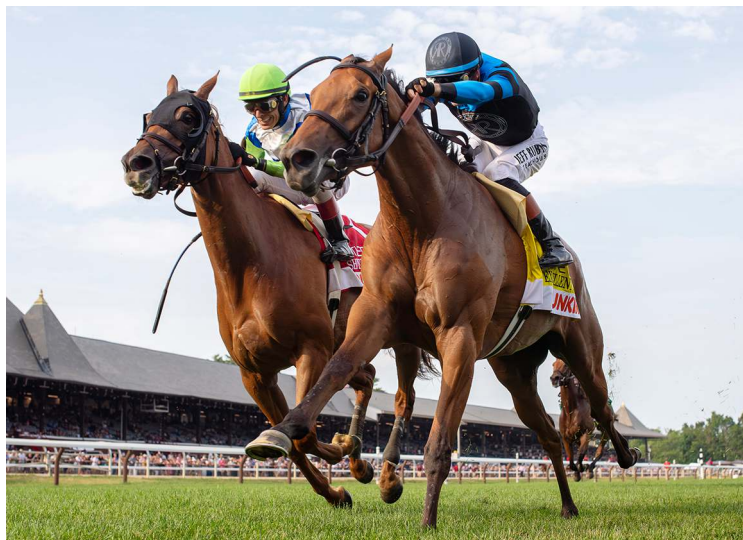




## EXCELLENT TRUTH DENIES SHE FEELS PRETTY IN THRILLING DIANA FINISH



Excellent Truth (inside) | Sarah Andrew

by Stefanie Grimm

The GI Dunkin' Diana Stakes continues, as it has for nine of the last ten years, to run through the Chad Brown barn as Excellent Truth (Ire) (Cotai Glory {GB}) just edged out favorite She Feels Pretty (Karakontie {Jpn}) in a stretch duel to take the opening Grade I of the Saratoga summer meet.

While eyes and wagering dollars were on Cherie DeVaux's She Feels Pretty, Brown wielded a strong hand in stablemates Excellent Truth and Dynamic Pricing (Ire) (Night of Thunder {Ire}), the one-two finishers in the GI Just A Game Stakes over this course June 6. Heavy rain Saturday morning dampened the course down to yielding and expected pacesetter Be Your Best (Ire) (Muhaara {GB}) scratched for Saffie Joseph, Jr. leaving a five-horse field otherwise intact. Excellent Truth, notably second to her stablemate in the aforementioned Just A Game and also to Choisy (GB) (Night of Thunder {GB}) in the GI Jenny Wiley at Keeneland, stretched out to Saturday's 1 1/8-mile distance with aplomb in the silks of Resolute Racing.

Expertly guided in the hands of Flavien Prat, aboard for both of her starts since coming stateside for John Stewart, the 5-year-old broke inside of her stablemate and hustled up to form a three-wide charge for the lead outside of rail-drawn She Feels Pretty and Choisy who outsprinted them both. **Cont. Pg. 3**

## SARATOGA NOTEBOOK, PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS: SOVEREIGNTY GETS WORK IN BEFORE ANOTHER STORM SLAMS SARATOGA

by Tim Wilkin

SARATOGA SPRINGS--Just before 8 Saturday morning, **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief) beat the weather. But just barely.

The GI Kentucky Derby and GI Belmont Stakes champ got his work in before the heaviest of yet another strong Saratoga thunderstorm pelted Saratoga Race Course.

With rain beginning to fall, Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott was able to get Sovereignty out on the Oklahoma Training Track for a five-furlong work. Ridden by his assistant Neil Poznansky and working in company with stablemate Jefferson Street (**Street Sense**), Sovereignty covered the distance in 1:02.18 (5/12).

The leader in the 3-year-old division, Sovereignty is being pointed to the \$500,000 GII Jim Dandy Stakes at Saratoga on July 26.

"I think we are in good shape," Mott said outside his barn on the Oklahoma. **Cont. Pg. 5**

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### NO HALF MEASURES SHOCKS JULY CUP FIELD

**No Half Measures (GB)** (Cable Bay {Ire}) upset the G1 Al Basti Equiworld, Dubai July Cup Stakes at 66-1. Tom Frary reports.



The Resolute Racing team at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

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Accompanied by Bill Mott and ridden by Neil Poznansky, GI Kentucky Derby and GI Belmont Stakes winner Sovereignty (Into Mischief) warms up for Saturday's five-furlong work over Saratoga's Oklahoma training track. | Sarah Andrew

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The favorite took back, opting to sit third as Choisy led along the hedge with Excellent Truth never far behind as the field cornered for the first time. In a single file line up the backstretch, the Jenny Wiley winner continued to lead through the opening half in :48.52 with little pressure from either two of her main rivals who were yet to move behind her. It was Excellent Truth who jumped first, drawing alongside midway around the far turn while She Feels Pretty was winding up three wide and the three of them came off the corner together. As the longshot pacesetter faded along the hedge, Excellent Truth was led to contend with the four-time Grade I winner to her inside and the pair threw down the length of the stretch with the Chad Brown runner just edging past the favorite in the final strides to win in a driving finish. It was the 10th overall Diana win for Brown while Flavien Prat picked up his third straight having claimed the last two editions aboard Whitebeam (GB) (Caravaggio).

"It means a lot," Brown said of his landmark win. "A lot of different horses have done it. Many of the same team members, though. I know I mention his name a lot--[Bobby] Frankel--but I think about him on days like this. This was a race that I can't believe he only won twice, he always pointed to it. It was right in his wheelhouse with a female turf horse--he taught me so much. A big part of it is him, his legacy lives on, because it is his system we are using."

Of Excellent Truth's win, he said: "That reminded me a little bit of the 3-year-old race [2024 GII Lake Placid] when Grayosh, in another race versus She Feels Pretty, came back again on her. I'm really happy for this horse. She had her day today. She has had two tough trips. I think you could argue with a cleaner trip, she could be 3-for-3 in the country. She has always trained like a top horse all winter. I want to thank John Stewart [owner, Resolute Racing] and his team. He could've picked anyone to train her, I was so happy when she showed up in our barn at Payson this winter. She has never had a bad day. She deserved the win today."

"We felt in her last couple of races, she was probably a little further back [than optimal]," Brown continued. "As Flavien [Prat] and I got to know her, she didn't have that electric turn of foot that maybe we thought was under the hood when we really turned her loose in a race. She took a few strides to get going, a little bit more of a strong, steady run she has. So, he had been commenting to me, particularly after the last race, 'you know Chad, I probably should've been a little closer today, and I would've avoided that wide trip on the final turn. I'm going to try to get closer.' Then with the scratch of the six [No. 6, Be Your Best], it became, 'I may even be on the lead now. I don't want to be far away at all.' Luis Saez [aboard No. 2, Choisy] wanted to be on the lead, which I understand, so we got a good trip. Down the lane, there was no excuse for either horse, we ran right down the stretch together and she showed a lot of heart."

Winning owner John Stewart said of the result, "It's awesome. We won the New York last year with Didia [with trainer Ignacio



Excellent Truth heads out to the Diana | Sarah Andrew

Correas, IV] and now we have this one here with Chad--and Chad is Saratoga racing. Excellent Truth had a couple of shots and got second in both of them. We knew she was this quality of horse. I think it's a testament to NYRA with the weather challenges and everything that came up to have the race run today and the competition we had in the race. It wasn't a big field, but it was really deep. This is what I got into racing for--to make sure we're competing at the highest

level with the best horses, and I think we all saw that today. Any one of those horses could have won that race and it was just phenomenal to get the win. Chad and Flavien [are] a dangerous combination and I'm really happy to have them train and ride for us."

**Pedigree Note:**

John Stewart's Resolute Racing paid €1,600,000 for Excellent Truth in France at the Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale at the end of 2024 after the mare had run second in the G1 Prix



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Rothschild at Deauville in July of last year. She is the second top-level winner for Tally Ho Stud's Cotai Glory joining G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp Longines winner and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint runner The Platinum Queen (Ire). First dam Moment of Truth (Ire), unplaced in her own racing career and a half to French G1 Criterium International winner Zafiso (Ire) (Efisio {GB}), has four winners from five to race including Italian GSP Memo de L'Alguer (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}). Moment of Truth is also a half to the dam of GSW/MG1SP Spycatcher (Ire) (Vadamos {Fr}). Excellent Truth's 2-year-old half-brother Armstrong (Ire) (Starman {GB}), her youngest reported sibling, hit the board in his first start just last week.

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#### Saturday, Saratoga

**DUNKIN' DIANA S.-GI**, \$485,000, Saratoga, 7-12, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.37, gd.

1--**EXCELLENT TRUTH (IRE)**, 120, m, 5, by Cotai Glory (GB)

1st Dam: Moment of Truth (Ire), by Teofilo (Ire)

2nd Dam: Goldthroat (Ire), by Zafonic

3rd Dam: Winger (GB), by In the Wings (GB)

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4yo '24 ARQDEC). O-Resolute Racing; B-Sandra Russell (IRE);

T-Chad C. Brown; J-Flavien Prat. \$275,000. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP-Fr, 14-5-5-1, \$677,898. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#) or the free [Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

2--**She Feels Pretty, 124, f, 4, by Karakontie (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Summer Sweet, by More Than Ready

2nd Dam: Summer Solstice (Ire), by Caerleon

3rd Dam: Summer Sonnet (GB), by Baillamont

(\$240,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Lael Stables; B-Payson Stud Inc (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux. \$100,000.

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3--**Dynamic Pricing (Ire)**, 124, f, 4, by Night of Thunder (Ire)

1st Dam: Shemda (Ire), by Dutch Art (GB)

2nd Dam: Shamooda (Ire), by Azamour (Ire)

3rd Dam: Shemaka (Ire), by Nishapour (Fr)

(170,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT). O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.;

B-Epona Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Chad C. Brown. \$60,000.

Margins: HD, 4HF, NO. Odds: 3.00, 0.70, 3.80.

Also Ran: Choisy (GB), Lady Claypoole (Ire). Scratched: Be Your Best (Ire). Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or the [TJCIS.com](#)

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"I am glad we got the horse breezed today," Mott continued.

"It worked out well enough; it looked like he went good. He moved well, the time was good, the rider was happy."

The road outside of Mott's barn was flooded by 8:45 a.m. after a 45-minute rain pounded the area. It looked like a mini lake.

"We didn't expect this, can you believe it?" Mott said. "We got out in time, fortunately, because it looks like we've got some more rain coming (Sunday). I don't know. This track (Oklahoma) might not have a chance to dry out."

This was Sovereignty's third work since winning the Belmont Stakes, which was run at Saratoga, on June 7. He has won three of four starts this year. Besides the Derby and Belmont, he also won the GII Fountain of Youth at Gulfstream Park.

In his other start this year, he was second in the GI Florida Derby.



**Sovereignty works in the rain** | Sarah Andrew

Sovereignty beat the favored Journalism (**Curlin**) in the Derby and Belmont. He won't see him in the Jim Dandy as it appears that Journalism will run in the \$1 million GI Haskell Stakes at Monmouth next weekend.

The area around Mott's office was cleared on Saturday morning following a Thursday night storm that uprooted a huge maple leaf tree. There was no damage done to the office and the tree has been hauled away. **Cont.**



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When the tree departed, it took with it an enormous amount of shade with it. Mott found that out Friday afternoon when he came back to the office in the afternoon.

"The sun was beating down and it got hot (in the office)," Mott said. "I'm going to have to get a shade for my window."

### ***La Cara Up Next To Make Her Case For Casse***

The race for best 3-year-old filly in the land will heat up next week when the \$500,000 GI Coaching Club American Oaks is run at Saratoga Race Course.

Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse is hopeful that one of his distaff runners can strengthen her case in the 1 1/8-mile race. That is Tracy Farmer's **La Cara** (**Street Sense**), who already owns a pair of Grade I wins in the Ashland Stakes at Keeneland and the Acorn at Saratoga on June 6.

The leader of the division is the Brad Cox-trained Good Cheer (Medaglia d'Oro), who won her first three starts this year--including the GI Kentucky Oaks--before finishing fifth in the Acorn. Good Cheer is not targeting the CCA Oaks, although could be seen in the \$600,000 GI Alabama at Saratoga on Aug. 16.

Immersive (**Nyquist**), last year's Juvenile Filly champion, also trained by Cox, could also be in the starting gate in the CCA Oaks.

"Right now, we are ahead (of Good Cheer) in Grade I's," Casse said outside his barn on the Saratoga backstretch. "She won a stake in New Orleans (GII Fair Grounds Oaks) and I don't know if that ranks as high as the Ashland. It's pretty close. Obviously, the (Kentucky) Oaks carries a big punch. I would say when Saratoga ends, there will be a clear-cut leader. I just hope it's us."

La Cara had her final work for the CCA Oaks on Friday, going four furlongs on the main track in :49 (28/92).

"She went perfect," Casse said. "We were going for an easy work."



**La Cara** | Sarah Andrew

Casse also has another solid contender in the division in Nitrogen (Medaglia d'Oro), owned by D J Stables LLC. She won her first five starts of the year and has positioned herself as the top 3-year-old grass filly in the land. She ran valiantly in the GI Belmont Oaks Invitational at Saratoga on July 5 but lost by a nose to another Cox filly, Fionn (**Twirling Candy**).

In her prior start, Nitrogen showed her affinity for the dirt when she won the GIII Wonder Again, by 17 lengths, which was originally scheduled for the grass. Granted she only beat two others, but she showed enough to give Casse the confidence to say her next start will be in the Alabama.

"I am proud of our team," he said. "We have two fillies that are two of the best 3-year-old fillies in North America. This is going to be an interesting meet."



**Flavien Prat** aboard **Nysos** | Benoit

### ***Prat Had To Make A Tough Decision***

No one can be in two places at once.

As much as jockey Flavien Prat would like to, he can't be at Saratoga Race Course on July 26 and also at Santa Anita Race Track on the same day.

So, he had to pick. And he'll head to California.

Prat will ride the well regarded **Nysos** (Bernardini) in the GII, \$300,000 San Diego Stakes at Del Mar; his other option was to be on Baeza (**McKinzie**) in the GII, \$500,000 Jim Dandy at Saratoga.

"It's never an easy decision," Prat said outside the jockey's room at Saratoga.

Prat rode Nysos, trained by Hall of Famer Bob Baffert, in the GII Churchill Downs in May and finished third in a three-horse photo finish. The winner of the race was Mindframe (**Constitution**), who is considered the leader of the older horse division.



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It was Nysos' first start since February of 2024. He won his first three starts by a combined 26 3/4 lengths and Prat was aboard for two of them, the GIII Robert B. Lewis and the GIII Bob Hope Stakes.

Nysos was then sidelined by injury before re-emerging. After the Churchill Downs, he won the GIII Triple Bend Stakes at Santa Anita under jockey Juan Hernandez on May 31 (Prat was riding in Kentucky that day).

"I am kind of committed to Nysos," Prat said. "I always felt like he could be anything."

When Baeza runs in the Jim Dandy for trainer John Shirreffs, he will be ridden by Hector Barrios, who rode him in three of his first four starts, including a second-place finish in the GI Santa Anita Derby.

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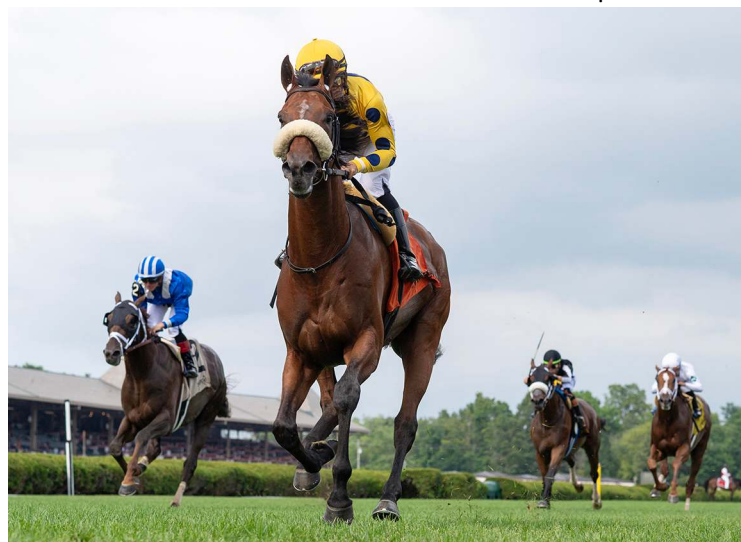
by Stefanie Grimm

'**TDN Rising Star**' Far Bridge (English Channel) toyed with three rivals Saturday and made easy work over a course labeled as yielding in the GII Bowling Green Stakes at Saratoga.

One of the last runners saddled by the late Christophe Clement, the LSU Stables-owned 5-year-old, now in the more-than-capable hands of son Miguel, won his first two starts to kick off 2025 going 1 1/2 miles in the GIII Pan American at Gulfstream before shipping north to take the 1 3/8-mile GII Man O' War Stakes May 10 at Aqueduct. In his first start for the younger Clement, Far Bridge cut back to the 1 1/8-mile GI Manhattan Stakes and just missed a neck behind fellow '**Rising Star**' Deterministic (**Liam's Map**) and Integration (**Quality Road**) in a distance perhaps slightly shorter than his preferred.

Stretched back out to the 1 3/8-mile distance Saturday facing a field decimated scratches due to morning rain, Far Bridge broke widest of the quartet and was happy to settle second as the

group worked themselves into a single file line into the first of three turns. As expected, one of two Todd Pletcher runners Tucson (**Constitution**) hustled to the front under Luis Saez while El Rezeen (English Channel) and Saffie Joseph, Jr. runner Harrow (Lea) were comfortable doing their running late. Saez hit the gas on Tucson, opening up a several length advantage past the wire for the first time while Far Bridge never looked in trouble with regular pilot Joel Rosario aboard. The field stayed single file along the rail around the clubhouse turn and into the backstretch through six furlongs in 1:14.83 before Far Bridge could wait no more and began reeling Tucson back in, closing the margin in the length of a few strides before drawing alongside at the midway point up the backstretch. As the pacesetter threw in the towel, the 1-2 favorite assumed command and had a clear lead as the closers swarmed in on a fading Tucson. El Rezeen made a gallant late run but was never a danger to the winner as Far Bridge cruised home well in hand to win while Harrow beat out Tucson for the show spot.



Far Bridge | Sarah Andrew

"Strategy went out the window [after all the scratches]," Clement admitted. "Joel [Rosario] knows the horse very well. He's won five of his last seven starts - just keep it simple. I told him, 'you know him inside out. You're the best, Joel; he's the best. You two will figure it out.' I walked it [the turf] this morning around 11:30 and I thought it was actually good to be honest with you. I thought the turf course was in very good condition - very even, very safe. I had zero reservations about the going."

Clement added that Far Bridge would likely be set to defend his title in the GI Resorts World Casino Sword Dancer Stakes Aug. 9, saying, "100 percent. We will be there."

Randy Sarf of LSU Stables added: "He ran like he's been training, he ran like who he is. He's a beautiful horse, and he fights. He tries every day. He gallops, he jogs and he breezes

[like] just a really good horse. I'm blessed to have a horse like that and to be part of this game and have something like this. The Clement family is a big part of Far Bridge--my parents, my kids, and everything. This was nice. It's nice to win in Saratoga and [we're] looking forward to the Sword Dancer."

#### Pedigree Note:

One of 74 stakes winners for the late, great English Channel, Far Bridge is the third and final foal out of the Kitten's Joy mare Fitpitcher who also sadly passed in 2021. As an earner of over \$2.3m in his career, he is far and away the most accomplished of his siblings though his 6-year-old half-sister Bali Belle (Bal a Bali {Brz}) did manage three wins and six-figure earnings herself. Third dam Pleasant Temper, a multiple graded stakes-winning daughter of Storm Cat, also produced the dam of GII Rebel Stakes winner Long Range Toddy ([Take Charge Indy](#)).

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Far Bridge | Sarah Andrew

#### Saturday, Saratoga

**BOWLING GREEN S.-GII**, \$186,000, Saratoga, 7-12, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:15.38, yl.

1--**FAR BRIDGE, 124, h, 5, by English Channel**

**1st Dam:** Fitpitcher, by Kitten's Joy

**2nd Dam:** Teenage Temper, by A.P. Indy

**3rd Dam:** Pleasant Temper, by Storm Cat

'TDN Rising Star'. O-LSU Stables; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Miguel Clement; J-Joel Rosario. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 18-9-3-3, \$2,372,980. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.**

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2--**El Rezeen**, 120, c, 4, English Channel--Karama, by Kitten's Joy. O/B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$40,000.

3--**Harrow**, 122, g, 7, Lea--Camille Garey, by Street Cry (Ire).

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Also Ran: Tucson. Scratched: Corruption, Game Warden, Kuchar, Starting Over, Tawny Port, Webslinger, Yo Daddy. **Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCIS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

## STRIDESAFE UPDATE: A NEW LEVEL OF VETERINARY "FINESSE"



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by Dan Ross

In discussing the evolution of his StrideSAFE wearable sensor, Dave Lambert turns to a tufty-haired German philosopher called Arthur Schopenhauer, who described new truths as a play in three parts. "First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as self-evident."

Lambert has had the rejection and a little bit of ridicule, he said. "Some people have thrown rocks at me," he added, one recent afternoon via Zoom in a brightly lit corner of his Kentucky home, a small bronze horse as his virtual companion. "But it's getting around to universal acceptance now."

If the bronze had been of the flesh-and-bone kind and trained in Kentucky these past couple of years, chances are it would have worn Lambert's StrideSAFE wearable sensor, used on every horse in every race in the state since May of 2023.

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It has reached the point where StrideSAFE is now able to identify in which leg the brewing problem is located, and even the type of pathology, the sesamoids versus the condyles (the end of the cannon bone making up part of the fetlock), said Lambert. Brewing injuries in the fetlock are notoriously hard to diagnose.

In a recent *TDN* letter to the editor, trainer Dale Romans shared his story of a stakes-level trainee that StrideSAFE had flagged for being at increased risk of injury in its right-front sesamoid in its last race, as well as a flag in the start prior.

The horse was visibly sound, but given the StrideSAFE readings, Romans sent it for a precautionary PET scan, which indeed detected worrying bone remodeling in the right-front sesamoid bone.

"This horse is now resting for 90 days and is expected to make a full return to training pending a clean recheck. Without StrideSAFE, we wouldn't have caught it," Romans wrote.

Nevertheless, the racing community at large is still proving reluctant to more broadly adopt these wearable technologies, said Churchill Downs' equine medical director, Dr. Will Farmer.

"We've come a long way. We've learned a lot. I know StrideSAFE has learned a lot," said Farmer. "My biggest push with this is that I really would like our horsemen to engage with it."

What would help, said Lambert, would be to start viewing the sensor as a veterinary tool rather than simply a training aid. As Lambert describes it, "this is about developing a new level of finesse in veterinary medicine."



David Lambert with Dale Romans | StrideSAFE



David Lambert | StrideSAFE

## The Evolution of StrideSAFE

StrideSAFE is a wireless iPhone shaped bio-metric sensor that fits into the saddle cloth. It captures a variety of measurements while a horse is breezing or racing, like its acceleration and deceleration, its up and down concussive movement, and its medial-lateral motion (movement side to side).

As Lambert and his team's understanding of what StrideSAFE can do has evolved, so has the way they relay its information.

In earlier iterations, it worked on a traffic light system, with a green for all-clear, a yellow for caution, and a red for possible danger.

Since then, Lambert and his team have refined the system to use a risk factor calculation from one to five, with five the category in which a horse is most at risk of a fatal or career ending injury--nearly 300 times more likely than horses that fall within risk category one.

StrideSAFE has now been used on some 55,000 individual starts at 13 racetracks around the country. Of the 55,000 individual starts--many of them in Kentucky--about 65% of the horses have been given a rating of one, about 25% were classified two, and the remaining 10% fell in the three, four and five range.

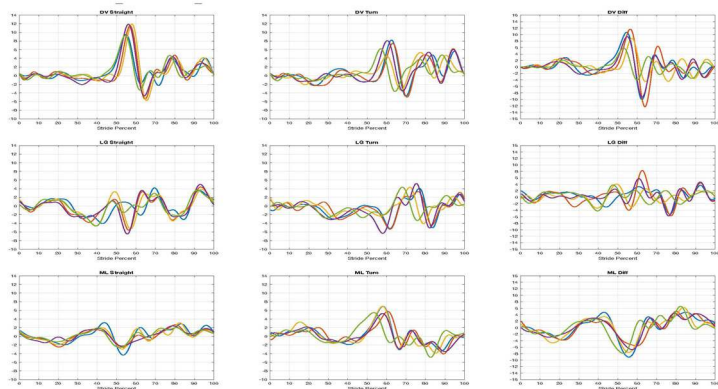
Furthermore, during that time, 152 horses suffered catastrophic injuries. "We have [StrideSAFE data for] nearly 400 career races from those 152 horses," said Lambert. "So, we have longitudinal records on those horses, which is a massive data set."

Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to run the profiles of the horses in this database, Lambert and his team have been able to more thoroughly and quickly refine their machine to better understand which horses are at heightened risk of injury and why. **Cont.**

The most telling rendering of StrideSAFE's efficacy perhaps best lies in individual cases. Lambert is preparing about eight or nine of them for a paper in a peer-reviewed journal.

Lambert tells the story of a one-time Derby prospect, who even as early as May of his two-year-old year was flagged by StrideSAFE during his breezes. The horse then won two of his races in the fall of that year, but in doing so, StrideSAFE showed that something again was amiss, despite being visibly sound.

Case study 2 - 2021 colt - January 2024



**"This StrideSAFE readout of the one-time Derby hope is from January of his 3-year-old year. Here, he's flagged as a number 5 risk."**

By the time January rolled around, the connections decided to scan the horse, the findings of which indicated he would need 60 days off. But before returning to work, subsequent PET scans and X-rays showed a major problem in the left-front condyle, along with bone remodeling in the other three fetlocks for which time-off was also recommended.

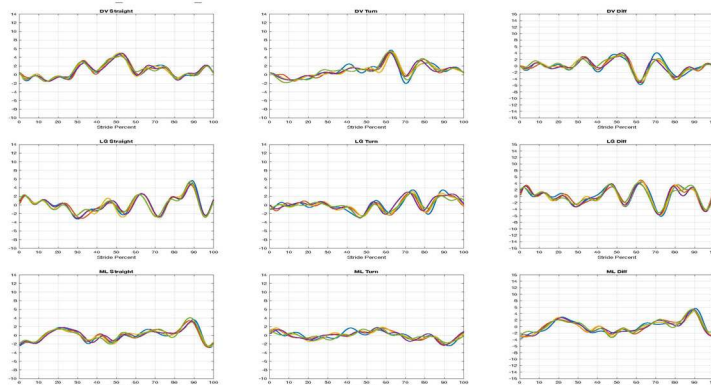
"He was sound to the eye throughout all of that," said Lambert. "But they operated on it and screwed it [the left front]. He's come back to the races and run three times, had a green flag each of the three times since."

With all this data under his belt, Lambert has a growing belief that potential problems can be picked up as far back as a year prior to any serious injury occurring.

As Lambert tells it, something occurs that causes the horse serious enough initial pain to show up on StrideSAFE, but which is still not visible to the human eye.

"The horse learns to live with it. The problem will heal a little bit. That's when some bone remodeling goes on. It'll get more stable, doesn't hurt so much. It doesn't show you a strong red anymore. It shows a category two or three instead of a category four or five," said Lambert, stressing how this isn't a set in stone timeline of pathology.

Case study 2 - 2021 colt - November 2024



**This StrideSAFE readout of the one-time Derby hope is from November of his 3-old year, after he's undergone surgery to his left-front condyle. This readout shows no problems."**

"But as you get closer and closer to the fatal race, the pain can actually be diminishing because the condition is healing to some extent and stabilizing. But it's still there," said Lambert. "That's a new way of thinking about these things."

## Kentucky Program

Such chronology in the pathology of an injury wouldn't surprise Farmer, he said. "Looking at the necropsy program, we know that these are repetitive use injuries. These aren't singular events. And that fits that idea. It's logical," he said.

"They're either going to adapt to the issue, or they're going to adjust their strides and we can pick that up with the sensor, but we may not be able to pick it up at the jog," said Farmer.

This tallies with one of Farmer's main takeaways from the two years that StrideSAFE has been deployed in Kentucky--a program paid for by the tracks. According to Farmer, Churchill Downs has invested nearly \$1 million in piloting the technology at its Kentucky tracks.

StrideSAFE's findings, Farmer said, support the overwhelming wealth of evidence that catastrophic injuries aren't caused by a bad step but rather are the accumulative wear and tear over repetitive races and workouts.

"There are horses that we see, they start off as 'ones,' then they go 'twos,' then 'threes,' then 'fours.' And then they ultimately have some diagnostics done, or they end up with a fracture," said Farmer. **Cont.**





StrideSAFE device | StrideSAFE

As such, StrideSAFE offers "a very unique opportunity" to find the "needle in the haystack," said Farmer, giving trainers "insight into what's coming down the pipeline before the horse fractures," or worse, suffers a catastrophic injury.

"Rather than it being a fracture, they can get ahead of it, change training patterns for a period of time," said Farmer. "The goal is to keep horses safer, healthier and in the racing population longer."

Despite the promise, acceptance among the racing community is still limited. "The truth is that unfortunately, we don't have many trainers engaging with it," said Farmer. "For this to really take that next step, we need that trainer engagement."

Part of the problem is that the information collected by StrideSAFE isn't currently processed and sent back to the trainers in an easily accessible form, said Farmer.

"They need to make it as easy to have access to, whether that's a push--like a text push--with a report, or a reminder. That's something StrideSAFE needs to work out, how the information is relayed," said Farmer.

For StrideSAFE's part, they're working on a new password protected interactive website for trainers to access, with data on the welfare of the horse, as well as its performance. "In particular, the way in which they fatigue in a race," Lambert said.

But Lambert is beginning to see the communication issue from a slightly different angle--that the diagnostic component to the utility and effectiveness of StrideSAFE makes it a veterinary tool primarily.

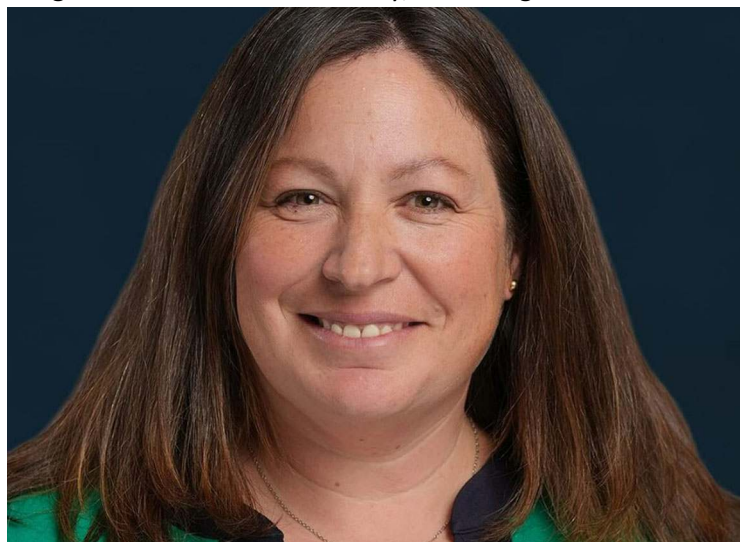
"We're getting very sophisticated information about musculoskeletal health, and it's the vets that need to be the ones that manage that and learn about it," said Lambert.

## AAEP Study

StrideSAFE is one of six wearable sensors currently being used in an ongoing study out of the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP). The others are Alogo, Arioneo, Equibase/Stable Analytics, Equimetrix and Garmin.

The goal, said Langsam, is to see which of these technologies can most accurately detect the sort of hard-to-detect emerging injury that requires intervention, said Dr. Sara Langsam, AAEP racing committee chair. Beyond the sesamoids and condyles, think buck-shins and small chips in the joint.

"At the end of the study, we would pass forward this information to HISA [the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act Authority], and they would potentially roll out some sort of integration into the entire industry," said Langsam.



Dr. Sara Langsam | AAEP WEB

Each of the sensors are being used on at least 100 two-year-olds throughout this year during high-speed workouts. Over 700 individual horses are enrolled.

Each horse that breezes is issued a green, yellow or red rating, with a 48-hour window for the study participants to receive the results. As an ongoing study, there are no concrete findings right now, said Langsam. **Cont.**

## TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



**Excellent Choice** (Cotai Glory) wins the GI Dunkin' Diana  
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The study focused on 2-year-olds for several reasons. One was to minimize the variables in the study by using a cohort of horses that haven't already accumulated a lot of pre-existing wear and tear. Another is that two-year-olds offer the best opportunity to intervene as injury progresses.

"We know that about 40 percent of the 2-year-olds are going to get an issue. They like to get mild injuries that may take them out of training, but [which are] less catastrophic in general," said Langsam.

They're hoping to have some kind of conclusion ready for a public airing by the first or second quarter of 2026, said Langsam.

"A lot of low hanging fruit has already been conquered. Technology is going to be the next step to help us get even lower [fatalities]. And while zero is ever achievable or not, that is always the goal," Langsam said. "And this is just one part of the technological sphere that's going to help us move forward. It's exciting."

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**Sunday, Saratoga #9, post time: 5:44 p.m. EDT**

**QUICK CALL S. PRESENTED BY THE THOROUGHBRED RETIREMENT FOUNDATION-GIII, \$175,000, 3yo, 5 1/2fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Jet Sweep Joe	<b>Frosted</b>	Hall Stables, LLC and Barrelmann, Katie	McEntee	Curtis	120
2	Governor Sam	Improbable	Bregman Family Racing LLC, Swinbank Stables LLC	Weaver	Ortiz, Jr.	120
3	Grayscale 🌿	<b>Frosted</b>	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Prat	120
4	No Evidence 🌿	Vekoma	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, R. A. Hill Stable and Dalinka, Brandon M.	Clement	Franco	120
5	Supersonic Blue 🌿	Air Force Blue	Stepaside Farm LLC	Drysdale	Saez	122
6	Insubordination (Ire)	Bungle Inthejungle (GB)	Two Eight Racing, Berry Family Racing LLC and Kaleta Racing	Weaver	Castellano	120
7	Ortley Avenue (Ire)	Bungle Inthejungle (GB)	Bona Venture Stables	Weaver	Cancel	120
8	Soontobeking	King for a Day	Our Blue Streaks Stable, SGV Thoroughbreds and Weaver, George	Weaver	Rider TBA	124

**Breeders:** 1-Hall Stables LLC, 2-Stoneriggs Farm, 3-Jumping Jack Racing LLC, 4-Haymarket Farm, 5-Stepaside Farm LLC, 6-Patrick Thompson, 7-Newlands House Stud, 8-Our Blue Streaks Stable & SGVThoroughbreds

There's enough speed in here to keep the front-runners honest. Now, who's the best in-form closer in here? That might be **No Evidence** (Vekoma). Lost by just three-quarters of a length last out in a Gulfstream allowance won by Most Handsome, who came right back to win the Roar S. **Insubordination (Ire)** (Bungle IntheJungle ({GB})) is another who should benefit from a fast early pace. Needs to show a little more punch in the stretch than he did last out. **Governor Sam** (Improbable) is the 6-5 morning line favorite, but has burned up a lot of money when beaten as heavy favorite in the last two. --Bill Finley

**Friday, Saratoga #8, post time: 5:05 p.m. EDT**

**SHUVEE S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sidamara	Arrogate	Juddmonte	Mott	Alvarado	120
2	Gun Song 🌿	<b>Gun Runner</b>	R. Lee Lewis	Hennig	Velazquez	124
3	Leslie's Rose 🌿	Into Mischief	Whisper Hill Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	124
4	Prides Crossing 🌿	<b>Quality Road</b>	OXO Equine LLC	Brown	Torres	120
5	Raging Sea 🌿	<b>Curlin</b>	Alpha Delta Stables LLC	Brown	Prat	124
6	Dazzling Move 🌿	<b>Not This Time</b>	Miller Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	122
7	Malibu Beauty	Buffum	Campbell, Elliot and Capuano, Gary	Capuano	Carmouche	122

Breeders: 1-Juddmonte, 2-Marianne Stribling, 3-John D. Gunther & Eurowest BloodstockServices, 4-Summer Wind Equine LLC, 5-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 6-Jesse Korona, 7-ZWP Stable & Non Stop Stable



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## CURTAIN CALL GETS JUST THAT AFTER BREAKING MAIDEN BY 8 1/2 LENGTHS



Curtin Call takes a bow | Sarah Andrew

by Tim Wilkin

SARATOGA SPRINGS - Sometimes, you just know.

When Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse breezed 2-year-old **Curtain Call** (**Tiz the Law**) at his training center in Ocala, Fla., he shipped owner Terry Finley a simple, yet powerful text message. It was a photo of a Porsche.

Fast car.

Translation, in case you needed it: Curtain Call, Casse believed, was going to be a swift one.

His confidence was rewarded in Saturday's first race at Saratoga when Curtain Call dominated a six-furlong \$100,000 maiden special weight and earned a 'TDN Rising Star' rosette.

Curtain Call, ridden by Jose Ortiz, romped to an 8 1/2-length win, giving Casse his first baby victory of the season. Last season, he enjoyed much success in maiden special weight events with purses of \$100,000 with no restrictions, winning five times.

A couple of those winners you'll recognize. **Sandman** (**Tapit**), who went on to win this year's GI Arkansas Derby and finish seventh in the GI Kentucky Derby and third in the GI Preakness was one of them. So was **La Cara** (**Street Sense**), who was victorious in the GI Central Bank Ashland Stakes and GI DK Acorn this year.

Curtain Call won after finishing second in his first start, a 5 1/2 maiden special weight at Churchill Downs June 2. He was a distant second, 7 1/2 lengths behind 'TDN Rising Star' **Obliteration** (**Violence**), who went on to win the GIII Sanford Stakes at Saratoga July 5.

"Definitely," Casse said when asked if that first start helped Curtain Call, "I have said a million times that I like getting races into them. I think they learn a lot. I learned a lot today."

Finley, the founder, president and CEO of West Point Thoroughbreds, bought Curtain Call from SGV Thoroughbreds at this year's OBS March Sale of 2-year-olds in training for \$325,000.

"Steve Venosa [of SGV] is a very good friend of mine and he and I have done business for almost 30 years," Finley said. "He told me [Curtain Call] was very nice and he thought he had some upside. When you get that kind of input from someone you trust, it's a good thing."

Finley said Curtain Call is one of three **Tiz the Law** babies his group has purchased.

"And we paid good money for every one of them," he said. "Quite frankly, I was not convinced about him until the 2-year-old sales. This year, they really showed themselves very well and we'll keep buying them."

Curtain Call went off as the 2-1 second choice behind even-money favorite **Tagermeen** (Into Mischief), who was debuting for Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen. He went for \$1.4 million in the April OBS Spring Sale of 2-year-olds in training.

After stumbling at the start, Curtain Call recovered, and Ortiz kept him just off the pace until taking over in upper stretch and proving much the best. Tagermeen chased him home and finished second for Ricardo Santana Jr. **Cont.**



Terry Finley & Mark Casse | Sarah Andrew



They were 1 3/4 lengths in front of pacesetter **Throckmorton** (Caracaro), who settled for third in the five-horse field.

Throckmorton is trained by Jose D'Angelo and was ridden by Luis Saez.

For West Point, it kept a Saratoga streak going. Finley said his group has now won a race at Saratoga 22 straight years.

Curtain Call looks to have a future, something Casse predicted from the start. His next target could be the GI Hopeful at the end of the meet.

"He is going to get better and better with more ground," Casse said. "I'll keep my fingers crossed because I think he is a Breeders' Cup horse. We just have to figure a way to get there."

Curtain Call ran the six furlongs in 1:10.31 and returned \$6.10, \$2.70 and \$2.10 on a track labeled as "sloppy."

"We were hoping it was drying out," Finley said. "You can make excuses all day long, but they all have to run over the same thing. I don't want to get a trainer ticked off at me, but that is a trainer excuse, not an owner excuse."

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## CALL FOR AN ENCORE! CURTAIN CALL GIVES THE SARATOGA CROWD A 'RISING STAR'

PERFORMANCE by Patrycja Szpyra



Curtain Call | Sarah Andrew

Rain or shine, the show must go on, and **Curtain Call** (**Tiz the Law**) gave the people what they came to see at Saratoga, kicking home powerfully at second asking to claim 'TDN Rising Star' honors.

The son of **Tiz the Law** was unveiled June 12 at Churchill Downs to run a well-beaten second behind fellow 'Rising Star' Obliteration (**Violence**). That runner returned to action July 5 at this venue to put on a Tour de Force in the GIII Sanford Stakes,

winning by 10 1/2 lengths and earning a 91 Beyer after covering the six panel distance on a fast track in 1:10.65.

Well-supported by the betting public here at 2-1 odds, he gave them a moment to sweat when he stumbled coming out of the gate, but recovered well to track **Throckmorton** (Caracaro), who was determined to control the tempo. Content to follow that one as the frontrunner rolled through an opening quarter in :22.17, the field swung through the bend behind a half in :45.15, and the running was on as they entered the homestretch.

Called on for his best as even-money favorite **Tagermeen** (Into Mischief) loomed on his outside and Throckmorton refused to throw in the white flag from the rail, Curtain Call found a brisk second wind to kick home by a widening margin in a final time of 1:10.31. The public choice came second while the long-time leader ran third.

Curtain Call is the most recent to get his picture taken for Deep Trouble, who now claims four winning offspring from as many to the races. She has a yearling full-brother to the 'Rising Star' and had been bred to Verifying for 2025. Deep Trouble hails from the immediate female family of MGSW Artemis Agrotera (Roman Ruler), whose half-sister is the second dam, SP Submerge (Fusaichi Pegasus). This is also the family of GISW Stephen Got Even (A.P. Indy).

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## NEW TDN RISING STAR

**1st-Saratoga, \$97,000, Msw, 7-12, 2yo, 6f, 1:10.31, sy, 8 1/2 lengths.**

**CURTAIN CALL, c, 2, by Tiz the Law**

**1st Dam: Deep Trouble, by Into Mischief**

**2nd Dam: Submerge, Fusaichi Pegasus**

**3rd Dam: Indy Glory, by A.P. Indy**

Sales history: \$115,000 Ylg '24 FTKJUL; \$325,000 2yo '25 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$68,500. O-West Point Thoroughbreds; B-Nancy Stone (FL); T-Mark E. Casse.

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## EXPERIENCE MATTERS AS AMOSS FILLY WIRES FIELD IN SARATOGA MAIDEN



Spa Prospector was sharp second out | Sarah Andrew

by Bill Finley

**Spa Prospector** (Authentic) didn't fare well in her first career start. She was seventh, beaten nine lengths in a race at Churchill.

Saturday's second race at Saratoga didn't figure to be any easier as it was filled with a collection of well-bred first-time-starters from some of the game's top stables. But trainer Tom Amoss went into the race with a lot of confidence in his filly.

He was proven right and she skipped over the Saratoga slop to win the six-furlong race by 3 1/2 lengths under Jose Ortiz.

"Why did she run so much better? It's simple. it was all about her having experience," Amoss said. "I really liked her the first time she ran at Churchill but she was just was very, very green and all over the racetrack.

"She wanted to get away from the other horses so she started lugging out a little bit," he said. "She made things hard on her rider, Brian Hernandez Jr."

"That's the great thing about having a race under your belt as opposed to debuting," he said. "You can see all the mistakes in their first start and work on them, and we worked on those mistakes and she really ran well today."



Jockey Jose Ortiz with trainer Tom Amoss | Sarah Andrew

Spa Prospector, a \$450,000 Keeneland September purchase, showed no speed in her debut, but she rocketed out of the gate Saturday and could not be caught.

"Having the one-hole today, she broke clean, so I just let her go to the lead," said Jose Ortiz, who swept the early double.

The only horse who came close to Spa Prospector was **Jetty's Home** (Enticed), who moved into second on the turn. Sent off at 20-1, Jetty's Home was the other horse in race who had started before.

The final time on the sloppy surface was 1:10.94 and the winner paid \$13.40.

**Ginger Ale** (Into Mischief), a half-sister to Grade I winner Search Results (Flatter), was bet down to 6-5, but didn't show much before checking in fourth.

It was a good start to the day to anyone playing the "experience" angle. **Curtain Call** (**Tiz the Law**) won the first race in what was his second lifetime start.

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SEPTEMBER SALE TO SARATOGA

# Spa Prospector

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**Owner:** Greenwell Thoroughbreds **Breeder:** Jeff Kerber  
**Trainer:** Thomas M. Amoss  
**Consignor :** Vinery Sales





## KANTHAROS FILLY JUST HOLDS ON TO WIN OFF-THE-TURF MAIDEN AT SARATOGA



**Pulstar (outside) by a nose** | Sarah Andrew

by Bill Finley

Wesley Ward knew his filly **Pulstar** (**Kantharos**) was fast but did she have the stamina to win Saturday's sixth at Saratoga, a maiden race that came off the turf and was run at 5 1/2 furlongs on the dirt? The answer is yes, but just barely.

Like so many Ward-trained 2-year-olds, Pulstar shot out of the gate and grabbed a two-length lead down the backstretch. In mid-stretch she was still two in front, but the Mark Casse-trained **Delightful Darling** (**Flameaway**) was bearing down on her. The pair were basically on even terms at the wire, but the bob of the head went Pulstar's way.

"I'm glad this race wasn't run at 5 1/2 furlongs plus a jump. If so, I'm not sure she would have won," Ward said.

Ward, who excels with sprinters on both surfaces, had no problem with the race coming off the grass.

"I was happy that it came off the turf," he said. "I was worried that it was going to dry out and be just like a regular track. She's got some distance issues.

"She's a real small filly and that is the reason I tried her on the grass the first time," he said. "Sometimes, horses like her will go a little bit longer on the grass."

Ward believes she improved from her first race, a second-place finish in a Churchill maiden.

"She got a lot out of that last race where she was beaten a



**Wesley Ward celebrates a Pulstar win** | Sarah Andrew

head," he said. "It moved her forward fitness-wise and experience-wise" he said. "All those factors came together today."

Pulstar is owned by and was bred by Roy and Gretchen Jackson of Lael Stable.

The plan going forward, Ward said, was to try to find turf races at five furlongs.

"I told Doug Cauthen, who is the stable manager for the Jacksons, that I think she's really better at 5 than 5 1/2 on the grass. We'll get a work or two into her on grass and hopefully we can find some spots on the turf for her."

Joel Rosario rode the winner, who paid \$6.40. The running time was 1:05.26.

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## SPECTACULAR IS THE WORD: SPECTACULAR GREY SAILS HOME TO 'RISING STAR' HONORS AT MONMOUTH PARK

by Patrycja Szpyra

An eye-catching debut is often a signal of big things to come. **Spectacular Grey** (**Not This Time**) gave her connections a lot to dream about at Monmouth Park Saturday when she earned 'TDN Rising Star' honors via a sensational unveiling.

Coming into the race for trainer Alexis Delgado, who only had one other starter recorded for 2025 and no winners, the grey's July 4 four-panel move from the gate in :47.60 (2/24) showed the betting public enough to award her 5-1 odds against a salty field.

Off a bit slow but initially content to track from midpack behind an opening quarter in :22.25, Spectacular Grey changed her mind passing the quarter pole and made a rush to the front that even caught the announcer's attention.

**Cont.**



**Spectacular Grey** | Bill Denver/Equi-photo

Suddenly in control by four lengths as they turned into the stretch, she boldly proclaimed the race as hers by extending her advantage to 7 3/4 lengths on the wire. **Revolving d'Oro** (Bolt d'Oro) had no response for that winner and had to settle for a clear second best.

The victress is the first winner to the races for her dam Rose Grey, who has since produced a yearling filly by **Charlatan** and a 2025 colt by **Life Is Good**. Said dam is herself a daughter of SP Smitten (**Tapit**), making her a half-sister to GISP Commandperformance (**Union Rags**). This is the female line of GSW Snit (Fit to Fight), whose daughters GSW Blind Date (Not For Love) and MSW Sales Tax (High Yield) also going on to produced black-type runners.

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## TDN **NEW** RISING STAR

**4th-Monmouth, \$53,375, Msw, 7-12, 2yo, f, 5f, :58.33, ft, 7 3/4 lengths.**

**SPECTACULAR GREY, f, 2, by Not This Time**

**1st Dam: Rose Grey, by The Factor**

**2nd Dam: Smitten, by Tapit**

**3rd Dam: Hi Lili, by Silver Deputy**

Sales history: \$127,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP; \$120,000 RNA 2yo '25 OBSAPR; \$150,000 RNA 2yo '25 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,500. O-III Beauty's Thoroughbred LLC; B-Baron Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Alexis Delgado.

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## FRESHMAN SIRE BY MY STANDARDS VALUES FIRST WINNER AT COLONIAL

**Sugaree** earned a sweet victory for her freshman sire By My Standards (by Goldencents) as she came home a winner at second asking over the Colonial main track on Saturday.

A runner-up facing auction-restricted maidens at Churchill Downs June 29, the filly was well-supported as the 70 cents on the dollar favorite here. The juvenile chased the pace from midpack up the backstretch and had some work to do around the far turn. As the leader began to tire down the lane, Sugaree came with a run to the outside and passed Barbados Bulldog (Barbados) in the final jumps to get her picture taken.

By My Standards, the GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby victor who is a member of Spendthrift's stallion roster, claims 64 foals of racing age. As for the winner's dam, she produced current 3-year-old gelding Ace On the Turn (**Higher Power**) and was entered in **Drain the Clock's** book for next term.

**3rd-Colonial Downs, \$57,050, Moc (\$50,000), 7-12, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.39, ft, 3/4 length.**

**SUGAREE, f, 2, By My Standards**

**1st Dam: Fly in for the Win, by Birdstone.**

**2nd Dam: Namaste's Wish, by Pulpit**

**3rd Dam: Copelan's Bid Gal, by Copelan**

Sales History: \$9,000 RNA Ylg '24 FTKFEB; \$30,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$46,800. O-David A. Bernsen LLC, Dean Demaree and Steve Crabtree; B-Mullikin Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeck. **Click for the Equibase.com chart** or **VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV**.



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## SUNDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:

by J.N. Campbell



**Not This Time** | Sarah Andrew

### NOT THIS TIME'S SCHWARZENEGGER PUMPED FOR FIRST TOGA PARTY

6th-SAR, \$100K, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 4:02 p.m. ET.

**SCHWARZENEGGER** (**Not This Time**) is unveiled for the ownership group of David Fennelly, Brook Smith, Mrs. John Magnier and Resolution Road. Initially a \$410,000 purchase during Keeneland November in 2023, the colt went for \$950,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Yearling Sale the following year and was sent to trainer Wesley Ward. The first-time starter is out Soothsaying (Lemon Drop Kid), who was a Gainesway buy for \$350,000 at the 2024 Keeneland November Sale while a filly by **Nyquist** was in-utero.

Set for a start is another Fasig-Tipton Saratoga grad in **Final Score** (**Not This Time**). Repole Stable successfully bid \$600,000 to acquire this colt trained by Todd Pletcher. Dam Precious Dixie (Bernardini) is a full-sister to SW Lady Kate and they are out of GSW Princess Haya (Street Cry {Ire}).

Finally, **Freestate** (Caravaggio) is a half-brother to SW Freedom Trail (**Collected**). The colt's dam Freedom (**War Front**) is a full-sister to SW Leader of Men, and a half to a pair of multiple Grade I stakes winners in Executiveprivilege (**First Samurai**) and Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday). **TJCIS PPS**

5th-ELP, \$100K, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 2:44 p.m. ET.

Godolphin homebred **Equator** (Uncle Mo) goes out for trainer Eoin Harty. The bay's stakes winning dam Moiety (Bernardini) produced GII MiddleGround Capital Beaumont Stakes heroine Verity (**Nyquist**), and the first-time starter's grand dam is Brazilian dual champion Be Happy (Brz) (Ghadeer {Fr}). **TJCIS**

**PPS**

4th-SAR, \$100K, Msw, 3yo/up, f&m, 1mT, 2:52 p.m. ET.

**Coastal Cabin** (**City of Light**) is a Bill Farish homebred trained by Cherie DeVaux. The 3-year-old filly's unraced dam is a half-sister to a pair of sires in Eagle (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) and Catalina Cruiser (**Union Rags**), plus MGSW Royal Flag (**Candy Ride {Arg}**).

**TJCIS PPS**

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## SUMMER BREEZES:

**Candy Ride** Colt Looks To Put Ellis Rivals On 'Ice'



*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 Sunday at Saratoga and Ellis Park. Information compiled by Alan Carasso*

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**Twirling Candy** | Lane's End

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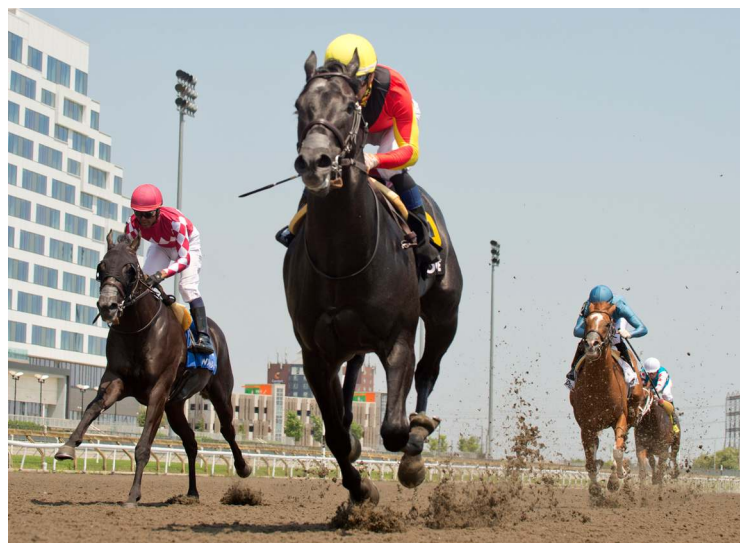
### Ellis 5, \$100k, 2yo, 5 1/2ft, 2:44 p.m.

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price (\$)	Breeze
Argos ( <b>Nyquist</b> )	OBSMAR	165,000	:20 3/5
<i>C-Majestic, agent; B-David S Romanik</i>			
Gelato ( <b>Candy Ride {Arg}</b> )	OBSAPR	250,000	:10 2/5
<i>C-de Meric Sales, agent; B-D J Stable LLC</i>			

### Saratoga 6, \$100k, 2yo, 5 1/2ft, 4:02 p.m.

Brooklyn Styles ( <b>Munnings</b> )	OBSAPR	140,000	:10 1/5
<i>C-Niall Brennan Stables, agent; B-Case Clay TB Management</i>			

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Casson leads a Casse trifecta home | Michael Burns

Trainer Mark Casse sent three undefeated juveniles into the Victoria Stakes at Woodbine, and Casson (Caravaggio) emerged as the last man standing of that group to keep his perfect record intact by a clear margin.

A four-length winner on unveiling May 11 against local maidens, the gray was a 7-2 chance against his stablemates Jupiter (**Upstart**) and the flashy Rude Procedure (Authentic). The former went off as the 6-5 favorite and the latter was 2-1.

In no rush initially, Casson had a head on Valley of Kings (Classic Empire) while rating four wide at the :22.79 first quarter, then asserted sole command entering the bend as Rude Procedure tried to match strides. In full flight for the wire by the time they reached the top of the stretch, the victor sailed home by 2 1/2 lengths as Jupiter overtook Rude Procedure in the late yards to nab second, giving Casse the trifecta in the race.

"He broke a little slow," said winning rider Rafael Hernandez. "He was outside, so he broke a little bit out, and when I tapped him in the shoulder, he started picking up. So, I let him cruise.

"My horse was just kind of waiting for me to start moving there to give me a second gear. I had total confidence."

The winner's dam, who hails from the same family as 2010 GI Darley Alcibiades Stakes winner Wickedly Perfect (Congrats), has a yearling colt by Authentic and an Apr. 5-foaled filly by Arabian Lion. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**VICTORIA S.**, C\$140,000, Woodbine, 7-12, 2yo, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.31, ft.

1--**CASSON**, 122, c, 2, by Caravaggio

1st Dam: Zee Ro Drop, by Lemon Drop Kid

2nd Dam: Ash Zee, by Exchange Rate

3rd Dam: Wickedly Wise, by Tactical Cat

(\$200,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Manfred and Penny Conrad; B-Ballycroy Training Centre & Villa Rosa Farms (ON); T-Mark E. Casse; J-Rafael Manuel Hernandez. C\$90,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$104,735.

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2--**Jupiter**, 122, c, 2, **Upstart**--Magnanimous, by **Karakontie (Jpn)**. (\$50,000 Wlg '23 KEENOV; \$100,000 RNA 2yo '25 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-D. J. Stable LLC; B-David Schwartz (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. C\$25,000.



3--**Rude Procedure**, 122, c, 2, Authentic--Madison Kat, by Discreetly Mine. (\$72,000 RNA Ylg '24 KEESEP; \$50,000 RNA 2yo '25 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Linda B. Roach, Robert S. Fetkin, and Small Batch Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. C\$13,750.

Margins: 2HF, 2 3/4, 4 3/4. Odds: 3.60, 1.35, 2.15.

Also Ran: Fistfulofmoney, Valley of Kings. Scratched: Souper Sporty.

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**MY DEAR S.**, C\$128,250, Woodbine, 7-12, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:05.77, ft.

1--**BORDER CZAR**, 122, f, 2, by **Beau Liam**

1st Dam: **Adalee**, by **Street Boss**

2nd Dam: **Lady Fiona**, by **Henrythenavigator**

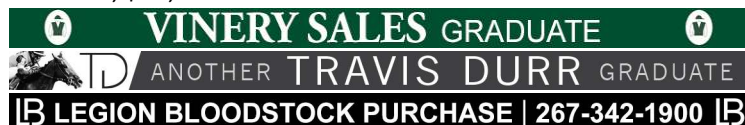
3rd Dam: **Placid Lake**, by **Greenwood Lake**

(\$25,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.**

O/T-Barbara J. Minshall; B-Southern Comfort Farm LLC (KY);

J-Rafael Manuel Hernandez. C\$75,000. Lifetime Record:

2-2-0-0, \$87,333.



2--**Abdul**, 118, f, 2, **Tapit**--Miss Jessica J, by **Empire Maker**. (\$350,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-D. J. Stable LLC; B-AI Shira'aa Racing Limited & Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. C\$25,000.

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3--**Pageant Queen**, 122, f, 2, Point of Entry--Queen Of the Dawn, by Sun King. (C\$35,000 Ylg '24 CANSEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Windways Farm and Upland Flats Racing; B-Anthony B. Russo & Leslie L. Russo (ON); T-James Bentley Begg. C\$15,000.



Margins: 2 3/4, 1HF, HF. Odds: 6.70, 3.40, 9.25.

Also Ran: Pina Colada, Sapphire Beach (Ire), Thank You Amy, Armored Guard, Souper Sporty, Souper Diva.

Airdrie Stud's **Beau Liam** (by **Liam's Map**) got his second black-type winner in his first crop of 2-year-olds--and second in a week--Saturday when Border Czar sailed under the wire in the My Dear Stakes at Woodbine. **Beau Liam's** juvenile filly Lanaluah had captured the Texas Thoroughbred Association Futurity July 5.

Sent as a 6-1 choice on the all-weather surface, Border Czar broke smartly and settled between horses in the second flight but well behind the :22.17 pace. With rider Rafael Hernandez sitting quietly confident until the turn, the bay tipped out and motored down the stretch a few paths out to win with authority, drifting in but powering by the leaders to win by 2 3/4 lengths. Early trailer Abdul (**Tapit**) closed late for runner-up honors.

"She's pretty sharp little filly," said winner trainer and owner Barbara Minshall. "I mean, she loves to train. She was a little sharp going to post and everything. I noticed that. But she's all business. And you ask her to do something, she's all business. And [Rafael Hernandez] has worked her a couple times, he's got to know her even better, and he knew she'd come running."



Border Czar | Michael Burns

Border Czar's only previous start resulted in a neck win going five furlongs over Woodbine's surface June 7. Legion Bloodstock signed the ticket at \$25,000 for her at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October yearling sale. Her unplaced dam foaled a Greatest Honour filly Feb. 20 and was bred back to **Charge It**. Click for the **Equibase.com** chart or **VIDEO**, sponsored by **FanDuel TV**.

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**MISS DISCO S.**, \$125,000, Colonial Downs, 7-12, (S), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:21.22, ft.

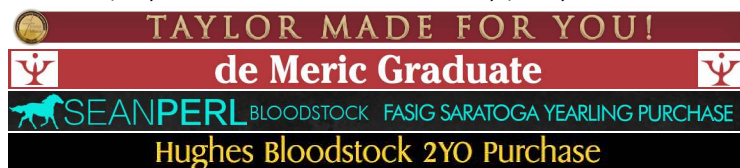
1--**WINFINITY**, 120, f, 3, by **Not This Time**

1st Dam: **Winter** (MSW, \$193,455), by **Awesome Again**

2nd Dam: **Down**, by **Mr. Greeley**

3rd Dam: **Up We Go**, by **Waquoit**

(\$385,000 Ylg '23 FTSAG; \$300,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Dream Big Racing, LLC; B-Ann Mudge Backer/Smitten Farm (VA); T-John Alexander Ortiz; J-Ben Curtis. \$75,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$196,480.



2--**Grayson's Girl**, 118, f, 3, **Gift Box**--Drinking Dixie, by **Quality Road**. (\$50,000 Ylg '23 EASOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-John Middleton; B-2500 Determined Stud (MD); T-Brittany T. Russell. \$25,000.

3--**Moon Cache**, 118, f, 3, **Mosler**--Moon Valley, by **Malibu Moon**. O-Original 6 Stable; B-Hope H. Jones (MD); T-Michael E. Gorham. \$13,750.



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Margins: 2 3/4, 3 3/4, NO. Odds: 1.40, 2.60, 5.10.

Also Ran: Conquerthosewecan, Shkhara Fire. Scratched: Green Eyed Monster, Mila Candy, Safe Trust.

Winfinity earned black-type for the first time in the Miss Disco Stakes Saturday at Colonial Downs.

As a juvenile, the filly was victorious on debut in the Keswick Stakes at Colonial Aug. 3, but failed to find the winner's circle in her four subsequent starts.

The grey was content to bide her time near the rear of the field, 4 1/2 lengths off the leaders up the backstretch. The 7-5 favorite found herself last around the far turn, but steadily rallied with a sweeping four-wide move. With only a few lengths separating her from the leaders at the top of the stretch, the chalk kept grinding away, taking command from Grayson's Girl at the sixteenth pole and drawing clear to win by just under three lengths. Moon Cache won the photo for third.

"Winfinity loves this track," said owner John Wade of Dream Big Racing. "She won her first stakes last year then got injured at another track and came back here and did great. We were excited to see her today. She did what she always does. She stays in there, then she closes and makes it exciting and makes my heart pound a little extra more. Ben [Curtis] was perfect. We asked him to keep her close, not bring her up to the front, and don't worry about the speed. As soon as she came around the turn, he let her loose and gave her the perfect ride, a clear path the whole way."

Stakes winning Winter is a daughter of GISP Down (Mr. Greeley). The winner's dam is a half-sister to Downtown Diva (Giant's Causeway), who produced GSW and MSW Venezuelan Hug (**Constitution**) and SW Majestic Venezuela (**Mendelssohn**). Winter is responsible for a yearling filly by Vino Rosso and a weanling filly by **Epicenter**. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

**BLUE SPARKLER S.**, \$102,000, Monmouth, 7-12, 3yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.40, fm.

1--**ROJA**, 116, f, 3, by **Karakontie (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Redmeansgo (SP, \$113,680),  
by Red Ransom

2nd Dam: Majestic Dy, by Dynaformer

3rd Dam: Delicacy, by Pleasant Colony

(\$50,000 Ylg '23 FTKFEB; \$70,000 Ylg '23 FTKJUL). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Madaket Stables LLC; B-C. Kidder (KY); T-H. Graham Motion; J-Jaime Rodriguez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$112,135.

\*1/2 to Fate Factor (**The Factor**), MSP, \$236,998; 1/2 to Pappascat (Scat Daddy), GSP, \$165,762.

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2--**Annascaul**, 116, f, 3, **American Pharoah**--Epping Forest, by Exchange Rate. O/B-Waterville Lake Stables LLC (NY); T-Miguel Clement. \$20,000.

3--**Biscuitwiththeboss**, 116, f, 3, Holy Boss--Candy Striper, by **Twirling Candy**. O/B-Joel Politi (MD); T-Brittany T. Russell. \$10,000.

Margins: 3HF, 3, NK. Odds: 0.70, 2.80, 6.40.

Also Ran: Serene Spirit, Win N Your In, Not Too Late, Storm Changer. Scratched: Flat Out Time, Gata Brazil, Laurice, Twirling Beauty.

Roja posted a game victory to pick up her first black-type win in the Blue Sparkler Stakes at Monmouth Park.

Entering this contest a new filly since making the swap to the turf in her third career start, the Graham Motion runner earned an 82 Beyer in her May 25 graduation at Laurel Park and was a salty customer last out June 15 when she lost the Stormy Blues Stakes by a nostril to Gata Brazil (Into Mischief).

The betting public had their minds made up by the time the gates opened and the 3-5 favorite was out quickly to vie for the lead with Annascaul not far behind her. Dueling through :22.42 and a half in :45.68, she had more to give when asked for her best at the head of affairs and she left the field behind to win by 3 1/2 lengths. Annascaul held on to second while Biscuitwiththeboss won the photo for third by a neck.

"Honestly, what made sense all along is that she was a grass horse," said Motion. "She never showed that much on the grass over the winter and then I worked her from the gate before she ran the first time on the dirt and she worked exceptionally."

"She ran well her first start at Tampa and then we went to Keeneland and after the race [jockey] Irad Ortiz said 'you've got to get this filly on the grass,' which made sense with **Karakontie**. He's such an underrated stallion. What surprised me is how quick she is."

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Jaime Rodriguez was all smiles after Roja took the Blue Sparkler Stakes at Monmouth Park | Bill Denver/Equi-photo

"When she won for me at Laurel [on her turf debut], after she was stuck behind horses and took off and won the way she did, I knew she was going to be a nice filly," said winning rider Jaime Rodriguez. "I wasn't able to ride her in her last start [the Stormy Blues Stakes] but I told my agent 'I don't care what I have at Delaware Park today, I am riding this horse in the stakes race at Monmouth Park'."

The victress hails from a busy family as her half-sister Pappascot (Scat Daddy) is responsible for GSW & MGISP Pappacap (**Gun Runner**) as well as GSW Boppy O (Bolt d'Oro). That mare has a 2025 **Candy Ride** (Arg) filly to her credit this year. Another half-sister named Fate Factor (**The Factor**) was multiple stakes-placed in her racing career and produced a 2025 **Constitution** colt recently. Roja is the most recent to the races for Redmeansgo, who does have a juvenile filly named South Philly Slide (Vekoma) and a 2025 filly by Cyberknife on the records. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

**AZALEA S.**, \$75,000, Gulfstream, 7-12, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:22.38, ft. 1--**ANDREA**, 120, f, 3, by **Thousand Words**

1st Dam: Photoplay, by Tiznow

2nd Dam: Film **Idol**, by Bernardini

3rd Dam: Miss Du Bois, by Mr. Prospector

(\$30,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$105,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-C2 Racing Stable LLC, Kuehne Racing and Mark Corrado; B-Scott K. Pierce (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.; J-Miguel Angel Vasquez. \$44,550. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0, \$151,900.

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2--**Nerazurri**, 118, f, 3, Protonico--Beautiful Liar, by **Candy Ride** (Arg). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Porta Pia Stables LLC (KY);

T-Angel Quiroz. \$14,850.

3--**Fede**, 118, f, 3, Adios Charlie--Rainfall, by **Blame**.

O/B-Stephen W. Screnci (FL); T-Armando De La Cerda. \$8,910.

Margins: HF, 2 1/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 2.20, 23.40, 6.40.

Also Ran: Luvumorgan, Unchained Elaine, Bee a Queen.

Scratched: Anna's Promise.

After knocking on the door May 31 with a runner-up finish in the Game Face Stakes at Gulfstream, Andrea got a black-type win of her own in the Azalea Stakes in Hallandale. The \$105,000 OBS buy grabbed the lead out of the gate, then relinquished it to Fede to track from second. After fractions of :22.44 and :45.03, Andrea collared the frontrunner, got to the front, and held off a surging Nerazurri late by a half-length.

Andrea is out of the unraced Tiznow mare Photoplay, an \$8,500 purchase by Scott Pierce in 2020 at Keeneland November. Photoplay has an unraced 2-year-old colt by Basin and a yearling filly by **Independence Hall**. Her dam is a half-sister to GISW Film Maker (Dynaformer). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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**7th-Saratoga, \$115,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt.** Clm (\$75,000), 7-12, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49.26, my, 1 1/2 lengths.

**MALARCHUK (c, 4, Nyquist--Seize the Ring, by Tiznow)**, who missed by a neck facing optional claimers at the Big A May 9, posted a 101 Beyer after being put up as the winner via disqualification in an attempt to clear the condition at Saratoga June 6. Well-backed at the windows as the 6-5 favorite here, the 4-year-old broke well and was guided to the rail, saving ground just behind the speed through the first turn and up the backstretch. Angled out for the stretch drive, the colt powered past coupled entry Digital Ops (**Nyquist**) and scored by a length and a half. The winner's dam is responsible for 3-year-old colt El Regresado (**Frosted**), a juvenile colt by Yaupon, and a yearling colt by **Jack Christopher**. She was bred back to both **Practical Joke** and **Gunite** for this past season. Seize the Ring, a daughter of GSW Catch the Ring (Seeking Gold), is a half-sister to Canadian champion 2-year-old filly Catch the Thrill (A.P. Indy)--herself the dam of SW **Curlin's Catch** (**Curlin**), SP Chich Thrill (Smart Strike) and GSP Arollercoasterride (**Curlin**).

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**Malarchuk** | Sarah Andrew

Sales History: \$145,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$535,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-1, \$230,910. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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**8th-Ellis, \$102,000, Alw, 7-12, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:03.54, sy, head.**

**MENDELA (f, 3, Mendelssohn--Jenda's Agenda {SW, \$173,475}, by Proud Citizen),** a half to Just Cindy (Justify), GSW, \$173,760, tried graded company--the seven-panel GII Eight Belles Stakes May 2--last out on the heels of her 6 3/4-length maiden special weight win at Oaklawn in March. She finished fourth that day in not only her black-type debut, but her first try beyond six furlongs.

Freshened up and shortened up in this off-turf allowance at Ellis, she tracked from fourth through a :22.27 first quarter. Mendela attacked on the turn from the outside, swept by all save pacesetter Caribbean Wind (Speightstown), and battled with that one down the lane. The 4-5 favorite, Mendela prevailed by a determined head over her game rival.

Her MGSW dam has an unraced 2-year-old colt named If Ever (Not This Time), who sold for \$235,000 to West Point at Keeneland last September, and a February filly by Elite Power. Sales History: \$400,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$160,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR; \$150,000 2yo '24 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$177,974. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Chris Wilkins; B-Clarkland Farm LLC (KY); T-Chris A. Hartman.



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**5th-Lone Star, \$33,500, Alw, 7-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.00, fm, neck.**

**HOFF (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Vigor {GSP, \$127,080}, by War Front)** broke his maiden last time in start number four when he went five furlongs on the grass at Lone Star Park May 31. In his first start against winners, the colt was a part of a four-way battle for the lead up the backstretch, taking command as the field hit the far turn. The leader cornered beautifully, and while the 9-10 favorite Let's Go Mark (American Freedom) made a late rally, he was still a neck short of the 7-2 second choice in the end. Turf sprinting Vigor was second in the GIII Ken Maddy Stakes, and is a daughter of Might (Arch), a full-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Blame (Arch). The winning dam produced a yearling colt by Munnings and was bred back to Prince of Monaco for the 2026 season. Sales History: \$25,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$45,000 2yo '24 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$61,594. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Clark O. Brewster; B-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



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**2nd-Saratoga, \$100,000, Msw, 7-12, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:10.94, sy, 3 1/2 lengths.**

**SPA PROSPECTOR (f, 2, Authentic--Pray for Leslie, by Bernardini)** weakened to seventh June 6 at Churchill Downs when unveiled in a baby dash against fellow firsters. Back here against a mixed field but with experience under her belt as many of her opponents did not, the 5-1 shot broke outwardly at the start and bumped Jetty's Home (Enticed) in the process. The pair recovered from their bumper car beginning with Spa Prospector stepping out to control the pace through an opening quarter in :22.33 and a half in :45.67 swinging through the turn. Coming into the lane with a clear advantage as the eventual runner-up tried to cut into the margin, the Tom Amoss-trainee had their number as she hit the wire 3 1/2 lengths to the good.

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**Spa Prospector** | Sarah Andrew

Spa Prospector is a half-sister to Alys Beach (Omaha Beach), GISP, \$143,500--who has a 2025 filly by **Flightline** at foot--and Praying (Vekoma), whose 2025 exploits include running second in Oaklawn Park's Southern Hospitality Overnight Stakes. That trio gives their dam a 100 per cent strike rate with her offspring. Pray for Leslie, a half-sister to SP C J's Awesome (Awesome Again), also has a 2025 filly by **Nyquist** to her credit. A full-sister to C J's Awesome is the dam of GSW Hidden Connection (**Connect**). This is the immediate female family of GISW Capo Bastone (Street Boss). Sales history: \$100,000 RNA Wlg '23 KEENOV; \$450,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$56,350. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

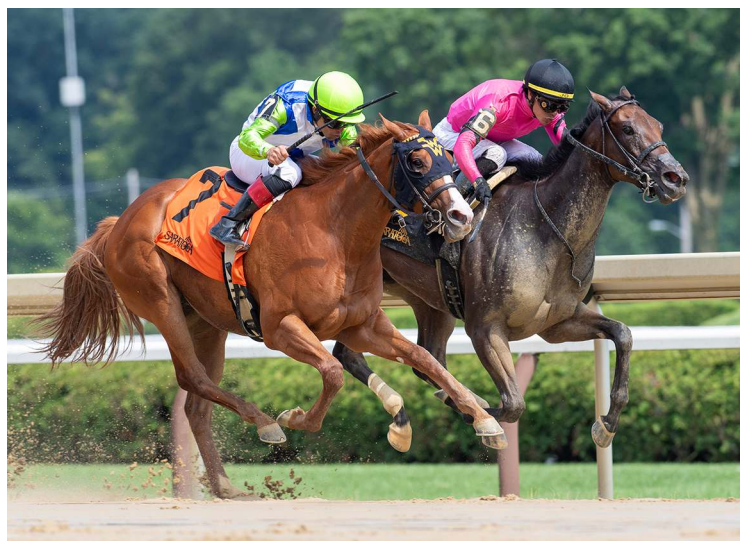
O-Greenwell Thoroughbreds; B-Jeff Kerber (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.



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**6th-Saratoga, \$100,000, Msw, 7-12, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.26, my, nose.**

**PULSTAR (f, 2, Kantharos--Bellerue, by Quality Road)**, beaten just a head on debut June 6 at Churchill, came back for a front-running thriller at the Spa Saturday. The off-the-board favorite in that same Churchill debut, Spa Prospector (Authentic), also returned Saturday at Saratoga just four races earlier on the same card to **win convincingly**. In keeping with the classic Wesley Ward trainee style despite breaking outwards, Pulstar was quick out of the gate Saturday and shot straight to the front. Favored at 2-1, the chestnut put distance on the field early as she motored through a :22.54 first quarter. The Lael Stables homebred held her advantage through the turn even as her



**Pulstar (outside)** | Sarah Andrew

rivals started closing in. After registering a half in :46.12, Pulstar ran a bit erratically and greenly down the lane as Delightful Darling (**Flameaway**), who was second throughout, dove to the rail in a measured attack. The two finished in tandem, with the photo finish camera giving the nose nod to Pulstar. Bellerue, the winner's dam, has a yearling filly by **Practical Joke** and a May 7-foaled colt by **Nyquist**. Bellerue is out of MGSW Belle Cherie (Belong to Me) from the same family as MGISW and 2007 \$4-million Fasig-Tipton buy Octave (Unbridled's Song). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$79,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Lael Stables; B-M. Roy Jackson (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.



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**6th-Ellis, \$100,000, Msw, 7-12, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.99, sy, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**CAROLYN CAROLINE (f, 2, Tiz the Law--Little Dipper {MSP}, by Eskendereya)** broke prominently in her debut as a 6-1 shot here, but got shuffled back to fourth rounding the far turn. Up on the heels of the leaders looking for a way through, the filly found a seam in the three path. With five across the track at the top of the stretch, the 2-year-old got the best of 5-2 favorite Queen Juno (Yaupon) late, skipping away to win by 2 1/2 lengths. The **'Insighted'** Love a Little Mo (Uncle Mo) was fifth. A half-sister to GSW Bye Bye Bernie (Bernstein), Little Dipper was bought by Ocala Stud for \$160,000 at the Keeneland November Sale in 2022 while in foal with the winner. **Cont.**



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She also produced a yearling colt by **Nyquist** and a weanling filly by **Vino Rosso**. Little Dipper was bred back to **Win Win Win** for the 2026 season. Sales History: \$95,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$59,488. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Portilla Racing and Watkins Diamond Stables, LLC; B-Ocala Stud (KY); T-Lindsay Schultz.



**12th-Saratoga, \$97,000, Msw, 7-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.48, my, 3/4 length.**

**GIRLS ROCK (f, 3, Maclean's Music--The Girl Factor, by The Factor)** has been facing some decent company in her young career as her running lines will show both Saturday's Blue Sparkler Stakes winner Roja (**Karakontie {Jpn}**) and last weekend's Pea Patch Stakes victress Mae Town (**Mo Town**). The latter was the winner of a May 9 Churchill maiden special that counted as Girls Rock's turf debut--where she would finish second by 2 3/4 lengths. Last out June 7 over that course, she ran third when asked to close from seventh and returned to a sloppy main track here as torrential rain washed the Saratoga nightcap off the lawn. Sent away at 5-2 odds, Girls Rock tracked from third as She Wants War (**War of Will**) showed the way through :21.97 and four furlongs in :45.07 as they swung for home. Relentlessly driving forward, the eventual winner inched away from the longtime leader to win by three-quarters of a length. The second to the races for The Girl Factor, Girls Rock is a half-sister to Nikitis (**Audible**), SW-Ven, \$100,712. Their 2023 Authentic half-sister died last year, but they do have a yearling half-sister by **Medaglia d'Oro** and a 2025 half-sister by Arabian Lion. Sales history: \$55,000 Ylg '23 KEESSEP; \$170,000 2yo '24 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, \$98,425.



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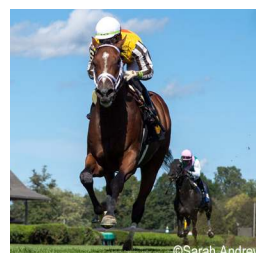
O-Legion Racing, Ribble Farms and Martin, Marsha; B-Troy Rankin (KY); T-D. Whitworth Beckman.



**4th-Woodbine, C\$93,335, Msw, 7-12, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:09.96, gd, 1 1/2 lengths.**

**DIXIE LAW (f, 2, Tiz the Law--Bit of Dixie, by Union Rags),** a firster with a :58 1/5 bullet work (1/8) over Woodbine's training track July 6, settled nicely mid-pack behind :22.89 and :46.20 fractions. She swept up on the turn, came into the stretch about six paths out, and mowed down her rivals despite keeping her eye on the grandstand for much of the stretch. Swapping to her wrong lead at the wire, Dixie Law bested runner-up Wolfberry (**Collected**) by 1 1/2 lengths. The 5-2 choice is the most recent foal out of her unraced dam, who sold as a \$290,000 Keeneland September yearling in 2015 to Garland Williamson, Dixie Law's breeder. The mare, Bit of Dixie, was bred to **Proxy** for next term. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$39,707. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Hillsbrook Farms; B-Garland E. Williamson (ON); T-Dale A. Desruisseaux.



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**2nd-Colonial Downs, \$70,100, Msw, 7-12, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.48, ft, neck.**

**RULE SIXTY TWO (c, 3, Distorted Humor--My Galina {GSP}, by Medaglia d'Oro)**, who was making his first start here, settled towards the rear of the field heading into the far turn, with five lengths to make up. The 2-1 slight favorite was glued to the rail while making steady progress, and got within striking range at the top of the stretch. Guided to the four path, the homebred began to make a strong rally, nabbing second choice Don't Ghost Me (Ghostzapper) on the wire. The **'Insighted' Musical (Candy Ride {Arg})** was fourth. A \$275,000 purchase at the Keeneland September Sale in 2017, the winner's dam is responsible for juvenile colt Time to Roll (**Not This Time**), a yearling **Central Banker** filly, and a colt by **American Pharoah** foaled this past season. Rule Sixty Two's third dam is MGISW Stellar Jayne (Wild Rush). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Kingsport Farm (KY); T-Ignacio Correas IV.



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**2nd-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 7-12, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12.02, ft, 3/4 length.**

**MO HIJINX (f, 2, Caracaro--Marazion Girl, by Bellamy Road)** vied for early supremacy with several rivals in the opening furlong, and showed enough speed for a firster to sit second off a longshot leader around the far turn. However, the juvenile seemed to not be responding when asked, but slowly began to come with his run, taking command at the sixteenth pole and holding off the rail rally of Haute Diva (**Constitution**) by just under a length. A daughter of MGSP and SW Swearingen (Deposit Ticket), the winner's dam is a half-sister to MSP Triple

Cream (**Tapit**) and SP Venado (Unbridled's Song). Marazion Girl was last bred to Charming Kitten for the 2024 season. Sales History: \$10,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT; \$92,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Wolf Pack Racing, Keith Johnston, and Robert Murray; B-Dawn Martin (IN); T-Bobby S. Dibona.



## IN IRELAND:

**No Alibi**, f, 3, **Blame**. See "Ireland".



## FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SUNDAY, JULY 13

2025 Stud Fees Listed

**By My Standards** (Goldencents), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
64 foals of racing age/1 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2ft, Zeus's Echo, 15-1  
\$15,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$100,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Charlatan** (Speightstown), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$50,000  
162 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Gulfstream, 3:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Thaar, 8-5  
\$120,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$350,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Essential Quality** (**Tapit**), Darley, \$50,000  
119 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2ft, Khetam, 25-1

**Galilean** (Uncle Mo), Questroyal North, \$3,500  
34 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2ft, Augustinian, 3-1  
\$15,000 OBS WIN yrl; \$24,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$250,000 OBS APR 2yo

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**Independence Hall (Constitution)**, WinStar Farm, \$7,500  
121 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Glorious Boy, 20-1  
\$19,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$90,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Knicks Go** (Paynter), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500  
116 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Monmouth, 2:17 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, World Wide Web, 12-1  
\$45,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$60,000 KEE JAN wnl

**Lexitonian** (Speightstown), Calumet Farm, \$7,500  
59 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Woodbine, 2:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 6fT, Fire and Wine, 20-1  
\$5,000 FTK FEB wnl  
5-Lone Star, 4:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Ritzaphena, 7-2  
\$20,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$75,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Modernist** (Uncle Mo), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000  
87 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Prairie Meadows, 7:59 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, War Boy, 8-1

**Rock Your World (Candy Ride {Arg})**, Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
145 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Lone Star, 4:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, American Taylor, 3-1  
\$9,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$15,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Tacitus (Tapit)**, Taylor Made Farm, \$5,000  
124 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Lone Star, 4:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Honey Cafe, 30-1  
\$3,000 TTA APR 2yo

**Uncle Chuck** (Uncle Mo), Journeyman Stud  
79 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
6-Gulfstream, 3:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Redland Rebels, 8-1  
\$25,000 OBS OCT yrl  
6-Gulfstream, 3:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Trelawny, 7-2

**Very Cool (American Pharoah)**, Caines Stallion Station  
6 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Lone Star, 4:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Cool American Babe, 20-1

**Yaupon** (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000  
174 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner  
4-Monmouth, 2:17 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Bonsai Warrior, 8-1  
\$5,000 FTK OCT yrl  
3-Lone Star, 3:31 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Sav'n Money, 7-2  
\$85,000 KEE SEP yrl

## SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SUNDAY, JULY 13

### 2025 Stud Fees Listed

**Durango Kid** (Stay Thirsty)  
3 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Prairie Meadows, 6:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, I'm Thisty Kid, 10-1

**Honor A. P.** (Honor Code), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000  
131 foals of racing age/31 winners/5 black-type winners  
8-Prairie Meadows, 7:59 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Ole Mikey Bagels, 8-1

**Improbable** (City Zip), WinStar Farm  
221 foals of racing age/45 winners/6 black-type winners  
9-Saratoga, 5:44 p.m. EDT, \$175K GIII Quick Call S. Presented by the T-bred Retirement Foundation, 5 1/2fT, Governor Sam, 6-5  
\$50,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$275,000 OBS APR 2yo

**King for a Day** (Uncle Mo), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, \$5,000  
83 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners  
9-Saratoga, 5:44 p.m. EDT, \$175K GIII Quick Call S. Pres. by Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, 5 1/2fT, Soontobeking, 7-5  
\$80,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Vekoma (Candy Ride {Arg})**, Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000  
288 foals of racing age/87 winners/12 black-type winners  
9-Saratoga, 5:44 p.m. EDT, \$175K GIII Quick Call S. Pres. by T-bred Retirement Foundation, 5 1/2fT, No Evidence, 4-1  
\$100,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$225,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$325,000 OBS APR 2yo

**War of Will (War Front)**, Claiborne Farm, \$15,000  
204 foals of racing age/36 winners/1 black-type winner  
4-Woodbine, 2:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 6fT, Battle Warning, 12-1  
\$125,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo  
6-Gulfstream, 3:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Hamdoun, 12-1  
\$27,000 KEE SEP yrl  
4-Woodbine, 2:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 6fT, Speights Will, 6-1  
CAN\$25,000 CAN SEP yrl



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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**STAR DE NASKRA S.**, \$128,600, Colonial Downs, 7-12, (S), 3yo, 7f, 1:21.44, gd.

1--**SLAM NOTION, 122, g, 3, by Great Notion--Balestra, by Grand Slam. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Eric A. Rizer; B-Eric A Rizer & Nancy M Rizer (MD); T-W. Robert Bailes; J-J.G. Torrealba. \$75,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-0, \$189,980.

2--**Barbadian Runner, 122, g, 3, Barbados--Quiet Run, by Northern Afleet.** (\$5,000 Ylg '23 EASOCT). O-AJ Will Win Stables LLC; B-Shamrock Farm (MD); T-Henry Walters. \$25,000.

3--**Re Markably, 120, c, 3, Hoppertunity--A Dicey Dame, by Colonel John.** O-Wachtel Stable, Gary Barber, Pantofel Stable LLC, William R. Gotwals and Lynn A. Ashby; B-Lynn A. Ashby & William Gotwals (MD); T-William I. Mott. \$13,750.



Margins: 2, 4 1/4, NK. Odds: 6.70, 2.20, 3.50.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**10th-Saratoga, \$120,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 7-12, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22.41, my, neck.**

**CONCRETE GLORY (g, 6, Bodemeister--Take It Inside, by Disco Rico)** Lifetime Record: SP, 38-16-6-2, \$459,734. O-Big Frank Stable; B-Bodemeister Syndicate & Kyle M. Horlacher (PA); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. \*\$14,000 Wlg '19 EASDEC.

**5th-Saratoga, \$111,550, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 7-12, 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:37.05, sy, neck.**

**LIGHT THE WAY (g, 5, Justify--By the Light {MSW & GISP, \$885,632}, by Malibu Moon)** Lifetime Record: 20-5-2-6, \$293,602. O-Robert Pezzuti; B-Samantha Siegel (KY); T-Linda Rice. \*1/2 to By the Moon (Indian Charlie), MGISW, \$1,552,940 and Wonderful Light (Tiz Wonderful), GSP, \$305,955.

**9th-Saratoga, \$102,300, 7-12, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:51.28, my, 8 lengths.**

**GILDED CRAKEN (g, 5, McCracken--Ormolu, by Indian Charlie)** Lifetime Record: 20-5-5-2, \$272,911. O-Epona Racing Stable and Toga Party Racing Stable; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Joe Sharp. \*1/2 to Land Battle (Istan), SW, \$282,957.

**7th-Colonial Downs, \$82,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 7-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.80, fm, 3 1/4 lengths.**

**AVENUE NIEL (IRE) (m, 6, Helmet {Aus}--Andalouserie {Fr}, by Poet's Voice {GB})** Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 18-4-3-5, \$304,594. O-The Estate of R. Larry Johnson; B-S.C. Ecurie De Meautry (IRE); T-Michael J. Trombetta. \*€17,000 Ylg '20 ARQDOY; €150,000 3yo '22 ARARC; \$210,000 5yo '24 KEENOV.

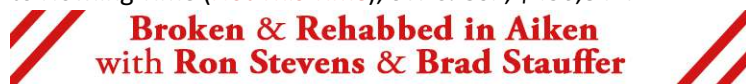
**8th-Colonial Downs, \$80,800, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 7-12, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.23, gd, neck.**

**GOLDENEYE (g, 6, Hard Spun--Street of Gold {SW & GSP, \$282,559}, by Street Sense)** Lifetime Record: 27-5-5-3, \$358,105. O-David A. Bernsen, LLC and John D. Stuart; B-Elm Racing, LLC (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeck. \*\$75,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$95,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEL.



**8th-Colonial Downs, \$77,500, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 7-11, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.40, fm, 1/2 length.**

**AIR RECRUIT (g, 4, Air Force Blue--Werewolf, by Arch)** Lifetime Record: SW, 5-3-0-1, \$194,150. O-Mark B. Grier; B-Springhouse Farm (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour. \*\$105,000 Ylg '22 FTKJUL. \*\*1/2 to Howling Time (Not This Time), SW & GSP, \$436,842.



**4th-Saratoga, \$58,000, Str, 7-12, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.73, sy, 5 3/4 lengths.**

**BURNINHUNKOFLOVE (g, 6, Munnings--Sicaria, by Denman {Aus})** Lifetime Record: 30-9-7-1, \$304,228. O-Roddy J. Valente and Daniel R. Adams; B-James D Osgood & Watershed Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Chad Summers. \*\$17,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN; \$40,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT; \$40,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN.



**4th-Penn National, \$50,000, 7-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :58.11, sf, nose.**

**ANAITA (m, 6, Lea--Hookipa, by Corinthian)** Lifetime Record: 35-12-5-7, \$247,933. B-Deann Baer & Greg Baer DVM (IN); O/T-Bernard G. Dunham. \*\$10,500 Wlg '19 KEENOV.



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**4th-Prairie Meadows, \$47,830, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt.** Clm (\$30,000), 7-11, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.70, sy, 2 1/4 lengths.

**JACK'S TIME (c, 3, ~~Not This Time~~--Msbrooklynbrawler {SW}, by Into Mischief)** Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$109,191. O-Brian Hall, Jason Loutsch, Justin Loutsch, Jason Cline, and Nick Jensen; B-Albaugh Family Stables (IA); T-Kelly R. Von Hemel. \*\$325,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP.

**3rd-Gulfstream, \$44,630, (NW1\$X)/Opt.** Clm (\$25,000), 7-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:41.03, ft, neck.

**OSHALA (f, 4, ~~Blame~~--Furrow, by Kitten's Joy)** Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, \$72,250. O-Sport of Kings Racing Partners LLC and Eric Sizemore; B-Wertheimer Et Frere (KY); T-Nader Moubarak. \*\$1,500 3yo '24 KEENOV.

**8th-Prairie Meadows, \$40,006, 7-11, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.73, my, 4 1/4 lengths.**

**STRIKE RIDGE (g, 4, ~~Street Strategy~~--Megyns Gold, by Zensational)** Lifetime Record: 15-5-2-1, \$201,582. O-Scotty Caroom; B-James Driver (AR); T-Oscar Flores.

**6th-Lone Star, \$39,000, 7-11, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.91, ft, 1/2 length.**

**SARA'S SHAMAN (h, 5, ~~Shaman Ghost~~--Chickasaw Gal, by Indian Charlie)** Lifetime Record: 20-4-3-4, \$139,740. O-Gentry Farms (A.P. Gentry); B-Usquebaugh Stables LLC (KY); T-Robert A. Young. \*\$55,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$200,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Great Escape (Midnight Storm), GSW-Can, SP-USA, \$529,331.

**6th-Penn National, \$34,920, (C)/Opt.** Clm (\$40,000), 7-11, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.74, ft, 1 length.

**TUSKEGEE AIRMEN (h, 5, ~~Street Sense~~--Lucky Cover, by Medaglia d'Oro)** Lifetime Record: GSP, 13-3-2-2, \$218,000. O-Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC; B-Nice Guys Stable (KY); T-Jamie Ness. \*\$290,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

**2nd-Lone Star, \$34,500, (NW2X)/Opt.** Clm (\$25,000), 7-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.33, fm, 2 lengths.

**MAYBE DOLCIE (f, 4, ~~Atreides~~--Buena Fortuna {Mex}, by Election Day {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-1, \$99,469. O-Craddock Racing LLC; B/T-Kari Craddock.

**1st-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, (NW1X)/Opt.** Clm (\$75,000), 7-12, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39.48, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.

**ZAGHRUTA (f, 3, ~~Gun Runner~~--Bling On the Music {MSW & GSP, \$153,167}, by Too Much Bling)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$100,861. O-Sumaya U.S Stable; B-International Equities Holding, Inc. (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \*\$390,000 RNA Ylg '23 FTKOCT.

**2nd-Canterbury, \$32,400, 7-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.49, fm, 2 lengths.**

**THUNDERS ROCKNROLL (m, 5, ~~Maclean's Music~~--Thunder and Honey {MSP, \$170,164}, by Thunder Gulch)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 25-7-7-1, \$300,395. O/B-Bob Lindgren (MN); T-Wade Rarick. \*\$68,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP.

**2nd-Charles Town, \$30,900, (S), 7-11, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.97, ft, 3/4 length.**

**POWERED BY LOVE (g, 4, ~~Midshipman~~--Game of Love, by Not For Love)** Lifetime Record: 24-4-6-3, \$119,215. O-Ernest F. Wills, Jr.; B-Tim & Judith Grams (WV); T-Anthony M. Rideout II.

**7th-Charles Town, \$29,800, 7-11, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.21, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**PETTY PERFECT (f, 4, ~~Candygram~~--Windsor's Punch, by Windsor Castle)** Lifetime Record: SP, 16-6-3-5, \$136,508. O-KP Racing Stables, LLC; B/T-Kristy Petty. \*\*1/2 to The Better One (Charitable Man), SP, \$184,880.

**2nd-Belterra, \$22,800, (S), 7-12, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.55, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.**

**LESOTHO (f, 4, ~~Mitole~~--Feisty Tomboy, by Unbridled's Song)** Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-1, \$44,530. O-William D. Pickerrell, Joe Pickerrell and Robert C. Cline; B-Pick View LLC, Paul W. Schaffer & William D. Pickerrell (OH); T-Robert C. Cline. \*\$45,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Rumble Strip Ron (Klimt), MSP, \$277,589.

**6th-Fairmount, \$22,080, (S), (NW2L)/Opt.** Clm (\$20,000), 7-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:07.26, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**AINAD TEMPLE (f, 3, ~~Cloud Computing~~--Bell's Temple, by Temple City)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$30,144. O/B-Scott Becker & Charles W. Ritter (IL); T-Scott Becker.

**8th-Century Mile, C\$21,305, (NW3L)/Opt.** Clm (\$12,816), 7-11, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.90, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**DR. DAVE (c, 4, ~~Sharp Azteca~~--Rue Royale, by Unbridled's Song)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-3-0, \$37,219. O-Don B. Danard and ~~Dialed In~~ Racing Stable; B-Eric & Randi Moreau-Sipiere (TX); T-Craig Robert Smith. \*\$40,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$15,000 3yo '24 FTDAPR.

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**Seizethedaydude**, g, 2, **Carpe Diem**--Sentimental Gal, by More Than Ready. Evangeline Downs, 7-12, (S), 5f, :59.27. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. B-Picard Thoroughbreds Racing Stable, LLC (LA). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Big Time Charlie**, g, 2, **Cinco Charlie**--Show Hostess, by **Mineshaft**. Lone Star, 7-11, (S), 5f, :58.25. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,760. B-Bill Egert (TX). \$35,000 2yo '25 TTAAPR. \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**El Sunshine**, f, 2, **El Deal**--Mirabeau (MSW, \$105,350), by Bind. Lone Star, 7-11, 5 1/2f, 1:05.47. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,560. B-Ron Fauchaux & Larry J. Romero (LA). \$75,000 Ylg '24 TTAYRL. \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

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**Cinnamon Sugar**, f, 2, **InstaGrand**--Cinnamon Lass, by Conduit (Ire). Ellis, 7-12, (C), 6f, 1:12.32. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$56,870. B-Springland Farm & Stuart Angus (KY). \*\$7,000 Ylg '24 KEEJAN.

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**Dale's Bluff**, f, 2, **Street Magician**--Weatherurnot, by Dance With Ravens. Delaware, 7-12, 5fT, :59.32. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,750. B-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman & Dr. Brooke Bowman (MD). \$5,000 Ylg '24 EASOCT. \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

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**Fly Strong**, f, 2, **Yaupon**--Fashion Fortune, by Lookin At Lucky. Evangeline Downs, 7-11, (S), 5f, :58.75. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. B-Schwing Thoroughbreds (LA). \$110,000 Ylg '24 FTKFEB. \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

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**Volodymyr Z**, c, 3, **Atta Boy Roy**--Zipperini, by City Zip. Fairmount, 7-12, (S), 6f, 1:13.70. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$12,793. B-Scott Becker & Charles W. Ritter (IL).

**Keep On Moving**, g, 3, **Cajun Breeze**--Silver Cub (SW), by City Zip. Gulfstream, 7-12, 6 1/2f, 1:16.54. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$45,390. B-Stonehedge LLC (FL). \*1/2 to Noted and Quoted (**The Factor**), GISW, \$290,165.

**Demand**, c, 3, **Dialed In**--That's Ok, by Not For Love. Century Mile, 7-11, 6f, 1:10.64. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$18,597. B-Newtownanner Stud Farm (NY). \$75,000 RNA Ylg '23 SARAUG; \$65,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$60,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR. \*1/2 to Mirai (Trappe Shot), SW, \$133,800.

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**My Mum's Mud**, f, 3, **Fed Biz**--My Name's Mud, by Mud Route. Century Mile, 7-11, 6f, 1:11.65. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$13,730. B-KRT Stables Inc. (AB). \*C\$41,000 RNA Ylg '23 ALBMIX.

**Frosty Blue**, g, 3, **Frosted**--Blue Dahlia, by Giant's Causeway. Evangeline Downs, 7-11, 1m (off turf), 1:40.12. Lifetime Record: 10-1-3-1, \$44,026. B-Sally Thomas (KY). \*\$25,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR.

**Jackie Sparrow**, f, 3, **Goldencents**--Cat d'Oro, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. Prairie Meadows, 7-11, (S), 6f, 1:11.80. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-1-3-1, \$64,105. B-RPM Thoroughbreds (IA). \*1/2 to Ain't Life Grand (**Not This Time**), MSW & MGSP, \$808,145.

**Senor Rojo**, g, 3, **Maclean's Music**--Follow My Tail, by Indian Charlie. Lone Star, 7-12, 5fT, :55.96. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$32,940. B-Brad King (KY). \*\$140,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Proofsinthepuddin (Marking), MSP, \$172,438.

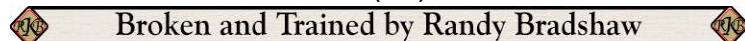
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**Talbot's Riplyn**, f, 3, **Midnight Lute**--Another Flashback, by **Curlin**. Woodbine, 7-12, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.94. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$43,459. B-Karen E. Carroll (ON). \*Full to Jumpin Junie, SW, \$128,637.

**Neodera**, f, 3, **Neolithic**--Codera, by Omega Code. Gulfstream, 7-12, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.94. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$42,900. B-SCF, Inc. (FL).

**Crockett**, c, 3, **Not This Time**--Salary Drive (SW & GSP, \$205,529), by Mizzen Mast. Lone Star, 7-11, 7 1/2fT, 1:28.95. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$22,452. B-Eico Ventures (KY). \*1/2 to Francatelli (City Zip), MSW & GSP-USA, SW-Can, \$340,979 and Saranya (**The Factor**), SW, \$218,299.

**Workout Affair**, f, 3, **Outwork**--Tiz Affair, by Tiznow. Woodbine, 7-12, 1mT, 1:36.77. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-3, \$74,932. B-Chiefswood Stables Limited (ON).

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**Haley's Dante**, g, 3, **Rivers Run Deep**--Miss Venezuela, by Catienus. Belterra, 7-12, (S), 6f, 1:15.88. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$13,115. B-Edward Fernandez (OH).

**Shameless Bride**, f, 3, **Vekoma**--Betrothal, by Explicit. Colonial Downs, 7-12, (C), 5 1/2fT, 1:03.40. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. B-Robert Joseph Hunt (KY). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Show Respect**, f, 4, **Awesome Bet**--Respect Ur Elders, by Grand Marshall. Evangeline Downs, 7-11, (S), 7f, 1:25.75. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-2, \$45,420. B-Heidi Lamarche Hughes (LA).

**Sophie's Cruiser**, f, 4, **Catalina Cruiser**--Causeway Carolyn, by Giant's Causeway. Colonial Downs, 7-12, (S), 1mT, 1:37.32. Lifetime Record: 8-1-4-1, \$99,030. B-Sugarland Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY). \*\$24,000 RNA Ylg '22 EASOCT.

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**Perrotto**, g, 4, **Redesdale**--Rockin Heather (MSP), by In Excess (Ire). Monmouth, 7-12, (S), 1mT, 1:38.70. Lifetime Record: 14-1-3-2, \$79,968. B-Fazio Stables (NJ). \*\$12,000 RNA Ylg '22 OBSWIN.

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**Air Force Blue**, Air Recruit, g, 4, o/o Werewolf, by Arch. AOC, 7-11, Colonial Downs

**Atreides**, Maybe Dolcie, f, 4, o/o Buena Fortuna (Mex), by Election Day (Ire). AOC, 7-11, Lone Star

**Atta Boy Roy**, Volodymyr Z, c, 3, o/o Zipperini, by City Zip. MSW, 7-12, Fairmount

**Authentic**, Spa Prospector, f, 2, o/o Pray for Leslie, by Bernardini. MSW, 7-12, Saratoga

**Awesome Bet**, Show Respect, f, 4, o/o Respect Ur Elders, by Grand Marshall. MSW, 7-11, Evangeline

**Beau Liam**, Border Czar, f, 2, o/o Adalee, by Street Boss. My Dear S., 7-12, Woodbine

**Blame**, Oshala, f, 4, o/o Furrow, by Kitten's Joy. AOC, 7-12, Gulfstream

**Bodemeister**, Concrete Glory, g, 6, o/o Take It Inside, by Disco Rico. AOC, 7-12, Saratoga

**By My Standards**, Sugaree, f, 2, o/o Fly in for the Win, by Birdstone. MOC, 7-12, Colonial Downs

**Cajun Breeze**, Keep On Moving, g, 3, o/o Silver Cub, by City Zip. MSW, 7-12, Gulfstream

**Candygram**, Petty Perfect, f, 4, o/o Windsor's Punch, by Windsor Castle. ALW, 7-11, Charles Town

**Caracaro**, Mo Hijinx, f, 2, o/o Marazion Girl, by Bellamy Road. MSW, 7-12, Gulfstream

**Caravaggio**, Casson, c, 2, o/o Zee Ro Drop, by Lemon Drop Kid. Victoria S., 7-12, Woodbine

**Carpe Diem**, Seizethedaydude, g, 2, o/o Sentimental Gal, by More Than Ready. MSW, 7-12, Evangeline

**Catalina Cruiser**, Sophie's Cruiser, f, 4, o/o Causeway Carolyn, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 7-12, Colonial Downs

**Cinco Charlie**, Big Time Charlie, g, 2, o/o Show Hostess, by Mineshaft. MSW, 7-11, Lone Star

**Cloud Computing**, Ainad Temple, f, 3, o/o Bell's Temple, by Temple City. AOC, 7-12, Fairmount

**Cotai Glory (GB)**, Excellent Truth (Ire), m, 5, o/o Moment of Truth (Ire), by Teofilo (Ire). GI Dunkin' Diana S., 7-12, Saratoga

**Dialed In**, Demand, c, 3, o/o That's Ok, by Not For Love. MSW, 7-11, Century Mile

**Distorted Humor**, Rule Sixty Two, c, 3, o/o My Galina, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 7-12, Colonial Downs

**El Deal**, El Sunshine, f, 2, o/o Mirabeau, by Bind. MSW, 7-11, Lone Star

**English Channel**, Far Bridge, h, 5, o/o Fitpitcher, by Kitten's Joy. GI Bowling Green S., 7-12, Saratoga

**Fed Biz**, My Mum's Mud, f, 3, o/o My Name's Mud, by Mud Route. MSW, 7-11, Century Mile

**Frosted**, Frosty Blue, g, 3, o/o Blue Dahlia, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 7-11, Evangeline

**Goldencents**, Jackie Sparrow, f, 3, o/o Cat d'Oro, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 7-11, Prairie Meadows

**Great Notion**, Slam Notion, g, 3, o/o Balestra, by Grand Slam. Star De Naskra S., 7-12, Colonial Downs

**Gun Runner**, Zaghruta, f, 3, o/o Bling On the Music, by Too Much Bling. AOC, 7-12, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Hard Spun**, Goldeneye, g, 6, o/o Street of Gold, by Street Sense. AOC, 7-12, Colonial Downs

**Helmet (Aus)**, Avenue Niel (Ire), m, 6, o/o Andalouserie (Fr), by Poet's Voice (GB). AOC, 7-11, Colonial Downs

**Instagrاند**, Cinnamon Sugar, f, 2, o/o Cinnamon Lass, by Conduit (Ire). MOC, 7-12, Ellis

**Justify**, Light the Way, g, 5, o/o By the Light, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 7-12, Saratoga

**Kantharos**, Pulstar, f, 2, o/o Bellerue, by Quality Road. MSW, 7-12, Saratoga

**Karakontie (Jpn)**, Roja, f, 3, o/o Redmeansgo, by Red Ransom. Blue Sparkler S., 7-12, Monmouth

**Lea**, Anaita, m, 6, o/o Hookipa, by Corinthian. ALW, 7-11, Penn National

**Maclean's Music**, Senor Rojo, g, 3, o/o Follow My Tail, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 7-12, Lone Star

**Maclean's Music**, Girls Rock, f, 3, o/o The Girl Factor, by The Factor. MSW, 7-12, Saratoga

**Maclean's Music**, Thunders Rocknroll, m, 5, o/o Thunder and Honey, by Thunder Gulch. ALW, 7-12, Canterbury

**McCraken**, Gilded Craken, g, 5, o/o Ormolu, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 7-12, Saratoga

**Mendelssohn**, Mendela, f, 3, o/o Jenda's Agenda, by Proud Citizen. ALW, 7-12, Ellis

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**Midnight Lute**, Talbot's Riplyn, f, 3, o/o Another Flashback, by **Curlin**. MSW, 7-12, Woodbine

**Midshipman**, Powered by Love, g, 4, o/o Game of Love, by Not For Love. ALW, 7-11, Charles Town

**Mitole**, Lesotho, f, 4, o/o Feisty Tomboy, by Unbridled's Song. ALW, 7-12, Belterra

**Munnings**, Burninhunkoflove, g, 6, o/o Sicaria, by Denman (Aus). STR, 7-12, Saratoga

**Neolithic**, Neodera, f, 3, o/o Codera, by Omega Code. MSW, 7-12, Gulfstream

**Not This Time**, Crockett, c, 3, o/o Salary Drive, by Mizzen Mast. MSW, 7-11, Lone Star

**Not This Time**, Jack's Time, c, 3, o/o Msbrooklynbrawler, by Into Mischief. AOC, 7-11, Prairie Meadows

**Not This Time**, Spectacular Grey, f, 2, o/o Rose Grey, by **The Factor**. MSW, 7-12, Monmouth

**Not This Time**, Winfinity, f, 3, o/o Winter, by Awesome Again. Miss Disco S., 7-12, Colonial Downs

**Nyquist**, Malarchuk, c, 4, o/o Seize the Ring, by Tiznow. AOC, 7-12, Saratoga

**Outwork**, Workout Affair, f, 3, o/o Tiz Affair, by Tiznow. MSW, 7-12, Woodbine

**Redesdale**, Perrotto, g, 4, o/o Rockin Heather, by In Excess (Ire). MSW, 7-12, Monmouth

**Rivers Run Deep**, Haley's Dante, g, 3, o/o Miss Venezuela, by Catienus. MSW, 7-12, Belterra

**Shaman Ghost**, Sara's Shaman, h, 5, o/o Chickasaw Gal, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 7-11, Lone Star

**Sharp Azteca**, Dr. Dave, c, 4, o/o Rue Royale, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 7-11, Century Mile

**Street Magician**, Dale's Bluff, f, 2, o/o Weatherurnot, by Dance With Ravens. MSW, 7-12, Delaware

**Street Sense**, Tuskegee Airmen, h, 5, o/o Lucky Cover, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. AOC, 7-11, Penn National

**Street Strategy**, Strike Ridge, g, 4, o/o Megyns Gold, by Zensational. ALW, 7-11, Prairie Meadows

**Thousand Words**, Andrea, f, 3, o/o Photoplay, by Tiznow. Azalea S., 7-12, Gulfstream

**Tiz the Law**, Carolyncaroline, f, 2, o/o Little Dipper, by Eskendereya. MSW, 7-12, Ellis

**Tiz the Law**, Curtain Call, c, 2, o/o Deep Trouble, by Into Mischief. MSW, 7-12, Saratoga

**Tiz the Law**, Dixie Law, f, 2, o/o Bit of Dixie, by **Union Rags**. MSW, 7-12, Woodbine

**Uncle Mo**, Hoff, c, 3, o/o Vigor, by **War Front**. ALW, 7-11, Lone Star

**Vekoma**, Shameless Bride, f, 3, o/o Betrothal, by Explicit. MCL, 7-12, Colonial Downs

**Yaupon**, Fly Strong, f, 2, o/o Fashion Fortune, by Lookin At Lucky. MSW, 7-11, Evangeline



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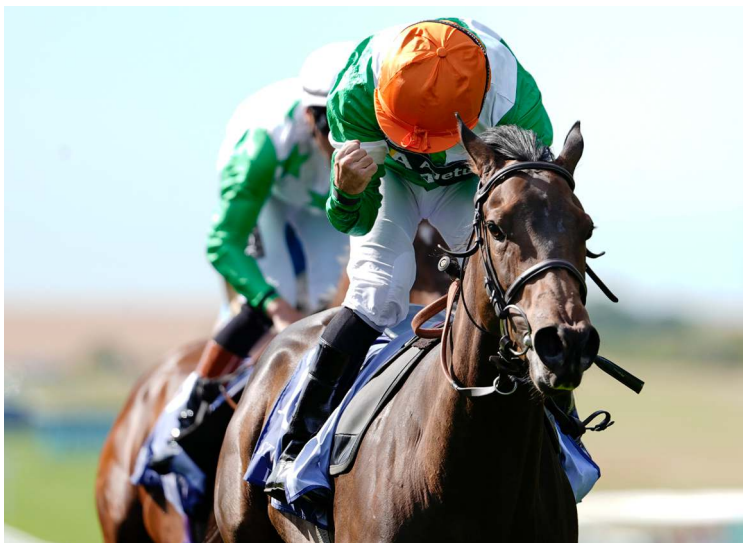
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## ‘I’VE GOT THE MONKEY OFF MY BACK’: HUGHES REVELS IN NO HALF MEASURES’ JULY CUP SHOCK



No Half Measures | Getty Images

by Tom Frary

After all the will-they or won't-theys leading up to Saturday's G1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai July Cup, it came down to the hardened sprinters and a hardened jockey with **No Half Measures** (Cable Bay) springing a 66-1 upset under Neil Callan. Campaigned mainly over five furlongs so far, last year's G3 World Trophy winner relished the step up to six to overwhelm **Big Mojo** (Mohaather) in the last half a furlong and provide Richard Hughes with a first Group One winner as a trainer.

"I've got the monkey off my back, that's for sure," commented Hughes, who rode **Oasis Dream** to success in this in 2003. "I was a little bit naive when I started training—I thought if I bought 20 horses, one of them was going to be good, then I bought 20 the following year and still no good one came along. I can retire now saying I rode a July Cup winner and trained one, so that's really nice."

Drawn widest away from the stand's rail, which seemed to be carrying a bias at this meeting, the four-year-old was handed an ideal lead by the Jersey runner-up **Spy Chief** (Kingman) with the eventual fifth **Notable Speech** (Dubawi) and co waiting to join battle on the other side. [Cont. p3](#)

## JRHA SELECT SALE PREPARES FOR EQUINOX IN HIGH SUMMER

By Emma Berry

HOKKAIDO, Japan -- At Northern Horse Park, one of the great tourist attractions of Hokkaido, the next few days will be all business.

Japan's most prestigious bloodstock auction, the JRHA Select Sale, springs back to action with a session of yearlings on Monday, but what many observers will be waiting to see is the reception given to the first foals of world champion Equinox.


Twenty-five of his debut crop are set to sell on Tuesday, including a colt from American champion dirt mare Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute). His reserve, which is published beforehand along with those for all horses in the sale bar the first and last lot in the ring each day, is the highest of the foal session at ¥100m (€580,000).

The Select Sale's early date in the calendar means that most of these foals, though well grown, are not yet weaned. [Cont. p14](#)

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### EXCELLENT TRUTH PIPS SHE FEELS PRETTY IN DIANA


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**Inspecting foals at Haruya Yoshida's Oiwake Farm in Hokkaido ahead of the JRHA Select Sale.** | Emma Berry

## 5 | SABA DESERT IS THE ONE IN SUPERLATIVE

*The son of Dubawi captured the G2 Superlative Stakes on the final day of the Newmarket July Festival.*

## 9 | CAPTAIN FRED BARKER DIES AT THE AGE OF 88

*The former proprietor of King Edward's Place Stud has died.*

**13 | ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER SMART WINNER FOR STARMAN** *Orion's Belt steamed home to win at Newmarket on Saturday.*

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**G1 July Cup Stakes Cont. from p1**

That 85-40 favourite looked to be going best inside the last two furlongs, but as his run flattened out No Half Measures emerged to power past the 12-1 shot Big Mojo and prevail by a neck, with the 40-1 shot **Run To Freedom** (Muhaarar) completing the shock tricast 1 3/4 lengths away.

"Richard told me she's very genuine and better with a bit of dig in the ground, but that it was an open race and they had to have a go," commented the winner's journeyed jockey, who had ridden successfully in Hong Kong and had recently been served with a ban by the BHA for social media comments. "I left her alone for as long as possible and when I gave her a flick she accelerated. I'm getting into the twilight of my career, but the one thing I have is a lot of self-belief and every dog has his day."

With nine of her 13 starts prior to this over five, No Half Measures was actually three-from-four at this trip with her only try since last April resulting in a win in Deauville's Listed Prix Moonlight Cloud in August. Looking exposed on form figures entering this feature, with her two races this term resulting in a ninth in the Rowley Mile's G3 Palace House Stakes and a second in the Listed Achilles Stakes, she did nevertheless retain that potential over the extra distance.

While Spy Chief did too much in front, the winner and Run To Freedom were the ones racing away from the main group which proved vital as their riders played the clock to perfection. Notable Speech travelled along with the true sprinters as if he truly belonged, but when the exhausting final climb came into view he had already given everything.

In the end, the perceived stand's-side bias led to a burn-up and

the front three all came from the middle of the track outwards. When all was said and done, the race was won both in the first furlong, where No Half Measures was one of the few who ran to par and in the final two, where her 11.36 and 13.14 were the fastest of the whole field, which is not always the case. Big Mojo comes out of this with huge credit, with his initial furlong split of 14.14 just too fast and it was no surprise that this five-furlong specialist couldn't last up the hill late on.

Hughes later recounted the voyage to Group 1 glory.

"Disappointments when you're training are very hard and the highs don't meet the lows--they aren't even high enough--it's an up-and-down game and I'm coping better with it now than I used to," he said. "It's been a tough enough ride to get to here, but I'm definitely appreciating it more now than when I started."

"I didn't appreciate all those good horses when I was riding, I just took it for granted and I was very lucky to be riding for

Richard Hannon and having the Khalid Abdullah job," he added. "We get a good horse through the yard now and again and I'm trying to mind it like a baby and I'm watching it every day in case it goes wrong, because you probably only have one or two bullets."

Of No Half Measures, he added, "She won here last year in a handicap and when Ryan [Moore] got off her I asked him if we'd get a bit of black-type and he said 'she's better than that' which is something Ryan never says! He's a realist, so I was quite surprised by that," the trainer revealed. "We plotted to get our black-type and we got it and she's done nothing but improve. I would have been pleased even with second or third, so to win is just a bonus." **Cont. p4**

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**--Richard Hughes on No Half Measures**



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### G1 July Cup Stakes Cont.

Owner Paul Teasdale said of Big Mojo, "I'm absolutely delighted with him. We've tried him over six this year, we've been brave. Today was always going to be a tough ask, but he did fantastically well. I'm really proud of him, I thought he'd just about got it but not quite, I'm still delighted. The King George, the Nunthorpe, the Flying Five--we're in all of them, so we've got some options. He travels so well, he can withstand the pace and he's got a great finish in him. He's really maturing into a top-class horse."

Charlie Appleby is going back up to seven furlongs with Notable Speech, with the G1 City of York Stakes on his agenda. "Will genuinely sounded disappointed, he said he'd thought he'd done everything right and then at the business end he just didn't finish," he said. "We've been seeing the same thing at a mile, so maybe we've got a look a bit harder at him, I don't know. It was always going to be hard to jump to make an assessment after his first time sprinting at this level. I see no reason not to meet halfway at seven and go to York, which was always our plan."

### Pedigree Notes

No Half Measures is the second foal out of Fascinator (Helmet), a daughter of the G3 Molecomb Stakes runner-up Mary Read (Bahamian Bounty) who is also the second dam of

Kachy (Kyllachy) who captured that race and was placed in the G1 Diamond Jubilee Stakes and G1 Commonwealth Cup. Mary Read is kin to the Listed Oh So Sharp Stakes-placed Tiana (Diktat), dam of three black-type winners including the five-times Group 2 winner Beat The Bank (Paco Boy) and Exceed And Excel's G3 Chipchase Stakes winner and G1 Haydock Sprint Cup third Chil Chil. Fascinator has the unraced three-year-old filly Gypsophila (Expert Eye), the £130,000 Goffs UK Premier two-year-old filly Mystic Veil (Showcasing) and a yearling colt by Territories.

Click [here](#) for a feature on Richard Hughes by Adam Houghton.

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### Saturday, Newmarket, Britain

**AL BASTI EQUIWORLD, DUBAI JULY CUP STAKES-G1**, £657,000, Newmarket, 7-12, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:11.18, g/f.

**1--NO HALF MEASURES (GB), 131, f, 4, by Cable Bay (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Fascinator (GB), by Helmet (Aus)**

**2nd Dam: Mary Read (GB), by Bahamian Bounty (GB)**

**3rd Dam: Hill Welcome (GB), by Most Welcome (GB)**

**1ST GROUP 1 WIN.** (£34,000 Ylg '22 GOFFUK). O-R P

Gallagher; B-Bumble Bloodstock & Mrs S Nicholls; T-Richard Hughes; J-Neil Callan. £372,585. Lifetime Record: SW-Fr,

## Tattersalls October Book 1 Group 2 Winner

### NEVER SO BRAVE

#### SUMMER MILE, Group 2

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14-7-2-1, \$695,157. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**, or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

2--**Big Mojo (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, Mohaather (GB)--Jm Jackson (Ire), by **No Nay Never**. **1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE**. (175,000gns Ylg '23 TADEY). O-RP Racing Ltd; B-Ringfort Stud Ltd & The Ladies; T-Michael Appleby. £141,255.

3--**Run To Freedom (GB)**, 134, h, 7, Muhaarar (GB)--Twilight Mistress (GB), by Bin Ajwaad (Ire). O-Godfrey Wilson; B-Mrs C R D Wilson; T-Henry Candy. £70,693.

Margins: NK, 1 3/4, SHD. Odds: 66.00, 12.00, 40.00.

Also Ran: Believing (Ire), Notable Speech (GB), Jasour (GB), Spy Chief (GB), Symbol Of Honour (GB), Rogue Lightning (Ire), Ides Of March (Ire), Night Raider (Ire), Whistlejacket (Ire), Twilight Calls (GB), Flora Of Bermuda (Ire).

## FOURTH SUPERLATIVE FOR DUBAWI, SIXTH FOR APPLEBY AS SABA DESERT STRIKES

by Tom Frary

Picked by William Buick from the two Godolphin hopes for Saturday's G2 Superlative Stakes, **Saba Desert** (Dubawi) justified that call to continue connections' run of success at Newmarket's

July Festival. Swooping late to deny the 4-6 favourite **Italy** (**Wootton Bassett**), the grandson of the Irish 1,000 Guineas heroine Gossamer defied a market drift to 6-1 to prevail by 1 1/4 lengths and deliver a fourth renewal to his sire who won this himself in 2004.

"We went to Sandown with a lot of confidence and William said he had felt like sitting there and winning on the bridge that day which is rare for him," Charlie Appleby said after greeting his sixth winner of this staging post. "He's a horse we've held in high regard for a while and is the typical stamp of a Dubawi--deep-girthed and short-backed--and as it's a road we often take he could go to The Curragh for the National and then on to the Dewhurst. He's more of a Guineas type than a Derby horse for next year."

Opening his account at Sandown in the maiden won by the stable's Native Trail in 2021, the chestnut leapt in the air at the break and missed the kick which served as a blessing as the filly **Venetian Lace** (Masar) streaked up the stand's rail. Italy, who had been too free throughout the early stages, and the winner's stablemate **Wild Desert** (Too Darn Hot) were compromised as she drifted left running downhill and the way was clear for Saba Desert to overhaul them all in the closing stages.

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## Tattersalls Autumn HIT Group 3 Winner

**AL QAREEM**

**JOHN SMITH'S SILVER CUP STAKES, Group 3**

*sold Tattersalls Autumn Horses in Training Sale*

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### G2 Superlative Stakes Cont.

Appleby was keen to upgrade the effort of Wild Desert. "I'm delighted with him, as he was the one that probably got the most interrupted run and he might go to Goodwood for the Vintage. He's a hard horse to gauge, as he's not a work horse at home, whereas the winner is push button--if you want to win a gallop by 10 lengths, he will."

Aidan O'Brien said of Italy, "We're very happy, he was a bit

babyish and a bit green, as we thought he might be. He'll go back to the Futurity Stakes probably now. If he'd won today he'd have had to go into a Group 1 next, so in a way it's better. He came for experience and he hasn't been woke up at all really. We're very happy and we'll look forward to him the next time."

### Pedigree Notes

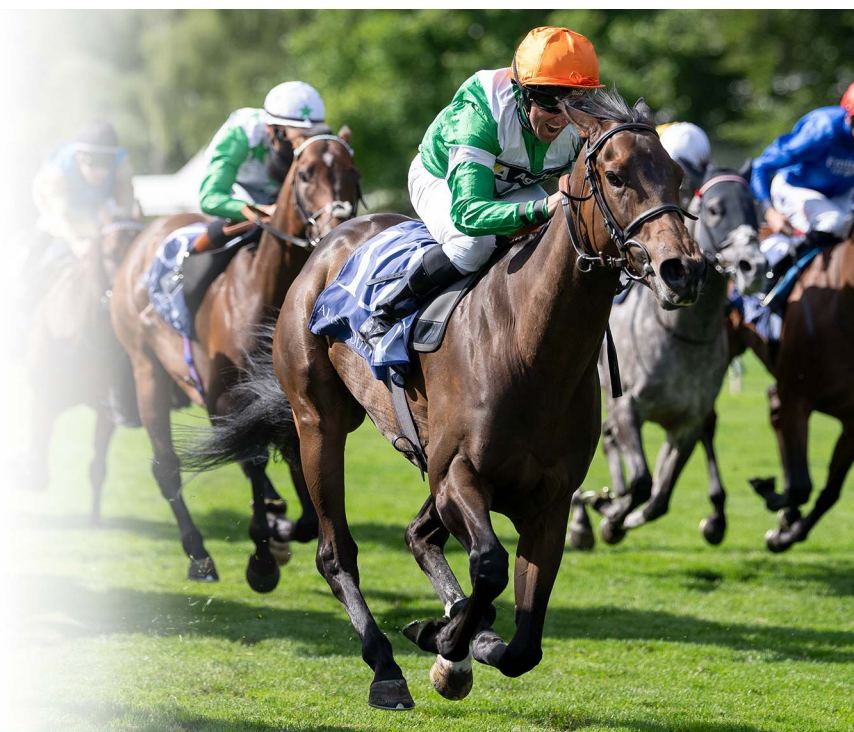
Saba Desert is the third foal out of the modest middle-distance handicapper Finespun (**Sea The Stars**), a daughter of the aforementioned Gossamer (Sadler's Wells) who also captured the G1 Fillies' Mile at two and produced the G1 Racing Post Trophy winner Ibn Khaldun (Dubai Destination). Her unraced daughter Veil of Silence (Elusive Quality) was responsible for Exceed And Excel's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint hero Mischief Magic (Exceed And Excel) and G3 Prix Eclipse and Listed Windsor Castle Stakes winner Sound And Silence.

Other descendants of Gossamer, the full-sister to the G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas and GI Breeders' Cup Mile-winning sire Barathea, include Lope De Vega's GI Turf Classic, GI Saratoga Derby and GI Hollywood Derby hero Program Trading, the G2 Park Hill Stakes scorer and G1 British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes runner-up Silk Sari (Dalakhani) and **Kingman's** G1 Kennedy Oaks heroine Zardozi. **Cont. p7**

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## G2 Superlative Stakes Cont.

Also connected to the G3 Brigadier Gerard Stakes winner Almaqam by Program Trading's sire, Finespun's yearling colt is by **Zarak** while she also has a foal full-brother to Saba Desert.

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### Saturday, Newmarket, Britain

**BET365 SUPERLATIVE STAKES-G2**, £100,000, Newmarket, 7-12, 2yo, 7fT, 1:26.30, g/f.

1--**SABA DESERT (GB)**, 129, c, 2, by Dubawi (Ire)

1st Dam: Finespun (Ire), by **Sea The Stars (Ire)**

2nd Dam: Gossamer (GB), by Sadler's Wells

3rd Dam: Brocade (GB), by Habitat

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN.** O/B-Godolphin; T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. £56,710. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$83,869. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** \*Triple Plus\*. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#), or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

2--**Italy (GB)**, 129, c, 2, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Bound (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). **TDN Rising Star. 1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (200,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT). O-Smith, Magnier, Tabor, Westerberg & Brant; B-Lordship Stud; T-Aidan O'Brien. £21,500.

3--**Wild Desert (Ire)**, 129, c, 2, Too Darn Hot (GB)--Winters Moon (Ire), by New Approach (Ire). **TDN Rising Star. 1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Godolphin; T-Charlie Appleby. £10,760.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, 3/4. Odds: 6.00, 0.67, 3.50.

Also Ran: Venetian Lace (Ire), Raakeb (Ire), Bourbon Blues (GB), Moonfall (Ire).

## NEVER SO BRAVE MAKES STAKES BREAKTHROUGH AT ASCOT

by Sean Cronin

Saeed Suhail's **Never So Brave (No Nay Never)**, fresh off a win in Royal Ascot's Buckingham Palace Handicap, claimed a first black-type success when pouncing late in Saturday's G2 Cornish Orchards Summer Mile Stakes back at the Berkshire venue.

"I was confident coming into it that, if he relaxed, he was good enough to be winning today," admitted Andrew Balding. "He relaxed beautifully, but we had to make our move a bit sooner than we thought we would because Jamie [Spencer] was getting loose on the lead. It was a bit nervy to be honest, but we're thrilled with his progression."



Never So Brave as a yearling | Alison Murphy Photography

The 11-8 second choice was settled behind the clear leader in fifth until well beyond halfway. Still in second gear when easing into third passing the quarter-mile pole, he came under pressure to join the enterprisingly ridden **Point Lynas (Iffraaj)** with 100 yards remaining and edged ahead from there to defeat that rival by 3/4-of-a-length for a career high. [Cont. p8](#)

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## G2 Summer Mile Stakes Cont.

Wathnan Racing's 11-10 favourite **Haatem** (Phoenix Of Spain) held every chance inside the final quarter-mile and was the same margin adrift in third.

Looking down the pipe, the trainer added, "We've put him in the [G2] Lennox [at Goodwood], but we were keen to try the mile. He's a very versatile horse and I think he could be effective at six furlongs and up to a mile. He's just a very good horse. I'll have to discuss it with the owner because this has opened up a few more options, knowing that he does stay a mile, so we will see."

### Pedigree Notes

Never So Brave, who becomes the 42nd pattern-race winner for his sire, is the eighth of nine foals and third black-type scorer out of a winning half-sister to stakes-winning G3 Prix de Seine-et-Oise third Jezebel (Owington), herself the dam of Listed Star Shoot Stakes victrix Ancient Goddess (Iffraaj). The May-foaled bay is a half-brother to G2 Richmond Stakes victor Barraquero (Zebedee), the stakes-winning Pirate Jenny (Exceed And Excel) and the unraced 2-year-old filly Belle Of Georgia (**Wootton Bassett**). His stakes-winning second dam Just Ice (Polar Falcon) is a half-sister to five black-type performers headed by Listed Pretty Polly-winning G2 Lowther Stakes and G3 May Hill Stakes third Always On A Sunday (Star Appeal) and stakes-winning G3 Oleander-Rennen runner-up Palmetto Express (Glint Of Gold).

### Saturday, Ascot, Britain

**CORNISH ORCHARDS SUMMER MILE STAKES-G2**, £140,000, Ascot, 7-12, 4yo/up, 7f 213yT, 1:38.69, g/f.

1--**NEVER SO BRAVE (IRE)**, 129, g, 4, by **No Nay Never**

1st Dam: Chica Whopa (Ire), by **Oasis Dream (GB)**

2nd Dam: Just Ice (GB), by Polar Falcon

3rd Dam: Justine, by Luciano (GB)

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN.** (240,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT). O-Saeed Suhail; B-C O P Hanbury; T-Andrew Balding; J-David Probert. £79,394. Lifetime Record: 11-4-4-0, \$253,719. \*1/2 to Barraquero (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), GSW-Eng, \$157,450; and Pirate Jenny (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), SW-Ire. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** \*Triple Plus\*. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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2--**Point Lynas (Ire)**, 129, g, 6, Iffraaj (GB)--Initially (GB), by Dansili (GB). **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (40,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT; 80,000gns 2yo '21 TATAHI). O-Julie Martin, David R Martin & Dan Hall; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd; T-Ed Bethell. £30,100.

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3--**Haatem (Ire)**, 129, c, 4, Phoenix Of Spain (Ire)--Hard Walnut (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). (€28,000 RNA Wlg '21 GOFNO1; 27,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT). O-Wathnan Racing; B-Hyde Park Stud; T-Richard Hannon. £15,064.

Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 3. Odds: 1.38, 22.00, 1.10.

Also Ran: Prague (Ire), Dark Tornado (Ire), Nostrum (GB).  
Scratched: My Cloud (Ire), Quddwah (GB).

## AL QAREEM DELIVERS AGAIN AT YORK

by Tom Frary

So reliable and consistent, **Al Qareem** (Awtaad) produced the goods once more at York on Saturday to collect an eighth black-type success in the G3 Silver Cup. A dual winner of Ascot's G3 Cumberland Lodge Stakes having captured the G2 Prix Chaudenay three years ago, Nick Bradley Racing's evergreen stayer was back over the same course-and-distance of his latest romp in the Listed Grand Cup last month.

Sent straight to the front by Clifford Lee, the 4-7 favourite eked out a 2 1/2-length winning margin from **Samui (Siyouni)**.

"He just grinds it out, he's so honest and a superstar of a horse to train," trainer Karl Burke said. "I'd say the weight will rule him out of the Ebor, presumably he'd get a penalty as well. The Irish St Leger has always been the target, I think it'd be a nice race for him to roll the dice in." **Cont. p9**

## Pedigree Notes

Al Qareem's dam is the unraced Moqla (Teofilo), a half to the G3 Earl of Sefton Stakes winner Mahsoob (Dansili) descended from the 1,000 Guineas heroine Shadayid (Shadeed). Moqla's two-year-old is a full-brother to Al Qareem, while she also has a yearling filly by Ghaiyyath.



Al Qareem | Racingfotos.com

## Saturday, York, Britain

**JOHN SMITHS SILVER CUP-G3**, £85,000, York, 7-12, 4yo/up, 13f 188yT, 3:01.27, g/f.

1--**AL QAREEM (IRE)**, 126, g, 6, by **Awtaad (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Moqla (GB)**, by **Teofilo (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Mooakada (Ire)**, by **Montjeu (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Sulaalah (Ire)**, by **Darshaan (GB)**

(27,000gns 2yo '21 TATAHI). O-Nick Bradley Racing 33, Burke & Partner; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited; T-Karl Burke; J-Clifford Lee. £48,204. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 31-11-9-1, \$782,494. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Samui (GB)**, 126, g, 6, **Siyouni (Fr)**--Appearance (GB), by Galileo (Ire). **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE**. (32,000gns HRA '22 TATAHI). O-Mr Allan Snow; B-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; T-Gordon Elliott. £18,275.

3--**Tabletalk (Ire)**, 126, c, 4, **Camelot (GB)**--Dillydallydo (Ire), by **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**. (24,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT). O-Abdulla Al Mansoori; B-Cottage Bloodstock; T-Tom Clover. £9,146.

Margins: 2HF, 1HF, HF. Odds: 0.57, 16.00, 2.50.

Also Ran: Onesmoothoperator, Maghlaak (GB), Subsequent (Ire).

## EUROPEAN NEWS

### REMEMBERING CAPTAIN FRED BARKER: A LIFE WELL LIVED

Captain Fred Barker, owner of the picturesque King Edward's Place Stud on the edge of the Downs near the Ridgeway, died recently at the age of 88.

Born into a world where hunting, racing and breeding were a way of life, horses were always at the core of Fred's being. He did just enough to survive his five years at Harrow and then spent several very happy years in the 11th Hussars, before taking over the running of King Edward's Place, which was once a discreet country retreat of Edward VII, as the name suggests, from his parents, 'Gar' and Nancy Barker in 1962, while in his mid 20s.

Ever the perfectionist, Fred worked hard to maintain the stud and with the help of his fellow former 11th Hussar, great friend and bloodstock agent, Johnnie Lewis, he spent a considerable amount of money on stallions, which he hoped would reinvigorate the stud and bring it the recognition it deserved.

Stallions like Klairon, Soleil, Manacle, Calpurnius, Prince De Gaulles, Quiet Fling and latterly Anfield, passed through the stallion yard at King Edward's Place. Manacle was the stud's most successful stallion. He sired Moorestyle - British Horse of the Year, European Horse of the Year and champion sprinter in 1980 - and was later sold to Australia.

Nick Angus Smith, a manager at King Edward's Place "a very long time ago", remembers that Calpurnius was a particularly dangerous horse and tried to savage his lad many times. Johnnie Lewis swiftly had him sold to the West Indies, where he went on to be champion sire.

Quiet Fling sired Old Country, winner of six races, including the G1 Derby Italiano, G1 Premio Roma and G1 Prix Royal-Oak. He was out of a daughter of Klairon.

The last stallion to stand at the stud was Anfield, a three-time Group 3 winner in Ireland by Be My Guest and a half-brother to Group 1 winner North Stoke. His best horse was the very good German colt, Turfkonig, who won the G1 Grosser Mercedes-Benz Preis.

Sadly however, none of the stallions Fred stood at King Edward's Place proved a huge success, or provided the necessary financial return. By the late 1980s, disillusioned with the racing industry and facing increasing head winds, as bloodstock became more expensive and it became ever harder to acquire commercial stallion prospects, Fred made the difficult decision to sell King Edward's Place. **Cont. p10**





Fred Barker

### Obituary: Captain Fred Barker Cont.

Sold to Allied Dunbar, it sadly disappeared off the map as a stud farm.

"I was born in the house, so it was a very difficult decision to sell," he said at the time.

It would be fair to say that to the wider equine community, Fred Barker was probably more renowned for his mastership of the Quorn and VWH hunts. His two stints as senior master of the Quorn were one of the longest in the hunt's history since the war. [Cont. p10](#)



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**Obituary: Captain Fred Barker Cont.**

Always beautifully mounted and impeccably turned out, Fred was meticulous in planning his days, enjoyed excellent relations with his farmers and even had the respect of the anti-hunting brigade.

Fred and his second wife Penny subsequently went on to become successful masters of the VWH hunt, before in recent years switching their interest to three-day eventing. After initially having horses with Australian rider Paul Tapner, they more recently kept them with Tom McEwan, which notably resulted in team gold and individual silver at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics with their horse Toledo de Kerker.

Away from horses, Fred owned and operated the BEAS Helicopters company through the 1970s and loved his farming estate at Lushill, near Hannington, Wiltshire. Always one for an adventure, Fred memorably teamed up with Johnnie Lewis and another great friend and fellow 11th Hussar, David Dollar, to compete in the 1968 London to Sydney car rally, where despite not possessing one iota of rally driving experience between them, they managed to win the amateur class and finish 18th of the 100 entries overall.

His eldest son Grant succinctly summed up his father at his recent funeral. He said, "Fred was prompt, precise and passionate. He also loved polo, power boats and parties, but most of all he loved beautiful things...and married two of them."

Fred Barker died peacefully at his home near Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire, surrounded by his wife Penny, children and his dog, Charlie.

His was the epitome of a life well lived.

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

**Sunday, July 13, 2025:**

### UNITED KINGDOM

**A'Ali (Ire)** (Society Rock {Ire}), Newsells Park Stud  
75 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:55-SOUTHWELL, 6f, **Arctic Ali (GB)**  
23,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; £36,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2024; 10,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2025

**Lope Y Fernandez (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), The National Stud  
99 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:55-SOUTHWELL, 6f, **Queen Leila (GB)**  
1,200gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2024

**Starman (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud  
211 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners  
15:30-SOUTHWELL, 6f, **Houdini Miss (Ire)**  
€8,000 RNA Goffs February Sale 2024; £5,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2024  
15:30-SOUTHWELL, 6f, **Trust Amy (Ire)**  
€10,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024; £10,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2025

**Ubettabelieveit (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), Mickley Stud  
80 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:55-SOUTHWELL, 6f, **Fille Imbassee (GB)**  
10,000gns RNA Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2025

### IRELAND

**Nando Parrado (GB)** (Kodiac {GB}), Irish National Stud  
95 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-NAVAN, 5.75f, **Wicklow Gap (Ire)**  
€17,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2024

**Starman (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud  
211 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners  
1-NAVAN, 5.75f, **Another Nice'day (Ire)**  
€6,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024  
1-NAVAN, 5.75f, **Star of Sapphire (Ire)**  
€8,500 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2024

**Ubettabelieveit (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), Mickley Stud  
80 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-NAVAN, 5.75f, **Iriseach (Ire)**  
15,000gns Tattersalls June Online Sale 2025



Lope Y Fernandez | Melanie Sauer



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## HOW THEY FARED

### 13.40 Newmarket, £25,000, Mdn, 2yo, f, 7fT

Cheveley Park Stud's **Darkwing (GB) (Frankel {GB})**, a John and Thady Gosden-conditioned daughter of G2 Duke Of Cambridge winner Indie Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), was scratched.

### 6.15 Salisbury, Novice, £15,000, 2yo, 6f 213yT

**Wield (GB) (Showcasing {GB})**, Juddmonte's full-brother to the GII Baltimore/Washington International Turf Cup winner Projected and half to **Kingman's** G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano and G2 Prix Eugene Adam-winning sire Headman, was all at sea when asked to get involved and wound up last of four.

## BRITAIN

### Saturday's Results:

**JOHN SMITHS CITY WALLS STAKES-Listed**, £70,000, York, 7-12, 3yo/up, 5fT, :57.21, g/f.

1--**WASHINGTON HEIGHTS (GB), 127, g, 5, Washington DC (Ire)--Epping Rose (Ire), by Kodiak (GB).** (£24,000 Ylg '21 GOFFUK). O-Hambleton Racing Ltd XXVII; B-Bearstone Stud Ltd; T-Kevin Ryan; J-Shane Gray. £39,697. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng & SW-Swe, 23-4-6-2, \$444,311.

2--**Miss Attitude (GB), 122, m, 5, Cityscape (GB)--Rebecca Romero (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus).** **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Norman Court Stud; B-Mike Channon Bloodstock Ltd; T-Jack Channon. £15,050.

3--**Jm Jungle (Ire), 127, g, 5, Bungle Inthejungle (GB)--The Shrew (GB), by Dansili (GB).** **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (£46,000 Ylg '21 GOFFUK). O-MPS Racing Ltd & The Ayrshire Tradesmen; B-Lodge Park Stud; T-John & Sean Quinn. £7,532.

Margins: 3/4, HF, 1. Odds: 2.25, 10.00, 3.50.

Also Ran: Rosy Affair (GB), Apollo One (GB), Seven Questions (Ire), Grand Grey (Ire), Star of Mehmas (Ire).

### RAYMOND & KATHLEEN CORBETT MEMORIAL CITY PLATE-

**Listed**, £60,000, Chester, 7-12, 3yo/up, 7f 1yT, 1:23.65, gd.

1--**HOLGUIN (GB), 133, g, 5, Havana Grey (GB)--Roxie Lot (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus).** (21,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; £58,000 Ylg '21 TATIRY). O-Wathnan Racing; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud; T-Hamad Al Jehani; J-Faleh Bughenaim. £34,026. Lifetime Record: 22-4-5-4, \$292,595.

2--**Witness Stand (GB), 133, g, 4, Expert Eye (GB)--Respondez**

(GB), by **Oasis Dream (GB).** (80,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; 90,000gns RNA 2yo '23 TATAHI; 100,000gns HRA '24 TATAHI). O-Scott Turner & Partner; B-Alvediston Stud; T-Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole. £12,900.

3--**Marvelman (Ire), 125, c, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Varamini (Fr), by Siyouni (Fr).** (140,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT). O-Mr & Mrs R M Gorell; B-Gigginstown House Stud; T-Andrew Balding. £6,456.

Margins: HD, 2 1/4, 1. Odds: 6.50, 11.00, 1.50.

Also Ran: Benevento (Ire), Rebel's Gamble (Ire), Excellent Believe (GB), Annaf (Ire), Carrytheone (GB).

**3rd-Newmarket, £100,000, Hcp, 7-12, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:24.75, g/f.**

**MORE THUNDER (IRE) (c, 4, Night Of Thunder {Ire}--Buying Trouble {SW-Eng & SP-Ire, \$112,070}, by Hat Trick {Jpn}),** a fast-finishing second in Royal Ascot's Wokingham Handicap last month, found cover in rear after breaking from the far-side stall in this Bunbury Cup. Making his way to the stands' side rail with three furlongs remaining, the 6-5 favourite engaged last year's winner Aalto (Zelzal) approaching the furlong pole and kept on strongly under a drive up the hill to usurp that foe by a nose on the nod. "I need to watch it again, but for me they didn't go fast at all and he struggled to get momentum," said William Haggas. "I think he's better going fast and Tom [Marquand] came in and said if you run him over this trip again they need to go hard. Six furlongs, he feels, is his best trip. We considered the July Cup, but we also wanted to go up to seven at some stage and this was an opportunity to do so. That is why he came here, but we will have a crack at a six-furlong stakes race. He just needs pace, but in six-furlong Group races, as you'll see in the July Cup, they don't go slow. He could run in another handicap, but I think he deserves a shot at a good race now." More Thunder is the third of five foals and one of two scorers produced by Listed Cecil Frail Stakes victrix Buying Trouble (Hat Trick), herself a half-sister to stakes-winning G3 Prix La Rochette runner-up Nucifera (More Than Ready). The April-foaled bay's second dam Lotus Sutra (Kingmambo) is an unraced half to GI Preakness and GI Maker's Mark Mile-winning sire **War Of Will (War Front)** and G1 Vincent O'Brien National Stakes hero Pathfork (Distorted Humor). More Thunder is kin to a 2-year-old filly by Mehmas and a yearling colt by **Saxon Warrior**. Sales history: €270,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR; 190,000gns RNA 3yo '24 TATAHI. Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-2, \$245,139.

O-Saeed Suhail; B-Woodstock Bloodstock Ltd & Troy Bloodstock Ltd; T-William Haggas.



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**1st-Ascot, £30,000, Nov, 7-12, 2yo, 7fT, 1:26.46, g/f.**  
**LAUREATE CROWN (IRE) (c, 2, Victor Ludorum {GB}--Petit Trianon {GB}, by Dansili {GB})** dwelt at the break and employed patient tactics in rear through the early fractions of this debut. Several lengths off the tempo when shaken up inside the two pole, the 14-1 chance went fifth entering the final furlong and kept on relentlessly under whipless coaxing to deny Battle Apple (Cracksman) by a half-length in the dying strides, becoming the third winner for his freshman sire (by Shamardal). Laureate Crown is the latest of five foals and fourth scorer from as many runners out of a full-sister to the dual stakes-winning Preferential (Dansili). His second dam Jolie Etoile (Diesis) is a half-sister to G1 Prix de la Foret-winning matriarch Etoile Montante (Miswaki). The March-foaled bay is a half-brother to stakes-winning G2 Richmond Stakes third Chateau (Havana Gold) and Listed Silver Tankard victor King Carney (Australia). Sales history: 70,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,863.  
 O-Mrs Fitri Hay; B-Select Bloodstock Ltd; T-Hugo Palmer.

**2nd-Salisbury, £15,000, Novice, 7-12, 2yo, 6f 213yT, 1:26.63, g/f.**  
**A BIT OF SPIRIT (IRE) (c, 2, Palace Pier {GB}--Tanaaghom {Ire}, by Dubawi {Ire})**, penalised for his debut success at Newbury a month earlier, took control on the front end from the break. Kept up to his work to ward off his only threat McMurray (Mehmas), the 4-11 favourite stretched away to score by 3 3/4 lengths. The winner is the first foal out of a daughter of the Listed Hurry Harriet Stakes winner and G3 Meld Stakes-placed Adool (Teofilo), whose dam Khulood (Storm Cat) took the G3 Nell Gwyn Stakes. From the excellent family of Elnadim, Ribchester, Occupandiste, Intello et al, her yearling colt is by St Mark's Basilica. Sales history: 75,000gns Ylg '24 TATSOM. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$19,708.  
 O-Paul & Clare Rooney; B-J Hanly, A Stroud & Ed's Stud; T-Clive Cox.

**3rd-Salisbury, £9,000, Novice, 7-12, 3yo/up, 6f 213yT, 1:27.26, g/f.**  
**ASPULL (GB) (c, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Hilldale {GB}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus})**, sent off at 13-2, raced behind the leading group early. Delivering a sustained effort down the outer to take over inside the final furlong, the newcomer asserted to score by 2 1/2 lengths from Palio Di Siena (Sioux Nation). The dam, a half to the Listed Masaka Stakes winner and then G3 Dahlia Stakes-placed Don't Dili Dali (Dansili), is a daughter and granddaughter of two mares that placed in the G1 Oaks d'Italia in Miss Meltemi (Miswaki Tern) and Blu Meltemi

(Star Shareef). Her unraced two-year-old colt by Mayson is named Horwich. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,558.  
 O-Mr David W Armstrong; B-Highfield Farm LLP; T-Clive Cox.

**1st-Newmarket, £25,000, Mdn, 7-12, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:27.07, g/f.**  
**ORION'S BELT (IRE) (f, 2, Starman {GB}--Delphica {Ire}, by Acclamation {GB})**, a June 15 debut fourth going six furlongs at Salisbury in her only prior start, broke well from the stands' side stall and seized an immediate lead in a heat won last year by subsequent G1 Fillies' Mile and G1 1000 Guineas heroine Desert Flower (Night Of Thunder). In command throughout, the 15-8 favourite came under pressure when threatened with a quarter-mile remaining and was ridden out in the closing stages to easily outpoint New Vega (New Bay) by an impressive 3 3/4 lengths, becoming the 15th winner for her freshman sire (by Dutch Art). "She's a very nice filly and that was exactly what we thought earlier on in the year," said the Hannon stable's Tony Gorman. "She was stepping up in trip today, but I think she would have won at six [furlongs] because she was always in a lovely place. Once ours have had a run they know their jobs and she has loads of options. She's a big filly, so we'll give her a bit of time. She's by a proper sire." Orion's Belt is the sixth of seven foals and third scorer out of a half-sister to G2 Richmond Stakes victor and G1 Prix Morny third Always Hopeful (Mind Games) and the stakes-placed Nacho Libre (Kyllachy). The February-foaled bay is a half-sister to G2 Oaks d'Italia runner-up Must Be Late (Champs Elysees) and a yearling colt by Space Traveller. Sales history: €33,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; 105,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$18,592.  
 O-Georginio Rutter & Jinky Farms; B-Mareshah Stud; T-Richard Hannon.

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**2nd-Hamilton, £10,000, Mdn, 7-12, 2yo, 5f 7yT, :58.66, gd.**

**UTMOST RESPECT (IRE) (c, 2, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Across The Sea {GB}, by Dubawi {Ire})**, tried in the Listed Windsor Castle Stakes at Royal Ascot, was 1-4 for this four-runner race having finished over three-lengths seventh there and waited in third early. Committed approaching the final furlong, the 220,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up graduate asserted to score by 2 1/4 lengths from Wonderful Friend (Bungle Inthejungle). The dam is a daughter of the G3 Oh So Sharp Stakes winner Alsindi (Acclamation), whose best progeny was the GIII Soaring Softly Stakes runner-up Invincible Gal by the winner's sire. Her yearling colt by Phoenix Of Spain was a €66,000 purchase by CD Bloodstock at Goffs November, while she also has a colt foal by the same sire. Sales history: €100,000 Ylg '24 TATIRY; 220,000gns 2yo '25 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$20,150. O-Mr M A Scaife; B-Irish National Stud; T-Richard Fahey.

#### HANDICAP RESULTS:

**3rd-York, £200,000, Hcp, 7-12, 3yo/up, 10f 56yT, 2:10.10, g/f.**  
**FOX LEGACY (GB) (g, 4, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Baldovina {GB}, by Tale Of The Cat)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-0, \$225,961. O/B-King Power Racing Company Ltd; T-Andrew Balding. \*1/2 to Ceiling Kitty (GB) (Red Clubs {Ire}), GSW-Eng, \$122,988.

**6th-Ascot, £100,000, 7-12, 3yo/up, 5fT, :58.12, g/f.**  
**ALZAHIR (FR) (g, 5, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Cup Cake {Ire}, by Singspiel {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 34-8-4-1, \$408,345. O-James Paul Services To Industry Ltd; B-Al Wasmiya Farm; T-Jennie Candlish. \*200,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT; 82,000gns HRA '23 TATJUL; 20,000gns HRA '24 TATSEP. \*\*1/2 to Suedois (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}), GISW-USA, GSW-Ire, GSW & MG1SP-Eng, GSW & G1SP-Fr, SP-UAE, \$1,983,778.

**4th-Newmarket, £50,000, Hcp, 7-12, 3yo, 8fT, 1:39.29, g/f.**  
**FIFTH COLUMN (IRE) (g, 3, Kingman {GB}--Inner Secret, by Singspiel {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-0, \$77,026.  
 O/B-Godolphin; T-John & Thady Gosden. \*1/2 to Royal Marine (Ire) (Raven's Pass), G1SW-Fr, \$313,582; Secret Ambition (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), MGSW-UAE, \$1,820,668; and Crystal River (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), SW-Fr.

**2nd-Newmarket, £50,000, Hcp, 7-12, 3yo/up, f, 7fT, 1:25.31, g/f.**  
**ROYAL VELVET (GB) (f, 4, Lightning Spear {GB}--Velvet Morn {Ire}, by Epaulette {Aus})** Lifetime Record: 16-6-0-1, \$94,567.  
 O/B-Mrs Susie Hartley; T-William Knight.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Latynina (GB), f, 3, Expert Eye (GB)--Barynya (GB), by Pivotal (GB).** Chester, 7-12, 7f 1yT, 1:25.19. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$16,262. B-Cheveley Park Stud Limited. \*1/2 to Zonderland (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), GSW-Eng, \$229,367.

## IRELAND

#### Saturday's Results:

**1st-Limerick, €13,000, Cond, 7-12, 3yo/up, 6f 150yT, 1:24.09, gd.**

**NO ALIBI (f, 3, Blame--Pichola Dance {Ire} {SP-Eng}, by Distorted Humor)**, who shed maiden status going six furlongs at Cork last month, recovered from a lightly awkward getaway to track the leaders in fourth after the initial exchanges. Rowed along at the top of the straight, the 2-1 chalk made continued headway to lead entering the final furlong and was driven out to defeat Ja'marr (Zoustar) by a half-length. "She's a nice filly, she's been progressive and I thought this was a good race for her," said trainer Paddy Twomey. "They are hardened handicappers and she's a well-bred filly having the third run of her life. I thought it was a good performance. She looks comfortable at the trip and seven [furlongs] would look within her compass. She has to learn a little bit about racing still and she still looked a little bit green under pressure. Today was the plan and we'll make a new one now." No Alibi is the fourth of six foals and one of three scorers from as many runners out of Listed Radley Stakes third Pichola Dance (Distorted Humor), herself kin to the dam of Listed Diana Trial victrix Peshmerga (Counterattack). The April-foaled homebred bay's second dam Liffey Dancer (Sadler's Wells) is an unraced full-sister to the Group 1-winning matriarchs Listen and Sequoyah. No Alibi is a half-sister to G3 Round Tower Stakes victrix Treasure Trove (Siyouni), a yearling colt by Camelot and a weanling colt by Lope De Vega. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$21,758.  
 O/B-Merry Fox Stud Ltd (KY); T-Paddy Twomey.

**3rd-Limerick, €12,000, Mdn, 7-12, 3yo/up, 7f 200yT, 1:42.64, gd.**

**MARLBOROUGH PLACE (IRE) (c, 3, Showcasing {GB}--Endow {Ire}, by Shamardal)**, third going six furlongs at the Curragh in his June 4 debut last time, broke in sixth and went forward to gain control after a furlong here. Holding sway thereafter, the 5-2 third choice was shaken up passing the two pole and driven out in the latter stages to hold the late bid of Angelight (Pinatubo) by a head. "He had a nice first run at the Curragh a month ago, I felt that the longer trip and quicker ground wouldn't be a problem," said owner's representative Ryan McElligott. [Cont. p15](#)

**3rd-Limerick Cont.**

He added, "Billy [Lee] said he was still a little raw when he got left in front turning in, but he's done it nicely and I'd say coming back to seven would be no problem to him. He's a nice horse and will improve more. He's taken a bit of time, but he's coming together." Marlborough Place is the third of five foals and first scorer out of an unraced half-sister to Listed Hever Sprint Stakes runner-up Iptisam (Rahy). His multiple stakes-placed second dam Grain Of Truth (Gulch) is a daughter of G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Yorkshire Oaks heroine Pure Grain (Polish Precedent). The February-foaled chestnut is kin to the unraced 2-year-old colt Sopran Bergamo (Invincible Spirit) and a yearling colt by Mehmas. Sales history: €120,000 Wlg '22 GOFNO1; 85,000gns RNA Ylg '23 TATOCT; €160,000 2yo '24 ARQBRU. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$10,691.

O-Amo Racing Ltd; B-Michael Buckley; T-Adrian Murray.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Sidney Reilly (Ire)**, g, 3, **Cotai Glory (GB)**--Art Festival (GB), by New Approach (Ire). Dundalk, 7-12, 8f (AWT), 1:38.89. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,964. B-Tally-Ho Stud. \*32,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Venice Biennale (Ire) (Farhh {GB}), SP-Ire.

**Lombardi Trophy (Ire)**, c, 3, **Galileo (Ire)**--Chanting (SW-Ire), by Danehill. Dundalk, 7-12, 10f 150y (AWT), 2:18.08. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$9,750. B-Coolmore. \*Full to Circling (Ire), SW-US, GSP-Ire.

**Floresta (Ire)**, f, 3, **Waldgeist (GB)**--Cailini Alainn (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Limerick, 7-12, 11f 70yT, 2:30.46. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$11,165. B-Newtown Anner Stud.

**Spring Dance (Ire)**, f, 4, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Anamba (GB) (SW & GSP-Ire), by Shamardal. Dundalk, 7-12, 10f 150y (AWT), 2:18.72. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$9,409. B-Godolphin. \*€350,000 HRA '24 ARQDEC.

**GERMANY****ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Cyanea (Ire)**, f, 3, **Belardo (Ire)**--Subsidize (GB), by Dandy Man (Ire). Magdeburg, 7-12, 6 1/2fT, 1:18.40. B-Herbertstown House Stud. \*€5,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR2; €9,000 RNA 2yo '24 BBAGM.

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**WORLDWIDE NEWS****JRHA Prepares For Equinox In High Summer Cont. from p1**

This prompts a carnival of sorts on Tuesday morning, when the youngsters are brought with their dams to the shade of the woods alongside the sales arena to stand patiently while final inspections are made in the hours before the day's trade begins. But as much as this is about assessing the foals, where else would one have the chance to see such a stellar line-up of broodmares all in one place? Grade I winner follows Group 1 winner follows Grade I winner - a reminder of the Japanese breeders' exhaustive hunt for top-class bloodstock from all corners of the world. It is a spectacle like no other, but then, this is a sale like no other.

Over the last decade, the growth in turnover has more than doubled, with the combined aggregate of 2015 of ¥13.1bn (€76.4m) increasing year on year to the 2024 record of ¥28.9bn (€167.8m). The difference in the number sold in those two years? Only two: 470 in 2015 and 472 last year.

Demand for high-end bloodstock is not of course exclusive to Japan - corresponding elite sales in Europe and America have seen similar growth, often masking concerns lower down the order - but one key difference here is that neither the size of the foal crop nor the crowds at the races are diminishing in the way they are in most other parts of the world.

On Saturday morning, Teruya Yoshida welcomed a group of visitors to his Shadai Farm and sounded a brief note of caution regarding the wider economic picture on the back of trade tariffs imposed on Japan. **Cont. p16**



**Midnight Bisou and her Equinox colt at Northern Farm | Emma Berry**





The first Equinox foal through the ring is the colt out of Camprock  
*Emma Berry*

#### JRHA Prepares For Equinox In High Summer Cont.

"I can't say there is a lot of confidence [in the market] because of President Trump," he said. "We export a lot of automobiles to America and that trade has been damaged."

"But we have many people here for the sale - there are more lookers than last year - so I think we will be okay."

Yoshida continued, "But in Japan Racing Association the betting has grown five per cent on last year, and in NAR [the National Association of Racing circuit, mainly on the dirt] it is up 10 per cent. Racing is so popular here. That means more people may come into ownership - the racing clubs [syndicates] are almost sold out."

The racing clubs in Japan offer not just a way into ownership but also a chance to be at the heart of the action with some top-class runners. In recent years such names as Almond Eye, Gentildonna, Lys Gracieux, Daring Tact, Loves Only You, Epiphaneia, Efforia, Buena Vista, and of course Equinox, have been owned by clubs.

Despite the unpredictability of the goings-on in the White House, it is fair to say that expectations are high in Hokkaido. For a start, it never hurts to have a world champion to showcase. In 2023, **Auguste Rodin**, from the small final crop of Deep Impact, gave a global reminder of the talents of the former Japanese champion sire with his victories in the Derby, Irish Derby, Irish Champion Stakes and Breeders' Cup Turf. But these exploits were not enough to match the superiority of Equinox, who strolled through the Dubai Sheema Classic, bloodlessly dispatching such classy challengers as Westover, Mostahdaf and Rebel's Romance, before returning to his home nation to win the Takarazuka Kinen and Tenno Sho en route to a hero's farewell in the Japan Cup. The latter was named the Longines World's Best Horse Race of that year, just as its winner towered

over all Thoroughbreds on rankings.

Equinox, a grandson of Deep Impact's full-brother Black Tide, was himself a member of the first crop of Kitan Black. He now stands alongside his father at Shadai Stallion Station, the pair commanding equal fees of ¥20m (€116,000) in 2024 and 2025 - the highest of any stallion in Japan. The 'Book Full' sign was hung outside Equinox's stable just as soon as that record fee for a freshman had been announced, and he ended up covering 203 mares in his first year.

A number of those heading to Tuesday's sale were available for viewing on Saturday at Shadai, Northern and Oiwake Farms - the studs respectively owned by the Yoshida brothers Teruya, Katsumi and Haruya.

Teruya Yoshida has been in the game for too long to get carried away at this early stage by thoughts of what Equinox may or may not achieve in his secondary career. Wisely, he focuses instead of the achievements of his sire, whose fee has quadrupled since he first took up residence at the Shadai Stallion Station.

"Of course Equinox is remarkable but the father of Equinox, Kitan Black, also produced this year's Derby winner [Croix Du Nord], so I have more confidence in him. [Equinox] is just a beginner as a stallion," he said. "The standard of Japanese horses is now very high so we will be very proud to present all these horses at the sale."

That the Japanese breeders are reaping rewards on the track and at the sales is as a result of concerted investment in the best race mares and stallion prospects available - from North and South America and across Europe and Australia. Yoshida's latest in-training purchase was Klaynn (Make Believe), just five days before she won the G2 Oaks d'Italia by seven lengths. **Cont. p17**



Northern Farm's Shingo Hashimoto with Naohiro Goda | *Emma Berry*

### JRHA Prepares For Equinox In High Summer Cont.

The owner may have been associated with reams of good horses over the decades but such was his desire that the Endo Botti-trained filly wear his silks in the Italian Classic that he had jockey Cristian Demuro take a set with him from France to Milan.

"For 20 years we have been buying many good mares from all over the world and that is now returning to the quality of the horses here," Yoshida said. "We've invested in quite expensive mares and that has seen some changes. But from my experience, good horses can also come from so-so mares, not always the expensive mares."

Yoshida is in good heart this Saturday morning as the bloodstock world prepares to turn its attention to the sale he runs with his brother Katsumi. Together, their Shadai and Northern Farm operations account for around 1,600 broodmares - almost double the amount of active mares across all of Germany.

He reminisces about the purchase of Northern Taste, some 50 years ago, in the early days of the Shadai Corporation.

"Before I bought Northern Taste, Lyphard was sold and he was a small horse but he became such a good stallion. Because I saw Lyphard the year before I had good confidence to buy Northern Taste," said Yoshida.

"When I went to America I expected the American horses to be big. Northern Dancer [sire of Lyphard and Northern Taste] was not big but he had a strong temper. I tried to have a photo taken with him at Maryland but he bit me, so I can't forget him. My father always liked to go to see good horses anywhere in the world. Now we have many foreign visitors here, so I am happy."

Those foreign visitors are undoubtedly happy to be here. In years gone by, the Yoshida clan set about learning all they could from some of the more established Thoroughbred breeding nations. Now, they are the ones teaching the lesson.

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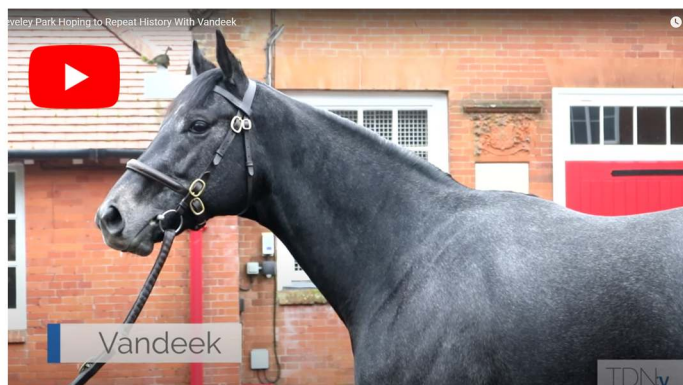
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**Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France, post time: 20:25**

**CYGAMES GRAND PRIX DE PARIS-G1**, €600,000, 3yo, c/f, 12fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Surabad (GB)	<b>Bated Breath (GB)</b>	Graffard	Barzalona	128
2	1	Leffard (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Rouget	Demuro	128
3	2	New Ground (GB)	New Bay (GB)	Devin	Keane	128
4	5	Trinity College (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	A O'Brien	R Moore	128
5	3	Uther (GB)	<b>Camelot (GB)</b>	Ferland	Guyon	128
6	6	Frankly Good Cen (Fr)	<b>Frankel (GB)</b>	V Head	Madamet	128

Prix du Jockey Club form is the order of the day here, with half the field having crossed swords in the Chantilly Classic. Jockey Club fourth and **TDN Rising Star Trinity College** has since prevailed in Royal Ascot's G3 Hampton Court Stakes and reopposes Chantilly seventh **Frankly Good Cen** and 17th **Leffard**. Juddmonte's **New Ground** was a never-nearer fourth in Epsom's G1 Derby and rates a serious threat while Alain and Gerard Wertheimer's G3 Prix Noailles winner **Uther**, a half-brother to last year's hero Sosie, comes back off a third in May's G3 Prix Greffulhe. The in-form Francis Graffard stable is represented by G3 Prix du Lys second and supplementary entry **Surabad**, who snagged April's Listed Prix de l'Avre over this course and distance. [*Sean Cronin*].

**Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France, post time: 19:10**

**PRIX RADIO FG - PRIX MAURICE DE NIEUIL-G2**, €119,000, 4yo/up, 14fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	2	Sibayan (Fr)	<b>Blame</b>	Graffard	Barzalona	126
2	7	Columbus (Ger)	<b>Oasis Dream (GB)</b>	Ferland	Madamet	126
3	4	Yashin (Ire)	<b>Churchill (Ire)</b>	Bell	Soumillon	126
4	6	Emblet (GB)	Aclaim (Ire)	Nieslanik	Piccone	126
5	3	Waldadler (Ger)	Adlerflug (Ger)	Vovcenko	Demuro	126
6	5	Double Major (Ire)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Ferland	Guyon	126
7	1	Internaute (Ire)	<b>Sea The Stars (Ire)</b>	C Head	Lemaitre	126

Francis Graffard's in-form stable is represented in this stamina test by **Sibayan**, who was defeated by a whisker in last month's G2 Grand Prix de Chantilly and seeks a pattern-race breakthrough here. He will be confronted by the Wertheimer duo **Double Major**, who won this last year, and **Internaute**. The pair met when fifth and sixth in May's G1 Prix Vicomtesse Vigier at ParisLongchamp. Double Major's Christophe Ferland-trained stablemate **Columbus** annexed last year's G3 Prix Gerald de Geoffre and rates a danger returning off a short-neck second in Saint-Cloud's Listed Prix La Moskowa on seasonal comeback one month ago. [*Sean Cronin*].

**Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France, post time: 19:50**

**CYGAMES PRIX DE MALLERET-G2**, €119,000, 3yo, f, 12fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	6	Rabbit's Foot (Fr)	Golden Horde (Ire)	Rohaut	Guyon	123
2	2	Indalimos (Fr)	Cloth Of Stars (Ire)	Scr	Scr	Scr
3	1	Sunly (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Graffard	Keane	123
4	5	Miss Of Change (Fr)	King Of Change (GB)	Nieslanik	Piccone	123
5	4	Three Pearls (Fr)	Intello (Ger)	V Head	Pasquier	123
6	3	Qilin Queen (Ire)	Pinatubo (Ire)	E Walker	Shoemark	123

Juddmonte’s hitherto undefeated **Sunly** puts her perfect record on the line and will head postward coming back off a taking victory in last month’s G3 Prix de Royaumont at Chantilly. Royaumont fifth **Rabbit’s Foot** will seek revenge. Victoria Head trainee **Three Pearls** is held by the latter on their Listed Prix Caravelle running while Classic form is represented by G1 Oaks eighth **Qilin Queen** and Czech Derby heroine **Miss Of Change**. [Sean Cronin].

**Sunday, Mulheim, Germany, post time: 16:15**

**BBAG DIANA TRIAL-Listed**, €25,000, 3yo, f, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	2	Bastion (Ger)	Brametot (Ire)	Pecheur	Seidl	128
2	7	Lips Vega (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Suborics	H Boutin	128
3	4	German Style (Fr)	Shamalgan (Fr)	Weissmeier	Ganbat	125
4	6	Ismahane (Ger)	Isfahan (Ger)	Weissmeier	Hammer-Hansen	125
5	8	Near Rib (Ger)	Ribchester (Ire)	Wohler	Pedroza	125
6	10	Nurania (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Schiergen	Abik	125
7	12	Que Bella (Ger)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Bocskai	Panov	125
8	3	Rockshalaa (Fr)	Shalaa (Ire)	Kleinkorres	Uulu	125
9	11	Stugardia (Ger)	Tai Chi (Ger)	Grewé	Wolff	125
10	9	Sunshine Baby (Fr)	Areion (Ger)	Weis	Cadeddu	125
11	5	Tausendschon (Ger)	Destino (Ger)	Weiss	de Vries	125
12	1	Winyzja (Ire)	Sottsass (Fr)	Schiergen	Starke	125

With eight prior starts in the books, G3 Schwarzgold-Rennen third **Lips Vega** is the most experienced contender in this late-stage launchpad to next month’s G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) and sets the domestic standard. **Stugardia** also has black type to her name, having run second in April’s Listed Henkel Stutenpreis at Dusseldorf, while **Tausendschon** makes her stakes bow coming back off a clear-cut debut success at this venue last month. [Sean Cronin].

**Monday, Vichy, France, post time: 16:25**

**PRIX FREDERIC DE LAGRANGE-Listed**, €50,300, 3yo, 12fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	3	Quintepius (Fr)	Telecaster (Ire)	Devin	Madamet	126
2	7	Tommy Boy (Fr)	Intello (Ger)	Demo	Roussel	126
3	8	Zarakchic (Fr)	Zarak (Fr)	Reynier	Demuro	126
4	1	Starnberg (Fr)	Lawman (Fr)	Reynier	Grandin	126
5	6	Marchemalo (Fr)	Toronado (Ire)	Cottier	Besnier	126
6	4	Espoir Avenir (Fr)	Montmartre (Fr)	Ferland	Corallo	126
7	2	Yellow Jersey (Fr)	Dubawi (Ire)	Fabre	Pouchin	126
8	9	Master Cath (Fr)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Perret	Ruis	126
9	5	Zingaro (Fr)	Kingman (GB)	Ferland	Guyon	126

While the Tour de France wends its way through the nearby mountains, Qatar Racing’s **Yellow Jersey** is favoured to follow up an impressive debut performance over this distance at Saint-Cloud and makes his first black-type start here. The Andre Fabre trainee was value for more than the official winning margin of four lengths and will bid to become the maestro’s first winner since Doha Dream prevailed in 2016. Jerome Reynier, who annexed this in 2022 and 2023, relies on G3 Prix Hocquart third **Zarakchic**, sporting a *maillot jaune* of his own, and G2 Derby Italiano fifth **Starnberg**. Christophe Ferland’s two contenders are Swiss Derby hero **Espoir Avenir** and ParisLongchamp handicap winner **Zingaro**. Both **Quintepius**, who is three-from-four, and **Master Cath**, who is five-from-nine, merit respect. [Sean Cronin]. \*All posts displayed in local time.