

Also featured Saturday, Woodbine offers the GIII Hendrie Stakes, while Los Alamitos presents the GII Great Lady M Stakes, which features the returning Grade I winners **Sweet Azteca (Sharp Azteca)** and **Kopion (Omaha Beach)**, winner of her three latest starts including the GI Derby City Distaff in May.

Delaware's Saturday card is highlighted by the 11-furlong GIII Robert G. Dick Memorial while Prairie Meadows showcases the GIII Cornhusker Handicap.

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ICONIC BREEDER JOHN C. HARRIS PASSES AWAY AT 81

John C. Harris, one of California's most respected leaders in agriculture and Thoroughbred breeding, has passed away peacefully at the age of 81.

Born July 14, 1943, Harris was a lifelong resident of Fresno County. He attended local elementary and high schools before earning his degree from UC Davis. He proudly served his country in the United States Army.

John was a passionate farmer, rancher, and businessman who dedicated his life to stewarding the land and advancing California agriculture. As the driving force behind Harris Farms, one of the state's most prominent and diversified agricultural operations, he championed innovation, quality and sustainability in every endeavor.

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Harris was also a nationally recognized figure in Thoroughbred racing, known for breeding and racing many distinguished champions. His deep love for horses and the sport was matched by his leadership and advocacy within the industry, where he served as a mentor and ambassador for generations.

Holding positions with California Thoroughbred Breeders Association, the California Horse Racing Board, and the Thoroughbred Owners of California, Harris was a member of The Jockey Club of America since 1988.

Harris Farms stood key stallions like Cee's Tizzy, the sire of the great Tiznow, and also perennial leading California sires Unusual Heat and Vronsky. Harris was also responsible for standing Lucky Pulpit, the sire of GI Kentucky Derby hero California Chrome. More recently, his lineup included Catholic Boy and Halladay.

Along with Don Valpredo, Harris bred and raced GSW Soviet Problem (Moscow Ballet), and he and Valpredo bred Unzip Me (City Zip), who Harris co-owned while she was third in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint in 2010. Carrying his signature white and green checked colors was MGSW Closing Remarks (Vronsky).

'The Great Race Place' said in a press release on Thursday about Harris's passing, "Santa Anita Park joins the racing community in mourning the loss of California owner and breeder John Harris. His contributions to the Thoroughbred industry in our state cannot be overstated and his support was unwavering. The green and white Harris Farms silks were omnipresent in Santa Anita's winner's circle and the legacy of the man they represent will be everlasting. Our thoughts are with his family, friends and fellow horsemen and women. May his memory be a blessing."

Beyond his professional achievements, Harris had an unwavering passion for helping people and supporting his local community. Whether through philanthropy, mentorship, or

quiet acts of kindness, he consistently uplifted others and believed in giving back to the region and industry that shaped him. His humility, generosity, and integrity were hallmarks of his life.

Harris was recently married in June to his beloved wife, Cookie Harris, with whom he shared deep joy, admiration and companionship. He is survived by Cookie, extended family, and countless friends and colleagues whose lives were enriched by his strength of character and enduring compassion.

A private burial ceremony will be held, while a public celebration of life is being scheduled and will be announced soon.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the Jack A. Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund, continuing Harris's commitment to supporting the next generation of agricultural leaders.

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"BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT" PASSES WITH POSITIVE & NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS FOR RACING

The One Big Beautiful Act (OBBBA), passed by Congress and expected to be signed into law by President Trump, makes permanent 100% bonus depreciation, an important incentive for Thoroughbred breeders and owners, but also has negative implications for gamblers that are concerning to the industry.

The Republican-controlled House of Representatives passed the bill on Thursday, and now the bill heads to President Trump's desk to be signed, which is expected to happen on Friday, July 4. The bill extends Trump's 2017 tax cuts, approves hundreds of billions of dollars on the military and the funding of deportations, and instills steep cuts on Medicaid, food aid, and renewable energy funding.

On the positive side for racing, the one-hundred percent bonus depreciation was part of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, signed into law during the first Trump administration.

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Originally, this provision included a phase-out schedule that made bonus depreciation 40% this year, 20% in 2026, and completely phased out by 2027. Now, it will stay at 100%, retroactive to Jan. 20, 2025.

In a press release Friday, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association thanked Representative Andy Barr (R-KY), who was instrumental in leading the charge to cut problematic language changing the nature of the excess business loss carryover, which was removed in the final version of the bill. In addition to Barr, NTRA President and CEO Tom Rooney credited Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) and former Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY).

But, as outlined by the *TDN's Dan Ross in the July 3 edition*, the version of the bill passed contains a tax provision that could prove prohibitive to gamblers, with ramifications for horse racing's bottom line.

Deductions for gambling winnings will be limited to 90% of annual losses. Currently, gamblers can deduct 100% of wagering losses (below a net profit) for any given year.

The NTRA went on to say that while there are many victories for the horse racing industry in the OBBBA, there is still work to be done to offset some losses by horseplayers in their ability to deduct tax losses. The organization said they were committed to working on that fix moving forward.

When asked what possible fixes could be implemented to reverse the impacts from the new gambling tax, Rooney said it would most likely have to come with next year's budget. "We will figure that out," he added.

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PTHA REACHES SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ON INTERNAL LITIGATION

In a joint statement from President Bob Hutt and Executive Director Jeff Matty of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (PTHA), the Bucks County litigation filed last fall by members of the board of directors was settled on terms that all parties believe to be in the best interest of the PTHA and its 2,500-plus membership, the organization said via a press release on Thursday.

On Oct. 22 of last year, *TDN's T.D. Thornton reported* that seven of the 11 directors of the PTHA had filed a legal response that denied sweeping allegations of corruption and cronyism that were made the prior month by Hutt and another board member. The directors specified for removal by Hutt included Matty, who was also under contract to work as the PTHA's executive director.

In the settlement agreement, the parties recognize that all directors have acted in good faith and in the best interest of the

PTHA at all times and that no party should be removed based on the conduct raised in the litigation.

As a result of the settlement terms, the board will seek to implement a plan of action within the next 60 days by amending the bylaws. Changes will include mandatory board training at the beginning of each term, along with a more robust conflict of interest and mandatory disclosure policy. The release goes on to state that neither the parties nor their counsel shall have any other comment about the litigation or the settlement.

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REPORT: DRUG COMPOUNDING EXEC FOUND GUILTY IN MISBRANDING CONSPIRACY CASE

Sam Glover, the vice president of sales for the Arkansas-based company U.S. Compounding, faces up to five years in prison at sentencing after being found guilty of one felony count of drug adulteration and misbranding conspiracy at a federal jury trial that concluded in New York last week.

Ray Paulick of the *Paulick Report* was first to break the news of the verdict.

According to the *Paulick Report*, "Prosecutors alleged that Glover was part of a conspiracy from 2015-2021 to sell the compounded medication omeprazole/fenbendazole paste, which treats both equine ulcers and intestinal worms, without obtaining prescriptions from a veterinarian who had established a valid client-patient relationship with each horse."

The *Paulick Report* story stated, "Glover conspired with Kentucky veterinarian Dr. William A. 'Bill' Baker and Kyle Zorn, then the company's east coast sales manager, to use Baker's name on prescription forms in exchange for what they allege were monetary kickbacks to Baker. The prescriptions were written, prosecutors said, even though Baker had not seen or treated the horse."

The *Paulick Report* stated that Zorn and Baker were identified as "co-conspirators" in court documents. Neither was indicted.

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Echo Sound need one ping--and one ping only--to know when it was time to zero in on her target, and the result was run silent, run deep in the GIII Victory Ride Stakes at Saratoga on what was a Thursday opening day.

Near perfect across a five-race career, Echo Sound debuted a winner last summer at Ellis Park and then cleared an optional claimer at Churchill Downs in early September. The bay won the Myrtlewood Stakes at Keeneland in late October before she was beaten by 2 1/2 lengths in the Fern Creek Stakes in Louisville Nov. 30. Taking a break, her 3-year-old campaign was marked by getting her picture taken in the GIII Ms. Preakness Stakes at Pimlico May 16.

Bet down to 3-2 here, the chalk did not go all ahead full at the break as longshot Hollygrove (**Complexity**) took control up the backstretch. Ready to engage the pacesetter around the far



Echo Sound | Sarah Andrew

turn, Echo Sound turned up the pressure and at the top of the lane the filly was ready to see the race out. Inside the eighth pole the 3-year-old cleared as the wire beckoned.

"Each one of them [her races] has been a step this year," said Rusty Arnold, who also trained the race's namesake Victory Ride (Seeking the Gold). "The race was tougher I think today and she took a step forward--so, very, very happy.

"She was a pretty good 2-year-old," he said. "She got beat once and the reason she got beat [was] she had a little issue. We turned her out, gave her the winter off, and I think she has taken a couple steps forward. We're going to need one more step forward for the next one."

"We bred her," said Gabriel Duignan, winning owner and co-breeder of Echo Sound. "We bred her with the Pieratts. This was her [Eagle Sound's] last foal, unfortunately her mother died a few hours after having her, she hemorrhaged. This is her first filly, so we said we are keeping her. That makes this extra special."

Pedigree Notes:

Echo Sound remains the lone graded winner for his second-crop sire (by Speightstown). Eagle Sound has produced 11 foals, all of whom have raced and she claims nine winners out of the bunch with the Victory Ride champ being her last registered foal of record. Digging into Echo Sound's extended female family, we find GII Blue Grass Stakes hero Wild Syn (Wild Again), MSP Magdalena's Chase (Cape Town) and MSW Island Escape (Petionville). [@campbellparlay](#)

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OWNERVIEW WEBINAR COVERS THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG HORSES

The fifth installment of the 2025 OwnerView webinar series took place on July 1 focusing on the development of young horses with panelists Niall Brennan (Niall Brennan Stables), David O'Farrell (Ocala Stud), trainer Lindsay Schultz and retired pinhooker Eddie Woods. Gary Falter, the project manager for OwnerView, moderated a panel discussion.

The conference is hosted by The Jockey Club and the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association and presented by Bessemer Trust, Keeneland, and Stoll Keenon Ogden. The panel was sponsored by OCD Pellets.

According to O'Farrell, it's important to start working with foals as soon as possible if they are nursing and healthy.

"You know they would follow their mother if you let them and they'd lead right into the stall," he said. "But it's hugely important that you go ahead and put the mini halter, the figure eight halter, on and coax them down the shed row and teach them to lead right off the bat."

The panelists agreed that starting horses should be done slowly and quietly.

"The slower you go, the better it is. If you get into a rush, it ends up a mess," Woods said.

Brennan concurred. "If you go a little too quickly with it and frighten them, then that's a different story," he said. "We just take our time, and similar to Eddie, we spend about a week in the stall with the riders just playing with them, putting the tack on them, turning them around, and just judging them individually."

Another theme was starting and working horses together.

"We send them out in groups, especially for the first while that they're at the track," said Schultz. "And if we don't have a group then you might send them out with a pony. The first part of the process, they always go in company."

The next session entitled 'Buying at the Sales and Digital Sales' will be held Aug. 12 at 2 p.m. ET. The full schedule may be viewed [here](#). There is no fee to register for the series, but

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'BEAT BYK' HANDICAPPING CONTEST RETURNS FOR 2025

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) and 'At the Races' host Steve Byk will once again partner for the 'Beat Byk NHC Challenge' this summer, offering one NHC tour member the opportunity to compete in the National Horseplayers Championship (NHC) at the Horseshoe Las Vegas from Mar. 13-15, 2026.

Last year's contest attracted better than 12,000 entries. Every Thursday, Byk will choose the weekend stakes race that make up the week's contest and announce them both on the radio and on his X page, [@Steve_Byk](#).

Byk's selections will be announced no later than each Friday. There will be 17 chances to qualify to the Beat Byk NHC Online Qualifier on September 13 during the promotional period. Listeners will be encouraged to log into <https://www.ntra.com/beatbyk/> where they will either use Byk's selection to win the featured race or try to 'Beat Byk' by selecting another horse.

All who correctly select the winning horse in each round will advance to a NHC 'Beat Byk' online qualifier on Sept. 13 held on [Horseplayers.com](#). Participants may qualify only once during the promotional period.

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Rank	Stallion	BTW/%strts	BTH/%strts	GSW/%strts	GSH/%strts	G1SW/%strts	G1SH/%strts	Earnings
1	Oscar Performance (2014) by Kitten's Joy	5/7.25	8/11.59	2/2.9	6/8.7	--/--	1/1.45	\$1,479,754 World Beater
2	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (Arg)	4/3.85	7/6.73	4/3.85	5/4.81	1/0.96	1/0.96	\$2,563,516 Think Big
3	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	4/4.12	7/7.22	1/1.03	1/1.03	--/--	--/--	\$1,690,414 Love Cervere
4	Grazen (2006) by Benchmark	4/7.84	6/11.76	--/--	1/1.96	--/--	--/--	\$968,679 Lovesick Blues
5	Justify (2015) by Scat Daddy	3/2.94	8/7.84	2/1.96	5/4.9	1/0.98	1/0.98	\$3,242,959 Ruling Court
6	English Channel (2002) by Smart Strike	3/2.94	5/4.9	3/2.94	4/3.92	--/--	1/0.98	\$1,935,964 Far Bridge
7	Not This Time (2014) by Giant's Causeway	3/3.85	9/11.54	1/1.28	5/6.41	--/--	--/--	\$1,791,427 Dream On
8	Constitution (2011) by Tapit	3/2.86	3/2.86	1/0.95	1/0.95	--/--	--/--	\$1,787,458 Pin Up Betty
9	Karakontie (Jpn) (2011) by Bernstein	3/6.25	6/12.5	1/2.08	2/4.17	1/2.08	1/2.08	\$1,430,356 She Feels Pretty
10	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie	3/3.23	4/4.3	2/2.15	2/2.15	--/--	--/--	\$1,315,733 Donegal Momentum
11	Omaha Beach (2016) by War Front	3/4.05	6/8.11	--/--	2/2.7	--/--	1/1.35	\$1,219,758 Freedom's Not Free
12	Adios Charlie (2008) by Indian Charlie	3/ 16.67	3/ 16.67	--/--	1/5.56	--/--	--/--	\$744,637 Epona's Hope
13	Pioneerof the Nile (2006) by Empire Maker	3/15	4/20	1/5	2/10	--/--	1/5	\$587,328 Cabo Spirit
14	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire)	2/3.13	5/7.81	2/3.13	5/7.81	1/1.56	1/1.56	\$2,867,057 Spirit of St Louis
15	Mendelssohn (2015) by Scat Daddy	2/1.65	8/6.61	--/--	2/1.65	--/--	--/--	\$1,760,192 Master Trillion (Aus)

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Friday, Saratoga #9, post time: 5:45 p.m. EDT

BELMONT DERBY INVITATIONAL S.-GI, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tank	Adios Charlie	Arindel	David	Saez	122
2	Early Adopter (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz	122
3	Luther (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Paul Hickman and Nicholas Jones	Fellowes	Shoemark	122
4	New Century (GB)	Kameko	Qatar Racing	Walsh	Murphy	122
5	Test Score	Lookin At Lucky	Amerman Racing LLC	Motion	Franco	122
6	Final Gambit	Not This Time	Juddmonte	Cox	Prat	122
7	World Beater	Oscar Performance	Pin Oak Stud LLC	Mott	Torres	122
8	Flying Mohawk	Karakontie (Jpn)	Two-Eight Racing, Berry Family Racing, and Kaleta Racing	Scr	Scr	Scr

Breeders: 1-Arindel, 2-Fittocks Stud & Arrow Farm & Stud, 3-Coln Valley Stud, 4-The Potent Embrace Partnership, 5-Mrs. Jerry Amerman, 6-Juddmonte, 7-Dr. John A. Chandler, 8-John O'Meara

You usually want to look for European horses in races like this, but only one, **Luther (GB) (Frankel {GB})**, has shown up for this and he showed nothing in GI Prix du Jockey Club. The pick will be **Tank** (Adios Charlie). This will be by far the toughest assignment of his career but can't help noticing that he's the only speed in the race. **Test Score** (Lookin At Lucky) finished a solid second behind Zulu Kingdom (Ire) (Ten Sovereigns {Ire}) in the GI American Turf and can win this with his best effort. **Final Gambit** (Not This Time) showed for the first time in his career that he doesn't have to come from 20 lengths back when he ran fourth in the GIII Matt Winn Stakes. Will be coming late, but will there be enough pace up front for him to get the trip he needs?--**Bill Finley**



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Friday, Saratoga #10, post time: 6:19 p.m. EDT**SUBURBAN S. PRESENTED BY SUBOURBON-GII, \$400,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Phileas Fogg 🌿	Astern (Aus)	Jupiter Stable LLC	Rodriguez	Carmouche	120
2	Disarm	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	118
3	San Siro 🌿	Classic Empire	Andrew Farm, David Fennelly, Ocean Reef Racing, White Mountain Stables and Bryan Reed	Walsh	Saez	118
4	Locked 🌿	Gun Runner	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Walmac Farm	Pletcher	Ortiz	124
5	Bendoog	Gun Runner	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations and William Mott	Mott	Lezcano	118
6	Honor Marie 🌿	Honor Code	Ribble Farms and Lighthouse Racing	Beckman	Curtis	120
7	Antiquarian 🌿	Preservationist	Centennial Farms	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
8	Awesome Aaron 🌿	Practical Joke	Frank Turman, AJ Suited Racing, J. Mark Blieden	Casse	Ortiz, Jr.	124

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 3-Frankfort Park Farm, Bemart, Equinow, Valle Falcone & K. Byrne, 4-Rosa Colasanti, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-Royce Pulliam, 7-Brereton C. Jones, 8-Lester Kwok & Dr. Naoya Yoshida

What happened to 'TDN Rising Star' **Locked (Gun Runner)** when he finished a poor fourth in the GII Alysheba Stakes? Will he run back to that race or will he run back to his powerhouse win in the GI Santa Anita Handicap? Look for him to bounce back. **Antiquarian** (Preservationist) put in a good effort to finish second behind Mystik Dan (Goldencents) in the GIII **Blame**. Seems to be improving for Pletcher. **Awesome Aaron (Practical Joke)** was a great claim by Norm Casse when he took him for \$40,000 in September. Has gotten better ever since and is now running triple digit Beyers. Is 2-for-2 since Casse took the blinkers off.--**Bill Finley**

Friday, Saratoga #8, post time: 5:07 p.m. EDT**MANILA S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Maui Strong	Kitten's Joy	West Point Thoroughbreds, Blue Devil Racing, and Edwin S. Barker	Romans	Alvarado	118
2	Tiz Dashing	Tiz the Law	Sackatoga Stable	Tagg	Castellano	118
3	Fire Pit 🌿	Cairo Prince	Travin Stables	Preciado	Hernandez	118
4	Zulu Kingdom (Ire)	Ten Sovereigns (Ire)	Madaket Stables, Michael Dubb, William Strauss, and Michael J. Caruso	Brown	Prat	122
5	Reagan's Wit 🌿	Authentic	West Point Thoroughbred, D. Ingordo and CJ Stable	DeVaux	Ortiz	120
6	Uncatalyzed (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118
7	Revolutionnaire (Fr)	Penny's Picnic (Ire)	West Point Thoroughbreds and Winters Equine LLC	Clement	Rosario	118
8	Capitol Hill	Into Mischief	Tranquility Lake Farms LLC	Mott	Velazquez	118
9	Golden Channel	English Channel	Gatsas Stables and R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Franco	118
10	Strate Cash	Tiz the Law	Twin Brook Stables, Madaket Stables LLC, GRC Racing, Belladonna Racing, Runnels Racing	DeVaux	Hernandez, Jr.	118
11	Mythical Man 🌿	Mucho Macho Man	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Gargan	Saez	118
12	Flat to Da Mat 🌿	Omaha Beach	JP Racing Stable and Wexford Racing	Maker	Davis	118

Breeders: 1-Blue Devil Racing Stable, 2-Camas Park Stud, 3-Brereton Jones, 4-Ecurie Peregrine SAS, 5-Deann Baer & Greg Baer DVM, 6-AI Wasmiyah Farm, 7-Haras du Hoguenet, Mr. Gilles Le Baron, Ecurie Vaporetto et al., 8-Pam & Martin Wygod, 9-Edward Seltzer, 10-Pippa's Hurricane, 11-Adena Springs, 12-Jeff Kerber

Reagan's Wit (Authentic), scratched from last Saturday's American Derby due to the softish conditions at Churchill, is in sharp form now for trainer Cherie DeVaux. Three starts back, he finished just a neck behind **Zulu Kingdom (Ire)** (Ten Sovereigns {Ire}), who will be a deserving favorite off his win in the GI American Turf, having been withdrawn from a yielding-turf renewal of the GIII Penn Mile last Friday. It's Flavien and Chad, so Zulu will be overbet, but has every chance to win this. Don't know what to make of **Strate Cash (Tiz the Law)**. Comes here after whipping the competition in a turf maiden at Santa Anita as the 2-5 favorite. Obviously, has a lot of ability but is he ready for this?--**Bill Finley**

Saturday, Saratoga #11, post time: 6:13 p.m. EDT

BELMONT OAKS INVITATIONAL S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Warming 🌿	Global Campaign	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Motion	Franco	121
2	Opulent Restraint (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Stephanie Seymour Brant	Brown	Rosario	121
3	Totally Justified 🌿	Justify	Bregman Family Racing LLC	Arnold II	Saez	121
4	Virgin Colada	More Than Ready	Resolute Racing	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	121
5	Fionn 🌿	Twirling Candy	Messina, George and Lee, Michael	Cox	Prat	121
6	May Day Ready	Tapit	KatieRich Stables LLC	Lee	Dettori	121
7	Nitrogen	Medaglia d'Oro	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Ortiz	121

Breeders: 1-M. Auerbach, LLC, 2-White Birch Farm, SC, 3-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 4-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 5-Dixiana Farms, LLC, 6-White Birch Farm, Inc., 7-D. J. Stable, LLC

Nitrogen (Medaglia d'Oro) returns to the turf after winning the off-the-turf GIII Wonder Again on the dirt by 17 lengths. Versatile, she's 5-for-5 already on the year and is the clear class of the 3-year-old filly turf division. Would love to see her in a race like the GI Alabama or GI Coaching Club American Oaks. **Fionn** (Twirling Candy) looks like the main threat. She's 4-for-6 lifetime and already has two stakes wins, but hard to see her putting together the kind of effort she's going to need to beat Nitrogen. Owned by injured Red Sox slugger Alex Bregman, **Totally Justified** (Justify) was solid last out, finishing a half-length behind Fionn. It was her best race to date but she's going to have to improve a ton to be able to beat Nitrogen.--**Bill Finley**

Saturday, Los Alamitos #8, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT

GREAT LADY M S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Super Shine (Arg)	Super Saver	R Unicorn Stable	D'Amato	Pereira	124
2	Sweet Azteca	Sharp Azteca	Pamela C. Ziebarth	Baltas	Hernandez	124
3	Chismosa	Clubhouse Ride	Jaime Roberto Renella	DeLeon	Frey	124
4	Barbara T 🌿	Army Mule	The Warnick Stable and Joseph A. Hinkhouse	McCarthy	Berrios	121
5	One Magic Philly	Good Magic	John Gallegos	D'Amato	Fresu	124
6	Kopion 🌿	Omaha Beach	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Kimura	124

Breeders: 1-Firmamento, 2-Pamela Cee Ziebarth, 3-Jaime R Renella, 4-Elevage II, LLC & St. Elias Stables LLC, 5-John Gallegos, 6-Tall Oaks Farm

Kopion (Omaha Beach) is one of the fastest filly sprinters that we've seen in a long time. She looks like she's at least 10 lengths faster than anyone in the field. Hard to see her losing. **Barbara T** (Army Mule) has been lightly raced, but trainer Michael McCarthy must have her ready to go considering he's throwing her into the deep end in a really tough race. **Sweet Azteca** (Sharp Azteca) was a distant fourth in her last start--GIII Chillingsworth S.--but was on fire last summer and a return to that form could put her right there. --**Bill Finley**

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Saturday, Horseshoe Indianapolis #12, post time: 6:33 p.m. EDT

INDIANA DERBY-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Publisher	American Pharoah	King, Gus and Estate of Brereton C. Jones	Asmussen	Smith	118
2	Master Controller 🌿	Tapiture	AJMAC and Family Thoroughbreds, LLC	Vanden Berg	Emigh	118
3	Coal Battle	Coal Front	Norman Stables LLC	Briley	Lanerie	124
4	Shan	Shancelot	Steve Moger	Moger, Jr.	Roman	118
5	Chunk of Gold	Preservationist	Terry L. Stephens	Scr	Scr	Scr
6	Tip Top Thomas	Volatile	Bakke, James J. and Isbister, Gerald	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
7	Big Truzz 🌿	Justify	Flying Dutchman Breeding and Racing	Lynch	Cannon	118
8	Brotha Keny 🌿	Mo Town	Kinross, Lance and Kinross, Steve	Morey	Ramos	118
9	Instant Replay	Maximum Security	Wathnan Racing	Cox	Machado	124

Breeders: 1-Brereton C. Jones, 2-Doug Branham & Felicia Branham, 3-Hume Wornall & Jay Adcock, 4-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable, 5-Brereton C. Jones, 6-Wynnstay Inc., Donna Moore and Jim Richardson, 7-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt & Kaleen ShahInc., 8-Terrazas Thoroughbreds, LLC, 9-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc.

With the key scratch of **Chunk of Gold** (Preservationist), look for **Coal Battle** (Coal Front) to take money. He has been running well, but not enough to beat the very best in this division. It is worth noting that the Lonnie Briley trainee took step forward in the GIII Matt Winn S. A repeat of that performance may be good enough. **Tip Top Thomas** (Volatile) is starting to come around for trainer Todd Pletcher and doesn't seem to be in over his head in what will be his stakes debut. **Instant Replay** (Maximum Security) warrants interest. --**Bill Finley**

Saturday, Prairie Meadows #8, post time: 8:06 p.m. EDT

PRAIRIE MEADOWS CORNHUSKER H.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Gould's Gold	Goldencents	4 G Racing, Lance Gasaway & Magdalena Racing	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	116
2	Red Route One	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Curtis	118
3	Unload	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	De La Cruz	113
4	Jokestar	Practical Joke	Ulwelling, Al and Bill	Scherer	Loveberry	114
5	Heroic Move	Quality Road	Bennewith, Arnold, Wiest, Rick, Clayton & Lana, Howg, Randy, Tremblay, N, R 6 Stable & Kropp, J	Diodoro	Hernandez	118
6	Dragoon Guard	Arrogate	Juddmonte	Cox	Geroux	120
7	Cornishman 🌿	Curlin	Joseph A. Schumer	McFarlane	Corbett	115

Breeders: 1-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 4-Al Ulwelling & Bill Ulwelling, 5-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 6-Juddmonte, 7-Godolphin

Dragoon Guard (Arrogate) was beaten in his 4-year-old debut, but ran into a hot horse in Will Take It (**Tapit**), who went on to win the Hanshin S. at Churchill last weekend. Dragoon Guard was well-spotted by Brad Cox last year and made over \$700,000 running in lesser stakes races that have big purses. Looks like he's found a good spot again.

Gould's Gold (Goldencents) is solid for Ken McPeek, but is stepping up here. **Heroic Move** (Quality Road) is a consistent horse who can post a 90-plus Beyer. --**Bill Finley**



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Saturday, Delaware #5, post time: 2:38 p.m. EDT**ROBERT G. DICK MEMORIAL S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Marksman Queen (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cayton Park Stud	Motion	Ruiz	124
2	Malibu Beauty	Buffum	Z W P Stable, Inc. and Non Stop Stable	Capuano	-	118
3	Party 🌿	Munnings	Jeremiah Kane	Perkins, Jr.	Del Fabbro	118
4	Boss Lady Bailey 🌿	Connect	Hooties Racing LLC	Maker	Centeno	122
5	Spanish Eyes (Ger)	Zarak (Fr)	Qatar Racing LLC and Michaela Faust	Walsh	Rodriguez	118
6	Parish Lane	Justify	R Unicorn Stable	Kenneally	Sanchez	122

Breeders: 1-Cayton Park Stud Ltd, 2-ZWP Stable & Non Stop Stable, 3-Mike Abraham, 4-White Fox Farm, 5-Gestut Karlshof, 6-Orpendale

Marksman Queen (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) always seems to run well in these turf marathons. The tactics will be interesting. She's quick from the gate, but won't win this if she gets into any kind of speed duel with **Malibu Beauty** (Buffum), who could scratch. **Boss Lady Bailey** (Connect) is in good form for trainer Michael Maker, who specializes in winning marathon grass races. **Spanish Eyes** (Ger) (Zarak {Fr}) was smart in her U.S. unveiling against allowance company at Churchill. She won't need to improve much to win this. --**Bill Finley**

Saturday, Horseshoe Indianapolis #11, post time: 5:55 p.m. EDT**DAILY RACING FORM INDIANA OAKS-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sturgeon Moon 🌿	Instagrاند	OXO Equine LLC	Walden	Ramos	124
2	Clicquot	Quality Road	X-Men Racing IV, Madaket Stables & SF Racing	Walsh	Morales	124
3	Deloraine	Candy Ride (Arg)	Godolphin, LLC	Harty	Smith	118
4	Top	Army Mule	Machmer Hall Thoroughbreds & Elliott Racing LLC	Elliott	De La Cruz	118
5	Heavenly Sunset 🌿	Constitution	Qatar Racing LLC	Cox	Machado	118
6	Goldeneye Magic	Mucho Macho Man	Jason DaCosta	DaCosta	Salazar Becerra	124

Breeders: 1-Phalaris, LLC, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-Godolphin, 4-Machmer Hall, 5-CHC Inc., 6-Lakeland Farms

Clicquot (Quality Road) looks like she's ready for this test after an easy win in a Churchill allowance. Already has the best Beyer numbers in the field and she may still be on the improve. **Heavenly Sunset** (Constitution) is cross entered at Prairie Meadows, but if she starts here she should be a major factor for Brad Cox. **Sturgeon Moon** (Instagrاند) will make her 3-year-old debut after showing some promise at two. --**Bill Finley**

Saturday, Saratoga #3, post time: 1:40 p.m. EDT**SANFORD S.-GIII, \$175,000, 2yo, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Imagine John 🌿	Maclean's Music	Pure Bred Funding LLC and Lorenz, Jason T.	Antonucci	Castellano	118
2	Obliteration	Violence	Leland Ackerley Racing	Asmussen	Prat	120
3	Honey Dutch 🌿	Knicks Go	Legion Racing and Awestrike Racing	Beckman	Franco	118
4	Blinging It Back 🌿	Volatile	Barber, Gary and Deutsch, Peter	Casse	Ortiz	118
5	Strategic Risk	Noble Bird	John C. Oxley	Casse	Ortiz, Jr.	120
6	Fistfulofmoney	Tom's d'Etat	Bella Mia Stables, LLC	Rice	Davis	120

Breeders: 1-Narola & Jason Taylor, 2-Ocala Stud, 3-Matt Montgomery, 4-Forever Spring Farm, 5-John Oxley Trust, 6-Cherry Run & Tom's d'Etat Syndicate

Obliteration (Violence) took no money in his debut but obliterated a group of maidens at Churchill Downs to become a 'TDN Rising Star'. Was 10-1 that day but won by 7 1/2 lengths. That Steve Asmussen has named Flavien Prat to ride means he means business. Trained by Mark Casse, **Blinging It Back** (Volatile) is still a maiden but ran a solid second in the Tremont Stakes, picking up an 85 Beyer. He's easily the fastest horse in the race off that number. **Strategic Risk** (Noble Bird) is another runner from the Casse barn, but this is a big jump up in class after he beat Florida-breds on June 7 at Gulfstream.--**Bill Finley**

Saturday, Saratoga #10, post time: 5:38 p.m. EDT**KELSO S.-GIII, \$175,000, 4yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Neat 🐾	Constitution	Red White and Blue Racing LLC and CMNWLTH	Atras	Alvarado	124
2	Intellect (Fr)	Intello (Ger)	Madaket Stables, Dubb, Michael & Bouchey, Steven	Brown	Prat	118
3	Think Big	Twirling Candy	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Ortiz	124
4	Donegal Momentum 🐾	Uncle Mo	Donegal Racing	Morley	Castellano	124
5	Nantasket Beach 🐾	Street Boss	Tristar Farm LLC	Robson	Leparoux	120
6	Mountain Bear (Ire)	No Nay Never	Sentel, Ken, Gruskos, D & Resolution Road Stables	Ward	Espinoza	118
7	Arzak 🐾	Not This Time	Sonata Stable	Trombetta	Ortiz, Jr.	118
8	Win for the Money	Mohaymen	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Davis	124
9	Wynstock 🐾	Solomini	PlayingTheField Racing, Final Turn Racing Stable, and Acqua Nova Stable	Abreu	Rider TBA	124
10	Yo Daddy	Yoshida (Jpn)	Winning Move Stable	Rice	Carmouche	124
11	Bank Frenzy	Central Banker	LSU Stables	Rodriguez	Franco	124
12	Game Warden 🐾	Tapit	Flying P Stable	Casse	Santana, Jr.	124

Breeders: 1-Hidden Brook Farm & Spruce Lane Farm, 2-Ecurie Michel Sardou, 3-Godolphin, 4-Speedway Stable, 5-Adena Springs, 6-Whisperview Trading Ltd, 7-John C. Oxley, 8-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 9-Empire Equines, LLC, 10-Big Chief Racing LLC & Rocker O Ranch LLC, 11-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 12-Bonne Chance Farm, LLC

'**TDN Rising Star**' **Donegal Momentum** (Uncle Mo) wired the field in the GIII Poker Stakes after being allowed to set moderate fractions. No reason why he can't get the same trip here. **Intellect (Fr)** (Intello {Ger}) was a game second against our top pick in the Poker. Just needs a little bit of help with a faster pace and he'll be very dangerous. **Think Big** (**Twirling Candy**) stretches out after a disappointing effort in the GI Jaipur at six furlongs. Prior to that he won three in a row. Can he stretch out?--**Bill Finley**

Saturday, Woodbine #9, post time: 5:20 p.m. EDT**HENDRIE S.-GIII, C\$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT)**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Nice as Pie	Tapiture	Dede McGehee	Danner	Vives	125
2	Ticker Tape Home	Medaglia d'Oro	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Husbands	123
3	Creed's Gold 🐾	Jimmy Creed	Kristin Meldahl	Casse	Hernandez	122
4	Ecstasy 🐾	Paynter	Tucci Stables	Attard	Aebly	123
5	Run for the Hills 🐾	Runhappy	Gary Barber	Casse	Civaci	122
6	Ms. Tart 🐾	Maximus Mischief	Nathan McCauley	Rice	Moran	123
7	Lithe Spirit 🐾	Speightstown	Bradley Thoroughbreds, Gainesway Stable, Laura Leigh Stable, Scott Estes, and Cambron Equine,	Asmussen	Flores	125
8	Gal in a Rush 🐾	Ghostzapper	West Point Thoroughbreds, Chris Larsen, and Tittletown Racing Stables	Clement	Cancel	123

Breeders: 1-Dede McGehee, 2-Sam-Son Farm, 3-Linda Griggs, 4-Martha H. Buckner, 5-Peter A. Berglar Racing Interests, LLC, 6-Sovereign Farm, LLC, 7-Yeguada Centurion S.L., 8-Tom & Mary Lou Teal & Adena Springs

Taking a long shot here, **Ms. Tart** (Maximus Mischief) endured a tough trip in GII Nassau S. over Woodbine's turf and comes back on just one week's rest. Returning to sprinting is what she wants to do. **Creed's Gold** (Jimmy Creed) ran well enough in the GII Intercontinental S. to suggest she could win here, which is a slightly easier spot. **Ticker Tape Home** (Medaglia d'Oro) was a sharp third behind Ms. Tart in the GIII Royal North S. in Toronto at the end of May and won't need to improve much off that race. --**Bill Finley**

Friday, Saratoga, post time: 1:42 p.m. EDT

SCHUYLERVILLE S., \$150,000, 2yo, f, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Evolution	Brethren	Arindel	David	Saez	120
2	Kingsolver	Omaha Beach	Storyteller Racing, Michael Schroeck, B Cahoe, D Russel, Open Gate Horse Ventures, S Catlett, Matthew Ransdell Michael Motley and Joel Braun	Brisset	Prat	118
3	Bay Yaupon	Yaupon	Lee Pokoik	Contessa	Alvarado	118
4	My Sweetheart	Flameaway	Debby M. Oxley	Casse	Dettori	120
5	Miss Magical	Good Magic	R. A. Hill Stable and SGV Thoroughbreds	Weaver	Davis	118
6	Simone	Vekoma	Madison Mattmiller	Weaver	Franco	118

Breeders: 1-Arindel, 2-George Krikorian, 3-Charles H. Deters, 4-Debby M Oxley, 5-TLC Thoroughbreds LLC, 6-John D. Stuart



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7th-SAR, 100K, Msw, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 4:22 p.m.

The pricier half of a coupled entry, **REBELLIOUS TYPE** (Into Mischief) makes his belated debut for the partnership of Spendthrift Farm LLC, Cypress Creek Equine and St. Elias Stable. The 4-year-old son of MGSW Teresa Z brought an even \$1,000,000 as a yearling at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale in 2022 and comes in on a steady work tab for trainer Amelia Green. This is the family of champion 2-year-old filly Storm Flag Flying (Storm Cat) via third dam, MGSW My Flag (Easy Goer).

Opposing Rebellious Type is a trio of 3-year-olds led by **Apalta** (Authentic), a \$525,000 grad also from the Saratoga Sale in 2023. First dam Southern Ring, who did her racing in Canada to the tune of a pair of graded stakes wins, sold for \$875,000 in foal to Into Mischief at KEEJAN in 2021 to Determined Stud who bred Apalta. She has already produced GSP Ladywearsthering (Uncle MOO and SP Adora (Into Mischief). There's plenty of Canadian back class in the pedigree with \$1.1m KEENOV broodmare Radiant Ring as her third dam, making this the family of Canadian champion 3-year-old filly Catch the Ring (Seeking the Gold) and her daughter, another Canadian champion 2-year-old filly in Catch the Thrill (A.P. Indy).

First-time starter **Subito** (Speightstown), a Juddmonte homebred, is a half-brother to GISW Obligatory (**Curlin**) and to GSP Treble Clef (Arrogate) while another half-sister, Napier (Midnight Lute), is responsible for \$1.3m OBS March 2-year-old and MGISP Ferocious (Flatter). First dam Uno Duo, a stakes winner herself, is a half to French G1SW Etoile Montante (Miswaki). Juddmonte bought into the family via third dam Nijinsky Star for \$700,000 back at KEENOV in 1987 and was well-rewarded for it with plenty of Grade I class found under her page.

One of just a few runners with any experience in the field, Godolphin homebred **Fort Nelson** (Bernardini) made one start in October of last year when fourth at Aqueduct going seven furlongs. The colt is out of MGSW Seventh Street (a \$1,000,000 purchase for Godolphin as a 2-year-old in 2007), making him a half to GSW/GISP Lake Avenue (**Tapit**) and a full-brother to GI Malibu Stakes runner up Marking. **TJCIS PPS**

7th-ELP, 100K, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 3:42 p.m.

The 2-year-olds feature at Ellis Park with Tracy Farmer homebred **Western Warrior** (**Essential Quality**) drawing the rail. Out of Trophy Girl, who Farmer sold for \$750,000 at FTKNOV in 2023, the colt is a half to GISW **Blazing Sevens** (**Good Magic**)

\$500,000 Saratoga grad **War Spirit** (Omaha Beach), a half to both SW Ari Gold (**Medaglia d'Oro**) and GSP Petruccio (Into Mischief) also debuts here for BC Stables. **TJCIS PPS**

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SUMMER BREEZES:

Practical Joke Colt Looks To Pack Debut 'Punch'



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

Friday, July 4, 2025

Sar 2, Schuylerville S., \$150k, f, 6f, 1:42 p.m. ET

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price (\$)	Breeze
Kingsolver (Omaha Beach)	OBSMAR	95,000	:10

C-J V C Training & Sales, agt; B-RB Bloodstock, agt. Storyteller Rcg



Practical Joke is the sire of the debuting **Mayweather** at Ellis Park Friday afternoon | Sarah Andrew

Miss Magical (Good Magic) OBSAPR 100,000 :10 2/5
C-S G V Thoroughbreds (Steven Venosa), agent;
B-George Weaver, agent for Vekoma Thoroughbreds LLC

Ellis 7, \$100k, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 3:42 p.m. ET

Mayweather (Practical Joke) OBSAPR 260,000 :10
C-Top Line Sales LLC, agent; B-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners

Saratoga 6, \$90k, 2yo, (R), 5 1/2ft, 3:50 p.m. ET

Essentially Fast (Essential Quality) OBSAPR 40,000 :10 3/5
C-Top Line Sales LLC, agent; B-Gary Contessa, agent

Santinni (Munnings) OBSAPR 12,000 :10
C-S G V Thoroughbreds (S Venosa), agent; B-Paullie B Racing

Sculcos Folly (Redesdale) OBSAPR 70,000 :10
C-Omar Ramirez Bloodstock, agent; B-Chad Schumer, agent

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

WILD APPLAUSE S., \$150,000, Saratoga, 7-3, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:33.21, fm.

1--**CLASSIC Q**, 120, f, 3, by **Classic Empire**

1st Dam: **Lovely Em**, by **Scat Daddy**

2nd Dam: **Milagra**, by **Maria's Mon**

3rd Dam: **Tatiani**, by **Fappiano**

(\$40,000 Ylg '23 KEESep). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Hugh Dailey, Gary Barber and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners;

B-Winning Bloodstock (KY); T-Mark E. Casse; J-Jose L. Ortiz. \$82,500. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, \$218,285. *1/2 to Copper Em (Copper Bullet), SP, \$276,741.

Dam Lovely Em another broodmare prospect flip by Michael Slezak! | Bull@TheWoodsStables@gmail.com

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2--**Play With Fire**, 120, f, 3, **Oscar Performance**--Streaming Fire, by **Street Sense**. (\$85,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR). O-LSU Stables; B-Lothenbach Stables Inc (MN); T-Chad C. Brown. \$30,000.

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3--**Lavender Disaster**, 120, f, 3, Into **Mischief**--Cafe Americano, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Peter M. Brant; B-White Birch Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Chad C. Brown. \$18,000.

Margins: HF, 1 3/4, 5HF. Odds: 1.65, 2.65, 2.65.

Also Ran: Fixin to Bee, Midway Memories, Love and Poetry.

Scratched: Especially, Ruth. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

Having beat older horses in an allowance at Churchill downs in course record time Apr. 30, **Classic Q** stepped up to contest the 1 1/8-mile GIII Regret Stakes but faded from the lead as the favorite when last seen May 31. Dropped back to the flat mile Thursday, the 8-5 favorite put in a stellar effort to earn her first black type win in the Wild Applause on the opening day of the July 4th Racing Festival at Saratoga. Sent to the lead just as she was in the Regret under Jose Ortiz, **Classic Q** gunned it from the outside in a duel with **Lavender Disaster** into the first turn. The pair opened up several lengths back to the rest of the field before **Lavender Disaster** backed up, letting **Classic Q** go solo up front through fractions of :23.34 and :46.46. Still needing to be caught at the quarter pole, the leader had a host of challengers making bids led by **Play With Fire** who was set down inside the final furlong. But **Classic Q** had something left and was able to keep her rival from getting by to earn the win.



Classic Q | Sarah Andrew

“I was good with the first one [opening fraction], not so good with the second one,” admitted winning trainer Mark Casse. “Then honestly, at about maybe the half-mile pole, I was a little concerned because it looked like they were coming to her, but he [Jose Ortiz] had something in reserve. She was a different horse today. At Churchill, she was just a mess. Today, she was calm and obviously the mile is pretty good for her.”

The 25th stakes winner for Classic Empire, Classic Q is out of Lovely Em who last sold at KEENOV last year for \$38,000. This is her second stakes runner joining Untapable Stakes runner up Copper Em (Copper Bullet) who just sold through the Fasig-Tipton May Digital Sale for \$44,000. Lovely Em has a 2-year-old **Mo Town** filly who was exported to Saudi Arabia and reported a Vekoma filly this year.

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10th-Saratoga, \$110,000, Alw, 7-3, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:01.07, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.

QUIET CONFIDENCE (f, 4, Nyquist--Hi Holiday {SW, \$112,563}, by Harlan's Holiday) switched to the grass last time out going a half-furlong longer at Aqueduct in starter allowance company June 12 and just got the win by a nose. Stepping up in class here for her second go on the turf, the 7-1 shot was let loose on the lead under Javier Castellano with no one too keen to chase her down up the backstretch. While she didn't corner all that well, Quiet Confidence refused to come back to closing favorite La Salvadorena (**Oscar Performance**) who ate into the gap late but was always second best by 2 1/2 lengths. Stakes winner Hi Holiday has a 2-year-old **Maxfield** colt and a yearling Jackie's Warrior colt who sold for \$145,000 at KEEJAN this year. She reported a **Gunite** filly for 2025 and is due to **Americanrevolution** next season. Sales History: \$100,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$175,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR; \$57,000 4yo '25 FTKFEB. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-1, \$178,716. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Conover Stable; B-Frederick and May Construction (KY); T-James T. Ryerson.

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8th-Ellis, \$102,000, Alw, 7-3, (NW2L), 3yo, 7f, 1:20.70, ft, 6 lengths.

BIG BOAT (c, 3, Nyquist--Irish Presence {SW & GSP, \$163,994}, by Midnight Lute), runner up in his latest in a six-panel Oaklawn optional claimer in April, was sent off at 17-1 in this first start back. Up to press **McKinzie Steet (McKinzie)** through opening splits of :22.00 and :44.10, the dark bay took over in the later stages and drew off to score by six lengths over the pacesetter. The winner is a half to SP Elle's Town (Speightstown), \$309,409. Irish Presence was bred to Forte on the latest cover. Sales history: \$120,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$460,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$202,707. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Doubledown Stables, Inc.; B-Jay Addison Reese (KY); T-James P. DiVito.



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11th-Saratoga, \$100,000, Msw, 7-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.62, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

SO DARN PRETTY (IRE) (f, 3, Too Darn Hot {GB}--Zondaq, by Bernardini) ran twice as a juvenile at Aqueduct last year but could do no better than fifth going six furlongs each time. Adding Lasix for her 3-year-old debut and stretching out to 1 1/16 miles, the 12-1 longshot flashed the same early speed she'd shown previously but refused to come back to the field this time, cruising up front through fractions of :23.47 and :48.49. Key Actress (**Mo Town**) tried to run her down late but

ultimately made no impact as So Darn Pretty went gate to wire for the 1 1/2-length win. Zondaq, who produced Saddle Up Jessie (More Than Ready), MSW & GSP, \$423,298 and English MGSP King's Gamble (Ire) (**Kingman {GB}**), is herself a half to the \$1.6m FTKNOV broodmare dam of MGSW/GISP Sweet Melania (**American Pharoah**). So Darn Pretty has a 2-year-old full-sister, a yearling half-sister by Palace Pier (GB) and a filly half-sister by **Nyquist**. Sales History: 180,000gns RNA Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$59,050. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Michael J. Ryan; B-Centerville Bloodstock (IRE); T-Brittany T. Russell.

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So Darn Pretty | Sarah Andrew

2nd-Ellis, \$90,500, Msw, 7-3, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.42, ft, neck. PROWESS (f, 2, Tiz the Law--Sweet August Lady, by City Zip) won this race from the blocks with a strong beginning along the inside. Pressured right away by Run On States (Yaupon), the 9-1 shot refused to yield into the stretch even as she was briefly headed. Run On States had every opportunity to go by but just couldn't get past as Prowess dug in along the rail and came out with the win by just a neck. Sweet August Lady, whose first foal was Indy Label (**Tonalist**), SP, \$177,296, counts MGISW Hollywood Story (Wild Rush) and successful young sire **Honor A.P.** (Honor Code) amongst her extended family members. Prowess is her last reported offspring after she lost her 2024 **Tonalist** foal. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$59,878. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-Dream Big Racing, LLC (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeck.

6th-Saratoga, \$90,000, (C), Msw, 7-3, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.46, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.

IRON ORCHARD (f, 2, Authentic--Onebrethatatime {MSP, \$133,283}, by Brethren) went off heavily favored at 3-5 facing auction-restricted maidens as a New York-bred. As advertised right from the break, she was quickly solo on the lead through the opening strides and dealt only with minor pressure up the backstretch from second-time starter Winrooski (Win Win Win). Shrugging that rival off as the half went in :46.37, Iron Orchard came home on cruise control under a motionless Joel Rosario to win by 5 1/2 lengths over an overmatched group. Birch Run (**Practical Joke**), also making her second start, checked in second. A \$500,000 OBS April grad just three months ago for Bill Childs and Mark Stanton, Iron Orchard is the last foal out of MSP Onebrethatatime, the half-sister to the dam of GISW Exalted (**Twirling Candy**). Sales History: \$140,000 Wlg '23 KEENOV; \$97,000 RNA Ylg '24 SARAUG; \$78,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT; \$500,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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5th-Delaware, \$51,000, Msw, 7-3, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.52, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

JUMPING THE GUN (f, 2, Gun Runner--Breaking Bread {SW, \$317,860}, by Quality Road), the narrow 8-5 favorite, settled a nice second behind a loose leader in Techstar (**Instagrاند**) who opened up a clear advantage into the turn. Gradually picking things up along the outside, Jumping the Gun bid alongside at

the eighth pole and had more than enough to get past as Techstar settled for second 1 1/2-lengths behind on the wire. Stakes winner Breaking Bred, who went unsold at KEEJAN in 2024 for \$340,000, has a yearling **Justify** colt and produced a **Curlin** filly this year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,750. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Imaginary Stables; B-John Guarnera (KY); T-Andrew L. Simoff.

5th-Prairie Meadows, \$34,500, Msw, 7-3, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :54.23, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

MIAMANTE (f, 2, Liam's Map--R d'Oro, by Medaglia d'Oro) spotted the field a step at the break but was quickly into stride and into contention. Up inside of the pacesetter off the turn, the 5-2 co-second choice blew by Vinno Ronnie (Vino Rosso) and finished up well to win first time out by 5 1/4 lengths. R d'Oro produced a filly by Lexingtonian this year. Sales History: \$110,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP; \$35,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,700. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Chadwick Moede; B-Constance Wickes & Amy Rabanal DVM (KY); T-Schuyler Condon.

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3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw, 7-3, 2yo, 7 1/2ft, 1:31.32, fm, 2 lengths.

JUTLAND (c, 2, Raging Bull {Fr}--Naval Battle, by War Front), one of just a few first-time starters in the field, became the first winner for his freshman sire (by Dark Angel {Ire}) Thursday. Showing his inexperience and away last of the eight, the 9-5 favorite trailed through the opening quarter in :23.42 before beginning to pick up the pack with a wide move on the run into the far turn. Still with pacesetter Don Ique (Astern {Aus}) to catch, Jutland charged into the final furlong, stuck a head in front midway home and cleared off nicely to graduate by two lengths over fellow firster Casa Cielo (Caravaggio). Purchased in utero for \$100,000 at KEENOV in 2022, Jutland is the first foal out of the **War Front** mare Naval Battle. Third dam Absolutelyfabulous (Ire) is notable for producing G1 Irish Two Thousand Guineas victor Magician (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) along with GISP Outstanding (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), herself the dam of both MGSW Masteroffoxhounds (**War Front**) and SW/MGSP Totally Justified (**Justify**). Naval Battle reported a yearling **Blame** colt last year now named Kurita's Folly. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-NBS Stable (KY); T-Kelsey Danner.

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6th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw, 7-3, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:36.25, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

SURPRISE (f, 3, Good Magic--Devious Intent {GSW, \$279,041}, by Dixie Union), sent off the 2-5 choice following a seventh at the Spa in June, stalked three-wide a moderate early pace, rallied to take command at the three-eighths pole and drew off late to graduate by 3 1/2 lengths over Parking Lot Pours (Speightster). The winner, purchased in utero for \$52,000 at KEENOV in 2021, is a half to Fibber (**Frosted**), SW & MGSP, \$520,703. Sales history: \$150,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$325,000 Ylg '23 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$22,835. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-LNJ Foxwoods; B-Four Pillars Holdings LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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4th-Hawthorne, \$29,900, Msw, 7-3, 3yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.30, fm, 3 1/2 lengths.

NO AH A (c, 3, Caravaggio--Fairway Road {SW, \$119,920}, by Cuvee), a half to GSW Just Grazed Me (Grazen), \$506,332, was bumped coming out of the gate and settled in fourth through an opening quarter in :22.09. Making some headway after a half mile, he took over in the stretch and drew away to graduate by 3 1/2 lengths. Urban Ruler (**War Front**), who crossed the wire second, was demoted to seventh, boosting favored Oy Gevald (**Game Winner**) into the place position. Fairway Road produced a **Jack Christopher** colt last season. Sales history: \$52,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-M Bar O LLC; B-Jeff Ganje (KY); T-Chris M. Block.



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3rd-Thistledown, \$26,400, Msw, 7-3, 2yo, f, 5f, 1:02.01, ft, 1 length.

MESA'S SPUNKY GIRL (f, 2, War of Will--Jing, by Sky Mesa) faced a small field of just three rivals and sat last of the four while well off the pace into the turn. With a strong bid around the outside at the quarter pole, the 6-1 shot circled them all and closed to the lead in the final sixteenth, graduating by a length over She's Mad (Leofric). Jing last produced a yearling son of Silver State. Sales History: \$16,000 Ylg '24 KEEJAN; \$8,000 RNA Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,160. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Keys to Riches Stable LLC; B-Steve Wilson (KY); T-Shane Meyers.

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7th-Belterra, \$21,500, (S), Msw, 7-3, 2yo, f, 5f, :59.54, ft, 11 lengths.

BLUE TAIL FLY (f, 2, Vekoma--Vertrazzo {MSP, \$192,890}, by Trappe Shot) was the clear standout of this field and never looked anything less than the winner as the 6-5 favorite. Away from the pack from the jump, she continually built up her advantage into the final furlong and came home 11 lengths to the good of Kerkyra (Corfu) in second. Vertrazzo lost her 2024 full-sibling to Blue Tail Fly but reported a Jack Christopher filly this season named Model Shop. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,330. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** O-Michael A. Foster; B-Michael A. Foster (OH); T-William D. Cowans.

U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN

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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Fukushima and Kokura Racecourses:

Sunday, July 6, 2025

5th-FKS, ¥14,250,000 (\$98k), Newcomers, 2yo, 2000mT

MAKE IT (f, 2, Bolt d'Oro--Holy Legal {Brz}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) is the first foal from her dam, a stakes winner in Brazil in 2017, a champion MGSW sprinter in Uruguay the following season and twice-placed in Arlington allowance races and down the field in the Korea Sprint and well-beaten in the

Korea Sprint in 2019. A \$20,000 graduate of the 2020 Keeneland January Sale, Holy Legal was bought back on a bid of \$57,000 at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton July HORA Sale when carrying this filly, who was foaled the following February. Covered by Corniche and exported to Japan, Holy Legal produced a filly in 2024 and a filly by Group 3 winner Tosen Reve (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) this term. O/B-Takaya Shimakawa (KY); T-Minoru Tsuchida



Bolt d'Oro | Sarah Andrew

8th-KOK, ¥15,200,000 (\$105k), Allowance, 3yo/up, 1000m

FEMME ELEGANTE (f, 3, Tiz the Law--Twirling Owen, by Twirling Candy) failed to land a blow sprinting over a yielding local grass course Feb. 20, but turned it around in a big way, graduating by seven lengths on the dirt at Fukushima Apr. 20 (video, SC 15). West Virginia-bred Twirling Owen was a winner in restricted stakes company and fetched \$165,000 carrying this filly at the 2021 Keeneland November Sale. The mare, a half-sister to MSW Run To Daylight (Runhappy), was reoffered at the same auction in 2023, selling for \$42,000 in foal to Honor A. P., but sadly passed away in 2024. O-Normandy Thoroughbred Racing Co Ltd; B-W S Farish (KY); T-Naoya Nakamura

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JULY 4

2025 Stud Fees Listed

Beau Liam (Liam's Map), Airdrie Stud, \$6,000

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

4-Presque Isle Downs, 1:51 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Blazing Brat, 6-1

Engage (Into Mischief), Northview Stallion Station, \$5,000
41 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Monmouth, 3:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, J J Pacheco, 6-1
4-Monmouth, 3:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, La Resolana, 6-1

Essential Quality (Tapit), Darley, \$50,000
119 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
6-Saratoga, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Essentially Fast, 10-1
\$40,000 OBS APR 2yo
7-Ellis, 3:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Misinformation, 5-1
\$80,000 KEE SEP yrl
7-Ellis, 3:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Western Warrior, 4-1

Raging Bull (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
88 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
6-Saratoga, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, B Raging On, 15-1
\$9,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$31,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$10,000 OBS APR
3-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 12:59 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT,
Rosenvold, 12-1

Sombeyay (Into Mischief), Swifty Farms
15 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:35 p.m, Msw 5f, Winthorn, 20-1

Yaupon (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
174 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Saratoga, 1:42 p.m. EDT, \$150K Schuylerville S., 6f, Bay
Yaupon, 10-1 \$90,000 FTS AUG yrl
7-Prairie Meadows, 7:38 p.m. EDT, \$100K Prairie Gold Lassie S.,
5 1/2f, Sassy C W, 8-5
\$30,000 KEENOV wnl; \$190,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$375,000 OBS MAR
7-Ellis, 3:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Strong Potential, 9-2
\$100,000 KEE SEP yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JULY 4

2025 Stud Fees Listed

Authentic (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
295 foals of racing age/48 winners/4 black-type winners
7-Saratoga, 4:22 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Apalta, 7-2
\$525,000 FTS AUG yrl
8-Saratoga, 5:07 p.m. EDT, \$200K GIII Manila S., 1m, Reagan's
Wit, 7-2 \$135,000 KEE SEP yrl

Complexity (Maclean's Music), Airdrie Stud, \$25,000
203 foals of racing age/47 winners/7 black-type winners
2-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 4:12 p.m. EDT, \$150K Dade Park Dash S. ELP
- R8, 5 1/2fT, Kale's Angel, 6-1
\$82,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$150,000 OBS APR 2yo
2-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 3:08 p.m. EDT, \$100K Clarksville H. IND
- R7, 5fT, Luna Louska, 6-1 \$140,000 KEE SEP yrl

Country House (Lookin At Lucky), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000
54 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 4:12 p.m. EDT, \$150K Dade Park Dash S. ELP
- R8, 5 1/2fT, Bridle a Butterfly, 6-1

Fog of War (War Front), Topaz Stud
71 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Saratoga, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, King of Fog, 30-1

Improbable (City Zip), WinStar Farm
221 foals of racing age/45 winners/6 black-type winners
7-Gulfstream, 3:57 p.m. EDT, \$75K Carry Back S., 7f, Here Comes
Francis, 1-1
\$100,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$250,000 OBS APR 2yo
4-Saratoga, 2:46 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Wicked Improbable,
20-1
\$125,000 FTK JUL yrl

Instagrاند (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$8,000
229 foals of racing age/58 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Ellis, 3:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Instastar, 30-1
\$2,800 FTD OCT yrl

Kameko (Kitten's Joy), Tweenhills Stud, \$20,000
150 foals of racing age/29 winners/3 black-type winners
9-Saratoga, 5:45 p.m. EDT, \$750K GI Belmont Derby Invitational
S., 1 1/8mT, New Century (GB), 3-1

Mr. Money (Goldencents), Clear Creek Stud, \$4,000
57 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Gulfstream, 3:57 p.m. EDT, \$75K Carry Back S., 7f, Outta
Money, 20-1
\$82,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$115,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Seeking the Soul (Perfect Soul {Ire}), Ocala Stud
42 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Presque Isle Downs, 1:51 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Grab My Tab, 6-1
\$2,500 FTK OCT yrl

Tiz the Law (Constitution), Coolmore Ashford, \$30,000
248 foals of racing age/44 winners/6 black-type winners
6-Saratoga, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Lawyer Mason, 6-1
\$24,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$70,000 SAR AUG yrl
8-Saratoga, 5:07 p.m. EDT, \$200K GIII Manila S., 1m, Strate Cash,
10-1
\$100,000 FTK OCT yrl
8-Saratoga, 5:07 p.m. EDT, \$200K GIII Manila S., 1m, Tiz Dashing,
15-1
\$215,000 FTK NOV wnl

Vekoma (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000
288 foals of racing age/86 winners/12 black-type winners
7-Gulfstream, 3:57 p.m. EDT, \$75K Carry Back S., 7f, Forged Steel, 5-2
\$80,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$190,000 OBS MAR 2yo
2-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 4:12 p.m. EDT, \$150K Dade Park Dash S. ELP
- R8, 5 1/2fT, Rolando, 6-1
2-Saratoga, 1:42 p.m. EDT, \$150K Schuylerville S., 6f, Simone, 9-2
\$15,000 KEE NOV wnl

Win Win Win (Hat Trick {Jpn}), Ocala Stud, \$8,500
97 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Gulfstream, 3:57 p.m. EDT, \$75K Carry Back S., 7f, Mati Gol, 15-1
7-Prairie Meadows, 7:38 p.m. EDT, \$100K Prairie Gold Lassie S., 5 1/2f, Stunning Sapphire, 15-1
\$70,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$230,000 OBS APR 2yo



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-Ellis, \$103,505, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 7-3, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:14.98, ft, neck.

GOODASIWONSWAS (g, 6, Vancouver {Aus}--Lady Supreme, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: 20-7-2-2, \$325,407. O-Roddy J. Valente; B-Julie E. Warpool (KY); T-Anthony T. Quartarolo.

7th-Ellis, \$102,000, 7-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:39.64, fm, 4 3/4 lengths.

QUATROCENTO (c, 4, War Front--Huasca {SW & MGSP, \$264,078}, by Tiz Wonderful) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$98,070. O/B-St. George Stables, LLC (KY); T-Fausto Gutierrez.

4th-Prairie Meadows, \$47,830, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 7-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.08, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.
FLAT OUT ROSE (m, 5, Flat Out--Creaminyourcoffee, by Orientate) Lifetime Record: 20-4-5-3, \$147,829. O-Danny Stafford; B-Maynard Thompson (IA); T-Jon G. Arnett.

1st-Penn National, \$39,000, (S), 7-3, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.52, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

MISSION FIRST (g, 3, Army Mule--Propero, by Yes It's True) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-2-1-2, \$90,313. O-Joseph Viviani; B-Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC (PA); T-John C. Servis. *\$27,000 RNA Ylg '23 EASOCT.

6th-Thistledown, \$38,400, (S), 7-3, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.21, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

FULL SPECTRUM (g, 3, Cross Traffic--Street Success, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-2, \$89,948. O/B-Elkhorn Oaks Inc. (OH); T-James R. Jackson. *1/2 to Market Success (Giant Oak), MSP, \$369,920.

4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$38,000, (S), 7-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.48, ft, head.

MIKE'S CYCLONE (g, 4, Big Bad Mike--Tornado, by High Fly) Lifetime Record: 16-3-1-1, \$73,330. O-Clabar Mor Stables LLC and Haran Thoroughbreds LLC; B-John F. Haran & Michael J. Ryan (IN); T-John Haran.

7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$35,100, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 7-2, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.13, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

YOU BET A FORTUNE (g, 4, Unbridled Energy--Sky Fortune, by Sky Mesa) Lifetime Record: 14-7-1-0, \$109,629. O-Jay P. Bernardini, Richard Burnsworth and Kristina Buyea; B-Williams Racing Corp (WV); T-Jay P. Bernardini.

4th-Penn National, \$35,000, 7-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:38.11, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

KBCYA LATER (g, 5, Broken Vow--Planeta, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 32-6-4-7, \$161,980. O-Timothy Whitehead; B-Jose C Sarinana & Pin Oak Stud, LLC. (KY); T-Charles A. DeMario. *\$14,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR.

7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$33,850, 7-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10.34, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

OUTHUSTLE (g, 6, Outwork--Dr Megann, by Lion Heart) Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-1, \$60,800. O/T-Randall R. Russell; B-Ross Russell (FL). *\$25,000 RNA Ylg '20 OBSWIN.

3rd-Canterbury, \$29,000, (S), 7-2, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.91, ft, 6 lengths.

ARJUN FOR KARZ (g, 3, Eye of the Leopard--Simran {SW, \$105,345}, by Joey Franco) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-2-1-1, \$57,569. O/B-D. Gaitri Rampadarat (MN); T-Edgar Espinoza.

5th-Belterra, \$25,700, (S), 7-3, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37.72, fm, 3 lengths.

OBI KENOBI (g, 4, McCracken--Goose Skywalker, by Strategic Mission) Lifetime Record: 12-4-3-2, \$84,628. O-Carol Barker, Scott W. Barker, J and K Stables and James M. Vari; B-JK Stable LLC, Mac Stratman & Scott Barker (OH); T-Scott W. Barker.

1st-Belterra, \$24,700, (S), 7-3, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06.13, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

WIN HERBIE WIN (g, 3, Win Win Win--Herbert River, by Majesticperfection) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$60,079. O/B-Southeastern Arena LLC (OH); T-Robert C. Cline.

3rd-Belterra, \$22,800, (S), 7-3, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.21, ft, nose.

ENVELOPE PLEASE (c, 4, Oscar Performance--Keep the Ring {SP}, by Broken Vow) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$45,291. O/B-Jane N. Fraser & James A. Fraser (OH); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$29,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$27,500 RNA Ylg '22 OTBOMX.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Workstation, g, 2, Cloud Computing--Jumpin Jett, by Yes It's True. Thistledown, 7-3, (S), 5f, 1:01.38. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,340. B-Daniel J. & Patricia J. Yates (OH). *\$20,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Mark My Words, g, 2, Thousand Words--Helluva Notion (SP, \$124,743), by Notional. Thistledown, 7-3, (S), 5f, 1:00.93. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,340. B-Robert M. Gorham (OH). *1/2 to Kiss Me Quick (Fast Anna), SP, \$152,419. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

It's Browns Time, f, 3, Fort Larned--Winnercoasttoast, by Super Saver. Thistledown, 7-3, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.72. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$23,052. B-Craig & Lindy Powell (OH).

War Is Hell, g, 3, Om--This Means War, by War Chant. Assiniboia Downs, 7-2, 6f, 1:13.15. Lifetime Record: 12-1-1-4, \$20,944. B-Harris Farms, Inc. & John Nicoletti (CA). *1/2 to Chancery Way (Mr. Big), MSW, \$424,020.

Sudden Rise, f, 3, Upstart--Happening, by Animal Kingdom. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 7-3, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:42.18. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$21,780. B-Tommy Wente Jr. (IN). *\$65,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP.

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Humbled, f, 3, War of Will--Colina Verde (Brz) (Ch. 3-year-old Filly-Brz, MG1SW-Brz, \$119,922), by Know Heights (Ire). Ellis, 7-3, 1mT, 1:35.78. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-1, \$102,687. B-Highlight Thoroughbreds & Haugh Stables LLC (KY).

*\$40,000 Ylg '23 KEEJAN; \$75,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP.

**1/2 to Greenzapper (Ghostzapper), G1SW-Brz;

1/2 to Limonite (Lemon Drop Kid), MGSP, \$456,856.

Matt's Luck, c, 4, Outwork--Sepulveda Pass, by Unusual Heat. Canterbury, 7-3, 1mT, 1:36.25. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$25,663. B-John R. Penn, Dr. Frank Sinatra & Dr. Lawrence Opas (KY). *\$75,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

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Army Mule, Mission First, g, 3, o/o Propero, by Yes It's True.

ALW, 7-3, Penn National

Authentic, Iron Orchard, f, 2, o/o Onebrethatatime, by Brethren. MSW, 7-3, Saratoga

Big Bad Mike, Mike's Cyclone, g, 4, o/o Tornada, by High Fly.

ALW, 7-3, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Broken Vow, Kbcya Later, g, 5, o/o Planeta, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 7-3, Penn National

Caravaggio, No Ah A, c, 3, o/o Fairway Road, by Cuvee. MSW, 7-3, Hawthorne

Classic Empire, Classic Q, f, 3, o/o Lovely Em, by Scat Daddy. Wild Applause S., 7-3, Saratoga

Cloud Computing, Workstation, g, 2, o/o Jumpin Jett, by Yes It's True. MSW, 7-3, Thistledown

Cross Traffic, Full Spectrum, g, 3, o/o Street Success, by Street Cry (Ire). ALW, 7-3, Thistledown

Echo Town, Echo Sound, f, 3, o/o Eagle Sound, by Fusaichi Pegasus. Gill Victory Ride S., 7-3, Saratoga

Eye of the Leopard, Arjun for Karz, g, 3, o/o Simran, by Joey Franco. ALW, 7-2, Canterbury

Flat Out, Flat Out Rose, m, 5, o/o Creaminyourcoffee, by Orientate. AOC, 7-3, Prairie Meadows

Fort Larned, It's Browns Time, f, 3, o/o Winnercoasttoast, by Super Saver. MSW, 7-3, Thistledown

Good Magic, Surprise, f, 3, o/o Devious Intent, by Dixie Union. MSW, 7-3, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Gun Runner, Jumping the Gun, f, 2, o/o Breaking Bread, by **Quality Road**. MSW, 7-3, Delaware

Liam's Map, Miamante, f, 2, o/o R d'Oro, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. MSW, 7-3, Prairie Meadows

McCrahen, Obi Kenobi, g, 4, o/o Goose Skywalker, by Strategic Mission. ALW, 7-3, Belterra

Nyquist, Big Boat, c, 3, o/o Irish Presence, by Midnight Lute. ALW, 7-3, Ellis

Nyquist, Quiet Confidence, f, 4, o/o Hi Holiday, by Harlan's Holiday. ALW, 7-3, Saratoga

Om, War Is Hell, g, 3, o/o This Means War, by War Chant. MSW, 7-2, Assiniboia

Oscar Performance, Envelope Please, c, 4, o/o Keep the Ring, by Broken Vow. ALW, 7-3, Belterra

Outwork, Matt's Luck, c, 4, o/o Sepulveda Pass, by Unusual Heat. MSW, 7-3, Canterbury

Outwork, Outhustle, g, 6, o/o Dr Megann, by Lion Heart. ALW, 7-3, Presque Isle Downs

Raging Bull (Fr), Jutland, c, 2, o/o Naval Battle, by **War Front**. MSW, 7-3, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Thousand Words, Mark My Words, g, 2, o/o Helluva Notion, by Notional. MSW, 7-3, Thistledown

Tiz the Law, Prowess, f, 2, o/o Sweet August Lady, by City Zip. MSW, 7-3, Ellis

Too Darn Hot (GB), So Darn Pretty (Ire), f, 3, o/o Zondaq, by Bernardini. MSW, 7-3, Saratoga

Unbridled Energy, You Bet a Fortune, g, 4, o/o Sky Fortune, by **Sky Mesa**. AOC, 7-2, Presque Isle Downs

Upstart, Sudden Rise, f, 3, o/o Happening, by Animal Kingdom. MSW, 7-3, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Vancouver (Aus), Goodasiwonswas, g, 6, o/o Lady Supreme, by Grand Slam. AOC, 7-3, Ellis

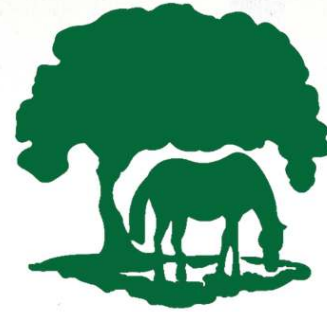
Vekoma, Blue Tail Fly, f, 2, o/o Vertrazzo, by Trappe Shot. MSW, 7-3, Belterra

War Front, Quatrocento, c, 4, o/o Huasca, by Tiz Wonderful. ALW, 7-3, Ellis

War of Will, Humbled, f, 3, o/o Colina Verde (Brz), by Know Heights (Ire). MSW, 7-3, Ellis

War of Will, Mesa's Spunky Girl, f, 2, o/o Jing, by **Sky Mesa**. MSW, 7-3, Thistledown

Win Win Win, Win Herbie Win, g, 3, o/o Herbert River, by Majesticperfection. ALW, 7-3, Belterra



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OISIN MURPHY PLEADS GUILTY TO DRINK DRIVING OFFENCE



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Multiple champion jockey Oisín Murphy has been fined £70,000 and banned from driving for 20 months after he appeared at Reading Magistrates' Court on Thursday afternoon where he admitted to driving over the limit for alcohol.

The 29-year-old pleaded guilty to one count of driving a motor vehicle while over the prescribed limit of alcohol. He was not asked to plead on another count of failing to cooperate with a preliminary test at the roadside.

A four-time champion jockey, Murphy was charged by postal requisition on June 19 after he drove his grey Mercedes A Class off the road and into a tree in Hermitage, Berkshire in the early hours of April 27. He rode a double at Windsor the following day when employed by trainers Richard Hughes and John and Thady Gosden.

Murphy was officially charged on the Thursday of Royal Ascot week, when he rode another double, this time courtesy of Arabian Story and Never So Brave--trained by Saeed bin Suroor and Andrew Balding respectively. He ended the showpiece meeting with five winners in total.

Murphy spoke only to confirm his name, date of birth and address, but apologised via his barrister Alex Di Francesco KC before the verdict was delivered.

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SIX DECLARED FOR SATURDAY'S ECLIPSE; OMBUDSMAN TO UNDERGO SOSIE TEST

Godolphin's G1 Prince Of Wales's Stakes hero **Ombudsman** (Night Of Thunder) will face five opponents after a select half-dozen were declared for Saturday's £1-million G1 Coral-Eclipse at Sandown.

The John and Thady Gosden trainee, who has drawn stall five, encounters fellow four-year-old **Sosie** (*Sea The Stars*), who will bid for a fourth success at the highest level from the neighbouring stall four.

The Classic generation, afforded a 10-pound concession from the elders, enjoys strong representation and features G1 2,000 Guineas hero **Ruling Court** (*Justify*) and G1 Prix du Jockey Club victor **Camille Pissarro** (*Wootton Bassett*). The **TDN Rising Stars** have been allocated stalls one and two, respectively. The field is completed by last term's G1 Futurity Trophy first and second **Hotazhell** (Too Darn Hot) and **Delacroix** (Dubawi), who renew rivalry from stalls six and three. Ryan Moore is sticking with last month's beaten Derby favourite Delacroix, while Christophe Soumillon reunites with Camille Pissarro.

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"Mr Murphy accepts that he made a great error on his part and is remorseful," Di Francesco said. "He wants to make three apologies: firstly to the passenger and to convey how grateful the circumstances were not worse, he wants to apologise to the public and other road users, and lastly to those who he works with."

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LACK OF ENTRIES FORCES CANCELLATION OF DUNDALK BARRIER TRIALS *By Brian Sheerin*



Brownstown: an excellent advertisement for the barrier trials
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A shortfall of 20 horses has forced Irish Thoroughbred Marketing (ITM) to abandon plans for the intended barrier trial fixture at Dundalk on Monday, July 7.

ITM's international representative Jeremy Greene, who has been the driving force behind the concept, revealed that it would not be financially viable to stage the card if a minimum of 70 entries were not received. Only 50 horses had been entered for next Monday's fixture and leading trainers Jack Davison and Gavin Cromwell, both of whom have been big backers of the initiative since its inception in 2020, admitted to being disappointed by the late cancellation.

"I certainly would be a big supporter of the barrier trials and had a few horses for Monday," said Cromwell, who readied Brownstown in a Naas barrier trial less than a month before that filly landed a Leopardstown maiden on debut.

He added, "The barrier trials have been a big addition to us and we've managed to get a couple sold off it as well so we're

definitely big supporters of them. I don't know what the reason behind them not filling is as they are a good initiative."

It has been rumoured that some trainers were reluctant to educate their horses in a race scenario on the polytrack at Dundalk, but Davison said he wasn't buying such an explanation as an excuse and said the lack of support for the barrier trials on the whole is something that surprises him.

"It is disappointing," Davison said. "I planned on trialing five horses and was in favour of trialing at Dundalk. It's a very consistent surface so I can't see the track itself being an excuse for the races not filling.

"I am surprised that the barrier trials are not proving more popular. From a trainer's point of view, you can't beat a mock race to tell you where you are at. With my trainer's cap on, it's nice to be able to bring your horse away and work them within a bunch of horses in a non-racing environment. It's a big advantage, especially for trainers like myself who are operating with smaller strings."

Ahead of the opening barrier trial of the year at Naas, Greene told *TDN Europe* about the financial constraints involved in running the fixtures, and stated that entry fees generated a huge amount of the income required to cover costs.

Confirming the cancellation of Monday's meeting, he simply said, "We needed 70 entries to run but we only got 50. We're way short. We've publicised them on the Ras website and made it very clear about the conditions that need to be met. We have to put the fields together today so we're not going to make it. It's just one of those things."

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SISTER TO KOPEK DES BORDES BRINGS CURTAIN DOWN ON SUMMER SALE

The curtain came down on the Arqana Summer Sale on Thursday where Victoire Des Bordes (Antarctique), a half-sister to Supreme Novices' Hurdle hero Kopek Des Bordes (No Risk At All), led the concluding session when selling to Guy Petit for €85,000.

All told, the aggregate for the Summer Sale was up a massive 24% to €13,311,200, while the average was up by 9% to €36,074. The clearance rate was a healthy 80% [up 14% on last year], while the median was up by €4,000 to €20,000.

A press release, issued by Arqana after the sale, attributing quotes to president Olivier Delloye and CEO Freddy Powell, read, "If we retrace the sale chronologically, we can highlight the dynamism of the last breeze-up of the season, with a remarkable percentage of horses sold of over 96%. The stores then sparked some great bidding battles, with nine lots making or exceeding €100,000, testifying to the attractiveness of French maternal families." **Cont. p4**

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A sister to the Supreme Novices' winner led the way at Arqana on Thursday | Zuzanna Lupa

Arqana Summer Sale cont.

"The high point of the sale was reached yesterday on the day reserved for horses-in-training," the release continued. "Sales in this segment were up by a spectacular 60% on last year, topping the €7-million mark for the first time. All top profiles made very good prices, led by Zekret, who sold for €520,000 to Nicolas Bertran de Balanda and Alex Elliott. He is now set to continue his career over jumps in Ireland. On the Flat, Toyotomi sold for €335,000 to Jason Kelly and will join David O'Meara's stable. We hope he follows in the footsteps of Lord Glitters and Mondialiste. Emerging countries such as Libya have also been very active, alongside the Middle East, Australia and the whole of Europe."

It added, "Several notable transactions also took place in the breeding section, including the purchase of Victoire Des Bordes by Guy Petit for €80,000, in foal to Goliath du Berlais, and Ravioli, in foal to Hello Youmzain, sold for €67,000 to Cecile Adonias (Cava Associates). We look forward to seeing you online tomorrow for the Equus Blond Pop-Up sale, before looking ahead to the eagerly anticipated August Sale, which is fast approaching."

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THE LION IN WINTER ADDED TO PRIX JEAN PRAT FIELD

The **Lion In Winter** has been supplemented for Sunday's G1 Prix Jean Prat at Deauville, which could have a field of up to 10 runners.

The most recent win for Coolmore's son of **Sea The Stars** came over the same distance of seven furlongs (1400m) in last year's G3 Acomb Stakes at York, a race in which subsequent 2,000 Guineas winner Ruling Court (**Justify**) finished third.

Also added to the field at Thursday's confirmation stage was **Apollo Fountain (No Nay Never)**. Trained by Andre Fabre, he won the Listed Prix Yacowlef last season for Juddmonte, who could also be represented by the Harry Charlton-trained **Cosmic Year**, who was runner-up to fellow **Kingman** colt Field Of Gold in the Irish 2,000 Guineas.

Also among the entries is Godolphin's **Shadow Of Light** (Lope De Vega) and the Christopher Head-trained **Maranoa Charlie (Wootton Bassett)**, who was recently sold to the Yorkshire-based Bond Thoroughbreds operation.

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YORK UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR PROGRESSIVE DARYZ

Francis Graffard is considering the G1 Juddmonte International Stakes as an option for **Daryz (Sea The Stars)**, who retained his unbeaten record when winning Sunday's G2 Prix Eugene Adam.

Nemone Routh, racing manager for Daryz's owner-breeder The Aga Khan Studs, said, "We're slightly scratching our heads with Daryz and we would need to sit down with Princess Zahra as well as there are several options we can take with the horse."

"I know Francis is quite interested in the idea of bringing him to the Juddmonte International and he's obviously done very well over that trip and we've only ever run him over a mile and a quarter. It would be a big ask as Sunday was only his fourth start, but he's an improving horse and we're really excited by him--he's bred in the purple and a proper horse."

Daryz's stablemate and fellow Aga Khan-bred Calandagan (Gleaneagles), who holds an entry for the G1 King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Stakes, was second to **City Of Troy** in last year's Juddmonte International, and claimed his first Group 1 victory on a good day for his connections in Sunday's Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud. [Cont. p5](#)



Daryz | Scoop Dyga

Daryz cont.

As a gelding, Calandagan was prevented from running in last year's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe but that would not be an issue for Daryz, who is a half-brother to the late G1 Prix Ganay winner Dariyan (Shamardal).

Routh continued, "We have an eye on the Arc at the end of the year, but [Daryz] needs to run before that and there are several different races he could run in. He could have a traditional prep for the Arc in the Prix Niel or he could take in something like York.

"We'll have to weigh everything up with him as he is still a little immature, but he's improved with every race and York is definitely an option. We will just have to see what is the right option as we haven't quite figured that out."

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PAT SMULLEN STAKES SPEARHEADS SERIES FOR MIDDLE-DISTANCE YOUNGSTERS



Jessica Harrington, Frances Crowley, Suzanne Eade and Joe Foley at the launch of the Irish EBF Smullen Series | Joe Conroy Photography

This Saturday sees the inaugural running of the Irish EBF Pat Smullen Stakes at Naas, with the Listed contest having attracted eight runners from seven different stables.

Run over a mile, the race is part of the Smullen Series, launched this year by the Irish EBF and consisting of 18 middle-distance races for two- and three-year-olds.

Daytona (**Wootton Bassett**), a winning debutant last month at Gowran Park, is among the field and his trainer Aidan O'Brien was keen to target the race which is named in honour of his late brother-in-law, the nine-time Irish champion jockey.

O'Brien said of Daytona, "He won nicely in Gowran the first day when Jack [Cleary] rode him. Wayne [Lordan] rides him in Naas. We think he's a nice horse and we think the trip should suit him."

"Obviously, it's in memory of Pat and that makes it very special for us and we're delighted to be running what we think is a nice horse in the race. We like him, we think he's a classy horse."

Joe Foley, chairman of the Irish EBF, said, "The new Irish EBF Pat Smullen Stakes is the launch pad for the Smullen Series and an opportunity to celebrate the legacy of an Irish racing hero, Pat Smullen. The Smullen Series showcases the Irish EBF's commitment to middle-distance horses where two-year-olds now have a range of races from July to the end of the season each worth €25,000 over a mile and a mile-plus.

"For the following season they can link into the existing Spring Series of middle-distance races creating a pathway to the €200,000 Gowran Classic as a three-year-old. The objective of the series is to provide breeders, owners and trainers of middle-distance horses with valuable races for two- and three-year-olds while promoting the breeding and racing of stamina horses. We are delighted to have Frances [Crowley] and her family to the races on Saturday to present the new Pat Smullen perpetual trophy."

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STELLAR LINE-UP FOR ANNUAL HURLING FOR CANCER RESEARCH MATCH

Irish sports stars TJ Reid, Bernard Dunne, Rachael Blackmore, Danny Mullins and Ursula Jacob are lending their support to the annual Hurling for Cancer Research match, which has raised more than €1.6m since its inception.

The event, which is now backed by supermarket chain Centra, was the brainchild of trainer Jim Bolger and jockey Davy Russell 14 years ago. It is set to take place this year at Netwatch Dr Cullen Park on Monday, August 18 at 7.30pm.

"It's become a very special day in the calendar, especially for the kids, but also because it creates so much awareness about cancer, especially among men," said Kilkenny hurling superstar TJ Reid.

"The game's obviously not competitive in one sense. It's nice to just come out and express your skills and a great day to share a dressing room with past and present legends of the game and from other sports too.

"Last year was the biggest year because we had the biggest names, players like [Limerick's] Cian Lynch, Gearoid Hegarty, Tom Morrissey and some of the Clare lads. It's getting harder now to get a spot."

Tickets for the match are €10 for adults and €5 for children, and can be purchased at selected Centra and SuperValu GAA Ticket Agent stores or online at www.hurlingforcancer.ie. All proceeds from ticket sales and donations will go directly towards funding life-saving cancer research.

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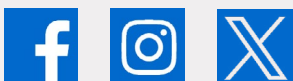
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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

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UNITED KINGDOM

A'Ali (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}), Newsells Park Stud
75 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
17:42-BEVERLEY, 5f, **U Heat (GB)**
£10,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2024

Lope Y Fernandez (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), The National Stud
99 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
19:15-HAYDOCK PARK, 7f, **Isle of Fernandez (GB)**
20,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024

Palace Pier (GB) (**Kingman (GB)**), Dalham Hall Stud
113 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
14:25-SANDOWN PARK, 7f, **Pacifica Pier (Ire)**
17:42-BEVERLEY, 5f, **Golden Palace (GB)**
105,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; 175,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024

St Mark's Basilica (Fr) (**Siyouni (Fr)**), Coolmore Stud
133 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
15:00-SANDOWN PARK, 30K The Dragon Stakes (Class 1) (Listed
Race), 5f, **Rogue Supremacy (GB)**
£60,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2024; £160,000 Goffs
UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2025

Space Blues (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
113 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
17:42-BEVERLEY, 5f, **Shes Got The Blues (Ire)**
€20,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2023; €52,000 Goffs Orby
Yearling Sale (Boo4k 2) 2024

Starman (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
211 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners
15:00-SANDOWN PARK, 30K The Dragon Stakes (Class 1) (Listed
Race), 5f, **Blue Orbit (Ire)**
20,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024;
45,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2025
15:00-SANDOWN PARK, 30K The Dragon Stakes (Class 1) (Listed
Race), 5f, **Lebron Power (GB)**
17:42-BEVERLEY, 5f, **Soca Star (Ire)**
£40,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2024



Starman | Tally-Ho Stud

IRELAND

Alkumait (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Capital Stud
61 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-BELLEWSTOWN, 8f, **Alkustreet (Ire)**

Alson (Ger) (Areion {Ger}), Gestut Fahrhof
20 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-BELLEWSTOWN, 8f, **Askalon (Ger)**
€80,000 Baden-Baden September Yearling Sale 2024

Bangkok (Ire) (**Australia (GB)**), Chapel Stud
22 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-BELLEWSTOWN, 8f, **Badger's Cove (GB)**
5,500gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; 27,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2024

Lucky Vega (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud
101 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
2-BELLEWSTOWN, 8f, **Lyrae's Luck (Ire)**
€20,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2024
2-BELLEWSTOWN, 8f, **Rolltight (Ire)**
37,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; 62,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024

Starman (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
211 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners
2-BELLEWSTOWN, 8f, **Whatchadoin (Ire)**
€11,000 Goffs February Sale 2024; €5,000 Tattersalls Ireland
September Yearling 2024; 31,000gns Tattersalls June Online Sale
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Supremacy (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
130 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
2-BELLEWSTOWN, 8f, **Nephin Mountain (Ire)**
€22,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2023; €14,000 RNA
Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2024

FRANCE

Nando Parrado (GB) (Kodiac {GB}), Irish National Stud
95 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
5-LA TESTE-BA, 1200m, **Golden Breeze (Fr)**

Victor Ludorum (GB) (Shamardal), Haras d'Etreham
104 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
1-SAINT-CLOUD, 1400m, **Kendelya (Fr)**
€47,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearling Sale 2024

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

JUSTIFY'S KEENELAND SEPTEMBER SENSATION KEY OF MAGIC DEBUTS AT SANDOWN

2.25 Sandown, Novice, £40,000, 2yo, 7fT

KEY OF MAGIC (Justify) is the pick of Charlie Appleby's duo for this race he has won in two of the last three years at the track that Ruling Court debuted in 2024. A \$950,000 Keeneland September purchase, the bay is a son of the Graded-Stakes-placed More Fun Again (Arch) whose half-sister is the GII Lake Placid Stakes winner Speaktomeofsummer (Summer Front). Four of the five belong to Appleby and the Gosdens, with the Clarehaven duo headed by **Publish (GB) (Kingman {GB})**, the first foal out of Juddmonte's \$1.7million 2021 Fasig-Tipton November Sale purchase Nay Lady Nay (**No Nay Never**), the GII Mrs Revere Stakes winner and GI Flower Bowl Stakes third.

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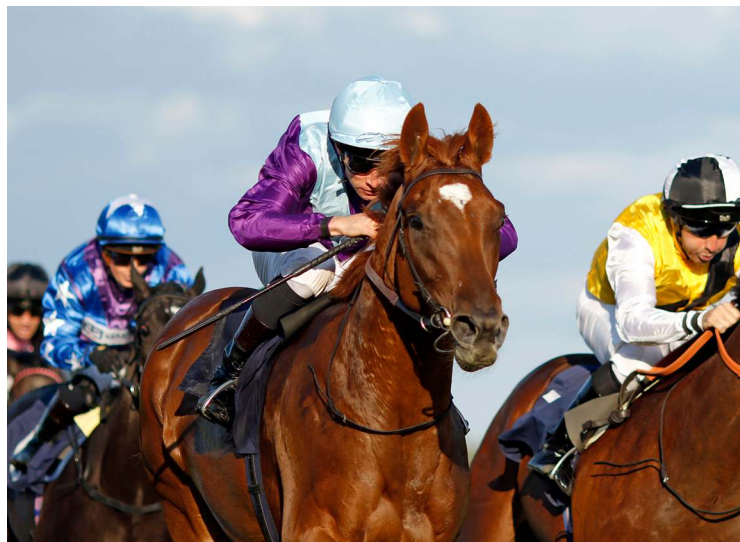
BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

2nd-Newbury, £12,000, Novice, 7-3, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:12.97, g/f.
LOPE EL FUEGO (IRE) (f, 2, Lope Y Fernandez {Ire}--Burnt Fingers {Ire}, by Kheleyf), fifth on debut at Bath last month, tanked along in the slipstream of the early leader. In front approaching the final furlong, the 11-1 shot stayed on strongly to score by 2 1/4 lengths from Concert (Showcasing). The dam,

whose yearling filly is by Nando Parrado, is a half to the Listed Pavilion Stakes winner and G3 Horris Hill Stakes-placed Millbag (Cape Cross) from the family of the GII Long Island Handicap and GII Sheepshead Bay Handicap runner-up Playact (Hernando). Sales history: 10,000gns Wlg '23 TADEWE; 8,000gns Ylg '24 TATSOM; 92,000gns 2yo '25 TATGBU. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,835.
O-Jim and Claire Limited; B-Rosyground Stud; T-Warren Greatrex.

3rd-Newbury, £12,000, Novice, 7-3, 2yo, c/g, 6fT, 1:13.57, g/f.
ELECTRICAL (GB) (c, 2, Nathaniel {Ire}--Opera Dancer {GB}, by Norse Dancer {Ire}), a 25-1 shot on debut, travelled smoothly near the fore throughout the early stages. Cajoled by Sea Cookie (Dark Angel) in the final yards, the homebred asserted to score by 3/4 of a length. The winner is the last known foal out of the dam, a half to the owner-breeder's G2 Goodwood Cup hero Grey Shot and the G3 Solario Stakes winner and G1 Dewhurst Stakes-placed Opera Cape and to the dams of the black-type scorers Highland Knight and Opera Gal. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,835.
O-Mr J C Smith; B-Littleton Stud; T-Brian Toomey.



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2nd-Haydock, £11,000, Mdn, 7-3, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:13.93, gd.
AMERICA QUEEN (IRE) (f, 2, Havana Grey {GB}--Misscomplacent {GB}, by Compton Place {GB}), a €180,000 graduate of May's Tattersalls Ireland Breeze-Up fixture, made a start on recouping that investment with an impressive debut performance in this straight six-furlong test. The 11-8 favourite, who was originally knocked down for €48,000 as a Goffs November foal, tracked the leaders from a midfield berth through the early fractions. [Cont. p8](#)



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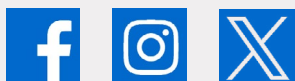
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2nd-Haydock cont.

Making smooth headway from halfway to assume control passing the quarter-mile marker, she quickened clear and was soon over the horizon, romping away to an easy 12-length rout of Lady Gormire (Lope De Vega). America Queen is the 11th of 12 foals and sixth scorer out of a winning half-sister to Listed Doncaster Stakes third Nuclear Power (Equiano) and to the dam of G3 Pramms Memorial victor Avon Pearl (Avonbridge). The February-foaled grey is kin to a yearling colt by Lucky Vega. Sales history: €48,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; €180,000 2yo '25 TATBRU. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,099.

O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Littlejohn Bloodstock Ltd; T-Richard Hughes.

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5th-Haydock, £11,000, Nov, 7-3, 2yo, 6f 212yT, 1:27.59, gd.

PROTECTION ACT (IRE) (c, 2, Starspangledbanner {Aus}--Privacy Order {GB}, by Azamour {Ire}) settled off the tempo and raced seventh through halfway in this debut. Easing closer approaching the final quarter-mile, the 5-1 chance angled outside for a clear passage with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and quickened smartly to overpower Look To The Stars (Galiway) by a length in the dying strides. Protection Act is the 10th of 11 foals and sixth scorer produced by a daughter of G1 Prix de Diane heroine Confidential Lady (Singspiel). Confidential Lady is the dam of Listed Valiant Stakes victrix Red Box (Exceed And Excel) and G2 Prix Greffulhe runner-up Untold Secret (Shamardal). The April-foaled bay is full to a yearling colt and a half-brother to Listed Prix Zeddaan winner Private Matter (Mayson). Sales history: €52,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; 160,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,099. O-Teme Valley; B-Awbeg Stud; T-George Boughey.

4th-Great Yarmouth, £9,950, Mdn, 7-3, 2yo, 6f 3yT, 1:13.83, g/f.

PEEL PARK (IRE) (c, 2, Mehmas {Ire}--Utile {GB}, by Frankel {GB}), a May 22 debut fourth over course and distance before posting a June 12 last-out third at Newbury, raced in second through the early strides of this one. Inching ahead approaching halfway, the 5-2 second favourite came under pressure passing the quarter-mile marker and was driven out in the closing stages to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from High Approval (Mehmas). Peel Park, kin to a yearling filly by Space Blues, is the first of two foals produced by a winning half-sister to Listed Blenheim Stakes victor and G3 Ballycorus Stakes second Straight Answer (Kodiac). The April-foaled bay's multiple Group 3-placed second dam Straight Thinking (Mizzen Mast) is a half-sister to G1 Prix Jean Romanet heroine Announce (Selkirk) and Group 3-winning G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches third Mexican Gold (Medaglia D'Oro). Sales history: 350,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$12,791.

O-Paul Smith; B-Tally-Ho Stud; T-Roger Varian.

2nd-Great Yarmouth, £6,800, Mdn, 7-3, 2yo, f, 7f 3yT, 1:28.40, gd.
RADIANCE (GB) (f, 2, Farhh {GB}--Sailing {Ger}, by Lope De Vega {Ire}) raced prominently through fractions raced at a crawl and gained an outright lead underneath the stands' side rail before halfway. Shaken up when strongly pressed with a quarter-mile remaining, the 5-6 pick quickened beyond recall approaching the furlong pole and kept on strongly under mild urging in the latter stages to easily overpower Conjecture (Palace Pier) by 4 1/4 lengths. Radiance is the third of four foals and second winner from as many runners produced by a sibling of G3 Prix de Meautry runner-up Walec (Shamardal). The March-foaled bay, whose second dam is Listed Cheshire Oaks victrix Sail (Sadler's Wells), is kin to a yearling filly by Cracksman. Sales history: 68,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT; 150,000gns 2yo '25 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,007.

O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Larch); B-Fiona Gordon; T-George Boughey.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Little Dorrit (GB), f, 3, Camelot (GB)--Eartha Kitt (GB) (SW & GSP-Eng), by Pivotal (GB). Kempton, 7-3, 10f 219y (AWT), 2:23.59. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,890. B-Chasemore Farm. *1/2 to Noble Style (GB) (Kingman {GB}), GSW-Eng, \$201,371.

IRELAND

Thursday's Results:

1st-Bellewstown, €25,000, Mdn, 7-3, 2yo, 7f 211yT, 1:43.67, gd.
RED AUTUMN (IRE) (f, 2, Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}--Afternoon Sunlight {Ire} {GSW-Ire, \$101,593}, by Sea The Stars {Ire}), seventh on debut over seven furlongs at Leopardstown last month, raced prominently before being committed approaching the two-furlong pole. Staying on strongly in the clear, the 9-4 second favourite scored by five lengths from Elly Bay (Shaman) who had been third in that maiden last time. "We had five lengths to make up on Johnny's [Murtagh], but she was our first two-year-old runner and that's only our third. They were always going to improve," jockey Chris Hayes said. "I was confident I'd make up the five lengths, but I didn't think I would make up 10 lengths! I'm not sure how strong a race it was, but I got a lovely tow and it was like a piece of work to me. She will probably get a little bit further and she's bred to get further. Her attitude is good, she's very genuine." The dam, who captured the G3 Derrinstown Stud 1,000 Guineas Trial, is a half to the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup hero Casual Conquest (Hernando) and the Listed Tyros Stakes scorer and G2 Futurity Stakes-placed Elusive Double (Grand Lodge). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$17,699.

O/B-Moyglare Stud Farm; T-Dermot Weld.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Parkside Lad (Ire), c, 2, **Elzaam (Aus)**--Signora Lina (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). Bellewstown, 7-3, 5f 3yT, :59.10. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$15,543. B-Mr S Taaffe. *€4,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Nantes, €27,400, Cond, 7-3, 3yo, 12fT, 2:35.93, gd.
FLAMME ROUGE (FR) (f, 3, **Sea The Stars {Ire}**--**Anaita {Ger}**, by **Dubawi {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, €38,800. O-Resolute Bloodstock & Qatar Racing Ltd; B-Gestut Ittlingen & Sunderland Holding Inc; T-Francis-Henri Graffard. *€410,000 Ylg '23 ARQAUG; €300,000 2yo '24 ARQDEC. **1/2 to **Accon (Ger)** (**Camelot {GB}**), GSW & G1SP-Ger, \$212,587; **Amorella (Ire)** (Nathaniel {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Ger, \$130,537; and **Accola (GB)** (Scalo {GB}), MSP-Ger.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Faithful Friend (GB), f, 3, **Ghaiyyath (Ire)**--Free Rein (GB), by Dansili (GB). Nantes, 7-3, 8fT, 1:38.79. B-Car Colston Hall Stud Syndicate. *1/2 to **West End Girl (GB)** (Golden Horn {GB}), GSW-Eng; and **Mondego (GB)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}), GISP-US, \$267,347.
Latina Dance (Fr), f, 3, **Latrobe (Ire)**--Nobina (Ger), by Lord Of England (Ger). Nantes, 7-3, 15 1/2fT, 3:17.16. B-Haras du Mondant. *€10,000 RNA Ylg '23 ARQNOV.
Abisola (Fr), f, 4, **Le Havre (Ire)**--One Chance (Ire) (GSP-Eng), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Nantes, 7-3, 8fT, 1:38.20. B-China Horse Club International. *€48,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

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Saturday, Sandown, post time: 15:35

THE CORAL-ECLIPSE-G1, £1,000,000, 3yo/up, 9f 209yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ombudsman (Ire)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Godolphin	John & Thady Gosden	William Buick	135
2	Sosie (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Wertheimer et Frere	A. Fabre	Maxime Guyon	135
3	Camille Pissarro (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Tabor/Smith/Mrs J Magnier/Brant	Aidan O'Brien	Christophe Soumillon	125
4	Delacroix (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	125
5	Hotazhell (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Silverton Hill Partnership	Mrs J. Harrington	Shane Foley	125
6	Ruling Court	Justify	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	Oisin Murphy	125

Breeders: 1-J. Hanly, 2-Wertheimer et Frere, 3-Cn Farm Ltd, 4-Tepin Syndicate, 5-Blue Diamond Stud Farm (UK) Ltd, 6-Nursery Place, Manfuso & Wilhite

A sensational renewal of this wonderful race, titled historically as “the first clash of the generations” and which retains all its star appeal with **City Of Troy** and St Mark’s Basilica among the last four winners which all hailed from the Classic crop. Like that pair, and the 2023 winner **Paddington**, the Prix du Jockey Club hero **Camille Pissarro** and the Derby flop **Delacroix** represent Ballydoyle which is always the first port of call and the former is still unexposed at the trip having mastered it so well at Chantilly. Godolphin’s 2,000 Guineas hero **Ruling Court** is also here, with the step up to a mile and a quarter sure to suit, and the older horses will have to be at the top of their game to keep them at bay. While he was impressive in the Prince of Wales’s last month, **Ombudsman** faces a second quick race on fast ground in a short space of time for one who was so nurtured last term and any temporary regression will see him vulnerable, while the pace scenario is sure to be very different here with no obvious front-runner. **Sosie** looks like a fast mile-and-a-half horse and may lack the zip of the Classic-winning 3-year-olds. [Tom Frary].

Friday, Sandown, post time: 15:00

THE DRAGON STAKES-Listed, £30,000, 2yo, 5f 10yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Blue Orbit (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Thurloe Thoroughbreds LIX	Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole	Rossa Ryan	130
2	Military Code (GB)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	130
3	Rogue Supremacy (GB)	St Mark’s Basilica (Fr)	The Rogues Gallery	David O’Meara	Hector Crouch	130
4	Killavia (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Mainline Racing	Rod Millman	Lewis Edmunds	125
5	Lebron Power (GB)	Starman (GB)	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	125
6	Love Olivia (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Amo Racing Limited	K. R. Burke	David Egan	125
7	Solana Rose (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Akela Thoroughbreds Limited	David O’Meara	Tom Marquand	125
8	Staya (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	KHK Racing	George Scott	Callum Shepherd	125

Breeders: 1-Mrs Claire Fitzsimons, 2-Godolphin, 3-Coverdale Stud, 4-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 5-King Power Racing Co Ltd, 6-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 7-Tally-Ho Stud, 8-Whitsbury Manor Stud

Some Royal Ascot runners here, with Godolphin’s **Military Code** looking to bounce back from an unplaced effort in the Coventry, KHK Racing’s **Staya** having shown up prominently when fifth in the Queen Mary and **Rogue Supremacy** having disappointed in the Windsor Castle. **Lebron Power** may not have that experience, good or bad, but showed distinct promise when scoring on debut at Windsor and is a real threat. [Tom Frary].

*All posts listed in local time.