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Baeza at Saratoga prior to the Belmont Stakes | Sarah Andrew

by Tim Wilkin

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – When he found out he was going to need a new jockey, John Shirreffs didn't blink. He knew who was going to ride **Baeza** (**McKinzie**) in Saturday's \$500,000 GII Jim Dandy Stakes at Saratoga Race Course. And the jockey isn't all that new, not to Baeza.

Baeza will be reunited with California-based Hector Berrios when he steps on the track to take on GI Kentucky Derby and GI Belmont Stakes winner Sovereignty (Into Mischief) and three others in the 1 1/8-mile traditional prep for the Aug. 23 GI Travers Stakes.

Shirreffs knew a few weeks ago that he was going to be jockey shopping when Flavien Prat informed him he would be unavailable. Prat is heading to California to ride 'TDN Rising Star' Nysos (**Nyquist**) in the \$300,000 GII San Diego Handicap.

Prat rode Baeza in the Kentucky Derby and Belmont. Berrios was the rider for three of Baeza's first four starts, including a second-place finish in the GI Santa Anita Derby behind Journalism (**Curlin**).

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THISTLEDOWN TRACK SUPER CLAIMS HE WAS FIRED FOR REPORTING SAFETY CONCERNS TO STEWARDS AND HISA

by T.D. Thornton

Thistledown Racino in Ohio fired its track superintendent on Monday, and management at the Cleveland-area track has brought in outside racing surface consultants and is working with the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) in the aftermath of four lost days of racing and training this week because of escalating safety concerns with the dirt surface.

But Sean Wright, who was only on the superintendent's job four months before his abrupt termination July 21, told TDN in a Wednesday phone interview that Thistledown's troubles on its one-mile dirt oval extend beyond the graphic images that have circulated on social media this week showing fist-sized rocks that were allegedly picked up from the track by jockeys and horsemen on Monday and Tuesday.

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“I don’t think there was another rider that we were really considering because of Hector’s experience with the horse,” Shirreffs said Wednesday morning on the Saratoga backstretch. “It’s hard to continually change riders on a horse. I think a horse, especially a young horse, needs a little consistency.”

This will be the 37-year-old Berrios’s first time riding at Saratoga.

“Oh yeah, very comfortable with him,” Shirreffs said. “Hector is a professional rider. He studies the Form, he watches film. He has lots of experience and he has lots of experience with Baeza. He knows him in and out.”

Baeza, owned by C R K Stable LLC and Grandview Equine, arrived in Saratoga on Friday night. After he walked on Saturday, he went to the track on Sunday.

Shirreffs is looking forward to another chance at Sovereignty. Baeza finished third behind him in the Kentucky Derby and Belmont. In the Derby, he was 1 1/2 lengths behind him, but only beaten a neck for second by Journalism.

Last month at the Belmont, run at Saratoga, Sovereignty beat Baeza by 6 1/2 lengths.

“We’ve all seen (Sovereignty) run,” Shirreffs said. “He is a very nice horse. My horse has to run his best race, and I think Baeza has a better race in him.”

Pressure Off Bauer After Honorable Miss Win

When **Halina’s Forte** (Mitole) surprised just about everyone--including her trainer--when she won the GII Honorable Miss at 24-1 on Sunday, the pressure was off the barn.

“Made our meet,” trainer Phil Bauer said at his barn on the Oklahoma training track Wednesday morning. “You don’t want to set the bar too high coming up here because you will just get deflated. You hope to win one or two and we got our one. The longer the meet goes, and you haven’t been able to get a win, it weighs on you a little bit.”

Ridden by Irad Ortiz, Jr., Halina’s Forte was the second-longest price in the Honorable Miss field of eight. It was her second start this year after finishing second in the Prairie Rose Stakes at Prairie Meadows as the 4-5 favorite. **Cont.**

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Haliana's Forte wins the Honorable Miss | Coglianesse

That was her first start since November.

Halina's Forte slipped up the rail and won the race by a half-length over R Disaster (Awesome Slew). 'TDN Rising Star' Scylla (Tapit), the 6-5 even-money favorite, was third.

Last year, Halina's Forte, owned by Rigney Racing, won the Galway Stakes at Saratoga.

"I was shocked when she did not win off the layoff," Bauer

said. "I thought that was kind of a walkover race. Sometimes they need one and I tried not to read into it too much and kept marching forward."

Bauer said he was more surprised that his other horse in the race--5-year-old mare Little Prankster (Practical Joke)--finished last. She was 17-1.

Last year, Bauer had a successful summer at Saratoga with six wins in 17 starts.

He has 14 horses in his barn. There is a chance Halina's Forte could be seen again. That would be in the seven-furlong, \$500,000 GI Ballerina on Aug. 23, Travers Day.

"We'll see how it comes up," Bauer said. ("TDN Rising Star") Ways and Means (Practical Joke) might scare some horses away. If it's a position where you think you could get top three, it's probably worth running."

Looking For a New York Sweep

The bonus is no more, but that doesn't mean a sweep of three New York-bred summer races doesn't mean anything.

And that is the position trainer Rob Atras is in with his 3-year-old Train the Trainer (Dialed In).

In his last two starts, Train the Trainer won the Mike Lee Stakes at Saratoga on June 4 and the New York Derby at Finger Lakes on July 14. **Cont.**

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Train the Trainer wins the Mike Lee | Sarah Andrew

The third leg of the series is the \$200,000 Albany Stakes on Aug. 21 and Atras is hoping to be there.

From 1999 to 2015, the three races made up the Big Apple Triple and a horse that won all three legs would get a bonus of \$250,000.

“It would be nice,” Atras said when asked about the Big Apple Triple. “But it’s alright. If he makes it to the race and runs big and happens to win it, I would be fine with that, too.”

Train the Trainer began his career in California with trainer Mark Glatt.

“He ran a really good second in his first race and Mark called me and asked if I would take the horse in New York,” Atras said. “They did not really have anything mapped out for him.”

Train the Trainer, owned by Alipony Racing and Saints or Sinners, has won all three of his starts with Atras. He broke his maiden by five lengths, won the Mike Lee by 2 3/4 lengths and then the New York Derby by 4 1/2 as the 1-2 favorite.

The likely favorite in the Mike Lee, Mo Plex (**Complexity**), was not able to run because his barn was under quarantine at the time. **Cont.**

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"After that race, we were not really sure what to do," Atlas said. "We weren't really pointing to the New York Derby; we were looking at maybe an allowance race."

He ultimately decided to head to Finger Lakes and two turns and Train the Trainer passed the test.

Now, he'll try for the sweep. After that, who knows?

"It's a possibility," he said when asked about trying open company. "For now, we're going to take it one race at a time."

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Thistledown, cont. from p1

Wright said that there have been eight catastrophic injuries at Thistledown since the meet began Apr. 21--five in races and three during training--and that when he became concerned enough on Monday morning to discuss the issue with the track's stewards and then to contact HISA, he was terminated within just a few hours by track management.

"Monday, when I told the stewards and when I told the HISA official that's on the grounds that I do not feel comfortable guaranteeing the safety of that racetrack because I don't want to break any more horses down, that's when I was called upstairs and subsequently let go," Wright said.

"I believe I was let go because of [being] a whistleblower," Wright said. "They even mentioned during our meeting that it was not my place to go to the stewards or HISA. Well you know what? It was damn sure my place to go to the stewards or HISA."

Wright continued: "When I reported what I saw on that racetrack, that's my professional obligation. And it's not only my professional obligation, I take a lot of pride. I've been in this business for 45 years. My family's been in this business for over 100 years. I rode. I trained. These guys mean something to me.



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These horses mean something to me. That's what I'm here for." *TDN* left messages for three Thistledown racing executives on Wednesday, seeking management's side of the story about the state of the track surface and Wright's firing.

But none of the racino's execs--general manager Chris Volle, director of racing Patrick Ellsworth, and racing secretary Patrick Mackey--called back prior to deadline for this story.

Herbie Rivera, Jr., the Jockeys' Guild representative whose region includes Thistledown, told *TDN* that track management has brought back the racino's retired track operations director, David Ellsworth, who is Patrick's father, to oversee the track's maintenance.

"I was a jockey there for years, in the 1980s and 90s," Rivera said. "That was my home track, and that track was the best, always in great shape. But this year they lost their track man [John Banno] who had been there for 25 years, who went to Laurel."

Rivera explained that even before the superintendent transition this past spring from Banno to Wright (who came to Ohio after working as the track superintendent at Ruidoso Downs in New Mexico), the Thistledown surface had been devolving.

"I was talking to one of my top riders recently and I asked him how long has it been this way," Rivera said. **Cont.**

Thistledown, cont.

"And he told me the last couple of years it's been up and down, very wavy, for whatever reason."

Rivera said those sorts of complaints seemed to come and go, but that he started getting reports on July 21 that Thistledown's surface was way out of whack.

"Whatever it was, it was a disaster Monday morning," Rivera said. "They went out to gallop, then [about an hour before the scheduled renovation break] they closed [the track] and started working on it hoping to run [the Monday afternoon races]. The jockeys picked up a bunch of rocks and they brought them to the stewards."

"Then came Tuesday morning. I was in touch with my jocks, and they said the track looked good, really good. But by 10 o'clock [the surface] was wavy [when the harrows were going over the surface], and they didn't like what they saw. So I think the management and jockeys, everybody together, decided 'Let's work on this' to try to get it to the satisfaction of everybody."

Wright has his own theories about the track's problems, which he said largely come down to two issues: The recent lack of rain, compounded by repeated difficulties in getting his crew of employees to follow maintenance orders.

"When I first started to work here, we went 34 consecutive race days without a single incident," Wright said. "When it was raining, we were great, because I would level that racetrack every day. I would make sure that it was conditioned and harrowed every day."

Wright said the problems with the track surface began to pick up once the rain ceased to fall earlier this summer. The top got too loose while the bottom got too hard. He said he tried to underscore to his crew the importance of adding water, but that they would not consistently comply with his requests.

"I don't mean to throw my guys under the bus, but a spade's a spade here," Wright said.

According to Wright's version of events, when some employees responded to his orders by swearing at him and refusing to do the work, he began putting his track maintenance orders in writing, via text messages, so he would have a written record to document the work he wanted done.

"My separation notice says that I had threatened one of my employees. I did not threaten one of my employees," Wright said. "Any time that I had asked one of my employees to do

something, I got called a [expletive] and they walked off and ignored it. They're all Teamsters. You can tell by my accent I'm from Texas, and I'm not used to dealing with unions."

Wright told *TDN* that he reported this alleged insubordination to Thistledown's management and human resources department.

Although he maintains that he did not threaten any specific employee, he did admit to *TDN* that he told his bosses he was almost at the point of punching someone if the verbal attacks

kept up, which was another reason he wanted his exchanges with workers documented via text messages.

"I didn't know what to do, but I know I damn sure didn't deserve to be called a [expletive] every time I asked somebody to do their job," Wright said.

Wright said that once the catastrophic injuries reached a total of eight this month, he, track management, and a HISA on-site representative all concurred that the Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory needed to be asked to come in and do another inspection to see what had changed since the pre-meet track analysis in March.

The testing was done on Saturday, July 19, Wright said. Although the complete analysis has not been finalized, Wright said he rode along with the testing crew as they circled the track taking readings that looked for inconsistencies under the surface, and that he was told that the preliminary results looked good or "probably even better" than March's readings.

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"I went around there with them for the measurements. You can tell when the raw data's coming back what it kind of looks like," Wright said.

On Sunday there was no racing at Thistledown, but training occurred without incident, Wright said.

"Monday I got there about 12:30 in the morning. I went out there and I leveled the racetrack like I usually do, and then I brought out the conditioner to cut the racetrack, because that's what I use as a cut harrow. I called for water and the night crew started watering."

At 6:00 a.m. the track opened for training, with Wright back in his office to attend to paperwork.

But Wright said within 15 minutes his phone was "ringing off the hook" with complaints about how bad the track looked.

Wright said he stepped out to look at it, and it appeared evident to him that the crew hadn't done the necessary follow-up watering or harrowing. Wright said he cut short training and personally oversaw the work to try and get the track ready for that afternoon's racing.

After that is when he went to the stewards and HISA with his concerns.

Wright was called in for an afternoon conference with his bosses and then told later that evening that he was fired.

Wright told *TDN* on Wednesday he has been in contact with a lawyer about possibly challenging the firing in court because he believes he was wrongfully terminated for speaking up about safety concerns.

He also said that he now has personal concerns about ever getting another track superintendent job in the industry with a termination that is "not justifiable" on his résumé.

"Some days I got there right after midnight, other days I didn't get there until three o'clock in the morning, but I usually didn't leave until after six o'clock in the afternoon, every day. I took off less than 10 days since I first started working there Mar. 18," Wright said.

"I'd go into the jocks' room every day to try and get feedback from the riders. When we did start having accidents, I requested that I be able to go up to the stewards' box and watch the replays, and we watched them together, in slow motion, to try and figure out what went wrong. That's how much attention I've tried to pay to that racetrack," Wright said.

Thistledown eventually ended up cancelling all of its racing this week (Monday through Thursday) to try and get the track back in order. Training is expected to resume Saturday, July 26, with racing to follow on Monday, July 28.

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IN DEL MAR DEBUT *by Steve Sherack*



Counterbalance rallied to finish fourth at 37-1 behind La Wally (outside) and Cherry Cider on debut at Del Mar July 19 | Benoit

In this continuing series, TDN's Senior Racing Editor Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of promising maidens to keep on your radar.

Counterbalance (f, 2, Caravaggio--Out of Balance, by Kitten's Joy) came flashing home to finish fourth in a race that held together quite well over opening weekend at Del Mar.

Overlooked at 37-1 in her debut going five furlongs on dirt for trainer Michael McCarthy, the Amerman Racing homebred broke alertly from her inside draw, but was quickly outfooted.

She was heading the wrong direction while under a ride in sixth as the highly touted, even-money favorite Cherry Cider (**Tiz the Law**) was hounded by Thank You India (**Practical Joke**) with eventual winner La Wally (**Constitution**) sitting the garden spot in third through an opening quarter in :21.97.

Still with plenty to do with positions unchanged at the top of the stretch, Counterbalance began to figure things out from there and came rocketing home in a field-best :12.05 to finish three lengths adrift the winner while powering on impressively past the wire.

La Wally was a nose better than Cherry Cider and it was another 2 1/4 lengths back to Thank You India in third. The final time for five furlongs over the fast going was :58.25.

Counterbalance received a 55 Beyer Speed Figure.

"I thought the race was very positive in that she accelerated in the lane going five furlongs to be fourth," owner/breeder John Amerman said.

"Importantly, she galloped out ahead of all the other horses in the race. We are very pleased with this daughter of Caravaggio's performance."

All 12 of Caravaggio's graded/group winners have excelled on grass, led by top-level winners Porta Fortuna (Ire), Whitebeam (GB) and Tenebrism.

Counterbalance's dam and two-time winner Out of Balance (Kitten's Joy) made all 18 of her career starts on grass. She was produced by Balance (Thunder Gulch)--a half-sister to the once-in-a-lifetime Zenyatta--who carried the navy silks of Amerman Racing to a trio of Grade I victories at Santa Anita.

Could a surface switch be in Counterbalance's future? "At this point, our options are open," Amerman said.

Since launching 'Second Chances' in 2017, 64 maidens have been featured in these pages (through 2024), producing 25% graded stakes winners, 34% stakes winners and 48% stakes horses.

*The series has introduced eight future winners at the top level, led by this year's GI Kentucky Derby and GI Belmont Stakes winner **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief), 2023 Horse of the Year **Cody's Wish** (Curlin) and fellow two-time Breeders' Cup winner **Golden Pal** (Uncle Mo).*

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- **Cody's Wish** (Curlin), Horse of the Year & Ch. Older Dirt Male, 2x GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner, MGISW, \$3,106,030. *Standing at Darley's Jonabell Farm.
- **Golden Pal** (Uncle Mo), 2x Breeders' Cup winner, GISW, \$1,825,131. *Standing at Ashford Stud.
- **Locked** (Gun Runner), MGISW, \$1,746,825.
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- **Paradise Woods** (Union Rags), MGISW, \$1,123,890.
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Journalism (Curlin) won again, taking down the GI Haskell S. at Monmouth. But that's what we've come to expect from one of the sport's most consistent horses and the trainer, Michael McCarthy, who has pushed all the right buttons. To talk about Journalism and what's ahead for the 3-year-old, McCarthy joined this week's TDN Writers' Room Podcast, presented by Keeneland. McCarthy was this week's **Gainesway** Guest of the Week.

Journalism is a throwback, an iron horse who doesn't miss any dances. McCarthy noticed early on how tough this horse was.

"He was a horse early on that seemed to thrive on training and running as a 2-year-old, three races in seven weeks," McCarthy said. "That kind of gave me the impetus that maybe he could handle something like the Triple Crown, if we were fortunate enough to get there, and we were. I thought his race in the Kentucky Derby was very good on a sloppy racetrack and he had a little bit of trouble early in the race. He came back and trained just as well for the Preakness and you saw what happened there. Then it seemed like to me like he may have even gotten better after the Preakness and had a very gutsy performance in the Belmont at Saratoga. We brought him back to California, tried to give him an easy 10 days, two weeks, and he didn't seem to be having it. So, we started back up with him lightly and he made it known pretty quickly that he wanted to get back to the work tab. So, I guess you could call him an iron horse. People call him a throwback. He's a horse that carries a lot of condition. He's a very smart horse and takes good care of himself."

As is so often the case with Journalism, he looked like he was spinning his wheels in the Haskell. Then, 100 yards or so before the wire, he took off like he was shot out of a cannon.

"In the Haskell, going into the first turn, he had taken himself back a little bit farther than we're accustomed to," McCarthy said. "Then going around the first turn, Umberto (Rispoli) gave him a tap on the shoulder and he re-engaged and put himself in contention by about the five-eighths pole. Sometimes with good horses, until they get to the quarter pole, you just never know where they're at."



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What's next for Journalism? There are a number of possibilities, including the GI Travers S. and the GI Pacific Classic.

"We'll kind of watch him here over the next week and maybe come up with a game plan," McCarthy said. "But, as of right now, I think everything needs to be on the table. It'll be interesting to see what happens in the Jim Dandy this weekend. He's been on the plane, off the plane. Part of the reason for us to go to Monmouth, outside of it being a Grade I, was it was just the easiest locale to get to. You can fly directly into Newark. Obviously, if you head back to Saratoga, you've got to go to Newark. Hopefully, that's a direct flight to Newark and then a four or five-hour van ride to Saratoga. So a lot of those factors will come into play. Some horses thrive on shipping and running. Sometimes it gets to them a little bit, but we're going to give him an easy couple of weeks here before we come up with anything."

McCarthy served as a long-time assistant to Todd Pletcher. What did he learn from the Hall of Famer?

"Showing up was probably number one," he said. "You do whatever it takes to get the job done, and that was number two. Organization was definitely number three. Anyone that walks into Todd's barn can see. They get things done in a timely fashion and everything is professional. So, there's a lot of things. I could start and we could talk about this for quite some time."

In our "Fastest Horse of the Week," segment which is sponsored by WinStar, the team went over the many reasons there are to breed to WinStar stallion **Life Is Good**. The fastest horse of the week was the pride of New Jersey, **Book 'em Danno** (Buccheri). He got a 111 Beyer for his win in the GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt S.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by 1/ST Racing, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders' Association, West Point Thoroughbreds, the KTOB and 1/ST TV, the team of Zoe Cadman, Bill Finley and Randy Moss talked about Chad Brown's big day Saturday at Monmouth, where he won four races and increased his lead on his rivals in the trainer's standings. They looked at the blowout win by **Scottish Lassie** (McKinzie) in the GI Coaching Club American Oaks at Saratoga.

The show wrapped up with a discussion of the **interview that Kentucky Governor and 2028 presidential hopeful Andy Beshear did with the TDN.**

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NATIONAL REGULATORY RULINGS,

JULY 17-23 by Dan Ross

Every week, the TDN posts a roundup of the relevant Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA)-related rulings from around the country.

The following rulings were reported on HISA's "rulings" portal and through the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU)'s "pending" and "resolved" cases portals.

Resolved ADMC Violations

Date: 07/18/2025

Licensee: Joseph David Perez, trainer

Penalty: A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission.

Explainer: Vets' list medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone—a class C controlled substance—in a sample taken from Digits on 6/15/25.

Date: 07/17/2025

Licensee: Arthur Agostini, trainer

Penalty: Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision of internal adjudication panel.

Explainer: Violation for the use or attempted use of a Class C controlled medication on Guaio during the race period, an event dated 12/27/24. Guaio did not make a start on that date.

Pending ADMC Violations

07/21/2025, Joe Toye, trainer: Pending vet's list medication violation for the presence of Acepromazine—a Class B controlled substance—in a sample taken from Valley Echo on 6/20/25.

07/21/2025, Ray Handal, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Dexamethasone—a Class C controlled

substance—in a sample taken from Valtellina, who won at Aqueduct on 4/10/25.

07/18/2025, Sergio Morfin, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Methocarbamol—a Class C controlled substance—in a sample taken from Lady Dosia, who finished sixth at Santa Anita on 6/12/25.

Violations of Crop Rule

Colonial Downs

Weston Hamilton - violation date July 18; \$1,500 fine, three-day suspension

Delaware Park

Carlos Eduardo Lopez- violation date July 17; \$500 fine, two-day suspension

Monmouth Park

Umberto Rispoli - violation date July 19; \$6,000 fine, one-day suspension

More on [that story here](#).

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PRECAUTIONARY QUARANTINE OF BARN 28 AT SARATOGA LIFTED

The precautionary quarantine of Barn 28 at Saratoga Race Course has been lifted by the New York State Department of Agriculture (NYSDA), effective immediately, the New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) announced Wednesday.

As a result, all horses stabled in Barn 28 are once again permitted to enter races, as of Wednesday, July 23, and to train with the general horse population beginning Thursday.

Barn 28, which contains horses under the care of trainer Mike Maker and Mark Casse, was placed under a precautionary quarantine on Saturday, July 19, when the Maker-trained 4-year-old filly [Surprenant Cocca] presented symptoms of strangles and was transferred offsite to be tested for a number of potential ailments. **Cont.**

Saratoga quarantine, cont.



Seen at Saratoga's Barn 28 Wednesday | Sarah Andrew

Three subsequent PCR tests and a subsequent culture all returned negative for strangles. Furthermore, no additional symptomatic horses were identified during the precautionary quarantine period.

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CHESAPEAKE FARM ADDS FINN GREEN

Collier Mathes's Chesapeake Farm has added Finn Green to consult and handle client relations and business development, it was announced in a release Wednesday. Chesapeake Farm operates on 2,000+ acres of leased land from Overbrook Farm and Wimbledon Farm in Lexington. Green is a fourth-generation Kentucky Thoroughbred horseman. He was racing manager for GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Mucho Macho Man and a consultant for champion Runhappy. He will continue to operate his deWaal Thoroughbreds, LLC consulting and management company while working at Chesapeake Farm.

"Collier and I have known each other for over 15 years," Green said. "I'm humbled and excited to work with and for Collier. Collier has the capability to both increase and improve his business."

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STIVERS PROMOTED, MOTION HIRED AT MCMAHON AND HILL

Central Kentucky-based McMahon and Hill Bloodstock has promoted Kristin Stivers to Controller and hired Mary Motion as Director of Business Development. In addition to offering bloodstock services such as portfolio management, insurance, and appraisals, McMahon and Hill also offers U.S.- and New Zealand-based racing, pinhooking, and breeding partnerships under the Bourbon Lane name.

Stivers, who has been with McMahon and Hill since 2016, will oversee finances for Spruce Lane Farm, the Bourbon Lane Retirement Fund, multiple partnerships, pinhooking LLCs, and single horse co-ownerships.

Motion, whose background includes time with trainers Graham Motion and Christophe Clement, as well as with bloodstock agent Chad Schumer, will focus on the partner and client experience within the partnerships, pinhooking LLCs, and co-ownership groups.

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SARATOGA RACE COURSE TO HOST KIDS DAY ON JULY 27

Kids Day will take place at Saratoga Race Course on Sunday, July 27. The celebration of racing and family fun will be presented in conjunction with the NYRA Students of Thoroughbreds and Racing (NYRA STAR), a signature program designed to welcome young fans to the sport of Thoroughbred racing. The first 5,000 children, ages 12 and under, will receive a Saratoga headband, presented by NYRA STAR, along with a \$25 gift card to Hildebrandt's Ice Cream for the perfect start to a day of engaging, hands-on activities at the Spa. Kids Day will give children and families a special behind-the-scenes look at life on the track. Kids will accompany NYRA staff to perform various racing-day responsibilities, including announcing scratches and changes and the ceremonial call of "Riders Up" in the Paddock.

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Friday, Saratoga #9, post time: 5:53 p.m. EDT

AMSTERDAM S. PRESENTED BY ALBANY MED HEALTH SYSTEM-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 6 1/2f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Macho Music 🌿	Maclean's Music	Mark Fletcher Taylor, Rohan Crichton, and Daniel L. Walters	Crichton	Ortiz, Jr.	124
2	Garamond	Uncle Mo	Juddmonte	Brown	Prat	120
3	Smoken Wicked	Bobby's Wicked One	Valene Farms LLC	Stewart	Hernandez, Jr.	120
4	T Kraft 🌿	Connect	LRE Racing LLC	Mott	Lezcano	122
5	Gate to Wire 🌿	Munnings	Donegal Racing	Pletcher	Davis	122
6	Gunmetal 🌿	Gun Runner	CHC, Inc. and WinStar Farm LLC	Cox	Saez	120
7	Mati Gol	Win Win Win	Fernando Aguayo	Barboza, Jr.	Alvarado	122
8	Uncaged 🌿	Curlin	WinStar Farm LLC and Repole Stable	Pletcher	Carmouche	120

Breeders: 1-Bridlewood Farm, 2-Juddmonte, 3-Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson, 4-Dr. John Eaton & Dr. Steve Laymon, 5-Moyglare Stud Farm LTD., 6-Andrew N. Warren, 7-Jorge Wagner, 8-WinStar Farm, LLC

Saturday, Del Mar #10, post time: 9:30 p.m. EDT

BING CROSBY S.-GI, \$400,000, 3yo/up, 6f



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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Crazy Mason 🌿	Coal Front	Donna Wright and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Sacco	Elliott	124
2	Dr. Venkman 🌿	Ghostzapper	Alipony Racing, Dan J. Agnew, Clint Bunch, and James Hailey	Glatt	Fresu	122
3	Hejazi	Bernardini	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.	Baffert	Hernandez	122
4	Smooth Cruisein	Girvin	Matson Racing, Sandra L. Brown, Elise Naify, and Marsha Naify	Headley	Frey	118
5	World Record 🌿	Gun Runner	WinStar Farm LLC and BBN Racing LLC	Brisset	Prat	122
6	Roll On Big Joe	Prospective	Rancho Temescal LLC, Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners, White Fence LLC and Richard Hale, Jr.	Hess, Jr.	Leparoux	122
7	Mbagnick (Chi)	Practical Joke	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Ayuso	122
8	Spirit of Makena	Ghostzapper	Kristine M. Chandler	Papaprodromou	Cedillo	122
9	Lovesick Blues	Grazen	Mia Familia Racing Stable	Barocio	Franco	122

Breeders: 1-Gmbracstables LLC, Mr. & Mrs. RamonRangel & Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Madden, 2-Ghostzapper Syndicate & Hidden Brook Farm, 3-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 4-J D Farms, 5-Runnymede Farm LLC, FalquieresBloodstock, Gestut Zur Kuste AG, et al, 6-Max Ubide, 7-Haras Paso Nevado, 8-Bruce Chandler, 9-Nick Alexander

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Saturday, Saratoga #10, post time: 5:41 p.m. EDT**JIM DANDY S. PRESENTED BY MOHEGAN SUN-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Baeza 🐾	McKinzie	C R K Stable LLC and Grandview Equine	Shirreffs	Berrios	120
2	Sandman	Tapit	D. J. Stable LLC, St. Elias Stable, West Point Thoroughbreds and CJ Stables	Casse	Ortiz	124
3	Mo Plex	Complexity	R and H Stable	Englehart	Franco	122
4	Hill Road 🐾	Quality Road	Amo Racing USA LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	122
5	Sovereignty	Into Mischief	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	124

Breeders: 1-Grandview Equine, 2-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 3-Everything's Cricket Racing, 4-Lynch Bages LTD & Camas Park Stud, 5-Godolphin

Has there ever been a 3-year-old racing season that was so straightforward? Based off of his two wins over Journalism (**Curlin**), **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief) is clearly the best horse and Journalism is clearly the second-best horse. This time, Sovereignty won't have to tangle with Journalism, who just won the GI Haskell S. This won't be a lay-up, because there are some pretty good horses in here, but none that look like they have the ability to beat Sovereignty. **Mo Plex** (**Complexity**) looks like the controlling speed. Probably not good enough to win no matter what, but might get a dream trip on the lead. In any other year, **Baeza** (**McKinzie**) might be considered the best 3-year-old colt in training, but he just happened to be born in the wrong year, the same year as Journalism and Sovereignty. -Bill Finley

Saturday, Del Mar #8, post time: 8:30 p.m. EDT**SAN DIEGO H.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Midnight Mammoth	Midnight Lute	Jeffrey Sengara	Dollase	Ayuso	120
2	Nysos 🐾	Nyquist	Baoma Corp	Baffert	Prat	124
3	Mirahmadi 🐾	Into Mischief	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Dianne Bashor, Robert E. Masterson, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Catherine Donovan, and Tom J. Ryan	Baffert	Hernandez	119
4	Express Train 🐾	Union Rags	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Smith	121
5	Hall of Fame	Gun Runner	Claiborne Farm Lessee	McCarthy	Kimura	121
6	Tarantino 🐾	Pioneerof the Nile	David A. Bernsen LLC and Rockingham Ranch	Eurton	Maldonado	118
7	Judge Miller 🐾	Curlin	Muir Hut Stables LLC	Glatt	Fresu	119

Breeders: 1-Pedro Gonzalez & Jorge Herrera, 2-Atkins Susie, 3-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 4-Dixiana Farms LLC, 5-Earle I. Mack LLC, 6-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 7-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Saturday, Monmouth #6, post time: 3:22 p.m. EDT**MONMOUTH OAKS-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Naked Eye	Vekoma	Metro Thoroughbreds LLC	Ryan	Camacho	116
2	Ruth	Uncle Mo	Frank T. Batten	Pletcher	-	118
3	Rosieontheriver	Kantharos	David Gruskos	Gonzalez	-	116
4	Paris Lily	City of Light	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Lopez	116
5	Running Away	Gun Runner	Stud TNT	Ward	Espinoza	120
6	Pink Ruby 🐾	Connect	Larry Nafe	Schultz	Jara	118
7	Fondly	Upstart	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Madaket Stables LLC	Motion	Marin	122

Breeders: 1-Jason Hall, Stephen Baker, and DavidBranch, 2-Frank T. Batten, 3-Timber Town Stable, LLC & John D. Stuart, 4-Godolphin, 5-Stud TNT, LLC, 6-Knockgriffin Farm, 7-Brereton C. Jones



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Saturday, Saratoga #9, post time: 5:04 p.m. EDT**LAKE GEORGE S. PRESENTED BY SURFSIDE-GIII, \$175,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Reining Flowers	Midnight Storm	Four G Racing LLC	Ortiz	Velazquez	120
2	Pretty Lavish (Ire)	Ribchester (Ire)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Flay, Bobby	Motion	Castellano	120
3	Daisy Flyer	Mshawish	Calumet Farm	Arnold II	Lezcano	120
4	Lavender Disaster	Into Mischief	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120
5	Classic Q 🦄	Classic Empire	Barber, Gary, Blue Crevalle Racing and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Casse	Ortiz	122
6	Princess Attitude 🦄	Frankel (GB)	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Oliver	Alvarado	120
7	Pookie 🦄	War Front	VinLaur Racing Stables & West Paces Racing	Morley	Davis	120
8	Aterradora (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Pura Vida Investments LLC	Maker	Santana, Jr.	120
9	Good Long Cry	Long On Value	Black Type Thoroughbreds, Swinbank Stables, Adkisson, Steve and Rice, Scott C.	Weaver	Saez	120
10	Play With Fire	Oscar Performance	LSU Stables	Brown	Franco	122
11	Kay Cup	Instagrاند	NY Final Furlong Racing Stable, Electric City Racing and Sportsmen Stable	Abreu	Ortiz, Jr.	124

Breeders: 1-4 G Racing LLC., 2-Thomas Hassett, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-White Birch Farm, Inc., 5-Winning Bloodstock, 6-Bryant H. Pursuit of Success III, 7-Brookdale Farm LLC, J. R. Ward Stables & Gary Chervenell, 8-The Last Partnership, 9-Sabana Farm, LLC, 10-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 11-Caperlane Farm

Classic Q (Classic Empire) beat many of these in the Wild Applause S., scoring a front-running victory. With very little other speed in the race, there's no reason why she can't get the same trip and wire them again. **Play With Fire** (Oscar Performance) closed well to finish second behind Classic Q in the Wild Applause. If she gets the right trip, she can easily win this for Chad Brown, who has won the race seven times. Could this be a repeat of the Wild Applause? **Lavender Disaster** (Into Mischief) finished third behind the top two picks in that race and could do it again. -Bill Finley

Saturday, Woodbine #5, post time: 3:07 p.m. EDT**TRILLIUM S. PRESENTED BY DON JULIO-GIII, C\$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Fashionably Fab	Silent Name (Jpn)	Terra Racing Stable	Attard	Moran	125
2	Veery	Giant Gizmo	David Rowbotham, Rodney Carpenter, and Tony Boogmans	Drexler	Cancel	122
3	For Flying (Brz)	Drosselmeyer	Newstead Stables LLC	Motion	Munger	122
4	Literate 🦄	Oscar Performance	C2 Racing Stable LLC	Drexler	Civaci	122
5	Caitlinhergrtness 🦄	Omaha Beach	WinStar Farm LLC	Attard	Hernandez	125
6	Ecstasy 🦄	Paynter	Tucci Stables	Attard	Aebly	123

Breeders: 1-Terra Farms Ltd, 2-Dr. Rolph A. Davis, 3-Haras Old Friends Ltda, 4-Don Alberto Corporation, 5-Jesse Korona, 6-Martha H. Buckner

Saturday, Woodbine #8, post time: 4:48 p.m. EDT**ONTARIO COLLEEN S.-GIII, C\$150,000, 3yo, f, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Boca Queen (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Repole Stable	Attard	Moran	119
2	Lupa (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Mark Dodson	Carroll	Aebly	119
3	Pretty Lavish (Ire)	Ribchester (Ire)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Bobby Flay	Motion	Munger	119
4	Somethinabouther 🦄	Mendelssohn	X-Men Racing IV LLC, Madaket Stables LLC, and SF Racing LLC	Walsh	Hernandez	121
5	Candy Quest 🦄	Connect	Glassman Racing	Casse	Civaci	119
6	Social Code 🦄	Constitution	CamHaven Farms	Flint	Wilson	119
7	Hidden Quarry 🦄	Preservationist	Thorough Crowd and Danielle Austin	West	Vives	119
8	Tiz Her Money 🦄	Tiz the Law	Peter Deutsch	Casse	Husbands	119
9	It Ain't Two (GB)	Calyx (GB)	Resolute Racing	Mott	Cancel	119

Breeders: 1-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd, 2-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 3-Thomas Hassett, 4-Stepaside Farm LLC, 5-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 6-CHC Inc., 7-Brereton C. Jones, 8-RTA Family Trust, George E. Saufley, 9-Crypto Bloodstock

Sunday, Saratoga #7, post time: 4:35 p.m. EDT

GLENS FALLS S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	La Mehana (Fr)	Al Wukair (Ire)	LSU Stables	Clement	Prat	120
2	No Show Sammy Jo (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Bridlewood Farm and Madaket Stables LLC	Motion	Franco	120
3	Sacaya (Fr)	The Grey Gatsby (Ire)	Adelphi Racing Club, Steven Rocco, and Winters Equine LLC	Clement	Saez	120
4	Lady Firefoot 	Temple City	Charles Hallas	Giddings	Elliott	120
5	Long Ago (GB)	Roaring Lion	Chris Nolan	Morey	Ortiz	120
6	Bellezza (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	Moyglare Stud Farm, Ltd.	Clement	Rosario	122
7	Dazzlin' Dictator	American Pharoah	Ann M. Harrison and Renata D. Hendrickson	Brisset	Ortiz, Jr.	120
8	Immensitude (Fr)	Lawman (Fr)	Wathnan Racing	Mott	Alvarado	120
9	Bernietakescharge	Take Charge Indy	Robert D. Rosenthal and Bradford H. Bernstein	Schettino	Maragh	124

Breeders: 1-S.A. Haras du Mezeray, 2-Fittocks Stud & St Albans Bloodstock Ltd, 3-Mrs. Erika Muller, 4-Athens Woods, LLC, 5-Let It Be Me Partnership, 6-Moyglare Stud Farm, 7-Lothenbach Stables Inc., 8-Isabelle Corbani, 9-Robert D. Rosenthal & Bradford Bernstein



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Thursday, Saratoga, post time: 5:44 p.m. EDT

CURLIN S. PRESENTED BY CASAMIGOS, \$135,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Chancer McPatrick	McKinzie	Flanagan Racing	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	124
2	Fountain Lake	Improbable	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Ortiz	Saez	120
3	Strategic Focus	Gun Runner	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	120
4	Hypnus	Into Mischief	Wathnan Racing	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	120
5	Just a Fair Shake	Laoban	LaShawna Lynch	McKenzie	Carmouche	120
6	Crudo	Justify	Flay, Bobby and Ventura, James	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
7	So Sandy	Omaha Beach	Lael Stables	DeVaux	Ortiz	120
8	Uncaged	Curlin	WinStar Farm LLC and Repole Stable	Pletcher	Davis	120

Breeders: 1-Rigney Racing, LLC, 2-Stoneriggs Farm, 3-Alter's Racing Stables, Inc., 4-Phoenix Thoroughbreds (III) LTD, 5-Brookstone Farm, Lee Mauberret, & JamesBlazek, 6-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 7-Mike Abraham, 8-WinStar Farm, LLC



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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 Thursday at Saratoga. Information compiled by Alan Carasso:



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Thursday, July 24, 2025

Saratoga 1, \$80k, 2yo, f, (R), 6f, 1:10 p.m.

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price (\$)	Breeze
Fonzi Angel (Liam's Map) <i>C-Niall Brennan Stables, agent; B-Cammarota Racing LLC</i>	OBSAPR	20,000	:10 4/5
Mia Sophia (Goldencents) <i>C-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds; B-Neal E Hayias</i>	OBSAPR	30,000	:10 1/5
Sparkling Mama (Vekoma) <i>C-Six K's Training & Sales, agent; B-Dominick Schettino</i>	OBSAPR	5,000	:10 2/5

Saratoga 3, \$80k, 2yo, (R), 6f, 2:18 p.m.

Antonino (Candy Ride {Arg}) <i>C-de Meric Sales, agent; B-Eduardo Soto</i>	OBSAPR	45,000	:10 2/5
Hoosick Falls (Authentic) <i>C-Top Line Sales LLC, agent; B-Saratoga Robin Racing Stable</i>	OBSAPR	50,000	:10 2/5
Mr. J (Mendelssohn) <i>C-Omar Ramirez Bloodstock, agent; B-J Mackor for K Johnston</i>	OBSAPR	50,000 PS	:21 1/5

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2nd-Saratoga, \$120,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 7-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22.76, ft, 7 3/4 lengths.

WEIGH THE RISKS (f, 4, Mendelssohn--Beautiful Liar, by Candy Ride {Arg}), one of a pair of Chad Brown runners in the field, last picked up a placing in the Heavenly Prize Invitational Stakes at Aqueduct Feb. 22. Coming off the layoff Wednesday, the 2-1 shot yielded favoritism to Zadorsky (Tapiture) but never gave that runner, or any other, a shot as she broke right to the lead from the rail. Cruising under a motionless Manny Franco, Weigh the Risks offered a solid stretch kick to lead in Patricia Ann (Enticed), who chased her from second throughout, by 7 3/4 lengths. Beautiful Liar, already the dam of Cheapskate Diva (Animal Kingdom), MSW, \$225,780 and Azalea Stakes runner up Nerazurri (Protonico), has a 2-year-old **Flameaway** colt and a yearling **Hard Spun** colt but sadly lost her 2025 **Golden Pal** foal. Sales History: \$205,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: SP, 11-4-2-0, \$286,821. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Porta Pia Stables LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.



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8th-Saratoga, \$115,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 7-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.98, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.

ALL CLASS (m, 5, Kantharos--Commentary, by The Factor) broke through on the dirt against winners in a \$50,000 optional claimer at Aqueduct over a rained-off sloppy track May 9, her first win since joining the Linda Rice operation at the end of 2024. Fifth on the grass going just a half-furlong shorter last out June 13, the 10-1 chance got back on the main track and stepped up nicely here, sitting just off pacesetter Caress

(**Connect**) through fractions of :22.01 and :45.22. Fanned out at the quarter pole for a bid, she not only took control but drew off under Kendrick Carmouche for a 5 3/4-length win. Commentary, sold in foal to Roadster for just \$1,700 at OBSWNT this year, is a half-sister to GISP Luminance (Tale of the Cat) and to MGSP Stellar Sound (**Tapit**). All Class's third dam, MGISW Versailles Treaty, is responsible for GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf hero George Vancouver (Henrythenavigator). Commentary has reported back to back colts, both by Roadster, in 2024 and 2025 respectively. Sales History: \$7,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT. Lifetime Record: 12-5-3-1, \$246,761. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/T-Linda Rice; B-Rustlewood Farm, Inc. (FL).

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the three-length win. Askingforafriend (**Practical Joke**) closed from sixth to nail the early pacesetter for the minor awards. Already a half to Epping Forest (Exchange Rate), SP, \$306,000 who produced MSP Annascul (**American Pharoah**) for these same owner/trainer connections, King Puck is out of a Pulpit half-sister to MGISW Vicar (Wild Again) and to the dam of G1 French Two Thousand Guineas winner Astronomer Royal (Danzig). Andraste has a yearling **Candy Ride (Arg)** filly, a filly born this year by Omaha Beach and was sent to **Volatile** for 2026. Sales History: \$60,000 RNA Ylg '22 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-0, \$99,250. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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9th-Saratoga, \$90,000, (S), Msw, 7-23, 3yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:02.80, fm, 3 lengths.

KING PUCK (g, 4, Twirling Candy--Andraste, by Pulpit), second in three of his four starts first for the late Christophe Clement and most recently for son Miguel at Aqueduct June 19, came in as the 6-5 favorite looking to avenge losses as the favorite in each of his three most recent attempts. Pressing the pace but second best behind Light Fantastic (**City of Light**) into the turn, he had to work to reel that rival back in, ultimately overtaking him on the stand side into the final furlong and pulling away for

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IN BRITAIN:

Tailgunner Joe, c, 2, **Knicks Go**. See "Britain".

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Capo Kane (Street Sense), Bonner Hill Farms, \$2,500

15 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

2-Penn National, 6:14 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Capos Sugar Kane, 7-2

Lexitonian (Speightstown), Calumet Farm, \$7,500
 59 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 1-Saratoga, 1:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Coola Boola, 2-1
 \$62,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$25,000 KEE SEP yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JULY 24
2025 Stud Fees Listed

Authentic (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
 295 foals of racing age/53 winners/4 black-type winners
 6-Colonial Downs, 1:28 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Coach Mazzula, 3-1
 \$180,000 RNA FTK NOV wnl; \$125,000 FTS AUG yrl
 3-Saratoga, 2:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Hoosick Falls, 9-2
 \$50,000 OBS APR 2yo

Bobby's Wicked One (Speightstown), Lacer at Aztec Equine,
 \$3,500
 46 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
 1-Evangeline Downs, 6:30 p.m. Msw 5fT, Wickedly Royal, 5-2

Improbable (City Zip), WinStar Farm
 221 foals of racing age/48 winners/6 black-type winners
 9-Saratoga, 5:44 p.m. EDT, \$135K **Curlin** S. Presented by
 Casamigos, 1 1/8m, Fountain Lake, 12-1 \$100,000 KEE NOV wnl

McKinzie (**Street Sense**), Gainesway Farm, \$75,000
 301 foals of racing age/42 winners/6 black-type winners
 9-Saratoga, 5:44 p.m. EDT, \$135K **Curlin** S. Presented by
 Casamigos, 1 1/8m, Chancer McPatrick, 9-2
 \$260,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$725,000 OBS APR 2yo

Tight Ten (**Tapit**), Mountain Springs Farm
 15 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 7-Parx Racing, 3:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Aniya Gold, 15-1

Vekoma (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000
 288 foals of racing age/89 winners/12 black-type winners
 1-Saratoga, 1:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Sparkling Mama, 7-2
 \$25,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$5,000 OBS APR 2yo

War of Will (**War Front**), Claiborne Farm, \$15,000
 204 foals of racing age/36 winners/1 black-type winner
 3-Saratoga, 2:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Kinnick, 8-1
 \$60,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl



Historic Heart (navy cap) | Sarah Andrew

STAKES RESULTS

A. P. SMITHWICK MEMORIAL H., (NB) \$150,000, Saratoga, 7-23,
 4yo/up, 2 3/8mT, 4:37.46, fm.

1--**HISTORIC HEART (IRE), 150, g, 8, Fracas (Ire)--Irish Question (Ire), by Giant's Causeway.** O-Atlantic Friends Racing; B-J. S. Bolger (IRE); T-Keri Brion; J-Danny Mullins. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 24-6-4-2, \$235,966. *1/2 to Loch Garman (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), G1SW-Fr, GSP-Ire, \$229,208.

2--**Proven Innocent**, 152, g, 7, **Blame**--Meghan's Joy, by A.P. Indy. O-Bruton Street-US; B-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC (KY); T-Jack Fisher. \$27,000.

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3--**Zarak the Brave (Fr)**, 158, g, 6, **Zarak (Fr)**--Tempo Royale (Fr), by Boris de Deauville (Ire). (€24,000 RNA Ylg '20 ARQAU).

O-Mrs. S. K. Johnston, Jr.; B-Magalen Bryant (FR); T-Thomas Garner. \$15,000.

Margins: NO, 5 1/4, HD. Odds: 10.60, 4.50, 9.70.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Saratoga, \$115,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 7-23,
 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:13.56, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

FREEDOM'S WAY (g, 6, Declaration of War--Wonderfuladventure, by Tiz Wonderful) Lifetime Record: 21-3-4-4, \$245,461. O-Connie and Richard Snyder; B-Cove Springs Farm LLC (KY); T-Eddie Kenneally. *\$52,000 RNA Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$70,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP. **1/2 to Freedom's Not Free (Omaha Beach), MSW, \$203,080.

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9th-Colonial Downs, \$90,300, (S), 7-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m,
 1 1/16mT, 1:43.11, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

PUBLIC DEFENDER (f, 4, Constitution--On the Backstreets {MSW, \$181,093}, by Street Boss) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$125,190. O-John D. Stuart and Andrew Rosen; B-J. D. Stuart, Peter C. Bance & AR Enterprises, Inc. (KY); T-Jane Cibelli.



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4th-Saratoga, \$75,000, Str, 7-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.34, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

GARDINER (c, 3, Audible--Ramdhaa, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-0, \$180,045. O-Joseph E. Besecker; B-Tuscany Bloodstock (KY); T-Joe Sharp. *\$26,000 2yo '24 EASMAY.

7th-Saratoga, \$75,000, Str, 7-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.84, ft, neck.

DESPO'S DREAM (f, 4, Mitole--Pointe Class, by Arch) Lifetime Record: 19-4-4-1, \$170,921. O-Paterpop Racing; B-Tim Thornton (KY); T-Fernando Abreu. *\$50,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

8th-Colonial Downs, \$74,400, 7-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/16mT, 1:55.67, fm, 1 length.

CHA CHA TAP (m, 5, Tapwrit--Hat Box, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 18-3-1-0, \$114,962. O-Charles Fawley; B-Waymore, LLC (KY); T-Milan Milosevic. *\$32,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$5,000 2yo '22 EASMAY. **1/2 to Creative Thinking (Creative Cause), SW-USA, SP-Can, \$132,592.



6th-Colonial Downs, \$69,600, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 7-23, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:49.14, ft, 1 length.

LURED AWAY (c, 3, Enticed--Skindy, by Skip Away) Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-2, \$191,030. O-David A. Bernsen LLC; B-University of Kentucky (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek. *\$9,500 Ylg '23 FTKFEB; \$30,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT.



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8th-Delaware, \$45,850, 7-23, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.30, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

SUMMER'S COMIN (f, 4, Summer Front--Emirates Girl {SP-Fr, SP-Ger}, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: SP, 23-6-3-2, \$284,061. O/T-Michael Dini; B-Helen & Joseph Barbazon (NJ). *1/2 to Fly At Dawn (Discreet Cat), SP-UAE, \$190,974.

7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$31,930, (S), 7-22, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10.20, ft, neck.

FACE DOWN (g, 4, Speightster--Rutherford Rd {SP, \$140,756}, by First Samurai) Lifetime Record: 17-5-1-6, \$107,225. O-Tim Girten and Marc Mazzocco; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Tim Girten. *\$10,000 Ylg '22 EASOCT.

7th-Finger Lakes, \$26,760, 7-23, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.09, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

ZI END (f, 3, Weekend Hideaway--Zismokin Gal, by Zivo) Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$56,980. O-Debra A. and Kariann Breed; B/T-Debra Breed (NY).

4th-Finger Lakes, \$26,500, 7-23, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.13, ft, 3/4 length.

PRINCE OF TRUTH (g, 5, Into Mischief--La Verdad {Ch. Female Sprinter, MGSW & GISP, \$1,563,200}, by Yes It's True) Lifetime Record: 16-2-1-3, \$112,490. O-Naipaul Chatterpaul; B-Lady Sheila Stable LLC & Edition Farm (NY); T-Ralph D'Alessandro. *\$675,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$450,000 2yo '22 FTFMAR.

6th-Fort Erie, C\$23,209, 7-22, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT, 1:26.02, fm, 1/2 length.

KID GIZMO (f, 4, Amis Gizmo--Kid's Collection, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-2, \$58,197. O-Born To Run Racing Stable; B-Tall Oaks Farm (ON); T-Roy George Agostino.

3rd-Belterra, \$22,800, (S), 7-23, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:14.68, ft, 1 length.

GOT ZIP (g, 4, Tapiture--Plastique, by City Zip) Lifetime Record: 11-2-0-1, \$37,610. O/T-C. Louis Bates; B-Mandy Lockard & Peter Sheppell (OH). *\$13,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

6th-Louisiana Downs, \$22,130, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 7-22, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.98, ft, 1/2 length.

AUTIE (g, 4, Audible--You Laughin, by Sharp Humor) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$46,800. O-Corinne Heiligbrodt, L. William Heiligbrodt, Coteau Grove Farms LLC, Jackpot Farm and Dusty Castille; B-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC (LA); T-Steven M. Asmussen. *\$175,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **1/2 to Zenden (Fed Biz), Hwt. Older Horse-UAE- at 5 - 7 f., G1SW-UAE, MSW & MGSP-USA, \$1,131,760.

5th-Louisiana Downs, \$20,330, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000),
7-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.97, ft, neck.

MUSIC MISTRESS (m, 5, Laurie's Rocket--The Gray Goose, by Malabar Gold) Lifetime Record: 20-4-4-1, \$286,807. O/T-Joe P. McKellar; B-McDowell Farm (AR).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Classic Nofty, g, 2, Classic Empire--Move, by Silver Train.
Presque Isle Downs, 7-23, 1m (AWT), 1:39.86. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,400. B-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC (PA).
*1ST-TIME STARTER.

Thrillswithnobills, f, 4, Speightster--Mecke's Madalyn (SW, \$162,156), by Desert Party. Finger Lakes, 7-23, 6f, 1:13.10. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$22,429. B-Stephen T Sinatra & Corby Caiazzo (MD).

Zevon, g, 7, Imagining--Zafeen's Pearl (GB) (GISP, \$102,555), by Zafeen (Fr). Colonial Downs, 7-23, 1 1/4mT, 2:02.17. Lifetime Record: 13-1-1-6, \$80,735. B-Mary Voss (MD).



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Into Mischief, Prince of Truth, g, 5, o/o La Verdad, by Yes It's True. ALW, 7-23, Finger Lakes

Kantharos, All Class, m, 5, o/o Commentary, by The Factor. AOC, 7-23, Saratoga

Mendelssohn, Weigh the Risks, f, 4, o/o Beautiful Liar, by Candy Ride (Arg). AOC, 7-23, Saratoga

Mitole, Despo's Dream, f, 4, o/o Pointe Class, by Arch. STR, 7-23, Saratoga

Speightster, Face Down, g, 4, o/o Rutherford Rd, by First Samurai. ALW, 7-22, Presque Isle Downs

Speightster, Thrillswithnobills, f, 4, o/o Mecke's Madalyn, by Desert Party. MSW, 7-23, Finger Lakes

Summer Front, Summer's Comin, f, 4, o/o Emirates Girl, by Unbridled's Song. ALW, 7-23, Delaware

Tapiture, Got Zip, g, 4, o/o Plastique, by City Zip. ALW, 7-23, Belterra

Tapwrit, Cha Cha Tap, m, 5, o/o Hat Box, by Street Cry (Ire). ALW, 7-23, Colonial Downs

Twirling Candy, King Puck, g, 4, o/o Andraste, by Pulpit. MSW, 7-23, Saratoga

Weekend Hideaway, Zi End, f, 3, o/o Zismokin Gal, by Zivo. ALW, 7-23, Finger Lakes

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Amis Gizmo, Kid Gizmo, f, 4, o/o Kid's Collection, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 7-22, Fort Erie

Audible, Autie, g, 4, o/o You Laughin, by Sharp Humor. AOC, 7-22, Louisiana Downs

Audible, Gardiner, c, 3, o/o Ramdhaa, by More Than Ready. STR, 7-23, Saratoga

Classic Empire, Classic Nofty, g, 2, o/o Move, by Silver Train. MSW, 7-23, Presque Isle Downs

Constitution, Public Defender, f, 4, o/o On the Backstreets, by Street Boss. ALW, 7-23, Colonial Downs

Declaration of War, Freedom's Way, g, 6, o/o Wonderfuladventure, by Tiz Wonderful. AOC, 7-23, Saratoga

Enticed, Lured Away, c, 3, o/o Skindy, by Skip Away. AOC, 7-23, Colonial Downs

Fracas (Ire), Historic Heart (Ire), g, 8, o/o Irish Question (Ire), by Giant's Causeway. GI A P Smithwick Memorial H., 7-23, Saratoga

Imagining, Zevon, g, 7, o/o Zafeen's Pearl (GB), by Zafeen (Fr). MSW, 7-23, Colonial Downs

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Weigh the Risk (Mendelssohn) wins at Saratoga
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A GOLDEN SUMMER FOR TRIERMORE STUD

Bred by the late Christopher Hanbury, Never So Brave and Daytona feature among the farm's star graduates in 2025



Never So Brave winning the Summer Mile at Ascot | Getty Images

By Adam Houghton

Over three years have now elapsed since the death of Major Christopher Hanbury, but still his influence is all over the success his Triermore Stud has enjoyed in recent weeks, continuing the legacy of a man whose colourful life brought him winners everywhere from the Cheltenham Festival to the Breeders' Cup.

Just last month Hanbury was among the successful breeders at Royal Ascot again when Saeed Suhail's Never So Brave proved himself a handicap blot in the Buckingham Palace Stakes. The son of **No Nay Never** then took the step up to Pattern company in his stride when recently returning to Ascot to win the G2 Summer Mile, with the promise of better to come should he take up his next intended engagement in the G1 City Of York Stakes.

"Sure, he looks like a different horse this year, doesn't he?" sums up stud manager Paul McDonnell, who oversees the day-to-day running of Triermore Stud, which was once Hanbury's childhood home. Now, the County Meath operation is home to around 15 mares belonging to the family, headed up by Hanbury's widow, Bridget.

Chica Whopa (**Oasis Dream**), the dam of Never So Brave, has quickly proved herself an invaluable member of that broodmare band. [Cont. p3](#)

WILLIAM BUICK CONFIRMED FOR FIELD OF GOLD RIDE AT GOODWOOD

William Buick will deputise for the suspended Colin Keane aboard **Field Of Gold** when the outstanding son of **Kingman** lines up in next week's G1 Visit Qatar Sussex Stakes at Goodwood.

Trained by John and Thady Gosden, Field Of Gold will be bidding for a third consecutive success at the top level, having established himself as the leading three-year-old miler in training with dominant performances in the Irish 2,000 Guineas and St James's Palace Stakes.

Keane was in the saddle for both of those wins, with his appointment as Juddmonte's number one jockey being announced shortly after he teamed up with Field Of Gold for the first time at the Curragh. However, connections have been forced to look elsewhere for the mount at Goodwood after **Keane received a 14-day suspension** for using the whip twice above the permitted level at Sandown earlier this month.

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SHIRREFFS MORE THAN COMFORTABLE HAVING BERRIOS BACK ON BAEZA

In the latest Saratoga Notebook, presented by NYRA Bets, Tim Wilkin speaks with trainer John Shirreffs on **Baeza** (**McKinzie**).

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*Tailgunner Joe is the fourth worldwide winner for freshman sire **Knicks Go** (pictured). The stallion stands at Taylor Made Farm in Kentucky. | Sarah Andrew*

4 | BRIAN ACHESON ACQUIRES MINORITY STAKE IN MONCEAUX

The Irish businessman operates in the NH sphere under the Robcour banner. Henri Bozo confirmed the news.

5 | SCENIC RETIRED TO STUD AFTER SETBACK

The daughter of Lope De Vega is a Group 3 winner and goes to the paddocks after a runner-up effort in the G2 Lancashire Oaks.

6 | EVEN 10 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN SHERGAR CUP

A dozen jockeys from 10 countries will compete in the Shergard Cup on August 9.

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Onassis carries the Triermore Stud silks to victory at Royal Ascot
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As well as Never So Brave, she has already produced the G2 Richmond Stakes-winning sire Barraquero, Listed scorer Pirate Jenny and a **Wootton Bassett** filly who fetched 420,000gns last year at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.

"We bought her privately on the back of Barraquero," McDonnell says of Chica Whopa. "For her first covering we went to Exceed And Excel and we bred Pirate Jenny. She was a Listed winner and made a lot of money at the sales last year [when bought by Amo Racing for 500,000gns].

"Never So Brave was a nice, big foal, typical of **No Nay Never**, and he sold well as a yearling [at 240,000gns]. He's obviously improving and I think he has a Group 1 target next."

He adds, "Chica Whopa was barren last year. We had a couple of little hiccups, but she's safely in foal now to **Auguste Rodin** and due in January."

Victory at the top level for Never So Brave would see him cement his position among Triermore Stud's most famous graduates, alongside the likes of Line Of Duty (Galileo), the Godolphin purchase who completed Hanbury's journey from Cheltenham Festival-winning owner to Breeders' Cup-winning breeder when landing the Juvenile Turf in 2018.

Another landmark occasion was provided by Line Of Duty's half-sister, Onassis (Dubawi), who Hanbury raced himself in Triermore Stud's pink silks with blue cap. She preceded Never So Brave as a Royal Ascot winner when landing the 2020 Sandringham Stakes, before adding a pair of Listed victories to her tally later that year.

Line Of Duty and Onassis both feature among the best progeny of Jacqueline Quest, who was memorably demoted after passing the post first in the 1,000 Guineas of 2010, before developing into arguably Triermore Stud's most prized mare after being bought for 600,000gns at the following year's Tattersalls

December Mares Sale.

Jacqueline Quest, who also produced the ill-fated G3 Rathbride Stakes winner and G1 Prix de l'Opera second Jackie Oh (Galileo), sadly died in May 2022 at the age of 15, with her loss coming a matter of days after the death of Hanbury himself.

Under those circumstances, the Hanburys could have been forgiven for scaling back their breeding enterprise in the subsequent years, but instead there exists a determination to develop further what was built by the family's patriarch, with the hope being that a couple of Jacqueline Quest's daughters can step up to assist them in their aims.

"He was a lovely man who seemed to get on with everybody," McDonnell says of the late Christopher Hanbury, before revealing the extent to which things have changed in his absence.

"If anything, we've bought more mares," he continues. "Chica Whopa would have been one of the last mares we bought whilst Mr Hanbury was still with us. Since his passing, Mrs Hanbury has upped the ante a little again and we've purchased five or six mares. At the minute we'd have around 15 broodmares of our own, with a few private mares here as well for a client.

"We were a bit unlucky last year with Jackie Oh. She looked like she could have been very good at one stage as well, but we have Onassis and an unraced **Wootton Bassett** filly out of Jacqueline Quest called Yam Sing. Onassis has a lovely **Frankel** yearling--I'd say this year we've probably got as nice a group of yearlings for the sales as we've had."

Another member of that group who comes in for a favourable mention is the **Wootton Bassett** filly out of Detailed (Motivator), whose pedigree could yet receive a significant update before her appearance at a major yearling sale this autumn, with her two-year-old full-brother, Daytona, looking destined for stardom judged on his two starts to date. **Cont. p4**



Daytona (centre) looks a potentially top-class two-year-old
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Triermore Stud Cont.

More on him shortly, but first a word for the dam who battled back from a career-ending injury to gain a place among the select broodmare band at Triermore Stud, having been bought for 250,000gns at the 2019 December Mares Sale.

"She was bought in partnership with Paget Bloodstock and Clare Castle," McDonnell says of Detailed. "She was a good, tough racemare. She was a Listed winner and placed in black-type races multiple times, so it all made sense.

"She's not overly big and most of her stock seem to be better looking than her, if you know what I mean. But she's had some good coverings and she gets nice, quiet horses who are easy to deal with. **Wootton Bassett** has put a bit of size into Daytona and the filly for the sales this year isn't just as big, but she's a lovely, sweet filly with a great walk."

Whilst Detailed's first two runners didn't pull up any trees on the racecourse, she certainly appears to have come good with Daytona, who followed his debut win at Gowran with an emphatic victory in the Listed Pat Smullen Stakes at Naas to earn Classic quotes for next year.

A European Classic winner might have eluded Hanbury in his 78 years on this planet, but there remains that chance for another posthumous accolade, with Daytona featuring among the two-year-olds of 2025 who were conceived just a short time before the stud owner's death.

For a man whose achievements spanned so many of this sport's biggest stages, wouldn't it be a fitting way for him to go out as a breeder if Daytona could progress sufficiently to take his chance at Newmarket or Epsom next year?

"It would be, definitely," McDonnell agrees. "He looks like he could be anything, so I suppose it's wait-and-see time. The buzz doesn't wear off when you get a horse like him and it's lovely for Mrs Hanbury to have him to get excited about."

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EUROPEAN NEWS

William Buick To Ride Field Of Gold Cont. from p1

"I think John and Thady were to talk to William yesterday to confirm his availability and it sounds like they've done that and he's free to ride him, so I'd say that's the plan," Barry Mahon, Juddmonte's European racing manager, said of the decision to entrust William Buick with the coveted ride at Goodwood.

"In fairness, until you get to within a week of the event, you don't know what other trainers and jockeys are doing, but obviously William has been able to commit now which is good.



William Buick: booked to ride Field Of Gold in the Sussex Stakes
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He's a top-class rider and rode a Group 1 winner for us last October on board Kalpana, so it's good to have him on board."

Whilst Mahon confirmed that G1 Lockinge Stakes winner **Lead Artist** (Dubawi) is unlikely to clash with his stable-mate in the Sussex, Juddmonte look set to be represented in some of the meeting's other feature events, including with Harry Charlton's Irish 2,000 Guineas runner-up **Cosmic Year** (Kingman) and Andrew Balding's **Jonquil** (Lope De Vega), who filled the same position in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains.

"I'd say Cosmic Year will run in the Thoroughbred Stakes, the Group 3 over a mile. At the minute that's the plan," Mahon added.

"Jonquil worked nicely this morning and he's a probable to run in the [G2] Lennox over seven [furlongs].

"Lead Artist is in the Sussex, but I'd say he's more likely to wait. He won't run against Field Of Gold I'd imagine, so I'm not sure what the plans are for him at this stage."

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BRIAN ACHESON ACQUIRES PART OF ECURIE DES MONCEAUX

Irishman Brian Acheson has acquired a minor stake in Ecurie des Monceaux. The news was confirmed by Monceaux's Henri Bozo to *Jour De Galop* on Wednesday evening. A prominent NH owner under the Robcour banner, Acheson has now handed Bozo more financial firepower to continue the French Flat nursery's consigning dominance at the upcoming Arqana August Yearling Sale. Monceaux has led the vendor table for each of the past 13 years.

"I am delighted to have a new partner on board, a successful entrepreneur with dynamic ideas who will strengthen our team," Bozo told the *JDG* of the new arrangement with the chief executive of Dornan Engineering. **Cont. p5**



Brian Acheson (centre left) with Bob Olinger | Getty Images

Brian Acheson/Ecurie des Monceaux Cont.

A multiple Grade 1-winning owner, Acheson's best runners have been Teahupoo (Masked Marvel), Gerri Colombe (Saddler Maker), Bob Olinger (Sholokhov) and Irish Point (Joshua Tree).

The Arqana August Sale runs from August 16-18 in Deauville. Monceaux fields a 38-strong consignment, with a **Zarak** son of G1 St Leger heroine Simple Verse (Duke Of Marmalade) (lot 257); a daughter of **Zarak** who is a half-sister to group winner and dual Group 1-placed Vespertilio (Night Of Thunder) (lot 205); lot 149, a **Frankel** filly who is the first foal of G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches victress Mangoustine (Dark Angel); and a Night Of Thunder filly out of listed winner and bluehen Prudenzia (Dansili) (lot 206) some of the draft's highlights.

Added Bozo, "We've had a lot of visitors inspecting the yearlings, some from France but also from abroad, which is a very positive sign. I'm looking forward to the sale."

Monceaux will also be stepping into the fray as a buyer this year in an increasingly competitive market for top-end fillies. "We have relaunched our partnership to invest in a few yearling fillies at the European sales this year. We believe they represent our best chance to get our hands on top-level broodmares."

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HIGH-CLASS FILLY SCENIC RETIRED TO STUD

Scenic, the winner of this year's G3 Bronte Cup Fillies' Stakes at York, has been retired to stud after meeting with a setback.

Trained by Ed Walker, the daughter of Lope De Vega heads to the paddocks as the winner of three of her 18 starts and just shy of £200,000 in career earnings. Initially owned by David Ward, she was bought by Wathnan Racing after her first Group-race success on the Knavesmire and was last seen filling the runner-up spot in the G2 Lancashire Oaks at Haydock.

Wathnan's racing adviser Richard Brown said, "Scenic put up a career-best performance last time out and it wasn't unreasonable to hope for some even greater days ahead, but it's not to be. She will spend some time recuperating before joining the Wathnan broodmare band. She's one of the best fillies in an exceptional Classic family of broodmares, so the dream now is of big successes with her progeny."

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Ed Walker with Scenic | Racingfotos.com

TWELVE JOCKEYS FROM 10 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES CONFIRMED FOR THE 2025 SHERGAR CUP

The 2025 Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup will feature jockeys from 10 different countries, with Katie Davis, Delphine Santiago and Joanna Mason completing the line up for the team event which takes place at Ascot on Saturday, August 9.

French-born Santiago joins captain Per-Anders Graberg (Sweden) and Dario Di Tocco (Italy) in team Europe, while Mason completes the team from Great Britain and Ireland which also features captain Hollie Doyle and Robbie Dolan.

Meanwhile, Davis, who was born in Idaho in the USA, will compete in the Shergar Cup for the first time as part of the Rest of the World team, alongside captain Karis Teetan (Mauritius) and Hugh Bowman (Australia). Davis starred in the Netflix series *Race for the Crown* and has ridden around the world, including in the International Jockeys Challenge in Saudi Arabia.

Davis said, "I am so excited to be riding in the Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup this year. It was amazing to be invited and it should be a great buzz to ride on such a big day at Ascot, one of the most famous racecourses in the world."



Katie Davis | Sarah Andrew

Shergar Cup Lineup Announced Cont.

She added, "I think it's great what they have done with the teams this year and I can't wait to compete with Hugh and Karis in the Rest of the World team along with all the other jockeys from across the globe."

With captain Suraj Narredu from India and Ryusei Sakai and Mirai Iwata from Japan making up the newly-formed Asia team, there will be jockeys from five continents on show.

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THE JOCKEY CLUB ANNOUNCES NEW RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MRC

The Jockey Club has agreed to a new partnership with the Melbourne Racing Club (MRC) in Australia, which will grant annual members at all 15 Jockey Club Racecourses complimentary admission to all MRC fixtures.

The arrangement will initially be in place from August 1 this year through to December 31, 2026. The MRC operates three of Victoria's leading racecourses--Caulfield, Mornington and Sandown--and hosts 80 race days annually, with 13 Group 1 races at Caulfield.

In return, MRC annual members will gain complimentary admission to any fixtures staged at Jockey Club Racecourses, including world-renowned events such as the Cheltenham Festival, Grand National Festival and four of the five British Classics, subject to availability.

Already the winners of the G2 Jockey Club Stakes and G2 Princess Of Wales's Stakes, both run at Newmarket, earn ballot exemption into the G1 Caulfield Cup in mid-October, as part of an existing arrangement between the Jockey Club and the MRC. In addition, the winner of the G1 Oakleigh Plate at Caulfield in February earns an invitation, free entry and travel incentives for the G1 July Cup at Newmarket's July Festival.

Matthew Woolston, Assistant Racing and International Director at the Jockey Club, said, "We are very proud to strengthen our association with the Melbourne Racing Club with this new reciprocal membership access agreement.

"This exciting new association will see anyone who is an annual member at any of our 15 racecourses gain complimentary admission to any MRC fixture, thereby offering the chance to watch and be at the heart of some of the very best racing in the world, including one of Australia's leading races--the Group 1 Caulfield Cup.

"MRC annual members will also gain complimentary admission to any of the Jockey Club's 320 annual fixtures, handing Australian fans the perfect opportunity to sample some of the UK's very best racing throughout the year."

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A bumper crowd assembled for the 2024 running of the Caulfield Cup
Melbourne Racing Club

RACING WELFARE CELEBRATES QUARTER-CENTURY

Racing Welfare marked its 25th anniversary with a dinner at Windsor Castle, with Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal in attendance. The only racing charity that supports all of racing's workforce--from stable staff and racecourse employees to stud workers and retirees--the anniversary represents a significant moment in recognising its lasting contribution to the wellbeing of the sport's people.

The evening, hosted by Tom Stanley, brought together individuals from across the racing community, dedicated supporters, and key partners to reflect on Racing Welfare's impact since its formation in 2000. The charity's president, Her Royal Highness addressed the gathering with a tribute to the work of Racing Welfare and commitment to those it serves.

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Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal, was in attendance at the dinner | *Racing Welfare*

Racing Welfare Cont.

Guests were welcomed at Windsor Castle, where they enjoyed a drinks reception and dinner. During the evening, Warren Greatrex gave an emotive personal account of the support provided by Racing Welfare to him and his team in tragic circumstances, giving guests an insight into the charity's vital services in action.

Racing Welfare chief executive Dawn Goodfellow said, "To be able to celebrate this milestone in the company of so many who have supported and championed Racing Welfare is a truly special moment. We are especially honoured by the presence and continued presidency of Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, whose support means so much to the charity and the people we serve. This event not only marks our 25th anniversary year, but also reaffirms our commitment to being there for racing's people, whenever and wherever they need us, and to making sure that everyone in racing knows: you are not alone."

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ORDER OF ST GEORGE GELDING TOPS FIRST DAY OF THE JULY STORE SALE

The first day of the Tattersalls Ireland July Store Sale was topped by an Order Of St George gelding at €55,000. Sold by Liss House to Gaynestown, lot 32 is from the same family as Grade 2-placed hurdler Carriganog (Shantou).

Overall, eight horses made €30,000 or more, with a son of Harzand (lot 4) the other lot to breach the €50,000 mark. Brian Lawless picked up the Glebe Farm offering for €52,000.

At the close of trade, 155 horses sold for €1,381,950. The average was €8,916 and the median was €6,000. The second and final day of the store sale will begin at 10 a.m.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, July 24, 2025:

UNITED KINGDOM

Lope Y Fernandez (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), The National Stud
99 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners

14:00-DONCASTER, 7f, **Ciao Capo (Ire)**

€20,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2023; €45,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2024

13:25-DONCASTER, 7f, **Boiling Over (Ire)**

€120,000 Arqana Deauville August Yrlg Sale 2024

13:25-DONCASTER, 7f, **Senorita Vega (Ire)**

€28,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2024

Nando Parrado (GB) (Kodiac {GB}), Irish National Stud
95 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners

19:02-NEWBURY, 7f, **Indigo Dawn (Ire)**

€10,500 Goffs February Sale 2024; £16,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2024; 75,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2025

Palace Pier (GB) (Kingman {GB}), Dalham Hall Stud

115 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners

18:22-NEWBURY, 7f, **Crystal Pier (Ire)**

85,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024

14:00-DONCASTER, 7f, **Erbil (Ire)**

50,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2024

14:45-SANDOWN PARK, 7f, **Fans Favourite (GB)**

45,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2024

St Mark's Basilica (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), Coolmore Stud

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

18:22-NEWBURY, 7f, **Venetian Romance (Ire)**

70,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024

Space Blues (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud

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

18:22-NEWBURY, 7f, **Queen Tamara (Ire)**

135,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024

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

211 foals of racing age/16 winners/3 black-type winners

15:20-SANDOWN PARK, 40K The European Bloodstock News Ebf Star Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)7f, **Orion's Belt (Ire)**

€33,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2023; 105,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024

Victor Ludorum (GB) (Shamardal), Haras d'Etreham
 107 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 13:25-DONCASTER, 7f, **Commander's Intent (Fr)**
 €420,000 Arqana Deauville August Yrlg Sale 2024
 13:25-DONCASTER, 7f, **Dodge City (Fr)**
 €10,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2023 (English
 Version); £38,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2024

FRANCE

Soft Light (Fr) (Authorized {Ire}), Haras de Colleville
 23 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-SAINT-MALO, 1600m, **Annalight (Fr)**

IRELAND

Lope Y Fernandez (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), The National Stud
 99 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-LEOPARDSTOWN, 7.25f, **Amerilis (GB)**
 41,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; €175,000 Goffs
 Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2024

Palace Pier (GB) (**Kingman (GB)**), Dalham Hall Stud
 115 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 8f, **Hanak (Ire)**

Starman (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
 211 foals of racing age/16 winners/3 black-type winners
 4-LEOPARDSTOWN, 36K Gill Japan Racing Association Tyros
 Stakes (Group 3)7.25f, **North Coast (Ire)**
 42,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; 180,000gns
 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024



Lope Y Fernandez has runners at Doncaster | *Melanie Sauer*

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

CAYENNE PEPPER'S HALF-BROTHER MONTREAL AN EYECATCHER FOR BALLYDOYLE

5.25 Leopardstown, Mdn, €20,000, 2yo, 8ft

MONTREAL (IRE) (**Sea The Stars (Ire)**) is one of two Ballydoyle runners in this maiden won in 2022 by Tower Of London and the choice of Ryan Moore. A half-brother to the G2 Blandford Stakes winner and Irish Oaks runner-up Cayenne Pepper, he is joined by fellow newcomer **Pierre Bonnard (Ire)** (**Camelot (GB)**), a son of the G1 Nassau Stakes winner Sultanina (New Approach).

HOW THEY FARED

14.50 Salisbury, £10,000, Nov, 2yo, 6ft

Juddmonte's 700,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 acquisition **Assiri Heights (Ire)** (**Frankel (GB)**), who hails from the family of Group 1-winning sire Profitable, was never a factor after a tardy getaway and finished many lengths adrift of the winner in ninth.

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BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

2nd-Salisbury, £10,000, Nov, 7-23, 2yo, c/g, 6ft, 1:15.46, g/f.

CROWN OF LIGHT (IRE) (c, 2, **Earthlight (Ire)**--**Magical Crown, by Distorted Humor**), a July 3 debut eighth going seven furlongs at Haydock in his only prior start, was swiftly into stride and seized an immediate lead here. In command throughout, the 28-1 outsider was nudged along approaching the two pole and ridden out inside the final furlong to easily outpoint Inca Heights (Nando Parrado) by 1 1/2 lengths. Crown Of Light is the sixth of seven foals and fifth scorer produced by an unraced daughter of GI Garden City Breeders' Cup Handicap heroine Indy Five Hundred (A.P. Indy). Indy Five Hundred, herself out of G2 Nassau Stakes-winning matriarch Lyphard's Delta (Lyphard), is also the dam of G3 Prix Perth victor Magny Cours (Medaglia d'Oro), the stakes-winning Albert Park (**Street Sense**) and G2 Superlative Stakes runner-up Ecliptic (Kingmambo).

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2nd-Salisbury Cont.

Descendants of Lyphard's Delta include multiple Grade I-winning three-time US champion Royal Delta (Empire Maker), GI Maker's Mile hero Delta Prince (Street Cry) and GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup victrix Crown Queen (Smart Strike). The May-foaled chestnut is kin to multiple Group 3-placed three-time stakes winner Good Effort (Shamardal) and a yearling colt by Blue Point. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$7,308. O-Abdulla Al Mansoori; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd; T-William Knight.

3rd-Salisbury, £10,000, Nov, 7-23, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:16.42, g/f. (DH)--**DISTANT SHORE (GB) (f, 2, New Bay {GB}--Farzeen {GB} {GSP-Eng}, by Farhh {GB})** Sales history: 90,000gns RNA Ylg '24 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,308. O-Helena Springfield Ltd; B-Meon Valley Stud; T-Roger Varian. (DH)--**INDY B (IRE) (f, 2, Mehmas {Ire}--French Rose {Fr}, by Siyouni {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$7,308. O-Athena Thoroughbred Racing; B-French Rose Syndicate; T-Archie Watson.

Debutante Distant Shore, a 11-2 chance, and the once-raced 16-1 outsider Indy B could not be separated by technology and dead-heated in a pulsating climax to this juvenile distaffers' contest.

The duo broke on terms in the second rank with Indy B going forward into fourth and Distant Shore positioned a length adrift in sixth. The former engaged penalised prior winner Lope El Fuego (Lope Y Fernandez) entering the final furlong and kept on in game fashion as Distant Shore flashed home late to share the spoils on the line. Lope El Fuego played her part in the three-way thriller and finished a head back in third.

Distant Shore is the second foal and scorer for G3 Valiant Stakes second Farzeen (Farhh), herself a granddaughter of G1 Prix de l'Opera victrix Zee Zee Top (Zafonic). The February-foaled chestnut is kin to a yearling colt by Space Blues and a weanling colt by Too Darn Hot.

Indy B, half-brother to a yearling colt by Blue Point, is the first of two foals produced by a daughter of Listed Star Appeal Stakes second Siamsaiocht (Teofilo), herself full to G1 Dewhurst Stakes-winning sire **Parish Hall**. The February-foaled chestnut hails from the family of G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and G1 Futurity Trophy hero Mac Swiney (New Approach).

1st-Doncaster, £9,000, Novice, 7-23, 2yo, f, 7f 6yT, 1:26.97, sf. **FLASH OF FIRE (GB) (f, 2, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Lightening Quick {GB} {GSW-Ire}, by Frankel {GB})**, well-supported into 8-11 favouritism, raced in a pocket throughout the early stages enjoying cover. Getting a charmed run up the rail where it mattered, the homebred surged to reel in Queen Tamara (Space

Blues) in the last 50 yards for a 3/4-of-a-length success. The G3 Athasi Stakes-winning dam, whose colt foal is by Showcasing, is a daughter of the G3 Round Tower Stakes winner and G1 Cheveley Park Stakes-placed Lightening Pearl (Marju) who is in turn a full-sister to the G1 Takarazuka Kinen hero and sire Satono Crown. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,577.

O-Qatar Racing Limited; B-Qatar Bloodstock Ltd; T-James Ferguson.

1st-Catterick Bridge, £8,000, Mdn, 7-23, 2yo, 7f 6yT, 1:27.03, sf. **TAILGUNNER JOE (c, 2, Knicks Go--Indian Wish, by Indian Charlie)**, highly tried when a debut sixth in last month's Listed Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot, recovered from a tardy start to race on the front end after the initial strides of this easier spot. Rowed along rounding the home turn, the 11-8 favourite refused to yield and kept on relentlessly under continued urging inside the final quarter-mile to subdue the persistent threat of Princess Maitha (Circus Maximus) by a length, becoming the fourth winner for his Taylor Made Farm-based freshman sire (by Paynter). **Knicks Go** has had two winners Stateside--Ewing and Ziggity Zag--as well as the dual Russian scorer Siradin. Tailgunner Joe is the latest of seven reported foals and sixth scorer out of a half-sister to GII Dwyer Stakes-winning sire Mint Lane (Maria's Mon), GI Vanity Handicap second Sister Girl Blues (Hold for Gold) and to the dams of GI Shadwell Turf Mile and GI Frank E Kilroe Mile victor Bowies Hero (Artie Schiller) and GI Cigar Mile hero Sharp Azteca (Freud). Sister Girl Blues, in turn, is the dam of Grade III-winning GI Kentucky Derby and GI Los Alamitos Futurity runner-up Firing Line (Line Of David). The winner is a half-brother to December's GI Matriarch Stakes heroine Sacred Wish (**Not This Time**). Sales history: \$40,000 Ylg '24 KESEEP; 30,000gns 2yo '25 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$7,844. O-Nick Bauer; B-John R Penn (KY); T-Dylan Cunha.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Exclamation (Ire), c, 2, Acclamation (GB)--Amanda (Fr), by Kendargent (Fr). Doncaster, 7-23, 5f 3yT, :59.23. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, \$32,785. B-A V Bloodstock. *27,000gns Ylg '24 TATSOM.

Our Planet (Ire), g, 3, Earthlight (Ire)--Suvenna (Ire), by Arcano (Ire). Leicester, 7-23, 5fT, :59.85. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$10,292. B-Kildaragh Stud. *€220,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR; 25,000gns HRA '25 TATJUL. **1/2 to Primo Bacio (Ire) (Awtaad {Ire}), SW & GSP-Eng, \$113,867.



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IRELAND

Wednesday's Results:

ARQANA IRISH EBF MARWELL STAKES-Listed, €50,000, Naas, 7-23, 2yo, f, 5fT, :58.87, yl.

1--**HAVANA ANNA (GB)**, 128, f, 2, by Havana Grey (GB)

1st Dam: Miss Villefranche (GB), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)

2nd Dam: Miss **Corniche** (GB), by Hernando (Fr)

3rd Dam: Miss Beaulieu (Ire), by Northfields

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (42,000gns Wlg '23 TADEWE; €65,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY). O-Gaynor Bloodstock LLC; B-Dukes Stud & Overbury Stallions Ltd; T-Donnacha O'Brien; J-Gavin Ryan. €30,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$53,573.

2--**Ipanema Queen (Ire)**, 128, f, 2, Sands Of Mali (Fr)--No More Thrills (GB), by Dutch Art (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€4,500 Ylg '24 GOAUYR). O-Stonestreet Stables, LLC & AMO Racing Limited; B-Rathbride Farm; T-Adrian Murray. €10,000.

3--**Magny Cours (Ire)**, 128, f, 2, Awtaad (Ire)--Ares Choix (GB), by Choisir (Aus). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€30,000 RNA Ylg '24 TATIRY). O-Ecurie Ama.Zing Team; B-Hunting Hill Stud; T-Daniel McLoughlin. €5,000.

Margins: 3HF, HD, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.50, 4.50, 18.00.

Also Ran: Lam Yai (Ire), Duskaura (Ire), Solana Rose (Ire), Cardiff By The Sea (Ire). Scratched: Wateen (Ire).

Runner-up to the subsequent Anglesey winner Suzie Songs at Cork, Havana Anna had been shortened up over this five-furlong trip at the track last month and after a six-length success rewarded support to follow up here and open her black-type account. Always travelling strongly waiting patiently for the command, she swamped her peers approaching the final furlong before drawing away in impressive style.

"She's exciting and she could be one for the best of those five and six-furlong fillies' races," trainer Donnacha O'Brien said. "She's straightforward, I know she leans a bit left under pressure but it doesn't seem to stop her--it's something she doesn't do at home but has always done in her races. I have her in the Lowther. We'll see how she comes out of it and make a plan then. You'd be hoping that she could make into a Cheveley Park filly. We'll work back from there, it's probably an option."

The dam, whose 2024 and 2025 fillies are both by Caturra, is a daughter of the Listed winner Miss **Corniche** (Hernando) from John Pearce's family of the Listed Lupe Stakes winner and G2 Sun Chariot Stakes and G2 Nassau Stakes-placed Miss Beaulieu (Northfields).

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YEOMANSTOWN STUD IRISH EBF STAKES-Listed, €50,000, Naas, 7-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f 205yT, 1:10.99, yl.

1--**SKY MAJESTY (IRE)**, 135, f, 3, Blue Point (Ire)--**Majestic Alexander (Ire)** (SP-Eng), by Bushranger (Ire). (150,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT). O-Tony Bloom & Ian McAleavy; B-Mount Armstrong Stud; T-William Haggas; J-Tom Marquand. €30,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr & Eng, 6-4-0-1, \$219,956. *1/2 to Democracy Dilemma (Ire) (Cotai Glory {GB}), SW-Eng, \$261,171; 1/2 to Angel Alexander (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), GSP-Fr, \$240,905.

2--**Carla Ridge (Ire)**, 128, f, 3, New Bay (GB)--Almira Wells (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). (€32,000 Ylg '23 TATIRY; €105,000 2yo '24 ARQBRU). O-Dan Kiely; B-Mrs S Rowley-Williams; T-Eddie & Patrick Harty. €10,000.

3--**Bellaphina (Ire)**, 133, m, 5, James Garfield (Ire)--Seraphina (Ire), by Pips Pride (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€18,000 RNA Ylg '21 GOAUTY). O-Agricola Ficomontanino & Leaf Stud; B-Allevamento Ficomontanino SRL; T-John Kinsella. €5,000.

Margins: 3/4, HF, 1HF. Odds: 1.10, 5.50, 25.00.

Also Ran: Navassa Island (Ire), Charasson (Ire), Lady With The Lamp (Ire), Sparkling Sea (Ire), Super Sox (GB), Unexpected Issues (Ire), Greatest Drama (Ire). Scratched: Bonus Time (Ire), Little Queenie (Ire).

Successful in last year's G2 Criterium de Maisons Laffitte and G3 Firth Of Clyde Stakes, Sky Majesty had faced a tough assignment when down the field in Royal Ascot's Commonwealth Cup last month and with a confidence boost required found it here as she got back on track. Always travelling powerfully towards the fore, she was committed approaching the final quarter mile and stayed on strongly to see off Carla Ridge. **Cont. p11**



Sky Majesty as a yearling | Alison Murphy Photography

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“I thought she was strong through her last 100 [yards] and just enjoyed that extra bit of cut in the ground from what she’s been seeing this year,” jockey Tom Marquand explained. “We didn’t go overly strong, so that probably didn’t suit her too well but the stiff finish and the nice slow ground just really helped bring out the best in her. It’s nice to have her head back in front and hopefully it gets us back on the right trajectory. She’s a lovely filly and really looks like she’s come back to herself now.”

The Listed-placed dam has proved a revelation in her second career, producing the G3 Prix de Seine-Et-Oise runner-up Angel Alexander (Dark Angel), the Listed Marygate Stakes runner-up Mighty Spirit (Acclamation), the Listed National Stakes runner-up Little Earl (Havana Gold) and Cotai Glory’s Listed Beverley Bullet Sprint Stakes scorer Democracy Dilemma before she got to this masterpiece. A half to the dual Group 3 winner and Nunthope third Majestic Missile (Royal Applause) from a talent-rich sprinting dynasty, her yearling filly is by State Of Rest.

6th-Naas, €17,000, Cond, 7-23, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:28.25, yl.
COMANCHE BRAVE (IRE) (c, 3, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Ishvana {Ire} {GSW-Eng, G1SP-Ire, \$183,936}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), runner-up to Henri Matisse in Leopardstown’s G3 Ballylinch Stud Stakes in March and third in Royal Ascot’s G3

Jersey Stakes last month, raced behind the leading pair early. Cruising to the front approaching the final furlong, the 4-7 favourite was pushed out to record a comfortable 3/4-of-a-length success from Bravais (Frankel). “That will give him a bit of confidence,” trainer Donnacha O’Brien said. “He has plenty of gears and I was saying to there we could even try and go back to six with him. The way he travels, you wouldn’t be afraid to go back. Initially I thought we’d go for a seven-furlong race in Cork in about three weeks’ time, the Platinum Stakes. That’s what I had in my mind. Ryan [Moore] thought the ground was a little bit quick for him in Ascot.” The winner is the best progeny to date out of the Jersey-winning dam, who was runner-up in the Irish 1,000 Guineas and is a full-sister to the dam of **No Nay Never’s** Listed Star Appeal Stakes winner and GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf and GI Turf Mile-placed Mountain Bear. Her two-year-old filly Existence (Wootton Bassett) had yet to race. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng & Ire, 8-2-2-1, \$81,727. O-Mrs John Magnier & Mrs A M O’Brien; B-Whisperview Trading Ltd; T-Donnacha O’Brien.

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1st-Naas, €18,000, Mdn, 7-23, 2yo, 5f 205yT, 1:12.13, yl.
RED EARTH (IRE) (c, 2, No Nay Never--Catch The Eye {Ire} {SP-Ire}, by Oratorio {Ire}) tracked the leaders racing in a handy fourth on the stands' side through the initial fractions of this first go. Scrubbed along approaching the quarter-mile pole, the 14-1 chance locked horns with Krasimir (Mehmas) entering the final furlong and was driven out to deny that rival by a neck. "He's been going nicely at home," said winning trainer Fozzy Stack. "The draw was probably an advantage, but the second had a good run previously. He's in the Goffs Million and we'll probably go somewhere in between now and then." Red Earth is the eighth of nine live foals and sixth scorer produced by Listed Knockaire Stakes third Catch The Eye (Oratorio). The March-foaled bay is a full-brother to Listed Naas Fillies Sprint and Listed Sweet Mimosa Stakes victrix Servalan and half to a yearling filly by **Blackbeard**. Sales history: €90,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,695. O-Connolly Racing Syndicate; B-Mrs Noeleen McCreevy; T-Fozzy Stack.

FRANCE

Wednesday's Results:

3rd-Chateaubriant, €20,100, Cond, 7-23, 3yo, 13 1/4fT, 3:08.53, hy.

ANKARA (FR) (f, 3, Siyouni {Fr}--Al Anqa {GB}, by Galileo {Ire}), who annexed her June 14 debut tackling 12 furlongs at Dieppe last time, went forward from an early fourth to stalk the tempo in second for most of this return. Inching ahead off the home turn, the 3-5 chalk was shaken up approaching the final furlong and ridden out in the closing stages to hold the late effort of North Shore (The Grey Gatsby) by a neck. Ankara is the fifth of seven foals and one of three scorers from as many runners out of a winning half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf and GI Diana Stakes victrix Zagora (Green Tune), stakes-winning G2 UAE Derby runner-up Asmar (Cape Cross) and Listed Prix Delahante third Zanet (Enrique). Her second dam Zaneton (Mtoto) is out of a stakes-placed half-sister to dual Group 2-winning sire Titus Livius (Machiavellian). The February-foaled homebred bay is a half-sister to the unraced 2-year-old filly Matia (Zelzal) and a yearling filly by Mehmas. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €23,550. O/B-Al Shaqab Racing; T-Henri-Francois Devin.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Chateaubriant, €14,600, Cond, 7-23, 3yo, 9 3/4fT, 2:11.71, hy.
KHADIDJA (GB) (f, 3, Study Of Man {Ire}--Kandahari {GB}, by Archipenko) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, €29,200. O/B-Kirsten

Rausing; T-Tim Donworth. *€70,000 RNA Ylg '23 GORORB. **1/2 to Kawida (GB) (Sir Percy {GB}), SW-Eng, GSP-Fr & Ire; and Khinjani (GB) (Sir Percy {GB}), GSP-US.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Chateau Esquiule (Fr), c, 3, Taareef--First Drive (GB), by Street Cry (Ire). Dax, 7-23, 10 1/2fT, 2:20.20. B-Mathieu Daguzan-Garros. *13,000 RNA Ylg '23 OSASEP.

Draco (Fr), g, 4, City Light (Fr)--Dutch Wonder (Ire), by Dutch Art (GB). Dax, 7-23, 7fT, 1:26.20. B-Rashit Shaykhtudinov.

Chai D'Oeuvre (Fr), g, 4, Donjuan Triumphant (Ire)--Oeuvre (Fr), by Vertigineux (Fr). Dax, 7-23, 10 1/2fT, 2:14.70. B-Marc Fabre, Patrick Dufreche & Mme Carole Dufreche.

Iradie (Fr), f, 4, Sommerabend (GB)--Irada (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). Chateaubriant, 7-23, 9 3/4fT, 2:13.20. B-Haras de Montaigu. *€12,000 Ylg '22 ARQSEP.

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Thursday, Leopardstown, post time: 18:27

SAUDI CUP SILVER FLASH STAKES-G3, €36,000, 2yo, f, 7f 57yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Balantina (Ire)	Ten Sovereigns (Ire)	Steven I Weston & Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Donnacha O'Brien	Tom Marquand	128
2	Brownstown (GB)	Cracksman (GB)	Alymer Stud	Gavin Cromwell	G F Carroll	128
3	Composing (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, D Smith, Westerberg	A P O'Brien	R L Moore	128
4	Red Autumn (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Moyglare Stud Farm	D K Weld	C D Hayes	128
5	Skydance (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Al Shira'aa Racing	W McCreery	D McMonagle	128
6	Smexy (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Mark Dobbin	G M Lyons	J J G Ryan	128

Breeders: 1-Summerhill/Lynch Bages/S. Murphy, 2-The Worship Partnership, 3-Renzo Forni, 4-Moyglare Stud Farm, 5-Skymarc Farm Inc and Ecurie Des Monceaux, 6-McCracken Farms.

Aidan O'Brien has farmed this and **Composing** could easily be his 15th winner after her success in a Curragh maiden that is working out well. **Skydance** has shaped well in two starts over shorter, with the latter being a third in the G2 Airlie Stud Stakes, and is bred to appreciate this step up in trip, while the Albany third **Balantina** sets the form standard. [Tom Frary].

Thursday, Leopardstown, post time: 18:57

JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION TYROS STAKES-G3, €36,000, 2yo, 7f 57yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Flanker Jet (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Giselle De Aguiar	Adrian Murray	J A Heffernan	131
2	Flushing Meadows	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier	A P O'Brien	R L Moore	131
3	North Coast (Ire)	Starman (GB)	John C Oxley	Joseph O'Brien	D McMonagle	131
4	Prospect Thunder (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Rolline O'Callaghan	Adrian Murray	W M Lordan	131

Breeders: 1-Mr & Mrs R. & P. Scott, 2-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 3-Ringfort Stud Ltd, 4-Yeomanstown Stud.

Like the Silver Flash, Aidan O'Brien dominates the history of this Classic pointer, with his 16 winners including King Of Kings, Rip Van Winkle, Cape Blanco, **Gleneagles**, Churchill and Anthony Van Dyck. **Flushing Meadows** may have got turned over in the Anglesey last time, but so was the first name on that list and you get the distinct feeling that this is one of their best. There isn't much opposition, with the Listed Pat Smullen Stakes runner-up **North Coast** the only real threat back at seven furlongs. [Tom Frary].

Thursday, Sandown, post time: 15:20

THE EUROPEAN BLOODSTOCK NEWS EBF STAR STAKES-Listed, £40,000, 2yo, f, 7fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Electoral College	War Front	The Electoral College Partnership	James Ferguson	James Doyle	128
2	Hayynah (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Ahmad Ziad Galadari	Ollie Sangster	Oisin Murphy	128
3	Hope Queen (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Mr Jaber Abdullah	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	128
4	Jennifer Jane (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Russell Trew & Townbraccan	Charlie Johnston	Silvestre De Sousa	128
5	Mystic Moment (GB)	Time Test (GB)	The Enchanted Syndicate	Eve Johnson Houghton	Callum Hutchinson	128
6	Nandita (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	Lady Bamford	John & Thady Gosden	William Buick	128
7	Orion's Belt (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Georginio Rutter & Jinky Farms	Richard Hannon	Sam Hitchcott	128
8	Tavana (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	E S-O Racing - Willow	Edward Smyth-Osbourne	Georgia Dobie	128

Breeders: 1-Natalma Bloodstock Limited, 2-Galadari Sons Stud Company Limited, 3-Floors Stud Limited, 4-Rathbran House Stud& Rosetown Bloodstock, 5-Guy D. Everett, 6-Mccracken Farms Ltd, 7-Mareshah Stud, 8-Whitsbury Manor Stud.

Orion's Belt scored with authority at Newmarket's July Festival and is one of the more likely types in a tight contest, with the Beverley winner **Hope Queen** and Wetherby scorer **Jennifer Jane** to be respected. [Tom Frary].

Thursday, Compiègne, France, post time: 18:23

PRIX PELLEAS-Listed, €50,300, 3yo, c/g, 10FT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Nizam (Fr)	Pinatubo (Ire)	Baratti	Lecoeuvre	128
2	7	Ephesus (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	P & J Brandt	Guyon	128
3	1	Uthred (Fr)	Persian King (Ire)	Decouz	Madamet	128
4	5	Abando (Ger)	Adlerflug (Ger)	Hickst	Barzalona	128
5	6	Green Cape (Fr)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Fabre	Pouchin	128
6	3	Dioptase (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Rouget	Grandin	128
7	2	Jenilat Bright (Fr)	Birchwood (Ire)	Nieslanik	Piccone	128
8	8	Think Giant (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Ferland	Pasquier	128

Gestut Ittlingen's German raider **Abando** was never a factor in this month's G1 German Derby and can stake a claim if reproducing the form of his third, behind German Derby sixth Zuckerhut and Hamburg hero Hochkonig, in June's G2 Union-Rennen at Cologne. Consistent G3 Prix Greffulhe runner-up **Dioptase** is an obvious danger and returns off a confidence-boosting tally over this trip at Salon de Provence last month. Last year's G3 Preis des Winterfavoriten second **Think Giant** has been out just once since, annexing a 10-furlong Chantilly conditions contest on sophomore bow four weeks ago. Philippe Decouz sends forth dual one-mile winner **Uthred**, who steps up in distance having run fifth the Listed Prix de Saint-Patrick last month. [Sean Cronin].

Friday, Ascot, post time: 14:25

THE FLEXJET PAT EDDERY STAKES-Listed, £50,000, 2yo, 7FT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	A Bit of Spirit (Ire)	Palace Pier (GB)	Paul & Clare Rooney	Clive Cox	Rossa Ryan	131
2	Cape Ashizuri (Ire)	St Mark's Basilica (Fr)	Ross Harmon & Partners	John & Sean Quinn	Jason Hart	131
3	Italica (GB)	Sergei Prokofiev	Russell Jones & Partner	Tom Dascombe	Richard Kingscote	131
4	Reciprocated (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	131
5	Sirius A (Ire)	Palace Pier (GB)	Team Valor LLC & Gary Barber	James Horton	Tom Marquand	131
6	Time To Turn (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	131
7	Tricky Tel (GB)	Ubettableveit (Ire)	Hewitt, Owen & Partner	Hugo Palmer	David Probert	131

Breeders: 1-J. Hanly,A. Stroud & Ed's Stud, 2-Barronstown Stud, 3-Denniff Farms Ltd, 4-Richard Kent, 5-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd, 6-Godolphin, 7-Mickley Stud & Dermot Costelloe.

Unbeaten and impressive at Nottingham and Carlisle, **Reciprocated** will be a warm order to continue the momentum in this often-informative race won in recent times by Chindit and Rosallion. **A Bit Of Spirit** is also two-for-two and untested so far, while the Ayr debut winner **Cape Ashizuri** looked a smart prospect and has the pedigree to go far. [Tom Frary].

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