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# HORSES, THE TAX BILL, 2028: A CONVERSATION WITH KENTUCKY GOVERNOR ANDY BESHEAR



Chris McGrath with Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear | Sue Finley

*The TDN always strives to remain scrupulously non-partisan and confines its occasional attention to the world of politics to such opportunities and concerns that directly affect the Thoroughbred industry.*

*Recently, for instance, we spent time with Florida Governor Ron DeSantis as he stepped in to support the campaign against decoupling in that state. A few days ago, Chris McGrath was given the opportunity to sit down with the Governor of the Bluegrass State itself, Andy Beshear, a figure increasingly on the national radar as a potential White House contender in 2028.*

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## SOPHOMORE CLASS CONVERGES ON MONMOUTH PARK FOR TALENT-STACKED HASKELL by Christina Bossinakis

Saturday's card at Monmouth Park features a 14-race card which is highlighted by six stakes--five of them graded--including the Oceanport oval's sophomore showpiece, the GI NYRA Bets Haskell Stakes.

This year's renewal of the race has drawn this season's GI Preakness winner **Journalism (Curlin)**, who is campaigned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Bridlewood Farm and Don Alberto Stable.

A mighty good horse before he ever embarked on the Triple Crown, the \$825,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling purchase won four of five starts heading to the Run for the Roses, including the GI Santa Anita Derby.

Second to Sovereignty (Into Mischief) in both the Derby and most recently in the GI Belmont Stakes, the bay had anything but an easy time of it in the Preakness. Shoved pretty hard while looking for position in the late stages of Pimlico's Classic, Journalism's heart of a lion refused to give up, and he got up to peg GIII Lexington winner **Gosger (Nyquist)** in the final strides.

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## IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

### ROD MILLMAN AIMING FOR SUPER SPRINT HAT TRICK WITH ANTHELIA

Rod Millman is gunning for a third lifetime win in the Weatherbys Super Sprint with new shooter **Anthelia (Ire)** (Supremacy {Ire}). Emma Berry has the details.

## STAKES DOUBLE ON THURSDAY!

**LEON BLUE** becomes another new stakes winner in the **Rick Violette S.** at Saratoga.  
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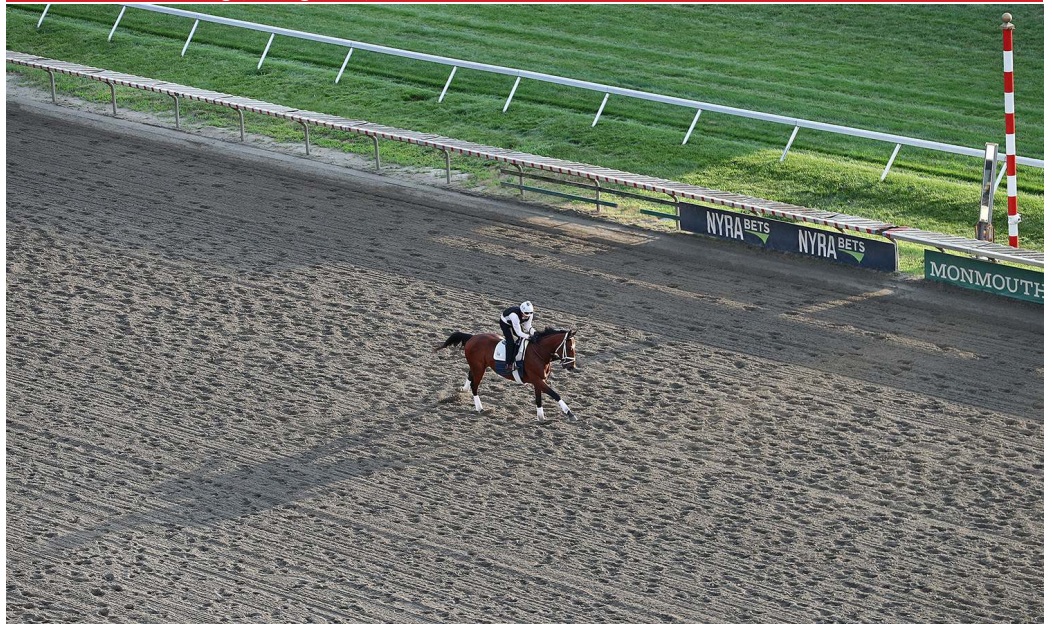
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**Saturday, July 19, 2025**



GI Haskell Stakes morning-line favorite Journalism (Curlin) gallops with rider Marc Witkowski Friday morning at Monmouth Park. The Michael McCarthy runner posted a bullet move in 1:12 flat July 12 at Santa Anita Park in his final work for the New Jersey track's marquee event. | Ryan Denver/Equi-Photo

**TODAY'S GRADED STAKES**



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**Interview with Gov. Beshear, cont. from p1**

*Here are their exchanges on Governor Beshear's love of the horse, the importance of our industry to his home state, his views of legislation that appears to contain both significant advantages and anxieties for investors in Thoroughbreds, and the lessons that a Democrat Governor of a traditionally red state might take forward on a wider stage.*

**Chris McGrath:** Horse country: for you, it's not just conceptual. I believe your own family and upbringing exposed you to horses.

**Gov. Beshear:** All my first jobs were around horses. I mucked stalls before school and through the summers. I taught horseback riding lessons. I even ran a camp in my teens. My mom is an equestrian. My brother's a vet in Virginia. My daughter is an eventer. So half of our family spend every moment with horses and I guess the other half of us are governors.

**Chris McGrath:** And do you feel that kind of exposure gave you a connection to rural America?

**Gov. Beshear:** Absolutely. It's the hard work that occurs on a farm, but then there's also the love and the comfort of the animal itself. I'm comfortable around horses. I know what I'm doing around them, and I also appreciate them. You know, when you spend that much time taking care of these animals, you get to know them on a very different level, and there's something really special about horses and how they bond and connect with human beings. I still remember the last horse that I owned, and I would go off to college and I'd come back and it would actually follow me around in the field. Only one I've had that would do that though. Had one that if you didn't have food would try to kick you.

**Chris McGrath:** Food always helps. I don't know if you're as comfortable with bourbon, but these are our signature industries, right? And I'm sure you would say that anyone who holds your office, any form of leadership in Kentucky, you need to be an advocate for horseracing.

**Gov. Beshear:** Absolutely. The horse industry is so critical. It's over 60,000 direct and indirect jobs in Kentucky, billions of dollars in our economy, and it draws people in. And when you think of the horse industry, I actually think it's the intersection between agriculture, and now gaming, which is so important in it, and tourism. And for us to maximize it, what at least I try to do from a leadership perspective in Kentucky is to make sure we're maximizing each piece. **Cont.**



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It's understanding that it's farmers who bale the hay that are also a part of this industry. Family farms are supported by it.

On the gaming side, how it's important to make sure that if that's what's bringing people in, we have a way at that track or at that parlor to introduce them to the sport itself. And finally, that tourism piece.

I think bourbon is a good example of how you can develop a year-round booming tourism industry around something that people are passionate about. The Bourbon Trail 20 years ago was hardly a thing, and today it is one of the biggest draws in the country. So when you look at what Kentucky Downs is doing with their hotel and the attractions that they're putting up, when you look at what the Derby Museum means for Churchill, it means that those are year-round draws that bring people into the Commonwealth.

**Chris McGrath:** And when we speak of advocacy among political leadership, that extends across the divide. And a Republican congressman has worked very hard to get a great concession as part of this bill. And obviously, when everything is bundled together, it's going to contain good things and bad things. So I'm sure you welcome the depreciation scheme's extension, but there are other aspects of that bill that I know you find concerning.

**Gov. Beshear:** Well, there are some parts of that bill that help certain industries in Kentucky, and so I'm glad that they're there, but this is the reason that you don't put everything into one big bill, because for every good thing for an industry in that bill, the trillion-dollar-plus cut to health care is going to lay off 20,000 Kentucky health care workers. It's going to boot 200,000 people off their health care coverage.

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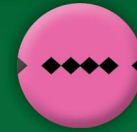
**Gov. Andy Beshear meets storm victims in Pikeville, Kentucky last February | Getty Images**

It may close up to 35 rural hospitals which are the second-largest employers in their communities and what that means is you're going to have fewer people that have the dollars in their pockets to be able to go to the tracks, to be able to go to the races. So understanding the health of the economy is important for the horse racing industry. It's important for people to be doing well, and we don't want to sacrifice the number of fans, the number of people that could be out there, you know, in a giant bill because it has some things that are good.

**Chris McGrath:** And it also contains elements of concern with the gambling taxation.

**Gov. Beshear:** It does, and then if you look at another side, the SNAP cuts are going to hurt some of the very farmers that bale the hay and support the industry. They're getting hit, especially family farmers, so badly over the last six months. You saw the tariffs, which hurt the exports of especially soybeans. You see the end of USAID, which was just a big client, a big export source for farmers, especially in Kentucky. You see the end of the farm-to-cafeteria program, and now you see this SNAP cuts will again be one less ultimate client for them. And so I think the horse industry is also served by having more family farms that aren't under the pressure to sell out to the bigger commercial farms that are less interested in supplying the horse industry.

**Chris McGrath:** You know horses, you know horsemen: you know they can be hard-headed, if not cynical. In big picture terms, your anxiety is that with tax breaks for the wealthy and so on, the emphasis is all wrong. But they're going to say to you, 'Well, guess what? My clients are wealthy people. This is good for my business.' **Cont.**



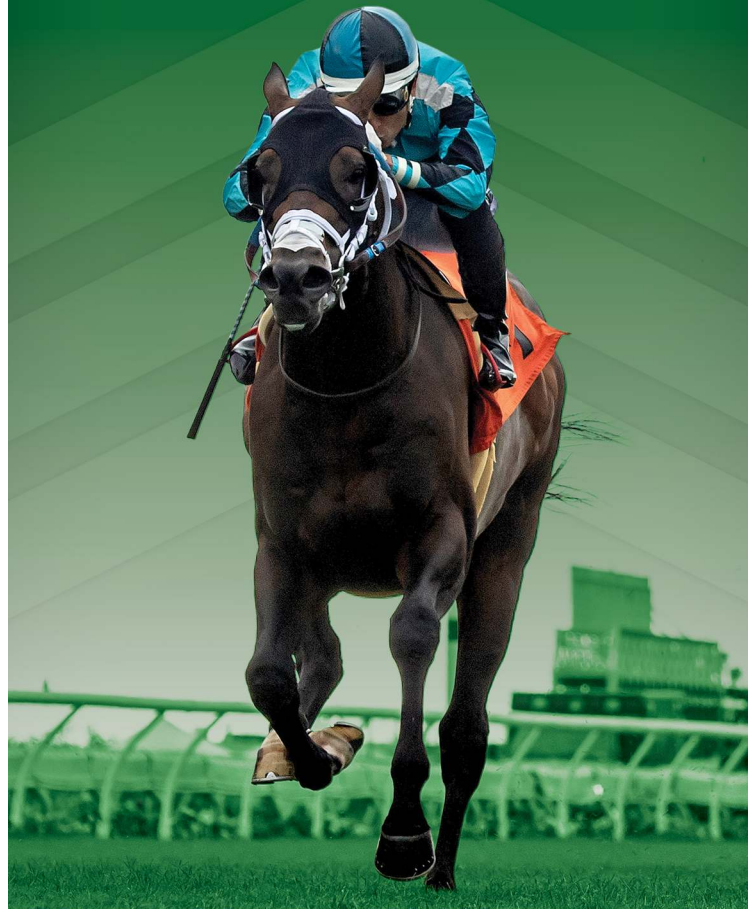
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**Gov. Beshear:** Well, I think it's whether you put the industry first or other interests first. You look at how tariffs are hitting this industry. You look how they're going about immigration enforcement, which hurts this industry, you know, I believe that border security is national security. I believe we have to enforce the laws of the land, but how we enforce them shows our humanity.

And so what I think the big influential players in this industry need to do is be vocal leaders on fixing our immigration problem. It's not, at the end, a political problem. It's a math problem. It's that we don't have enough visas or enough slots in our work programs to fill the jobs out there that Americans otherwise aren't going to fill. And what that does is create a demand for other labor. And we can ultimately fix this, get beyond the turmoil of the day, but we've got to sit down, be reasonable, and address the math. And I think horse farm owners could do a lot.

I think that other industry players could do a lot, and they've typically been people that the very powerful people in Washington will listen to. But it'd be nice to not be having some of these issues every couple years or every eight years, but to actually get it right and to be driven by the math. Now what that does mean is all the industries out there that we see in hospitality and agriculture are going to have to be willing to pay the wages that come along with those programs.

**Chris McGrath:** Now our community, like the whole state, embraces people of many different opinions. And we're not here to tell them who's right and who's wrong, or that there's too much yelling going on, but what we have in our community is something that draws us all together, our love of the horse. And that keeps people with radically different opinions, good friends. That's something that we don't see enough on a wider scale. And the big question for this country and for the world, it

seems to me, is how can we all do a bit more of that?

**Gov. Beshear:** I think what we have to do is put the goal first. We've got to care more about the horse industry than our political party. We've got to care more the country than our party. We've got to care about solving problems, who gets points for wins and losses, and it can't be a zero-sum game. A good thing that happens for the country can't just be viewed as a win for one party and a loss for another. And when we address the challenges in the horse industry, it can't just be one group that's gaining and another group that is losing.

What we've ultimately got to do is lift the whole industry up and make sure that everyone does better. And I think when you approach problems that way, especially with a communal love for something like the horse, or I really wish we could get Congress to say we love the United States so much that we're going to do the hard things and we're going to compromise and we are going to find common ground. Because in the end it's not important that we move right or left. It's important that we move forward. And most times those forward steps aren't about politics at all.

Now I believe that when most people wake up in the morning, they're not thinking about their party. They're thinking about their job, their next doctor's appointment, the roads and bridges they drive every day, the school they drop their kids off at, and whether they feel safe in their communities. And when you find those things, in the core parts of the equine industry you pull out, most of them don't just benefit one group or another group. If done correctly, they can benefit everybody.

**Chris McGrath:** To coin a phrase, united we stand?

**Gov. Beshear:** That's right, and even think about the Pledge of Allegiance. In the Pledge of Allegiance, we pledge to a flag and to a country, and then we pledge to keep our country indivisible. And so I think we violate that pledge when we try to divide people, when we try to create an us-versus-them. And what I've loved to see in the horse industry, especially recently, is embracing new audiences and new people. I think about Griffin Johnson and Sandman introducing horse racing to 10 million 20-somethings on TikTok. I think about the way that Coolmore works with us on economic development, introducing CEOs to **Justify** and American Pharaoh. I think how Barbara Banke, who supports people on both sides, really looks out for the industry, looks to use even her other ventures to lift up horse racing. Ron Winchell and all of his investments, but what he sends back to Kentucky.

So I think that there's a lot of opportunity for our country.

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**Gov. Andy Beshear at the Semafor World Economy Summit in Washington D.C. | Getty Images**

I think there's a lot opportunity for the racing industry, but I think we have to put the goal first, to step back and to say we've got to reevaluate who we support and how we support it because we can't be more worried about our friends saying whether we're a good Democrat or a good Republican as opposed to are we doing the best for Kentucky or are we doing the best for the horse industry.

**Chris McGrath:** So one final question. I'm not going to ask you about 2028.

**Gov. Beshear (laughing):** Everybody else does.

**Chris McGrath:** There aren't that many people talking common ground the way you do. So people are interested in you. People are viewing you like, you've won the Blue Grass Stakes, this guy should run in the Derby. So what I'd like to know is what you've learned from your experience, in your home state, that will animate you in whatever form of service you end up embracing?

**Gov. Beshear:** What I've seen in Kentucky is the temperature turned down as opposed to the rest of the country, and people generally getting along, people being excited about us breaking every economic development record in the books, and a real recognition that these good steps we've taken are good for Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. In Kentucky, I see a legislature that's dominated by one party and a governor that's of another party being able to get at least the most important things done. And then, just the ability to push beyond the rancor and to have pride in who we are.

I mean, right now, I think the people of Kentucky are excited and encouraged, even in a country that maybe is more

pessimistic. I mean we see the country finally looking up to us instead of looking down on us. And so I think that whoever our next leader is, is going to need to be somebody who can heal the country and can bring people back together. Again, who's not worried about the boxes people try to put you in--Democrat, Republican, Liberal, Conservative, Right or Left but it's more pragmatic; it says what's going to benefit everybody. And what I've seen--because I saw it between my last two elections--is if you work really hard to create a better life for everyone they come together, they're willing to cross party lines and you see less of this destructive partisanship.

**Chris McGrath:** We'll raise a glass of bourbon to that. Governor, thank you for your time.

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### **Haskell Day Preview, cont. from p1**

Explaining the what the connections were looking for in order to feel confident enough to allow Journalism to return east, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partner's Aron Wellman explained, "We looked at his appetite and how he was handling the feed tub, his energy around the barn and at the track. And of course, when we started to put him back into a breeze pattern, how he responded to his rider and then when we put him in company last weekend."

Since the Belmont, Journalism has recorded three published works, including his most recent a bullet six-furlong move in 1:12 (1/7) at Santa Anita July 12.

"In these last three weeks he's really thrived and excelled," confirmed Wellman. "He told us that he's ready to get back on a plane and got across the country to run in the Haskell."

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**Journalism at Monmouth Thursday | Equi-Photo**



Gosger schools in the Monmouth paddock | *Equi-Photo*

While the former will likely take much of the money on race day, the latter looms a worthy rival shortening up a tad and if he can take another step forward.

“We knew we weren’t going to make the [Kentucky] Derby trail so we pointed him to the Preakness and it nearly worked out,” said Gosger’s trainer Brendan Walsh earlier this week. “I still don’t think we’ve got anywhere near the bottom of the horse.”

Whenever one thinks of the Haskell, it’s hard not to think of trainer Bob Baffert, who has already won nine renewals of the race and looks for his 10th victory Saturday with **'TDN Rising Star' Goal Oriented (Not This Time)**.

“I have been looking for my 10th Haskell for a few years now,” quipped Baffert when asked about his record number of scores in the race.

“He broke his maiden and we ran him right back and then brought him back two weeks later in the Preakness. He had a little rough start, didn’t get away well and found himself behind horses, he’d never been in that situation. Then he had that little scrap there turning for home, but he still ran on. I think if he didn’t get in that scrap, he could have been third or closer, but he came out of it well. He’s a big strong horse and he’s starting to grow into his frame. He’s moving forward.”

Drawn in post 8, Baffert explains that the start is important for the big, developing colt.

“You want him to break well and get into a nice rhythm, that’s the key,” he said. “He’ll be forwardly placed somewhere.”

The only other Grade I winner in the eight-horse Haskell field is **Burnham Square (Liam’s Map)**, last seen finishing a close-up second behind East Avenue in the GIII Matt Winn at Churchill Downs June 8. Victorious in Gulfstream’s GIII Holy Bull and fourth in the GII Fountain of Youth, the Whitham Thoroughbreds homebred nosed out favored East Avenue in the GI Blue Grass

Stakes before finishing sixth in the Kentucky Derby.

According to trainer Ian Wilkes, the gelding is expected to arrive at Monmouth Friday morning.

Drawing what has proven to be the golden rail in the Haskell, BBN Racing’s **Bracket Buster** (Vekoma) enters the fray off an emphatic seven-length score in a sloppy edition of the Pegasus Stakes on the Jersey Shore June 14. Trained by Vicky Oliver, the colt will be accompanied by Hall of Fame trainer John Velazquez.

On Saturday undercard, Monmouth also features the GII United Nations, headed by **Get Smokin** (Get Stormy) who will attempt to repeat in the 11-furlong turf test. Now 8-years old, he is co-owned by Ironhorse Stable, Blackridge Stables, T-N-T Equine Holdings, and Saratoga Seven Racing Partners.

A winner of two of five starts in 2024, including Woodbine’s 12-furlong GIII Valedictory Stakes in December, the chestnut was third in his only 2025 start to date in the 1 1/16-mile GII Eclipse Stakes over Woodbine’s main track May 31.

The gelding is trained by Hall of Famer Mark Casse, who won the 2016 United Nations with eventual Breeders’ Cup Mile winner and Turf Male champion World Approval.

“Mark has done a fantastic job, an unbelievable job, really an amazing job with him. We really let the horse tell us what he wants to do,” said Harlan Malter of Ironhorse Racing Stable Stables. “He had two tough races last year where we got some conditions we didn’t like and the setup we didn’t like. He threw in two ‘under’ performances so you say to yourself ‘it’s his 7-year-old year,’ and then you ask, ‘is he telling you something?’”

“But Mark said the horse is doing fantastic and he wants to run. So we listened and ran him in the Valedictory. It was full on, windswept giant snowflake snow blizzard and he went a mile-and-a-half on the lead in that race and was as happy as he could be. He finished up the year full of run.”

“We’ve given him his time and Mark has done a great job bringing him around. He’s 8, but he doesn’t want to do anything but run.”

Rounding out Monmouth graded roster is the GIII Matchmaker Stakes, GIII Monmouth Cup and the GIII Molly Pitcher Stakes, headed by GI Alabama winner **Power Squeeze (Union Rags)** and last out GI Ogden Phipps scorer **Dorth Vader**.

### **Spa Saturday Features CCA Oaks**

A trio of graded tests for fillies head Saturday’s card at Saratoga, including the nine-furlong GI Coaching Club American Oaks. Leading the charge is last year’s juvenile champion filly **Immersive (Nyquist)**, undefeated in four starts in 2024, including the GI Spinaway, GI Alcibiades and GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies at Del Mar.

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Immersive works at the Spa | Sarah Andrew

In her sole start this season, the Godolphin homebred was a neck back in second to **Take Charge Milady** (**Take Charge Indy**) in Churchill's Monomoy Stakes June 14.

"She's doing very well," said trainer Brad Cox, who won this race with Monomoy Girl [2018] and Wet Paint [2023]. "She needed her last run in the Monomoy Girl. She ran a great race and galloped out well. I feel like she's every bit as good this year as she was last year. I really think she'll move forward off that run."

Godolphin has won this event with Jilbab [2002], Music Note [2008], It's Tricky [2011], Questing [2012] and Wet Paint [2023].

Mark Casse also comes into this well armed, courtesy of this season's GI Acorn and GI Ashland scorer **La Cara** (**Street Sense**). The Tracy Farmer-owned filly finished ninth in a soggy renewal of the GI Kentucky Oaks.

"She likes her job and she loves to train," said trainer Mark Casse.



La Cara drills for trainer Mark Casse | Sarah Andrew

"She didn't like the slop at Churchill Downs [in the Kentucky Oaks], but before her last race [in the Acorn], Dylan [Davis] said to me, 'this is a different type of slop.' She handled it great."

Immersive, who will be ridden by Manny Franco, is listed as the 8-5 morning line favorite, while La Cara was installed the early 2-1 second choice.

Also featured on Saratoga's Saturday card is the GII Alfred G. Vanderbilt and the GIII Caress Stakes.

In other stakes action this weekend, Del Mar hosts the GII San Clemente Stakes Saturday, while Saratoga presents the six-furlong GII Honorable Miss Stakes Sunday. Also Sunday, Woodbine has a pair of graded tests scheduled, the GII bet365 Connaught Cup and the GII Canadian Stakes.

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## JAYSON WERTH LEADS OFF WITH A HOME

**RUN** by Bill Finley

Not only has he been successful in the short time he has been involved in racing, former MLB All-Star Jayson Werth has obviously fallen in love with the racing game. His infectious enthusiasm was on display all of last year as he was among a group of owners who campaigned GI Belmont S. and GI Haskell S. winner Dornoch (**Good Magic**). He was back in the spotlight this year with Flying Mohawk (**Karakontie** ({Jpn})), who finished second in the Jeff Ruby Stakes S. and made it into the GI Kentucky Derby, where he finished 18th.

It's no wonder that Werth declared on national television that horse racing is the "most underrated sport out there."

It was a great year for Werth's Two Eight Racing, LLC, but this year he has decided to try something different. Werth has put together a syndicate he calls Icon Racing Affirmed Group. He's hoping to win races, but he also wants to be a pied piper, spreading the word about the sport and bringing new owners into the game.

"This sport is incredible," he said. "I wanted to stay competitive and stay in the sport and be able to run at the highest level, but I mean, it's not an easy game to do it by yourself. Honestly, it's fun to do it with your friends and family and I just don't think that people really have any clue how great this sport is. And from an owner's perspective, I think that is the lens that is the best to look through for the sport. You can come to the track, you can bet on these horses, you can be a fan, but it's not the same experience as owning. You own a horse, you follow it, it becomes a part of your family...almost like the relationship you've had with a family pet. So to bring in new people and show them the sport, that was kind of the idea."

Werth didn't have to wait long to get his first winner with his new venture. **Cont.**



**Jayson Werth brought an impressive entourage to the Kentucky Derby this year even though most of the group were not owners in Flying Mohawk | Icon Racing**

Sacred Goddess (**Kantharos**) was the first Icon horse to make it the races and the New York-bred filly broke her maiden at first asking on Thursday at Saratoga. She was a \$200,000 purchase at Ocala April and is also owned by Team Penney Racing and Dorsman Racing. The trainer is Jeremiah Englehart.

"I've said this a couple of times now, there's nothing like winning, but there's nothing like winning in Saratoga," Werth said. "This is a special place for me anyways, just with the whole Belmont thing with Dornoch. My second day ever of horse racing was spent in this place. I came up here for the Travers, four, five years ago now. I was like, 'Wow, this place is cool.' I had no idea. I'm so green and new to the sport that I had no idea this place was even here, let alone how cool it is. So to win our first race on our first time out is incredibly special. It's a testament to just the job that our team has done."



**Werth and Englehart celebrate after Sacred Goddess broke her maiden at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew**

The Icon Affirmed Group has nine 2-year-olds in training and there are 27 partners in the syndicate, many of them, Werth said, are among his family and friends.

"It is kind of a family affair and it's a huge responsibility for us as managers of this fund to create an experience and make memories that last forever," Werth said.

The next horse from the Icon stable to race might be Hero Declared (Maclean's Music). He is trained by Whit Beckman, who has told the Icon team he thinks that the colt is a runner. He cost \$575,000 at OBS March.

So far, Icon doesn't charge any management fees, but Werth said that is likely to change in the future.

Werth and his team, which includes partner Ken Kuykendall, are already working on putting together a new set of horses that will debut next year at two. This one will be called Icon Racing Big Brown Group. The stable has already acquired one horse, a filly by Jackie's Warrior from the Fasig Tipton July Sale.

Werth isn't doing this just for kicks. He wants the Big Brown Group to be bigger and better than the Affirmed Group. He envisions Icon growing and acquiring the capital to spend big dollars at the sales. He wants to be in the same stratosphere as West Point Thoroughbreds, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Starlight Racing and the other top partnerships in the sport.

"We'll see where we can take this," he said. "Sky's the limit, right? I mean, we did as good as we could this year and the response has been unbelievable from the partners. Everybody's super excited. We've gotten a ton of interest."

He's ready for more.

"I don't think anything's defined yet on a grand scale. But one thing's for sure, we love what we're doing," Werth said. "We're having a lot of fun doing it now for the second year with Big Brown. And we're doing it for free. Ken and I and our partners are putting a lot of time into it for no fees, which is obviously a lot different than most partnerships. I don't know if we would do it for no fees again next year because it is a lot of work and we're coming out of pocket for a lot of stuff, which is fine. We're building a brand and building an experience. I understand why the other partnerships and syndicates do charge fees and that whole thing because it is a commitment. It's a lot of work. It's a way of life. Some of the guys that I've talked to, that's their job. That's what they do for a living. It's a labor of love for us, but I think probably next year we might have to start charging some fees just to cover some of the expenses and costs that come along with operating a stable like this." **Cont.**



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Sacred Goddess | Sarah Andrew

Enter the sport and get a Belmont and Haskell winner right from the start? It's not supposed to be this easy, and Werth knows that. But he's found a sport he cannot get enough of and he sees building the Icon brand as the next logical step.

"We've got people that do know the sport and have been in horse racing that want be a part of our team because we look like the guys that are having the most fun around here," he said.

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## MINDFRAME BACK TO WORK, MAY WAIT FOR NEXT RACE

by *Tim Wilkin*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. -- Arguably the best older horse in training, Mindframe (*Constitution*), went back to work Friday morning.

The 4-year-old colt had his first work since winning the loaded GI Stephen Foster Stakes last month for Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher. Mindframe worked an easy four furlongs in :52.46 (76/78) on the main track with regular exercise rider Carlos Quevedo on board.

"He does whatever you ask him to do," Pletcher said outside his barn at the Oklahoma Training Track. "He is cool that way. He goes easy if you want him to go easy, he goes fast if you want him to go fast."

Pletcher still has to figure out what race will be next for Mindframe, who has won all three of his starts this season at three different distances (seven furlongs, a mile and 1 1/8 miles). He also has the talented 4-year-old Fierceness (*City of Light*)--who can make his own case for top older horse--who worked five furlongs in 1:01.70 (5/14) in company with 5-year-old stablemate Dreamlike (*Gun Runner*) earlier Friday.

Fierceness, owned by Repole Stable, Derrick Smith, Michael Tabor and Mrs. John Magnier, has been penciled in for the GI, \$1 million Whitney Stakes here on Aug. 2. Pletcher has been considering running Mindframe, owned by Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC, for the same race, but that talk might be cooling down.

"Ideally, no," Pletcher said when asked about running the two against each other. "We would split them up. If we wait for the (GI) Jockey Club Gold Cup with (Mindframe) that would be one way of splitting them up."

The \$1 million Gold Cup is scheduled for Aug. 31, the final Saturday of the Saratoga meet.

"You never want to assume that both of them are going to be ready on the same day," Pletcher said. "Fierceness has not run since the (GI) Met Mile (second, on June 7) and we have always pointed him to the Whitney."

The way Fierceness has been prepping for the Whitney makes it even more logical that he could be the solo Pletcher runner in that race.

"He is giving us every indication that he is on target for it," Pletcher said. "I would say if he stays that way, that would probably give us a good reason to wait a little longer on Mindframe and give him a little extra time."

In the Stephen Foster, Mindframe beat a field that included Sierra Leone (*Gun Runner*), last year's 3-year-old champ, 2024 GI Kentucky Derby winner Mystik Dan (Golden Cents) and Gr I Dubai World Cup winner Hit Show (*Candy Ride*). **Cont.**



Mindframe with Carlos Quevedo in the irons | Sarah Andrew



Take Charge Milady | Sarah Andrew

### McPeek Back From Japan Trip In Time For CCA Oaks

After a whirlwind seven-day trip to Japan, trainer Kenny McPeek is back and just in time to see his 3-year-old filly Take Charge Milady (**Take Charge Indy**) run in Saturday's 1 1/8-mile GI, \$500,000 Coaching Club American Oaks at Saratoga Race Course.

Take Charge Milady is 9-2 on the morning line in the field of six and will take on the likes of 8-5 ML favorite Immersive (**Nyquist**), last year's champion juvenile filly and 2-1 La Cara (**Street Sense**), who won the GI Acorn at Saratoga in her last start.

"She needs to win this race if really put herself in the mix for top 3-year-old fillies," McPeek said while watching his horses train on the Oklahoma Training Track Friday morning. "She is doing everything right."

In her last start, Take Charge Milady, owned by James Bell, Magdalena Racing and Kenneth Rhodes, handed Immersive her first career loss when she won the Monomoy Girl Stakes at Churchill Downs by a neck. Take Charge Milady has won three of six starts this year; she was second in the GI Ashland Stakes, 1 1/4 lengths behind La Cara.

Take Charge Milady reminds McPeek of Take Charge Lady, who McPeek trained to 11 wins in 22 starts in a career that went from 2001-2003. **Take Charge Indy** is a son of Take Charge Lady.

"Take Charge Lady was so good," McPeek said. "Great mare, too. This filly is easing her way there. She hasn't won a graded stake yet and she definitely has to find another level."

Take Charge Milady will be ridden by Kendrick Carmouche for the first time. Brian Hernandez Jr., who was on board her last three starts, is riding at Monmouth Park Saturday.

During his Japan trip, McPeek attended the Japan Racing Horse Association (JHRA) Select Sale (he didn't buy anything) and also did plenty of touristy things with his wife Sherri and daughter

Annie.

He had promised his daughter Annie that he would take her to Swiss Skydiver (Daredevil), who McPeek trained to the 2020 Eclipse Award for champion 3-year-old filly.

She was sold and is now at Northern Farm in Hokkaido.

"Seeing Swiss was on the bucket list, we saw her twice," McPeek said. "When she was sold, I told Annie I would take her one day to see her. She was very happy, and Swiss remembered her!"

### Book 'em Danno Ready To Roll in Vanderbilt

Trainer Derek Ryan was more than happy to show off his stable star Friday morning. That would be Book 'em Danno, the 4-year-old gelding who does nothing but show up every time he runs.

Ryan is hoping that trend continues Saturday when Book 'em Danno enters the starting gate of the GI, six-furlong \$400,000 Alfred G. Vanderbilt.

Book 'em Danno, who has the catchy moniker from the old Hawaii Five-O TV series, has won eight of 14 career starts. He likes Saratoga as he has won two of three starts, the latest being the GIII True North during the Belmont Racing Festival last month. He also won the GI Woody Stephens here last year.

"He shows up, he is always there," the New Jersey-based Ryan said. "He runs everywhere; he's a throwback."

Owned by Atlantic Six Racing LLC, Book 'em Danno turned heads for the first time last year when he finished second, beaten just a head by Forever Young (Jpn) (Real Steel {Jpn}) in the G3 Saudi Derby. Forever Young would go on to finish third in last year's GI Kentucky Derby in a three-horse photo finish.

In his 14 career starts, Book 'em Danno has finished off the board just twice. **Cont.**



Book'em Danno | Sarah Andrew

“Any good horse I have ever had, they all have the same thing that others don’t have,” Ryan said, “You can’t buy class. If they have it, they have it, if they don’t, they don’t.”

Book ‘em Danno will be ridden by Paco Lopez, who has been the rider for all three of his starts this year. In the Vanderbilt, they will be facing horses like Mullikin (**Violence**), who was second in the True North and the top two finishers from last year’s Vanderbilt, Nakatomi (Firing Line) and Skelly (**Practical Joke**).

“I am not afraid of anybody, but at the same time, I don’t think anyone is afraid of us,” Ryan said. When you are in races like these, you are running against the best. Everything has to go your way. They are all legit horses. That’s why they’re in there.”

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Mo Plex with Manny Franco in the irons | Sarah Andrew

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## SARATOGA UPDATES: MO PLEX TUNES UP FOR JIM DANDY, ECHO SOUND ON TRACK FOR TEST

Multiple graded winner **Mo Plex** (**Complexity**) continued his preparations for the GII Jim Dandy Stakes Friday morning at Saratoga while MGSW **Echo Sound** (**Echo Town**) has her eyes on the GI Test Stakes with her own move over the Oklahoma training track.

New York-bred Mo Plex went out on Saratoga’s main track Friday morning for a half-mile work in :48.84 (22/74) for trainer Jeremiah Englehart. The solo work under Manny Franco, who will have the call in the Jim Dandy, was exactly what the conditioner wanted to see.

“The plan was nice and easy this week into the race next week,” Englehart said of the work. “He’s been uber aggressive, so I thought Manny did a pretty good job to get him to settle. At the quarter-pole he was wanting to go, go, go and he got him to

relax a little bit. All in all I thought that was pretty good.”

The field for the major local prep for the GI Travers Stakes is mighty itself as the potential presence of ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ dual Grade I Classic winner Sovereignty (Into Mischief) looms large ahead of the confirmation stage. The likes of ‘**Rising Stars**’ MGISP Baeza (**McKinzie**); GSW & GISP Hill Road (**Quality Road**); and crowd favorite GISW Sandman (**Tapit**) are also potentials to make the gate.

“It’s obviously going to be a challenge. It’s always tough to run against a horse like Sovereignty, but when you have one that hopefully can compete with him, you look forward to these opportunities.”

### Echo Sound Leads George Arnold Duo for Test

Echo Sound went out for a solo first work over the Oklahoma training track Friday morning, covering the half-mile in :50.49 (30/33) with Luis Saez aboard, as she continues her march to the GI Test Stakes Aug. 2 at Saratoga.

Having arrived from Keeneland before stablemate **Kilwin** (**Twirling Candy**), who will be making the trip up to New York Monday, the George Arnold trainee’s move went all according to plan.

“Luis breezed her and said he was very happy with the work. Everything is on schedule,” said Arnold over the phone from Kentucky.

Arnold added that Kilwin would work at Keeneland Sunday before joining Echo Sound at Saratoga for the Test. The daughter of **Twirling Candy** started her career on the turf, including running second to ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ GSW Shisospicy (Mitole) in the GIII Mamzelle Stakes May 10, but so impressed her connections with her 1 1/4-length win last out June 8 in the Leslie’s Lady Stakes that they opted to give her a shot at the elite level on the main track. **Cont.**



Echo Sound with Luis Saez up | Sarah Andrew

### Thorpedo Anna on Track for Personal Ensign, Future Targets Unknown for Mystik Dan

Having arrived at The Spa July 10, 'TDN Rising Star' Horse of the Year **Thorpedo Anna** (Fast Anna) is settling into a routine as she preps for her anticipated start in the GI Personal Ensign Stakes Aug. 23.

“She’s doing good and we’re getting her into a routine here,” Kenny McPeek said, adding that it was good to see her return to the form he’d grown accustomed to. “I thought the race on Derby week was just a shame because she just got mugged. It wasn’t her, and she came out of it fine, it’s just what could go wrong did. She’s certainly far from done.”

Last year’s GI Kentucky Derby hero **Mystik Dan** (Goldencents) arrived on the same day as his most famous stablemate, but with less firm plans on his future. McPeek said that plans are to be determined for the Classic winner.

“He’s training good and I haven’t really decided where I’m pointing him to yet. He’s going to run in something important later in the season.”

“It was a pretty good race,” said Arnold, with a laugh. “We decided to try her on the dirt once and it went the right way. She came out of it good, and she’ll also run in the Test. I wish they weren’t in the same spot, but they are--it’s a good problem to have.”

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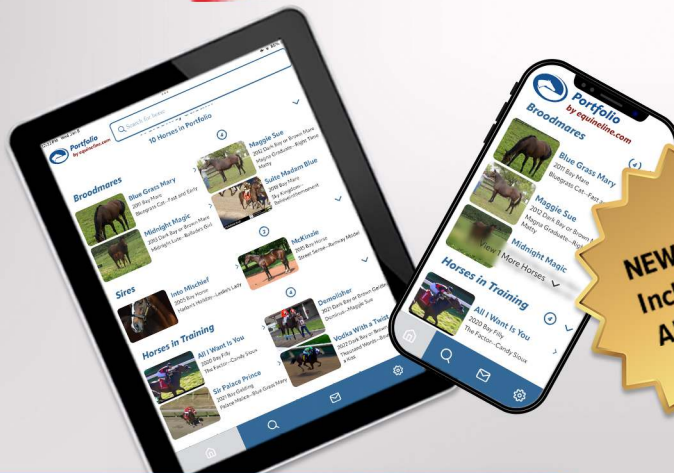
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## 'RISING STAR' LESLIE'S ROSE BACK TO WINNING WAYS WITH GAME SHUVEE VICTORY



Leslie's Rose | Sarah Andrew

And thus the queen of flowers blooms again.

'TDN Rising Star' **Leslie's Rose** (Into Mischief) has rediscovered her best stride and gamely took home the GII Shuvee Stakes at Saratoga Friday afternoon.

Eased up in the stretch last out June 6 in the GI Ogden Phipps Stakes when the track turned into slop she hated, it had been the most recent in a series of tough-luck jumps for the daughter of Into Mischief. Her prior three starts before then were the GI Acorn Stakes and GI CCA Oaks last year--where she finished second and fourth, respectively, behind Horse of the Year Thorpedo Anna (Fast Anna)--and May 4 this season in the GIII Vagrancy Stakes for her seasonal return from a layoff. She would finish a neck behind GSW Haulin Ice (Coal Front)--now on a four-race win streak--and lost second by a nose to SW & MGSP R Disaster (Awesome Slew) in a blanket finish.

Returning alongside Ogden Phipps rivals GSW & GISP **Dazzling Move** (**Not This Time**) and 3-5 betting choice MGISW **Raging Sea** (**Curlin**), she was content to track the former as that frontrunner rolled through fractions of :23.62, :47.56, and 1:11.78 with Leslie's Rose never far away. As that pair swung for home, it looked like the favorite might try to make it three in a line, but the top two quickly distanced themselves from Raging Sea in the lane. Game as they come, Dazzling Move tried to muster a response late, but Leslie's Rose relentlessly pushed forward to win by 3 3/4 lengths to reward her backers with 4-1 odds. The longtime leader held second and Raging Sea managed third.

"She doesn't care for sloppy conditions and unfortunately we caught those last time--it literally started raining on the way to the paddock and it was the same thing in the Kentucky Oaks,"

said Todd Pletcher. "We cross-entered today [and in the GIII Molly Pitcher] hoping to catch a fast track either here or at Monmouth and it worked out."

"We got a great trip. She's very tactical--good tactical speed, and put herself in a good position going into the turn and it worked out the way we hoped. I peeked back and saw she [No. 5, Raging Sea] had some work to do, but I was focused on our filly and it looked like she was traveling well throughout."

When asked about a potential start in the GI Personal Ensign Stakes Aug. 23 with a 'Win and You're In' berth on offer to the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff, Pletcher said, "I think so. She ran awfully well here today. We'll circle that and point towards it."

### Pedigree Note

Purchased for a price befitting royalty as a yearling, the \$1.15-million Keeneland September grad hails from the family of GI Florida Derby winner Materiality (Afleet Alex) and GSW & MGISP My Miss Sophia (Unbridled's Song) by way of her dam, Wildwood Rose (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Said mare is a half-sister to the aforementioned pair--the latter of which produced GISW **Annapolis** (**War Front**) and his full-sister MSP Nevisian Sunrise. A second half-sister is the dam of SW & GISP Grand Mo the First (Uncle Mo) and SP Palladium (Graydar). Wildwood Rose has only produced two offspring since Leslie's Rose, those being a placed 3-year-old named Divine Rose (**Good Magic**) and a yearling filly by **Not This Time**. She was bred to **Gun Runner** for 2026.

Second dam SW & MGSP Wildwood Flower (Langfuhr) is herself a half-sibling to MGSW & GISP Eye of the Tiger (American Chance) and to the mare who produced GISW Afleet Express (Afleet Alex); MSW & MGSP Reporting for Duty (Deputy Commander); and GISW Embellish the Lace (**Super Saver**).

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Leslie's Rose with owner Mandy Pope, who led her 'TDN Rising Star' into the winner's enclosure at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

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**SHUVEE S.-GII**, \$200,000, Saratoga, 7-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:50.77, ft.

1--**LESLIE'S ROSE, 124, f, 4, by Into Mischief**

**1st Dam: Wildwood Rose (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Wildwood Flower, by Langfuhr**

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'**TDN Rising Star**'. (\$1,150,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Whisper Hill Farm LLC; B-John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock Services (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 10-4-1-2, \$743,800. **Werk Nick Rating: C.**

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**NTRA PARTNERS WITH DEAN DORTON TO HOST WEBINAR ON TAX IMPLICATIONS FROM O.B.B.B ACT**

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) will collaborate with Dean Dorton, a Top 100 CPA and advisory firm, to host a deep dive on the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and its tax implications affecting Thoroughbred racing, the group announced Friday afternoon.

Set to take place Thursday, July 24 at 1:00 p.m., the webinar will feature insight from Jen Shah and Joe Daugherty, Lexington-based certified public accountants with Dean Dorton, and the firm's equine tax leaders. The CPAs will provide specifics of the new laws and answer questions regarding topics like depreciation benefits, business tax improvements, loss limitation, and other changes.

"The NTRA is pleased to collaborate once again with the team at Dean Dorton," said Tom Rooney, president and CEO of the NTRA. **Cont.**

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### MEL'S BABY SISTER CROWNED RETIRED RACEHORSE OF THE YEAR

Eleven months after her retirement from racing, Mel's Baby Sister made a return to Saratoga to collect her Down Broadway Award as New York's Retired Racehorse of the Year as decided by the voting public via an online poll.

The prize is named in honor of the first horse to retire through the Take The Lead program back in 2013. Mel's Baby Sister race in the colors of August Dawn Farm and was trained by Melanie Giddings to a lone career victory before ultimately retiring after two unplaced efforts during the Saratoga Summer meet. **Cont.** Giddings joined the new owners, the Richardson Family from New Jersey, in the winner's enclosure.

“She was such a spunky personality to train on the track, but she was a total sweetheart in the barn,” Giddings said. “I mean, everybody really, really loved to be around her. It's so good to see how happy she is.”

“She is just a kind soul,” Kendra Richardson said about the 4-year-old grey filly. “She is going to be part of the Retired Racehorse Project. It's so important to raise awareness that these horses have so much potential beyond the racetrack.”

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### NYRA CONTINUES TRADITION OF HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS AT SARATOGA

The New York Racing Association (NYRA) will continue its tradition of honoring police officers, paramedics, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) during First Responders Day Thursday, July 24 at Saratoga, the organization announced Friday.

As thanks for their dedication and service to their community, the day will feature free admission for all first responders and a named race in their honor. Special recognition will be given to three members of the Saratoga Springs Police Department and other individuals who were instrumental in the rescue of 'Sly', a

22-year-old quarter horse who fell through the ice on a pond this past February. Officers Kyle Clinton, Kris Camarro, and Dominic Martuscello will be honored for their intervention efforts in the winner's enclosure during a special ceremony. Aly's owner will also be recognized and Sly himself will be in attendance to greet fans and take photos at Horse Sense from 2-4:00 p.m.

The New York State Troopers Pipes and Drums band--the first police pipe band to organize in the U.S.--will perform trackside following the third and fifth races. The New York State Troopers Pipes and Drums will be supplemented by an appearance from the New York Police Department (NYPD) Ceremonial Unit, which conducts hundreds of ceremonies each year in honor of police officers in New York and across the U.S.

Saratoga Springs first responder t-shirts commemorating the city's police and fire departments will also be available for purchase, while supplies last. Each shirt costs \$20 and all net proceeds will benefit the respective organizations' charitable foundations. For more information and to see a list of the foundations, please [go here](#).

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6	Gosger	<b>Nyquist</b>	Harvey A. Clarke Racing Stables, LLC	Walsh	Saez	119
7	Kentucky Outlaw 🍀	Outwork	Felissa Dunn	Dunn	Geroux	119
8	Goal Oriented 🍀	<b>Not This Time</b>	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Dianne Bashor, Determined Stables, Robert E. Masterson, Tom J. Ryan, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Catherine Donovan	Baffert	Prat	119

**Breeders:** 1-David Baxter, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-New Farm, 4-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 5-Diamond Creek Farm, 6-Harvey A Clarke Racing Stable LLC, 7-Daniel Thomas Kjorsvik, 8-Runnymede Farm LLC & CWC Investment 2,LLC

I am going to go for the mild upset here with **Gosger (Nyquist)**, who may have what it takes to beat **Journalism (Curlin)**. The way Journalism has been campaigned--he hasn't missed a dance--may finally catch up to him. He hasn't had a break since his 3-year-old debut Mar. 1 and ran in all three Triple Crown races. On the other hand, Gosger has only run four times and hasn't started since finishing second behind Journalism in the GI Preakness S. The colt looks to be sitting on top of a career best race and that may be good enough. There are others in here who look better on paper than **'TDN Rising Star' Goal Oriented (Not This Time)**. However, he comes from the stable of Bob Baffert who has won this race nine times and has a knack for figuring out the right horse to bring from his base in Southern California. --Bill Finley

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**Saturday, Saratoga #10, post time: 5:38 p.m. EDT****COACHING CLUB AMERICAN OAKS INVITATIONAL S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Immersive	Nyquist	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Franco	122
2	<del>Sweet Seraphine</del>	<del>Quality Road</del>	<del>Stonehaven Steading</del>	<del>DeVaux</del>	<del>Ortiz</del>	<del>118</del>
3	Scottish Lassie	McKinzie	Sportsmen Stable, Parkland Thoroughbreds, Photos Finish LLC, Corms Racing Stable and Jorge Abreu	Abreu	Rosario	122
4	Take Charge Milady	Take Charge Indy	Ball, James, Magdalena Racing and Rhodes, Kenneth	McPeek	Carmouche	118
5	Dry Powder	Gun Runner	Gold Square LLC	Summers	Lezcano	118
6	La Cara	Street Sense	Tracy Farmer	Casse	Davis	122

**Breeders:** 1-Godolphin, 2-Stonehaven Steadings, 3-Winchester Farm, 4-Merriebelle Stable, LLC, 5-Corser Thoroughbreds LLC, 6-Tracy Farmer

**La Cara (Street Sense)** does her best running when she can get to the lead. Drawing the six post in this six-horse race, she'll need to be hustled out of the gate by Dylan Davis. If he can slow down things a bit on the front end this filly can wire the field. **Immersive (Nyquist)** lost for the first time in her career when nipped by **Take Charge Milady (Take Charge Indy)** last out. Brilliant at two and an undefeated Eclipse Award winner, more was expected of her in her return. Could she be one of those horses that don't make the transition from two to three? Take Charge Milady was the one who upset Immersive last out in the Monomoy Girl Stakes. That makes her a contender but she has a habit of running well in every other race.--Bill Finley

**Saturday, Monmouth #11, post time: 5:09 p.m. EDT****UNITED NATIONS S.-GII, \$600,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Corruption	Medaglia d'Oro	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Harry Colburn	Casse	Castellano	120
2	Tawny Port	Pioneerof the Nile	Peachtree Stable	Clement	Geroux	118
3	Redistricting (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	122
4	Limited Liability	Kitten's Joy	Stuart S. Janney III	McGaughey III	Dettori	118
5	Grand Sonata	Medaglia d'Oro	Whisper Hill Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
6	Vote No	Divisidero	Crown's Way Stbl, NBS Stbl, Kevin Marko, Eli Diamant	Danner	Camacho	122
7	Rebel Red (GB)	Frankel (GB)	John D. Gunther and Eurowest Bloodstock Services	DeVaux	Saez	122
8	Starting Over	Liam's Map	Nice Guys Stables	Russell	Rispoli	118
9	Major Dude	Bolt d'Oro	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	118
10	Get Smokin	Get Stormy	Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC, BlackRidge Stables LLC, Saratoga Seven Racing Partners LLC and T-N-T Equine Holdings LLC	Casse	De La Cruz	118
11	Lord Eddard Stark	He's Had Enough	John Rowe	Orseno	Zayas	118
12	Hush of a Storm	Creative Cause	Sanford J. Goldfarb	Cox	-	118

**Breeders:** 1-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Farm Cove Thoroughbreds Ltd, 4-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC, 5-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 6-Mr. & Mrs. A. John Price, 7-Mr John Gunther, 8-George Strawbridge Jr., 9-Clearsky Farms, 10-Hurstland Farm, Inc. & James Greene Jr., 11-Michael John Rowe, 12-Berkshire Stud

**Limited Liability (Kitten's Joy)** has won going over 2 miles at Kentucky Downs, so distance should not be a problem for him. The seasoned pro missed last out when finishing second, beaten a head in the GII Elkhorn S. The winner of that race, **Utah Beach (English Channel)**, came right back to win the GIII Louisville S. **Rebel Red (GB) (Frankel {GB})** ran a huge race last out to win a stake under the Twin Spires at today's distance. He received a 100 Beyer, which would probably be good enough to win this race. A bounce is always a possibility. **Corruption (Medaglia d'Oro)** turned in a big effort in the GIII Pan American S. at a mile-and-a-half, proving he can handle this distance. There's a surprising amount of speed in here, so jockey Castellano will have to make some good decisions. --Bill Finley

**Saturday, Saratoga #11, post time: 6:13 p.m. EDT****ALFRED G. VANDERBILT H.-GII, \$400,000, 4yo/up, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Skelly	Practical Joke	Red Lane Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
2	Full Moon Madness	Into Mischief	Jay Em Ess Stable	Nevin	Carmouche	122
3	Damon's Mound	Girvin	Love, Cliff and Love, Michele	Mott	Alvarado	124
4	Mullikin 🌿	Violence	WinStar Farm LLC	Brisset	Ortiz	124
5	Book'em Danno 🌿	Buccherro	Atlantic Six Racing, LLC	Ryan	Lopez	124
6	Nash	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Rosario	120
7	Baby Yoda	Prospective	Pantofel Stable, Wachtel Stable, Gary Barber, Jerold Zaro	Mott	Davis	124
8	Nakatomi 🌿	Firing Line	Qatar Racing LLC and Hay, Mrs. Fitriani	Ward	Jaramillo	124

**Breeders:** 1-H. Allen Poindexter, 2-Jay Em Ess Stable, 3-Cliff Love, 4-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 5-Gregory J. Kilka & Bright View Farm, 6-Godolphin, 7-Kathleen Amaya, Alexandro Centofanti & Raffaele Centofanti, 8-Arnold Zetcher LLC & Crestwood Farm

This will be another tough test for the Jersey kid, **Book'em Danno (Buccherro)**, who was an impressive winner last out in the GIII True North. But the race that still jumps off the page for Danno was his fourth-place finish in the GI Churchill Downs Stakes. Though fourth, he was beaten just a neck by the sport's top-rated horse, Mindframe (**Constitution**). **Skelly (Practical Joke)** was fried in a vicious pace battle last out in the GIII Aristides. The sizzling early fractions of :20 4/5 and :43 3/5 were more than he could handle. There is not a lot of speed in here, so he should have a much better trip. **Baby Yoda (Prospective)** loves Saratoga. He's 4-for-8 at the Spa and won last year's True North. Came back running in an Aqueduct allowance in his first start of the year.--*Bill Finley*

**Saturday, Del Mar #9, post time: 9:03 p.m. EDT****SAN CLEMENTE H.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Will Then	War of Will	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Smith	122
2	Casalu	Caracaro	Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Kimura	121
3	Miso Phansy	Karakontie (Jpn)	Ciaglia Racing LLC and Christensen, Robin	Powell	Ayuso	119
4	As Catch Can	Mo Town	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Cheminaud	119
5	Thought Process 🌿	Collected	Estate of Brereton C. Jones, Little Red Feather Racing and Madaket Stables LLC	D'Amato	Berrios	123
6	Amorita 🌿	Liam's Map	Augustin Stables and Stone Farm LLC	Mandella	Hernandez	120
7	Jungle Peace (Ire)	Bungle Inthejungle (GB)	CYBT, McLean Racing Stables, McClanahan, Jerry, Nentwig, Michael and Peskoff, Jeremy	D'Amato	Fresu	121
8	Firenze Flavor	Liam's Map	Oda Racing and U.S. Equine	Gallagher	Van Dyke	122
9	Silent Law 🌿	Tiz the Law	CSLR Racing Partners LLC	Baffert	Demuro	120

**Breeders:** 1-George Strawbridge Jr., 2-LLP Performance Horses, LLC, 3-Ciaglia Racing LLC, 4-Loren Nichols, 5-Brereton C. Jones, 6-Stone Farm, 7-M Brigid B Ltd, 8-Nobuo Oda & U.S. Equine, 9-Newstead Corp

**Will Then (War of Will)** didn't show a lot when fifth in the GII Edgewood S., but there were a bunch of very good horses like Nitrogen (Medaglia d'Oro) in there, and the Jonathan Thomas filly looks well-spotted here. Won for fun over this course in last year's GIII Jimmy Durante. You don't see Bob Baffert winning many turf races, but he has a serious shot to win this one with **Casalu (Caracaro)**. The filly has won two straight grass stakes and seems to be getting better with each start. There is a ton of speed in here and oddly enough two of the front-runners come from the Phil D'Amato barn in **Thought Process (Collected)** and **Jungle Peace (Ire) (Bungle Inthejungle (GB))**. If one or the other can work out a good trip they could easily win this. Still, picking a closer in this spot may be the way to go. --*Bill Finley*

**Saturday, Monmouth #10, post time: 4:37 p.m. EDT****MOLLY PITCHER S.-GIII, \$500,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Candied	Candy Ride (Arg)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Bobby Flay	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122
2	Occult 🐾	Into Mischief	Alpha Delta Stables LLC	Brown	-	118
3	Randomized 🐾	Nyquist	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	118
4	Majestic Oops	Majestic Harbor	Medallion Racing, Agave Racing Stable, Evan Trommer, Sublime Stables, Inc. and Janet Kropp	Ward	Castillo	122
5	Dorth Vader	Girvin	John Ropes	Weaver	Velazquez	124
6	Regaled 🐾	Mohaymen	Ribble Farms and Front Page Equestrian LLC	Beckman	-	118
7	Leslie's Rose 🐾	Into Mischief	Whisper Hill Farm LLC	Pletcher	-	118
8	Power Squeeze 🐾	Union Rags	Lea Farms LLC	Delgado	Castellano	118
9	Chilled	Frosted	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Oliver	Saez	120

**Breeders:** 1-Buck Pond Farm, Inc., 2-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Cove Springs, LLC, 4-William Dory, Sandy Dory, Gary Kropp & Janet Kropp, 5-John Ropes, 6-Chris Baccari, 7-John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock Services, 8-Forging Oaks Farm, LLC, 9-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & Vicki Oliver

**Candied** (Into Mischief) ran second last year in both the GI Alabama S. and the GI Coaching Club American Oaks. She promptly lost three straight and appeared to be a little off form. But she came through with an easy win the Allaire DuPont at Pimlico in her last race, earning a 94 Beyer. It looks like Pletcher has her back at her best again. **Randomized** (Nyquist) is erratic, but most of her better efforts have come in races where she was able to get to the front. Looks like that might happen here. **Majestic Oops** (Majestic Harbor) will be seeking her fourth straight win but is taking a big jump up in class. --Bill Finley

**Saturday, Monmouth #6, post time: 2:24 p.m. EDT****MONMOUTH CUP S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Gran Yaco 🐾	City of Light	Victoria's Ranch and R.T Racing Stable	Avila	Vargas, Jr.	118
2	Rabbit Hound	Ransom the Moon	Robert Proulx	Ward	Leon	118
3	Classic Catch 🐾	Classic Empire	Dat Al-Remal LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
4	Just a Touch 🐾	Justify	Qatar Racing, Resolute Racing and Marc Detampel	Cox	Geroux	120
5	Cadet Corps	Will Take Charge	Kenwood Racing LLC and Kelly J. Breen	Breen	Castellano	118
6	Surface to Air	Midshipman	Premier Stable	Synnefias	Marin	118
7	Vitality	Street Boss	Stronach Stables and Joel B. Hunsburger	Orseno	Zayas	118
8	Real Sensation	Preservationist	Frank Poalucci	Poalucci	Iorio	118

**Breeders:** 1-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Liberty Road Stables, LLC, 4-Don Alberto Corporation, 5-Charles Matses, 6-Silverton Hill, LLC, 7-Adena Springs, 8-Masters 2013 LLC

With only two legitimate contenders here this race came up very soft. The pick will be likely favorite **Just a Touch** (Justify). After posting a pair of 100-plus Beyers he turned in a creditable effort when third in the GI Metropolitan H. Now he is facing a much easier assignment. By the numbers, it looks like **Classic Catch** (Classic Empire) is the only one that could beat him. But he's in the midst of a 12-race losing streak that stretches all the way back to August of last year, which was mostly against allowance company. **Cadet Corps** (Will Take Charge) is no better than the third-best horse in this race, but could round out your tickets. --Bill Finley

**Saturday, Monmouth #5, post time: 1:52 p.m. EDT****WINSTAR MATCHMAKER S.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Grayosh	Yoshida (Jpn)	Flanagan Racing	Brown	Prat	118
2	Sacred Wish 🌿	Not This Time	Black Type Thoroughbreds, Swinbank Stables LLC, Steve Adkisson, Christopher T. Dunn, and Anthony Spinazzola	Weaver	Velazquez	118
3	Spaliday 🌿	More Than Ready	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Marin	122
4	No Mo Candy 🌿	Uncle Mo	Niall J. Brennan and Michael J. Ryan	Joseph, Jr.	Castellano	118
5	Segesta	Ghostzapper	Juddmonte	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118
6	Five Towns (GB)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Merry Fox Stables	Motion	Saez	118
7	Madame Mischief 🌿	Into Mischief	Amo Racing USA	Delgado	Rispoli	118

**Breeders:** 1-Susan E. Bedwell, 2-John R. Penn, 3-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 4-Claiborne Farm, 5-Juddmonte, 6-Merry Fox Stud Limited, 7-Champion Equine, LLC

**Sacred Wish** (Not This Time) missed the break and finished seventh in the GII Distaff Turf Mile S. at Churchill, but did well to come within 2 1/2 lengths of the winner. Prior to that race she was posting Beyers in the high 90s, which are numbers good enough to win this. Who is the best of the three horse Chad Brown runners entered? That might be **Segesta** (Ghostzapper), who had some traffic troubles of her own when finishing sixth in the GI Just a Game S. Looks like she's sitting on a good race. Also trained by Brown, **Spaliday** (More Than Ready) is 2-for-2 over this course and has won a graded stakes in the GII Sands Point. --Bill Finley

**Saturday, Saratoga #9, post time: 5:04 p.m. EDT****CARESS S.-GIII, \$175,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Toupie	Uncle Mo	Wertheimer and Frere	Motion	Franco	126
2	Zeitlos 🌿	Curlin	Stonestreet Stables LLC and Leidel, Peter	Asmussen	Alvarado	126
3	Twirling Queen 🌿	Twirling Candy	GU Racing Stable, LLC	D'Angelo	Jaramillo	122
4	Kairyu (Ire)	Kuroshio (Aus)	Schwartz, Martin S. and O'Callaghan, Michael	DeVaux	Carmouche	122
5	Pandora's Gift (Ire) 🌿	Churchill (Ire)	LSU Stables	Clement	Rosario	122
6	Pipsy (Ire)	Kodiak (GB)	Woodford Thoroughbreds LLC	Walden	Ortiz	126
7	Future Is Now	Great Notion	The Estate of R. Larry Johnson	Trombetta	Lopez	126
8	Time to Dazzle 🌿	Not This Time	Tracy Farmer	Casse	Davis	126
9	Obstreperous	Sky Mesa	J A G Racing, Jettany Tbred Corp. & Exclusive Equine	D'Angelo	Santana, Jr.	122
10	Halina's Forte	Mitole	Rigney Racing LLC	Bauer	Rider TBA	126
11	Little Prankster 🌿	Practical Joke	Rigney Racing LLC	Bauer	Ortiz	126
12	Caress 🌿	Connect	Black Type Tbrids, Swinbank Stables LLC Steve Adkisson and R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Rider TBA	126

**Breeders:** 1-Wertheimer et Frere, 2-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 3-Pursuit of Success, LLC, 4-Mr P. Turley, 5-Rossenarra Bloodstock Ltd, 6-Noel Finegan, 7-R. Larry Johnson, 8-Dr. Rodney Orr, 9-Pillar Property Services Inc, 10-Bill & Corinne Heilegbrodt & A.F. & B.Vanlangendonck, 11-Jeff Kerber and Robin Kerber, 12-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate

**Future is Now** (Great Notion) ran a strong second against many of these in the GII Intercontinental Stakes. At 8-for-16 lifetime, she's a very consistent horse who should get a favorable trip from the stalking position. **Pipsy** (Ire) beat the top pick in the Intercontinental but picks up eight pounds off that win and looks like a bounce candidate after running a career-best 100 Beyer in last. Not sure what happened to **Toupie** (Uncle Mo) in her last start. She ran sixth and her Beyer dropped to a 73. If she's ready to run back to her previous two races, she'll have a chance.--Bill Finley



**Sunday, Saratoga #9, post time: 5:44 p.m. EDT****HONORABLE MISS S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Halina's Forte	Mitole	Rigney Racing LLC	Bauer	Ortiz, Jr.	120
2	R Disaster	Awesome Slew	Averill Racing, Two Eight Racing, Mattera, Anthony	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	122
3	Zadorsky 🌿	Tapiture	Legion Racing, Hoolie Racing Stable, LLC, Two Eight Racing and Kamp, Ryan	Beckman	Franco	120
4	Scylla	Tapit Juddmonte	Mott	Rosario	124	
5	Carmelina	Maximus Mischief	Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC	Reid, Jr.	Saez	122
6	Little Prankster 🌿	Practical Joke	Rigney Racing LLC	Bauer	Alvarado	120
7	Striker Has Dial 🌿	Dialed In	Chief Horse Futures, LLC	De Paz	Carmouche	120
8	Benedetta 🌿	City of Light	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Asmussen	Davis	122
9	Jody's Pride	American Pharoah	Parkland Thoroughbreds and Sportsmen Stable	Abreu	Prat	124

**Breeders:** 1-Bill & Corinne Heilegbrodt & A.F. & B. Vanlangendonck, 2-Ocala Stud & J. Michael O'Farrell Jr., 3-Peace Of Heaven Thoroughbreds, 4-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 5-Lillith E. Boucher, 6-Jeff Kerber and Robin Kerber, 7-Kingswood Farm, 8-Springhouse Farm & Dromoland Farm, 9-Mr. Steve Weston

The beautifully bred **Scylla (Tapit)** ran into fellow 'TDN Rising Star' **Ways and Means** in the GII Bed o' Roses when she finished second, beaten 7 3/4 lengths. There is nothing to be embarrassed about that since she posted a career-best Beyer. **Jody's Pride (American Pharoah)** was a distant third in that race and needs to bounce back to the form she showed in the GII Ruffian S. **Striker Has Dial (Dialed In)** steps up after finishing second in the Skipat S. Prior starts are better and she figures to get a good trip stalking from the outside. --Bill Finley

**Sunday, Woodbine #6, post time: 3:39 p.m. EDT****CANADIAN S. PRESENTED BY THE JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION-GII, C\$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Crevalle d'Oro 🌿	Constitution	Blue Crevalle Racing, Quintessential Racing Florida	Casse	Husbands	121
2	Gimme a Nother (Saf)	Gimmethgreenlight (Aus)	Newstead Stables LLC	Motion	Munger	124
3	Life's an Audible 🌿	Audible	Repole Stable	Attard	Moran	122
4	Ready for Shirl	More Than Ready	Charles E. Fipke	Attfield	Wilson	121
5	Venencia (Fr)	Recoletos (Fr)	Bradley Thoroughbreds, Laura Leigh Stable, Cone, Jim, Belmar Racing and Breeding, LLC, Team Hanley and Cambron Equine, LLC	Brown	Hernandez	121
6	Scarlet Poppy (Ire)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Stonestreet Stables LLC, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor, Derrick Smith and Westerberg	Ward	Velazquez	121

**Breeders:** 1-Sandra Sexton, 2-Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein, 3-Susan Moulton, 4-Charles Fipke, 5-Patricia, Ines, & Fernando Laffon Lomba, 6-Al Wasmiyah Farm

A tough race to handicap because there is no speed in this contest. Let's hope that Wesley Ward and John Velazquez have come to the same conclusion because **Scarlet Poppy (Ire)** (Night of Thunder (Ire)) is the closest thing to a front-runner that this race has. That John Velazquez is giving up a Sunday in Saratoga to ride in this race for Wesley Ward, and again for Ward in the GII Connaught Cup, must mean the connections are confident. **Gimme a Nother (Saf)** (Gimmethgreenlight (Aus)) is the 6-5 morning line favorite and will surely win this if running back to her two big efforts to start the year off. Probably had no chance when they went :51 1/5 and 1:17 2/5 in the GI New York, where she faded to finish seventh and last. Can't bet her off that race. Chad Brown must be respected in this spot and he will try to win it with **Venencia (Fr)**, who hasn't quite been coming through in recent races. --Bill Finley

**Sunday, Woodbine #7, post time: 4:10 p.m. EDT**

**BET365 CONNAUGHT CUP S.-GII, C\$175,000, 3yo/up, 7FT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Northern Invader 🌿	Collected	West Point Thoroughbreds and Ingordo, David	DeVaux	Hernandez	121
2	Shards	Bucchero	Crown's Way Racing LLC, NBS Stable, Marko, Kevin	Danner	Vives	121
3	Sky's Not Falling	Seville (Ger)	The Estate of R. Larry Johnson and R. D. M. Racing Stable	Trombetta	Samuel	121
4	Kehoe Beach 🌿	Omaha Beach	Thomas W. Bachman	Ward	Velazquez	119
5	Lucky Score 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	Barber, Gary, Pantofel Stable LLC and Wachtel Stable	Casse	Civaci	121
6	Piper's Factor	The Factor	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Vassilieva	Husbands	122
7	Twin City	Klimt	McLellan, Brent, McLellan, Russell, McLellan, Roy E. and Simon, Stuart C.	Simon	Campos	121
8	Cruden Bay	Big Screen	Michael Lay	MacRae	Aebly	124
9	Crumlin Lad 🌿	Sharp Azteca	Alexander P. Patykewich	Patykewich	Vandermeersch	121
10	I'm A Gambler (Ire)	No Nay Never	Red Baron's Barn LLC	Attard	Moran	121

**Breeders:** 1-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc. & Peter A.Berglar Racing Interests, LLC., 2-Craig L. Wheeler, 3-R. Larry Johnson, 4-John Bates, Ron Kirk & Michael Riordan, 5-James Everatt, Janeane Everatt & ArikaEveratt-Meeuse, 6-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 7-Frank DiGiulio Jr., 8-Spring Farm, 9-Sarahsponda Racing, 10-Fullbury Ltd

The two favorites in this race are **Northern Invader (Collected)** and **Kehoe Beach (Omaha Beach)**, both of which are need-the-lead types. Could be a pace meltdown, so let's see if we can find a live closer. The horse that best fits that bill is **I'm A Gambler (Ire) (No Nay Never)**, who closed sharply in a June 22 allowance to finish a close third. Worth a play at 10-1 in morning line. **Cruden Bay (Big Screen)** won this race last year and hasn't run in 11 months, but could be a factor if ready. Kehoe Beach is probably the best horse in the race. Let's see if John Velazquez can figure out a way to get him a good trip. --Bill Finley



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### 7th-SAR, 100K, Msw, 2yo, 6f, 3:54 p.m.

The most expensive member of Yaupon's heralded first crop, **STRADALE** was a \$1,300,000 OBS April grad for Kaleem Shah's KSI after matching the sale's fastest furlong breeze time of :9 4/5 (see Summer Breezes) from the consignment of de Meric Sales, who purchased him initially as a yearling for \$285,000 at FTKJUL. He is the first foal out of Twitterpated (Stormy Atlantic), a mare who is a full-sister to GI Matriarch Stakes winner Stormy Lucy. Steve Asmussen trains this firster who comes in on a steady diet of strong works.

Just to the outside, another pricey member of this Spendthrift stallion's first crop debuts in **Emphasis** (Yaupon) for Todd Pletcher. A \$625,000 Keeneland September grad for Repole Stable, the colt is out of GI Mother Goose Stakes runner up Connie and Michael who has already produced GSW Curly Jack (**Good Magic**) and MSP Fannie and Freddie (Malibu Moon).

Drawn widest of the field, **Our Magical Moon** (**Good Magic**) is a Live Oak Plantation runner for Mark Casse who sold for \$500,000 at FTSAUG last year. He's a half-brother to GSW Dixie Serenade (Uptowncharlybrown) who has already produced a stakes winner in Dixieland Belle (More Than Ready). **TJICIS PPS**

### 3rd-ELP, 100K, Msw, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:48 p.m.

Saturday at Ellis Park features **Roguishness** (Into Mischief), a \$560,000 KEESEP grad for Cherie DeVaux. First dam Daisy, who won the GIII Tempted Stakes, has also produced MSW Botanical (**Medaglia d'Oro**).

He draws inside of **Wicked Gun** (**Gun Runner**) who brought \$550,000 at OBS April for Winchell Thoroughbreds. He's out of a stakes-winning full-sister to GSW/GISP Money'soncharlotte (Mizzen Mast). **TJICIS PPS**

### 2nd-MTH, 52.5K, Msw, 3yo/up, f, 6f, 12:27 p.m.

Repole Stable and Todd Pletcher will ship **Noticeable** (**Curlin**) down from Saratoga to Monmouth. This \$650,000 KEESEP grad is a daughter of MGSW Tiger Moth (**Street Sense**). **TJICIS PPS**

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## SUMMER BREEZES:

Connections Hopeful Yaupon Colt Is An 'Alfa' Male



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 Saturday at Saratoga, Ellis Park and Del Mar. Information compiled by Alan Carasso:

### Saturday, July 19, 2025

#### Saratoga 1, \$90k, 2yo, f, (S), 5 1/2f, 12:35 p.m.

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price (\$)	Breeze
Atenea ( <b>Beau Liam</b> )	OBSAPR	50,000	:10 1/5

C-Little Farm Equine, agent; B-Pro Racing Stable LLC

#### Ellis 3, \$100k, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:48 p.m.

Land of the Free ( <b>Girvin</b> )	OBSAPR	250,000	:10
Wicked Gun ( <b>Gun Runner</b> )	OBSAPR	550,000	:10 1/5

C-Wavertree Stables Inc (C Dunne), agt; B-Sport of Kings  
C-Paul Sharp, agent; B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC

Summer Breezes cont.

**Saratoga 7, \$100k, 2yo, 6f, 3:54 p.m.**

**S S Quality (Essential Quality) OBSAPR 150,000 :10**

*C-Mayberry Farm, agent; B-Diriyah Bloodstock*

**Stradale (Yaupon) OBSAPR 1,300,000 :9 4/5**

*C-de Meric Sales, agent; B-K S I*



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**Del Mar 1, \$100k, 2yo, f, (S), 5f, 5:00 p.m**

**Violets Song (Violence) OBSAPR 75,000 :21 1/5**

*C-Pick View LLC, agent; B-Jet Horse LLC, Peter Miller, agent*

**Del Mar 6, \$100k, 2yo, f, 5f, 7:30 p.m.**

**Dats Ms. Blame (Blame) FTMMAY 145,000 G**

*C-Niall Brennan Stables, agent; B-Dat Racing Stable*

**Thank You India (Practical Joke) OBSAPR 140,000 :10**

*C-Niall Brennan Stables, agent; B-California Here We Come*

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**CAESARS SPORTSBOOK OCEANSIDE S., \$102,500, Del Mar, 7-18, (C), 3yo, 1mT, 1:36.32, fm.**

1--**GAME WARRIOR, 120, c, 3, by Game Winner**

1st Dam: Le Mi Geaux (GSW, \$171,390), by **First Samurai**

2nd Dam: Message Red, by Cryptoclearance

3rd Dam: Redeye Rain, by Instrument Landing

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (\$52,000 Ylg '23 KESEEP; \$200,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR). O-Jethorse LLC; B-George W Ruggiero (KY);

T-Peter Miller; J-Hector Isaac Berrios. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-2, \$159,075.

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2--**Iron Man Cal, 124, c, 3, Collected**--Joyful Dreams, by Kitten's Joy. (\$130,000 Ylg '23 KESEEP). O-Little Red Feather Racing & Madaket Stables LLC; B-Brereton C Jones (KY); T-Philip D'Amato. \$20,000.

3--**Lyle The Crocodile (Ire), 120, g, 3, Inns of Court (Ire)**--Miriam's Song (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). **1ST BLACK-TYPE.** (€4,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR2). O-CYBT, McLean Racing Stables, Michael Nentwig, Ray Pagano & Jeremy Peskoff; B-Jerry Murphy (IRE); T-Philip D'Amato. \$12,000.

Margins: HF, NK, HD. Odds: 19.30, 0.50, 10.10.

Also Ran: Artistas, Cali Cat, Day and Age, Incanto (Ire), Kale's Angel, Bodi Zafa, Mala.

The recipient of a textbook, ground-saving ride from Hector Berrios, Game Warrior threaded the needle in the stretch and outbattled an unlucky Iron Man Cal to the line in the traditional opening-day feature of the Del Mar summer meeting, the restricted Oceanside Stakes.

Equipped with the blinkers that were removed for the first time in his career when a closing third to Day and Age (Omaha Beach) as the tepid favorite in a one-mile Santa Anita allowance on June 13, the dark bay colt was allowed to find his footing and settled in the latter third of the field, a spot or two ahead of odds-on Iron Man Cal, who was ridden cold one from the tail after stumbling very badly from gate three. **Cont. p3**



Game Warrior | Benoit photo

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Traveling nicely into the final three furlongs, Game Warrior pinched ground at the fence and moved into striking position before taking a narrow gap between pacesetter Kale's Angel (**Complexity**) and Cali Cat (**American Pharoah**) in upper stretch. In the meantime, Iron Man Cal went for a run up the fence and was more or less on even terms with the eventual winner in the final 50 yards before just being outgamed. Lyle the Crocodile was also off to a slow beginning, but rallied down the center for a slice.

A maiden winner in six trips to the races last season, Game Warrior belied odds of 34-1 to complete the exacta in the Feb. 16 Baffle Stakes down the hillside turf course ahead of a fourth in the Mar. 22 Rushaway Stakes over the Turfway synthetic. The \$52,000 KESEEP yearling turned \$200,000 OBSMAR breezer was fourth and not beaten far in the Cinema Stakes at Santa Anita May 11 prior to the aforementioned allowance.

The fourth stakes winner for his Lane's End-based sire, Game Warrior hails from the female family of Lady Samuri (**First Samurai**), the SW & GSP dam of treble graded-stakes winner Last Samurai (Malibu Moon) and SW Candy Raid (**Candy Ride {Arg}**). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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**JERSEY SHORE S.**, \$95,000, Monmouth, 7-18, 3yo, 6f, 1:09.51, ft.

1--**NEOEQUOS**, 116, c, 3, by **Neolithic**

**1st Dam: Bold Birdie (SP, \$128,971), by Birdstone**

**2nd Dam: On the Podium, by Bold Executive**

**3rd Dam: Silver and Bronze, by Silver Deputy** (\$22,000 Ylg '23 OBSOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-C Two Racing Stable, Ian Parsard, Shining Stables LLC, Stefania Farms LLC, Ken T. Reimer, Paul Braverman and Timothy Pinch; B-Helen Barbazon, Joseph Barbazon & Matalona Thoroughbreds, LLC (FL); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.; J-Samuel Marin. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 10-3-2-2, \$354,050.

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2--**Donut God**, 117, c, 3, Into Mischief--Sweet Kisses, by Carpe Diem. (\$250,000 Wlg '22 FTKNOV; \$400,000 Ylg '23 KESEEP). O-Flying Dutchmen Breeding and Racing LLC; B-Aaron & Marie Jones LLC (KY); T-Brian A. Lynch. \$20,000.

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3--**Fire Pit**, 116, c, 3, **Cairo Prince**--True Martha, by Creative Cause. (\$13,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$35,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR).

**1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Travin Stables; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Guadalupe Preciado. \$10,000.

Margins: 3 3/4, 7 1/4, 2HF. Odds: 0.30, 1.70, 9.30.

Also Ran: Persisten. Scratched: Gunmetal, Pedro Nunes.

A pair of scratches turned the Jersey Shore Stakes into a four-horse race and heavy favorite Neoequos did not disappoint his supporters as the colt sealed the deal at Monmouth Park on Friday.

Running through a good part of the Florida Series at Gulfstream Park this spring, Neoequos was third behind Sovereignty (Into Mischief) in the GII Coolmore Fountain of Youth Stakes and made the podium when Tappan Street (Into Mischief) took the GI **Curlin** Florida Derby. In the GI Kentucky Derby May 3 and the GI Woody Stephens at Saratoga June 7 the 3-year-old was outfinished, but he gained valuable experience moving forward.



**Neoequos** | Bill Denver/Equi-Photo

Slammed at the windows to the tune of 30 cents on the dollar here, Neoequos took on a longshot up the backstretch and put away his rival around the far turn. Spinning into the lane, the Saffie Joseph trainee could not be caught by Donut God who tried valiantly to run down the leader to no avail.

“One turn is probably what he wants to do,” said trainer Saffie Joseph. “He’ll probably go as far as a mile. I’m just happy to get the horse his first stakes win and I thought he did it the right way. Donut God made a run at us at the top of the stretch and it looked like he might get us. But Samuel Marin knew he had horse and when he asked him to go he really responded and finished well.

“He’s lost twice to Sovereignty, so when you look back I’m more gratified the way he was running then,” he said. “We talked to the ownership group and decided to take a step back and run him in an easier spot and then go back up again. So things worked out perfectly in this race.”

The winner's dam is responsible for a yearling filly by Mutasaabeg, which was her last registered foal on record. Bold Birdie is a half-sister to SW Quality Lass (Exclusive Quality) and

her extended female family includes MSW Double Malt (Whiskey Wisdom).

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**HOOVER S.**, \$75,000, Belterra, 7-18, (S), 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.88, gd. 1--**NO MORE CENTS, 116, c, 2, Goldencents--Kajawa, by Cross Traffic.** (\$35,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Shamrock Stables LLC; B-T/C Stable, LLC (OH); T-Kenneth G. McPeek; J-Declan Cannon. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$45,000.

**LEGACY Bloodstock SALES GRAD**

2--**Crown the Buckeye**, 116, c, 2, Yaupon--Feisty Tomboy, by Unbridled's Song. (\$225,000 Ylg '24 KESEEP; \$250,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Paradise Farms Corp., David Staudacher and Hooties Racing LLC; B-Pick View LLC, Paul W. Schaffer & William D. Pickerrell (OH); T-Michael J. Maker. \$15,000.

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3--**Moonlighter**, 116, g, 2, Gormley--Drillit, by Drill. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Robert M Gorham & Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham. \$7,500.

Margins: 2 1/4, 8HF, 3. Odds: 3.20, 1.10, 27.40.  
Also Ran: Mark My Words, Workstation, Run Bobby Run, Ultimate Destinatin. Scratched: Water Into Wine.



No More Cents | Coady Media

No More Cents certainly sparkled late as the colt won the first race of his career in the Hoover Stakes at Belterra.

A 3-1 shot here, the 2-year-old set his sights on a pair of pacesetters which included favorite Crown the Buckeye up the backstretch. Steadily reeling in his opponent around the far turn, the gray collared the chalk in the final sixteenth and got the money.

The winner's dam claims yearling and weanling fillies both by **Dialed In**. No More Cents's extended female family includes SW Bear Holiday (Harlan's Holiday) and SW Classic Q (Classic Empire). Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).

**EDWARD P. EVANS S., (NB)** \$126,200, Colonial Downs, 7-18, (C), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:42.11, my.

1--**REPO ROCKS, 122, g, 7, Tapiture--Hawaiian Love, by Not For Love.** (\$35,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$70,000 Ylg '19 KESEEP).

O-Double B Racing Stables; B-Mrs. C Oliver Iselin (VA); T-Jamie Ness; J-Mychel J Sanchez. \$75,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW & GISP, 52-11-11-8, \$1,120,466.

**EATON SALES SOLD**

2--**King Covee**, 122, g, 5, Animal Kingdom--Regal Roma, by Regal Ransom. O-Haywood Hyman Jr & Kingdom Bloodstock Inc; B-Christopher Kuhn (VA); T-Phil Schoenthal. \$25,000.

3--**Sendero**, 122, g, 5, **City of Light**--Trishas Even, by Even the Score. (\$130,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$300,000 Ylg '21 KESEEP). O-Linda Sternberger; B-Knockgriffin Farm (VA); T-Juan C Sanchez. \$13,750.

Margins: 6HF, 13, 5HF. Odds: 0.60, 1.80, 8.70.

Also Ran: Buddy Buddy, Gettin'downonit, Reggae Man. Scratched: Street Hockey.

The clear class of a rained-off renewal of the Edward P. Evans Stakes, Repo Rocks snapped a 10-race skid with an authoritative success.

A veteran of 51 starts midway through his 7-year-old season, the Virginia-bred--winner of the GIII Toboggan Stakes and GIII Westchester Stakes and runner-up in the GI Carter Handicap in 2023--Repo Rocks was second to GII A. G. Vanderbilt Stakes favorite Book'em Danno (**Bucchero**) in a seven-furlong handicap in Marchand was exiting a sixth to Vanderbilt contender Baby Yoda (Prospective) in Aqueduct allowance company June 13.

Off to a clean start, the dark bay was content to sit just off the pace through the opening exchanges, but he was sent into the lead midway up the backstretch and the race was over for all intents and purposes. Cruising in hand into the final three furlongs, he was given a right-handed reminder approaching the final eighth of a mile and proved much the best.

Repo Rocks has an unraced 3-year-old half-brother named Hawaiian Express (Exhi) and a yearling half-brother Surf Scene (Baladeen), both bred in Arkansas. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).



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**9th-Saratoga, \$110,000, Alw (NW1\$X), Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 7-18, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.32, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.**

**SIMULATE (c, 3, Kitten's Joy--Camou, by War Front)** an even sixth on six-furlong debut at Aqueduct last June, graduated in tough, front-running fashion over course and distance last July 27 and hit the shelf. Given a soft reintroduction to the races in Delaware allowance company June 14, the homebred finished well for fourth, but was lightly regarded at nearly 17-1 stepping back up in class second off the lengthy absence. First to break the line, Simulate came back nicely beneath Junior Alvarado to enjoy the run of the race from the box seat. Going extremely well nearing the stretch, Simulate was momentarily short of room once heads were turned for home, but was produced three off the inside, collared fellow longshot Thirteen Colonies (Hit It a Bomb) and strode powerfully clear to take it by an eye-catching 2 1/4 lengths.



**Simulate** | Sarah Andrew

Heavily favored Asbury Park (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) finished a never-nearer sixth. The \$1 exacta returned \$319.50 and with 15-1 Plensa (Caravaggio) in third, the 50-cent trifecta was worth \$1,290.50. Simulate's unraced dam is a daughter of MSP Greenery (Galileo {Ire}), the dam of Claiborne's Grade I-winning sire Lea (**First Samurai**) and SW Acre (**Blame**). The third dam produced Grassy (El Prado {Ire}), a dual graded winner over turf marathon trips as well as GSW/G1SP Lady In Waiting (GB) (Kylian). Camou is also the dam of the 2-year-old filly Chidera (Catholic Boy) and a **Cairo Prince** filly born Feb. 9. Lifetime

Record: 4-2-0-0, \$119,475. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Claiborne Farm & Adele B Dilschneider (KY); T-W I Mott.



**2nd-Saratoga, \$100,000, (S), Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 7-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.12, fm, 3 lengths.**

**SHOOT IT TRUE (f, 3, Munnings--To the Moon Alice, by Malibu Moon)** became a 'TDN Rising Star' when she debuted at Keeneland on the main track for Wesley Ward last April. Fourth against the boys at Churchill in the Kentucky Juvenile Stakes last May, she took some time off before returning in New York to win the state-bred Notebook Stakes in her final start as a juvenile. Off again for several months, Ward brought his 'Rising Star' back to Keeneland for her 3-year-old unveiling in April where she ran a disappointing sixth after fading from the lead going 6 1/2 furlongs.



**Shoot It True** | Sarah Andrew

On the cutback Friday and making her turf debut off a near-bullet drill on the grass training track July 4, Shoot It True showed a new dimension in rating back under a confident Frankie Dettori who got his filly to settle mid pack into the far turn. Once in open air for the stretch, Dettori gave a look each direction and Shoot It True showed off an impressive turn of foot to come away with a geared-down three-length win. To the Moon Alice saw her New York-bred son of **Street Sense** bring \$120,000 at SARAUG last year and she reported a colt by **Gunite** this season. Sales History: \$340,000 Ylg '23 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: SW, 5-3-0-0, \$152,511. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Ice Wine Stable and Smart Choice Stable; B-Old Tavern Farm LLC (NY); T-Wesley A. Ward.



**7th-Delaware, \$45,150, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 7-18, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.03, ft, head.**

**CYBERTIME (g, 5, Not This Time--First Mistress, by First Dude),** off as the 4-5 favorite, made it six straight wins with this narrow, wire-to-wire tally. He entered off a local, first-level allowance win June 19. Lifetime Record: 11-8-0-1, \$169,937. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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**4th-Saratoga, \$100,000, Msw, 7-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT, 2:15.83, fm, 4 lengths.**

**SPEED SHOPPER (f, 4, Quality Road--Fast Retailing, by Malibu Moon)** drew in off the also-eligible list for her first start in New York having hit the board in both starts this season in Kentucky for trainer Will Walden. Having made four straight efforts going a mile, the 8-1 shot stretched out for the first time and enjoyed a nice trip under cover from mid pack as Inesperee (Flintshire {GB}) handled the tempo. Cruising along in sixth, Speed Shopper tipped out, picked up the bridle into the far turn and went clear into the final sixteenth to score by four lengths over Abundant Love (Kitten's Joy). Fast Retailing, who was a seven-figure yearling turned \$50,000 KEEJAN 2025 grad in foal to **Elite Power**, is a half-sister to GISW Power Broker (Pulpit) and to the dam of MGISW and young sire **Seize the Grey** (Arrogate). Speed Shopper has a 2-year-old Omaha Beach half-brother, a yearling **Jack Christopher** half-sister and the aforementioned **Elite Power** filly born this year. Sales History: \$430,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$95,000 RNA 3yo '24 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$90,518. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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Speed Shopper | Sarah Andrew

**6th-Saratoga, \$90,000, (S), Msw, 7-18, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:06.47, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.**

**ROCK IT ROB (c, 2, Maxfield--Miss Vigilance, by War Pass)** got the better of an early pace duel with favored Cerro Rico (Yaupon), put that one away in upper stretch and kicked on nicely to become the fourth individual winner for his first-crop sire (by **Street Sense**) Friday afternoon at Saratoga. Bet into 19-10 from a 4-1 morning line, the \$95,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga New York-Bred yearling was hustled away from gate four by Jose Ortiz and flashed slightly more pace through than his chief market rival through an opening couple of furlongs in :22.15 as they put a big space on the rest of their rivals rounding the turn. Asserting his superiority in upper stretch, the March foal pinched a winning break into the final eighth of a mile and reported home 2 3/4 lengths to the good of longshot Sunday Boy (**Central Banker**), who finished with interest and galloped out past the winner. Rock It Rob is one of seven winners from a 100% producing half-sister to the Rick Violette, Jr.-trained Grade I winner Man From Wicklow (Turkoman) and four-time graded winner Wild Heart Dancing (Farma Way). Miss Vigilance changed hands for \$7,000 at Keeneland November in 2023 and foaled a **Nashville** colt in Kentucky who recently sold for \$15,000 at the Fasig-Tipton July Sale. The mare most recently visited By My Standards. Sales history: \$95,000 Ylg '24 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-CJ Stables; B-Joe Fafone (NY); T-Steven M Asmussen.

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Rock It Rob | Sarah Andrew

**5th-Saratoga, \$90,000, (S), Msw, 7-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:02.54, fm, 1/2 length.**

**OLIVIA'S GRACE (f, 3, Solomini--Gananoque, by Bernardini)** began her career with a pair of second-place finishes, including over the Saratoga lawn last out June 4. The 9-5 choice chased in fifth through fractions of :21.76 and :45.20, ranged up four deep at the top of the stretch and kicked on nicely to graduate by a half-length. Gananoque produced full brothers to the winner in 2023 and 2024. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$83,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Phillip M. & Gregory M. Sacco, Wayne R. Baran & Jeffrey Jalonack; B-Cedar Meadow, Inc. (NY); T-Melanie Giddings.



Olivia's Grace | Sarah Andrew



**5th-Del Mar, \$82,000, Msw, 7-18, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.85, ft, head.**

**VASA (g, 4, Preservationist--Limitless, by Discreet Cat)** was beaten eight lengths into fourth by Southern Gentleman (Mitole) on Santa Anita debut May 10, but nevertheless was awarded an 81 Beyer Speed Figure. The form of the race had been franked when runner-up Sierra Silver (**Game Winner**) paired up his 95 Beyer in graduating in Arcadia June 14, but the betting public went head-over-heels for first-timer Lannister (**Not This Time**), relegating Vasa to distant 11-2 distant second favoritism. Settled three off the fence and racing outside of the chalk down the backstretch, the \$85,000 KEENOV weanling turned \$280,000 KEESEP yearling began to draw closer to the leading pair midway on the turn. Widest into the lane, Vasa looked destined for a minor award, but he continued to gain on his incorrect lead with the wire looming and got his head across the line first. Lannister had run his race three furlongs out and checked in a well-beaten sixth at 4-5. Limitless, a daughter of Gll Adirondack Stakes heroine Position Limit (Bellamy Road), is represented by the juvenile filly Raaod (**Cairo Prince**), who was exported to Saudi Arabia after fetching \$15,000 at KEESEP last fall. The mare's most recent offspring is a **Cairo Prince** colt foaled Feb. 12 and she has since been covered by both the latter and by **Upstart**. Sales history: \$85,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$280,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$51,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Muir Hut Stables LLC; B-Bret Jones & Vernon Humbert (KY); T-Mark Glatt.



**6th-Colonial Downs, \$74,900, Msw, 7-18, 2yo, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:06, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.**

**LONGHI (c, 2, Caravaggio--Lovely Moment {Arg} {GSP-Arg}, by Equal Stripes {Arg})** was scheduled to make his debut on turf, but had no problem besting 10 other juveniles on the main track. The first-time starter was second to last and well off the speed heading into the far turn. Staying glued to the rail, the colt began to pick off rivals heading into the stretch, still with plenty of work to do. The 2-1 favorite continued to make up ground, grabbing the lead at the sixteenth pole and striding out to win by just under five lengths. Richeztoo (Shancelot) won the battle for second. Lovely Moment is a half-sister to Argentinian champion 3-year-old filly Balada Sale (Arg) (Not For Sale {Arg}), who is responsible for the GSW & G1SPs Satono Flag (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and MG1SP Satono Reinas (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). The winner's dam foaled a colt already named Farceur (**Practical Joke**) this season. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000.

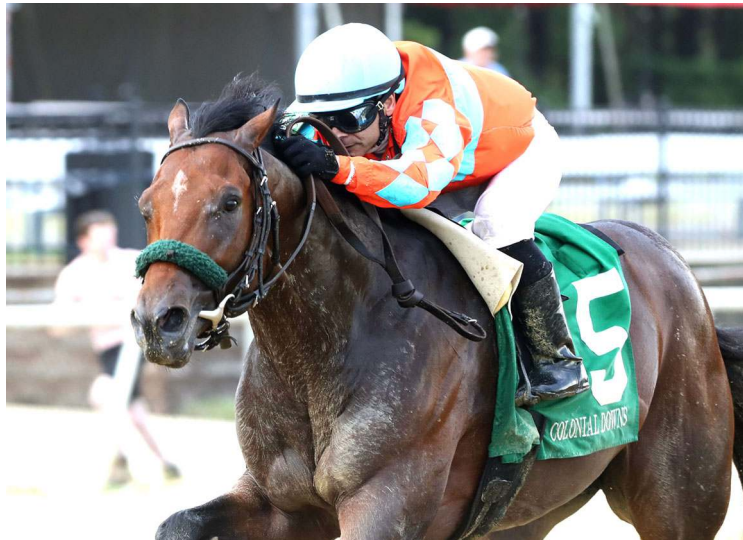
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O/B-Wertheimer Et Frere (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.



**3rd-Colonial Downs, \$73,600, Msw, 7-18, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:18.46, gd, 6 1/2 lengths.**

**CHANNEL THE MUSIC (c, 2, Maclean's Music--Empress Eleanor, by Empire Maker)** finished a closing third on debut over a muddy main track at Monmouth Park June 22. In career start number two, the colt broke alertly, settling just off the speed up the backstretch. Making steady progress around the far turn, the even-money favorite took command at the top of the stretch, kicking away from rivals when called on for his best. Runner-up American **Tapit (American Pharoah)** was clear of the rest, but only managed to finish within 6 1/2 lengths of the winner.



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Empress Eleanor is a half-sister to GIII Canadian Derby winner Abielinthislivin (Arrogate) and GSP Fully Living (Unbridled's Song), who produced GSW Ballet Dancing (**Medaglia d'Oro**) and MGSP Untreated (**Nyquist**). The colt's second dam Half A.P., herself a half-sister to Eclipse Award-winning 2-year-old filly Halfbridled (Unbridled), was purchased by Merriebelle Stable for \$450,000 in foal to **Candy Ride (Arg)** at the 2014 Keeneland November Sale. Bought back for \$67,000 at Keeneland November in 2023, Channel The Music made \$115,000 at KESEF last fall before hammering for \$200,000 after breezing an eighth of a mile in **:10 1/5** at this year's OBS March Sale. Empress Eleanor is also responsible for a yearling filly by **Practical Joke** and a colt by **Girvin** foaled Mar. 7. Sales History: \$67,000 RNA Wlg '23 KEENOV; \$115,000 Ylg '24 KESEF; \$200,000 2yo '25 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$47,250. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by

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O-Colts Neck Stables LLC; B-Merriebelle Stable LLC (KY); T-Jorge Duarte Jr.



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**3rd-Delaware, \$43,750, Msw, 7-18, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.76, ft, 6 3/4 lengths.**

**FRACK BABY (c, 3, Lord Nelson--Kodiak's Dancer, by Kodiak Kowboy)** made his two previous attempts versus auction-restricted maiden company at Oaklawn Park, including a well-beaten fifth going a mile last out Jan. 17. Favored at 6-5 to fire fresh off the bench here, he was slow to start and trailed the field of six in the early stages. He advanced into fourth through an opening quarter in :22.85, set his sights on the leader on the far turn and blasted off from there while hanging on his left lead down the stretch to graduate by 6 3/4 lengths. The winner's dam is also represented by the 2-year-old colt El Carbonero (Cloud Computing) and a yearling filly by Vino Rosso. Sales history: \$9,500 RNA Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$8,500 RNA Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$65,000 2yo '24 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$42,486. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by **FanDuel TV**.

O-Mag Racing LLC; B-Karen & Bernard King (KY); T-Greg Compton.

**4th-Delaware, \$42,750, Msw, 7-18, 2yo, f, 1m (off turf), 1:42.20, ft, nose.**

**DAKOTA CAM (f, 2, Ghostzapper--Clairvoyance, by Arch)** was well-beaten on debut at Monmouth June 1 before being installed as a 3-1 shot here. Forced to the main track and set to try two turns, the filly settled at the rear of the field into the first turn. Dakota Cam continued to chase the pace from the same position behind favorite Candy Moonshine (**Twirling Candy**) up the backstretch. With her three competitors edging away around the far turn, the 2-year-old mounted a charge along the rail entering the lane and got up to nail the chalk at the wire. The winner is the second and last registered foal for her dam. Clairvoyance, a \$450,000 buy for Steven W. Young at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Yearling Sale, is a half-sister to Tremont Stakes hero Dagnabit (Big Brown) and Irish group stakes winner Darwin (Big Brown). Sales History: \$12,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$27,700. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by **FanDuel TV**. O-Danny J. Chen; B-Bass Stables, LLC & Candy Meadows, LLC (KY); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez.



**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, JULY 19***2025 Stud Fees Listed***Beau Liam (Liam's Map)**, Airdrie Stud, \$6,000

114 foals of racing age/4 winners/2 black-type winners  
 1-Saratoga, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Atenea, 3-1  
 \$7,500 FTN MIX wnl; \$32,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$50,000 OBS  
 APR 2yo

**By My Standards (Goldencents)**, Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

64 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 3-Ellis, 1:48 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, La Norme de Jour, 15-1  
 3-Ellis, 1:48 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, The Standard, 3-1  
 \$200,000 FTK JUL yrl

**Chance It (Currency Swap)**, Willow Hill Equestrian, \$2,000

25 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 6-Gulfstream, 3:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Lady Chance, 5-1

**Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB})**, Lane's End Farm

59 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 3-Ellis, 1:48 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Nine Ball, 10-1  
 \$20,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Combatant (Scat Daddy)**, Rockridge Stud

43 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 4-Colonial Downs, 2:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Bitter Battle, 30-1  
 \$14,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl

**Essential Quality (Tapit)**, Darley, \$50,000

119 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 7-Saratoga, 3:54 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, S S Quality, 12-1  
 \$150,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Galawi (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire})**, Northview Stallion Station, \$2,000

18 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 4-Colonial Downs, 2:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Ginger Snap, 5-2

**Galilean (Uncle Mo)**, Questroyal North, \$3,500

34 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 1-Saratoga, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Blue Highway, 8-1

**Halladay (War Front)**, Harris Farms, \$7,500

45 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 4-Del Mar, 6:33 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Arkadelphia, 5-2  
 \$27,000 RNA NCA AU yrl

**Independence Hall (Constitution)**, WinStar Farm, \$7,500

121 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 1-Saratoga, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Victory Hall, 4-1  
 \$30,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$45,000 RNA OBS  
 APR 2yo

**Maxfield (Street Sense)**, Darley, \$40,000

116 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
 8-Del Mar, 8:33 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Max Ciao, 7-2  
 \$240,000 RNA FTC AYR yrl

**Rock Your World (Candy Ride {Arg})**, Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

145 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
 4-Colonial Downs, 2:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, War Beach, 30-1

**Silver State (Hard Spun)**, Claiborne Farm, \$10,000

126 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 4-Colonial Downs, 2:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Silver Juani, 30-1  
 \$42,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$30,000 RNA OBS  
 MAR 2yo; \$32,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

**Tacitus (Tapit)**, Taylor Made Farm, \$5,000

124 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 1-Saratoga, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Credit Risk, 8-1  
 \$30,000 FTN MIX wnl  
 6-Gulfstream, 3:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Why, 6-1  
 \$20,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$45,000 OBS OCT yrl

**Tap Back (Einstein {Brz})**, Barton Thoroughbreds, \$2,500

23 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 1-Del Mar, 5:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Let It Begin, 8-1  
 \$27,000 RNA FTC AYR yrl

**Yaupon (Uncle Mo)**, Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000

174 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner  
 7-Saratoga, 3:54 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Emphasis, 4-1  
 \$625,000 KEE SEP yrl  
 1-Del Mar, 5:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Mohaven, 5-2  
 \$200,000 FTC AYR yrl  
 7-Saratoga, 3:54 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Stradale, 3-1  
 \$285,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$1,300,000 OBS APR 2yo

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, JULY 19***2025 Stud Fees Listed*

**Authentic** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
295 foals of racing age/52 winners/4 black-type winners  
2-Monmouth, 12:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Always Authentic, 7-2  
\$180,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$150,000 EAS MAY 2yo; \$80,000 KEE JAN  
2yo

**Caracaro** (Uncle Mo), Crestwood Farm, \$10,000  
89 foals of racing age/16 winners/2 black-type winners  
9-Del Mar, 9:03 p.m. EDT, \$200K GII San Clemente H., 1mT,  
Casalu, 6-1  
\$775,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Complexity** (Maclean's Music), Airdrie Stud, \$25,000  
203 foals of racing age/52 winners/8 black-type winners  
2-Monmouth, 12:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Estefania Light, 5-1  
\$30,000 KEE SEP yrl  
6-Del Mar, 7:33 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Pride of Queens, 12-1  
\$50,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Country House** (Lookin At Lucky), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000  
54 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner  
4-Century Mile, 8:15 p.m. EDT, \$50K Sonoma S., 1m, Kitty  
House, 3-1 \$1,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

**Honor A. P.** (Honor Code), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000  
131 foals of racing age/31 winners/5 black-type winners  
7-Century Mile, 9:45 p.m. EDT, \$50K Count Lathum S., 1 1/16m,  
Dancing Porky, 4-1 \$6,000 FTC AYR yrl

**Instagrand** (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$8,000  
229 foals of racing age/64 winners/2 black-type winners  
4-Century Mile, 8:15 p.m. EDT, \$50K Sonoma S., 1m, No  
Rejoyce, 9-2 \$5,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Joevia** (Shanghai Bobby), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds  
33 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-Monmouth, 12:54 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16mT, J. Belkin, 12-1  
2-Monmouth, 12:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Katie King, 8-1

**McKinzie** (Street Sense), Gainesway Farm, \$75,000  
301 foals of racing age/41 winners/6 black-type winners  
10-Saratoga, 5:38 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Coaching Club American  
Oaks Invitational S., 1 1/8m, Scottish Lassie, 9-2  
\$50,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$85,000 OBS MAR 2yo  
6-Gulfstream, 3:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Tessellate, 2-1  
\$170,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Seeking the Soul** (Perfect Soul {Ire}), Ocala Stud  
42 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Century Mile, 8:15 p.m. EDT, \$50K Sonoma S., 1m, Holy Belle,  
8-1 \$16,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Timeline** (Hard Spun), Iowa State University Horse Farm  
32 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
9-Prairie Meadows, 10:26 p.m. EDT, \$70K Iowa Stallion S., 1m,  
Quietline, 15-1

**Tiz the Law** (Constitution), Coolmore Ashford, \$30,000  
248 foals of racing age/49 winners/6 black-type winners  
6-Del Mar, 7:33 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Cherry Cider, 5-2  
\$180,000 KEE SEP yrl  
3-Ellis, 1:48 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Mumdoggie, 8-1  
\$65,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$200,000 KEE SEP yrl  
9-Del Mar, 9:03 p.m. EDT, \$200K GII San Clemente H., 1mT,  
Silent Law, 10-1  
\$80,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$190,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; \$400,000 OBS  
OPN 2yo

**Vekoma** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000  
288 foals of racing age/89 winners/12 black-type winners  
12-Monmouth, 5:45 p.m. EDT, \$1000K GI NYRA Bets Haskell S.,  
1 1/8m, Bracket Buster, 10-1  
\$160,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$125,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Volatile** (Violence), Three Chimneys Farm, \$12,500  
233 foals of racing age/50 winners/3 black-type winners  
3-Del Mar, 6:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, About Last Night, 20-1  
\$140,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$200,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$20,000 OBS APR  
2yo

**War of Will** (War Front), Claiborne Farm, \$15,000  
204 foals of racing age/36 winners/1 black-type winner  
9-Del Mar, 9:03 p.m. EDT, \$200K GII San Clemente H., 1mT, Will  
Then, 4-1





**STAKES RESULTS:**

**JIM MORGAN MEMORIAL TAH DAH S.**, \$75,000, Belterra, 7-18, (S), 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.21, wf.

1--**KONTIKI, 118, f, 2, Midshipman--Hula Skirt, by Dixie Union.** (\$170,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Stonestreet Stables LLC; B-Smokin C LLC (OH); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Fernando De La Cruz. \$46,500. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$66,453. \*1/2 to Generous Lover (Bolt d'Oro), SW, \$358,470.

**LEGACY Bloodstock SALES GRAD**  
Half brother sells at KEESEP

2--**Dynamic Vision, 118, f, 2, Dynamic Racer--Fone Yourself, by Mister Phone (Arg).** (\$2,000 Wlg '23 OTBOMX). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Nana's Nest, Robert C. Cline and Bryan Metz; B-White Farms, LLC (OH); T-Robert C. Cline. \$15,000.

3--**Miss Elektra, 118, f, 2, Jimmy Creed--Force of Passion, by Limehouse.** (\$9,500 Ylg '24 FTDJUN). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Jason DaCosta and Stacey Ondercin; B-Emcee Stables LLC (OH); T-Jason DaCosta. \$7,500.

**LEGACY Bloodstock SALES GRAD**

Margins: 7 3/4, 1HF, 7HF. Odds: 1.10, 6.20, 2.70.

**VIVACIOUS S.**, \$75,000, Belterra, 7-18, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46.37, gd.

1--**GENEROUS LOVER, 125, m, 5, Bolt d'Oro--Hula Skirt, by Dixie Union.** (\$95,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$175,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR; \$70,000 RNA 4yo '24 KEEAPR). O-Carl R. Moore Management LLC; B-Smokin C LLC (OH); T-Joe Sharp; J-Luis Raul Rivera. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 16-7-3-2, \$403,470.

**SBM (Susan Montanye) Graduate**

**LEGACY 1/2 bro by Omaha Beach selling at KeeSep**

2--**Here's the Spider, 125, f, 4, Tapiture--Richmond Spider, by Union Rags.** O-Jack Cannon; B-Susan K. King (OH); T-Edward Fernandez. \$15,000.

3--**Lionistic, 125, m, 6, Animal Kingdom--Race Lady, by Bernardini.** O-Annechino Racing, LLC; B-Raimonde Farms LTD (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. \$7,500.

Margins: 1 3/4, 2 3/4, 2 3/4. Odds: 0.40, 2.80, 14.50.

**PUNCH LINE S.**, (NB) \$125,000, Colonial Downs, 7-18, (C), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:03.69, ft.

1--**SHOWSTOPPER COPPER, 122, g, 4, Air Force Blue--Santin's Anna, by Concord Point.** O-William K. Dove II; B-Carlos & Gillian Gordon-Moore (VA); T-Thomas H. Lingenfelter; J-Ben

Curtis. \$75,000. Lifetime Record: 9-5-0-1, \$165,800. \*1/2 to Canoso (Fed Biz), MGSW-Per.

2--**Stormy Flight, 118, g, 3, Get Stormy--Suburb, by City Zip.** (\$20,000 Ylg '23 EASOCT). O-Mens Grille Racing; B-Morgan's Ford Farm (VA); T-Hamilton A. Smith. \$25,000.

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3--**Embolden, 122, g, 8, The Factor--Silver Heart, by Lion Hearted.** (\$27,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$95,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR). O-R. Larry Johnson and Bruce F. Quade; B-Nancy L Terhune & Ernest Frohboese (VA); T-Michael J. Trombetta. \$13,750.

**WOODS EDGE FARM GRADUATE**

Margins: 5, 4 1/4, 1. Odds: 0.50, 2.20, 5.60.

**HORIZON S.**, (NB) \$75,000, Belterra, 7-18, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:48.01, gd.

1--**RONNIS SECOND WIND, 116, g, 3, Indy Wind--Ronni's Secret, by Sun King.** O-Nana's Nest, Robert C. Cline, and Bryan Metz; B-Frank Ballard (OH); T-Robert C. Cline; J-Victor R. Fernandez. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: SP, 11-3-3-0, \$119,016.

2--**Just Like Rambo, 122, g, 3, Kiss the Ghost--Uknowi'mbusy, by Concord Point.** O-Smith Red Gate Farm LLC; B-Hal Snowden Jr. & Cathy H. Comley (OH); T-Larry E. Smith. \$15,000.

3--**Parlay, 122, f, 3, National Flag--Miss Emma Maria, by Tiznow.** O/B-WinBlaze, LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm. \$7,500. Margins: 4 1/4, NK, 11HF. Odds: 8.90, 1.80, 0.90.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-Saratoga, \$120,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 7-18, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.21, fm, neck.**

**BIG EVEREST (GB) (g, 7, The Gurkha {Ire}--Long Face {GSP, \$161,690}, by Whywhywhy)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 23-10-2-3, \$728,750. O-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Steven Rocco and William Branch; B-Newsells Park Stud (GB); T-Miguel Clement. \*47,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; 72,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TATOCT; £260,000 2yo '20 GOFARQ.

**6th-Del Mar, \$84,500, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 7-18, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.75, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.**

**GENIUS JIMMY (g, 5, Jimmy Creed--Ms Giavonna, by Medaglia d'Oro)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-0, \$201,920. O-Pappas Horse Racing Corp, Colin Gala, Joseph Jaconi & William Strauss; B-Deann Baer & Greg Baer DVM (KY); T-Michael W McCarthy. \*\$10,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

**4th-Del Mar, \$84,000, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 7-18, 3yo/up, 5ft, :56.88, fm, neck.**

**TEJON PASS (c, 4, Justify--Foxysox {GB} {MGSW & GISP, \$715,118}, by Foxhound)** Lifetime Record: GSP, 11-2-1-1, \$171,180. O/B-Williamson Racing LLC (KY); T-Peter Miller. \*1/2 to Curlin's Fox (Curlin), MSW, \$224,728.

**3rd-Saratoga, \$75,000, Str.**, 7-18, (C), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:52.51, ft, head.

**HOULTON (c, 4, American Pharoah--Kathryn the Wise {MSW, \$375,250}, by Uncle Mo)** Lifetime Record: 17-3-4-1, \$174,399. O-Gatsas Stables, Richard E. Dutrow, Jr. and Robert Liedel; B-Lawrence Goichman (KY); T-Richard E. Dutrow, Jr.

**8th-Colonial Downs, \$70,800**, 7-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:03.79, ft, 2 lengths.

**PROUD DIVI (f, 4, Divisidero--Proud and Fearless {GSP, \$184,970}, by Proud Citizen)** Lifetime Record: 15-4-3-2, \$149,677. O-Morris E Kernan Jr, Yo Berbs & Jagger Inc; B-Brereton C Jones (KY); T-Jamie Ness.

**7th-Monmouth, \$69,434**, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 7-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.03, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**JEWEL OF THE OCEAN (f, 3, Sea Wizard--Debonair Darling {MSP, \$193,020}, by Formal Dinner)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$107,500. O-Prancing Horse Farm, LLC; B-Colonial Farms (NJ); T-Chuck Spina.

**8th-Monmouth, \$62,300**, 7-18, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.83, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

**BINGO'S BIRKIN (f, 4, Sea Wizard--Future Story, by Tale of the Cat)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$143,730. O-Gerardo Franco; B-Colonial Farms (NJ); T-Jose Lozano Sanchez.

**4th-Prairie Meadows, \$52,416**, (S), 7-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, time: n/a, ft, 2 lengths.

**QUIET I'M NOT (f, 4, Flat Out--Elegantly Quiet, by Quiet American)** Lifetime Record: SP, 14-3-6-2, \$164,821. O-Lynn Chleborad, Ted Griffieon & Poindexter Thoroughbreds LLC; B-H Allen Poindexter (IA); T-Lynn Chleborad. \*\$20,000 Ylg '22 IOWOCT.

**7th-Gulfstream, \$42,100**, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 7-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.13, ft, 1 length.

**DEFENDED (m, 5, Khozan--Crowninshield, by Aldebaran)** Lifetime Record: 25-5-8-2, \$174,430. O-Rad Racing Stables LLC; B-Brent & Crystal Fernung (FL); T-Jose Garoffalo. \*\$20,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT.

**3rd-Penn National, \$40,250**, 7-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:38.49, ft, head.

**REIGERT GIRLS (f, 4, Warrior's Reward--Reigert, by Into Mischief)** Lifetime Record: 17-3-4-2, \$115,629. O/B-Warrior's Reward LLC (PA); T-Brandon L Kulp.

**6th-Penn National, \$39,000**, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 7-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:08.84, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

**BACK FORTY (f, 4, Paynter--Raging Smoke {MSW, \$422,282}, by More Smoke)** Lifetime Record: SP, 17-5-5-3, \$187,031. O/B-Harry Nye (PA); T-Michael W Salvaggio Jr.

**6th-Penn National, \$39,000**, (S), 7-17, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.70, ft, 3/4 length.

**COME PRIMA (g, 3, Well Spelled--My Sonata, by Noble Causeway)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-3, \$63,688. O-Red Barn Farm LLC; B-Godstonefarm LLC (PA); T-T Bernard Houghton. \*1/2 to Market Maven (Super Ninety Nine), MSP, \$298,305.

**4th-Penn National, \$39,000**, (S), 7-18, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:37.98, ft, 1 length.

**TACTICAL HUMOR (g, 4, Command Post--Isabella Swift, by Weigelia)** Lifetime Record: 24-4-4-6, \$101,172. O-Flat Out Racing; B-Wynoaks Farm LLC (PA); T-Brandon L Kulp.

**2nd-Penn National, \$36,750**, 7-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:41.47, ft, 5 lengths.

**MELT WITH YOU (g, 4, Upstart--Mommo, by Speightstown)** Lifetime Record: 20-5-2-2, \$132,014. O-Madison Avenue Racing Stable, Inc., Morris E. Kernan, Jr. and Jagger, Inc.; B-Shawhan Place LLC (KY); T-Jamie Ness. \*\$155,000 Ylg '22 FTKJUL; \$45,000 2yo '23 EASMAY; \$22,000 4yo '25 FTDMAR.

**7th-Charles Town, \$31,700**, 7-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.04, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**JESTER'S SONG (g, 6, Maclean's Music--Queen Victoria, by Flatter)** Lifetime Record: 27-4-4-6, \$207,116. O-Richard Burnsworth; B-Dragon Slayer Stable (KY); T-Anthony Farrior. \*1/2 to Castle Chaos (Palace Malice), MGSP, \$519,957.

**6th-Belterra, \$26,200**, (S), 7-18, (C), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.52, gd, neck.

**EMPIRE'S FIRE (g, 6, Empire Way--Victoria's On Fire, by Langfuhr)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 25-15-3-1, \$494,064. O-Douglas J. Diemer; B-Loner Farms, LLC (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich.

**7th-Fair Meadows, \$21,120**, (S), 7-17, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:21.68, ft, 12 1/4 lengths.

**MUCHO MIA (m, 6, Mucho Macho Man--Misty Miranda, by Road Ruler)** Lifetime Record: 20-2-3-5, \$84,202. O/B-P&S Racing Stables LLC (OK); T-Mike Abney.

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**Blames Honey**, f, 2, **Blame**--Honey Chile (MGSP-USA, GSP-Can, \$344,924), by Invisible Ink. Charles Town, 7-17, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.21. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,192. B-James F Miller (WV). \*1/2 to Mendys Honey (**Mendelssohn**), SP, \$230,862; and Honeyquist (**Nyquist**), MSP, \$258,650. \*\*1ST-TIME STR.

**Thirst for Hope**, f, 2, **Hoppertunity**--Thirst for Diamond, by Stay Thirsty. Colonial Downs, 7-18, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.57. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$36,600. B-Paul & Rosemarie Neiber (MD).

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**Tricks R for Juba**, g, 2, **Juba**--Tricky Windsor (MSP), by Windsor Castle. Charles Town, 7-18, (S), 4 1/2f, time: n/a. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,360. B-Caseys Legacy LLC (WV). \*Full to Juba's Hat Trick, SW, \$208,093. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Lino's Angel**, f, 2, **Uncle Lino**--Endless Thirst, by Stay Thirsty. Del Mar, 7-18, (S), 5f, :58.84. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$50,700. B-Edwin G Alvarez (CA).

**The Wicked Cat**, g, 3, **Bobby's Wicked One**--Grandma's Rules (MSW, \$210,354), by Orientate. Evangeline Downs, 7-17, (S), 5f (off turf), :58.94. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-2, \$33,580. B-Michael Jody Leger (LA). \*\$24,000 Ylg '23 WANJUL.

**Frosted Bull**, g, 3, **Frosted**--Cypriana, by Bodemeister. Monmouth, 7-18, 6f, 1:12.55. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$51,450. B-John D. Stuart (KY). \*\$25,000 RNA Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$29,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '24 OBSOPN.

**Artistic Success**, f, 4, **Freud**--Alma Llanera, by Distorted Humor. Saratoga, 7-18, (S), (WC), 1mT, 1:35.91. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$46,315. B-Teneri Farms Inc (NY). \*\$50,000 Wlg '21 FTNMIX.

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**Harper Briana**, m, 5, **Soul of Ekati**--Aundreya, by Summer Cloud. Hawthorne, 7-17, (S), 5 1/2fT, 1:06.44. Lifetime Record: 27-1-5-6, \$54,491. B-Hugh & Joe Scates (IL).

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**American Pharoah**, Houlton, c, 4, o/o Kathryn the Wise, by Uncle Mo. STR, 7-18, Saratoga

**Blame**, Blames Honey, f, 2, o/o Honey Chile, by Invisible Ink. MSW, 7-17, Charles Town

**Bobby's Wicked One**, The Wicked Cat, g, 3, o/o Grandma's Rules, by Orientate. MSW, 7-17, Evangeline

**Bolt d'Oro**, Generous Lover, m, 5, o/o Hula Skirt, by Dixie Union. Vivacious S., 7-18, Belterra

**Caravaggio**, Longhi, c, 2, o/o Lovely Moment (Arg), by Equal Stripes (Arg). MSW, 7-18, Colonial Downs

**Command Post**, Tactical Humor, g, 4, o/o Isabella Swift, by Weigelia. ALW, 7-18, Penn National

**Divisidero**, Proud Divi, f, 4, o/o Proud and Fearless, by Proud Citizen. ALW, 7-18, Colonial Downs

**Empire Way**, Empire's Fire, g, 6, o/o Victoria's On Fire, by Langfuhr. ALW, 7-18, Belterra

**Flat Out**, Quiet I'm Not, f, 4, o/o Elegantly Quiet, by Quiet American. ALW, 7-18, Prairie Meadows

**Freud**, Artistic Success, f, 4, o/o Alma Llanera, by Distorted Humor. WMC, 7-18, Saratoga

**Frosted**, **Frosted Bull**, g, 3, o/o Cypriana, by Bodemeister. MSW, 7-18, Monmouth

**Game Winner**, Game Warrior, c, 3, o/o Le Mi Geaux, by **First Samurai**. Caesars Sportsbook Oceanside S., 7-18, Del Mar

**Ghostzapper**, Dakota Cam, f, 2, o/o Clairvoyance, by Arch. MSW, 7-18, Delaware

**Goldcents**, No More Cents, c, 2, o/o Kajawa, by Cross Traffic. Hoover S., 7-18, Belterra

**Hoppertunity**, Thirst for Hope, f, 2, o/o Thirst for Diamond, by Stay Thirsty. MCL, 7-18, Colonial Downs

**Indy Wind**, Ronnis Second Wind, g, 3, o/o Ronni's Secret, by Sun King. Horizon S., 7-18, Belterra

**Into Mischief**, Leslie's Rose, f, 4, o/o Wildwood Rose (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). GII Shuvee S., 7-18, Saratoga

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**Jimmy Creed**, Genius Jimmy, g, 5, o/o Ms Giavonna, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. AOC, 7-18, Del Mar

**Juba**, Tricks R for Juba, g, 2, o/o Tricky Windsor, by Windsor Castle. MSW, 7-18, Charles Town

**Justify**, Tejon Pass, c, 4, o/o Foxysox (GB), by Foxhound. AOC, 7-18, Del Mar

**Khozan**, Defended, m, 5, o/o Crowninshield, by Aldebaran. AOC, 7-18, Gulfstream

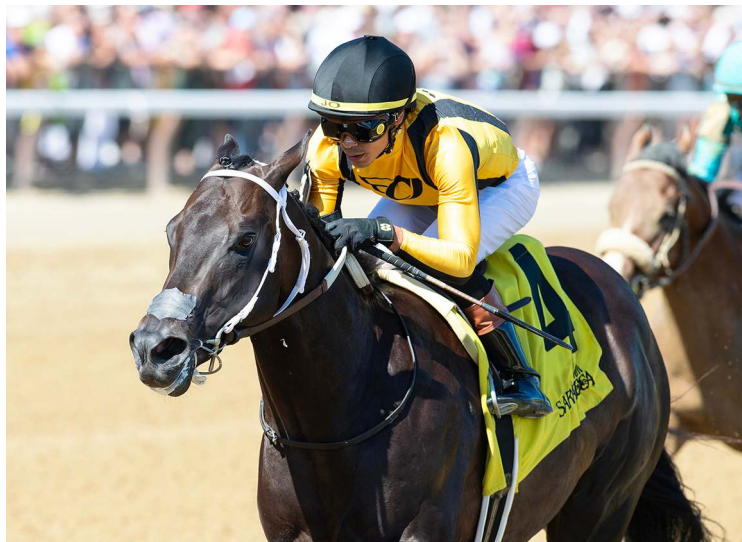
**Kitten's Joy**, Simulate, c, 3, o/o Camou, by **War Front**. AOC, 7-18, Saratoga

**Lord Nelson**, Frack Baby, c, 3, o/o Kodiak's Dancer, by Kodiak Kowboy. MSW, 7-18, Delaware

**Maclean's Music**, Channel the Music, c, 2, o/o Empress Eleanor, by Empire Maker. MSW, 7-18, Colonial Downs

**Maclean's Music**, Jester's Song, g, 6, o/o Queen Victoria, by Flatter. ALW, 7-17, Charles Town

**Maxfield**, Rock It Rob, c, 2, o/o Miss Vigilance, by War Pass. MSW, 7-18, Saratoga



Rock It Rob became the fourth winner from the first crop of **Maxfield Friday** at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

**Midshipman**, Kontiki, f, 2, o/o Hula Skirt, by Dixie Union. Jim Morgan Memorial Tah Dah S., 7-18, Belterra

**Mucho Macho Man**, Mucho Mia, m, 6, o/o Misty Miranda, by Road Ruler. ALW, 7-17, Fair Meadows

**Munnings**, Shoot It True, f, 3, o/o To the Moon Alice, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 7-18, Saratoga

**Neolithic**, Neoequos, c, 3, o/o Bold Birdie, by Birdstone. Jersey Shore S., 7-18, Monmouth

**Not This Time**, Cybertime, g, 5, o/o First Mistress, by **First Dude**. AOC, 7-18, Delaware

**Paynter**, Back Forty, f, 4, o/o Raging Smoke, by More Smoke. AOC, 7-18, Penn National

**Preservationist**, Vasa, g, 4, o/o Limitless, by Discreet Cat. MSW, 7-18, Del Mar

**Quality Road**, Speed Shopper, f, 4, o/o Fast Retailing, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 7-18, Saratoga

**Sea Wizard**, Bingo's Birkin, f, 4, o/o Future Story, by Tale of the Cat. ALW, 7-18, Monmouth

**Sea Wizard**, Jewel of the Ocean, f, 3, o/o Debonair Darling, by Formal Dinner. AOC, 7-18, Monmouth

**Solomini**, Olivia's Grace, f, 3, o/o Gananoque, by Bernardini. MSW, 7-18, Saratoga

**Soul of Ekati**, Harper Briana, m, 5, o/o Aundreya, by Summer Cloud. MSW, 7-17, Hawthorne

**Tapiture**, Repo Rocks, g, 7, o/o Hawaiian Love, by Not For Love. Edward P. Evans S., 7-18, Colonial Downs

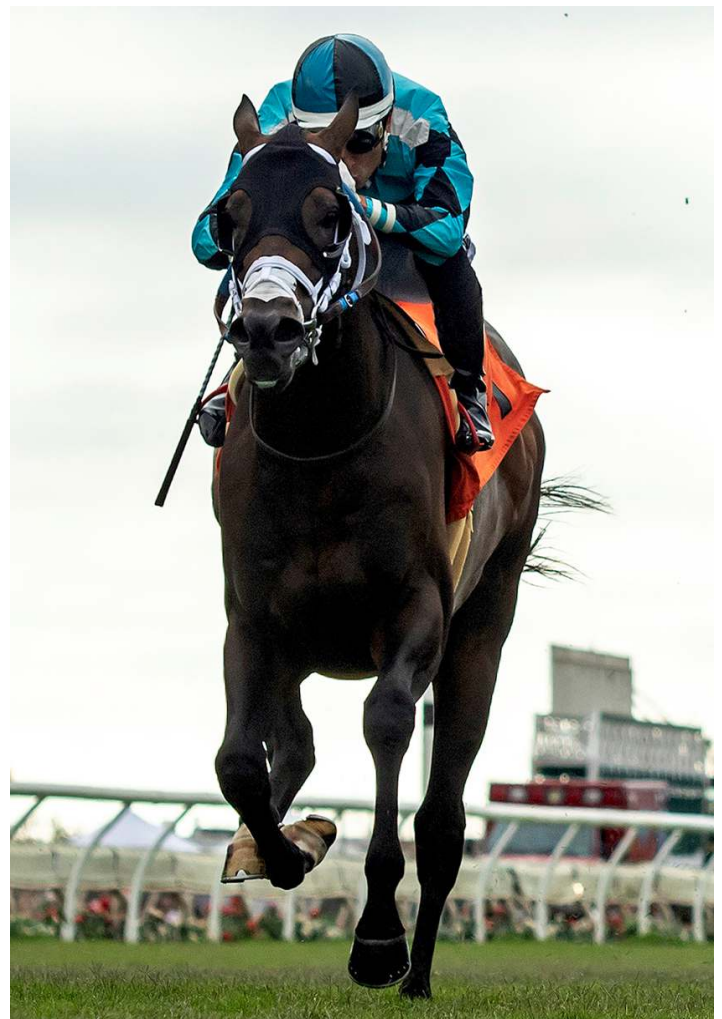
**The Gurkha (Ire)**, Big Everest (GB), g, 7, o/o Long Face, by Whywhywhy. AOC, 7-18, Saratoga

**Uncle Lino**, Lino's Angel, f, 2, o/o Endless Thirst, by Stay Thirsty. MSW, 7-18, Del Mar

**Upstart**, Melt With You, g, 4, o/o Mommo, by Speightstown. ALW, 7-18, Penn National

**Warrior's Reward**, Reigert Girls, f, 4, o/o Reigert, by Into Mischief. ALW, 7-17, Penn National

**Well Spelled**, Come Prima, g, 3, o/o My Sonata, by Noble Causeway. ALW, 7-17, Penn National



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## 'I DON'T TRY TO BUY CHEAP HORSES, I TRY TO BUY NICE HORSES CHEAPLY'

Rod Millman Is Aiming for a Third Win in the Weatherbys Super Sprint with Anthelia



Rod Millman is going for Super Sprint number three with Anthelia  
*Racingfotos.com*

By Emma Berry

Think of the West Country and one tends to picture wintry days and the big jumping yards, but amid the rolling hills of Devon sits one of the smaller Flat operations which routinely finds at least one horse a year to ensure the stable punches well above its weight.

Step forward, Rod Millman, frontman of a family-run business which includes his wife Louise and sons James – the former jockey who has been an excellent addition to the roster of Racing TV presenters – and amateur rider Patrick. This year, it has been the fast young filly Anthelia which has kept the Millman name in lights, and on Saturday she bids to give her trainer a third victory in the £250,000 Weatherbys Super Sprint.

Millman first won the race back in 1997, in only its seventh year, with Lord Kintyre (Makbul), and Bettys Hope (Anjaal) struck for the stable again in 2019. [Cont. p3](#)

## FIVE THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR AT THE CURRAGH ON SATURDAY

By Brian Sheerin

Irish Oaks Weekend kicks off at the Curragh on Saturday where Epsom heroine Minnie Hawk appears to have been handed a straightforward task in the feature contest at 3.40pm. There is an interesting undercard at Irish racing's HQ and here are five things to look out for.

### Cult Hero Heads The Weights In The Scurry

Big Gossey (Gutaifan) has developed something of a cult following in recent times, which was evidenced by the reception he received when out-battling Camille Pisaaro to land a 10th career success in the Gladness Stakes at the Curragh earlier this year.

A diminutive grey, he gives credence to the saying, 'it's not about the size of the dog in the fight, but what's important is the size of the fight in the dog.' [Cont. p4](#)

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*The Coolmore partners' Minnie Hauk is aiming to become the first Oaks/Irish Oaks winner since Snowfall in 2021. The latter shares the same connections as the daughter of **Frankel**.* | Getty Images

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## Rod Millman/Anthelia Cont. from p1

They each ran in the family's silks, having been bought respectively for 9,200gns back in the days when the old Doncaster sales still operated in that currency, and £3,000 at the Tattersalls Ireland Ascot September Yearling Sale (which has now morphed into the Somerville Sale). Anthelia, too, fits that mould.

The Yeomanstown Stud-bred filly from the first crop of Supremacy was bought by her trainer for £6,000 at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale and she has paid him back in spades, winning her first two starts before landing the Listed National Stakes at Sandown. A step up to six furlongs followed for the Listed Empress Fillies' Stakes at Newmarket, in which she was beaten only two lengths when fifth. Millman believes that it was not the extra distance which scuppered her chances that time.

He says, "She's very well and everything has gone right up to now. I think she stayed the trip okay last time over six but I think she just got a bit too far back and had too much ground to make up, and we were giving them three pounds as well, but she will be running over six later in the season, for sure."

Such is the clamour for smart two-year-old prospects that, unsurprisingly, as soon as Anthelia started winning, the phone started ringing.

"I sold a half-share to Middleham Park Racing after she'd won for reasonable money," says Millman. "But after we'd won the National Stakes we were offered silly money for her to go to Royal Ascot. If I'd been ten years younger I'd have probably taken it, but it was a family decision and we'd bought her to have fun with, so we kept her, and we'll keep her and run her next year as well. I expect we'll sell her at the end of her three-year-old season."

Millman, a dab hand at turning inexpensive and often unfashionably bred horses into useful campaigners, says of his buying strategy, "I don't try to buy cheap horses, I try to buy nice horses cheaply."

It's clearly something he does well, and despite his prowess

with early two-year-olds, he is not in the camp which views them as dispensable commodities.

He says, "I try to buy something that will be mature for their age, but nearly all the good ones that I've had that have come out early and done well have made very good older horses. Woolhampton was second in the Super Sprint and has won a lot of money and she's still running well as a five-year-old. Cop Hill Lad was also second in the race and we sold him for a lot of money to Hong Kong and he ran there a long time. And Lord Kintyre was still on the racetrack at eight years old. Although we get them out early, they are not abused, and they last for a long time."

Possibly the greatest advertisement of the trainer's skills in this regard is Whitbarrow (Royal Abjar), the winner of the Woodcote and the Molecomb Stakes in 2001 who ran until he was 11, winning 13 of his 109 starts.

Millman decided to avoid Royal Ascot with Anthelia, but he is not a fan of the changes that have been made to the Windsor Castle Stakes, which will be run over six furlongs next year and restricted to the offspring of stallions who won over at least seven furlongs at two or a mile at three and up.

"The trouble is, the Windsor Castle was a race that people aimed at with that sort of horse and it gave people who were buying a stud fee for less

than £5,000 a chance of having a good horse," he says. "It's all very well saying that we want to put more stamina into the breed, but the market doesn't say that."

He adds of Anthelia skirting the royal meeting, "I just felt that she would have a hard race. On the form I think she would have been placed, because the horses we beat weren't beaten very far. But I thought we'd keep our powder dry and not risk getting jarred up. Royal Ascot is like going to the Cheltenham Festival and I didn't think she'd win the Queen Mary, so I thought we'd miss that and keep ourselves fresh for the rest of the season. If you look at the Cheveley Park, there were only seven runners in that last year, so you only have to ride for place money and you'd probably get third."



**Anthelia and Lewis Edmunds win the National Stakes**

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1	<b>WOOTTON BASSETT</b>	4	2
2	<b>STARSPANGLED BANNER</b>	3	2
3	<b>NO NAY NEVER</b>	2	2
-	Starman	2	2

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## Rod Millman/Anthelia Cont.

He adds, "We had some of the big people try to buy her because they wanted to have a runner at Royal Ascot, but she'll always have a value as a black-type winner. So I just hope that we can roll the dice a bit longer. I'm 68 now and it's nice to have a good horse to go racing with. Middleham Park have been super – they trust you to manage and they let you manage."

Millman will also be represented at Newbury on Saturday by Adaay In Devon. Now four and the winner of seven races, she is also a dual Listed winner for her breeder, the Horniwinks Racing Syndicate, who managed to pick up her dam for £1,000 when a number of horses were auctioned at Exeter Market after Worsall Grange Stud went out of business.

"They sold 35 or 40 horses in pig pens," Millman recalls. "I didn't end up buying anything but a couple of farmers went down and thought they'd buy themselves a racehorse and they ended up buying Favourite Girl with a foal at foot. Then they put the mare to Adaay and that's how Adaay In Devon came to be."

The trainer says that he no longer buys yearlings on spec but values the support of some studs, notably Whitsbury Manor, while he is sometimes sent horses from Ireland by Tally-Ho and Yeomanstown Stud.

"I buy one every year to have fun ourselves, and any others I buy to order," he says. "I'm lucky I have my two sons involved because I'm getting a bit older now and they take the pressure off a bit."

Anthelia has certainly provided plenty of fun already this year, both for the Millman family and their partners in Middleham Park Racing, and her trainer has every right to hope for a third victory in the race in which he has enjoyed so many good runs in the past.

"She's got a good chance," he says of the second-favourite behind Eve Johnson Houghton's Windsor Castle Stakes winner. "And she's only a pound wrong in the handicap with Havana Hurricane. He's rated 100 and we are 94 but we're getting five pounds from him, so we are not a million miles away."

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## Five Things To Look Out For Cont. from p1

Big Gossey is one of Irish racing's over-achievers and his heart-on-the-sleeve approach to his races is what endears him to the public.

Any rain would aid his chances of landing the €100,000 Scurry Handicap off top weight for trainer Charles O'Brien and jockey Robert Whearty. If he manages to be successful, there will be unrivalled scenes in the Curragh parade ring.



**Dylan Browne McMonagle: is an interesting bet for the Irish jockeys' championship** | *Racingfotos.com*

## Dylan Browne McMonagle To Stake Claim For Jockeys' Title?

The appointment of Colin Keane as Juddmonte's number one rider has naturally caused something of a shake-up in the Irish weighroom with the reigning champion being required across the water in Britain and in some cases France more regularly than before.

Keane is still the bookies' favourite at 5-4 to retain his title and Billy Lee, who trails the six-time champion by nine winners, was dealt a hammer blow to his bid for a breakthrough championship when breaking his collarbone in a spill at Limerick last Saturday.

Chris Hayes has since closed the gap and sits on 42 winners, which is eight behind Keane, but it is Dylan Browne-McMonagle who could be overlooked in what is developing into a four-horse race for the jockeys' championship in Ireland.

Not only does Browne McMonagle have the firepower of Joseph O'Brien's stable behind him but, crucially, he has become an important cog in Aidan O'Brien's wheel in recent times, often riding third or fourth strings in big races.

One could envisage a scenario developing whereby if Browne McMonagle was in contention for a championship, such support from Ballydoyle could be heightened towards the end of the season. He could be a formidable challenger were that to happen.

As it stands, the Donegal native trails Keane by eight winners after a double at Down Royal on Friday evening and has a number of interesting rides on Oaks Weekend. Odds of 5-2 about him clinching what could develop into a fascinating jockeys' championship does not look a bad bet at all. Fill your boots.

## O'Brien To Dominate The Feature Races

The G2 Railways Stakes has only managed to attract four runners, which is most disappointing and fits in with the theme of the weekend given Oaks heroine Minnie Hauk (**Frankel**) does not appear to have been faced with any meaningful opposition in the Irish equivalent.

True Love (**No Nay Never**) can be expected to play her part in what is likely to be another big weekend for Ballydoyle by beating the colts in the Railway Stakes. She looked smart when breaking her maiden in the Queen Mary at Royal Ascot and can become the first filly to win this race since Jim Bolger's Eva Luna back in 1994.



True Love | Megan Coggin

## Slattery Bidding To Maintain Power-Packed Run Of Form

We may be only halfway through the season but Andy Slattery is bearing down on his best ever tally of winners and Powerful Nation (**Sioux Nation**), a horse the trainer described as one of the best he has ever had through his hands, has an opportunity to shine in the G2 Sapphire Stud Stakes.

Slattery has recorded 20 winners this season - which is just 10 less than the career-high 30 wins that was achieved last year - and is holding his own in ninth spot in the domestic trainers' standings.

Powerful Nation has contributed to what is becoming a memorable year for the stable when he landed the Listed Midsummer Sprint at Cork and the style in which that success was achieved would suggest the three-year-old can make the jump into Group company.

The Sapphire Stakes is an up-to-scratch renewal, with British raiders Rumstar and Mgheera of particular interest, but Powerful Nation is a colt on the up and can harden his reputation as a sprinter going places for an in-form outfit.

## O'Sullivan Supplies Much-Needed Colour In The Curragh Cup

Given Aidan O'Brien has won the G2 Curragh Cup with classy stayers like Flag Of Honour, Septimus, Ernest Hemingway and more, all eyes will presumably be on Ryan Moore's mount Shackleton (**Camelot**),

However, the Ross O'Sullivan-trained Drawn To Dream provides some much-needed intrigue to the weekend in that 1m6f contest.

For starters, the daughter of German sire Iquitos was sourced by Ringfort Stud boss Derek Veitch for just 60,000gns at the Tattersalls December Mares Sale last year. She has already gone some way in repaying that investment when gaining valuable black-type when chasing home Goodie Two Shoes at odds of 50-1 in a Group 3 at Fairyhouse earlier this month.

Punters won't expect such fanciful odds about the grey on Saturday and she provides some colour to a race that also features dual Group 1 winner Al Riffa.

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## Making Waves

by Heather Anderson



## THE TRUTH WILL OUT

*In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America. This week's column is highlighted by the victory of Excellent Truth in the Diana Stakes at the Spa.*

## Excellent Truth Captures Diana Crown

Resolute Racing's **Excellent Truth** joined the ranks of Making Waves with a head victory in the GI Diana Stakes at Saratoga for Chad Brown on July 12 ([video](#)). Bred by **Sandra Russell**, she was making her third US start, after seconds in the GI Jenny Wiley Stakes at Keeneland and the GI Just A Game Stakes in April and June, respectively.

Originally a €52,000 Goffs Orby yearling when picked up by former owner Montgomery Motto, Excellent Truth won the G3 Prix Psyche at two and a listed stakes at Deauville at three for Mauricio Delcher Sanchez. **Cont. p6**





**Excellent Truth (4)** boxes back at *She Feels Pretty* to take the Diana Stakes | Sarah Andrew

### Making Waves Cont.

She signed off her European career with a second in the G1 Prix Rothschild before making €1.6 million at last year's Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale on the bid of Stamford Bloodstock and Meridian Bloodstock on behalf of John Stewart's operaiton. The half-sister to G3 Premio Regina (Italian 1000 Guineas) third Memo De L'Alguer (Mehmas) is followed by a 3-year-old colt by Dandy Man, and the placed buzz horse Armstrong (Starman). Out of Moment Of Truth (Teofilo), herself a half-sister to the G1 Criterium International winner Zafisio (Efisio), the mare is a relation to the classy Group 1-winning duo of Cezanne (Ajdal) and Colorspin (High Top).

Tally-Ho Stud's Cotaí Glory, who stands for €15,000 this year, has sired nine winners from 16 runners (56%) in America. His trio of stakes winners there are anchored by the Diana Stakes luminary.

### **No Nay Never** Gelding Thriving At Saratoga

Lindy Farms and Ice Wine Stable's **Innate (No Nay Never)** graduated at Saratoga on July 16 ([video](#)). Bred by Moni Market Breeder, the gelding was making his third lifetime start and second in New York.

Now trained by Philip Antonacci, the bay was a €90,000 Goffs Orby yearling who caught the eye of MM Bloodstock. He debuted with a second in the colours of EuroLindy Syndicate for trainer Joseph O'Brien at Fairyhouse in July of 2023. Switched Stateside, he was fourth in the Listed Awad Stakes at the Belmont at the Big A meet in October of that year and was missing until Wednesday's effort. His year-younger full-brother Amangani is a winner, while his winning dam, the Silver Frost

mare La Naturel, foaled a colt by Awtaad this year. Under the second dam is G1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes hero and sire Charm Spirit.

Coolmore's **No Nay Never** has an 58% strike rate in the US, with 64 of his 110 runners finding the winner's circle. Priced at €125,000 this term, the 14-year-old's 10 stakes winners include GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine Meditate, as well as multiple graded winner Nay Lady Nay, and GIII Palm Beach Stakes hero Vitalogy.

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Saturday, July 19, 2025:

### UNITED KINGDOM

**A'Ali (Ire)** (Society Rock {Ire}), Newsells Park Stud

75 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners

15:30-NEWBURY, 5.25f, **Ali Shuffle (GB)**

32,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024; £500,000 RNA Goffs London Sale 2025

**Alkumait (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Capital Stud

61 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

17:45-DONCASTER, 7f, **Ibn Altheeb (Ire)**

12,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2025

**Nando Parrado (GB)** (Kodiac {GB}), Irish National Stud

95 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners

16:45-NEWBURY, 6f, **Inca Heights (Ire)**

45,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2024

15:30-NEWBURY, 5.25f, Mister Moet (Ire)

14,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; £27,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2024

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

211 foals of racing age/16 winners/2 black-type winners

16:20-NEWMARKET, 7f, **Miss Starlet (Ire)**

30,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; 30,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2024

**Supremacy (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud

130 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner

15:30-NEWBURY, 5.25f, **Anthelia (Ire)**

£6,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2024

**FRANCE**

**Armor (GB) (No Nay Never)**, Haras de Bouquetot  
 23 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
 3-VICHY, 1400m, **Nocturne Blou (Fr)**  
 €9,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2023  
 (English Version); €1,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings  
 2024

**Wonderful Moon (Ger) (Sea The Moon {Ger})**, Haras de la  
 Tuilerie  
 12 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 3-VICHY, 1400m, **New Pearl (Fr)**

**IRELAND**

**Palace Pier (GB) (Kingman {GB})**, Dalham Hall Stud  
 114 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners  
 1-CURRAGH, 7f, **Palace Tyne (Ire)**  
 €55,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2024

**Space Blues (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire})**, Kildangan Stud  
 113 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
 3-CURRAGH, 72K GII Gain Railway Stakes (Group 2)6f, **Power  
 Blue (Ire)**  
 €30,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2023; £44,000 Goffs UK  
 Premier Yearling Sale 2024



Space Blues has a runner in Ireland | Darley

# OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

## LAMBOURN'S FRANKEL HALF-BROTHER ACTION SPRINGS TO IT AT THE CURRAGH

**1.30 Curragh, Mdn, €20,000, 2yo, c/g, 7fT**  
**ACTION (IRE) (Frankel {GB})** is the third foal out of the G2  
 Queen Mary runner-up Gossamer Wings (Scat Daddy), whose  
 second is the current Derby and Irish Derby hero Lambourn by  
 Galileo's Australia. Wayne Lordan is on board the newcomer,  
 with Ryan Moore on the stable's other Frankel colt, **New  
 Zealand**, perhaps remembering how lethargic Action's half-  
 sibling was in 2024. This son of the Albany winner and dual  
 Group 1-placed Different League (Dabirsim) was one of the  
 yard's selected for the ever-important course-and-distance  
 Barronstown Stud Maiden, which as you would expect has  
 already been boosted.

**4.10 Newbury, Novice, £40,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 10fT**  
**GOLD PENNY (GB) (Cracksman {GB})** is the 11th foal out of  
 Godolphin's illustrious broodmare Gonbarda (Lando), with the  
 dual Group 1 winner responsible for Pivotal's heavyweight Farhh  
 and fellow top-level performer Racing History. With John and  
 Thady Gosden, the homebred is the sole newcomer meeting  
 four previous winners and the triple-placed stablemate  
**Glistening (GB) (Frankel {GB})**, Juddmonte's daughter of the G2  
 Sapphire Stakes winner Soffia (Kyllachy).

## HOW THEY FARED

**15.00 Newbury, £12,000, Nov, 2yo, 7fT**  
 Shadwell's homebred **Morbeh (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})**, the first foal  
 out of Group 3-winning G1 Prix Vermeille runner-up Raabihah  
**(Sea The Stars)**, was never a factor in this debut and finished a  
 well-beaten ninth.

**17.15 Newmarket, £10,000, Nov, 2yo, f, 7fT**  
 Juddmonte's **Quadrillion (GB) (Kingman {GB})**, a homebred  
 daughter of G1 Fillies' Mile heroine Quadrilateral (**Frankel**), held  
 every chance at the foot of the hill and shaped with promise  
 behind a more experienced duo.

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# BRITAIN

## Friday's Results:

### IRE-INCENTIVE - IT PAYS TO BUY IRISH ROSE BOWL STAKES-

Listed, £45,000, Newbury, 7-18, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.93, g/f.

1--**WISE APPROACH (IRE), 128, c, 2, by Mehmas (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Sagely (Ire), by Frozen Power (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Saga Celebre (Fr), by Peintre Celebre**

**3rd Dam: Saga D'Ouille (Fr), by Linamix (Fr)**

**TDN Rising Star. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** (1,000,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT). O-Godolphin; B-Tally Ho Stud; T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. £25,520. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 4-2-1-0, \$94,410. \*1/2 to Perfect Power (Ire) (Ardad {Ire}), MG1SW-Eng, G1SW-Fr, \$928,832.

2--**Rock On Thunder (Ire), 128, c, 2, Night Of Thunder (Ire)--** Boston Rocker (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (380,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-J Hanly, A Stroud & Skymarc Farm; T-Kevin Ryan. £9,675.

3--**Amorim (GB), 128, c, 2, Havana Grey (GB)--Stellarta (GB), by** Sakhee's Secret (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (250,000gns Wlg '23 TADEWE; 500,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud; T-George Boughey. £4,842.

Margins: 4, 2, 2 1/4. Odds: 1.10, 3.00, 4.00.

Also Ran: Do Bronx (Ire), Kolkata Knight (Ire). Scratched: First Legion (Ire), Nuevo Slovo (Ire).



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William Buick will have fewer easier rides than he enjoyed on Godolphin's Wise Approach as the **TDN Rising Star** dispatched his rivals in Friday's Listed Rose Bowl Stakes at Newbury. Off the mark in April's Royal Ascot Two-Year-Old Trial EBF Conditions

Stakes before disappointing at York and rebounding to be second in the Norfolk last month, the half-brother to Perfect Power cruised from behind to seize control a furlong out and inflict a four-length beating on Rock On Thunder.

"He ran a good race at Ascot, when he was on a different side of the track to the winner, but was more comfortable back at six," Buick said of the 1 million gns purchase, whose odds of 11-10 looked big after this command performance. "I like what he did there, it was a nice smooth performance and he looked a good deal better than the opposition there. I think he will develop--he's a scopey horse and he was very natural from early on, but I do think he'll keep getting better."

Wise Approach is the fourth foal out of Sagely (Frozen Power), whose first was the aforementioned Perfect Power who captured the Middle Park, Prix Morny and Royal Ascot's Commonwealth Cup and Norfolk. Also responsible for the Chesham third Golden Mind (Galileo Gold), she is kin to the Listed-placed Sagaciously whose son Epic Poet (Lope De Vega) was a Listed scorer who placed four times at Group level including when runner-up in the G2 Red Sea Turf Handicap.

Sagely is also a granddaughter of Saga D'Ouille (Linamix), the full-sister to the Arc hero Sagamix and half to the G1 Criterion de Saint-Cloud-winning sire Sagacity (Highest Honor) and to the formidable broodmare Shastye (Danehill). Under the latter are the high-class Galileo trio of Japan, Mogul and Secret Gesture. Sagely's yearling is a full-sister to the winner.

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### BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF GLASGOW STAKES-Listed,

£55,000, Hamilton, 7-18, 3yo, 11f 15yT, 2:21.43, gd.

1--**NAHRAAN (GB), 133, c, 3, by Make Believe (GB)**

**1st Dam: First Kingdom (Ire), by Frankel (GB)**

**2nd Dam: Simple Magic (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire)**

**3rd Dam: Cephalonie, by Kris S.**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Prince A A Faisal; B-Nawara Stud Ltd; T-John & Thady Gosden; J-Oisin Murphy. £31,191. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$52,968.

2--**Arabian Force (Ire), 133, c, 3, Lope de Vega (Ire)--October** Queen (Ire), by Iffraaj (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd; T-William Haggas. £11,825.

3--**Tiernan (Ire), 133, g, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Jollify (Ire), by Manduro** (Ger). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (18,000gns 3yo '25 TATFEB). O-The Farming Army; B-Godolphin; T-Iain Jardine. £5,918.

Margins: NO, 3/4, HD. Odds: 0.91, 3.50, 150.00.

Also Ran: Secret Of Love (GB), Great David (GB), Square D'Alboni (Fr), Rogue Millions (GB).

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## Listed Glasgow Stakes Cont.

John and Thady Gosden trainee Nahraan, who boasts entries in next month's G2 Great Voltigeur and G1 International, lined up for this stakes debut with a two-for-two tally and retained his perfect record with a narrow verdict.

"It wasn't very smooth, the pace was slow and he got a bit lost coming down the hill," reflected Oisin Murphy. "I moved into it a bit too early and I was lucky he held on in the photo. We all felt a mile-and-three [furlongs] would be a stretch and I'd imagine he'll probably come back to a mile-and-a-quarter now"

Bounding along in third until joining the front rank at the two pole, the 10-11 pick was stoked up to gain an advantage with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and came under a forceful drive in the closing stages to hold the late charge of Arabian Force by a nose in a bunch finish.

Nahraan is the first of two foals and lone performer out of a dual-winning half to G3 Prix Sigy and G3 Abernant Stakes victor Sajir (Make Believe). His second dam Simple Magic (Invincible Spirit) is a half-sister stakes-winning G3 Nell Gwyn Stakes third Festivale (Invincible Spirit), Listed Prix de Saint-Patrick winner Arctic Gyr (Invincible Spirit) and G3 Joel Stakes runner-up Tell (Green Desert). Simple Magic is also kin to the dams of stakes-winning G1 Sun Chariot Stakes third Grande Dame (Lope De Vega) and G3 Aston Park Stakes victor Eydon (Olden Times). The April-foaled homebred bay is a half-brother to the unraced 2-year-old filly Haddiah (Olden Times).

**2nd-Newbury, £12,000, Nov, 7-18, 2yo, 7fT, 1:25.91, g/f.**

**GEWAN (GB) (c, 2, Night Of Thunder {Ire}--Grey Mystere {GB} {SP-Fr}, by Lethal Force {Ire})** broke well and was positioned in a prominent second through halfway in this debut. Looming large with a quarter-mile remaining, the 9-1 chance was shaken up to seize control approaching the furlong pole and pushed out in the closing stages to defeat Ruler Of Time (**Not This Time**) by 1 1/4 lengths. Gewan is the second of four foals and first scorer out of Listed Grand Criterium de Bordeaux runner-up Grey Mystere (Lethal Force), herself a half-sister to Listed Prix Caravelle second Ginalyah (Chachnak). The March-foaled grey's second dam Creamcake (Mr. Greeley) is a half-sister to G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Coquerelle (Zamindar). Gewan, whose year-younger half-brother by Ghaiyyath died last year, is kin to a weanling colt by Native Trail. Sales history: 100,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT; €80,000 2yo '25 ARQBRU. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,695.

O-Alrabban Racing; B-Overbury Stallions Ltd & Dukes Stud (GB); T-Andrew Balding.



Gewan | PA Media

**1st-Newmarket, £10,000, Nov, 7-18, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:26.44, g/f. TRUE TEST (GB) (f, 2, Time Test {GB}--True To Herself {Ire} {SP-Ire, \$116,477}, by Clodovil {Ire})** was burdened with a four-pound penalty for annexing her June 21 debut at Lingfield last time and was held up in rear through the early fractions here. Coming under pressure to close approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 3-1 chance went third entering the final furlong and was ridden out up the hill to edge Celestra (**Kingman**) by a head in the dying strides. "The plan was to get a lead, but not to be at the back, and I had a lovely position for the first few strides of the race," said Marco Ghiani. "That was until the leader angled left and left me with daylight, but she settled well and fell asleep on me. She did really well to win, considering she had a penalty, and she felt like she'd stay a mile." True Test, half to a yearling filly by Havana Grey, is the first of two foals produced by Listed Knockaire Stakes third True To Herself (Clodovil), herself the leading performer out of a full-sister to stakes-winning GIII Woodford Reserve Bourbon Stakes runner-up Driving Snow (Verglas). The February-foaled grey's stakes-placed fourth dam Danse Classique (Night Shift) is a half-sister to multiple Group 1-winning European champion Petrushka (Unfuwain). Sales history: 20,000gns Ylg '24 TATSOM. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$11,854.

O-Abdulla Al Mansoori; B-Funcheon & Monaghty Bloodstock; T-William Knight.

**1st-Pontefract, £10,000, Nov, 7-18, 2yo, 6fT, 1:17.28, gd. DAYDREAMA (GB) (c, 2, Dream Ahead--Social Media {GB}, by New Approach {Ire})**, who hit the board over this trip at Carlisle in his May 29 debut when last seen, chased the leaders in fifth through the early fractions of this return. Bustled along rounding the home turn, the 9-4 favourite went fourth approaching the final furlong and was driven out to prevail by two lengths from Showtown (Showcasing) nearing the line. **Cont. p10**

**1st-Pontefract Cont.**

Daydreama is the sixth of seven foals and second scorer produced by a winning half-sister to G2 Lancashire Oaks winner Horseplay (Cape Cross) and Listed Hoppings Stakes victrix More Mischief (Azamour). His second dam, stakes-winning G3 Sagaro Stakes runner-up Mischief Making (Lemon Drop Kid), is one of three black-type winners out of GI E P Taylor Stakes heroine Fraulein (Acatenango). The April-foaled bay is kin to a yearling colt by Belardo. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$9,381.

O-Reality Partnerships XXIII; B-Bearstone Stud Ltd; T-Tim Easterby.

**2nd-Newmarket, £10,000, Nov, 7-18, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:36.58, g/f.**

**SCOVILLE (GB) (c, 3, Too Darn Hot {GB}--Ribbons {GB} {G1SW-Fr, GSW & G1SP-Ire, SW & GSP-Eng, \$590,119}, by Manduro {Ger})** was penalised seven pounds for snagging his May 5 debut over this trip at Windsor last time and led from flagfall here. Holding sway at a good lick throughout, the 1-8 lock was safely clear of outclassed rivals entering the final quarter-mile and maintained a relentless tempo on the climb to rout Asian Journey (*Siyouni*) by a facile 14 lengths. "He was smooth today, he got into a good rhythm and went through the gears well," said rider Richard Kingscote. "Mr [Haggas is a gentleman to ride for and he expects him to get further. He ran through the line there no trouble and a mile-and-a-quarter would be well within his scope." Scoville is the fifth of six foals and one of three scorers thrown by G1 Prix Jean Romanet heroine Ribbons (Manduro), who is out of a full-sister to multiple Group 1-winning European champion Soviet Song (Marju). The April-foaled bay is a half-brother to Group 3-winning G1 Melbourne Cup runner-up and G1 Turnbull Stakes third Soulcombe (*Frankel*) and a weanling colt by *Chaldean*. Sales history: 200,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$14,793.

O-Sir Martyn Arbib, Ben Arbib & Chris Budgett; B-Pursuit of Success LLC; T-William Haggas.

**2nd-Haydock, £8,000, Nov, 7-18, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:13.74, gd.**

**ROGUE TEMPTATION (IRE) (f, 2, Mehmas {Ire}--Next Trial {Ire}, by *Hard Spun*),** a June 13 debut fifth tackling five furlongs at Haydock in her only prior start, broke in the second rank and tanked forward to race in a handy third after the initial strides. Angled into the clear to launch her bid passing the quarter-mile pole, the 12-1 chance was ridden to the fore approaching the final furlong and driven out late to assert by 1 1/2 lengths from Awaafi (Far Above). Rogue Temptation is the fifth of six foals and third scorer out of an unraced half-sister to multiple Group 1-winning sire Space Blues (Dubawi) and multiple Group winner Shuruq (Elusive Quality). Shuruq, in turn, is the dam of Grade III-

winning GI Belmont Oaks Invitational runner-up Antoinette (*Hard Spun*) and the multiple Graded-placed Javanica (Medaglia D'Oro). The April-foaled bay is a full-sister to G3 Chinese Club Challenge Cup victor Taj Dragon and half to a weanling filly by Ace Impact. Rogue Temptation's second dam is G2 Challenge Stakes victrix Miss Lucifer (Noverre). Sales history: 52,000gns Ylg '24 TADEY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$7,029.

O-The Rogues Gallery; B-Tally-Ho Stud; T-Ed Bethell.

**3rd-Newbury, £12,000, Mdn, 7-18, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:13.64, g/f.**

**SAPPHIRE STEPS (IRE) (f, 2, Dark Angel {Ire}--Hidden Steps {GB}, by *Footstepsinthesand* {GB}),** sent off at 14-1, raced under cover towards the back of the pack early. Moving smoothly to take over passing two out, the newcomer was pushed out to score comfortably by 3/4 of a length from Tarot (*Starspangledbanner*). The dam hails from the family of the Pattern-race performers Passing Glance (Polar Falcon), Scorned (Selkirk) and Hidden Meadow (Selkirk) and Cityscape's top-level performer Urban Aspect. Her yearling colt is by Invincible Army. Sales history: 38,000gns Ylg '24 TATSOM. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,695.

O-J Palmer-Brown, C Engel and Partner; B-Yeomanstown Stud; T-Richard Hannon.



Sapphire Steps | PA Media

**1st-Nottingham, £6,899, Mdn, 7-18, 2yo, 6f 18yT, 1:14.17, gd.**  
**MAXIMUM SCEPTICISM (IRE) (c, 2, Churchill {Ire}--So Devoted {Ire}, by *Holy Roman Emperor* {Ire}),** fifth in the hot Curragh maiden won by Ballydoyle's Amadeus Mozart last month, soon led. Strong throughout the final furlong, the 8-15 favourite stretched away for a 3 1/4-length success from Phantom Watch (Mohaather). The dam, who is responsible for *Starspangledbanner*'s G3 Prix Eclipse-placed Stardevote, hails from the family of the sire Anshan. **Cont. p11**

**1st-Nottingham Cont.**

Her yearling full-brother to the winner was a €92,000 purchase by Ballyphilip Stud at Goffs February. Sales history: €65,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; €225,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$7,044. O-Atlantic Thoroughbreds; B-Patrick F Kelly; T-Joseph O'Brien.

**HANDICAP RESULTS:**

**5th-Newbury, £50,000, 7-18, 3yo/up, f, 13f 61yT, 2:51.60, g/f.**

**STAR OF LIGHT (GB) (f, 3, Frankel {GB}--Star Catcher {GB} {G1SW-Fr, G1SW-Ire, G1SW-Eng, \$1,211,998}, by Sea The Stars {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$44,167. O-Mr A E Oppenheimer; B-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd; T-John & Thady Gosden.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Sunny Smile (Ire), g, 2, Supremacy (Ire)--Spiritual Lady (GB) (SW-Eng), by Pastoral Pursuits (GB). Hamilton, 7-18, 6f 6yT, 1:10.99. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$8,774. B-Yeomanstown Stud. \*78,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Chardy Party (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), GSW-US.**

**Headmaster (GB), g, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--One Master (GB) (MG1SW-Fr, GSW & MG1SP-Eng, GSW-Ire, \$1,230,127), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). Haydock, 7-18, 6f 212yT, 1:27.59. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$23,599. B-Lael Stables.**

**Saliko (GB), f, 3, Kameko--Saliyna (Fr), by Linamix (Fr). Nottingham, 7-18, 10f 50yT, 2:14.47. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-2, \$13,057. B-Richard Milner (Shropshire) Ltd. \*13,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Sayed (Stormy Atlantic), SP-Aus, \$239,354.**

**IRELAND**

**1st-Down Royal, €18,000, Mdn, 7-18, 2yo, 5fT, 1:00.37, gd. HOWD'YADOIT (IRE) (c, 2, Nando Parrado {GB}--Madam Macie {Ire}, by Bertolini),** runner-up to Ballydoyle's Neolithic at Naas earlier this month, raced close to the early pace. Staying on strongly at the death, the 11-4 second favourite was on top in the final 50 yards to register a 1 1/4-length success from Jack The Bachelor (Mehmas) and become the ninth winner for his first-season sire (by Kodiak). The dam, whose foal is a full-brother to the winner, is a half to the multiple Listed-winning Tatoosh (Xaar). Sales history: €38,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$25,548. O-Sean Jones; B-Michael McGlynn; T-Ger Lyons.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Summer Is Tomorrow (Ire), c, 2, Mohaather (GB)--Mutebah (Ire) (SP-Fr), by Marju (Ire). Down Royal, 7-18, 7f 25yT,**

1:27.69. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$13,652. B-RJB Bloodstock Ltd. \*39,000gns Wlg '23 TADEWE; €180,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY. \*\*1/2 to Albasheer (Ire) (Shamardal), GSP-Eng, \$260,677.

**FRANCE****Friday's Results:**

**PRIX JACQUES DE BREMOND-Listed, €47,600, Vichy, 7-18, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:37.46, gs.**

**1--BULLACE (GB), 127, g, 7, Toronado (Ire)--Redstart (GB) (GSW-Eng), by Cockney Rebel (Ire). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (45,000gns HRA '22 TATAUT; €10,000 RNA HRA '23 ARQAUT). O-Sheikh Khalifa Hashir Khalifa Saeed Al-Maktoum; B-Mr A D G Oldrey & Mr G C Hartigan; T-Carlos & Yann Lerner; J-Ronan Thomas. €23,800. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, SP-Eng, 39-8-6-6, €218,312.

**2--Dark Trooper (Ire), 127, g, 5, Dark Angel (Ire)--Warshah (Ire), by Shamardal. (60,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT; 500,000gns HRA '23 TATAUT). O-Wathnan Racing; B-Yeomanstown Stud; T-Alban De Mieulle. €9,520.**

**3--Chiaraniya (Fr), 123, f, 4, Toronado (Ire)--Al Shahaniya (Ire), by Zoffany (Ire). (€6,000 Ylg '22 ARQSEP). O-Ecurie Quadrable & Ecurie Tygaly et al; B-N A Al-Mesned & Al-Mehshadi; T-M Seror. €7,140.**

Margins: NO, HD, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.90, 2.40, 10.00.

Also Ran: Babakool (GB), Ten Horns (Fr), Tomakay (Fr), Aggenstein (Ger), Ozat (Fr).

**1st-Vichy, €24,700, Cond, 7-18, 2yo, 5fT, :59.13, gs.**

**PEN AND SWORD (GB) (c, 2, Havana Grey {GB}--Bubbly {GB}, by Excelebration {Ire}),** fourth on debut at Chantilly at the start of last month, travelled easily under restraint in rear early before moving into contention at halfway. In front passing two out, the 5-2 favourite asserted to score impressively by 2 1/2 lengths from Oshia (Romanised). The dam, whose yearling daughter of Caturra was a 24,000gns purchase by Ballyhane Stud at Tattersalls December, is a half to the Listed winner Marlinka (Marju) who produced the superfast Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp and Nunthorpe heroine Marsha (Acclamation) and Iffraaj's G3 Sandown Sprint and G3 Chipchase Stakes winner Judicial. This is the family of Marju's champion Soviet Song and the G1 Prix Jean Romanet winner Ribbons (Manduro). Sales history: 95,000gns Wlg '23 TATFOA; €105,000 Ylg '24 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €16,350.

O-Kazutaka Hosaka; B-Byerley Stud; T-Hiroo Shimizu.

**2nd-Le Lion d'Angers, €21,000, Cond, 7-18, unraced 2yo, 7fT, 1:26.40, g/s.**

**MOONLABEL (FR) (f, 2, Zelzal {Fr}--Moonlight Swing {Fr}, by Palace Episode)** was swiftly into stride and slipped to third after racing the front end during the opening exchanges of this debut. Dropping to fifth on the home turn, the 42-5 chance was rowed along to regain third entering the final furlong and ridden out to prevail by 1 1/4 lengths from Liberty Amour (Goken). Moonlabel is the latest of five foals and fourth scorer from as many runners produced by a winning granddaughter of G3 Prix Vanteaux and G3 Prix d'Aumale third Cadeaux D'Amie (Lyphard). Cadeaux D'Amie is the dam of four black-type winners headed by multiple Group 1-winning US champion Hatoof (Irish River) and GI Shoemaker Breeders' Cup Mile Stakes hero Irish Prize (Irish River). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,500. O/B-Ecurie des Pinsons; T-Henri-Francois Devin.

#### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**7th-Le Lion d'Angers, €27,400, Cond, 7-18, 3yo, 10fT, 2:16.33, g/s.**  
**MERANO (SWI) (c, 3, Vanishing Cupid {Swi}--Marcellina {Swi}, by Mozart {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-2, €82,250. O-Mme Sibylle Egloff; B-Stall Sohrehof; T-Henri-Alex Pantall. \*€13,000 RNA Ylg '23 BBAGS.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Bellagio (Fr), c, 3, Siyouni (Fr)--Bal De La Rose (Ire) (GSW-Fr, \$130,289), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB).** Vichy, 7-18, 12fT, 2:39.65. B-B Van Dalfsen. \*€340,000 RNA Ylg '23 ARQAUG. \*\*1/2 to Danceteria (Fr) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), G1SW-Ger, GSW-Fr, GSP-Eng, \$338,741.

**Merci Elie (Fr), g, 5, Ectot (GB)--Elegante (Fr), by On Est Bien (Ire).** Vichy, 7-18, 9 1/4fT, 1:58.86. B-Florian Bouvarel, Sylvain Lellouche, Mme Ghislaine Blohorn & Mme Severine Dupuch.

Federation of Horseracing Authorities' (IFHA) Top 100 at least once during the previous three years were simulcast, up from 61 the previous season.

Overall, turnover on simulcasting (including World Pool commingling) for the season was up by 2.3% to HK\$13.11 billion. This season, the number of World Pool races increased from 258 to 296 including, for the first time, all 12 of the Club's Group 1 races as well as top races from New Zealand. Commingling turnover into the World Pool (excluding Club races) recorded an 8.4% increase over last season.

From an attendance perspective, over 1.7 million people attended the races, including a record 195,786 Mainland tourists, plus international visitors. This was a significant 110% increase on the 93,000 Mainland tourists who visited last season.

**Ka Ying Rising** (Shamexpress), the latest Horse of the Year, led a talented brigade of Hong Kong runners, with **Romantic Warrior** (Acclamation) and **Voyage Bubble** (Deep Field) also earning season-end titles. John Size earned a record 13th Hong Kong trainers' championship and Zac Purton took his eighth jockeys' title.

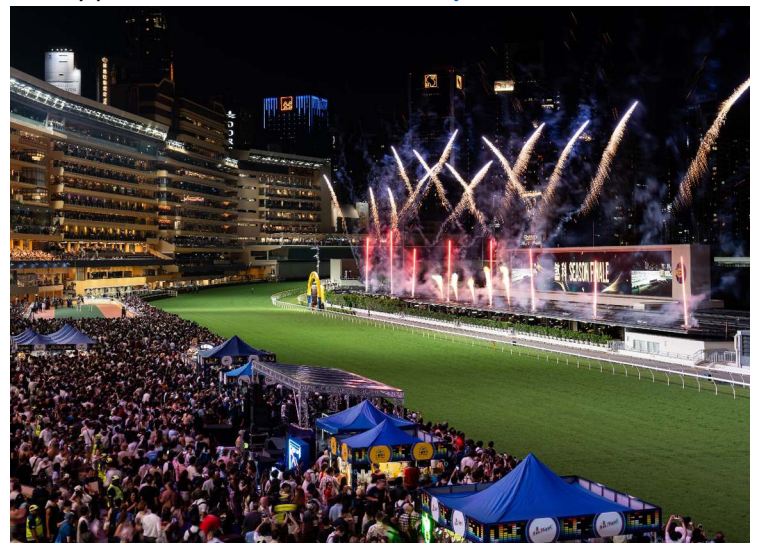
Next season, there will be a Group 1 prize-money increase to a record HK\$1.74 billion. The Club will offer record prize-money totalling HK\$208 million in these races in the 2025/26 season. For FWD Champions Day, prize-money for the FWD QEII Cup will rise to HK\$30 million, while the Chairman's Sprint Prize will increase to HK\$24 million, taking the total prize-money for the three Group 1 races to a total of HK\$78 million. For the international day in December, the increases apply to the Longines Hong Kong Sprint (HK\$28m), and the Longines Hong Kong Vase (HK\$26m), while the Longines Hong Kong Mile stays on HK\$36 million and the Longines Hong Kong Cup will be run for prize-money of HK\$40 million, taking the total Group 1 prize-money purse to HK\$130 million. [Cont. p13](#)

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### HONG KONG SEASON-END TURNOVER RISES 3% TO £13.2 BILLION

At the close of the 2024/2025 Hong Kong season, total racing wagering turnover was HK\$138.85 billion (approx. £13.2b), a rise of 3% on the previous season. Overall, there were 88 race meetings comprised of 847 races and 393 overseas simulcast races.

Hong Kong races attracted record commingling turnover of HK\$31.76 billion, a 10.1% increase on the 2023/24 season. In total, 71 overseas races that had been in the International



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**Hong Kong Season Cont.**

On average, 440 horses were trained at Conghua Racecourse (CRC) this season, with 219 horses from 19 stables notching 302 wins, an increase of 17.7% and 24.3% respectively on last season. The HKJC is also preparing for the start of regular meetings at the CRCC in October 2026, with the iconic grandstand nearing completion.

HKJC’s CEO, Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, said, “It’s been an amazing season, with outstanding performances by top horses that have truly captured the imagination of fans not just in Hong Kong but around the world. Since the Policy Address of HKSAR Chief Executive John Lee, we have been able to attract even more Mainland and overseas tourists, who have come to our racecourses in record numbers to experience our city’s signature sport for themselves. These achievements strengthen the position of Hong Kong racing as a world-class sport and entertainment experience. They have also made an important contribution to Hong Kong tourism as well as underlining Hong Kong’s vital role as a centre for East-West exchange.”

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**PROBERT GRANTED HONG KONG LICENCE**

David Probert is the latest British-based rider to be granted a licence to ride in Hong Kong.

The Welshman has been given a part-season jockey's licence which runs from July 17 to February 17, 2026.

The 37-year-old Probert, who has won 1,678 wins across the UK, France, Germany, Italy, and the UAE, will join Andrea Atzeni and Harry Bentley, who have committed to riding full-time in Hong Kong. It was also recently announced that Derby-winning jockey Richard Kingscote has been given a part-season licence for 2025/26.

The new Hong Kong racing season begins at Sha Tin on September 7.

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**Saturday, Curragh, post time: 15:40**

**JUDDMONTE IRISH OAKS-G1**, €290,000, 3yo, F, 12FT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bay Colony (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Craig Bernick	J A Stack	J A Heffernan	128
2	Butterfly Wings	Justify	Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith	A P O'Brien	R P Whelan	128
3	Island Hopping (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier	A P O'Brien	W M Lordan	128
4	Merrily	No Nay Never	Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor	A P O'Brien	D P McDonogh	128
5	Minnie Hauk (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor	A P O'Brien	R L Moore	128
6	Subsonic (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd	John Patrick Murtagh	B M Coen	128
7	Wemightakedlongway (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Cayton Park Stud	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	D McMonagle	128

**Breeders:** 1-Joe & Edel Banahan & Micheal Smith, 2-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 3-Coolmore, 4-Lynch Bagles LTD & Camas Park Stud, 5-B. V. Sangster, 6-Newtown Anner Stud, 7-Mrs Ann Marie O'Brien.

Few will bet against **Minnie Hauk** completing the Oaks double in this impoverished field which doesn't deserve its Classic status. Only the well-beaten Oaks fourth **Wemightakedlongway** and a relative miracle stands in the way of Ballydoyle's Epsom heroine and it will be one of the biggest upsets of recent times if she can't get the job done. This race says more about the state of modern European racing than it does about the protagonists, three of which come from the long odds-on favourite's own yard and have been found wanting of late. [Tom Frary].

**Saturday, Curragh, post time: 14:35**

**GAIN RAILWAY STAKES-G2**, €72,000, 2yo, 6fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Learntodiscover (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Mark Dobbin	G M Lyons	G F Carroll	131
2	Power Blue (Ire)	Space Blues (Ire)	AMO Racing Limited	Adrian Murray	D Egan	131
3	Puerto Rico (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith	A P O'Brien	W M Lordan	131
4	True Love (Ire)	No Nay Never	Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier	A P O'Brien	R L Moore	128

**Breeders:** 1-Mr G. Wilding, 2-Finanza Locale Consulting, 3-April Showers Syndicate, 4-Coolmore.

This is slightly more of a poser than the farcical feature, despite having just four runners led by Ballydoyle's Queen Mary winner **True Love**. More macho than most colts, she looks to dominate the Marble Hill runner-up and Coventry fifth **Power Blue** and last month's course-and-distance maiden one-two **Learntodiscover** and **Puerto Rico**, with the latter representing Rosegreen's boys' brigade. [Tom Frary].

**Saturday, Curragh, post time: 15:05**

**BARBERSTOWN CASTLE SAPPHIRE STAKES-G2**, €72,000, 3yo/up, 5FT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Erosandpsyche (Ire)	Sepoy (Aus)	P B Dreeling	Daniel James Murphy	G F Carroll	135
2	Rumstar (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Vincent & Russell Ward	J G Portman	Rob Hornby	135
3	The Highway Rat (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Mrs S M L Oliver	A Oliver	C D Hayes	135
4	Mgheera (GB)	Zoustar (Aus)	Lord Lloyd Webber and Arthur Mitchell	Ed Walker	R L Moore	132
5	Arizona Blaze (GB)	Sergei Prokofiev	AMO Racing Limited & Giselle De Aguiar	Adrian Murray	D Egan	131
6	Powerful Nation (Ire)	Sioux Nation	Kevin Sean Tommy Walsh Partnership	Andrew Slattery	A J Slattery	131
7	Grande Marques (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	M A Begley	J A Stack	J M Sheridan	128
8	Songhai (Ire)	Sands Of Mali (Fr)	Aristia Park Bloodstock	John Patrick Murtagh	B M Coen	128

**Breeders:** 1-Allevamento Poggio San Giorgio SAS, 2-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 3-Honeypig Stud, 4-David Redvers & Framont Ltd, 5-Andrew Bengough & Partners, 6-Kevin Walsh, 7-Mr M. Begley, 8-Mr Thomas Foley.

At last, a Group race not in name only. **Mgheera** won the Temple in the manner of an improved mare and has unfinished business, having been forced out of the King's Stand with a spread plate. She is taken on again by compatriot **Rumstar**, who was below-par when sixth at Haydock in between taking the Palace House and Sandown Sprint but the three-year-olds could hold the key. **Arizona Blaze** gave his all in customary style when second in the Commonwealth Cup and will be a tough nut to crack, while the Midsummer Sprint winner **Powerful Nation** promises to make his mark in this category. [Tom Frary].

### Saturday, Curragh, post time: 16:15

#### MICHAEL JOHN KENNEDY CURRAGH CUP-G2, €72,000, 3yo/up, 14f 16yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Al Riffa (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Al Riffa Syndicate	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	D McMonagle	137
2	Harbour Wind (Ire)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Moyglare Stud Farm	D K Weld	C D Hayes	137
3	Leinster (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Al Shira'aa Racing	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	D P McDonogh	137
4	London City	Justify	Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier	A P O'Brien	R P Whelan	137
5	Queenstown (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, D Smith, Westerberg	A P O'Brien	W M Lordan	137
6	Uxmal (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	M P Sheehy	137
7	Comic Book (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Zhang Yuesheng	Mrs J Harrington	S Foley	134
8	Drawn To Dream (Ire)	Iquitos (Ger)	Ringfort Stud Limited	Ross O'Sullivan	J A Heffernan	134
9	Shackleton (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Peter M Brant & Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith	A P O'Brien	R L Moore	126

**Breeders:** 1-S.A.R.L. de Chambure Haras d'Etreham, Benoit Chalmel et al., 2-Moyglare Stud Farm, 3-Al Shira'aa Farms S.A.R.L., 4-Opendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 5-Coolmore, 6-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd, 7-Power Thoroughbreds Germany Gmbh, 8-Ammerland GmbH & Co. KG, 9-Lynch Bages Ltd.

A welcome drop in class for **Al Riffa**, despite this race mysteriously holding the same status as the Hardwicke in which he was a gallant second last month. While the trip is an unknown, the quality gap isn't with Ballydoyle's perpetually-disappointing **Shackleton** the most likely danger if he can pull his finger out with weight-for-age to help. It is interesting that the Niarchos Family have held on to a six-year-old gelding, but then **Uxmal** is a Royal Ascot winner whose form figures read well on the face of it. [Tom Frary].

### Saturday, Newbury, post time: 14:57

#### THE HALLGARTEN AND NOVUM WINES HACKWOOD STAKES-G3, £85,000, 3yo/up, 6fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Diligent Harry (GB)	Due Diligence	The Diliinquents	Clive Cox	Saffie Osborne	138
2	Elite Status (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	135
3	Ferrous (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Recycled Products Limited	Jack Channon	David Probert	135
4	Jarraaf (GB)	Zoustar (Aus)	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum	Owen Burrows	William Buick	135
5	Khaadem (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Mrs Fitri Hay	Charles Hills	Kieran Shoemark	135
6	Kind Of Blue (GB)	Blue Point (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	James Fanshawe	James Doyle	135
7	King's Gamble (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Clipper	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	135
8	Regional (GB)	Territories (Ire)	Future Champions Racing Regional	Edward Bethell	Callum Rodriguez	135
9	Russet Gold (GB)	Al Kazeem (GB)	Mr D. J. Deer	Roger Varian	Callum Shepherd	135
10	Fair Angellica (GB)	Harry Angel (Ire)	Mrs W. Miller	Richard Hughes	Finley Marsh	132
11	Rage Of Bamby (Ire)	Saxon Warrior (Jpn)	Hot To Trot Racing 2 & Mrs A G Kavanagh	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	132
12	Ain't Nobody (Ire)	Sands Of Mali (Fr)	J Blackburn & J Matthews	Kevin Ryan	Tom Eaves	130

**Breeders:** 1-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 2-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 3-Merriebelle Irish Farm Ltd, 4-The Arabda Partnership, 5-Yeomanstown Stud, 6-Mr & Mrs M Morris, Mr & Mrs P Hopper, 7-Centerville Bloodstock, 8-Razza del Sole Societa Agricola SRL, 9-D. J. and Mrs Deer, 10-Jarosa Stud, 11-Az. Agr. Capannacce Di Teodora Giorgi, 12-Ballyhane (Rathbride) Umlimited.

Time for the real **Kind Of Blue** to stand up, please. Unrecognisable this term, the sprinter seemingly destined to reach even greater heights at four is threatening to head into the abyss and unfortunately this is a category that takes no prisoners. Last year's winner **Elite Status** is another going the wrong way and this really could be a straightforward task for the King's Stand regular **Regional**, who is too hardened to give any quarter. [Tom Frary].

**Sunday, Chantilly, France, post time: 17:00**

**GOFFS PRIX ROBERT PAPIN-G2**, €119,000, 2yo, 6FT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	5	Moojeed (Fr)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Graffard	Barzalona	128
2	3	Tadej (GB)	Ardad (Ire)	A Watson	H Doyle	128
3	2	Super Soldier (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Burke	C Lee	128
4	1	Imperial Me Cen (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Devin	Madamet	128
5	4	Green Sense (Ire)	Starman (GB)	J O'Brien	Guyon	125

France has won just one of the last 11 renewals and is represented by **Moojeed** and **Imperial Me Cen**, who finished first and third when meeting over this course and distance in last month's G3 Prix du Bois. **Tadej** was just over five lengths ahead of **Super Soldier** when both ran unplaced in Royal Ascot's G2 Coventry Stakes and should hold the edge once more. **Green Sense** is the only filly on show and comes back off an unplaced effort in the G3 Albany Stakes at the Royal meet. [Sean Cronin].

**Sunday, Curragh, post time: 15:40**

**ROMANISED MINSTREL STAKES-G2**, €72,000, 3yo/up, 7FT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Big Gossey (Ire)	Gutaifan (Ire)	Allegro Syndicate	Charles O'Brien	R P Whelan	136
2	Chicago Critic (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Sam Mencoiff & Tony Smurfit	John Patrick Murtagh	B M Coen	136
3	Diego Velazquez (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Smith,Magnier,Tabor,Westerberg,Brant	A P O'Brien	R L Moore	136
4	Lord Massusus (Ire)	Markaz (Ire)	John N Bourke	Joseph G Murphy	S Foley	136
5	Mutasarref (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Eleanora Kennedy	G M Lyons	G F Carroll	136
6	Room Service (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Roddy O Byrne and Robert O Byrne	K A Ryan	T Eaves	136
7	Easy (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Team Valor International LLC & Gary Barber	Andrew Slattery	A J Slattery	133
8	Queen of Thunder (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Jaber Abdullah	K J Condon	C D Hayes	133
9	Vespertilio (Fr)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Al Shira'aa Racing	W McCreery	D McMonagle	133
10	East Hampton (GB)	Cracksman (GB)	MRC International	David Marnane	L T McAteer	129
11	California Dreamer (GB)	Mehmas (Ire)	AMO Racing Limited & Giselle De Aguiar	Adrian Murray	W M Lordan	126

**Breeders:** 1-Mr E. Heary, 2-Forenaghts Stud, 3-Epona Bloodstock Ltd, 4-Longrove Stud, 5-Shadwell Estate Company Limited, 6-Edmond Kent, 7-Shadwell Estate Company Limited, 8-Lodge Park Stud, 9-Ecurie Des Monceaux & Ecurie Skymarc Farm, 10-Manor Farm Stud & J. E. Rose, 11-Ickworth Stud.

Take out his Queen Anne no-show and **Diego Velazquez** remains an exciting older miler with the memory of his Meld and Solonaway wins still relatively fresh. Sharpened up over seven here, he encounters the smart filly **Vespertilio** who may have enjoyed a much-needed confidence boost when taking the six-furlong Listed Dash Stakes here last month. Last year's Jersey third **Chicago Critic** popped up again last time when taking Leopardstown's Listed Amethyst Stakes and is one of the other contenders. [Tom Frary].

**Sunday, Curragh, post time: 14:30****AL SHIRA'AA RACING MEADOW COURT STAKES-G3**, €42,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 10fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Higher Leaves (Ire)	Golden Horn (GB)	James Wigan	Henry de Bromhead	Tom Marquand	134
2	One Look (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Connolly Racing Syndicate	P Twomey	W M Lordan	134
3	Azada (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	Exors of the Late H H Aga Khan	D K Weld	C D Hayes	131
4	Beechwood (Ire)	Le Havre (Ire)	Glyn Davies & Mrs J Davies	P Twomey	S Foley	131
5	Indigo Five (Ire)	Fast Company (Ire)	R J McSharry	John James Feane	J A Heffernan	131
6	Lemsairbat (Fr)	Bated Breath (GB)	Sights On Gold Partnership	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	D P McDonogh	131
7	Naomi Lapaglia (GB)	Awtaad (Ire)	Eleanora Kennedy	G M Lyons	G F Carroll	131
8	Soft Winds (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Sights On Gold Two Partnership	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	D McMonagle	131
9	Tasmania (Ger)	Australia (GB)	Gestuet Schlenderhan Gmbh U Co Kg	Sir Mark Prescott	L Morris	131
10	Uluru (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Team Valor International LLC	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	R L Moore	131

**Breeders:** 1-D. G. Icceton, 2-Tullpark Ltd, 3-His Highness The Aga Khan's Studs S.C., 4-Carol Henley & Pattern Bloodstock, 5-Kilnamoragh Stud, 6-2 0 Al Shaqab Racing, 7-Shadwell Estate Company Limited, 8-Godolphin, 9- , 10-Stonecross Stud.

Having pulled off the notable feat of landing the 2023 Goffs Million on her racecourse debut, **One Look** owes connections nothing especially after winning the G3 Park Express Stakes and giving Porta Fortuna something to think about in the Ridgewood Pearl. **Higher Leaves** is another ready-baked Group 3 winner, having relished the Toulouse mud to take apart the Prix Fille de l'Air in November and she probably needs all of the forecast rain and a bit more. [Tom Frary].

**Sunday, Chantilly, France, post time: 15:50****DARLEY PRIX CHLOE-G3**, €73,200, 3yo, f, 9fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	5	Cathedral (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Beckett	D Egan	123
2	4	Rosa Salvaje (Ire)	Maximum Security	C Head	Pasquier	123
3	3	Paix Des Dames (GB)	Le Havre (Ire)	Rohaut	Guyon	123
4	1	Whataboutism (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Fabre	Demuro	123
5	2	Relaxx (Fr)	City Light (Fr)	C&Y Lerner	Soumillon	123
6	6	Serving With Style (GB)	Mohaather (GB)	Burke	C Lee	123

Last term's G3 Oh So Sharp Stakes runner-up **Cathedral** has finished fourth in both starts this year and holds solid claims coming back off a career best in Royal Ascot's G1 Coronation Stakes. **Relaxx** rates as an obvious danger and returns off a clear-cut success and black-type breakthrough here in last month's Listed Prix de Bagatelle. **Serving With Style** has failed to fire in two outings since running second in last term's G2 Rockfel Stakes while **Rosa Salvaje** and **Paix Des Dames** need to step up on previous black-type efforts. The unexposed **Whataboutism** is an interesting contender and will bid to provide Andre Fabre with a record sixth renewal. [Sean Cronin].

**Sunday, Chantilly, France, post time: 17:35****PRIX MESSIDOR-G3**, €73,200, 3yo/up, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	7	Alcantor (Fr)	New Bay (GB)	Fabre	Pouchin	130
2	4	Geography (Ger)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Schiergen	Starke	130
3	10	Marhaba Ya Sanafi (Ire)	Muhaaarar (GB)	Schutz	Lecoeuvre	128
4	8	Ice Max (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Burke	C Lee	128
5	3	Quddwah (GB)	Kingman (GB)	S&E Crisford	Shepherd	128
6	2	Vertbois (Fr)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Fabre	Guyon	128
7	1	Caramelito (Fr)	Zarak (Fr)	Rohaut	Bachelot	128

8	9	Siam Paragon (Fr)	Shalaa (Ire)	Doleuze	Soumillon	128
9	6	Ridari (Fr)	Churchill (Ire)	Delzangles	Barzalona	122
10	5	Dos Mukasan (Fr)	Golden Horde (Ire)	C Head	Demuro	120

April's G3 Prix de Fontainebleau victor **Ridari** ran with credit when unplaced in both G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix du Jockey Club and has an opportunity to regain the winning thread here. He holds fellow sophomore **Dos Mukasan** on Poulains form. **Alcantor**, **Marhaba Ya Sanafi** and **Siam Paragon** are consistent performers at this level and lead the home defence. The former, along with G2 Prix du Muguet runner-up **Vertbois**, represents the Andre Fabre stable seeking a record-extending 14th edition. [*Sean Cronin*].

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	5	Ami De Vega (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Neuroth	De Paiva	130
2	6	Padre Palou (Ger)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Grewe	Hammer-Hansen	128
3	1	Alpenjager (Ger)	Nutan (Ire)	Schiergen	Wolff	126
4	2	Weltbeste (Ger)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	Pecheur	Seidl	125
5	3	Diamond Crown (Ger)	Cracksman (GB)	Suborics	H Boutin	122
6	7	Sweet Summer (Ger)	Waldgeist (GB)	Nedorostek	Ganbat	122
7	4	Zauberkonig (Ger)	Teofilo (Ire)	Schiergen	Abik	115

**Zauberkonig** is the lone sophomore in the field and seeks compensation coming back off a hampered 10th in this month's G1 Deutsches Derby. **Padre Palou** holds **Alpenjager** on a line through Flatten The Curve while **Weltbeste** finished in front of **Diamond Crown** and **Sweet Summer** when runner-up in last month's Listed Hamburger Stuten Cup. **Ami De Vega** brings Scandinavian form to the table and is undefeated in two black-type starts this year. [*Sean Cronin*].

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