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## SOVEREIGNTY A BEATABLE FAVORITE IN JIM DANDY?



Sovereignty | Sarah Andrew

by Alan Carasso

Despite the fact that Journalism (**Curlin**) became the first of his generation to earn as many as three elite-level victories with his thrilling success in the GI NYRABets Haskell Stakes last weekend, Godolphin's **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief) remains at the head of this year's sophomore class by virtue of convincing head-to-head tallies in the GI Kentucky Derby on May 3 and when last seen in the GI Belmont Stakes right here at Saratoga on June 7.

But the argument can be made that Saturday's GII Jim Dandy Stakes at the Spa may not be a straight-forward task for the homebred son of Crowned (Bernardini), as four well-credentialed rivals will line up against him for a race in which they perhaps have more to play for than the deserving favorite.

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## SARATOGA NOTEBOOK, PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS: SHARP SPA START FOR ALWAYS ON THE GO TRAINER SHARP by Tim Wilkin

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. - So far, trainer Joe Sharp has done little wrong at the Thoroughbred meet at Saratoga. If you've been following along, you know he has won six races with his first 15 starters.

You might not know that he is also doing ok across the street at the harness track.

Sharp has been moonlighting as a harness owner at night--along with former jockey Taylor Rice, the wife of jockey Jose Ortiz. They own a pair of pacers named Virgin Honor and Legal Bettor and they will both race Saturday night.

They got involved in the sulky business a year ago.

Legal Bettor will run in the second race and Virgin Honor will contest the fourth. Both will be driven by veteran Wally Hennessey, who just won his 12,000th career race earlier this week. He drove Virgin Honor to victory last Saturday night.

"It really is a lot of fun," Sharp said outside his barn on the Oklahoma Training Track. "This is sheer entertainment, and I have learned a lot. That's why I like it so much because I can learn a lot about a different industry. That is what makes it so intriguing for me and Taylor and Jose." **Cont. p6**

## IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

**DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER - FRANCA VITTADINI REMEMBERS GRUNDY'S KING GEORGE VICTORY**

Franca Vittadini speaks with Emma Berry about the magnificent 1975 King George, and the pair of titans who made it so remarkable a day that not even time has managed to diminish the memory.



“I didn't have anything that could get close to him in the mornings. You could tell that he was in a different area code than anybody else as a 2YO and that's what I love about him. I can't see a miss here for this horse; he's gotta hit.” **BOB BAFFERT**

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Brian Hernandez, Jr. celebrates Friday's GII Amsterdam Stakes victory aboard Louisiana-bred Smoken Wicked (Bobby's Wicked One). | Sarah Andrew

## TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

**ET****RACE**

3:07p Trillium S.-GIII, WO  
3:22p Monmouth Oaks-GIII, MTH  
4:48p Ontario Colleen S.-GIII, WO  
5:04p Lake George S.-GIII, SAR  
5:41p Jim Dandy S.-GII, SAR  
8:30p San Diego H.-GII, DMR  
9:30p Bing Crosby S.-GI, DMR

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**Weekend Preview cont. from p1**

Sovereignty has been made the 2-5 choice on David Aragona's morning line, a far cry from the ludicrous almost \$18 mutuel he returned at Churchill and the \$7 he paid when--somehow--not favored in the Belmont. But those two efforts, as much as they stand out on paper, do not necessarily mean that Saturday's contest is a fait accompli.

Having come from a near-impossible position to take the GII Coolmore Fountain of Youth Stakes on his sophomore debut Mar. 1, locking up his spot in the field for the Derby for all intents and purposes, he was logically set for the GI **Curlin** Florida Derby four weeks later. Drawn widest and with Manny Franco subbing for an injured Junior Alvarado, Sovereignty made steady progress and was second home, extracting just what he needed from the race as it related to the Derby.

With the GI DraftKings Travers and its \$1.25-million purse four weeks down the road, could the Jim Dandy be another means to an end for Sovereignty?

"Absolutely, that has been the goal," Mott, a four-time winner of the Jim Dandy, said of the Travers. "It is just a matter of how you get there."

"We hope he has a good race and has a little luck. Anything can happen. They've got to go around there, and it's not over until those blinking lights say 'official.' They've got to hang those numbers up and say official."

**Baeza (McKinzie)** makes his second trans-continental trip in seven weeks for trainer John Shirreffs, having trained brilliantly back home since finishing some 6 1/2 lengths behind Sovereignty in the Belmont. The \$1.2-million Keeneland September yearling, who was a late addition to the Derby and just failed to catch Journalism for second, has registered no fewer than five breezes and looks to be holding his form. Shirreffs is of the belief that there is even better to come from the half-brother to the Classic-winning **Good Magic** full-brothers **Mage** and Dornoch.

"I didn't think he ran his best race in the Belmont," said Shirreffs. "Talking to [jockey Flavien] Prat after the race, he said it took him a long time to engage down the backside. You can see that he had to ride pretty hard from maybe the half-mile pole all the way to the wire. I think he can run better than that."

With Prat in California to ride '**TDN Rising Star**' Nysos (**Nyquist**) in Saturday's GII San Diego Handicap, the underrated Hector Berrios will be in the saddle in the Jim Dandy.

**Sandman (Tapit)** cemented his spot in the Derby field with a going-away victory in the GI Arkansas Derby Mar. 29 and passed a handful of rivals in the lane to be seventh beneath the Twin Spires. A clear third to Journalism in the GI Preakness Stakes, the \$1.2-million OBS March breezer gets the blinkers on for the first time on Saturday.

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“I’m hoping the blinkers don’t take some of his punch away, but you never know until you try,” Casse said. “We are looking for a good effort in the Jim Dandy, something to propel us to the Travers.”

**Mo Plex** (**Complexity**) could have taken a path of lesser resistance in a race like the Albany Stakes, but connections chart a more ambitious course with the last-out winner of the GIII Ohio Derby. **'TDN Rising Star' Hill Road** (**Quality Road**) earned himself a crack at the Belmont with a 3/4-length score in the GIII Peter Pan Stakes and will need to make up 9 1/2 lengths on Sovereignty if he is to be in the Dandy discussion.

### **Brown Barn Double-Fisted In Lake George**

Chad Brown has saddled the winner of the GII Lake George Stakes an additional six times since Mrs McDougal (**Medaglia d'Oro**) gave him his first in 2015 and the barn is represented by a pair of live chances Friday afternoon.

**Play With Fire** (**Oscar Performance**) came from last in a field of eight to defeat **Pretty Lavish (Ire)** (Ribchester {Ire}) and **Princess Attitude** (**Frankel {GB}**) in Pimlico's Hilltop Stakes May 16 for Brendan Walsh and owner Fergus Galvin and was acquired thereafter by Randy Sarf's LSU Stables. In her first run for the new ownership, the bay was gaining late, but was forced to settle for second to the re-opposing all-the-way winner **Classic Q** (Classic Empire) in the one-mile July 3 Wild Applause Stakes over this course.

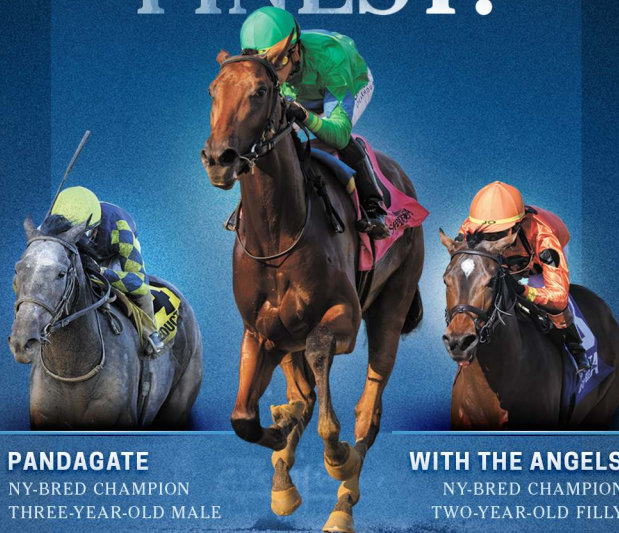
The latter is trained by Mark Casse, who sent out Pounce (Lookin At Lucky) to snap a five-race winning streak last year for Brown, who will also send out **Lavender Disaster** (Into Mischief).



**Play With Fire** schooling in the Saratoga paddock | Sarah Andrew



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## World Record Ships In For WAYI Bing Crosby

With an all-expenses-paid trip to the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint over the Del Mar six furlongs in the offing, **'TDN Rising Star' World Record (Gun Runner)** has made the trek west for a deep renewal of the GI Bing Crosby Stakes over the same course and trip.

The runaway winner of last-year's age-restricted GII Amsterdam Stakes at Saratoga, the \$410,000 Keeneland November weanling purchase led home a **'Rising Star'** 1-2 in Churchill allowance company May 1, defeating Nash (**Medaglia d'Oro**) by a solid 2 1/2 lengths. The 8-5 second choice for the GIII Aristides Stakes May 31, the bay carried the lead into the final furlong, but was run down late and settled for second. He has shown the ability to take a sit off the pace, and that could come in handy in a heat that looks fast on paper.

**Dr. Venkman** (Ghostzapper) won the GII San Diego Handicap on this program 12 months ago, but sticks to the shorter trip this time around. Most likely in need of the run when a distant second to Nysos in the GIII Triple Bend Stakes May 31, the bay was sent to Churchill for the June 28 GIII Kelly's Landing Stakes, but couldn't quite reel in **Roll On Big Joe** (Prospective).

**Crazy Mason** (Coal Front) makes the cross-country journey for trainer Greg Sacco in career-best form. An Aqueduct allowance winner in January and February, the gra colt came from a mile back to win the GII Carter Stakes on Apr. 5 and was a late-on-the-scene third to Book'em Danno (**Bucchero**) in the GIII True North Stakes June 7.



World Record | Horsephotos

The aforementioned Nysos carries top weight of 124 pounds in the San Diego, a lead-up to the GI Pacific Classic, and the **'TDN Rising Star'** makes just his second trip around two turns, having crushed his fellow 3-year-olds by 7 1/2 lengths in the GIII Robert B. Lewis Stakes last February.

A too-good-to-lose second to fellow **'Rising Star'** Mindframe

# #1 GSW FROM 3YO CROP

Sire	GSWs (b. 2022)
<b>NOT THIS TIME</b>	<b>7</b>
Into Mischief	6
Nyquist	4
Medaglia d'Oro	4
Vekoma	4

\*TDN Crop Report 2022, 7/25/25

## MAGNITUDE

Winner of the Risen Star S. (G2) and Iowa Derby



## NOT THIS TIME

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY - MISS MACY SUE, BY TRIPPI



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(**Constitution**) in the GI Churchill Downs Stakes first off the 15-month hiatus May 3, the \$550,000 OBS April grad never took a deep breath in the Triple Bend, scoring by 5 1/2 lengths.

Among the competition is Grade I winner **Express Train** (**Union Rags**), winner of this event in 2021 and third last year; Grade III scorer **Midnight Mammoth** (Midnight Lute); and GSW 'TDN Rising Star' Hall of Fame (**Gun Runner**), who races in the Claiborne Farm colors for Michael McCarthy for the first time.

### Fondly Shoots For Third Oaks at Monmouth

Already victorious in the Virginia Oaks in March and in the GIII Delaware Oaks last month, **Fondly** (**Upstart**) will have her fair share of backers from the outside draw in a field of seven for Saturday's GIII Monmouth Oaks.

It will likely be pedal to the metal for the \$50,000 Fasig-Tipton October purchase, who has trained well over the last six weeks at trainer Graham Motion's Fair Hill base.

**Pink Ruby** (**Connect**) had the consistent **Rosieontheriver** (**Kantharos**) back in third in a May 18 allowance at this venue, having finished fourth in the June 22 Wilton Stakes at Aqueduct. Rosieontheriver has put together a record of 2-0-2 from four starts going two turns on the main track.

**Running Away** (**Gun Runner**) does her best work on the engine and was the wire-to-wire winner of the Jan. 18 Busanda Stakes before faltering in the GI Central Bank Ashland Stakes in April. She was last seen 'running away' from her rivals in the Horseshoe Indianapolis Handicap May 14.

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### Saratoga Notebook cont. from p1

Sharp laughed when asked if he was a tough owner.

"Last year I might have been a little bit tough, but I have a lot of faith in my trainer (Jaymes McAssey) and I am very good at letting him do his thing. But we are in the mindset that we want to win. We run them wherever they can win."

Sharp, 40, is all in on the harness thing. Every morning, after training his own string at Saratoga, he heads over to the harness track and jogs a few horses.

"They usually hold one or two for me to jog," he said. "It's a lot of fun."

# #1 %GSWs FROM 3YO CROP

Sire	% of GSWs (b. 2022)
<b>NOT THIS TIME</b>	<b>5.98</b>
Medaglia d'Oro	5.33
Collected	4.11
Into Mischief	4.00
Nyquist	3.39

\*TDN Crop Report 2022, 7/25/25



## NOT THIS TIME

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY - MISS MACY SUE, BY TRIPPI



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**Joe Sharp, along with his son Tucker, out for a spin on the Saratoga harness track | courtesy Joe Sharp**

As far as changing careers, that isn't happening. His wife, former jockey Rosie Napravnik, just rolls her eyes when that subject came up.

Sharp is having plenty of fun so far at Saratoga as his horses have been showing up for him. He is just two wins away from career win No. 1,000.

"Only because you guys remind me of it all the time," Sharp said with a smile when asked if he thinks about the milestone. "Honestly, I don't think about it much. I'm very proud of our team and getting to that point does not weigh on me at all."

As far as the sizzling start goes, he'll take it. Last year's Saratoga meet saw him win five times in 49 starts.

"The right races went for us early in the meet," he said. "We are grateful how everything has been clicking and we have a lot of horses yet to run. Some of the horses that have already won might start, some might not. It's important for me up here. The track is great, the atmosphere is great, and the weather is fantastic."

And if Sharp wasn't busy enough, he still finds time to run between eight and 10 miles four or five times a week.

"I went 11 the other day," he said, "that's because I got lost!"

La Cara, Nitrogen Work Towards Alabama

Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse said he has never had two quality 3-year-old fillies like these.

He is counting down the days when he will run **La Cara** (**Street Sense**) and **Nitrogen** (**Medaglia d'Oro**) in the GI, \$600,000 Alabama Stakes on Aug 16.

Both fillies worked on the main track at Saratoga Friday morning. La Cara, who missed last weekend's GI Coaching Club American Oaks because the barn she was in was under quarantine, went five furlongs in :59.76 (1/16) with regular exercise rider Mary Rose Hitt.

#2 2025 GRADED STAKES HORSES

Sire	GSHs
Into Mischief	23
NOT THIS TIME	14
Gun Runner	12
Practical Joke	11
Justify	11

\*TDN GSH Sire List 7/25/25



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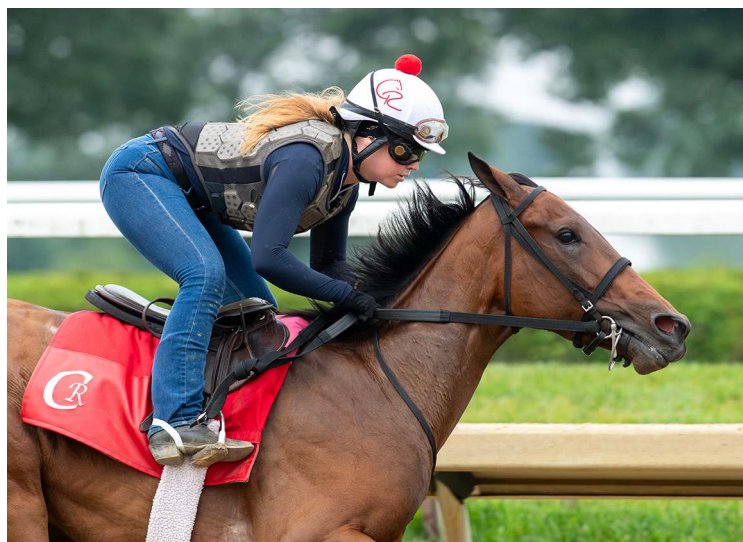
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Casse said that while under quarantine, La Cara missed three days of training.

"I don't think I have worked her five-eighths in a long time," Casse said outside his barn on the main track. "I am trying to put some air into her since we didn't get to run."

The last time La Cara worked five furlongs was Mar. 21 at Palm Meadows in Florida. Since then, she has had six, four-furlong works before Friday.

La Cara, owned by Tracy Farmer, has three wins in five starts this year, including a pair of Grade I races. In her latest, she won the GI Acorn at Saratoga on June 6.



La Cara working Friday | Sarah Andrew

D J Stable LLC's Nitrogen has started six times this year, five of them on grass. In her lone try on dirt, Nitrogen won the off-the-turf GIII Wonder Again by 17 lengths over two grass horses.

Friday, she worked four furlongs in company and was timed in :48.02 (8/60).

"She worked phenomenal," Casse said.

While Casse is excited about his two fillies heading to the Alabama, he is also facing the fact that he will not be attending the King's Plate at Woodbine. That is Canada's oldest Thoroughbred horse race and the oldest continuously run race in North America.

Casse plans on having a horse, maybe two, in the King's Plate, a race he has won three times.

"I can't ever remember missing one," Casse said, "but the Alabama is the same day, and I have never had two fillies in the Alabama."



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Last summer, trainer Phil Bauer had some high hopes for a pair of young horses. **'TDN Rising Star' Jonathan's Way** (Vekoma), a 2-year-old colt, and **'TDN Rising Star' Two Sharp (Twirling Candy)**, a 2-year-old filly, had shown plenty of promise.

Fast forward a year and Bauer doesn't have either of them in his barn. He just hopes they can return next season.

"We have been annihilated with depression," Bauer said outside his barn at the Oklahoma Training Track.

Here's why. Start with Jonathan's Way, owned by Richard Rigney's Rigney Racing LLC.

After breaking his maiden at Saratoga by 4 1/4 lengths last summer, he took a hike up in class and won the GIII Iroquois Stakes by 2 3/4 lengths at Churchill Downs.

After a lackluster seventh in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile on Nov. 1, he rebounded with a second in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes.

Then, nothing.

"He had an infection and then he had colitis," Bauer said. "He looked like an emaciated horse. It was awful. He is doing ok now."

Bauer said Jonathan's Way is back home on the farm. He'll get the rest of the year off.

Two Sharp, also owned by Rigney, won three of four starts last



year, including the GIII Chilukki Stakes at Churchill. In her one race this year, Two Sharp won the GIII Winning Colors by 3 1/2 lengths.



Phil Bauer | Sarah Andrew

She hasn't been seen since.

Bauer said Two Sharp has had a soft tissue issue and is also at the farm.

"She is crazy good, that filly," Bauer said. "Probably the best horse I ever had. She is just naturally fast and doesn't stop; she is one that does not get tired."



All Bauer can do now is wait and see if both horses can get back to the races as 4-year-olds.

"That is the plan," he said. "It's not like they are retired. They are turned out and we'll reevaluate them and try again. You are always hopeful, but you can't get too high on them, because they will just break your heart."

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## THISTLEDOWN FUROR RAISES COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS WITH KEY HISA TRACK SAFETY REQUIREMENT *by Dan Ross*



Thistledown | Adam Coglianese

Thistledown Racino's **firing this week** of track superintendent Sean Wright followed reports of alleged safety issues with the track's one-mile dirt surface that led to lost days of training and racing. There have also been multiple racing and training equine fatalities since the meet began Apr. 21.

The ongoing autopsy on these events has raised compliance question marks (both at Thistledown and nationally) over a key component of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act's (HISA) racetrack safety program.

Under this program, tracks are required when operating a meet to submit a set of measurements daily made at all quarter-mile markers at distances of five feet and 15 feet from the inside rail. This includes moisture content and, for dirt and synthetic tracks specifically, cushion depth. **Cont. p10**

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"If we see any problems at a track—catastrophic injuries, problems with soreness on the horses—we should be able to provide to the regulatory vets and HISA real-time data either to identify problems with the tracks or rule out any issues with the tracks," said Mick Peterson, director of the Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory (RSTL) in Kentucky, to which these measurements are to be submitted.

According to HISA, there have been windows since Apr. 21 when Thistledown failed to file these daily reports.

While this track surface data was being collected, it was "not consistently manually uploaded to the system," wrote HISA's senior communications manager Mackenzie Kirker-Head, in an email answer to a series of questions. She declined, however, to provide specific dates as to when the measurements weren't submitted daily.

"Thistledown did go back and upload the collected track surface data to the system after we reached out to them concerning the matter," Kirker-Head added.

"To the extent that you want information on specific days missed, once the data is rectified, we no longer track information on which days were missed," wrote Kirker-Head.

When asked Friday about this recording lapse, Wright—who had been in the track superintendent's position for about four months before his firing—said that for the first few weeks of the meet, he was unable to submit these records as he was without a computer, though he was recording the measurements in a notebook.

When Wright got a computer, he then uploaded the measurements as required, he said.

"I even had to go back and catch a lot of things up because it took a while from the time I got here working on the track to the time I actually got a computer. There was a gap in time there, and I had to go back and catch it up," said Wright, adding that he wouldn't submit track moisture data on days of heavy rainfall, as it wasn't necessary.

Earlier in the week, Wright told TDN that a period of heavy rainfall in the spring—during which time the surface appeared safer, he said—was followed by much drier conditions this summer. This is when Wright's maintenance crew repeatedly failed to follow his orders on adding enough additional water to the track, he said.

"I don't mean to throw my guys under the bus, but a spade's a spade here," Wright said, who told the TDN he has text messages which proves the alleged insubordination.

Reached Friday, Wright reiterated that he believes he did everything he could to safely maintain the track's surface

conditions, and that he had consistently submitted to HISA a separate set of track maintenance data.

"I'm not going to defend myself any more because I did my job and I did my job well," he said. "Because of this, I won't have a job like this any more—there's no way I'm going to be a track superintendent again. There's no way they're going to touch me with a 10-foot pole.

"Find somebody who cares for a racetrack more than I do," Wright added. "I've spent 45 years in this business. My family's been in this business 100 years. I've spent blood, sweat and tears on these racehorses, and you've all done a hatchet job on me."

## National Reporting Standards

Racetracks are required to submit these daily surface condition measurements (during a race-meet) as part of HISA's accreditation program.

"Reporting compliance is one of many factors that are considered when evaluating racetrack accreditation, and we take compliance with those reporting requirements very seriously," wrote Kirker-Head.

It appears, however, that Thistledown hasn't been the only track failing to submit these daily reports since HISA went into effect.

Kaleb Dempsey, RSTL laboratory manager, **told TDN last November** that these requirements were not being uniformly met across all U.S. racetracks.

"We have a high number of tracks that are finally starting to provide their daily measurements thorough the maintenance quality system. That's a good thing—it's how we really pull this data together," said Dempsey last November, about the connection between surface conditions and equine injury. "But the hardest step is to actually get people to take the daily measurements so we can have those links."

When asked if all tracks currently operating a meet are now in compliance with the daily surface report mandate, Kirker-Head wrote that they're in "substantial compliance" with this requirement.

"If a track misses a day or two, we address it with them. HISA keeps the details of those reports between us and the track," Kirker-Head wrote.

According to Peterson, while some tracks—particularly the larger facilities—are in strict compliance with this requirement, others (especially the smaller, more cash-strapped tracks) are still found wanting.

"What I would like to see is us having this information so we can avert problems, and that really takes having this data put in every day," said Peterson. "We're not there yet, and I would like to get there." **Cont. p11**



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When asked if some tracks miss than a day or two's worth of data, Peterson said that "some of them are perfect. I can't emphasize that enough."

However, "some of the smaller tracks just struggle to keep up," he added, declining to give specific timeframes.

The question, therefore, is this: how best to bring all facilities up to speed?

In light of recent events, Thistledown has reportedly ordered a device called an **Integrated Racetrack Surface Tester**, to help streamline the data recording requirements.

"This machine will be able to take the required track surface data measurements, which are uploaded via GPS directly to the Maintenance Quality System, streamlining and automating the collection of track surface measurements for track superintendents," wrote Kirker-Head.

Peterson also raised another endemic issue plaguing the sport—of the loss of institutional knowledge as an ageing workforce exits the sport, leaving behind a vacuum of experience and expertise.

"What I would really like to see is the industry continue to support those tracks, and part of this gets back to the struggle with these workforce issues," he said. "This is as true of some of the vet issues as it is the track issues."

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## Friday, Saratoga

### AMSTERDAM S. PRESENTED BY ALBANY MED HEALTH

SYSTEM-GII, \$200,000, Saratoga, 7-25, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:15.64, ft.

1--**SMOKEN WICKED**, 120, c, 3, by **Bobby's Wicked One**

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

**2nd Dam: Magic Smoke, by Smokester**

**3rd Dam: Dancing Step, by Green Dancer**

**1ST GRADED STAKES WIN.** (\$38,000 Ylg '23 BSLY&M).

O-Valene Farms LLC; B-Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson (LA);

T-Dallas Stewart; J-Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr. \$110,000.

Lifetime Record: 13-5-3-1, \$551,392. **Werk Nick Rating: B.**

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2--**Gunmetal**, 120, c, 3, **Gun Runner**--Classy Dancer, by Speightstown. **1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.** (\$410,000 Ylg '23 KESEP). O-CHC, Inc. and WinStar Farm LLC; B-Andrew N. Warren (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$40,000.

3--**Gate to Wire**, 122, c, 3, **Munnings**--Sansibar Jewel, by Street Cry (Ire). (\$95,000 Ylg '23 KESEP). O-Donegal Racing; B-Moyglare Stud Farm, Ltd. (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$24,000.

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**Smoken Wicked** | Sarah Andrew

Smoken Wicked, a two-time stakes winner versus fellow Louisiana-breds, broke through at the graded level with a dominant performance in Friday's GII Amsterdam S. at the Spa.

The 5-2 chance pressed favored Macho Music (**Maclean's Music**) through an opening quarter in :22.09, took over approaching the quarter pole and blasted off for home to win impressively by 5 3/4 lengths.

Sixth behind the aforementioned Macho Music in the GII Pat Day Mile S. May 3, Smoken Wicked entered off a second-place finish in the **Maxfield** S. June 29. He made two previous starts at Saratoga last season, finishing third in the GII Saratoga Special S. and fourth in the GI Hopeful S.

"The horse has been very solid," winning trainer Dallas Stewart said. "His last race was solid--he got beat by a pretty dominant horse (Verifire). He's trained very well since, we know he likes this track. He's a good shipper and held his weight good. He looked very dominant in the paddock, to me. He showed up today." **Cont. p12**



**Team Smoken Wicked: Dallas Stewart, Gerri & Murray Valene & Brian Hernandez, Jr.** | Sarah Andrew



**Pedigree Notes:**

Smoken Wicked becomes the first graded winner for Bobby's Wicked One, a son of Speightstown. Broodmare sire Street Boss is now responsible for four graded winners. The winner's two-time winning dam Street Smoke has also produced the 2-year-old colt Wildly Wicked (Bobby's Wicked One) and a yearling filly by Bobby's Wicked One. Street Smoke brought \$22,000 from Smoken Wicked co-breeder Thomas Curtis at the 2019 KEENOV sale.

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## GRASS GREENER AT NEW BELMONT PARK WITH INNER TURF COURSE ON CUSP OF COMPLETION *by T.D. Thornton*

By the time you're reading this article, the New York Racing Association (NYRA)'s years-long rebuild of Belmont Park that is on target to be finished by September 2026 will have reached or be very close to achieving a significant milestone.



**The new inner turf course at Belmont Park** | *courtesy NYRA*

"The inner turf course will be complete by possibly [Friday] if not Monday with all the sod," Glen Kozak, NYRA's senior vice president of operations and capital projects, said July 25. "This was a big, big step for us, and now we're rolling right into the Widener turf course."

Kozak's update on Belmont's four redesigned racing surfaces (from outside in: 1 1/2-miles main dirt track, grass courses at 10 and nine furlongs, one-mile Tapeta track) came during a Friday meeting of the New York State Franchise Oversight Board (FOB).

The FOB is the governor-appointed committee that represents the interests of New York State in the real estate at Belmont, Aqueduct Racetrack and Saratoga Race Course.

While construction concurrently occurs on the rebuilt grandstand and clubhouse, the big summer project in the infield

has been laying down the turf course sod, which is grown offsite and trucked to Belmont every morning that the crews are working. It then gets placed atop 12 inches of growing medium that has been installed over drainage stone.

"That's been growing for now—and the sod company wants to kill us—for about 16 months," Kozak said, underscoring that NYRA didn't want to cut corners, time-wise, to make sure the finished product is mature and robust.

"We're using a variety that is drought-tolerant, wear-tolerant, that was specific for what we're looking for," Kozak said.

"It is Kentucky bluegrass," Kozak said. "But what we were also looking at is the profile that we engineered for it [that is] specifically grown for us in a region [that will match Belmont Park]. It comes from Long Island. This sod is harvested anywhere from 2:30 to 4:00 in the morning, and the trucks [arrive] and are starting to install at 7:00.

"We use DeLea Sod Farms," Kozak continued. "They do Yankee Stadium."

"And the other thing that they're doing is they're cutting [the sod strips] very thin. So the root zone [has a] direct mesh. Watering is very, very critical. Obviously, we're putting sod down when it's ninety-something degrees. It's not optimal, so we're trying to get the water going to this as well."

The watering, for the time being, has to be done manually because electrical power is not yet connected to the infield. Irrigation will eventually be achieved by a high-tech sprinkler system.

"It's gotten so technical with some of the new [sprinkler] heads that there's basically an [internet protocol] address for every head," Kozak said.

That will allow NYRA to monitor exactly how much water flow goes out on each head.

"Right now it's currently municipal water, but we did apply for a well permit through the city, so we're currently in the step for that," Kozak said. "It's the second-largest aquifer on Long Island. So we're told volume-wise it's not a problem."

Some of that water will be held in an infield retention pond, Kozak said.

"The capacity of the pond is for a two-week period to be able to water not only the two [turf] racing surfaces, but also the infield. [Also] with this design there's irrigation set up for the synthetic track as well," Kozak said.

Kozak said a key component of the design is uniformity across all four surfaces.

"The old Belmont racing surfaces were built in a different era," Kozak said. "So you had different types of product, different types of natural sand or clay or areas, pockets, throughout. [Now] everything is consistent from the bottom up, so there's no area that will drain differently because of either a hedge or heavier soil that might be in place in a certain area." **Cont. p13**

Drainage, as well as sightlines from the stands, are both expected to be improved because the four courses will be "stacked" atop one another.

Kozak said making those vertical changes for the four courses included "hundreds of thousands of yards of material that we moved on-site just to be able to establish not only the new height elevations of the racing surfaces for drainage and for the engineering required, but also for visibility."

The widths and circumferences of the two turf tracks, plus the spacing between the courses, will also be different.

The inner course circumference went from 1 3/16 miles to 1 1/8 miles and the outer (Widener) course went from 1 5/16 miles to 1 1/4 miles, Kozak said.

"So basically we've got now a 102-foot wide turf course and a 118-foot wide turf course, [and] the difference with these racing surfaces is they're consistent width all the way around," Kozak said.

"The old surfaces were similar to Saratoga. Much tighter on the turns, and unfortunately, that's where most of your wear happens, on the turns," Kozak said.

Kozak explained that "the widths in between the tracks have all been contemplated so that way we maximize our distances for all of the racing surfaces. Meaning the five or six different running lanes that we have on the turf, we will be able to accommodate those and maximize those."

Banking will be 2% on the straightaways and 4% on the turns "and everything is consistent across the surfaces," Kozak said.

Grading during course construction "is all done by GPS," Kozak said. "We have a survey company come in behind our work with the equipment to go through to check the grades."

For all four courses, the finish line has been moved about 126 feet east (toward the first turn), Kozak said.

Although there aren't many 10-furlong dirt races at Belmont, the track will be running a big one in 2027 when it hosts the Breeders' Cup championships. This movement of the finish line helps with placement of the mid-first-turn starting point for that distance, which under the previous configuration appeared shoehorned into the turn and never seemed to meet the main track smoothly.

"The mile and a quarter [start] that will be used for the [GI] Breeders' Cup Classic, instead of that being an afterthought into the rail, it [will now be] in an engineered area that is set up where it breaks more to the center of the turn," Kozak said.

As for the grandstand and clubhouse work, Kozak offered the following timeline:

"Generic numbers right now, the concrete will be done for the third deck by the end of August. Steel will be wrapping up the end of September for the framework. Roofing and everything won't specifically be dried in by the end of [the fourth quarter this year], but it's going to be darn close."

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## SALES-TOPPING 'TDN RISING STAR' SPECTACULAR GREY BACK FOR COLLEEN



Spectacular Grey | Bill Denver/Equi-Photo

**Spectacular Grey** (**Not This Time**), who earned 'TDN Rising Star' honors on Monmouth debut July 12 before topping the Fasig-Tipton July Digital Sale this past Tuesday, goes right back to work in Sunday's \$100,000 Colleen Stakes at Monmouth Park.

An 11-2 chance in a five-furlong maiden over the main track, the daughter of Rose Grey (**The Factor**) raced in midpack through the opening stages of that contest after breaking a fraction slowly, then bid wide into the stretch and powered clear to graduate by 7 3/4 lengths (**video**). Consigned to the July Digital Sale by Taylor Made on behalf of her previous owner III Beauty's Thoroughbred LLC, Spectacular Sale was sold to Epic Horses for \$625,000.

The filly remains in the care of trainer Alexis Delgado, who is looking forward to see what she can do on the grass this time around.

"The old owners always wanted to try her on the grass but I said to them 'give me one opportunity on the dirt with her,'" Delgado said. "She ran an unbelievable race. She has always shown talent in the morning. She is a special filly."

"I don't think she was 100% as far as her conditioning for her first race. Maybe 80 or 85%. But she is 100% now."

He continued, "The new owners called me and said 'we like this filly for the grass.' They want to see if she is good enough to try a race at Kentucky Downs. We have to see how she does but I'm very excited to watch her race again."

According to a Monmouth Park release, Delgado has but 42 career victories to his credit and left the training business from 2022-2024 for family and economic reasons, working as an Uber driver in the interim. Delgado's most important career victory came in the 2019 GI Davona Dale Stakes when he saddled Jeltrin (Tapizar) to a 51-1 upset ahead of a long-odds third in the GI Acorn Stakes. **Cont. p14**



“It’s a great opportunity for me,” said Delgado. “For me to come back to training and to get a horse like this is unbelievable. The new owners called and said ‘we saw the success you had in 2019. We want you to continue training this filly.’ I am very grateful to them for that.”

Spectacular Grey has drawn the rail in a field of 11 turf sprinters, including three from the barn of Wesley Ward.

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## PEGASUS DAY BERTHS UP FOR GRABS AT GOODWOOD



Field of Gold | Alamy

A pair of Group 1 contests to be staged during next week's Qatar Goodwood Festival will earn their winners automatic berths into races on the 2026 Pegasus World Cup Day program at Gulfstream Park on Jan. 24.

The Visit Qatar Sussex stakes over a mile on July 30 will serve as a qualifier for the \$1-million G1 Pegasus World Cup Turf, while the Visit Qatar Nassau Stakes going 10 panels on July 31 will earn the winner a spot in the field for the GII Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf. Both races support the \$3-million G1 Pegasus World Cup.

The field for the Sussex features Juddmonte's exciting **Field of Gold (Ire)** (**Kingman {GB}**), who has bounced back from a narrow defeat in the G1 Betfred 2000 Guineas with smashing victories in the G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas and G1 St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot. Also expected for the Sussex are **Docklands (GB)** (Massaat {Ire}) and **Rosallion (Ire)** (Blue Point {Ire}), first and second, respectively, in the G1 Queen Anne Stakes at the Royal Meeting, as well as former Chad Brown trainee **Carl Spackler (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), a close sixth in the latter event.

**Whirl (Ire)** (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**), who missed by a neck in the G1 Betfred Oaks before dropping back in trip to take out the

G1 Pretty Polly Stakes June 28, leads the entries for the Nassau and she is joined by **See The Fire (Ire)** (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), runner-up in the 2024 Nassau and a latest third against males in the G1 Prince of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot. The 4-year-old was a romping winner of York's G3 Strensall Stakes prior to that effort.

Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) was runner-up in the 2019 and 2020 renewals of the Pegasus Turf, while Warm Heart victoriously signed off on her career in the same event in 2024.

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## STAKES-WINNING JUVENILES HIGHLIGHT INGLIS DIGITAL USA JULY SALE CATALOG

The catalog for the 2025 Inglis Digital USA July Sale is now online, featuring a diverse selection of 49 entries, including a pair of unbeaten stakes-winning 2-year-olds.



Border Czar | Inglis Digital

Bidding is now open for the online auction, and the first lot will close on Wednesday, July 30 at 2 p.m. ET, with subsequent listings hammering in three-minute increments.

Highlights include:

**Good Civilian** (Good Samaritan) won his debut on June 14 at Horseshoe Indianapolis by 11 1/2 lengths, then added the Prairie Gold Juvenile Stakes on July 5 at Prairie Meadows. Trainer Genaro Garcia consigns the Indiana-bred gelding.

**Border Czar** (**Beau Liam**) won on debut at Woodbine in a last-to-first effort June 7, then took the Listed My Dear Stakes at the same track on July 12. Owner/trainer Barbara Minshall will consign the filly.



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**Inglis Digital USA July Sale cont.**

Also included among the offerings is a group of fillies and mares deemed to be "IRT eligible," meaning they have completed the tests and received the vaccines required to enter quarantine following the sale and travel with international shipping company IRT, making for a more seamless post-purchase process for buyers around the globe.

Among the "IRT-eligible" horses in the catalog are:

**Asean (Ire):** A 4-year-old broodmare prospect by Ten Sovereigns (Ire), who was a 2-year-old stakes winner at The Curragh in Ireland before competing in the 2023 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint at Santa Anita Park. Commonwealth consigns the filly.

**Beauty of the Sea:** A 5-year-old **Buccherio** mare who won the Blue Sparkler Stakes at Monmouth Park as a 3-year-old, then came back at four to win a pair of stakes races at Monmouth and Colonial Downs, followed by a third in the GIII Ontario Fashion Stakes at Woodbine. Paramount Sales consigns the racing/broodmare prospect, as agent.

**Lily Poo:** A 5-year-old broodmare who was a winner at two, then came back at three to win the California Oaks at Golden Gate Fields and finish in the money in a pair of graded stakes races. She had her first foal in 2025, a Taiba colt, who is not included with the mare in the auction. Paramount Sales consigns the daughter of Tapiture, as agent.

**Dixieland Belle:** A 3-year-old racing/broodmare prospect by More Than Ready who won her debut race as a juvenile against stakes competition, taking the Finest City Stakes at Presque Isle Downs. The Pennsylvania-bred is consigned by Paramount Sales, agent.

"This sale marks a year since we started selling, and we're grateful to everyone who's supported us," said Kyle Wilson, Senior Director of Sales and Recruiting for Inglis Digital USA. "We've got a great catalog to celebrate that anniversary, highlighted by a couple of undefeated juveniles and a group of broodmares and broodmare racing prospects ready to go anywhere in the world."

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Officials at Breeders' Cup Limited remind horsepeople that the deadline to nominate foals born in 2025 to the Breeders' Cup program at a one-time fee of \$400 is Friday, Aug. 1, at 11:59 p.m. ET. To ensure that the 'Breeders' Cup Nominated' designation appears on catalog pages for upcoming fall and winter breeding stock sales, foals must be nominated by this deadline.

The one-time \$400 weanling nomination entitles each foal with racing eligibility to the Breeders' Cup World Championships and the Breeders' Cup racing programs for its lifetime. All foals sired by a fully nominated North American Breeders' Cup stallion are eligible for nomination to the Breeders' Cup program in their year of birth at the weanling rate.

If sales foals are not nominated by the early deadline, foal nominations may still be made in the foal's year of birth with a one-time payment of a \$400 nomination fee if made on or before Oct. 15, 2025. That is the final deadline for a \$400 lifetime eligibility nomination payment.

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**TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY**

**Smoken Wicked** leaves them in the dust in the Amsterdam.

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**News Roundup cont.****MONMOUTH PARK CANCELS FRIDAY CARD DUE TO EXCESSIVE HEAT**

Monmouth Park has cancelled Friday's scheduled eight-race card due to excessive heat, track officials announced. All races cancelled Friday will be brought back as extras for Friday, Aug. 1, and the racing office will also look to use them over next weekend. Entries will be taken on Sunday, July 27, for next Friday's card. Racing resumes at Monmouth Park on Saturday with a first race post time of 12:50 p.m. ET.

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**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, FalguieresBloodstock, Gestut Zur Kuste AG, et al, 6-Max Ubide, 7-Haras Paso Nevado, 8-Bruce Chandler, 9-Nick Alexander

'TDN Rising Star' World Record (**Gun Runner**) held on well to finish second in the GIII Aristides after a torrid early pace that included fractions of 20 4/5 and 43 3/5. There's a lot of speed in here, but this one can be rated and we have confidence that jockey Flavien Prat will figure it out. **Mbagnick** (Chi) (**Practical Joke**) was claimed by John Sadler out of his last race for a whopping \$80,000. Sadler is showing his confidence in the Chilean-bred by running him back in a Grade I. **Crazy Mason** (Coal Front) is a deep closer with no early speed. If the race falls apart because of a speed duel it's not impossible that he wins this.--**Bill Finley**

**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 🍀	<b>Nyquist</b>	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 🍀	<b>Union Rags</b>	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Smith	121
5	Hall of Fame	<b>Gun Runner</b>	Claiborne Farm Lessee	McCarthy	Kimura	121
6	Tarantino 🍀	Pioneer of the Nile	David A. Bernsen LLC and Rockingham Ranch	Eurton	Maldonado	118
7	Judge Miller 🍀	<b>Curlin</b>	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

'**TDN Rising Star**' Nysos (**Nyquist**) is the obvious pick and will be heavily favored. Can't see going against him. That said, he's stretching out after consecutive sprints and has never gone this far. This will be a big test for him as he aims for the GI Pacific Classic. **Mirahmadi** (Into Mischief) is a stablemate of Nysos. He's been very erratic throughout his career, but does his best running when he gets loose on the lead, which could happen here. On the Beyer numbers, '**TDN Rising Star**' Hall of Fame (**Gun Runner**) is faster than anyone but Nysos. Makes his first start for trainer Michael McCarthy. --**Bill Finley**

**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	<b>Kantharos</b>	David Gruskos	Gonzalez	-	116
4	Paris Lily	<b>City of Light</b>	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Lopez	116
5	Running Away	<b>Gun Runner</b>	Stud TNT	Ward	Espinoza	120
6	Pink Ruby 🍀	<b>Connect</b>	Larry Nafe	Schultz	Jara	118
7	Fondly	<b>Upstart</b>	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Madaket Stables LLC	Motion	Marin	122

**Breeders:** 1-Jason Hall, Stephen Baker, and David Branch, 2-Frank Batten, 3-Timber Town Stable & John Stuart, 4-Godolphin, 5-Stud TNT, 6-Knockgriffin Farm, 7-Brereton Jones

**Ruth** (Uncle Mo) looks like the best closer in a race that is loaded with speed. Trained by Todd Pletcher, she will be making her stakes debut, but this race came up weak and may not be much tougher than the allowances races she was running in. In Todd we trust, but it is worth noting that he is winning at a 4% rate at the Monmouth meet.

**Fondly (Upstart)** didn't lift a hoof in the GI Kentucky Oaks, but rebounded to record a decisive score in the GIII Delaware Oaks. But she got a perfect trip, waltzing on the front end through slow fractions. Same scenario is unlikely in this spot. **Running Away (Gun Runner)**, who will be ridden by Victor Espinoza, ships in for Wesley Ward and is coming off a big win in the slop at Horseshoe Indianapolis. Trivia question: When is the last time Espinoza won a race at Monmouth. Answer: the 2015 GI Haskell S. with **American Pharoah** (Pioneer of the Nile). --**Bill Finley**

**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	Lezcana	120
4	Lavender Disaster	Into Mischief	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120
5	Classic Q 	Classic Empire	Barber, Gary, Blue Crevale 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 (AWT)**

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





**For Flying (Brz)** (Drosselmeyer) ran the best race of her life when second in the GII Belle Mahone S. for Graham Motion. That was her first start since September, so improvement can be expected. **Veery** (Giant Gizmo) has been running against easier, but, with a record f 29-11-1-4, is a win machine. Has the speed to control the race and will be extra dangerous if she can get loose on the lead. **Caitlinhergrtness** (Omaha Beach) is a 4-5 morning line favorite you can take a stand against. The winner of last year's King's Plate was dull in her last start, finishing eighth in the GII Nassau S. She could obviously bounce back, but is hard to take at that price and after that race. --**Bill Finley**

**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

**Boca Queen** (Ire) (**Kingman {GB}**) looked like she might be something special when breaking her maiden at first asking for Mike Repole and Kevin Attard. She sold for the equivalent of \$423,719 at 2023 Goff's Orby Yearling Sale. Takes a steep rise in class into stakes company, but she should handle the assignment. **Pretty Lavish** (Ire) (Ribchester {Ire}) is cross entered in the GIII Lake George S. at Saratoga. Will be dangerous if she goes in this spot as she is coming off a pair of second-place finishes in stakes company. **Lupa** (Ire), like Boca Queen, broke her maiden last out in her first try, but her Beyer number was not as good as Boca Queen's.--**Bill Finley**

**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	Immensity (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

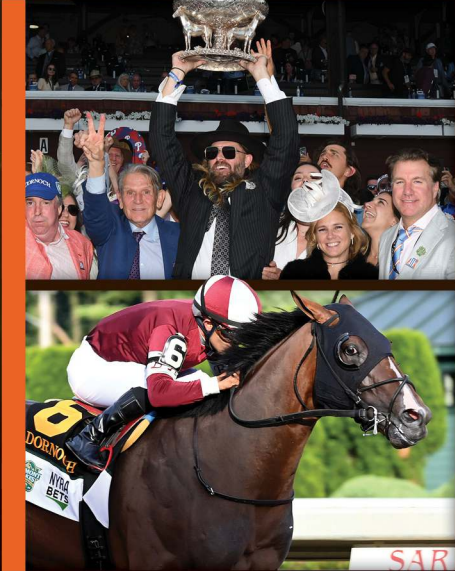
**Bellezza (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr})** gets some class relief after a good showing in the GI New York Stakes, where she was third. Won the 11-furlong GIII Sheepshead Bay S., so this distance shouldn't be a problem. **Long Ago (GB)** (Roaring Lion) is on the improve after being claimed by William Morey for \$80,000. Another who has shown that she can get this distance. **La Mehana (Fr)** (Al Wukair {Ire}) was rated behind a very slow pace in a June 27 allowance, but still managed to get the victory. Has been a consistent performer at this level and at this distance.--**Bill Finley**

**Sunday, Del Mar #9, post time: 9:00 p.m. EDT**  
**EDDIE READ S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dicey Mo Chara (GB)	Adaay (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Powell	Hernandez	121
2	Balnikhov (Ire)	Adaay (Ire)	Little Red Feather Racing, Madaket Stables LLC & Old Bones Racing Stable, LLC	D'Amato	Kimura	121
3	Atitlan	The Factor	John M. B. O'Connor	Shirreffs	Berrios	123
4	Formidable Man 🍀	City of Light	Warren, Jr., William K. and Warren, Suzanne	McCarthy	Rispoli	125
5	Gold Phoenix (Ire) 🍀	Belardo (Ire)	Agave Racing Stable, Little Red Feather Racing Sterling Stables LLC and Naify, Marsha	D'Amato	Frey	121
6	Stay Hot	Summer Front	Burns Racing LLC, Exline-Border Racing LLC Estate of Brereton C. Jones and Hudock, William Dan	Eurton	Fresu	121
7	Cabo Spirit 🍀	Pioneerof the Nile	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Smith	121
8	Balladeer	Distorted Humor	Nguyen, Calvin and Tran, Joey C.	Papaprodromou	Cedillo	121

**Breeders:** 1-Worksop Manor Stud, 2-T. de La Heronniere & Gestut Zur Kuste AG, 3-Anastasie Astrid Christiansen-Croy, 4-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 5-Mighty Universe Ltd, 6-Brereton C. Jones, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-Bonne Chance Farm, LLC






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## NEW 'RISING STAR' TIME TO DREAM TO STICK TO TURF FOR NOW FOR PLETCHER AND REPOLE



Time to Dream | Sarah Andrew

by Mike Kane

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – In the first race of her career Friday, Time to Dream (**Not This Time**) showed that she could very well have been given a fitting name.

After overcoming trouble under jockey Jose Ortiz, the Repole Stable bay stormed from off the pace in the stretch to win the seventh race, a \$100,000 maiden special weight for 2-year-olds by 2 1/4 lengths over pacesetter Maiora (Speightstown). Time to Dream completed the one mile on the inner turf course in 1:36.58 and paid \$9.90 to win. Pan Pan (**Audible**) was another half-length back in third.

Bred in Kentucky by Maggie Gleseke, the daughter of the **Street Sense** mare Wild Silk drew the attention of owner Mike Repole and his staff at last summer's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale. Nearly a year later, she debuted in style.

"Obviously, a beautiful yearling," said Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher. "Mike reached out and gave \$750,000 so she is one that we had high hopes for coming in. She's a very professional filly and trained really well leading into this. We were optimistic, but it's great to see her perform to where we thought she might be capable of."

Time to Dream is a half-sister to Red Carpet Ready (**Oscar Performance**), a three-time graded stakes winner on dirt. Yet, Time to Dream started her career on turf.

"When we were first up here in the spring, the Oklahoma track was pretty deep and demanding, and it seemed like we were having some horses that were struggling with it a little bit," Pletcher said. "She was not one of them, but we did work her one time on the turf. **Not This Time** is such a versatile stallion. It seems like he really gets runners that do just about anything. We thought she really breezed well on the turf and felt like she didn't want to rush in a maiden dirt race. We were just kind of waiting for this."

The half-mile turf work in :50.85 took place on the June 27 and put her on course for a race on the grass.

Pletcher smiled at the obvious next question.

"Today, she's a turf horse," he said, "but we wouldn't rule out at some point trying the dirt."

Pletcher said Time to Dream might be a candidate for the 1 1/16th miles P.G. Johnson Stakes on turf on Aug. 27.

Time to Dream was Pletcher's third winner of the meet in the top-level 2-year-old maiden special weight races. He is 3-2-1 from 11 starts.

Making her second career start, Maiora quickly took command of the race under Hall of Famer Joel Rosario and led the field of eight through comfortable opening split times of :24.25 and :48.96. At the top of the stretch she extended her advantage to three lengths after covering six furlongs in 1:13.11 and looked like she would secure the victory for owners Susie and Ed Orr.

Time to Dream was sitting in a stalking position going up the backstretch, but found trouble near the three-eighths pole and Ortiz had to check off the heels of Pan Pan. Moments later, he had to carefully avoid the heels of Repole stablemate Flighttown (**Practical Joke**) on the turn.

"She broke great and put me into a good spot," Ortiz said. "At the second turn, I kind of hit a little bit of traffic. She backed up a little, and then she re-broke again. It was very impressive. It was nice."

Pletcher's two horses were close to each other when Ortiz had to check.

"She was making some good progress and then it looked like she kind of had to, not slam on the brakes, but at least kind of put it on hold for a few strides a couple of times," Pletcher said. "But it's impressive to see her regroup and then deliver another big run."

Ortiz took Time to Dream wide coming off the turn and she accelerated quickly to put herself into contention. She caught Maiora near the sixteenth pole and sped away.

## APPLY-NAMED TIME TO DREAM THE NEWEST 'RISING STAR' AT SARATOGA



Time to Dream | Sarah Andrew

by Stefanie Grimm

The aptly-named Time to Dream (**Not This Time**) impressed in her career unveiling Friday to become the newest 'TDN Rising Star' at Saratoga for trainer Todd Pletcher and owner Mike Repole. Racing as part of a coupled entry with stablemate Flighttown (**Practical Joke**), the 7-2 shot was drawn nearly widest of the field in this one-mile turf event and despite a clean beginning, was outrun by a host of rivals to her inside. Jose Ortiz guided his filly down to race a path off the hedge just outside of Curly Q Girl (**Curlin**) in fifth into the clubhouse turn. Second-time starter Maiora (Speightstown) had a loose lead onto the backstretch with Time to Dream following her stablemate who raced just ahead of her a little further out on the track. Stuck behind a wall of runners past the half-mile pole in :48.06, Time to Dream had to check briefly which left Flighttown to take first crack at Maiora midway around the far turn. Really picking up the bridle once swung out five wide, the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga grad quickly put this field behind her with an eye-catching final quarter-mile to come home 2 1/4 lengths ahead of the pacesetter.

Joining an illustrious list of 'Rising Stars' for Repole and Pletcher that includes the likes of Eclipse champion 2-year-olds Fierceness (**City of Light**) and Forte (**Violence**) along with recent GI Stephen Foster winner Mindframe (**Constitution**), Time to Dream is the eighth 'Rising Star' for **Not This Time** and his third this month alone. A \$750,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga grad last year, the winner is a half to MGSW/GISP Red Carpet Ready (**Oscar Performance**) who sold just last year for \$1.5m at FTKNOV to Case Clay. First dam Wild Silk, though unraced herself, is a half-sister to GI Vosburgh Stakes winner Joking (Distorted Humor) and this is also the family of GSW/MGISP sire

Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway). Wild Silk, purchased by Clover Hill Farm at KEENOV in 2017 for \$70,000, produced a **Cody's Wish** colt this season and returned to **Not This Time** for a full-sibling to Time to Dream next year.

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## NEW TDN RISING STAR

7th-Saratoga, \$100,000, Msw, 7-25, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.56, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

TIME TO DREAM, f, 2, **Not This Time**



1st Dam: Wild Silk, by **Street Sense**

2nd Dam: Spun Silk, by A.P. Indy

3rd Dam: Spunoutofcontrol, by Wild Again

Sales History: \$750,000 Ylg '24 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$55,000. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) and **VIDEO**, sponsored by **FanDuel TV**. Click for the [free Equineline.com catalog-style pedigree](#).

O-Repole Stable; B-Maggie Gieseke (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

## SATURDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS: OBS RECORD-SETTER DEBUTS FOR BAFFERT AT DEL MAR by Stefanie Grimm

4th-DMR, 100K, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 6:33 p.m.

Amr Zedan went to an eye-watering OBS record \$3,000,000 to acquire **BRANT** (**Gun Runner**) from consigner Eddie Woods back in March and the colt makes his debut at Del Mar for Hall of Famer Bob Baffert. Working in an impressive time of :9 3/5, he was a huge pinhook for St. Clair Stables who picked him up for just \$200,000 as a yearling at Keeneland last September. Brant is out of a winning **Liam's Map** half-sister to GSW/GISP and young stallion Pappacap (**Gun Runner**) and GSW Boppy O (Bolt d'Oro).



Brant sells at OBS March | OBS Photo





**Soldier N Diplomat | OBS**

Baffert-trained stablemate **Balboa** (**Not This Time**), no slouch in the sales ring either as an \$875,000 Keeneland grad, is the first runner to the races out of Tap of War (**War Front**), a full-sister to GI Fourstardave Handicap winner Halladay. **TJCIS PPS**

**1st-DMR, 80K, Msw, 3yo/up, 1mT, 5:00 p.m.**

Opening the Del Mar card is **Just Resilience** (**Justify**), a gelded son of \$1.4m KEENOV grad Satin And Silk (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) for Claiborne Farm. The dam, though unraced herself, is a half to GISW Materiality (Afleet Alex) and GSW/MGISP My Miss Sophia (Unbridled's Song), herself the dam of GISW and Claiborne stallion Anapolis (**War Front**). Other half-sisters have produced SW/GISP Grand Mo The First (Uncle Mo) and GISW Leslie's Rose (Into Mischief).

This race is also the debut of **Jibilian** (**Quality Road**), a gelded son of Canadian champion turf female Theodora B. (Ghostzapper) for Augustin Stables. **TJCIS PPS**

**2nd-SAR, 100K, Msw, 2yo, 6f, 1:07 p.m.**

In New York, **Soldier N Diplomat** (**Army Mule**) was another big OBS March purchase as St. Elias Stable spent \$950,000 for the son of the stallion who raced in his own colors before retiring to Hill 'n' Dale. The colt breezed in :10 and is out of a daughter of MGSW/MGISP Miraculous Miss.

Another OBS grad, **Further Ado** (**Gun Runner**) sold for \$550,000 to Spendthrift Farm in April and is a half-brother to MGSW Kimbear (**Twirling Candy**). First dam Sky Dreamer, graded stakes-placed herself, is a half-sister to GISW Dream Dancing (**Tapit**). This is the family of champion older mare Beautiful Pleasure. **TJCIS PPS**

**4th-SAR, 120K, O/C, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 2:13 p.m.**

Race 4 features the return of last year's GI Whitney Stakes winner **Arthur's Ride** (**Tapit**) in what will be his first start since coming up empty in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic in

November. The now 5-year-old Glassman Racing-owned runner already has two wins at the Spa and has been training locally for Bill Mott. **TJCIS PPS**

**7th-SAR, 100K, Msw, 2yo, 6f, 3:52 p.m.**

Three fillies line up on the outside led by **Tommy Jo** (Into Mischief), a daughter of MSW/MGISP Mother Mother who Spendthrift Farm purchased for \$1.8m at FTKNOV in 2020. Mother Mother is a half to GI Kentucky Derby runner up Commanding Curve (Master Command).

**Immortalize** (**Gun Runner**) is a Godolphin homebred out of GI Coolmore Jenny Wiley Stakes winner Dickinson who has already produced MSW Wadsworth (**Quality Road**).

Chad Brown's **Academia** (Into Mischief) is out of Chilean Horse of the Year Wow Cat (Chi), who Peter Brant's White Birch Farm purchased for \$1.7m at FTKNOV in 2019. **TJCIS PPS**



**Arthur's Ride | Sarah Andrew**

**5th-ELP, 100K, Msw, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 2:44 p.m.**

In Kentucky, **Contrary** (**Medaglia d'Oro**) is another Godolphin homebred out of an unraced **Tapit** half-sister to MGSW and late sire Scat Daddy (Johannesburg).

She's drawn inside of **Love Supreme** (**Tapit**), a Stonestreet homebred out of MGSW/GISP Terra Promessa. Stonestreet bought into the family another generation back, purchasing second dam Missile Bay (Yes It's True) for \$700,000 at KEENOV in 2006. **TJCIS PPS**

**6th-WO, 115K, Msw, 2yo, 6fT, 3:40 p.m.**

Going north of the border, **Star Attraction** (**Quality Road**) is a 2-year-old debuter out of Canadian Horse of the Year Starship Jubilee. This Blue Heaven Farm homebred is her champion dam's first foal and Kevin Attard, who oversaw training for Starship Jubilee, also trains her daughter. **TJCIS PPS**

# SUMMER BREEZES:

Record-Setting OBSMAR Topper Brant Debuts at DMR



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

Information compiled by Alan Carasso:



Brant covered a furlong in :9 3/5 before setting a new record at this year's OBS March Sale | OBS

## Saturday, July 25, 2025

### Saratoga 2, \$100k, 2yo, 6f, 1:07 p.m.

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price (\$)	Breeze
Further Ado ( <b>Gun Runner</b> )	OBSAPR	550,000	:21 1/5
C-Six K's Training & Sales, agent; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC			
Soldier N Diplomat ( <b>Army Mule</b> )	OBSMAR	950,000	:10
C-de Meric Sales, agent; B-St Elias Stable LLC			

### Ellis 6, \$100k, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 2:44 p.m.

Champagne Candice ( <b>Spun To Run</b> )	FTMMAY	70,000	:10 2/5
C-de Meric Sales, agent; B-Robert H Zoellner			
Windy Houston ( <b>Munnings</b> )-AE	OBSMAR	350,000	:20 4/5
C-Tom McCrocklin, agent; B-Sara & Brandon Bray			

### Saratoga 7, \$100k, 2yo, f, 6f, 3:52 p.m.

Alpenglow ( <b>Charlatan</b> )	OBSAPR	350,000	:10
C-Lucan Bloodstock (Karl Keegan), agt; B-Fergus Galvin, agent			

### Del Mar 4, \$100k, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 6:30 p.m.

Brant ( <b>Gun Runner</b> )	OBSMAR	3,000,000	:9 3/5
C-Eddie Woods, agent; B-Donato Lanni, agent for Zedan Racing			
Cactus Charlie ( <b>Independence Hall</b> )	OBSAPR	240,000	:20 4/5
C-Wavertree Stables Inc (C Dunne); B-Jet Horse, P Miller, agent			
Civil Liberty ( <b>Independence Hall</b> )	FTMMAY	160,000	:10 3/5
C-Pike Racing at Highlander; B-S Rothblum, agt for Mark Davis			
Conducted ( <b>Mendelssohn</b> )	OBSAPR	110,000	:20 3/5
C-Hoppel, agent; B-Danny Eplin			
Intrepido (Maximus Mischief)	OBSAPR	385,000	:9 4/5
C-Cardozo's Brothers;			
B-Dutch Girl Holdings/Irving Ventures, Michael Pender, agent			

### Del Mar 7, \$100k, 2yo, f, 1mT, 8:00 p.m.

Olivia ( <b>War of Will</b> )	OBSMAR	60,000	:10
C-Majestic, agent; B-CA Racing & Ciaglia, Murphy/Zap, agents			
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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Del Mar, \$88,528, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 7-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.73, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

### SPLENDORA (f, 4, Audible--Miss Freeze {SW}, by Frost Giant)

dropped out of stakes company for the first time since last November at Del Mar. Having picked up several graded placings in her four starts since, including a runner-up effort behind Kopion at 25-1 odds in the GI La Brea Dec. 26 and a last-out second in the GII Santa Margarita May 25, she was heavily-favored at 1-2 Thursday. Outsprinted early, she settled into a stalking fourth along the fence through fractions of :21.99 and :45.21. Always ridden like the winner, she tipped out at the quarter pole and easily put this field behind her to come home a 3 1/2-length winner over Ooty (Arg) (Dabster). Splendora has a



2-year-old half-brother named Oracle of Beaufort (**Demarchelier** {GB}) and a weanling half-sister by **Tiz the Law**. Sales History: \$125,000 Ylg '22 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: GISP, 8-3-4-0, \$280,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-By Talla Racing LLC; B-The Elkstone Group LLC (MD); T-Bob Baffert.

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**8th-Gulfstream, \$60,100, Hcp, 7-25, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50.14, ft, 1/2 length.**

**CATALYTIC (c, 4, Catalina Cruiser--One Show Only, by Distorted Humor)** was the runner-up to Fierceness (**City of Light**) in last year's Florida Derby, and most recently found the winners' circle last time out against allowance company here at Gulfstream Park Jun. 5. The new addition to the Sano barn was stuck three wide around the first turn while maintaining close position around the far turn. Up the backstretch and into the far turn, the 3-2 favorite continued to cover a lot of ground, but had rivals to both his inside and outside as they hit the top of the stretch. As these three battled it out down the lane, there was contact in the stretch between the unofficial winner Hades (Awesome Slew) and Catalytic. Hades was disqualified for drifting out in the stretch and making contact with Catalytic that ultimately costed Catalytic the opportunity of a better placing. Catalytic became the official winner, while Hades was moved into second. One Show Only descends from She's a Winner (A.P. Indy), who produced GISW and MGISP Bluegrass Cat (Storm Cat). The winner's dam is a full-sister to GIIISP Poof Too (Distorted Humor). She is responsible for 3-year-old colt Poetry in Motion (Tur) (Catalina Cruiser) and juvenile colt Unchartered (Tur) (Hakeem). Sales History: \$70,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$125,000 Ylg '22 FTS AUG. Lifetime Record: GISP, 10-3-6-0, \$326,165. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Tami Bobo; B-Fred W. Hertrich (KY); T-Antonio Sano.

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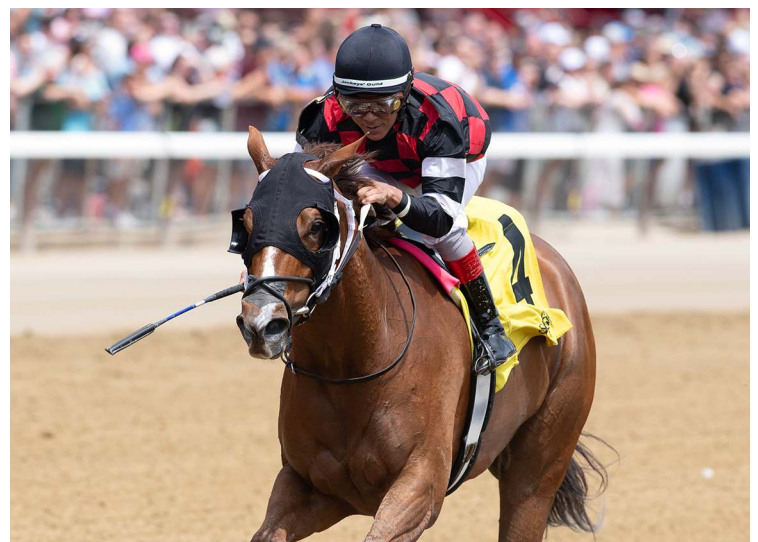
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**1st-Saratoga, \$90,000, (S), Msw, 7-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.18, ft, 12 3/4 lengths.**

**ACCELERATED NEWS (f, 4, Accelerate--Distorted News, by Distorted Humor)** showed marked improvement in her first start for trainer Melanie Giddings having previously hit the board once in four starts for Lisa Lewis. Getting onto the main track for the first time after a career spent mostly in Florida on Tapeta and grass, the 3-1 shot broke crooked but was quickly into stride to chase the pace from fourth while wide on the track. Stacking up four across the track around the turn, Accelerated News carried that momentum past the quarter pole and drove well clear, outclassing this field by 12 3/4 lengths. Our Preferred Pal (**Central Banker**) led in the rest of a strung-out group. Distorted News has a yearling Bolt d'Oro filly but lost her Omaha Beach foal this season. Sales History: \$51,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$63,080. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Hayward R. Pressman; B-Windylea Farm-New York, LLC (NY); T-Melanie Giddings.



Accelerated News | Sarah Andrew

**4th-Colonial Downs, \$71,300, Msw, 7-25, 2yo, 1mT, 1:36.93, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**CASA CIELO (c, 2, Caravaggio--Curlin's Journey {SW & GSP, \$347,169}, by Curlin)** hit the board going a half-furlong shorter at Horseshoe Indy July 3. Drawn outside here, he quickly cleared

down to the rail and was never headed through fractions of :24.10 and :48.07. Behold the King (**Not This Time**) gave chase throughout but was always second best as Casa Cielo led in the field by 1 3/4 lengths. The first foal out of a stakes-winning first dam, Casa Cielo has a yearling Omaha Beach half-sister and a weanling half-sister by **Mystic Guide**. Sales History: \$50,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$48,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Don't Tell My Wife Stables 2024, LLC; B-Diamond Thoroughbreds And Investments (KY); T-J. Keith Desormeaux.

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**1st-Colonial Downs, \$70,100, Msw, 7-25, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.59, ft, 10 1/2 lengths.**

(DH) **SOMETIME** (c, 2, **Take Charge Indy**--Discatsonthesquare, by **Square Eddie**) broke alertly from his inside post, sitting just off the lead up the backstretch. Improving position while riding the rail around the far turn, the colt took command at the top of the stretch. The new threat to this 5-1 shot became Magic Wallet, and these two battled it out down the stretch. Discatsonthesquare is a full-sister to SP Dis Smart Cat. Sometime is her most recent progeny and she was bred to Caracaro for this past season. Sales History: \$27,000 Wlg '23 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$28,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Calumet Farm; B-Black Cloud Racing Stable LLC (MD); T-Mark Simms, Jr.

(DH) **MAGIC WALLET** (c, 2, **Divining Rod**--In Dad's Wallet, by **Medaglia d'Oro**) bore out from his outside post, spotting the field several lengths up the backstretch. While making a sustained four wide bid, the 3-1 second choice got within half a length of the leaders at the top of the stretch, dueling with inside rival Sometime (**Take Charge Indy**) through the lane.

Magic Wallet is In Dad's Wallet's most recent progeny. She was bred to Maine for this past season. Sales History: \$3,500 Wlg '23 FTIDEC. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$28,000.

O-William B. Bayne, Jr.; B-William Bayne & Super C Racing (MD); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez.



**1st-Evangeline Downs, \$30,120, Msw, 7-25, 2yo, f, 5f (off turf), 1:00.15, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.**

**DOUBLE L'S ARMY** (f, 2, **Army Mule**--County Club, by **City Zip**), second on debut at Lone Star June 29, was meant for the turf here but rained off onto the main track. The 6-5 favorite pressed the pace early before taking back to rate third. Tipped out at the quarter pole, she closed to push past pacesetter Redriver Storm (Outwork) in the final sixteenth and win by 2 1/4 lengths with Unforgettablemelda (Cajun Breeze) taking second. The winner has a foal half-sister by **Annapolis**. Sales History: \$45,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$24,520. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Thompson Racing LLC; B-English Range Farm (FL); T-Jayde J. Gelner.



#### IN SAUDI ARABIA:

**Kanzie**, c, 2, **McKinzie**--Song of Me, by Elusive Quality. Ta'if, 7-25, Maiden, 1200m. B-Betz Thoroughbreds Inc (KY). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*\$200,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. **VIDEO (SC 7)**

**Manaaf**, c, 3, **Frosted**--Ghoul's Night Out (SW, \$270,606), by Ghostzapper. Ta'if, 7-25, Maiden, 1400m. B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc (KY). \*\$50,000 Ylg '23 KEEJAN. **VIDEO (SC 11)**



#### FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, JULY 26

##### 2025 Stud Fees Listed

**Charlatan** (Speightstown), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$50,000  
162 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Saratoga, 3:52 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Alpenglow, 8-1



\$150,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$350,000 OBS APR 2yo  
7-Saratoga, 3:52 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Belarosa, 20-1

**Engage** (Into Mischief), Northview Stallion Station, \$5,000  
41 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Monmouth, 2:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, J J Pacheco, 3-1  
4-Monmouth, 2:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, La Resolana, 12-1

**Essential Quality** (Tapit), Darley, \$50,000  
119 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
6-Woodbine, 3:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 6fT, Backstreet Emma, 15-1  
\$120,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

**Galawi (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Northview Stallion Station, \$2,000  
18 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
8-Wyoming Downs, 5:55 p.m. EDT, \$63K Bill Hartack TB Futurity,  
5f, Gala Gold, 12-1  
\$3,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$1,000 IGD SEP yrl; RNA ARZ OCT yrl

**Halladay** (War Front), Harris Farms, \$7,500  
45 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-Emerald Downs, 6:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Courtsdream, 7-2

**Independence Hall** (Constitution), WinStar Farm, \$7,500  
121 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Del Mar, 6:33 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Civil Liberty, 7-2  
\$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$160,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$160,000 EAS MAY

**Knicks Go** (Paynter), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500  
116 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Del Mar, 8:03 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Soaring Angel, 6-1

**Leinster** (Majestic Warrior), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$2,500  
45 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner  
1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Triskelion, 12-1  
\$75,000 FTK JUL yrl

**Modernist** (Uncle Mo), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000  
87 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Prairie Meadows, 9:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Modern Band, 20-1

**Mo Forza** (Uncle Mo), Rancho San Miguel, \$7,500  
71 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Del Mar, 8:03 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Joyriding, 20-1

**Raging Bull (Fr)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000  
88 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Reigning Joy  
1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Second City  
Saint, 9-2 \$35,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$37,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Rock Your World** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
145 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Delaware, 2:06 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Rock Etiquette, 8-1  
\$12,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl

**Rushie** (Liam's Map), Blue Star Racing  
15 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Del Mar, 6:33 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Here's Some More, 20-1

**Touched by Autism** (Sierra Sunset), Easterbrook Ranch  
8 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-Emerald Downs, 6:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Voices of Autism, 9-2

**Yaupon** (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000  
174 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner  
1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Teatonic, 12-1  
\$260,000 KEE SEP yrl  
7-Saratoga, 3:52 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Tennessee Belle, 6-1  
\$75,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$160,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$385,000 RNA FTS  
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## SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, JULY 26

### 2025 Stud Fees Listed

**Bodexpress** (Bodemeister), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$3,500  
87 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners  
8-Wyoming Downs, 5:55 p.m. EDT, \$63K Bill Hartack TB Futurity,  
5f, Skyexpress, 9-1  
\$4,000 FTC AYR yrl

**Complexity** (Maclean's Music), Airdrie Stud, \$25,000  
203 foals of racing age/52 winners/8 black-type winners  
3-Colonial Downs, 1:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, C'Mon Eileen, 3-1  
\$27,000 FTI DEC wnl; \$75,000 KEE SEP yrl  
2-Saratoga, 1:07 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Exhibition Only, 15-1  
\$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$70,000 KEE SEP yrl  
10-Saratoga, 5:41 p.m. EDT, \$500K GII Jim Dandy S. Presented  
by Mohegan Sun, 1 1/8m, Mo Plex, 10-1  
\$27,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$45,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Global Campaign** (Curlin), WinStar Farm, \$7,500  
177 foals of racing age/43 winners/3 black-type winners  
9-Gulfstream, 5:11 p.m. EDT, \$75K Miss Gracie S., 1m, Special  
Aviator, 5-2  
\$23,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$100,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Honor A. P.** (Honor Code), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000  
131 foals of racing age/31 winners/5 black-type winners  
4-Del Mar, 6:33 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, A. P. Again, 15-1  
\$40,000 KEE NOV wnl

**Instagrاند** (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$8,000  
 229 foals of racing age/64 winners/2 black-type winners  
 7-Saratoga, 3:52 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Caradise, 30-1  
 \$80,000 FTK OCT yrl  
 9-Saratoga, 5:04 p.m. EDT, \$175K GIII Lake George S. Presented  
 by Surfside, 1 1/16m, Kay Cup, 1-1  
 \$43,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$100,000 SAR AUG yrl  
 11-Saratoga, 6:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16mT, Reina Noche, 20-1  
 \$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$20,000 OBS APR 2yo  
 3-Emerald Downs, 6:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Thebiggerthebetter

**Joevia** (Shanghai Bobby), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds  
 33 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
 6-Woodbine, 3:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 6fT, Quinns Silent Roar, 15-1  
 4-Monmouth, 2:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Sailor Joe, 6-1

**Maximum Security** (New Year's Day), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000  
 152 foals of racing age/37 winners/2 black-type winners  
 3-Emerald Downs, 6:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Right and Tight, 8-1  
 \$10,000 KEE SEP yrl

**McKinzie** (Street Sense), Gainesway Farm, \$75,000  
 301 foals of racing age/44 winners/6 black-type winners  
 10-Saratoga, 5:41 p.m. EDT, \$500K GII Jim Dandy S. Presented  
 by Mohegan Sun, 1 1/8m, Baeza, 3-1 \$1,200,000 KEE SEP yrl  
 1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Z Z's, 5-1  
 \$185,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Shancelot** (Shanghai Bobby), Buck Pond Farm, \$5,000  
 63 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners  
 8-Wyoming Downs, 5:55 p.m. EDT, \$63K Bill Hartack TB Futurity,  
 5f, Bobby Chancelot, 9-2

**Spun to Run** (Hard Spun), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000  
 142 foals of racing age/38 winners/0 black-type winners  
 1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Champagne  
 Candice, \$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$70,000  
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**Tiz the Law** (Constitution), Coolmore Ashford, \$30,000  
 248 foals of racing age/50 winners/6 black-type winners  
 8-Woodbine, 4:48 p.m. EDT, \$150K GIII Ontario Colleen S., 1mT,  
 Tiz Her Money, 6-1 \$45,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$55,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Tom's d'Etat** (Smart Strike), WinStar Farm, \$5,000  
 137 foals of racing age/33 winners/2 black-type winners  
 7-Del Mar, 8:03 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Fourlynnnes, 10-1  
 \$20,000 FTK OCT yrl  
 4-Monmouth, 2:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Wildncrazyguy, 8-1

**Vekoma** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000  
 288 foals of racing age/89 winners/12 black-type winners  
 6-Monmouth, 3:22 p.m. EDT, \$250K GIII Monmouth Oaks S., 1  
 1/16m, Naked Eye, 12-1 \$15,000 OBS APR 2yo  
 1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Vanity, 10-1  
 \$140,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Volatile** (Violence), Three Chimneys Farm, \$12,500  
 234 foals of racing age/51 winners/3 black-type winners  
 2-Saratoga, 1:07 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Feral, 15-1  
 \$65,000 KEE SEP yrl

**War of Will** (War Front), Claiborne Farm, \$15,000  
 204 foals of racing age/36 winners/1 black-type winner  
 7-Del Mar, 8:03 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Olivia, 12-1  
 \$25,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$60,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Yorkton** (Speightstown), Crestwood Farm, \$5,000  
 57 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
 6-Woodbine, 3:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 6fT, Piper's Gift, 3-1



#### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**4th-Del Mar, \$82,500, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 7-24,**  
 3yo/up, 5fT, :57.58, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

**REGAL PATRIOT (g, 5, Jersey Town--Look to the Sky, by**  
**Michael's Flyer) Lifetime Record: SP, 16-8-1-4, \$203,733.**  
 O-Steve R. Knapp and Robert John Vanderdussen; B-Daehling  
 Ranch (CA); T-Steve R. Knapp.

**6th-Del Mar, \$82,500, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 7-24,**  
 3yo/up, 5fT, :57.29, fm, 1/2 length.

**SIR ROCKET (g, 4, Sir Prancealot {Ire}--Desert Steel {MSP,**  
**\$362,649}, by Desert Code) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$103,820.**  
 O/B-Alice Camille Bamford (CA); T-Neil D. Drysdale.



**1st-Penn National, \$39,000, (S), 7-25, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.48, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.**

**DAKOTA SPRINGS (f, 4, Uncle Lino--Marquee Kelly {MSP, \$180,130}, by Marquetry)** Lifetime Record: 16-6-1-1, \$104,301. O-Flat Out Racing; B-WMT Stables, Inc. (PA); T-Brandon L. Kulp. \*1/2 to Raging Smoke (More Smoke), MSW, \$422,282.

**4th-Charles Town, \$36,200, 7-24, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:25.48, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**HOLY SYNCHRONICITY (g, 6, Holy Boss--Kung Fu Peggy, by Fusaichi Pegasus)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 56-7-8-8, \$355,543. O-A.R.D. Racing Stables; B-Lady Olivia at North Cliff, LLC (MD); T-Jonathan Maldonado. \*\$10,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT.

**7th-Evangeline Downs, \$35,000, (S), 7-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5f (off turf), :58.37, sy, 1/2 length.**

**AVERY'S GEM (g, 4, Gemologist--Cayman Colada, by Yonaguska)** Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-4, \$72,510. O-Matthew and Thomas Conrad Bellard; B-Russell Dean Louviere (LA); T-Keith G. Bourgeois. \*1/2 to Theoryintopractice (Into Mischief), SW, \$291,135.

**3rd-Charles Town, \$31,700, (S), 7-24, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.28, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.**

**CANDY TRICKS (f, 4, Candygram--Tricky Windsor {MSP}, by Windsor Castle)** Lifetime Record: 19-2-7-5, \$90,714. O-Casey's Legacy LLC; B-Taylor Mountain Farm (WV); T-Ronald G. Sigler. \*1/2 to Juba's Hat Trick (Juba), SW, \$208,093.

**7th-Charles Town, \$31,700, 7-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :51.98, ft, 1/2 length.**

**COAL COUNTRY (f, 3, Juba--Three Belles, by Flatter)** Lifetime Record: 13-5-1-5, \$87,471. O-Kendrick Bullard; B-Michael S. Furr (WV); T-Timothy Shanley. \*\$10,000 Ylg '23 EASOCT.

**2nd-Canterbury, \$29,000, (S), 7-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38.41, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.**

**WHERE'S MARILYN (f, 3, Flameaway--Badge of Honor, by Badge of Silver)** Lifetime Record: SW, 7-2-0-2, \$72,565. O-Anthony J. Didier; B-Richard Bremer & Cheryl Sprick (MN); T-Bruce L. Riecken. \*\$20,000 Ylg '23 FTKJUL; \$20,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR.

**2nd-Belterra, \$22,800, (S), 7-25, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:08.42, ft, 1 length.**

**E KRACKER (f, 3, Rivers Run Deep--Peledora Fuerte, by Strong Contender)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-0, \$29,622. O/B-H5 Racing LLC & Gregg Hoover LLC (OH); T-Larry E. Smith.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Angie's Reward, f, 2, Warrior's Reward--Awesome Angie,** by Awesome Again. Penn National, 7-24, 5f, :58.69. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,500. B-WynOaks Farm, LLC & Warrior's Reward, LLC (PA). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Perfect Life, f, 3, Elusive Warning--Madera Perfection,** by Pleasantly Perfect. Del Mar, 7-24, (C), 6f, 1:11.80. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$15,600. B-Madera Thoroughbreds & Kevin G. Kjelstrom (CA).

**Athaliah, f, 3, Gun Runner--Divine Elegance (GSP, \$238,577), by Uncle Mo. Saratoga, 7-25, (C), 1mT, 1:35.70. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$57,436. B-Breeze Easy, LLC (KY). \*\$480,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.**

**Majustify, f, 3, Justify--Golden Star Lady, by Candy Ride (Arg).** Gulfstream, 7-25, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:42.46. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$33,380. B-Bloodstock Investments IX (KY). \*\$22,000 Wlg '22 FTDDE; \$150,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$87,000 2yo '24 OBSOPN.

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**Island Jive, f, 4, Barbados--Jive Talk, by Kingmambo. Canterbury, 7-24, (S), 1mT, 1:39.16. Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-4, \$34,317. B-Suzanne Stables (MN).**

**Lassie Bee, f, 4, Bee Jersey--Lassie of Mine, by Mineshaft.** Evangeline Downs, 7-24, (S), 5f (off turf), :59.29. Lifetime Record: 11-1-1-2, \$41,940. B-J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA).

**Parade Ring (Ire), f, 4, Night of Thunder (Ire)--Oasis Sunset (Ire), by Oasis Dream (GB).** Saratoga, 7-25, (C), 5 1/2fT, 1:02.53. Lifetime Record: 9-1-0-3, \$68,170. B-Gigginstown House Stud (IRE). \*€110,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR.

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**Sir Prancealot (Ire)**, Sir Rocket, g, 4, o/o Desert Steel, by Desert Code. AOC, 7-24, Del Mar

**Summer Front**, Dividend Recap, f, 4, o/o Restructure, by **Blame**. MCL, 7-25, Saratoga

**Take Charge Indy**, Sometime, c, 2, o/o Discatsonthesquare, by Square Eddie. MSW, 7-25, Colonial Downs

**Uncle Lino**, Dakota Springs, f, 4, o/o Marquee Kelly, by Marquetry. ALW, 7-25, Penn National

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## DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

*Franca Vittadini Remembers the Double Delights of Grundy's King George Victory*



Franca Vittadini with her compatriot Marco Botti | *Tattersalls*

by Emma Berry

Those old enough to have seen it may well go to the grave thinking they will never witness another race like it. Grundy vs Bustino, the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, 26 July 1975.

Fifty years ago, King George day was dubbed 'Diamond Day' owing to the generous sponsorship of De Beers, and that magnificent afternoon has not lost its sparkle in the intervening decades. The names of those two warriors remain forever entwined in history, along with their jockeys Pat Eddery and Joe Mercer, and trainers Peter Walwyn and Major Dick Hern. It was a race in which, though there was in the end one clear winner in the flaxen-haired Grundy, the two horses are remembered as equals, an inseparable double act.

"I feel the elation that you normally feel with a winner," said Hern, whose fielding of two pacemakers undoubtedly led to the significant lowering of the track record that day.

Of Carlo Vittadini's winner, the wise men of *Timeform* were unequivocal in their assessment. A six-and-a-half-page essay devoted to the son of Great Nephew in *Racehorses of 1975* began: "Look no further than Grundy for the racehorse of year. His was easily the most significant contribution to the racing year and the one that will surely be remembered longest by most." [Cont., p3](#)

## FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF GIANTS

by Emma Berry

There is regrettably no three-year-old to lay down a marker for the Classic generation in this year's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes, but the five-runner contest nevertheless provides an intriguing contest between a select group of the best older horses in training.

The Aga Khan Studs' highly consistent **Calandagan** (**Gleneagles**), who landed his deserved Group 1 spoils in last month's Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud, is narrowly favoured ahead of the St Leger and Coronation Cup winner **Jan Brueghel** (Galileo). Representing the leading stables of France and Ireland, their respective trainers Francis Graffard and Aidan O'Brien each head the tables in their home countries having dominated the first half of the season. Graffard will of course be bidding for back-to-back wins in the £1.5m contest after last year's breakthrough victory with Goliath (Adlerflug). [Cont., p6](#)

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*Mick Kinane and Galileo pull away from Frankie Dettori and Fantastic Light to land the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes in 2001. | Getty Images*

## 8 | DOCKLANDS, ASFOORA TAKE TO THE GRASS FOR GOODWOOD PREP

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## Franca Vittadini, cont. from p1

For the Vittadini family, there were in fact two winners that day. The opening contest - the now-defunct but prestigious ladies' race - had been won by Franca Vittadini, the daughter of Carlo, riding Hard Day for Grundy's trainer Peter Walwyn. "Don't say it," says Franca as she is reminded that half a century has passed since that momentous occasion.

"The ladies' race used to be the first race of the day and I can tell you there were very, very mixed feelings when I passed the post. I said, 'Shit, now that I've won the Diamond Stakes, there's no chance that Grundy can win the King George.' But obviously it was great to win that race, because in those days they were giving diamonds to the winner. I've still got them all."

When she says "all", Vittadini, one of the leading amateurs of the era who followed her father's love of breeding and race riding, is referring to her record four victories in the race.

Diamonds truly are forever.

Vittadini carefully stashed away her jewels and joined the watching party for the major event of the day. Grundy and Pat Eddery were taking on not just Bustino but also the great French mare Dahlia, the winner of the King George in the two previous years, and Star Appeal, who would go on to win the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. There were two 500/1 shots in the field of 11, Highest and Kinglet, Hern's henchmen who would ensure a



Grundy wins the King George from Bustino | Gerry Cranham

ferocious early pace aimed at playing to the strengths of the strong stayer Bustino.

"It was an incredible day, really. Having won that, and then Grundy beating what was really a Major Hern plot: first, the five-furlong pacemaker, and then the miler. I mean, they really tried to kill him," Vittadini remembers. [Cont.](#)



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The resultant epic duel between two horses of such grit was ultimately their undoing. Bustino never raced again, having sustained a tendon injury for his efforts, and Grundy's subsequent - and final - performance in the Benson and Hedges Gold Cup at York was but a whisper from a horse who had once roared.

"The race killed them both, definitely," says Vittadini. "I remember when they came in to the unsaddling enclosure, both of them were wobbling. They were like drunken ducks."

*Timeform*, too, made reference to the immediate aftermath: "Grundy stood stock still for an unusually long time on the course, head down, exhausted. He had had enough for the time being."

Looking back at the career of Grundy, who was bought for her father as a yearling by agent Keith Freeman for 11,000gns, Vittadini says, "We've a lot of funny memories with him because when we bought him, in those days, a chestnut with flaxen mane and tail was considered not a nice horse."

The Minstrel, winner of the Derby and King George two years later, did much, along with Grundy, to help the cause of flashy chestnuts.

"But from the early days, Peter Walwyn was always very, very hot on him, saying he floated over the ground. And so he went through his two-year-old career, winning all his races.

First time at Ascot, he wasn't favourite, because Peter had another one of the Freedmans' horses [No Alimony] in the race, if I remember right.

"And then he went to Kempton, then to Doncaster for the Champagne Stakes. And then in torrential rain, he won the Dewhurst. He was a very, very good two-year-old, and firm ground, heavy ground, didn't make any difference. As usual, when they're good, they can run on any ground."

Vittadini refers to "a hiccup" before Grundy's intended three-year-old debut in the Greenham Stakes. "He was kicked in his face in the trotting ring and it was touch and go if we were going to run. Luckily, he just cracked the front bone of his face, just above the nostrils, and it didn't affect his breathing. But he missed few days and Peter wanted to run in the Greenham because in those days it was unusual to run straight in the Guineas."

She continues, "I think he was probably just short of a gallop, because he was beaten by Captain Lemos's grey horse, Mark Anthony. And then the Guineas was just a farce because the stable lads were striking and sitting in protest [at the start]. So they went in the stalls, and then out of the stalls, and then in again, and then out again. And then they decided to jump on off in front of the stalls."

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"Anyway, he was half-turned the other way and Pat [Eddery] was adamant that if he'd jumped from the stalls with the others he would have won the Guineas. But he was beaten by [fellow Italian-owned] Bolkonski, who went on and won the Sussex."

It is almost impossible to imagine a modern-day three-year-old lining up for the races which Grundy contested those 50 years ago. Perhaps only **Sea The Stars** comes close. Following defeats in the Greenham and 2,000 Guineas, Grundy then sailed through consecutive victories in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, Derby and Irish Derby before lining up in the race that would come to define him and is still held high as the benchmark.

"He was a hell of a horse," says Vittadini. "I'm very lucky to have been around when he was there."

Her family was also blessed that year by two top-class homebred colts in Patch, also trained by Walwyn, who was beaten a nose in the Prix du Jockey Club, and Orange Bay, winner of the Derby Italiano and two years later beaten in a photo-finish for the King George by The Minstrel.

"Oh, I tell you, we were going from Newmarket to Chantilly to the Curragh. It was just incredible," she says.

After Grundy's Derby win, an offer came from the Levy Board to buy him for £750,000 to stand the following year at the National Stud.

"There weren't many offers in those days, not like now, but I think the Japanese and the National Stud wanted to buy him, and Daddy wanted to help the British breeders, so he went to the National Stud," Vittadini recalls.

Grundy, who sired the Oaks winner Bireme in his first crop, as well as Gold Cup winner Little Wolf, would eventually end up in Japan, at the JBBA Stallion Station in Shizunai, where he died in 1992.

It was the colt's Derby victory that allowed Carlo Vittadini to buy Beech House Stud in Newmarket, which is now the base of the Shadwell stallions but which had famously once been home to the great Nearco and, at the time, had Derby winner St Paddy in residence. Franca Vittadini, a regular work rider in Henry Cecil's string of a morning, took over the management of the stud.

"Louis Freedman owned the place, and he wanted to sell, so Noel Murless helped to get the deal done and we bought Beech House," says Vittadini, who would later welcome the great stayer and Arc runner-up Ardross to the stallion roster.

"Ardross just loved carrots and he would do anything for a carrot," she recalls. "I was at the time riding out every day for Henry and Julie, so I knew him from the yard. He was such a gentleman."

Carlo Vittadini, who is remembered still with a race in his name at San Siro racecourse in Milan, died in October 2007 and his daughter has continued the management of the family stud near Lake Maggiore in northern Italy. [Cont.](#)



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Now 72, Franca Vittadini is every bit as active as she was in her riding days, and is also the longstanding Italian representative for Tattersalls and for the International Racing Bureau (IRB). Following some encouraging changes to the administration of Italian racing by the government's MASAF agency, she has also been appointed by Agriculture Minister Remo Chiodi to join the racing committee.

"The ideas are there, we just have to realise them," she says. "We're suggesting a lot of things, and Mr Chiodi is very keen to go a different way to help Italian racing, and try to save the group races."

"The payments [of prize-money] was the biggest problem but that is now at 90 days, when it used to be six months, seven months, eight months. So it is improving."

As we speak, she has just returned from her morning work preparing her own and clients' yearlings for the forthcoming SGA Sale in Milan on September 20. Appropriately, she breeds and races horses under the name Grundy Bloodstock. Vittadini says, "You've got to try to keep busy, otherwise you get kicked out very easily."

It is an admirable work ethic from one who remains a tremendous asset to her country's racing and breeding industry, and who was there in the heart of it on one of the greatest race days of all time.

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### King George Preview, cont. from p1

The 2023 St Leger winner **Continuous** (Heart's Cry) has latterly been playing the role of support act for his younger stable-mates and he returns to the fray again for a seventh appearance of the season.

To line up for this race is to follow in the footsteps of giants: from the epic tussle of half a century ago between Grundy and Bustino, to Montjeu another 25 years on from that, to the following year's duel between Galileo and Fantastic Light, the midsummer highlight rarely disappoints, even with only a select number of starters.

Jan Brueghel, from Galileo's penultimate crop, will be attempting to emulate his victory of 2001. Nine years have passed since his trainer Aidan O'Brien last won the King George with another son of the late champion in Highland Reel. He said, "Everything has gone well with Jan Brueghel since the last day [in the Coronation Cup]. Continuous rolls along usually and he'll go forward, but if someone else wants to go on [and make the running], he'll be happy too."

**Kalpna** (Study Of Man), the sole filly among the quintet, is proven over track and trip following her exploits in rather different conditions on Champions Day last October, and her two outings over a shorter distance in Ireland so far this year have suggested that she is crying out for a return to the greater stamina test she will find here.

Godolphin's stalwart **Rebel's Romance** (Dubawi) is fast becoming something of a people's horse, showing the benefit of the top Flat stars staying in training a little longer.

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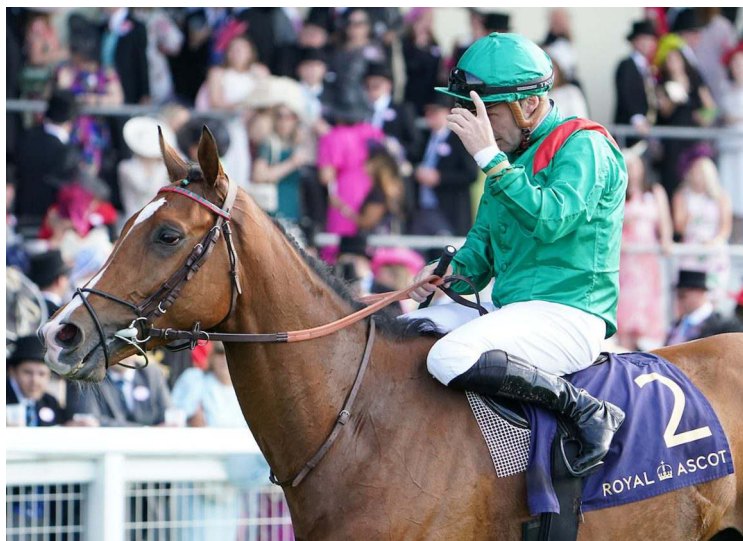
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**Calandagan returns to Ascot for the King George** | Megan Coggin

Now seven, he has amassed 18 victories from his 26 races around the world to date and was third here last year behind Goliath and subsequent Arc winner Bluestocking (**Camelot**).

Barry Mahon, racing manager for Juddmonte, said of Kalpana's challenge, "Rebel's Romance is such a legend of a horse and Calandagan and Jan Brueghel are obviously very, very talented."

"We think going back up to a mile and a half will suit our filly and Andrew [Balding] said she worked well on Wednesday morning and he's very happy with her, so we're hopeful that her first two runs have set her up nicely for this."

### **Starman in the Vanguard**

The Starman bandwagon has really gathered momentum, with Tally-Ho Stud's young sire having been represented by yet another new stakes winner this week in the G3 Tyros Stakes victor North Coast, taking his tally of group winners to four.

That could become five on Saturday. Amo Racing's G2 Queen Mary Stakes runner-up **Flowerhead** is likely to start close to favourite for the G3 Princess Margaret Stakes on what could be a big day for her first-season trainer Charlie Clover. She is rivalled in the market by **Staya** (Havana Grey), who was behind Flowerhead when fifth in the Queen Mary but has subsequently won the Listed Dragon Stakes at Sandown for KHK Racing and George Scott.

Arturo Cousino's homebred **Jancis** (Tamayuz) is an intriguing raider for Ascot's G3 Valiant Stakes on her first start outside Ireland for Willie McCreery.

**Cont.**



**The breeders of the Royal Ascot winners of 2025 gather on the podium in the Ascot parade ring after a special lunch at the course to mark their achievements.** | Emma Berry



All eight races from Ascot on Saturday are included in the World Pool, along with two race from York - the G2 York Stakes, which features the return of Ed Walker's **Almaqam** (Lope De Vega), and the Dash Handicap.

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## DOCKLANDS AND ASFOORA TAKE TO THE GRASS FOR GOODWOOD PREP *by Emma Berry*

After Newmarket received a proper drenching on Thursday, Goodwood hopefuls Docklands (Massaat) and Asfoora (Flying Artie) took to the soft turf of the July Course for a spin ahead of their major-race targets next week.

Partnered by Ted Durcan, the five-year-old Docklands, hero of last month's G1 Queen Anne Stakes, looked relaxed both pre- and post-work and had an easy stretch over Newmarket's undulations, making the most of a rare chance in an otherwise dry, hot summer to gallop on grass.

"It was as much a mental exercise for him as a physical one," said trainer Harry Eustace. "He's run three or four times now this year and with the way the weather has been until now he's just been on the Al Bahathri [all-weather gallop], but we've been delighted with him and Ted was very happy with him this morning."

He added of OTI Racing's G1 Qatar Sussex Stakes contender, "He's a dude and that's what has always made our lives very easy, and it makes the jockeys' lives easy as well."

Eustace gave visiting Australian trainer Henry Dwyer a hand by providing dual-winning sprinter Ancient Times as a lead horse for Asfoora, one of the stars of the previous year's Royal Ascot when winning the G1 King Charles III Stakes. The six-year-old mare was fifth in the same race last month, beaten just two lengths, after arriving in the UK later than she had done in 2024.



**Docklands and Ted Durcan** | *Emma Berry*

Asfoora heads next to the G2 King George Qatar Stakes, in which she was beaten a short-head by Big Evs (Blue Point) last season.

After watching his globe-trotter work in partnership with Oisin Murphy, Dwyer said, "We're happy with her. We've kind of had to go backwards before we could go forwards. We gave her two weeks off because she was light and tight and we needed to get 20kg on her. As a result of that, her fitness has gone backwards but she has gone forwards in herself."

"She's had a good blow and she got away from us a little but I just think, not necessarily from the point of view of winning next week, but the 20kg will help her long term, just not in the short term."

Dwyer is also considering further travels with Asfoora to York's G1 Nunthorpe Stakes, the G1 Flying Five on Ireland's Champions Weekend, and the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye during the Arc meeting as she completes her European tour.

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Minnie Hauk when winning the Betfred Oaks | Getty Images

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## SHARE IN JOHN STEWART'S WOODSHAUNA TO BE OFFERED ON GOFFSGO



G1 Prix Jean Prat winner Woodshauna | Scoopdyga

A 50% interest in Group 1-winning three-year-old Woodshauna (Wooded) will be offered next week on Goffs's new online platform, GoffsGo. The colt is being consigned by his current owners, Resolute Bloodstock, and will be sold with a 5% agent's commission.

Bidding will open at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, and close at 1 p.m. on Friday, August 1.

Winner of the Listed Prix Montenica and G3 Prix Texanita earlier this season in France, Woodshauna stamped himself as a top-class sprinter when taking out the G1 Prix Jean Prat, defeating multiple Group 1 winners including The Lion In Winter (*Sea the Stars*) and Shadow Of Light (Lope de Vega). The colt holds an entry for the G1 Sprint Cup at Haydock and is expected to line up next in the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville on August 10. Woodshauna was previously sold at the Goffs London Sale for £625,000.

Goffs Group Chief Executive Henry Beeby commented, "Resolute Racing's choice of GoffsGo to sell 50% of their magnificent Grade 1 winner Woodshauna is an early indication of the industry's enthusiasm for this unique platform. From the day we announced, we have been overwhelmed by the positive feedback and are proud to have such a customer-focused platform that appears to have really caught the imagination for its immediacy and ease of use," said Beeby.

"A 50% share in Woodshauna presents a unique and rare opportunity to the market as he is a current top-class performer and his inclusion demonstrates John Stewart's innovative approach to the business."

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Saturday, 26 July 2025

### UNITED KINGDOM

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

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

18:15-WINDSOR, 6f, **Lady Milton (GB)**

17:45-WINDSOR, 5f, **Trouser Pocket (GB)**

**Lope Y Fernandez (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), The National Stud

99 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners

14:10-CHESTER, 7f, **Oratorical (GB)**

€16,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2023; €9,000 Tattersalls

Ireland September Yearling 2024; 10,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2025

**Lucky Vega (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud

101 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners

18:00-SALISBURY, 6f, **Lost Signal (Ire)**

€28,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2023; €38,000 Tattersalls

Ireland September Yearling 2024; €75,000 Tattersalls Ireland Breeze Up 2025

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

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

13:25-YORK, 6f, **Golden Palace (GB)**

105,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; 175,000gns

Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024

13:10-ASCOT, 6f, **Harbor Lock (GB)**

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

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

13:25-YORK, 6f, **Shes Got The Blues (Ire)**

€20,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2023; €52,000 Goffs Orby

Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024

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

211 foals of racing age/16 winners/4 black-type winners

13:40-ASCOT, 70K GIII The Sodexo Live! Princess Margaret Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3) 6f, **Flowerhead (Ire)**

35,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2024; 35,000gns

Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2025

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

130 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner

14:10-CHESTER, 7f, **Berkshire Boom (Ire)**

25,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; 65,000gns

Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2024





**St Mark's Basilica** | Coolmore

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

### HALF-BROTHER TO AL WUKAIR SET FOR NEWCASTLE DEBUT

**15.08 Newcastle, £9,600, Mdn, 2yo, 7f 14y (AWT)**

Hambleton Racing's David O'Meara trainee **SAXOPHONIST (IRE)** (**Saxon Warrior {Jpn}**) is a half-brother to three black-type performers headed by G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois-winning sire Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead). The 48,000gns Tattersalls October Book 2 graduate encounters nine rivals in this debut.

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#### FRANCE

**Supremacy (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud  
130 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-CLAIREFONTAINE, 1600m, **Une Aventure (Fr)**  
€32,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearling Sale 2024

**Victor Ludorum (GB)** (Shamardal), Haras d'Etreham  
107 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-CLAIREFONTAINE, 1600m, **Capouchine (Fr)**  
€10,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearling Sale 2024

#### IRELAND

**Alkumait (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Capital Stud  
61 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
1-GOWRAN PARK, 7f, **Alkutonic (Ire)**  
€4,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2024  
1-GOWRAN PARK, 7f, **Wipeawayyourtears (Ire)**  
€7,500 Tattersalls Ireland Sapphire Sale 2023; €8,000  
Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2024

**Nando Parrado (GB)** (Kodiac {GB}), Irish National Stud  
95 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-GOWRAN PARK, 7f, **Andosky (Ire)**  
€3,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024

**St Mark's Basilica (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}), Coolmore Stud  
134 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-GOWRAN PARK, 7f, **Espritroyale (Ire)**  
52,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2024

## BRITAIN

#### Friday's Results:

**BRITISH EBF LYRIC FILLIES' STAKES-Listed, £70,000, York, 7-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 10f 56yT, 2:09.12, gd.**

- 1--**SAND GAZELLE (GB), 123, f, 3, Frankel (GB)--Desirous (GB), by Kingman (GB). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (425,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT). O-The Thoroughbred Racing Corporation Ltd; B-Faisal Meshrf Al Qahtani; T-John & Thady Gosden; J-Oisin Murphy. £39,697. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$73,265.
- 2--**Rainbows Edge (GB), 132, f, 4, Night Of Thunder (Ire)--Memory (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire).** O-HM The King & HM The Queen; B-The Queen (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden. £15,050.
- 3--**Charlotte's Web (Ire), 132, f, 4, Night Of Thunder (Ire)--Chamundi Hills (Ire), by Lope De Vega (Ire).** O-Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin; T-Simon & Ed Crisford. £7,532.

Margins: NK, 3/4, HD. Odds: 4.00, 3.50, 6.00.

Also Ran: Victory Queen (GB), Revoir (GB), Ambiente Amigo (GB), Molten Rock (Ire), Supermodel (Ire), Modern Utopia (Ire), Vicario (GB), Treasure (GB), Imperial Quarter (Ire).

Sand Gazelle followed up a third in Newbury's May 17 Listed Fillies' Trial with a 10th in Chantilly's G1 Prix de Diane last month and made all to register a black-type breakthrough here.

In command from flagfall and holding sway throughout, the 4-1 chance upped the tempo inside the last half mile and was driven out inside the final furlong to hold the late bid of stablemate Rainbows Edge for a career high.

"She had decent form in the spring, she loved the track and I got a really good feel off her until quite late in the race," said Oisin Murphy. **Cont.**

“She’s got a really good pedigree to live up to, she’s a scopey filly and only getting to her best now. Hopefully, she can step up from Listed grade and give a good account of herself in deeper races.”

Sand Gazelle is the second of four foals and lone scorer out of a dual-winning half-sister to G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe, G1 Prix Vermeille and G1 Pretty Polly Stakes heroine **Bluestocking (Camelot)**, the stakes-placed Qirat (Showcasing) and to the dam of the dual Group 3-placed Cathedral (Too Darn Hot) and G3 Ballyogan Stakes runner-up Firebird (Lope De Vega). Her second dam is G1 Matron Stakes victrix Emulous (Dansili), herself a daughter of the stakes-placed matriarch Aspiring Diva (Distant View). The March-foaled chestnut is kin to a 2-year-old colt by **Camelot** and a yearling colt by **Saxon Warrior**.



**Time To Turn** | Getty Images

**FLEXJET PAT EDDERY STAKES**—Listed, £50,000, Ascot, 7-25, 2yo, 7fT, 1:28.76, gd.

1--**TIME TO TURN (GB)**, 131, c, 2, by **Dark Angel (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Highland Dancer (Ire)**, by **Galileo (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Keenes Royale (GB)**, by **Red Ransom**

**3rd Dam: Kinnaird (Ire)**, by **Dr Devious (Ire)**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O/B-Godolphin; T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. £28,355. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$51,200.

2--**A Bit of Spirit (Ire)**, 131, c, 2, Palace Pier (GB)--Tanaaghom (Ire), by Dubawi (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (75,000gns Ylg ‘24 TATSOM). O-Paul & Clare Rooney; B-J Hanly, A Stroud & Ed’s Stud; T-Clive Cox. £10,750.

3--**Italica (GB)**, 131, c, 2, Sergei Prokofiev--Simmy’s Temple (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (£45,000 Ylg ‘24 GOFFUK). O-Russell Jones & Partner; B-Denniff Farms Ltd; T-Tom Dascombe. £5,380.

Margins: HD, 3 1/4, 5HF. Odds: 1.63, 2.50, 22.00.

Also Ran: Sirius A (Ire), Tricky Tel (GB), Reciprocated (GB).

Scratched: Cape Ashizuri (Ire).

Time To Turn, who shed maiden status with a 10-length tally at Wolverhampton at the end of last month, stepped forward to claim a career high in this black-type debut.

“It was a slowly-run race and it was always the intention to drop him in today,” explained Charlie Appleby. “For one of ours to have run four times by this stage of his career is a bit more than normal and, going forward, I’ll probably give him a bit of a break now. I feel he’ll appreciate some give in the ground. Whether we decide to look at jumping straight into the top level in a [G1 Prix Jean-Luc] Lagardere or if we just stay closer to home and look at something like the [G3] Somerville [Tattersall] Stakes [at Newmarket], we’ll see.”

The 13-8 favourite had previously run second behind the **TDN Rising Star** performance of stablemate Maximized (Mehmas) at Haydock and the reopposing **A Bit Of Spirit** at Newbury in his penultimate start.

Positioned within range of the pace behind all five opponents before inching closer once past halfway, he was ridden to tackle A Bit Of Spirit entering the final furlong and kept on strongly under a late drive to deny that familiar foe by a head.

Time To Turn is the first of three foals produced by a winning half-sister to multiple Group 1-placed dual Group 2-winning sire Ivawood (Zebedee). His third dam is G1 Prix de l’Opera heroine Kinnaird (Dr Devious), whose trio of black-type performers is headed by G2 Royal Lodge Stakes and G3 Darley Stakes-winning sire Berkshire (Mount Nelson). The February-foaled homebred chestnut is kin to a yearling colt and weanling filly by **Kingman**.

**3rd-York, £25,000, Nov, 7-25, 2yo, 7fT, 1:27.18, gd.**

**AMAKHALA WARRIOR (GB) (c, 2, Ten Sovereigns {Ire}--Facade {Ire} {SP-Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})**, penalised six pounds for

annexing his June 21 debut over this trip at Haydock last time, was well away to track the leaders in third for the most part here. Bustled along approaching the two pole, the 5-4 favourite gained an edge with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and was driven out to assert by 1 1/2 lengths from Sandy Craic (Starman).

Amakhala Warrior is the latest of six foals and one of two scorers produced by Listed Cooley Stakes runner-up Facade (Galileo), herself a full-sister to dual Group 3-placed Listed Prix Joubert victrix Lily Hart and G3 Munster Oaks third High Heels. The February-foaled bay’s second dam, Listed Saoire Stakes third Charlotte Bronte (Danehill Dancer), is kin to stakes-winning GIII Valley View Stakes third High Maintenance (Danehill). Sales history: 10,000gns RNA Ylg ‘24 TATOCT; 10,500gns 2yo ‘25 TATFEB. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$38,202.

O-J Sarkar, D Sarkar, O Sarkar & D Sarkar; B-Promenade Bloodstock Ltd; T-William Knight.





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**1st-Ascot, £15,000, Nov, 7-25, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:15.37, gd.**

**PRINCESS PETROL (GB) (f, 2, St Mark's Basilica {Fr}--Mot Juste {GSW-Eng}, by Distorted Humor)**, a July 3 debut fifth over this trip at Newbury last time, was well away to track the leaders in fourth through halfway here. Making headway under pressure inside the final quarter-mile, the 2-1 second choice launched her challenge passing the furlong pole and was ridden out to assert by 3 1/2 lengths from Enamorus (Mehmas), becoming the fourth winner for her freshman sire (by **Siyouni**). Princess Petrol is the second foal and scorer produced by G3 Oh So Sharp Stakes winner Mot Juste (Distorted Humor), herself a daughter of G2 Prix de Malleret victrix Time On (Sadler's Wells). Her third dam is Group 3-winning G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Nassau Stakes third Time Away (Darshaan). The February-foaled chestnut is half to a yearling colt by Lope De Vega and a weanling filly by **Sea The Stars**. Sales history: 280,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$10,942.

O-ELB Bloodstock Ltd; B-W & R Barnett Ltd; T-Ed Walker.

**3rd-Thirsk, £10,000, Nov, 7-25, 2yo, 6fT, 1:09.88, gd.**

**LIFEPLAN (IRE) (c, 2, Kodi Bear {Ire}--A Taad Moody {Ire} {SP-Ire}, by Awtaad {Ire})** raced in a close-up third after an alert exit in this debut. Rowed along to launch his bid approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 5-1 chance seized control with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and was ridden out thereafter to account for Flying Comet (Havana Grey) by a length. Lifeplan is the lone registered foal out of Listed Ingabelle Stakes third A Taad Moody (Awtaad), herself a half-sister to dual stakes-winning G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen third Sunny King (Desert Sun), Listed Star Appeal Stakes victor Captain Ramius (Kheleyf) and Listed Feilden Stakes runner-up Fortune's Pearl (Harbour Watch). The February-foaled bay's third dam is G2 German 1000 Guineas heroine Princess Nana (Bellypha), who is also the ancestress of

G1 Deutsches Derby-winning sire Pastorius (Soldier Hollow).

Sales history: €85,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; €165,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,295.

O-Martin Tedham & Wasdell Properties Ltd; B-Miss Joann Lyons; T-Declan Carroll.

**2nd-Sandown, £10,000, Mdn, 7-25, 2yo, f, 5f 10yT, 1:02.28, gd.**

**KILLAVIA (GB) (f, 2, Havana Grey {GB}--Killermont Street {Ire}, by Dream Ahead)**, last seen hitting the board in the July 4 Listed Dragon Stakes over this course and distance, broke sharply and seized an immediate lead in this fourth start. Clear by halfway, the 2-9 lock was never seriously threatened and kept on powerfully under urging inside the final furlong to easily outclass Shams (Blue Point) by 3 1/4 lengths. Killavia is the fourth of six foals and third scorer from as many runners out of a dual-winning half-sister to G3 Cornwallis Stakes victrix Ponty Acclaim (Acclamation). Descendants of her second dam Leopard Creek (Weldnaas) include multiple Graded-placed Listed Prix Francois Mathet winner Talk Or Listen (Alhebayeb), G3 Anglesey Stakes third Do It With Style (Ten Sovereigns) and the multiple stakes-placed Roussel (Kodiac). The January-foaled grey is a half-sister to G3 Commonwealth Cup Trial victor Cold Case (Showcasing) and a weanling filly by Dragon Symbol while her yearling half-brother by Showcasing died this year. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$16,089.

O-Mainline Racing; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud; T-Rod Millman.

**1st-Thirsk, £9,000, Mdn, 7-25, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:28.39, gd.**

**MANDARIN SPIRIT (IRE) (f, 2, Ghaiyyath {Ire}--Mandiana {Fr}, by Siyouni {Fr})**, a June 17 debut runner-up going six furlongs at this venue in her only prior start, broke sharply and led from flagfall. In command for the most part, the 11-8 second choice was shaken up when threatened on both sides passing the quarter-mile marker and driven out inside the final furlong to deny Conjecture (Palace Pier) by a short-head in a bobbing finish. Mandarin Spirit is the second foal and scorer out of an unraced half-sister to G3 Prix Vanteaux victrix and G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches third Mandanaba (Ghaiyyath) and stakes-winning G1 Prix d'Ispahan third Mandour (Smart Strike). The February-foaled bay, whose second dam is multiple Group 1-winning European champion Mandesha (Desert Style), is kin to a yearling filly by Night Of Thunder. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$8,802.

O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd; T-Kevin Ryan.



Bobby and Honora Donworth, breeders of Field Of Gold, present the trophy for the Royal Ascot Winning Breeders' Handicap to Juddmonte's Shane Horan, left, and jockey Rossa Ryan after the victory of Pinhole | Emma Berry

**3rd-Chepstow, £6,800, Mdn, 7-25, 2yo, 6f 16yT, 1:11.72, gd.**  
**BLINGY'S SISTER (IRE) (f, 2, Starspangledbanner {Aus}--Millicent Fawcett {GB}, by Kingman {GB})** was slowly away from the stands' side stall and raced in rear initially. Green through halfway, the 11-1 chance came under pressure to reduce arrears approaching the quarter-mile marker and, once the penny dropped, went through the gears inside the final furlong to deny Magic Stone (Acclamation) by 1 1/2 lengths nearing the line. Blingy's Sister is the third of four foals and second scorer from as many runners out of a winning half-sister to G2 Hungerford Stakes winner Richard Pankhurst (Raven's Pass) and G3 Horris Hill Stakes victor Crazy Horse (Sleeping Indian). Her second dam Mainstay (Elmaamul) is a full-sister to G3 Prix Daphnis winner Lateen Sails. The March-foaled chestnut is kin to a yearling colt by Kodi Bear. Sales history: €29,000 RNA Wlg '23 GOFNOF; €30,000 Ylg '24 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,960.  
 O-Wholey Hussey Owen; B-Irish National Stud Mare Syndicate III; T-Hugo Palmer.

## FRANCE

### Friday's Results:

**3rd-Vichy, €21,000, Mdn, 7-25, 2yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:44.65, sf.**  
**VASSY (FR) (c, 2, Zelzal {Fr}--Vrigny {Fr}, by Le Havre {Ire})** was well away from the outside stall and remained wide in second through the early stages of this debut.

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Under a firm hold until easing to the front with a quarter-mile remaining, the 37-10 second favourite poached a decisive advantage approaching the furlong pole and was ridden out to hold Nashoba (Persian King) by 1 1/4 lengths. Vassy is the lone reported foal produced by a winning granddaughter of G3 Prix de Flore winner and G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud third Visorama (Linamix), whose leading performers are G1 Prix du Cadran and dual G1 Prix Royal-Oak hero Vazirabad (Manduro) and the dual Group 3-placed Listed Prix La Sorellina victrix Visoriyna (Dansili). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,500. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Franklin Finance SA; T-Christopher Head.

**4th-Vichy, €21,000, Mdn, 7-25, 2yo, f, 8fT, 1:43.77, sf.**

**SHANTY NAK (FR) (f, 2, Chachnak {Fr}--Shutka {Fr}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire})** broke in mid division and settled off the pace in rear through the early fractions of this unveiling. Picking off rivals once angled into the clear with 350 metres remaining, the 11-1 chance quickened to the front passing the furlong pole and was pushed out to prevail by a length from Eklleel (**Wootton Bassett**). Shanty Nak, full to a yearling colt, is the fifth of six foals and third scorer from as many runners thrown by a dual-winning daughter of G3 Prix Minerve third Pearlescence (Pleasantly Perfect), herself kin to GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf and GI Matriarch Stakes heroine Starine (Mendocino). Descendants of Starine include Grade I winners Order Of Australia (Australia), Iridessa (Ruler Of The World) and Santa Barbara (**Camelot**). The May-foaled homebred bay is a half-sister to G3 His Majesty The King's Cup winner Sovereign Spirit (Le Havre). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,500.

O/B-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois; T-Mathieu Pitart.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**La Baneza (Ire), f, 3, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Moteo (Ire) (MGSP-Ire),** by Teofilo (Ire). Vittel, 7-25, 10 1/2fT, 2:19.82. B-Ballylinch Stud. \*290,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT.

**Angely De Cluny (Fr), f, 4, Lord Of England (Ger)--Armania (Ger),** by Goofalik. Vittel, 7-25, 12fT, 2:35.29. B-Frank Schellenberger & Mme Carmen Bocskai.

## IRELAND

#### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**6th-Cork, €17,000, Cond, 7-25, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:40.08, gd.**

**MOJAVE RIVER (FR) (f, 3, Mohaather {GB}--Quintessenz {Ger},** by Soldier Hollow {GB}) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$101,782.

O-Go Racing Ltd; B-Autre Smarden Thoroughbreds; T-Joseph O'Brien. \*€17,000 Wlg '22 ARQDEC; €27,000 Ylg '23 ARQDOY; €105,000 2yo '24 TATBRU.



**Pinhole with Rossa Ryan in the irons cleared off to win The Royal Ascot Winning Breeders' Handicap at Ascot Racecourse**

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#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Rosie Frith (Ire), f, 2, Cotai Glory (GB)--Mary Frith (GB),** by Acclamation (GB). Cork, 7-25, 5fT, :59.07. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$14,331. B-Sean & Vanessa Mahon. \*€9,500 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; €1,000 RNA Ylg '24 TATIRY.

**Jack The Bachelor (Ire), c, 2, Mehmas (Ire)--Vale Of Paris (Ire),** by Vale Of York (Ire). Cork, 7-25, 5fT, :58.79. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$29,574. B-Donal Boylan. \*€65,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY; £100,000 2yo '25 GOUKB. \*\*1/2 to Markaz Paname (Ire) (Markaz {Ire}), GSW-Ire.

**Colter Bay (Fr), g, 3, Hello Youmzain (Fr)--Elusive Lily (GB),** by Elusive City. Cork, 7-25, 6fT, 1:10.61. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$9,141. B-SARL Mariol Racing. \*€57,000 Ylg '23 ARAV2. \*\*1/2 to Kilrush Memories (Fr) (Shakespearean {Ire}), GSP-Fr, \$248,941.

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SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Calandagan (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Aga Khan Studs Scea	Francis-Henri Graffard	Mickael Barzalona	135
2	Continuous (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	D.Smith,Mrs J.Magnier,M.Tabor,Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	W. M. Lordan	135
3	Jan Brueghel (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Westerberg/Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	135
4	Rebel's Romance (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	135
5	Kalpana (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	Juddmonte	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	132

**Breeders:** 1-Haras de Son Altesse l'Aga Khan SCEA, 2-Wynatt & Chelston Ireland & Orpendale Bloodstock, 3-Barronstown Stud, 4-Godolphin, 5-Juddmonte Farms Ltd.

The key to this fascinating renewal will be whether **Jan Brueghel** can go fast enough and whether **Calandagan** will stay well enough to outdo his big rival if he does. Somewhere in between is probably the result, but it's worth remembering that **Rebel's Romance** was up with the strong pace 12 months ago and hung in there at the finish unlike the others who contested. This could be one for the bruisers and he fits that bill perfectly, but it's hard to get away from how unexposed and dangerous Ballydoyle's big hope is. Aided by a past St Leger winner in **Continuous** that would be the boss of most stables, he has the stamina to see this though like the last two winners Hukum and Goliath. [Tom Frary].

**Saturday, York, post time: 14:40**

**THE SKY BET YORK STAKES-G2**, £150,000, 3yo/up, 10f 56yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Almaqam (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum	Ed Walker	Kieran Shoemark	134
2	Certain Lad (GB)	Clodovil (Ire)	Mr C. R. Hirst	Jack Channon	George Bass	134
3	Ecureuil Secret (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Mr Aidan J. Ryan	Richard Fahey	Oisin Orr	134
4	Royal Champion (Ire)	Shamardal	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	134
5	Bay City Roller (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Victorious Racing	George Scott	Callum Shepherd	125
6	Green Impact (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Marcstown Farms SC	Mrs J. Harrington	Shane Foley	125
7	Stanhope Gardens (Ire)	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Marcstown Ltd and New Chelsea	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	125

**Breeders:** 1-Godolphin, 2-Barry Walters, 3-1 Os.E.P. Ecurie De L'Aure, 4-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 5-John Connaughton, 6-Mr M. Chan, 7-Tullpark Ltd.

Kept away from fast ground to date, **Almaqam** has underfoot conditions to suit as he builds towards what could be a big autumn. Exuding the presence of a Group 1 winner without actually being one, the colt that beat Ombudsman in the Brigadier Gerard has to win this to maintain his aura and luckily the smart three-year-olds **Bay City Roller**, **Green Impact** and **Stanhope Gardens** provide adequate litmus. The latter is still open to vast improvement, having finished close enough in the Derby to maintain excitement levels and this is probably more his trip. [Tom Frary].



**Saturday, Ascot, post time: 14:20****THE LONGINES VALIANT STAKES-G3**, £85,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f 213yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cheshire Dancer (Ire)	Phoenix of Spain (Ire)	Manor House Stables Syndicate	Hugo Palmer	Billy Loughnane	131
2	Jancis (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Mr Arturo Cousino	W. McCreery	David Egan	131
3	Lou Lou's Gift (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Mr A. E. Oppenheimer	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	131
4	Royal Dress (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Mr Saeed Manana	James Tate	James Doyle	131
5	Sunfall (GB)	Twilight Son (GB)	Cheveley Park Stud	David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope	131
6	American Gal (GB)	Kameko	Mildmay Racing	Ed Walker	Hector Crouch	123
7	Bermuda Longtail (Fr)	Hello Youmzain (Fr)	Bermuda Racing Ltd	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	123
8	Cajole (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cheveley Park Stud	John & Thady Gosden	William Buick	123
9	Chantilly Lace (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Mrs Doreen Tabor	Ralph Beckett		123
10	Glittering Surf (GB)	<b>Oasis Dream (GB)</b>	Mr P. Winkworth	Owen Burrows	David Probert	123
11	Pina Sonata (GB)	Pinatubo (Ire)	Mrs Mary Slack	James Fanshawe	Daniel Muscutt	123

**Breeders:** 1-Ciara Eglington, 2-Mr Arturo Cousino, 3-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd, 4-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 5-Cheveley Park Stud Limited, 6-The Granny Franny Partnership, 7-3 0s.A.R.L. Riviera Equine, 8-Cheveley Park Stud Limited, 9-Camas Park, Lynch Bages & Summerhill, 10-P. Winkworth, 11-Wilgerbosdrift (UK) Ltd.

Narrowly denied in Royal Ascot's Sandringham and Sandown's Listed Distaff, **Cajole** looks like a filly on the up with her pedigree screaming persistent progression. Fellow three-year-old **Chantilly Lace** was just outside the frame in the 1,000 Guineas and Coronation, while Mary Slack's unexposed dual winner **Pina Sonata** is worthy of respect. Of the older horses, the impressive Listed Pipalong Stakes winner **Royal Dress** looks to set the standard. [*Tom Frary*].

**Saturday, Ascot, post time: 13:40****THE SODEXO LIVE! PRINCESS MARGARET STAKES-G3**, £70,000, 2yo, f, 6fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Amberia (Ire)	Coulsty (Ire)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	David Loughnane	Daniel Tudhope	128
2	Arugam Bay (Ire)	Soldier's Call (GB)	M. D. Roe	Eddie & Patrick Harty	Jamie Spencer	128
3	Bella Lyra (Ger)	<b>Oasis Dream (GB)</b>	Jastar Capital Limited	Richard Hughes	Ryan Moore	128
4	Dance To The Music (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
5	Daneh Of Dandy (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Mr Jaber Abdullah	James Tate	Billy Loughnane	128
6	Eskimo Pie (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Jane Chapple-Hyam & Gordon Li	Jane Chapple-Hyam	Mickael Barzalona	128
7	Fitzella (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Mr D. R. Passant & Hefin Williams	Hugo Palmer	Oisin Murphy	128
8	Flowerhead (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Amo Racing Limited	Charlie Clover	David Egan	128
9	Midnight Tango (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Brightwalton Bloodstock Ltd	Ed Walker	Tom Marquand	128
10	Staya (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	KHK Racing	George Scott	James Doyle	128
11	Sukanya (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Opulence Thoroughbreds & Partner III	Jack Channon	David Probert	128

**Breeders:** 1-Newlands House Stud, 2-M. Roe, 3- , 4-Godolphin, 5-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 6-Rathbarry Stud, 7-Parks Farm Stud, 8-Tally-Ho Stud, 9-Brightwalton Bloodstock Ltd, 10-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 11-Corps Commerce Ltd.

Godolphin's Newmarket debut winner **Dance To The Music** will be popular, but Space Blues's sister faces experienced peers with class including the Listed Dragon Stakes winner **Staya** and **Flowerhead**, second to True Love in the Queen Mary at 100-1. [*Tom Frary*].

**Sunday, Munich, Germany, post time: 14:10****GROSSER DALLMAYR-PREIS - BAYERISCHES ZUCHTRENNEN-G1**, €155,000, 3yo/up, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	6	Atoso (Ger)	Guiliani (Ire)	S Schutz	Pietsch	132
2	4	Calif (Ger)	Areion (Ger)	C & Y Lerner	de Vries	132
3	3	Map Of Stars (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Graffard	J Doyle	132
4	2	Persica (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Hannon	Levey	132
5	5	Petit Marin (Ger)	Flamingo Fantasy (Ger)	Weiss	Baltromei	132
6	9	Quest The Moon (Ger)	Sea The Moon (Ger)	Steinberg	Piechulek	132
7	10	Dare To Dream (Fr)	Camelot (GB)	Hernon	Whelan	129
8	11	Egina (Ger)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	Schiergen	Starke	129
9	1	Grand Stars (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Mosse	Pouchin	129
10	7	Lazio (Ger)	Make Belive (GB)	Hickst	Seidl	123
11	8	Tornado Alert (Ire)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	bin Suroor	O Murphy	123

Germany has won just two editions of this mid-season highlight since 2015 and the home defence is outnumbered six to five in this year's renewal. Leading the foreign challenge is Wathnan Racing's G1 Prix Ganay runner-up and G1 Prince Of Wales's Stakes fourth **Map Of Stars**, who gets another opportunity of claiming a first win at the highest level. Last year's winner **Calif** is back with Carlos and Yann Lerner and will make his first start back on German soil having embarked on a six-race international campaign in the meantime. Stall Lucky Owner's G1 Deutsches Derby third **Lazio** and Godolphin's G3 Hampton Court Stakes runner-up **Tornado Alert** are the only sophomores set to feature. The latter's conditioner Saeed bin Suroor last won this in 2018 with Benbatl, who also had the assistance of Oisin Murphy in the saddle. [*Sean Cronin*].

**Sunday, La Teste - Bassin Arcachon, France, post time: 15:55****CRITERIUM DU BEQUET - VENTES OSARUS-Listed**, €54,900, 2yo, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	7	Ulymine (Fr)	Penny's Picnic (Ire)	C & Y Lerner	Thomas	128
2	1	Arlong Fal (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	Boisnard	Lebouc	128
3	6	Agiota (Fr)	Birchwood (Ire)	Delcher Sanchez	Hardouin	128
4	9	Pas Dansant (Fr)	Muhaarar (GB)	Trigodet	Crastus	128
5	4	Wor Faayth (Ire)	Ardad (Ire)	Ellison	Soumillon	125
6	3	The Best Glory (Fr)	Romanised (Ire)	Estrabol	Gavilan	125
7	8	Lady'armor (Fr)	Armor (GB)	Soubagne	Gutierrez Val	125
8	5	Sternle (Ire)	Far Above (Ire)	Schoenherr	Barzalona	125
9	2	Gelinotte (Ire)	Nando Parrado (GB)	Arguinzones	Martinez	125

**Sternle** caught the attention of Team Valor and Gary Barber after notching a six-length debut success over course and distance last month. She is the one to beat in a field of nine yet to secure black type. Brian Ellison trainee **Wor Faayth** brings British form to the table and was last seen posting a three-length tally at Hamilton. Spanish raider **Gelinotte** is two from two following wins at Madrid's La Zarzuela venue and will bid to become her freshman sire's first stakes winner. [*Sean Cronin*].



**Sunday, La Teste - Bassin Arcachon, France, post time: 16:30**

**PRIX LA SORELLINA-Listed**, €50,300, 3yo, f, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	5	Closefield Belle (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Reynier	Orani	128
2	12	Romance Certaine (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Rouget	Eyquem	128
3	9	Blue Island (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	C & Y Lerner	Thomas	128
4	7	Ilda Rosa (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Pantall	Piccone	128
5	3	Ecology (Ire)	Earthlight (Ire)	Nunez	Gelabert	128
6	4	Kaadi (Ire)	Soldier's Call (GB)	Cottier	Barzalona	128
7	6	Octans (Spa)	The Grey Gatsby (Ire)	Arizkorreta	Werle	128
8	13	Feve (Fr)	Hello Youmzain (Fr)	Sogorb	Lemaitre	128
9	2	Stupor Mundi (Fr)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Reynier	Demuro	128
10	10	Iron Bird (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Ferland	Pasquier	128
11	8	Jokla (GB)	Zarak (Fr)	Ferland	Guyon	128
12	11	Epson Blue Cen (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	Devin	Madamet	128
13	1	Pinky Cen (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	V Head	Lecoeuvre	128

Godolphin's **Ilda Rosa** has run second at stakes level in her last three starts and sets the standard coming back off a runner-up finish in this month's G3 Hamburger Stuten-Meile. With Maxime Guyon on duty in the plate, Listed Prix Amandine placegetter **Jokla** is the preferred choice of Christophe Ferland's two Wertheimer contenders and rates an obvious danger. Last term's G3 Prix d'Arenberg runner-up **Kaadi** has hit the board eight times, without winning, in stakes company and comes back off a third in last month's Listed Prix de Bagatelle. Gousserie Racing's €100,000 Arqana Arc sale acquisition finished one spot behind **Iron Bird** in that contest and is one of seven runners lining up with black-type form in the bag. [Sean Cronin]. *\*All posts displayed in local time.*



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