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SOVEREIGNTY CONTINUES TO RULE IN THE JIM DANDY



Sovereignty | Sarah Andrew

by Stefanie Grimm

Ninety-five years ago, a horse named Jim Dandy upset Triple Crown winner Gallant Fox at odds of 100-1 in the GI Travers Stakes at Saratoga. Saturday, with the traditional Travers prep race now named in honor of that monumental beating, the team behind GI Kentucky Derby and GI Belmont Stakes winner Sovereignty (Into Mischief) reminded everyone why their colt is the top of the class, avoiding any drama to take the GII Jim Dandy Stakes.

Not that there was ever any doubt. With GI Preakness Stakes winner Journalism (Curlin) 3,000 miles away in California, Sovereignty was left to deal with four rivals he'd already soundly beaten before. There was Baeza (McKinzie), who ran second to Journalism in the GI Santa Antia Derby before settling for third in both the Derby and the Belmont. Mark Casse runner Sandman (Tapit), who debuted with blinkers Saturday, could do no better than seventh in the Derby and third in the Preakness.

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NYQUIST 'RISING STAR' NYSOS TOPS

BAFFERT EXACTA IN SAN DIEGO by Jill Williams

Baoma Corp's 'TDN Rising Star' Nysos (Nyquist), who is a neck away from being undefeated in six career starts, made just his second trip around two turns Saturday, resulting in a victory in the 1 1/16-mile GII San Diego Handicap at Del Mar. His fellow Bob Baffert-trained stablemate Mirahmadi (Into Mischief), a \$1.05-million Keeneland buy who finished second in the GI Del Mar Futurity two years ago, set all the pace, holding off all but Nysos to complete the silver-haired trainer's exacta. MGSP Tarantino (Pioneerof the Nile) stalked throughout to finish third.

When the gates flew, MGSP Judge Miller (Curlin) lost his footing behind and nearly sat down, forcing a tardy exit from his outside post. The setback didn't impact anyone else, least of all Nysos, who broke from the inside. Mirahmadi showed the way through a :23.49 first quarter as Nysos got comfortable on the rail in a joint fourth alongside GSW and 'TDN Rising Star' Hall of Fame (Gun Runner). Mirahmadi continued to rev the motor up front, tripping the timer in :46.91 for the half, but when the tempo quickened, Nysos idled with no where to go. Trapped on the rail behind Mirahmadi, Nysos and Flavien Prat finally found room at the eighth pole. Nysos accelerated and Prat waved the stick at him twice as the pair inhaled the pacesetter to skip home much the best in a hand ride. The 2 3/4 lengths marked Nysos's smallest margin of victory to date, but visually it was as strong as ever and he won in hand with his ears pricked.

"He was ready," said Baffert after the San Diego. "Prat just sat patiently behind there and he had enough horse to cut the corner." **Cont. Pg. 5**

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They're off in the 62nd running of the GII Jim Dandy Stakes. | Sarah Andrew

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Lovesick Blues (Grazen) surged past pacesetter Hejazi (Bernardini) in the final sixteenth to spring the upset in the 'WAYI' GI Bing Crosby Stakes.

8 | SARATOGA NOTEBOOK, PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS: FIERCENESS THE ONE FOR PLETCHER IN WHITNEY
Trainer Todd Pletcher will enter both 'TDN Rising Stars' Fierceness (City of Light) and Mindframe (Constitution) in the GI Whitney but likely only one runner will start.

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Jim Dandy cont.

And 'TDN Rising Star' Hill Road (**Quality Road**), who won the traditional Belmont prep in the GIII Peter Pan Stakes, wound up fifth in the final leg of the Triple Crown. The only new shooter on the scene was New York-bred Mo Plex (**Complexity**) who projected to be the speed of the race off a nice win in the GIII Ohio Derby at Thistledown last month.

Drawn widest of the quintet, the Godolphin homebred, guided by regular pilot Junior Alvarado, had more to say about the pace than perhaps was expected, breaking nicely to the front only to be outrun in the opening furlong by Mo Plex with Baeza taking up position along the rail. The field remained rather compact around the clubhouse turn with Sandman also racing closer than usual and Hill Road, the longest shot on the board at 18-1, whipping-in the field through an opening quarter that went in a moderate :24.54. Jeremiah Englehart's

Mo Plex continued to dictate terms up the backstretch with Baeza inching closer to grab second from Sovereignty who remained out widest of the bunch.

As the half went in :48.49, Hill Road made a short-lived move up the inside along a rail which the pacesetter left vacant but quickly fell out contention as the real running started between the top three at the quarter pole. Despite being fanned out to nearly the center of the course, Sovereignty was left with just a gusty run from Baeza who was glued to his side at the quarter pole and while the two appeared briefly on even terms, the Derby champ, under mostly a vigorous hand ride from Alvarado, quickly pulled away to leave little doubt who the best 3-year-old in the country is. The well-related Baeza, whose

jockey Hector Berrios was making his Saratoga debut Saturday, scooped up another Grade I placing while Hill Road finished well but far back to round out the minor awards. **Cont.**



Sovereignty and Junior Alvarado | Sarah Andrew

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“I'd say it was good, it was a winning trip, a winning ride, a winning run,” said winning conditioner Bill Mott. “We hope he comes back good and hopefully he trains as well for the Travers as he did for this. It is interesting [running closer to the pace]. Junior [Alvarado] said by the time he got to the first turn he was already starting to relax with him. I guess in some races it is good to be able to have a little early position, rather than come from as far back as he did in the Derby and some of his other races.”

Of his star's next expected start, Mott said, “We are trying to get ready for the Travers and that is the main objective for everybody, I think. It is a race I've never won, and I'd really like to win it before I check out [laughs]. We'll give it our best go.”



Trainer Bill Mott celebrates the win | Sarah Andrew

“I was 100 percent confident of what I had underneath of me,” Alvarado added. “[Sovereignty] got to get out and I stayed with my horse and by a little bit before the three-eighths pole when I asked him, he started picking it up a little bit. He just jumped right away and went after them. Then I didn't want to kind of pass by those horses right away. I didn't want him to be on the lead too early turning for home so I kind of nursed him out a little bit with those horses. When I asked him, right after we turned for home, he took off and then after that once again just doing enough to keep him in the lead without really asking him for his best. I got to about 75 percent, 80 percent out of him. We thought this was a prep. We don't need to get everything out of him today. That was the idea and sometimes those are the races you have to run and I thought we were kind of taking it easy coming into the stretch and just hoping for his best and that's what he did. Now, for the next couple races coming up, we are going to do what we did in the Derby and the Belmont.”

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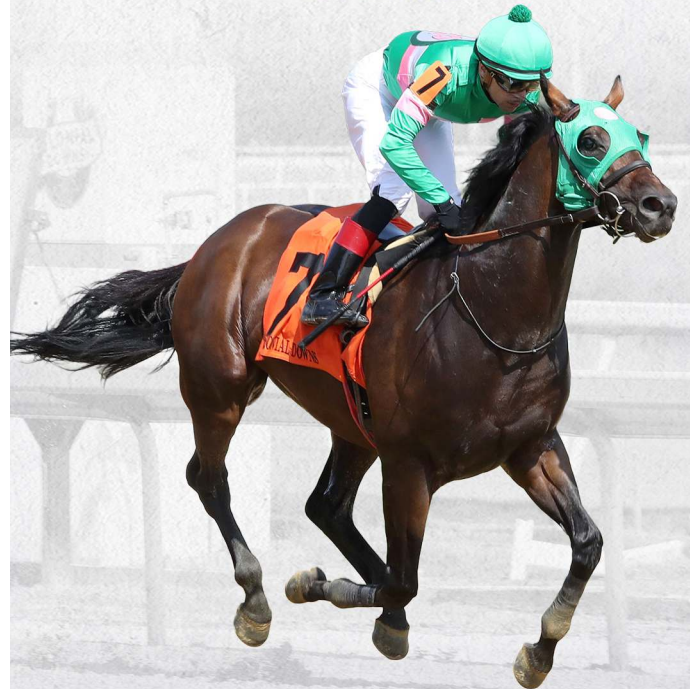
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- David Grening,
Daily Racing Form Reporter



"He was my horse, he was my pick... For him he was going to be a **superstar**. He was just **superior**, he had the **raw talent** and his first start was just incredible; a freakish race he ran."

- Bob Baffert,
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Pedigree Note:

Sovereignty is yet another Grade I-winning son of super-sire Into Mischief who also counts Derby winner Authentic to his credit. It's also a feather in the cap for leading broodmare sire Bernardini whose daughters have 118 stakes winners including champion 2-year-old filly Immersive (**Nyquist**). Godolphin made a splash into the family by picking up first dam Crowned for \$1,200,000 as a yearling at Keeneland September in 2014. Crowned, who passed in 2024, was a daughter of GI Juddmonte Spinster winner Mushka who sold for seven figures twice in her own career before lastly bringing \$650,000 at KEENOV 2016 for SF Bloodstock and **Newgate** Farm. While clearly the class of his siblings, Sovereignty has two full-sisters, one of whom was a winner. Crowned's last foal was a yet-unnamed **Nyquist** colt born last year.

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Saturday, Saratoga Race Course

JIM DANDY S. PRESENTED BY MOHEGAN SUN-GII, \$485,000, Saratoga, 7-26, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:49.52, ft.

1--**SOVEREIGNTY**, 124, c, 3, by Into Mischief

1st Dam: Crowned, by Bernardini

2nd Dam: Mushka, by Empire Maker

3rd Dam: Sluice, by Seeking the Gold

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-William I Mott; J-Junior Alvarado. \$275,000. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 8-5-2-0, \$5,147,800. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#) or [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

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2--**Baeza**, 120, c, 3, **McKinzie**--Puca, by Big Brown. (\$1,200,000 Ylg '23 KESEP). O-C R K Stable LLC & Grandview Equine; B-Grandview Equine (KY); T-John A Shirreffs. \$100,000.

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3--**Hill Road**, 122, c, 3, **Quality Road**--Exotic Notion, by Lemon Drop Kid. '**TDN Rising Star**' (\$350,000 Ylg '23 KESEP). O-Amo Racing USA LLC; B-Lynch Bages Ltd & Camas Park Stud (KY); T-Chad C Brown. \$60,000.

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San Diego cont.

Once he got that little seam, I knew it was over. I'm glad to win the San Diego. I haven't had the best of luck in this race. I've had some great horses get beat here."

Baffert previously won the San Diego with **Maximum Security** in 2020 and Fed Biz in 2014. Nysos's win represented his 179th stakes win at Del Mar, the most of any trainer. It was also the 100th stakes win at Del Mar for Prat.

"[Nysos] broke well and he was comfortable down inside, so I stayed there," said Prat. "He was comfortable all the way around. I didn't have any special instructions with him; just ride."



Nysos | Benoit

Nysos may not have a lot of races on his CV, but he brings his 'A' game every single time. After breaking his maiden on debut at Santa Anita in the fall of his juvenile season--a runaway 10 1/2-length score good for '**Rising Star**' honors and a 96 Beyer Speed Figure--he captured the GIII Bob Hope Stakes in a similar performance. Brought back early in his 3-year-old year for another daylight score in the one-mile GIII Robert B. Lewis Stakes--his only previous try around two turns--he was sent to the sidelines for 15 months before returning in Louisville on Derby Day this year to face a deep field in the GI Churchill Downs Stakes. Nysos suffered his only career loss that day, falling short by just a neck to '**TDN Rising Star**' and MGISW Mindframe (**Constitution**) while deadheating for second. He hasn't lost since, capturing the GIII Triple Bend Stakes May 31 at Santa Anita by 5 1/2 lengths with a career-high 108 Beyer in his lead up to Saturday's stretch out in the San Diego. Baffert said after the San Diego Nysos would be aimed at the \$1-million GI Pacific Classic, Del Mar's signature 1 1/4-mile test for older horses Aug. 30. **Cont.**

Pedigree Notes:

Darley's **Nyquist**, firmly entrenched among the top 10 leading sires of 2025 with his sixth crop of 2-year-olds racing this year, is the sire of Nysos and 17 other graded winners. His 30 black-type winners include two Eclipse champions, one Sovereign Award winner, and eight Grade I winners. Nysos, like four other **Nyquist** graded winners (including two of his three champions), is out of a Bernardini mare. The late Bernardini, who stood alongside **Nyquist** at Darley, has 118 stakes winners out of his daughters including Saturday's GII Jim Dandy Stakes winner Sovereignty (Into Mischief). As a Godolphin homebred, that dual Classic winner will eventually join **Nyquist** in the Darley stud barn.



Bob Baffert and Flavien Prat | *Benoit*

Nysos is out of the unraced Zetta Z, who sold at the 2021 Keeneland November sale for \$35,000 to Three Times A Charm. It was the same sale where Nysos first sold; Cypress Creek paid \$130,000 for him as a weanling. Nysos would sell twice more: as a \$150,000 Fasig-Tipton October yearling to Best A Luck Farm and finally as a \$550,000 2-year-old at OBS to Baoma. His dam would also go through the ring again. On the heels of Nysos's early performance, Zetta Z would sell at the 2024 Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale for \$2 million to Coolmore Stud. The foal she was carrying, a filly a Cyberknife, is now a yearling. The mare also has a 2-year-old colt named Warnock (Yaupon), who sold as a weanling at Keeneland in 2023 to AAA Thoroughbreds for \$450,000. Zetta Z is a granddaughter of Unbridled Elaine (Unbridled's Song), winner of the 2001 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff and a half-sister to 1997 GI Ashland Stakes winner and Grade I producer Glitter Woman (Glitterman).

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Saturday, Del Mar

SAN DIEGO H.-GII, \$300,500, Del Mar, 7-26, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42.61, ft.

1--**NYSOS, 124, c, 4, by Nyquist**



1st Dam: Zetta Z, by Bernardini

2nd Dam: Seresa's Spirit, by Rahy

3rd Dam: Unbridled Elaine, by Unbridled's Song

(\$130,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$150,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$550,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). 'TDN Rising Star' O-Baoma Corp; B-Atkins Susie (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Flavien Prat. \$180,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 6-5-1-0, \$598,500.

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3--**Tarantino**, 118, g, 7, Pioneerof the Nile--Without Delay, by Seeking the Gold. (\$610,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$240,000 RNA 2yo

'20 KEENOV; \$235,000 3yo '21 KEENOV). O-David A. Bernsen LLC & Rockingham Ranch; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY); T-Peter Eurton. \$36,000.

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LOVESICK BLUES SPRINGS THE 18-1 UPSET IN 'WAYI' BING CROSBY

by Stefanie Grimm

It was bomb's away Saturday at Del Mar as Lovesick Blues (Grazen) surged past pacesetter Hejazi (Bernardini) in the final sixteenth to spring the upset in the GI Bing Crosby Stakes and secure himself a spot in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint in November.

The true war horse of the field (his 40 starts are more than several other runners combined), the 7-year-old gelding began his career all the way back in 2020, earning wins at nearly every California track and banking over \$500,000. And while his career began at the lowest maiden claiming levels running for tags of \$12,500 and \$14,000, Lovesick Blues has seen an uptick in form over the last two years. His first stakes start was a third, beaten just a neck, in the 2023 edition of the GIII Daytona Stakes at Santa Anita and he's been knocking on the door ever since. Purchased privately from breeder Nick Alexander to kick 2025, Lovesick Blues left Steven Miyadi's barn to join Librado Barocio this year and has contested exclusively stakes company in four starts as a 7-year-old including a win in the six-furlong Siren Lure Stakes two back at Santa Anita May 10. Fourth most recently in the same GIII Daytona Stakes he placed in two years ago, the son of Grazen was stepping into immensely deep waters Saturday to tackle his first Grade I.

Drawn widest of the nine-horse field, the 18-1 shot broke with the frontrunners along the inside but quickly took back and allowed a four-wide calvary charge to go on with the tempo up the rail. Falling back nearly to the rear of the first flight, he stayed wide and in the clear as Hejazi got the best of the frontrunners and broke away with Roll On Big Joe (Prospective) right on his flank. 2-1 favorite 'TDN Rising Star' World Record (Gun Runner) sat fifth just outside of the well-regarded

Dr. Venkman (Ghostzapper) and it was several lengths back to Lovesick Blues and fellow longshot Smooth Cruisein (Girvin). GI Carter Stakes winner Crazy Mason failed to really accelerate from the gate and was a long ways back with the entire field to pass. Around the far turn, Hejazi was still the one to catch through the half-mile in :44.48 and it looked for a moment at the top of the lane as if the \$3.5m EASMAY topper might finally grab that elusive stakes win for Zedan Racing and Bob Baffert. But fanning out six paths across the track, Lovesick Blues was just getting going alongside a host of pursuers looking to run down the pacesetter. Everyone seemed to be running out of time but it was the son of Grazen who broke away from the challengers and kept rolling home, nailing Hejazi in the final strides to win going away in emphatic fashion. World Record finished up best of the pack to grab third for Rodolphe Brisset. In addition to earning a Breeders' Cup slot, Lovesick Blues also awarded trainer Librado Barocio, who also heads Mia Familia Racing Stable, his first Grade I win.

"When he broke I said 'great' and we taught him how to close, so when Giovanni (Franco) was turning for home and circling them, I knew he was running," said Barocio. "I picked up my wife, I was going crazy. Man, what a miracle happened. My first Grade I."

Winning rider Giovanni Franco added, "You know what, I always have complete confidence in this horse. Turning from home he was doing it just like a morning workout; I was just waiting for the time to go. By the time he hit the stretch, he was all out. I have only been able to ride him in the grass races. And he excels well on the grass, but as far as working him on the main track he is always dragging me out there. I told Librado (Barocio) you know, why not take a chance. As soon as I got back to work on horses in December, this was one of my first workers that I got on. He got me my first stakes win back. Now he got me a Grade I win, and I'm just thankful." **Cont.**



The Lovesick Blues team celebrates his win | Benoit



Lovesick Blues and Geovanni Franco | *Benoit*

Pedigree Note:

The fifth graded stakes winner for leading California sire Grazen, Lovesick Blues is also his sire's first Grade I winner though he has been represented by previous Grade I placings from Lieutenant Dan and Enola Gray. Queenofhercastle, a winner herself, has produced three winners from as many to race including this runner's half-brother, Golden State Juvenile Stakes winner Speedy Wilson (Tough Sunday). The dam herself is a half to MGSW Queen Bee To You (Old Topper), already responsible for GSP Princess Madison (Speightstown). Lovesick Blues has a pair of full-brothers born in 2024 and 2025 respectively.

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Saturday, Del Mar

BING CROSBY S.-GI, \$402,000, Del Mar, 7-26, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.74, ft.

1--**LOVESICK BLUES**, 122, g, 7, by Grazen

- 1st Dam: Queenofhercastle, by Ministers Wild Cat
- 2nd Dam: Silk Queen, by Touch Gold
- 3rd Dam: French Madam, by Rahy

1ST GRADED STAKES WIN, 1ST GRADE I WIN. O-Mia Familia Racing Stable; B-Nick Alexander (CA); T-Librado Barocio; J-Geovanni Franco. \$240,000. Lifetime Record: 41-9-10-8, \$770,000. *1/2 to Speedy Wilson (Tough Sunday), SW, \$156,150. **Werk Nick Rating: B.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#) or [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

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2--**Hejazi**, 122, h, 5, Bernardini--G Note, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. (\$3,550,000 2yo '22 EASMAV). O-Zedan Racing Stables Inc; B-Chester & Mary R Broman (NY); T-Bob Baffert. \$80,000.

3--**World Record**, 122, c, 4, **Gun Runner**--Marwa (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). **'TDN Rising Star' 1ST G1 BLACK TYPE.** (\$410,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV). O-WinStar Farm LLC & BBN Racing LLC; B-Runnymede Farm LLC, Falguieres Bloodstock, Gestut Zur Kuste AG, et al (KY); T-Rodolphe Brisset. \$48,000.

Runnymede Farm Bred

Margins: 1 3/4, 1 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 18.60, 4.70, 2.40. Also Ran: Dr. Venkman, Roll On Big Joe, Crazy Mason, Smooth Cruisein, Spirit of Makena, Mbagnick (Chi). [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or the [TJCIS.com PPs](#). **VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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SARATOGA NOTEBOOK, PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS: FIERCENESS THE ONE FOR PLETCHER IN WHITNEY by *Tim Wilkin*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.--'TDN Rising Stars' **Fierceness** (*City of Light*) or **Mindframe** (*Constitution*) in the GI \$1 million Whitney Stakes?

Will one of them be running or will it be both? Those questions got definitive answers Saturday morning outside Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher's barn on the Oklahoma Training Track.

When entries are taken for the meet's marquee race for older horses on Sunday, both horses names will be front and center, but it will be Fierceness who carries the flag for Pletcher and the ownership group of Mike Repole's Repole Stables, Derrick Smith, Michael B. Tabor and Mrs. John Magnier.



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RUNNING AWAY RUNS AWAY WITH THE MONMOUTH OAKS S. (G3), BECOMING GUN RUNNER'S SEVENTH GRADED STAKES WINNER IN 2025

ON THE BOARD 6 TIMES IN 7 STARTS LIFETIME AND WINNER OF 3 OF HER LAST 4 THIS YEAR, **RUNNING AWAY IS GUN RUNNER'S NEWEST GRADED STAKES WINNER.**

GUN RUNNER



1st dam

QUIET GIANT, by Giant's Causeway, 7 wins in 12 starts, \$405,389, Hill N' Dale Molly Pitcher S. (G3) (MTH, \$150,000), S. [L] (MTH, \$60,000), Rare Treasures S. (G3) (CD, \$36,000), Lady on the Run S. (G3) (CD, \$20,000), Polly's Jet S. (DEL, \$10,000). Dam of 4 foals.

Congratulations to:
Owner/Breeder: Stud TNT
Trainer: Wesley Ward

2nd dam

GUN RUNNER (c. by Candy Ride (ARG)). 7 wins, \$15,988,500, in N.A./U.S., horse of the year, champion male, Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. [G1] (GP, \$7,000,000), Woodford S. [G1] (DMR, \$3,300,000), Whitney S. [G1] (CD, \$1,000,000), Stephen Foster H. [G1] (CD, \$294,500), Twinspires.com Lookin' for Lucky S. [G3] (OP, \$300,000), Matt Winn S. [G3] (CD, \$150,000), Cup Dirt Mile [G1] (SA, \$170,000), Penn State S. [G1] (CD, \$125,000); placed in 1 start at 4, 7,344,000, Miramas Airline Dubai World Cup [G1]. (Tapit). 2 wins in 4 starts at 4.

3rd dam

QUIET DANCE, by Quiet American. 6 wins, \$19,170, 2nd Demoiselle S. [G2].
SAINT LIAM (c. by Saint Ballado). 9 wins, 3 to date, \$7,456,900, horse of the year, champion older horse, Breeders' Cup Classic [G1] (CD, \$2,433,000), Stephen Foster H. [G1] (CD, \$513,360), John H. Johnson S. [G1] (CD, \$300,000)-ntr. 1-1/8 mi. in 1:48 2/5, Woodward S. [G1] (CD, \$300,000), etc. Sire.
ANTASTIC (c. by More Than Ready). 4 wins at 4, 2018, \$1,099,943, in U.S., United Nations S. [G1] (MTH, \$180,000), etc. (Tapit) (\$410,711).
Giant's Causeway). Black Opal S. [G1] (CD, \$1,000,000), etc. Sire.
[G1] (CD, \$1,000,000); Sire.

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“We plan to enter both,” Pletcher said. “We want to make sure we have a good week and if everything goes smoothly, the plan is to run Fierceness,” Pletcher said. “We are fortunate to have two horses that are multiple Grade I winners that are capable of running in these kinds of races.”

Mindframe, who has won all three of his starts this year--all at different distances--will be pointed to the \$1 million GI Jockey Club Gold Cup at the end of the meet, Aug. 31. But he will be entered in the Whitney as a safeguard in case Fierceness ends up not running.

The two 4-year-olds both worked on the main track at Saratoga Saturday morning. Fierceness and exercise rider Danny Wright appeared at 7 a.m. and went in company with stablemate Dreamlike (**Gun Runner**), going four furlongs in :49.40 (104/167).



Fierceness works at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

“All of his works have been excellent,” Pletcher said. “We tried to do a little less with him today than he did last week when he had such a big work (five furlongs in 1:01.70) and such a strong gallop out. This was more of a maintenance work.”

Mindframe, owned by Repole and Vinnie and Teresa Viola’s St. Elias Stable, and exercise rider Carlos Quevedo appeared later at 8:45 a.m. and also went four furlongs in :49.22 (87/167) while working in company with stablemate Classicist (**Curlin**).

For now, Pletcher will be fine keeping his two stable stars away from each other. Fierceness has won six of 11 career starts and is coming off a second-place finish in the GI Met Mile at Saratoga June 7.

“I think, for a race like the (GI) Breeders’ Cup Classic, I would look forward to having both of them in there and taking their best shot at it,” Pletcher said. “There is a good chance we’ll keep them separated until that day.”



Skippy Longstocking | Sarah Andrew

Joseph Mulling What to do With Skippy

Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. knows that he will be running **White Abarrio** (Race Day) in next Saturday’s Whitney. He’s not sure what he is going to do with his stablemate **Skippy Longstocking** (Exaggerator).

The 6-year-old horse, who seems to get better as he gets older, worked four furlongs in :49.22 (87/167) on the Saratoga main track in company with stablemate Wally World (More Than Ready) at 8:45 Saturday morning.

Joseph said he will decide on Sunday whether he will put Skippy’s name in the entry box.

“We won’t decide until we have to,” Joseph said outside his barn on the Saratoga backstretch Saturday morning.

The main goal for Skippy this summer, Joseph said, is the GI Charles Town Classic in West Virginia on Aug. 22. It’s a race that Skippy, owned by Daniel Alonso, has won the last two years. Joseph would love a three-peat.

Skippy Longstocking was entered to run in the GI Stephen Foster at Churchill Downs on June 28, but Joseph scratched. He hasn’t run since May 26 when he won the GI Hollywood Gold Cup Stakes at Santa Anita.

Joseph would like to get a race into Skippy before the trip to Charles Town, but the Whitney is a tough spot, he knows that.

“The cons are the competition,” he said with a laugh. “The pros are if we were to win it. We want to run in the Whitney. We did it last year (finishing fifth). If he runs in the Whitney and has a hard race and you mess up the Charles Town Classic ... that is the drawback.”

Skippy Longstocking has started 32 times and has 11 wins, three seconds and seven third place finishes. This year, he has two wins and two thirds in four starts.

“He is consistent,” Joseph said. **Cont.**

“He has gotten better as he has gotten older. From his 4-year-old year on, he has been really, really good. Every track he goes to, he runs. Thankfully, he has been able to stay around and he has been a joy to have.”



Mindframe (outside) | Sarah Andrew

Jockeys Will Have a Song to Sing on Sunday

The not ready for prime-time jockeys will take center stage at Vapors Night Club in Saratoga Springs Sunday night. It’s the annual Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund (PDJF) “Riders Up!,” the annual karaoke contest and fundraiser. The East Coast jockeys will belt out their tunes while those on the West Coast will do the same on Aug. 10.

Those attending should not plan on hearing dulcet tones that will bring back memories of Sinatra or Elvis. But the jockeys promise they will give it the best they got.

“I love music, I just can’t sing,” Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez said Saturday morning on the Oklahoma Training Track.

When asked to rate himself as a singer, he laughed.

“I am close to a minus-zero,” he said. “I do try. I will put in a good effort. I just can’t sing.”

He said he will perform with his wife Leona but would not reveal what kind of number they are going to do.

Joel Rosario, another Hall of Famer, admitted he is pretty much tone deaf, too. But he’ll give it a shot.

“Please don’t ask me to sing,” he said on the Saratoga backstretch when asked for a preview. “I only sing in the house where no one can hear me.”

International riding star Frankie Dettori wants no part of the singing competition, but he’ll be the to support his buddies. And have a few laughs, too.

“I am good, but I’m not singing,” he said. “Some people take it real serious. I am going to be a spectator. I’ll watch everyone

make a fool of themselves. I am going to take a back seat and have a good laugh.”

Doors open at 7 p.m., and the performances start at 8. For tickets and more information, [click here](#).

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DAISY FLYER COMES FLYING LATE WITH NAIL-BITING RALLY IN LAKE GEORGE



Daisy Flyer (far left) | Sarah Andrew

It was overcast and foggy, but weather was not going to stop her as Daisy Flyer (Mshawish) flew home in the final yards to take the GIII Lake George Stakes at Saratoga.

Sent to George 'Rusty' Arnold as a juvenile, she ran a flat eighth last summer on unveiling July 21 at Ellis Park, but produced her first inkling of the dramatic final kick in her Sept. 5 graduation at Kentucky Downs when she won the photo by a head. When her connections stepped her up into the GII Miss Grillo Stakes at the Belmont Big A meeting that October, she never left the back half of the field, finishing ninth. Allowed some time away after that effort, she returned Mar. 1 at

Gulfstream Park in the GIII Herecomesthebride Stakes, and roared home in the lane to run third in a blanket finish, beaten less than a long neck for it all as an 87-1 long shot.

While she wasn't the favorite here, the betting public definitely took notice of her after those efforts, and sent Daisy Flyer off carrying 7-1 odds for this breakthrough attempt. Near the back in fifth but closer than in her previous starts, she saved all the ground going into the backstretch and was asked to close the distance as they swung through the far turn after six furlongs in 1:10.02. Rallying relentlessly from the outside as 7-5 favorite Classic Q (Classic Empire) tried to hold them off, Daisy Flyer made good on her name to overhaul that longtime leader in the final strides, winning by a neck. The betting choice hung on for second by a nose over Reining Flowers (Midnight Storm).

"I was trying to get her up to be second and all at once she made that little late spurt, and it all worked out," said Arnold. "She's a filly we obviously liked to bring her back from Mar. 1 to now and run in a graded stake, but she had trained the right way and backed it up."

When asked about a next start, the conditioner said, "She'll be going farther. Her next start is in the Dueling Grounds Oaks [Sept. 10] at Kentucky Downs going a mile and five-sixteenths. We had to get her eligible for it--it's an invitational and I don't think she'd quite done enough and now she has."

Pedigree Note

Hailing from a salty European female family, Daisy Flyer was bred top to bottom for grass racing and claims a fleet of successful relatives. Three of her elder half-siblings earned Listed and/or Graded black-type, and the sisters in that trio have gone on to broodmare careers, namely Turf War (War Front)--a winner producer in Japan--and Scarabea (American Pharoah), whose most recent is a 2025 filly by Authentic. The lone brother in that bunch is 11-time winner, GIII Essex Handicap-third Time for Trouble (English Channel). Dam Starstruck now boasts six winners from six to the races, and her latest of racing age is a juvenile colt named Turf Star (Caravaggio). She has a 2025 filly by Channel Cat to her tally.

Starstruck is a daughter of multiple highweight mare Agnetha (Ger) (Big Shuffle), an English Group winner and placed in the G1 Phoenix Stakes. The second dam was herself a full-sister to MGSW-Ger Areion, who went on to become a six-time leading sire in Belgium and Germany as well as being crowned a leading broodmare sire in Slovakia.

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Saturday, Saratoga

LAKE GEORGE S. PRESENTED BY SURFSIDE-GIII, \$175,000, Saratoga, 7-26, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.19, fm.

1--DAISY FLYER, 120, f, 3, by Mshawish

1st Dam: Starstruck (Ire) (MGSW, \$299,423), by Galileo (Ire)

2nd Dam: Agnetha (Ger), by Big Shuffle

3rd Dam: Aerleona (Ire), by Caerleon

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN.

O/B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-George R. Arnold II; J-Jose Lezcano. \$96,250. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$218,902. *1/2 to Time for Trouble (English Channel), GSP, \$689,734; 1/2 to Scarabea (American Pharoah), MSP, \$190,290; 1/2 to Turf War (War Front), SW, \$111,550. **Werk Nick Rating: F.**

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2--Classic Q, 122, f, 3, Classic Empire--Lovely Em, by Scat Daddy. 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. (\$40,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP). O-Gary Barber, Blue Crevalle Racing and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; B-Winning Bloodstock (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. \$35,000.

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

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3--Reining Flowers, 120, f, 3, Midnight Storm--Mi Fiori, by Congrats. 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. O-Four G Racing LLC; B-4G Racing LLC (KY); T-John Alexander Ortiz. \$21,000.

 **Brookdale Foaled and Raised for 4G Racing** 

Margins: NK, NO, 1 3/4. Odds: 7.20, 1.40, 13.60.

Also Ran: Lavender Disaster, Aterradora (Ire), Good Long Cry, Pookie. Scratched: Kay Cup, Play With Fire, Pretty Lavish (Ire), Princess Attitude. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or the TJCIS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



Mshawish | Taylor Made Stallions/Amy Lanigan

Saturday, Monmouth Park

MONMOUTH OAKS S.-GIII, \$252,000, Monmouth, 7-26, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46.26, ft.

1--**RUNNING AWAY**, 120, f, 3, by **Gun Runner**

1st Dam: **Allez Marie (GSP-Brz)**, by **Unbridled's Song**

2nd Dam: **Summerly**, by **Summer Squall**

3rd Dam: **Here I Go**, by **Mr. Prospector**

1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. O/B-Stud TNT (KY); T-Wesley A Ward; J-Victor Espinoza. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, \$416,250. *1/2 to **Legalize (Constitution)**, SW, \$138,965; **Tomato Bill (More Than Ready)**, GSP, \$153,437; **Fouette (Nyquist)**, MSP, \$303,845; and **Workaholic (Sky Mesa)**, SW, \$144,828. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus***.

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2--**Fondly**, 122, f, 3, **Upstart**--Lifetime Memory, by **Istan**.

(\$50,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT). O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Madaket Stables LLC; B-Brereton C Jones (KY); T-H. Graham Motion. \$50,000.

3--**Paris Lily**, 116, f, 3, **City of Light**--Storm Lily, by **Storm Cat**.

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brendan P Walsh. \$25,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2HF, HF. Odds: 4.70, 1.20, 2.80.

Scanlon Training Graduate

Also Ran: **Ruth**, **Naked Eye**, **Pink Ruby**, **Rosieontheriver**. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or the TJCIS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



Running Away | *Equi-photo*

Stud TNT homebred **Running Away (Gun Runner)**, already a two-time stakes winner, added her first graded stakes win Saturday in the GIII Monmouth Oaks for trainer Wesley Ward. A filly who was three-for-three in races where she got the lead, the 9-2 shot wired the field this season in both the Busanda

Stakes at Aqueduct and, most recently, the Horseshoe Indianapolis Handicap over a sloppy track May 14. Sandwiched between those starts was an off-the-board effort at this same 1 1/16-mile distance at Keeneland in the GI Ashland Stakes in April.

Facing a plethora of fast fillies Saturday, **Running Away** broke in front with **Paris Lily (City of Light)** just a touch faster to her inside. Those two handled the speed up front, posting an opening quarter in :23.36 as longshot **Naked Eye (Vekmoa)** sat third along the rail in a field that settled out largely single file. GII Black-Eyed Susan runner up **Paris Lily** went along under moderate pressure, leading **Running Away** only narrowly into the far turn as the pace slowed past the half-mile pole in :47.18. **Pink Ruby (Connect)** looked to make a three-wide bid outside of the leaders off the far turn but **Running Away** was getting away and hit the final sixteenth alone. A late challenge from race favorite **Fondly (Upstart)** came up short as **Running Away** picked up the win. The victory also marked jockey Victor Espinoza's first at Monmouth Park since he captured the GI Haskell Stakes aboard Triple Crown winner **American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile)** in 2015.

"I thought it was exciting, and I was looking forward to it because of her style," Espinoza said. "I feel like I pretty much want to let her stretch her legs and perform her best. As far as all of the speed on paper, that's always a concern. Before the race there's always a concern with that. I figured if I was going to go I might have to try something crazy. I was able to ease her back a little bit; not too much, just a little bit, and I was hoping to stick there and just clear on the first turn. If I was clear on the first turn on the outside, then I think I was okay. It really helped me to be able to drive her the way I wanted to. It makes my job much easier."

Ward added, "Sometimes, I know this from my jockey days, it looks like you've got a lot of speed in a race and then it plays in the riders' minds. I think it played in Victor Espinoza's mind a little since he didn't just go right to the front. I really don't give these type of riders instructions. I'll tell them about the horse but not about how the race might play out because they get things in their minds and I'd rather they just do what they feel is necessary. Watching the race, as I jockey I might have ridden it differently and I might not have had the same outcome because I'd have probably just went. The first few jumps out of the gate she kind of stumbled but she picked herself up right away and got right into it. We had Kentucky Oaks aspirations for her but it didn't materialize when we gave her a little time and ran her in the Ashland Stakes. With a little bit of a troubled trip and start she faltered on us in that race. We gave her time again and she won and now she has won again today. She's turning into a high-quality filly."

Pedigree Note:

One of 42 stakes winners for Three Chimneys sensation **Gun Runner**, Running Away is out of the WinStar-bred mare Allez Marie who was group-placed in Brazil before selling to Three Chimneys for \$750,000 through the Fasig-Tipton Digital platform in December 2024. In addition to Saturday's winner, she's also produced Cicada Stakes winner Workaholic (**Sky Mesa**), Sugar Bowl Stakes winner Legalize (**Constitution**), MSP Fouette (**Nyquist**) and GSP Tomato Bill (More Than Ready). Allez Marie is herself a daughter of GI Kentucky Oaks winner Summerly. Running Away's yearling half-brother by **Munnings** also sold to Three Chimneys through the same sale for \$320,000 as a weanling while Allez Marie produced a colt by **Elite Power** this year and returned to **Gun Runner** for 2026.

Saturday, Woodbine

ONTARIO COLLEEN S.-GIII, C\$150,000, Woodbine, 7-26, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:33.51, fm.

1--**CANDY QUEST**, 119, f, 3, by **Connect**

1st Dam: **Candy Crush**, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**

2nd Dam: **Lady Melesi**, by **Colonial Affair**

3rd Dam: **Eye Catching**, by **Alydar**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$225,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP). O-Glassman Racing LLC; B-G. Watts Humphrey (KY); T-Mark E. Casse; J-Sahin Civaci. C\$90,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0, \$232,481. *1/2 to **Frosted Over (Frosted)**, Ch. 3-year-old Colt-Can, MGSW, \$371,743; 1/2 to Take a Stand (Will Take Charge), GSP, \$399,201. **Werk Nick Rating: B.** Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree** or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

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2--**Somethinabouter**, 121, f, 3, **Mendelssohn**--Phantom

Proton, by Ghostzapper. (\$210,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP).

O-X-Men Racing IV LLC, Madaket Stables LLC and SF Racing LLC; B-Stepaside Farm LLC (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh. C\$30,000.

3--**It Ain't Two (GB)**, 119, f, 3, Calyx (GB)--Usra (Ire), by

Requinto (Ire). **1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.** (10,000gns RNA Ylg '23 TATNOV; 115,000gns 2yo '24 TATMA). O-Resolute Racing; B-Crypto Bloodstock (GB); T-Riley Mott. C\$15,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, NO, 2 3/4. Odds: 2.80, 16.65, 5.75.

Also Ran: Boca Queen (Ire), Tiz Her Money, Pretty Lavish (Ire), Hidden Quarry, Lupa (Ire). Scratched: Social Code. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or the TJCS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

Beaten in both her last outs by the undefeated Laurelin (Ire) (**Zarak {Fr}**) while faced with yielding and good ground, Glassman Racing's Candy Quest shipped north to Woodbine, where she found firm turf, a return to Lasix after three tries without it, and her first black-type win in the GIII Ontario Colleen Stakes Saturday.

Despite 8-5 Boca Queen (Ire) (**Kingman {GB}**) completely missing the break a few spots to her inside, Candy Quest was unbothered and settled nicely in the clear while second from last. It Ain't Two (GB) slugged it out up front--first with Lupa (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) and then with SP Hidden Quarry (Preservationist)--through :23.39 and :46.62 fractions while Candy Quest bided her time until the turn. She cut the corner, tipped out into the lane, and ran down It Ain't Two, who was stubbornly stuck on her wrong lead, late. Candy Quest crossed the line 1 3/4 lengths the best as Somethinabouter nosed out a game It Ain't Two for second.



Candy Quest | Michael Burns

"I got on the horse in the morning," said rider Sahin Civaci, who not only won the GIII Trillium Stakes earlier on the card, but also scored his 700th lifetime win Saturday. "I liked her, and we had an easy, comfortable trip, and then everything opened up and she kicked on. She was in full run, so I didn't have to encourage her more. She was doing it herself."

A \$225,000 buy by Glassman at the 2023 Keeneland September sale, Candy Quest broke her maiden on debut in her only race at two, then added an optional allowance win at Gulfstream in March, as well as placings in both the Sanibel Island Stakes and the Penn Oaks prior to her win in the Ontario Colleen.

Pedigree Notes:

With Candy Quest's win Saturday, **Connect** got his second winner on the day's Woodbine card, following debuting 2-year-old Sweet Fusion. The son of **Curlin**, who has five crops of racing

age, now has 15 black-type winners and seven graded winners. Winner of the GI Cigar Mile in 2016, the Lane's End stallion counts 2023 Canadian champion Witwatersrand and 2021 GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity winner Rattle N Roll among his top runners to date.

Candy Quest is also the second graded winner for her dam, the winning Candy Crush, who is by another Lane's End stallion in **Candy Ride (Arg)**. Candy Crush produced MGSW and 2021 Sovereign Award winner **Frosted Over (Frosted)**, as well as GSP Take a Stand (Will Take Charge). The mare has a yearling filly by **Flightline**, a Mar. 25-foaled filly by Authentic, and was bred to **Not This Time** for next term. Candy Crush hails from the same extended family as Hall of Famer Easy Goer and his champion dam, Relaxing.

Saturday, Woodbine

TRILLIUM S. PRESENTED BY DON JULIO-GIII, C\$159,300, Woodbine, 7-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43.23, ft. 1--**LITERATE, 122, m, 5, by Oscar Performance**

1st Dam: Infanta Branca (SP-Ire), by Henrythenavigator

2nd Dam: Totemic, by Vanlandingham

3rd Dam: Strong Totem, by Fappiano

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$27,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-C2 Racing Stable LLC; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Martin Drexler; J-Sahin Civaci. C\$90,000. Lifetime Record: 15-5-3-1, \$261,807. *1/2 to Ingrassia (**Medaglia d'Oro**), SW & GSP, \$117,000. **Werk Nick Rating: B+.** Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree** or the free **Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

 **Brookdale Sales Graduate** 
 ELIGIBLE FOR **KY BREEDERS' INCENTIVE FUND** AWARDS UP TO \$5,000 

2--**Caitlinhergrtness, 125, f, 4, Omaha Beach--Belatrix, by Giant's Causeway.** (\$65,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$160,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$375,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). O-WinStar Farm LLC; B-Jesse Korona (ON); T-Kevin Attard. C\$36,000.

 **PINHOOK GRADUATE OF STONERIGGS FARM** 

3--**Fashionably Fab, 125, m, 5, Silent Name (Jpn)--Flashy's Legacy, by Curlin.** O-Terra Racing Stable; B-Terra Farms Ltd (ON); T-Kevin Attard. C\$19,800.

Margins: HF, 1 1/4, 2. Odds: 3.95, 0.60, 8.05.

Also Ran: For Flying (Brz), Veery, Ecstasy.

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Literate, a \$50,000 claim by C2 Racing Stable as a maiden at Gulfstream in February 2023, produced a career high to upset last year's King's Plate winner in Saturday's GIII Trillium S. at Woodbine.

Literate trailed the field of six through fractions of :24.10 and :47.51 and began to advance with a rail run on the far turn. She was shifted out in the stretch and came charging to reel in the heavily favored Caitlinhergrtness.

Literate, a three-time winner over this course last season, made four previous starts this term, led by an optional claiming win over champion Just F Y I (**Justify**) on the Gulfstream dirt Mar. 13. She entered following a sixth-place finish in the GI Fasig-Tipton La Troienne Stakes May 2 at Churchill Downs and a fourth behind Caitlinhergrtness in the GIII Belle Mahone S. Woodbine May 31.

"I figured that she's going to come running," winning trainer Martin Drexler said. "As it turned out, we saved ground all the way around there, so it actually was a great trip."

He continued, "I just thought that we had a little bit of a wide trip last time. She's coming to this race training even better than she did the last time. Not to take away from Kevin (Attard)'s horse (Caitlinhergrtness), she's a great filly, but I really do think this is a good horse."




Literate | Michael Burns Photo

Pedigree Notes:

Literate becomes the 8th graded/18th stakes winner worldwide for **Oscar Performance**. After producing a colt by **Epicenter** this year, the stakes-placed Infanta Branca was bred back to **Arcangelo**. Infanta Branca is a half-sister to GSW & MGISP Lil's Lad (Pine Bluff).

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Sierra Leone (inside) at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

CONTENDERS GET FINAL WORKS IN BEFORE NEXT WEEKEND'S WHITNEY

Reigning champion 3-year-old colt and **'TDN Rising Star' Sierra Leone (Gun Runner)**, second last out in the GI Stephen Foster on June 28 at Churchill Downs, worked a half-mile in :48.80 (52/167) Saturday to the inside of Secured Lender over the Spa main track. The Chad Brown runner is expected to start in next Saturday's GI Whitney Stakes, a 'Win and You're In' race for the GI Breeders' Classic in November at Del Mar.

"He worked super. It was just maintenance," Brown said. "He's bounced out of the Stephen Foster race in good order, and he was moving great through the lane."

The \$2.3 million Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Yearling Sale purchase will face a Whitney field expected to include some of the top older horses in the country with fellow **'Rising Stars' Fierceness (City of Light)**, **Mindframe (Constitution)** along with **White Abarrio (Race Day)**, **SkippyLongstocking (Exaggerator)**, **Post Time (Frosted)**, **Highland Falls (Curlin)**, **Gould's Gold (Goldencents)** and **Mama's Gold (Bolt d'Oro)** all possible.

Brown said he is not too concerned just yet about where his horse ranks in terms of year-end honors, but feels Sierra Leone is in good order as he looks for his first win at the Spa.

"It's early in the season still and a lot of racing to go," Brown said. "The horse is the reigning 3-year-old champion and he's coming off a very nice race. I'm happy with how he's training and that's all that really matters to me at the moment."

Godolphin's homebred Highland Falls also turned in his final work for the Whitney when covering five furlongs in 1:01.55 (3/13) solo over the Saratoga Race Course main track on Saturday.

Trained by dual Eclipse Award-winner Brad Cox, the 5-year-old worked in his usual blinkers with Luis Saez up.

The work was supervised by Blake Cox, the son of and assistant to Brad who said the team was pleased with what they saw from Highland Falls.

"He was good. He went five-eighths from the half and went nice and smooth, letting him quicken down the lane," Cox said. "He looked very happy and it was a good work. He's a good enough work horse on his own, so we just figured we'd go solo this week."

Highland Falls returns to the scene of his best performance to date, a four-length romp in last year's GI Jockey Club Gold Cup that equaled a career-best 104 Beyer Speed Figure.

"He's doing great and obviously, he had a good year here last year, so I think he likes this place," Cox said. "I think he's very similar to last year – we liked him a lot going into the Jockey Club and he's a more seasoned horse now. There's some very good horses in there, but hopefully he can get a piece of it."

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EXCESSIVE HEAT CANCELS SUNDAY AND MONDAY RACING AT ELLIS PARK

Ellis Park has canceled their Sunday and Monday race cards citing forecasted excessive heat in the Henderson, KY area. In a statement, the track said, "Due to forecasted extreme heat, Ellis Park has canceled live racing Sunday and Monday. Sunday's full card has been rescheduled for this Friday, Aug. 1, while Monday's races will be offered back as extras and an additional day of racing will be added Friday, Aug. 8."


Heat index values are forecasted to top 106 degrees both days and the area is under a Heat Advisory for Sunday and an Excessive Heat Watch for Monday.

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

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




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

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

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-Workshop Manor Stud, 2-T. de La Heronniere & Gestut Zur Kuste AG, 3-Anastasia 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

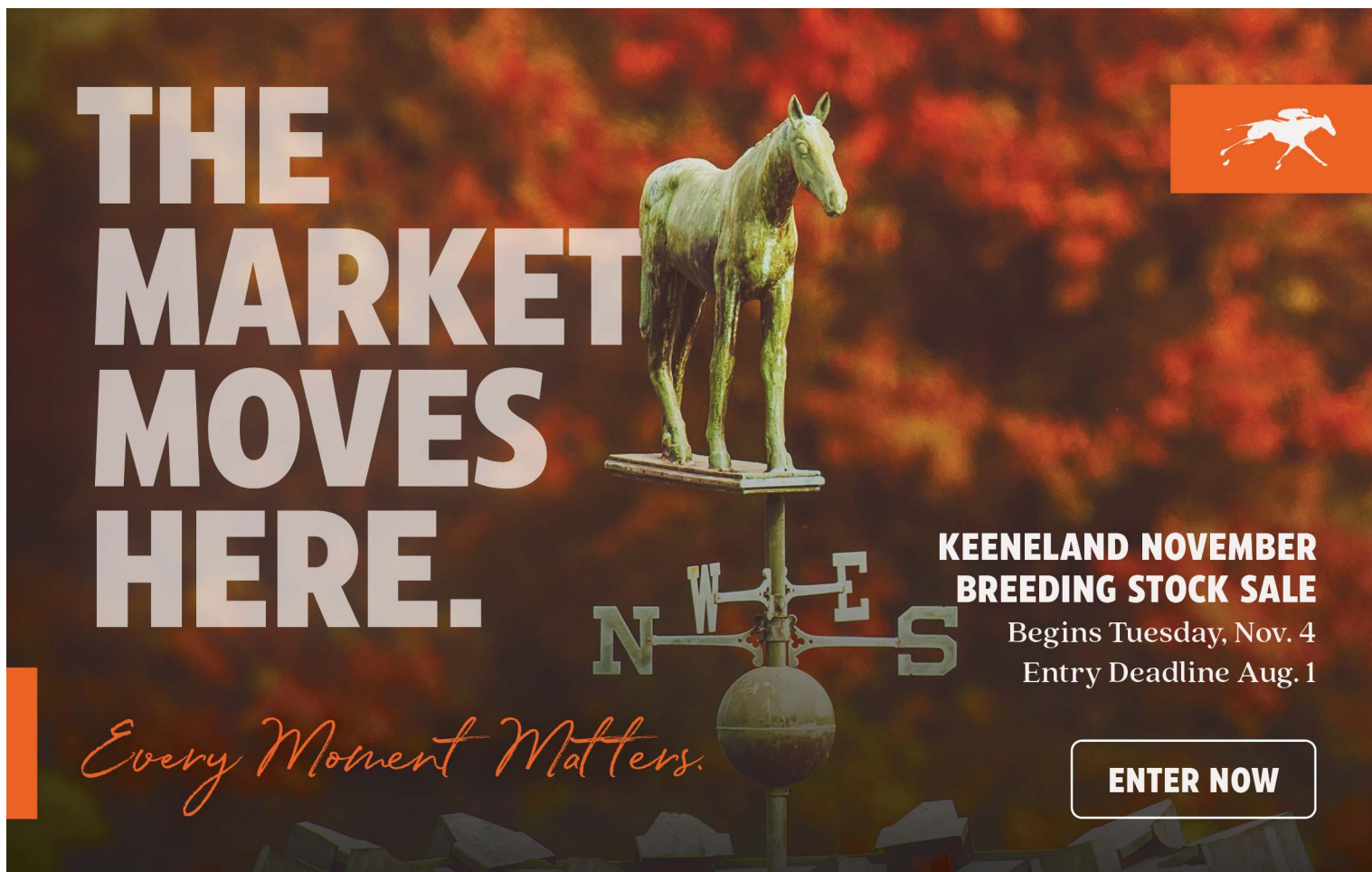


Friday, Saratoga #7, post time: 4:36 p.m. EDT

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING HALL OF FAME S.-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mi Bago	Vekoma	Gary Barber	Casse	Ortiz, Jr.	122
2	Luther (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Paul Hickman and Nicholas Jones	Fellowes	Rosario	120
3	Tiz Dashing	Tiz the Law	Sackatoga Stable	Tagg	Castellano	120
4	Maui Strong	Kitten's Joy	West Point Thoroughbreds, Blue Devil Racing Stable and Edwin S.Barker	Romans	Alvarado	120
5	Clever Again 🍀	American Pharoah	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor and Derrick Smith	Asmussen	Ortiz	122
6	Out On Bail	Tiz the Law	Case Chambers, Paradise Farms & David Staudacher	Maker	Velazquez	120
7	Zulu Kingdom (Ire)	Ten Sovereigns (Ire)	Madaket Stables LLC, Michael Dubb, William Strauss and Michael J. Caruso	Brown	Prat	124
8	Tank	Adios Charlie	Arindel	David	Saez	122
9	McAfee 🍀	Cloud Computing	Black Type Thoroughbreds, Swinbank Stables LLC, Judy B. Hicks and Scott C. Rice	Dutrow, Jr.	Rider TBA	124

Breeders: 1-Highclere, Inc., 2-Coln Valley Stud, 3-Camas Park Stud, 4-Blue Devil Racing Stable, LLC, 5-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 6-Matthew Nestor, 7-Ecurie Peregrine SAS, 8-Arindel, 9-Judy Hicks



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Brant | Benoit Photo

Brant (c, 2, **Gun Runner**--Tynan, by **Liam's Map**), the record-setting \$3-million OBS March breezer, lived up to the hype for Hall of Famer Bob Baffert with a spectacular '**TDN Rising Star**' performance on debut at Del Mar Saturday.

The 4-5 choice sat the trip in third through an opening quarter in :21.56, revved up three deep at the top of the stretch and leveled off with powerful strides to win going away by 5 1/4 lengths. **Civil Liberty** (**Independence Hall**) was second. The final time for 5 1/2 furlongs was a sharp 1:02.63.

Brant becomes the 20th '**Rising Star**' for leading young stallion **Gun Runner**. Brant's two-time winning dam Tynan, a half-sister to GSW and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up Pappacap (**Gun Runner**), had a filly by **Candy Ride** (**Arg**) in 2024 and a colt by Bolt d'Oro this year. Tynan was a \$225,000 KEESep yearling purchase by Brant's breeder PTk.

A \$200,000 KEESep yearling purchase by St. Clair Stables, Brant brought a record-setting \$3 million from Amr Zedan after powering through a :9 3/5 breeze from the Eddie Woods consignment at OBS March. The previous record for a horse sold at OBS was the \$2.45 million paid by agent John Moynihan on behalf of Coolmore for a Tiznow colt at the April sale in 2017.

Zedan and Baffert also campaigned **Gun Runner**'s three-time GISW and '**Rising Star**' Taiba.



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NEW TDN RISING STAR

4th-Del Mar, \$82,000, Msw, 7-26, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:02.63, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

BRANT, c, 2, by **Gun Runner**

1st Dam: Tynan, by **Liam's Map**

2nd Dam: Pappascap, by Scat Daddy

3rd Dam: Redmeansgo, by Red Ransom

Sales history: \$200,000 Ylg '24 KEESep; \$3,000,000 2yo '25 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$48,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart and VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. Click for the free Equineline.com catalog-style pedigree.**

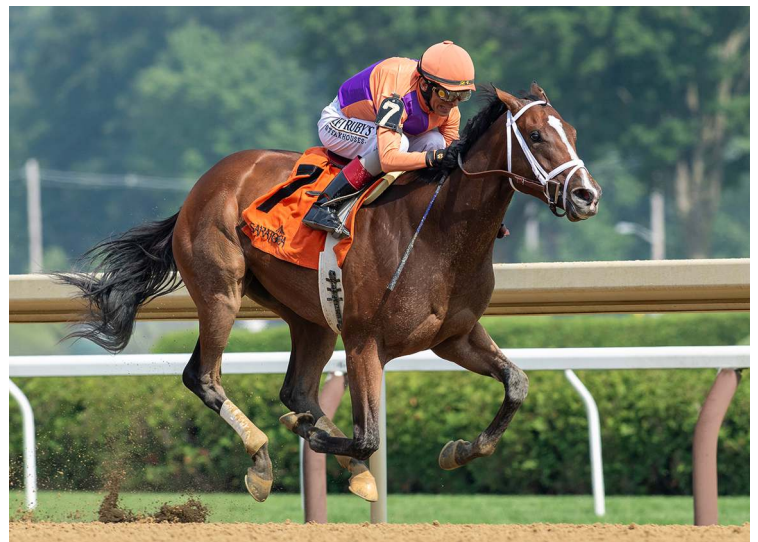
O-Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.; B-PTK, LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert.



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TOMMY JO A NEW 'RISING STAR' FOR INTO MISCHIEF AT SARATOGA



Tommy Jo | Sarah Andrew

Tommy Jo (f, 2, Into Mischief--Mother Mother, by Pioneerof the Nile) became the 53rd '**TDN Rising Star**' for her out-of-this-world stallion Into Mischief with a powerful performance on debut at Saratoga Saturday.

Off as the 2-1 second choice, the Spendthrift Farm homebred was ridden along in fifth, hit the gas with a flashy, sweeping move on the far turn, opened daylight in the stretch and was hand ridden by John Velazquez to a facile 3 3/4-length victory over **Tennessee Belle** (Yaupon).

7th-Saratoga, cont.

Tommy Jo's final time of 1:11.24 for six furlongs was faster than the 2-year-old male equivalent earlier on the program, won by \$950,000 OBS March graduate Soldier N Diplomat (**Army Mule**), who stopped the timer for the same distance in 1:11.87.

Tommy Jo's dam Mother Mother, a fellow '**Rising Star**' after a runaway debut win for Bob Baffert at Del Mar in the summer of 2018, was a two-time stakes winner and also hit the board in a trio of Grade I events. She brought \$1.8 million from Spendthrift Farm at the 2020 FTKNOV sale. She was bred to Vekoma for 2026. Mother Mother is a half-sister to longshot GI Kentucky Derby runner-up Commanding Curve (Master Command).

Tommy Jo is bred on the same Into Mischief x Empire Maker cross as GI Kentucky Derby winner **Mandaloun**, G1 Dubai World Cup winner Laurel River and the ill-fated, three-for-three multiple stakes winner Taraz. Both **Mandaloun** and Taraz were tabbed as '**TDN Rising Stars**.'



Tommy Jo | Sarah Andrew

“Some of us were discussing what we saw in her back in Ocala when she was being broken and her early breezes there,” Toffey said. “She was one that gave some sore backs to the exercise riders down there. She’s been really forward and always wanting to do more right from the very beginning. They don’t all telegraph it that way but she certainly tipped her hand from an early stage. You just never know because there are so many factors. They have to deal with the crowd, deal with the gate with a bunch of other horses in there. You never know they’re going to handle things on race day. And it’s Saratoga. Everybody has a horse they are excited about. We certainly have felt like she is a very, very nice filly. We were cautiously optimistic that she would run well. I would say she exceeded expectations.”

Ridden by John Velazquez and the second choice in the wagering at 2-1, Tommy Jo stalked the early pace set by race favorite **Vajra** (Vekoma). Vajra, who stumbled at the start, was done in mid-stretch while Tommy Jo coasted right on by for a 3/4-length win. The running time was 1:11.24. Five races earlier, a maiden for two-year-old colts was won in 1:11.87.

Pletcher said afterward that he would likely point Tommy Jo to the GI Spinaway S. on August 30.

Toffey said the filly was named for the granddaughter of Spendthrift owners Eric and Tammy Gustavson. The two-legged Tommy Jo has yet to celebrate her first birthday.

The four-legged Tommy Jo is a Spendthrift product through and through. She is by the farm’s star stallion Into Mischief (Harland’s Holiday) out of a Spendthrift-owned mare Mother Mother (Pioneerof the Nile). Mother Mother was purchased by Spendthrift at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton November sale for \$1.8 million. Tommy Jo is her second foal to make it to the races and her first winner.

NEW
TDN RISING STAR

7th-Saratoga, \$100,000, Msw, 7-26, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.24, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

TOMMY JO, f, 2, by Into Mischief

1st Dam: Mother Mother (MSW & MGISP, \$430,061), by Pioneerof the Nile

2nd Dam: Mother, by Lion Hearted

3rd Dam: Proper Lassie, by Topsider

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/B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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Spendthrift Homebred Romps In Saratoga Maiden

by Bill Finley

Ned Toffey, the general manager of Spendthrift Farm, was confident going into Saturday’s seventh race at Saratoga. The Spendthrift homebred **Tommy Jo** (Into Mischief) had been training lights out for Todd Pletcher and the entire team was expecting a big effort. They got something more.

“For me, that’s makes it way more rewarding,” Toffey said. “Obviously we want to win more than a maiden but when you do well with a homebred that’s the most special part of all of this. We try very hard to raise a good horse and put a lot into it. As we all know, it’s not an easy game, start to finish. When you get one who really has talent it’s very gratifying.”

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Sarah Andrew



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Sunday, July 27, 2025

Saratoga 3, \$100k, 2yo, 1mT, 2:18 p.m.

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price (\$)	Breeze
Tapit's Legacy (Tapit)-MTO	OBSMAR	550,000	:10

C-de Meric Sales, agent; B-Spendthrift Farm & Epic Racing

Del Mar 5, \$80k, 2yo, 1mT, 7:00 p.m.

Born to Rock (Rock Your World)	OBSMAR	90,000	:10 1/5
<i>C-Really and Truly Thoroughbreds, agt; B-Michael Warnick</i>			
Huber (Omaha Beach)	OBSAPR	700,000	:10
<i>C-Eddie Woods, agent; B-Three Amigos</i>			

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SUMMER BREEZES:
Expensive Omaha Beach Colt Debuts Long on Turf



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



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

FLEET TREAT S., \$152,000, Del Mar, 7-25, (S), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23.23, ft.

1--**OM N JOY**, 124, f, 3, by Om

1st Dam: Margie's Minute, by **Hard Spun**

2nd Dam: Halo Miss America, by Jolie's Halo

3rd Dam: Heart of America, by Northern Jove

O-Connie S Baker, Jerry Baker, Michael Golovko & Terrence J Scanlan; B-Jerry & Connie Baker (CA); T-Aggie Ordonez; J-Kent J Desormeaux. \$85,500. Lifetime Record: 11-4-0-4, \$311,140.

2--**Hot Girl Walk**, 124, f, 3, Bodexpress--Awesome Mama, by Awesome Again. O-Richard Barton; B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA); T-Carla Gaines. \$28,500.

Fleet Treat S. cont.

3--**Lady Mendelssohn**, 120, f, 3, **Mendelssohn**--Ringmistress, by Bandini. (\$160,000 Ylg '23 FTCAZR). O-Out of the Blue Stables; B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA); T-Carla Gaines. \$18,000.

Margins: 4 1/4, 1HF, NK. Odds: 2.80, 20.20, 10.60.

Also Ran: In the Air Tonight, Going Deep, Fibonacci Ride, Hurricane Layla, Cooling Off, Ellen Jorth, Drink This Cup.

Scratched: Sunset Grazen, Young Love.



Om N Joy | Benoit

Om N Joy, one of the more whimsically named horses in training, required eight starts to break her maiden, but it's been nothing but blue skies since as she recorded her third consecutive black-type victory in Friday's Fleet Treat Stakes at Del Mar.

The second betting choice while looking to add this to the 6 1/2-furlong Evening Jewel Stakes Apr. 5 and the May 24 Melair Stakes going two turns, Om N Joy was beaten for speed and settled in mid-division before pinching ground at the fence into the final three furlongs. Pulled off the fence by Kent Desormeaux approaching the stretch, she easily claimed longshot leader Hurricane Layla (I'll Have Another) and was ridden out to score as 'mounds' the best.

Om N Joy is the lone stakes winner for her sire (by **Munnings**), a two-time graded winner going long on the grass, but whose maiden victory sprinting over the Del Mar synthetic in the summer of 2014 came at the expense of future Triple Crown winner **American Pharoah**, fifth as the 7-5 chalk on his racecourse debut. The winner is kin to the 2-year-old colt Hot Hot Heat (Conquest Farenheit) and a colt foal by Midnight Storm. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

REIGH COUNT S., \$103,600, Colonial Downs, 7-26, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:21.01, ft.

1--**PATRIOT SPIRIT**, 122, c, 4, **Constitution**--**Mistical Plan (GISW, \$816,790)**, by **Game Plan**. (\$95,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$235,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR). O-Mellon Patch Inc; B-Blue Heaven Farm (KY); T-Michael B Campbell; J-Mychel J Sanchez. \$60,000.

Lifetime Record: 14-5-2-1, \$421,210.

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2--**Inveigled**, 122, g, 4, Enticed--Kitty Quality, by **Quality Road**. (\$35,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$52,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN). O-Mark B Grier; B-St Simon Place LLC (IN); T-Jane Cibelli. \$20,000.

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3--**Celtic Contender**, 122, c, 4, Irish War Cry--Celtic Katie, by Posse. O-Lewis Family Racing Stable; B-Fred T Lewis (MD); T-Hamilton A Smith. \$11,000.

Margins: 4, HF, HF. Odds: 0.80, 4.50, 8.50.

Also Ran: Bouncer, Worcester, Kavod, O'Conner Sunset, My Handsome Man.

Winner of the Inaugural Stakes at two and last year's Illinois Derby, Patriot Spirit snapped a five-race skid with a comfortable victory in the Reigh Count Stakes.

Sent along by Mychel Sanchez, the odds-on favorite argued the pace outside of Celtic Contender through an opening quarter in :22.67 and was sent to the front fully three furlongs from home. Firmly in front at the top of the lane, he never felt the sting of the crop in the late stages to win as much the best.



Patriot Spirit | Coady Media

Unplaced in his final two starts of 24, Patriot Spirit was narrowly defeated in the one-mile Fifth Season Stakes at Oaklawn Jan. 25 ahead of a low-odds fourth in the GIII Essex Handicap Mar. 22. He led into the final furlong of the May 3 **Knicks Go** Stakes at Churchill, but was run down in the dying strides by the talented Liberal Arts (Arrogate). **Cont. p5**



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Reigh Count S. cont.

Patriot Spirit is one of seven winners from eight to race out of his GI Princess Rooney Handicap-winning dam, whose last listed produce is the 2-year-old colt Builder's Remedy (**Liam's Map**).

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DAISYCUTTER H., \$120,500, Del Mar, 7-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.88, fm.

1--**PUSHINESS, 120, f, 4, Kantharos--Imperial Pippin (SP-Can, MSP-Eng, \$113,514), by Empire Maker.** (\$115,000 Ylg '22 FTCAJR). O-Repole Stable; B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA); T-Michael W McCarthy; J-Juan J Hernandez. \$78,000. Lifetime Record: 11-5-3-2, \$386,426.

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2--**Uncorked (Aus)**, 121, m, 6, Pierra (Aus)--Piaf (Nz), by Ifrraaj (GB). (130,000 Ylg '21 MMGYRL; \$385,000 RNA 5yo '24 FTKNOV). O-The Elkstone Group LLC (Stuart Grant); B-Mr A Galbraith (AUS); T-Philip D'Amato. \$20,000.

3--**Visually**, 119, f, 4, Enticed--Eye Candy Annie, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. (\$15,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$23,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$20,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). O-California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing LLC, Fick Brothers Racing Inc & George P Monty; B-ThoroughBred by Design LLC (KY); T-Librado Barocio. \$12,000.

Margins: NO, 3/4, HF. Odds: 2.30, 4.90, 64.10.

Also Ran: Imaboutago (Ire), Lovin' On the Run, Granny Budgie (GB), Ang N Ash, Schilflied, Chismosa, Spicybug.



Pushiness (inside) | Benoit

Repole Stable's Pushiness played up in the stalls just prior to the start of Saturday's Daisycutter Handicap at Del Mar, but she had her mind on the task at hand once sent on their way and got home in the nick of time.

Last into the machine before getting a bit toey in the stalls, Pushiness left there running and crossed down onto the fence to set the pace beneath Juan Hernandez. Going great guns around the turn and into the stretch, Cal-bred looked as if she was going to win with a bit in hand, but Uncorked got untracked and steamed down the center of the course to be in the photo. Visually came up the inside for third.

Winner of the CTBA Stakes on the dirt here two summers ago and last year's Fleet Treat Stakes, Pushiness had two runs under her belt this season, a strong second after making the majority of the pace in the Mar. 16 Irish O'Brien Stakes down the hill at Santa Anita and a runner-up effort in an open second-level allowance over the flat-course six furlongs Apr. 18.

Richard Barton Enterprises purchased the MSP Imperial Pippin, a daughter of GSW Apple of Kent (Kris S.), for \$16,000 with this filly in utero at the 2020 Keeneland November Sale. From the family of GISW Latent Heat (Maria's Mon) and GSW Indian Flare (Cherokee Run), Pushiness is a half-sister to the 2-year-old filly La Silenciosa (Known Agenda) and a yearling filly by Bodexpress. Her dam was most recently bred to Arabian Lion.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Saratoga, \$120,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 7-26, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50.48, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

FILM STAR (h, 6, Flatter--Rebelle, by Hard Spun) finished a length behind G1SP Bendoog (**Gun Runner**) two starts back at Belmont at Aqueduct May 4, then turned in a bit of a lackluster effort finishing a well-beaten fourth over course and distance June 5. Taking advantage of a poor beginning from 1-2 favorite Arthur's Ride (**Tapit**), the 6-year-old was hustled out of the gate early by Jose Ortiz, taking command heading into the first turn and setting early fractions of :23.70 and 47.43. Approaching the far turn, Big Blue Line (Atreides) became a threat to the pacesetter, but Film Star found another gear, opening up once again and striding clear to win by just under four lengths. Last year's GI Whitney Stakes hero Arthur's Ride, making his first start since finishing down the field in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, sat an inside trip and stayed on at one pace to finish third, 8 1/4 lengths behind the winner.

4th-Saratoga, cont.

Rebelle is a half-sister to MGSW Kid Cruz (Lemon Drop Kid) and MGSW Three Witches (Into Mischief). She's also a half-sister to GSW Spellbound (Bernardini), who produced MGSW Soothsayer (Distorted Humor). The winner's dam most recently produced a colt by **Elite Power** foaled this past season. Sales History: \$300,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 28-7-7-3, \$691,951. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Ronald P. Stewart; B-Indian Creek & Mill Pond Bloodstock (KY); T-Linda Rice.

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Film Star | Sarah Andrew

4th-Colonial Downs, \$77,200, Alw (C), Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 7-26, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:41.24, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

BARTLETT (g, 4, Not This Time--Brilliant Sunshine {MSP, \$185,550}, by Smarty Jones) remained perfect in four tries in dirt routes with a decisive victory over a classy group. Sent off at even money exiting a state-bred allowance romp at Penn National June 27, the chestnut was pushed along by Real Macho (Mucho Macho Man), but shook loose in upper stretch and stayed on nicely for an easy victory. Reigning Uruguayan Horse of the Year and Triple Crown winner Suablenanav Th (Uru) (T. H. Approval) cabooseed the field into the lane and showed some late interest to finish fourth, beaten 9 1/2 lengths. Bartlett is a half-brother to Precious (Fed Biz), MSW, \$301,250; and Pachelbel (Hoppertunity), MSP, \$475,370. Lifetime Record: 10-6-0-1, \$231,380. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Newell Thoroughbreds (PA); T-John C Servis.



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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

2nd-Saratoga, \$100,000, Msw, 7-26, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.87, ft, neck. **SOLDIER N DIPLOMAT (c, 2, Army Mule--Diplomatic Miss, by Violence)** had his fair share of admirers at this year's OBS March Sale, ultimately hammering to St. Elias for \$950,000 after gliding over the synthetic track in :10 flat during his under-tack preview. Having logged five breezes at Keeneland at the back end of the spring, he trained forwardly once transferred to the Spa in late June and was duly dispatched as the 9-10 chalk in a field of eight first-time starters. Off only fairly from his low gate, the Feb. 15 foal was hustled along and settled in a stalking third as Vino Vici (Vino Rosso) made play through an opening quarter in :22.19. Tracking the leading pair around the turn, Soldier N Diplomat confronted Vino Vici approaching the eighth pole, edged clear and found the wire narrowly best. Accost (**Maclean's Music**) was one of the first to break the line, sat a midfield trip and was getting to the winner at the finish. St. Elias campaigned **Army Mule**, himself an \$825,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic juvenile, to three wins from as many starts, capped by a victory in the GI Carter Handicap (114 Beyer). Machmer Hall purchased Diplomatic Miss, a daughter of four-time graded winner and four-times Grade I-placed Miraculous Miss (Mr. Greeley), for just \$45,000 at the 2019 Keeneland January Sale. **Cont. p7**

2nd-Saratoga, cont.

The mare is also represented by a yearling Authentic filly that has been entered for Keeneland September. Sales history: \$950,000 2yo '25 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$55,000.

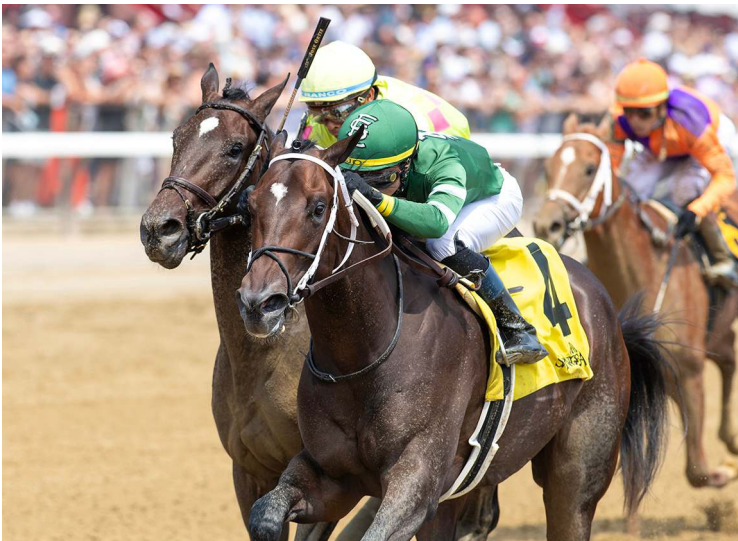
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O-St Elias Stable; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen.


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Soldier N Diplomat | Sarah Andrew

Saratoga Maidens

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Winning Always a Thrill, Be It the Stanley Cup Or a Race at Saratoga *By Tim Wilkin*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – As the 2-year-old colt **Soldier N Diplomat** (**Army Mule**) was charging down the stretch at Saratoga Race Course Saturday afternoon, his owner, Vinnie Viola, up in his clubhouse box, was eyeballing him and the finish line at the same time.

“I was holding my breath the whole way down,” Viola said.

Soldier N Diplomat had to hold off a late charge by **Accost** (MacLean’s Music) to win the second race, a \$100,000 maiden special event weight for 2-year-olds. At the end of the six furlongs, Soldier N Diplomat, trained by Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen, had won the race by a neck.

Viola owns St. Elias Stable with his wife Teresa. He is no stranger to success in sports. Last month, the Florida Panthers, owned by Viola, won their second straight Stanley Cup, beating the Edmonton Oilers in six games.

If Soldier N Diplomat’s rousing victory in his first start reminded Viola of Panthers star Sam Bennett scoring a breakaway goal, he wasn’t saying. But the rush of victory at the Spa in front of a packed house was just as sweet to Viola as a Panther victory at a sold-out Amerant Bank Arena in Sunrise, FL.

“The physical sensation is a little different,” Viola said in the winner’s circle. “When you win a horse race, you kind of get to exhale. When the hockey game is over, you inhale.”

Ridden by Jose Ortiz, Soldier N Diplomat began separating himself in deep stretch and Viola began feeling good. Then, Accost and jockey Manny Franco began to rally for trainer Chad Brown and the result was certainly in doubt.

“When he took the lead around the sixteenth pole, I started to lean in, thinking he was going to widen,” Viola said. “When I saw the other horse coming, I started to lean back ...”

No worries, Ortiz had it the whole way.

Viola paid \$950,000 for the colt and a major reason he did it was on the advice of ace bloodstock agent Steve Young. **Army Mule**, who Viola also campaigned, carries a soft spot in the owner’s heart. He ranks him at the top of the list of horses he has owned even though he only raced three times.

He won them all by a combined margin of 22 1/4 lengths, the last being a 61/4-length win in the GI Carter Handicap in April of 2018. He was retired late that year because of a knee injury, one that cost him most of his 2-year-old season.

Young found Soldier N Diplomat at this year’s OBS March Sale.

“Steve called me and said, ‘Vin, this is a stamp of **Army Mule**,’” Viola said. “We looked at him and thought he looked just like his dad.” **Cont. p8**



Vinnie Viola | Sarah Andrew

Saratoga Maidens--Soldier N Diplomat cont.

All eight of the runners in the race were making their career debuts.

Soldier N Diplomat had showed promise in the mornings and Ortiz had worked him. Mornings and afternoons are two different things.

“He relaxed well, which helped us a lot and he punched home nicely,” Ortiz said. “They are babies, you never know. Sometimes, they work good in the morning, but you never know until you get out here.”

Soldier N Diplomat ran the six furlongs in 1:11.87 and paid \$3.90, \$2.80 and \$2.10.

“He has trained terrific,” Young said. “He is one those horses that trains with such action and mechanics that shows he has got more in the tank.”

Viola wasn’t sure what is next for his budding star, but the GI Hopeful Stakes at the end of the Saratoga meet was heard in the winner’s circle.

Viola said he has a “few more” Army Mules in his possession, but Soldier N Diplomat is his best.

“This is just a real blessing,” Viola, who probably said the same thing at the end of the NHL playoffs, said as the Saratoga winner’s circle emptied out.

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5th-Ellis, \$100,000, Msw, 7-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17.75, ft, 1 length.

CONTRARY (f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Antithesis, by Tapit), an 8-1 chance on the morning line, was allowed to drift up to 20-1 at the off and was along in time in this belated racetrack debut. Steadied lightly on a couple of occasions shortly after the start, the homebred raced in midpack as Edgar Morales allowed her to find her rhythm. Beginning to warm up to the task three furlongs from home, the gray filly appeared to come off the bridle for a stride or two nearing the lane, but she jumped back into the bit when steered out in the lane and outfinished the comebacking Quick to Charm (Goldencents) by a length. Contrary is out of an unraced daughter of Love Style (Mr. Prospector), who produced dam Anthesis's stakes-winning full-sister Lovestruck, but also the late and tremendously influential MGISW Scat Daddy (Johannesburg); SW Grand Daddy (Johannesburg); and GSW/GISP Antipathy (A.P. Indy). The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister named Dame Laura (Munnings) and Antithesis was most recently bred to Nyquist. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$59,097. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brendan P Walsh.

6th-Ellis, \$95,060, Msw, 7-26, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.87, fm, 5 lengths.

Z Z'S (f, 2, McKinzie--Zarmant, by Tapizar), off at 5-2 in her debut run sprinting over the Ellis Park turf, sped out to the front and never gave them a chance. After blazing through early fractions in :21.04 and :43.92 from the inside, she aired by five lengths as favored Second City Saint (Raging Bull {Fr}) nosed out Triskelion (Leinster). The final time for the 5 1/2 furlongs was 1:01.87. Z Z's unraced dam is a daughter of MGISW Tout Charmant (Slewvescent) and has a yearling colt by Corniche, who brought \$185,000 from Top Notch Bloodstock at this year's Keeneland January sale, as well as an Apr. 18-foaled Cyberknife filly. She was bred back to Gun Pilot for next term. Sales History: \$185,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$59,097.

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O-Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck) and Andrew Rosen; B-Willow Oaks Stable (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

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6th-Woodbine, C\$87,558, Msw, 7-26, 2yo, f, 6ft, 1:09.57, fm, 2 lengths.

SWEET FUSION (f, 2, Connect--Silent Treat {MSW, \$419,646}, by Silent Name {Jpn}), a second-generation homebred for Stablemates, delivered first time out after settling midpack behind Twist of Sugar (Cupid)'s :22.47 and :45.62 fractions. A sixteenth from home, Twist of Sugar was still in front as Sweet Fusion split horses and rallied right past her to prevail by two lengths at 9-1. Piper's Gift (Yorkton) closed from the outside to nab second. Stablemates bought Sweet Fusion's granddam, Crumpet (Bold n' Flashy), as a 2-year-old in training at the CTHS sale in 2000 for \$45,366 and campaigned both her and her daughter Silent Treat--Sweet Fusion's dam--to black-type wins. Silent Treat has a yearling colt named Buddha's Delight (Temple City). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$39,672. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**
O/B-Stablemates (ON); T-Mark E. Casse.

7th-Del Mar, \$82,000, Msw, 7-26, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:38.39, fm, 3/4 length.

SOARING ANGEL (f, 2, Knicks Go--Cuyathy {SP, \$107,923}, by Congrats), a half-sister to the GI Fourstardave S.-bound Johannes (Nyquist), GISW, \$1,153,859, became the fourth winner for her freshman sire (by Paynter) on debut here. Let go at a generous 6-1, she stalked the early leader from second. She gained command approaching the top of the stretch, kicked for home as the one to catch and held safe by 3/4 of a length over the favored Got the Ring (Liam's Map), who rallied impressively from eighth after hopping at the start. The winner's dam is also responsible for Sea Dancer (Mastery), MSW, \$275,595; and a Maxfield colt of this year. Cuyathy was bred back to Nyquist. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$48,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**
O/B-Cuyathy, LLC (KY); T-Tim Yakteen.

 **Brookdale** Foaled and Raised for Cuyathy LLC 

7th-Woodbine, C\$81,538, Msw, 7-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.88, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

BILES (IRE) (f, 4, Night of Thunder {Ire}--Ellthea {Ire} {GSW-Ire, SP-Fr, \$122,529}, by Kodiak {GB}), making just her second career start despite her age, left the stalls as the 2-1 choice. She broke smartly, showed the way through :22.64 and :45.59 quarters while under an early hold, lengthened her stride at the top of the lane, and held sway to win by 1 1/4 lengths over Ginger Zip (Ghostzapper). Her lone previous outing was a troubled, heels-clipping trip over Woodbine's grass course June 8. Biles has an unraced 2-year-old half-brother named Quality Start (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}) and a yearling half-sister by Blue Point (Ire).

The juvenile sold at Arqana August as a yearling for €150,000 to Chauvigny Global Equine and the yearling was a €60,000 RNA at last year's Goffs November foal sale. Sales History: 150,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; 450,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$35,789. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**
O-NK Racing and LNJ Foxwoods; B-Castle Farm Stud (IRE); T-Josie Carroll.

3rd-Colonial Downs, \$70,100, Msw, 7-26, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:03.99, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.

FOND OF YOU (f, 2, Street Sense--Hallie Belle {MSW & GSP, \$210,464}, by Medaglia d'Oro) broke alertly from her inside post, slightly heading a contentious group of three other quick rivals approaching the far turn. Continuing to show the way, the 4-1 shot put a length on the rest of the field at the top of the stretch, and began to extend that margin through the lane, which grew to 5 1/2 lengths in the end. Athenix (Good Magic) held on for second. Fond of You is a half-sister to GSP Maycocks Bay (Speightstown), \$179,020. A daughter of French Group 3 winner Charity Belle (Empire Maker), Hallie Belle is a half-sister to MGSW Alms (City Zip) and Runnin N Gunnin (Gun Runner), third in this year's GII Fantasy Stakes. She foaled a full-sister to the winner this past season and was bred back to Nyquist for her 2026 foal. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**
O/B-Godolphin, LLC; T-Michael Stidham.

Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate

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**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SUNDAY, JULY 27***2025 Stud Fees Listed***Basin (Liam's Map)**, Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

63 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Gulfstream, 2:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Mystical Belle, 7-5
 \$270,000 OBS MAR 2yo

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

114 foals of racing age/4 winners/2 black-type winners
 4-Woodbine, 2:37 p.m. EDT, Msw 6fT, Found Money, 20-1
 CAN\$9,000 CAN SEP yrl
 5-Monmouth, 2:46 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, L'Eclair, 10-1
 \$32,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$95,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; \$50,000 EAS
 MAY 2yo

Combatant (Scat Daddy), Rockridge Stud

43 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Hawthorne, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Boom Boom Bell, 9-2
 \$3,200 KEE SEP yrl

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

119 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 3-Saratoga, 2:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Royal Guard, 9-2
 \$160,000 KEE SEP yrl

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

45 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Del Mar, 7:03 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Sleeper Sullivan, 8-1

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

121 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Canterbury, 4:22 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Perfect Gamble, 10-1
 \$10,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$25,000 MNS AUG yrl

Knicks Go (Paynter), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500

116 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Canterbury, 4:22 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Knick's Honor, 8-1
 \$14,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$15,000 OBS APR 2yo

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

116 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Monmouth, 2:46 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Senga, 8-1
 \$75,000 FTK OCT yrl

Modernist (Uncle Mo), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000

87 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Hawthorne, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Last Candy, 8-1
 4-Woodbine, 2:37 p.m. EDT, Msw 6fT, Thundermaker, 8-1
 \$150,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 FTK OCT yrl

Raging Bull (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000

88 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Monmouth, 2:46 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Natures Fury, 10-1
 \$25,000 KEE SEP yrl

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

145 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Del Mar, 7:03 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Born to Rock, 5-1
 \$17,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$90,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Rushie (Liam's Map), Blue Star Racing

15 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Gulfstream, 2:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Soda, 6-1
 \$4,000 OBS WIN yrl; \$20,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$45,000 OBS APR 2yo

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

126 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Hawthorne, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, She's Tops, 6-1
 \$47,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$42,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$25,000 OBS APR
 2yo

Waiting (American Pharoah), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views
Stallions, \$2,500

12 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 7-Monmouth, 3:44 p.m. EDT, \$100K Colleen S., 5fT, Nacho
 Problem, 15-1

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

174 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Ellis, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Rare Eclipse, 15-1
 \$90,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$60,000 EAS MAY 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SUNDAY, JULY 27*2025 Stud Fees Listed***Authentic (Into Mischief)**, Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000

295 foals of racing age/53 winners/4 black-type winners
 4-Gulfstream, 2:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Authentic Wave, 15-1
 \$19,000 KEE SEP yrl
 1-Hawthorne, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Great Owl, 7-2

Curlin's Honor (Curlin), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$2,500
70 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Monmouth, 2:46 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Ez Yours, 12-1
\$14,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl

Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$20,000
202 foals of racing age/32 winners/4 black-type winners
8-Ellis, 4:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Zafari, 6-1
\$190,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Romanised (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot, \$7,000
172 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Ellis, 2:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Immortalised (Fr), 4-1
€37,000 ARQ DEN wnl

Tiz the Law (Constitution), Coolmore Ashford, \$30,000
248 foals of racing age/50 winners/6 black-type winners
1-Hawthorne, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Tiz China, 2-1

Vekoma (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000
288 foals of racing age/89 winners/12 black-type winners
12-Prairie Meadows, 9:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Say I Do Sadie, 9-2
\$60,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$40,000 KEE SEP yrl



STAKES RESULTS:

LOVE SIGN S., \$102,400, Colonial Downs, 7-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.25, ft.

1--**ALANI, 122, f, 4, Competitive Edge--Tri Delt Girl, by Sefapiano. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (\$24,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$19,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$57,000 2yo '23 EASMAY). O-Hardesty Stables & Michael R Day; B-Patricia Ziefle (KY); T-Michael M Moore; J-Andy Hernandez. \$60,000.

Lifetime Record: 14-5-6-1, \$280,995. *1/2 to The Gomper (**Sky Mesa**), GSP, \$157,691.

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2--**Happy Clouds, 122, m, 5, Paynter--Two to One, by Yesbyjimminy.** (\$2,200 2yo '22 KEEJAN). O-Timothy Freitag; B-Robert B Tillyer & Dr Chet Blackey & Sebastien Murat (KY); T-Ryan A Gillespie. \$20,000.

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3--**Admiral Hopper, 122, m, 7, Field Commission--Flower Class, by Stormy Atlantic.** (\$15,000 6yo '24 KEENOV). O-Stonebase LLC; B-Krista & Edward Seltzer (FL); T-Justin J Nixon. \$11,000.

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Margins: 1 3/4, HF, NK. Odds: 2.10, 17.80, 11.00.

MISS GRACIE S., \$75,000, Gulfstream, 7-26, 3yo, f, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:40.49, ft.

1--**SCARLET SANDS, 120, f, 3, by Omaha Beach**

1st Dam: Scarlet Love, by Not For Love

2nd Dam: Scarlet Tango, by French Deputy

3rd Dam: Silver Tango, by Silver Badge

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (\$230,000 Ylg '23 FTSAUG). O-Raleigh Racing Stable LLC; B-Mill Ridge Farm et al (KY); T-Carlos A David; J-Edwin Gonzalez. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, \$102,480. *1/2 to Cursor (**Quality Road**), SP, \$194,510; and Legadema (Arrogate), SW & GSP, \$229,393.

Sallusto/Kimmel yrlg purchase broken at THOROSTOCK

Half-sis Celestial Orb another BMP flip with fast updates by Mike Slezak! Bull@TheWoodsStables@gmail.com

2--**Crafty Collector, 118, f, 3, Collected--Craft Woods, by Declaration of War. 1ST BLACK-TYPE.** (\$3,500 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$15,000 Ylg '23 OBSWIN). O-Ad Hoc Stable Inc; B-Phoenix Thoroughbreds (III) Ltd (KY); T-Gerald S. Bennett. \$15,000.

3--**Special Aviator, 122, f, 3, Global Campaign--Off My Stage, by More Than Ready.** (\$23,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$100,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR). O-Special Aviators LLC, Span Investments Inc & Rohan Crichton; B-Mark Secret (KY); T-Rohan Crichton. \$9,000.

LEGACY Bloodstock SALES GRAD

Margins: NK, 1HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.50, 12.70, 2.00.

BILL HARTACK TB FUTURITY, (NB) \$63,500, Wyoming Downs, 7-26, 2yo, 5f, :58.90, ft.

1--**TUMBLEWEED, 124, g, 2, Sporting Chance--Sidewinder Sally (SW, \$164,800), by Mr. Gold Mover.** O-Robert M. Driggers, Del Rae Driggers, and Ben Lee Ivey; B-Ben Ivey & Robert Driggers (NM); T-Simon J. Buechler; J-Nakia Teeter. \$29,210. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$30,410.

2--**Bobby Chancelot, 124, g, 2, Shancelot--Dance Team, by Dynaformer.** O/B-CJ Thoroughbreds (WY); T-Dru S. Hall. \$12,700.

3--**Heckuva Gal**, 126, f, 2, Rumpus Cat--Sunny Oak, by Giant Oak. (\$4,500 RNA Ylg '24 NCAAU; \$1,500 2yo '25 CTBAJA). O-David Hinkins; B-Norman Tavares (CA); T-Chris Reid Mitchell. \$6,350.
Margins: 1 1/4, 1, 2. Odds: 8.70, 1.50, 4.30.

BUGGIN OUT S., (NB) \$50,000, Evangeline Downs, 7-26, (C), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.28, ft.

1--**AOIDE, 118, g, 4, Khozan--La Flor, by Street Sense.**
O-Belinda Hubbell; B-Kathleen Mordenti & Belinda Hubbell (AL); T-Rylee Magnon; J-Thomas L. Pompell. \$27,600.
Lifetime Record: 10-1-1-1, \$40,940.

2--**Wabash**, 124, g, 4, Jess's Dream--Sweet Buddha, by Buddha. O/B-Belinda K Hubbell (AL); T-R Magnon. \$9,200.

3--**Lemon Fizz**, 119, f, 4, Divide and Conquer--Bitterbutsweet, by Lemon Drop Kid. O/B-Dennis Murphy (AL); T-Ronnie P. Ward. \$4,600.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1 1/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 3.70, 0.90, 7.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Ellis, \$102,000, 7-26, (NW2L), 3yo, 1mT, 1:34.26, fm, head.
INNATELY GOOD (c, 3, Good Samaritan--Cayuga's Waters {SW, \$194,422}, by Langfuhr) Lifetime Record: SP, 11-2-0-2, \$89,379.
O-Brant Laue, and Recovery Stable; B-Brant M. Laue (KY); T-Nik G. Goodwin. *1/2 to Cascadilla Falls (E Dubai), SW, \$140,310; Highball (Lemon Drop Kid), MGSP, \$229,761; and Glorious View (Pleasant Tap), GSW, \$307,190.

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4th-Del Mar, \$99,736, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 7-25, 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.64, fm, neck.

BOOK SMART (g, 6, Stanford--Magic Lily, by With Distinction)
Lifetime Record: SP, 20-7-5-2, \$316,145. O-Eduardo Bernal, Larry S Buckendorf, Charlotte A Bullard, Tyler Harringer & Jeffrey Lambert; B-Grasshopper Racing Stable Inc, Jack & Jill Fabulich (CA); T-Robert B Hess Jr.

9th-Ellis, \$99,575, 7-26, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:34.84, fm, 3/4 length.

NEXT UP (f, 3, Accelerate--Pinch Hit {MSW & GSP, \$260,700}, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$111,462.
O-Steve L Robbins; B-Klein Racing (KY); T-Matthew P Sims.

6th-Saratoga, \$95,000, (S), 7-26, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.68, fm, 1 length.

NORTH END LADY (m, 5, Violence--Turning Tide, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 14-2-2-3, \$178,821. O-My Monarch Stable; B-Fred W Hertrich III & John D Fielding (NY); T-Barclay Tagg. *\$140,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

8th-Saratoga, \$95,000, (S), 7-26, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.37, ft, nose.

STEWIE (g, 4, Exaggerator--Uniquely Mine, by Mineshaft)
Lifetime Record: 20-4-6-3, \$199,529. O-Bella Cavello Stables LLC and Alexander R. Levensgood; B-Bella Cavello Stables, LLC & Horseshoe Valley Equine Center, LLC (NY); T-James Bentley Begg. *\$17,000 RNA 2yo '23 EASMAY; \$21,000 RNA 2yo '23 WANNYB.

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3rd-Woodbine, C\$86,580, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$36,490), 7-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.41, ft, 3/4 length.

A LITTLE FRISKY (f, 4, Army Mule--Tulsa, by Zensational)
Lifetime Record: SW, 10-2-1-1, \$162,535. O-Mark Dodson; B-Josham Farms Limited (ON); T-Josie Carroll. *\$140,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

5th-Del Mar, \$83,500, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 7-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.66, fm, 3 3/4 lengths.

YOUNG LOVE (f, 3, Grazen--That's the Idea {MSW, \$291,275}, by Diabolical) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$85,100. O/B-J. Kirk Robison & Judy Robison (CA); T-Peter Miller. *1/2 to Only One America (Marking), SW, \$124,580; and Competitive Idea (Competitive Edge), MSW, \$543,835.

4th-Woodbine, C\$80,692, (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$21,894-\$23,353), 7-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, 1:15.12, fm, neck.

MILLIAT (IRE) (f, 4, Kodiak {GB}--Silent Confession {Ire}, by Mr. Greeley) Lifetime Record: SP-US, 8-2-2-1, \$80,190. O-Qatar Racing LLC; B-Al Mohamediya Breeding (IRE); T-Brendan P. Walsh. *€30,000 Ylg '22 GOAUYR; \$85,000 RNA 3yo '24 INGDIG.

6th-Del Mar, \$75,300, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 7-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.00, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

NANCI GRIFFITH (f, 4, Tough Sunday--Bodes Well, by Bodemeister) Lifetime Record: 19-3-5-2, \$142,240.
O/B-Nicholas B. Alexander (CA); T-Steven Miyadi.

7th-Colonial Downs, \$74,400, 7-26, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:00.42, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

PRESIDER (g, 5, Connect--Lawless Miss, by Posse) Lifetime Record: 23-3-7-5, \$254,451. O-George A. Sharp; B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell. *\$175,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$60,000 3yo '23 KEEAPR. **1/2 to Front Run the Fed (Fed Biz), MSW & MGSP, \$773,686.



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5th-Colonial Downs, \$73,900, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 7-26, 3yo/up, 1 3/16mT, 1:54.45, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

RAPTOR'S (BRZ) (g, 6, Hat Trick {Jpn}--Eurotrip {Brz}, by Wild Event) Lifetime Record: Horse of the Year, Ch. 3yo Colt & MG1SW-Brz, 12-5-3-0, \$169,150. O-Gary Barber, Wachtel Stable & Peter Deutsch; B-Haras do Morro (BRZ); T-Mark E Casse. *1/2 to Sylvester Stallone (Brz) (Camelot Kitten), GSP-Brz.

9th-Woodbine, C\$53,870, Ocl (C), Opt. Clm (\$29,192), 7-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.82, ft, 3/4 length.

FOURFIFTYFOUR (f, 4, Perfect Timber--Raging Town {SP}, by Jersey Town) Lifetime Record: MSP-Can, 12-3-0-6, \$133,556. O/T-Barbara J Minshall; B-Charles Fipke (ON).



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5th-Prairie Meadows, \$44,020, 7-25, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.89, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

AMOROSA (c, 3, Sky Mesa--Amylimehouse, by Limehouse) Lifetime Record: SW, 7-5-1-1, \$194,497. O-Poindexter Thoroughbreds LLC; B-H Allen Poindexter (IA); T-Kevin Eikleberry.

7th-Penn National, \$39,000, (S), 7-25, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.47, ft, 1 length.

SILHOUTTE COVE (g, 3, Warrior's Reward--Silhoutte Island, by Patton) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$53,400. O-Douglas W Gibson; B-Elizabeth R Houghton (PA); T-T Bernard Houghton.

8th-Evangeline Downs, \$36,000, (S), 7-25, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:38.74, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

CAUSEWAY BENNY (g, 4, Brody's Cause--Changing Vista, by Changeintheweather) Lifetime Record: 14-3-5-3, \$142,620. O-Oak Tree Stables LLC (Powell and O'Brien); B-J Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA); T-W Bret Calhoun. *\$30,000 Ylg '22 LTBSYM; \$45,000 2yo '23 TTAAPR. **1/2 to Bron and Brow (Gormley), MSW, \$475,782.

6th-Penn National, \$36,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 7-25, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.95, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

UNCLE CAESAR (g, 4, Uncle Mo--Moondance, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 15-7-3-1, \$143,400. O-Double Dutch Stable; B-Repole Stable Inc (KY); T-Erin C McClellan. *\$200,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **Full to Hang the Moon, MGSW, \$427,913.

5th-Evangeline Downs, \$36,000, (S), 7-26, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:38.11, ft, 15 3/4 lengths.

RISING INFLATION (f, 4, Mitole--Any Given Trace, by Any Given Saturday) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-2, \$113,550. O-Rose Mark, Slam Dunk Racing, Nicholas Cosato and Dennis D. Bailey; B-J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA); T-Jonathan Wong. *\$92,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$200,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR; \$45,000 4yo '25 KEEAPR.

5th-Prairie Meadows, \$35,500, 7-26, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.17, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

MOTOWN DYNAMIC (f, 4, Mo Town--Really, by The Factor) Lifetime Record: 14-5-3-2, \$157,840. O-Mike & Mitzi Benson; B-Peter Hills (KY); T-Kelli Martinez. *\$57,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV.



4th-Penn National, \$35,000, 7-25, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.76, yl, 1 1/2 lengths.

MISSIONAIRE (g, 5, Noble Mission {GB}--Divinite {Fr}, by Mr. Sidney) Lifetime Record: 18-4-1-4, \$141,066. O-Larry E Rabold; B-Alec Head (KY); T-Demelza McMahon. *\$150,000 3yo '23 FTKHRA.



7th-Evangeline Downs, \$35,000, 7-26, (C), 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:38.97, ft, 8 lengths.

LETMIKEFIGUREITOUT (g, 4, Daaher--Figuresitsacat, by Big Top Cat) Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-0, \$94,620. O-Blue Ridge Racing; B-Blue Ridge Farm (LA); T-Alan Klanfer.

7th-Charles Town, \$31,700, (S), 7-25, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.89, ft, 7 3/4 lengths.

LIFE IS DAILY (g, 3, Irish War Cry--Cuppa Mocha Mojo {SP, \$218,290}, by Mikimoto's Mojo) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$35,280. O/B-Terri T Catlett (WV); T-David Walters.

4th-Charles Town, \$31,700, 7-26, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.00, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

RUNALDO (g, 5, Creative Cause--Boozin' Susan {SW-USA, GSP-Can, \$256,338}, by French Deputy) Lifetime Record: SW, 17-7-5-2, \$284,604. O/B-Huntertown Farm LLC (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco. *1/2 to Be Mine (Twirling Candy), MGSP, \$103,395.

5th-Charles Town, \$31,700, 7-26, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.53, ft, 4 lengths.

SERENADE ME (f, 3, Paynter--Quiet Inferno, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$43,648. O-Timothy Freitag; B-Marathon Farms Inc (MD); T-Ryan A Gillespie. *\$3,500 Ylg '23 EASOCT; \$27,000 2yo '24 EASOCT. **1/2 to Circle P (Speightster), MSW, \$252,445; full to Sir Rick, SW, \$150,541.

4th-Fairmount, \$26,880, (S), (NW4L)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 7-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.53, ft, 1/2 length.

NATALIA'S RAP (f, 3, Ghaaleb--Cityrap {MSP, \$153,099}, by Cherokee Rap) Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$91,130. O/B-Scott Becker & Charles W. Ritter (IL); T-Scott Becker.

7th-Emerald Downs, \$24,700, (NW1\$YX)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 7-26, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.26, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.

WHAT A DUDE (g, 6, Hard Spun--Off the Boat {Ire}, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 29-8-4-4, \$180,602. O-Miguel H Racing LLC; B-Nursery Place (KY); T-Miguel L Hernandez. *\$65,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

3rd-Canterbury, \$23,250, 7-26, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.90, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

SWEET MUSIC (f, 3, Maclean's Music--Lenatarese {SW & MGSP, \$223,406}, by Broad Brush) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-0, \$81,264. O-Miracle Logistics Inc.; B-Daniel J. Burke & Kathleen Schweizer (KY); T-Joel Berndt. *\$42,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. **1/2 to Miss Chatelaine (Pulpit), SW & GSP-USA, GSP-Can, \$234,072; Big Bend (Union Rags), GSW, \$370,896; and Taralena (Arch), GSP, \$203,277.

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4th-Hastings Racecourse, C\$20,680, 7-26, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.10, ft, 6 1/4 lengths.

VIVA LA DIVA (f, 4, Sungold--Vinoterra, by Finality) Lifetime Record: MSP, 12-3-4-3, \$70,377. O-Estate of R. J. Bennett and Lois Bennett; B-R. J. Bennett (BC); T-Barbara Heads. *Full to Sangria, MSW, \$111,104.

5th-Century Mile, C\$20,520, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,406), 7-26, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:15.69, ft, 10 1/2 lengths.

DONTGIVEUPTHEFIGHT (f, 3, Jimmy Creed--Miselly, by Jack Milton) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$30,193. O-Charles Garvey; B-Highclere Inc (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro. *\$10,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT.

2nd-Century Mile, C\$20,370, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,406), 7-26, 3yo, 7f, 1:22.28, ft, 9 1/4 lengths.

THATSWHATIMHEREFOR (g, 3, Fed Biz--Ennis Lady, by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-2, \$46,533. O-Landry, Curtis and Highfield Investment Group, Inc.; B-Highfield Investment Group Inc. (ON); T-Gonzalo Anderson. *C\$26,000 Ylg '23 CANSEP.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lil Miss Addy, f, 2, **Boisterous--Fastology**, by Astrology. Century Mile, 7-25, 4 1/2f, :53.18. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$14,875. B-C & H Duggan Farms (AB).

Mr. Supreme, g, 2, **First Mondays--Yes It's Red**, by Yes It's True. Delaware, 7-26, 6f, 1:12.78. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$43,950. B-Thomas Bowman (MD). *\$3,500 Ylg '24 EASOCT.

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My Kat, f, 2, **Gato Del Oro--Vegas Strong Baby**, by Union Rags. Del Mar, 7-25, (S), (C), 5f, :58.37. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$24,500. B-JK Racing (CA). *Won by 8 3/4 lengths.

Superfractor, c, 2, **Golden Lad--Dumtadumtadam**, by Mineshaft. Monmouth, 7-26, (S), 5f, :59.61. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$42,656. B-Jersey Shore Racing Stable (NJ).

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Lady Captain, f, 2, **Killybegs Captain--Run Banksy Run**, by Bank Heist. Prairie Meadows, 7-25, (S), 5f, :59.01. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$35,324. B-H Allen Poindexter (IA). *First winner for second-crop sire (by Mizzen Mast).

Bewitching Joy, f, 2, **Midnight Lute--Happy Gaby**, by Drosselmeyer. Emerald Downs, 7-26, 5f, :58.74. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$16,230. B-University of Kentucky (KY). *\$13,000 Ylg '24 FTKFEB; \$30,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT.

Perfect Sparkle, f, 2, **Perfect Timber--Tale of Champagne**, by Tale of Ekati. Woodbine, 7-26, (C), 6f (AWT), 1:12.14. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$41,607. B-Charles Fipke (ON). *\$6,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT.

Tango for the Soul, f, 3, **Fed Biz--Magic Tango**, by Magic Prospect. Century Mile, 7-25, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:19.71. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-1, \$31,674. B-Borders Racing Stable Ltd (AB). *C\$17,000 RNA Ylg '23 ALBMIX.

Summer Vibes, g, 3, **Good Magic--Summer Sweet**, by More Than Ready. Colonial Downs, 7-26, (C), 1 1/8mT, 1:50.18. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, \$30,430. B-Payson Stud Inc (KY). *\$600,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. **1/2 to She Feels Pretty (Karakontie {Jpn}), GISW-Can, MGISW-USA, \$1,884,957.

Lavender Love, f, 3, **Grazen**--Lavender Touch, by Touch Gold. Del Mar, 7-25, (S), 1mT, 1:36.61. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$48,500. B-Gilman Racing & Nat Rubinfeld (CA).

Wheneveruremember, c, 3, **Gun Runner**--A Great Time (SW, \$243,512), by Street Magician. Colonial Downs, 7-25, (S), 5 1/2fT, 1:03.36. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-1, \$64,600. B-R Larry Johnson (VA). *\$100,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP.

Skie's Music, f, 3, **Hoppertunity**--Shiloh Road, by Congrats. Charles Town, 7-26, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:20.10. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$28,217. B-Timothy M. Collins (WV).

Heart's Compass, f, 3, **Into Mischief**--Sailor's Valentine (GISW, \$409,052), by Mizzen Mast. Charles Town, 7-26, 7f, 1:27.60. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-0, \$22,647. B-Pursuit of Success LLC (KY). *\$200,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

Drama Speaker, f, 3, **Mr Speaker**--Ms Elegance, by Big Drama. Canterbury, 7-26, 1mT, 1:38.83. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-0, \$21,756. B-Pete Mattson (KY).

Broski (Ire), g, 3, **Profitable (Ire)**--Spanish Fly (Ire) (GSP-Fr), by Iffraaj (GB). Del Mar, 7-26, 1mT, 1:35.56. Lifetime Record: 10-1-3-5, \$113,522. B-Mr Edwin Thompson (IRE). *€28,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR2.

So Sophia (GB), f, 3, **Showcasing (GB)**--So Brave (GB), by Kyllachy (GB). Colonial Downs, 7-25, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.21. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$42,320. B-Carmel Stud & Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB). *\$25,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT; \$70,000 3yo '25 FTDMAY.



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Nonna Lynne, f, 3, **Slumber (GB)**--Play a Song for Me, by Gio Ponti. Saratoga, 7-26, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:42.05. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$72,000. B-Head of Plains LLC (NY).

Blazing Tony, g, 3, **Tonalist**--Sunny Empire, by Empire Maker. Belterra, 7-26, (S), 1m 70y (off turf), 1:49.93. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$20,280. B-Donnybrook Stables & Mark D Kuntz (OH).

Kisses for Weej, f, 4, **Cinco Charlie**--Mary Jeans Wildcat, by Wildcat Heir. Fairmount, 7-26, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.65. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-1, \$23,544. B-Mike & Maureen Moore (IL).

Hedge the Risk, g, 4, **Constitution**--Revered, by Dixie Union. Saratoga, 7-26, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:41.61. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$47,189. B-Columbiana Farm LLC (KY). *\$290,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **1/2 to Highly Respected (**Dialed In**), GSP, \$103,550; Full to By Your Side, GSW, \$202,603.

Izzy Sweet Girl (Ire), f, 4, **Kodiak (GB)**--Bionic Buffy (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire). Delaware, 7-26, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.69. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$52,450. B-Noel & Jack Finegan (IRE). *€58,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; €260,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR. **Full to Lao Tzu (Ire), GSW-lty, \$274,684.

Weller Green, g, 4, **More Than Ready**--Pavini (Fr), by Dubawi (Ire). Woodbine, 7-25, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.38. Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-2, \$79,109. B-Sean Fitzhenry (ON). *\$65,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP.

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Army Mule, A Little Frisky, f, 4, o/o Tulsa, by Zensational. AOC, 7-26, Woodbine

Army Mule, Soldier N Diplomat, c, 2, o/o Diplomatic Miss, by **Violence**. MSW, 7-26, Saratoga

Boisterous, Lil Miss Addy, f, 2, o/o Fastology, by Astrology. MSW, 7-25, Century Mile

Brody's Cause, Causeway Benny, g, 4, o/o Changing Vista, by Changeintheweather. ALW, 7-25, Evangeline

Cinco Charlie, Kisses for Weej, f, 4, o/o Mary Jeans Wildcat, by Wildcat Heir. MSW, 7-26, Fairmount

Competitive Edge, Alani, f, 4, o/o Tri Delt Girl, by Sefapiano. Love Sign S., 7-26, Colonial Downs

Connect, Candy Quest, f, 3, o/o Candy Crush, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. GIII Ontario Colleen S., 7-26, Woodbine

Connect, Presider, g, 5, o/o Lawless Miss, by Posse. ALW, 7-26, Colonial Downs

Connect, Sweet Fusion, f, 2, o/o Silent Treat, by Silent Name (Jpn). MSW, 7-26, Woodbine

Constitution, Hedge the Risk, g, 4, o/o Revered, by Dixie Union. MCL, 7-26, Saratoga

Constitution, Patriot Spirit, c, 4, o/o Mistical Plan, by Game Plan. Reigh Count S., 7-26, Colonial Downs

Creative Cause, Runaldo, g, 5, o/o Boozin' Susan, by French Deputy. ALW, 7-26, Charles Town

Daaher, Letmikefigureitout, g, 4, o/o Figuresitsacat, by Big Top Cat. ALW, 7-26, Evangeline

Exaggerator, Stewie, g, 4, o/o Uniquely Mine, by **Mineshaft**. ALW, 7-26, Saratoga

Fed Biz, Tango for the Soul, f, 3, o/o Magic Tango, by Magic Prospect. MSW, 7-25, Century Mile

Fed Biz, Thatswhatimherefor, g, 3, o/o Ennis Lady, by Speightstown. AOC, 7-26, Century Mile

First Mondays, Mr. Supreme, g, 2, o/o Yes It's Red, by Yes It's True. MSW, 7-26, Delaware

Flatter, Film Star, h, 6, o/o Rebelle, by **Hard Spun**. AOC, 7-26, Saratoga

Gato Del Oro, My Kat, f, 2, o/o Vegas Strong Baby, by **Union Rags**. MCL, 7-25, Del Mar

Ghaaleb, Natalia's Rap, f, 3, o/o Cityrap, by Cherokee Rap. AOC, 7-26, Fairmount

Golden Lad, Superfractor, c, 2, o/o Dumtadumtadam, by **Mineshaft**. MSW, 7-26, Monmouth

Good Magic, Summer Vibes, g, 3, o/o Summer Sweet, by More Than Ready. MCL, 7-26, Colonial Downs

Good Samaritan, Innately Good, c, 3, o/o Cayuga's Waters, by Langfuhr. ALW, 7-26, Ellis

Grazen, Lavender Love, f, 3, o/o Lavender Touch, by Touch Gold. MSW, 7-25, Del Mar

Grazen, Young Love, f, 3, o/o That's the Idea, by Diabolical. AOC, 7-26, Del Mar

Grazen, Lovesick Blues, g, 7, o/o Queenofhercastle, by Ministers Wild Cat. GI Bing Crosby S., 7-26, Del Mar

Gun Runner, Brant, c, 2, o/o Tynan, by **Liam's Map**. MSW, 7-26, Del Mar

Gun Runner, Running Away, f, 3, o/o Allez Marie, by Unbridled's Song. GIII Monmouth Oaks S., 7-26, Monmouth

Gun Runner, Wheneverremember, c, 3, o/o A Great Time, by Street Magician. MSW, 7-25, Colonial Downs

Hard Spun, What a Dude, g, 6, o/o Off the Boat (Ire), by More Than Ready. AOC, 7-26, Emerald Downs

Hat Trick (Jpn), Raptor's (Brz), g, 6, o/o Eurotrip (Brz), by Wild Event. AOC, 7-26, Colonial Downs

Hoppertunity, Skie's Music, f, 3, o/o Shiloh Road, by Congrats. MSW, 7-26, Charles Town

Into Mischief, Heart's Compass, f, 3, o/o Sailor's Valentine, by Mizzen Mast. MSW, 7-26, Charles Town

Into Mischief, Sovereignty, c, 3, o/o Crowned, by Bernardini. GII Jim Dandy S. Presented by Mohegan Sun, 7-26, Saratoga

Into Mischief, Tommy Jo, f, 2, o/o Mother Mother, by Pioneerof the Nile. MSW, 7-26, Saratoga

Irish War Cry, Life Is Daily, g, 3, o/o Cuppa Mocha Mojo, by Mikimoto's Mojo. ALW, 7-25, Charles Town

Jimmy Creed, Dontgiveupthefight, f, 3, o/o Miselly, by Jack Milton. AOC, 7-26, Century Mile

Kantharos, Pushiness, f, 4, o/o Imperial Pippin, by Empire Maker. Daisycutter H., 7-26, Del Mar

Khozan, Aoide, g, 4, o/o La Flor, by **Street Sense**. Buggin Out S., 7-26, Evangeline

Killybegs Captain, Lady Captain, f, 2, o/o Run Banksy Run, by Bank Heist. MSW, 7-25, Prairie Meadows

Knicks Go, Soaring Angel, f, 2, o/o Cuyathy, by Congrats. MSW, 7-26, Del Mar

Kodiac (GB), Izzy Sweet Girl (Ire), f, 4, o/o Bionic Buffy (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire). MSW, 7-26, Delaware

Kodiac (GB), Milliat (Ire), f, 4, o/o Silent Confession (Ire), by Mr. Greeley. AOC, 7-26, Woodbine

Maclean's Music, Sweet Music, f, 3, o/o Lenatareese, by Broad Brush. ALW, 7-26, Canterbury

McKinzie, Z Z's, f, 2, o/o Zarmant, by Tapizar. MSW, 7-26, Ellis

Medaglia d'Oro, Contrary, f, 3, o/o Antithesis, by **Tapit**. MSW, 7-26, Ellis

Midnight Lute, Bewitching Joy, f, 2, o/o Happy Gaby, by Drosselmeyer. MSW, 7-26, Emerald Downs

Mitole, Rising Inflation, f, 4, o/o Any Given Trace, by Any Given Saturday. ALW, 7-26, Evangeline

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Mr Speaker, Drama Speaker, f, 3, o/o Ms Elegance, by Big Drama. MSW, 7-26, Canterbury

Mshawish, Daisy Flyer, f, 3, o/o Starstruck (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). GIII Lake George S. Presented by Surfside, 7-26, Saratoga

Night of Thunder (Ire), Biles (Ire), f, 4, o/o Ellthea (Ire), by Kodiak (GB). MSW, 7-26, Woodbine

Noble Mission (GB), Missionaire, g, 5, o/o Divinite (Fr), by Mr. Sidney. ALW, 7-25, Penn National

Not This Time, Bartlett, g, 4, o/o Brilliant Sunshine, by Smarty Jones. AOC, 7-26, Colonial Downs

Nyquist, Nysos, c, 4, o/o Zetta Z, by Bernardini. GII San Diego H., 7-26, Del Mar

Om, Om N Joy, f, 3, o/o Margie's Minute, by **Hard Spun**. Fleet Treat S., 7-25, Del Mar

Omaha Beach, Scarlet Sands, f, 3, o/o Scarlet Love, by Not For Love. Miss Gracie S., 7-26, Gulfstream

Oscar Performance, Literate, m, 5, o/o Infanta Branca, by Henrythenavigator. GIII Trillium S. Presented by Don Julio, 7-26, Woodbine

Paynter, Serenade Me, f, 3, o/o Quiet Inferno, by Quiet American. ALW, 7-26, Charles Town

Perfect Timber, Fourfiftyfour, f, 4, o/o Raging Town, by Jersey Town. OCL, 7-26, Woodbine

Perfect Timber, Perfect Sparkle, f, 2, o/o Tale of Champagne, by **Tale of Ekati**. MOC, 7-26, Woodbine

Profitable (Ire), Broski (Ire), g, 3, o/o Spanish Fly (Ire), by Iffraaj (GB). MSW, 7-26, Del Mar

Showcasing (GB), So Sophia (GB), f, 3, o/o So Brave (GB), by Kyllachy (GB). MSW, 7-25, Colonial Downs

Sky Mesa, Amorosa, c, 3, o/o Amylimehouse, by Limehouse. ALW, 7-25, Prairie Meadows

Slumber (GB), Nonna Lynne, f, 3, o/o Play a Song for Me, by Gio Ponti. MSW, 7-26, Saratoga

Sporting Chance, Tumbleweed, g, 2, o/o Sidewinder Sally, by Mr. Gold Mover. Bill Hartack TB Futurity, 7-26, Wyoming Downs

Stanford, Book Smart, g, 6, o/o Magic Lily, by With Distinction. AOC, 7-25, Del Mar

Street Sense, Fond of You, f, 2, o/o Hallie Belle, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. MSW, 7-26, Colonial Downs

Sungold, Viva La Diva, f, 4, o/o Vinoterra, by Finality. ALW, 7-26, Hastings

Tonalist, Blazing Tony, g, 3, o/o Sunny Empire, by Empire Maker. MSW, 7-26, Belterra

Tough Sunday, Nanci Griffith, f, 4, o/o Bodes Well, by Bodemeister. AOC, 7-26, Del Mar

Uncle Mo, Uncle Caesar, g, 4, o/o Moondance, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 7-25, Penn National

Violence, North End Lady, m, 5, o/o Turning Tide, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 7-26, Saratoga

Warrior's Reward, Silhoutte Cove, g, 3, o/o Silhoutte Island, by Patton. ALW, 7-25, Penn National



North End Lady was an allowance winner Saturday at Saratoga
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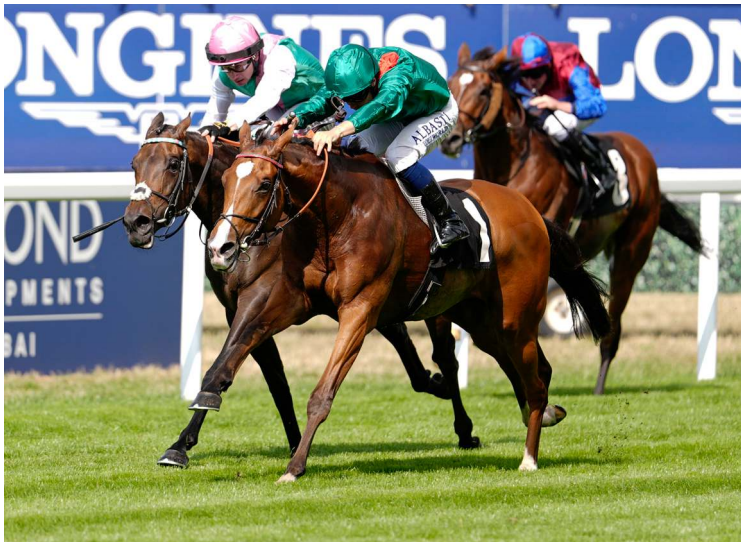
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CALANDAGAN OUTGUNS KALPANA IN KING GEORGE THRILLER



Calandagan (nearside) | Getty Images

by Emma Berry

ASCOT, UK -- Two years, two geldings, two King Georges. Francis Graffard has carried all before him in his native France this season and he returned triumphant to Ascot on Saturday with Calandagan his willing accomplice to repeat the success last year of stable-mate Goliath.

"I'd prefer to have a very good gelding than a bad colt," the trainer quipped in response to a query as to the missing anatomy of the son of **Gleneagles**. It is hard to argue with that assertion when scrutinising Calandagan's increasingly impressive race record, which now includes back-to-back Group 1 wins at Saint-Cloud and Ascot and another four runner-up finishes at the top level, including behind **City Of Troy** in the top-rated race in the world last year, the G1 Juddmonte International.

The Aga Khan Stud's homebred was narrowly favoured over Jan Brueghel to continue his run of success at the Berkshire track, where he first properly burst onto the scene last year with his six-length romp in the King Edward VII Stakes. Onlookers were expecting a battle royal between that pair, who had been first and second when last they met in the Coronation Cup at Epsom.

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ROYAL CHAMPION LOWERS THE COLOURS OF ALMAQAM AT YORK by Sean Cronin

Karl Burke trainee **Royal Champion** (Shamardal), seventh in Royal Ascot's G1 Prince Of Wales's Stakes, finished a neck adrift of **Almaqam** (Lope De Vega) when fourth in April's G3 Gordon Richards Stakes and exacted revenge on that reopposing rival to secure a career high in Saturday's G2 Sky Bet York Stakes on the Knavesmire.

"He's cantered round and they all seemed to be coming off the bridle while he was still travelling well and Cliff [Lee] said that's the best he's ever picked up and quickened," said Burke. "He was working nicely, but he always works nicely, and I thought that was a massive step up on what he's done. There are not that many races to go for with him, he's won his Group 3 and you're always looking to step up."

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It was another day of dramatic finishes at Ascot Racecourse topped by Calandagan claiming the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes, a 'Win and You're In' qualifying race for the G1 Longines Breeders' Cup Turf. | Getty Images

7 | KING GEORGE TO BECOME BRITAIN'S RICHEST RACE IN 2026

On the 75th anniversary of the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes, Ascot has announced a prize-money boost for next year to £2 million.

9 | HALF TO ANCIENT TRUTH OPENS ASCOT CARD WITH SMART WIN

The 13-8 favourite was not for catching on his second jump and kept on strongly under continued urging in the closing stages to prevail for Godolphin.

11 | TOO DARN HOT COLT CLAIMS FIRST STAKES WIN AT GOWRAN

Emit made a black-type breakthrough in this fourth start in stakes company, denying a rival in the latter stages to win by a half-length.

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But if there is anything to be learned from the 75th running of the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes, it is never to second-guess the race tactics of the Ballydoyle runners.

The St Leger-winning duo of Jan Brueghel and Continuous took up the running from the outset but instead of going on as might have been expected, Continuous was under an apparent tight hold from Wayne Lordan to sit at the girth of Jan Brueghel and Ryan Moore as they hugged the rail up front, with Rebel's Romance tucked in behind the Aidan O'Brien pair.

Having settled nicely behind the leading trio, Juddmonte's homebred Kalpana was let loose by Oisin Murphy as they rounded the home turn, quickly sliding round the outside to take up the running herself in a manner that meant business. For Calandagan and Mickael Barzalona, who had been last throughout the early stages but followed through in her slipstream, it took nearly the full length of the Ascot straight to thwart the determined Kalpana and steal a length victory, ensuring the King George trophy would leave for France for the second year running.

"The tactics during the race were not what I was expecting, when I saw Continuous going very steadily it was all different," said Graffard. "When the filly kicked on for home my horse was still travelling well and I was hoping he was going to catch her at

the end. He lengthened so strongly, he's a very good horse."

HH Aga Khan III won just the second running of the King George back in 1952 with his Derby, Eclipse and St Leger winner of the same year, Tulyar. His grandson, HH Aga Khan IV, struck next with the brilliant Shergar in 1981 and that success was followed by victories for Alamshar and Azamour in 2003 and 2005. Twenty years on and that great owner-breeder is no longer with us but his legacy will live on well beyond his sad passing back in February, as this season's results have already exemplified.

With his gelded status, Calandagan is something of an outlier in the racing operation of the Aga Khan Studs but he is not alone. Vazirabad carried the green-and-red silks with notable success through 13 group victories in France and Dubai, and Calandagan is another step up still from that great stayer.

"As a two-year-old he was very difficult in the morning and first time out at Deauville he didn't want to load," said Graffard as he explained what would certainly have been a reluctant decision to geld Calandagan. "Second start he dropped the jockey on the way to the stalls. I taught him to load with the starters at Deauville for four days but we struggled to load him and he showed a lot of character during the race and he was third. I had no choice really."

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So, on the one hand, no stallion career beckons, but that can have its upside too. Calandagan has already taken his connections from France to England and Dubai. Greater globetrotting will surely ensue, and all the while he is only enhancing the record of his family members within the breeding operation. Behind him follows a winning three-year-old half-sister Calamandra (New Bay) and an as-yet unraced two-year-old filly named Calasita ([Zarak](#)).

Whatever they end up doing, it never hurts to have a big brother as cool as Calandagan.

Pat Downes and Nemone Routh of the Aga Khan Studs team had been the first in the pre-parade ring as they awaited the appearance of Calandagan from the racecourse stables, and Downes said in the joyful melée following his triumph, "If we hadn't gelded him, maybe we wouldn't be standing here today. We just don't know. But he's so consistent. He's a very, very talented horse."

He added, "I must say, when they are geldings there is less pressure, and you can really have a fun horse, and that's what he is, albeit at a very high level."

There is no such thing as a bad King George but it takes more than one high-level performer to make it an enthralling contest, and that is exactly what Kalpana brought to the party. Blooming with dapples as she walked the pre-parade ring, this beautiful daughter of Study Of Man was admittedly relegated to the runner-up spot today but it is easy to believe that more Group 1 glory will come her way - and we can all recall the subsequent success of last year's runner-up, Bluestocking.

Kalpana's trainer Andrew Balding said, "We're thrilled with her. She has run magnificently and has been beaten by a very good horse but she has lost little in defeat."

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The winner cannot of course be aimed at the Arc but he could be seen back on English shores as soon as August 20 for a repeat crack at the Juddmonte International. The small matter of a \$3 million bonus is on offer should Calandagan go on to win the Japan Cup after winning the King George, with the latter also having 'Win-and-You're-In' status for the Breeders' Cup.

"I would have no problem bringing him back to 10 furlongs, but I will discuss it with the owner," Graffard said. "A mile and a half is also the perfect distance for him, but he ran really strongly in the race at York last year and if he comes back really well, why avoid the race?"

"We could maybe go for the Japan Cup at the end of the season. He will have a big target somewhere."

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Palmer In Clover With Group Double

On her third appearance at Ascot, **Fitzella** (Too Darn Hot) set a fierce gallop from the gates and was never headed when winning the G3 Sodexo Princess Margaret Stakes by a length from **Staya** (Havana Grey).

Bred by Bob and Pauline Scott at Parks Farm Stud, the winner had been beaten only a neck on her debut at the track in May before posting a convincing win at Haydock and then running fourth in the G3 Albany Stakes at the royal meeting.

Fitzella is trained by Hugo Palmer, who outlined his intention to aim her towards the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies' Turf at the end of the season.

"She has shown great gate speed today."



Fitzella and Oisin Murphy | [racingfotos.com](#)



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"The first weekend of November is a long way from now so she will definitely run again, and possibly twice, but I wouldn't think more than that. This is her fourth start of the year so I wouldn't want her to have much more than five or six," said the trainer.

Reflecting on the Albany Stakes, he continued, "Oisin [Murphy] was upset when he came in after the Albany as he felt that he had sat too close to a very strong pace and he did realise and took back, but the damage was done by then. We felt on reflection that it was probably her class that allowed her to finish fourth.

"Today the plan was to hold her up and to race more patiently and to use her finish, but she absolutely pinged the lids so Oisin went straight to Plan B. But it has worked very nicely, he didn't go hard, and it's very exciting."

A daughter of the Exceed And Excel mare Shamandar, Fitzella is a half-sister to the Listed-placed Admiral Nelson (**Kingman**) and was bought as a yearling from the Goffs UK Premier Sale for £170,000 by SackvilleDonald and Manor House Stables, where Palmer trains.

Palmer added, "I'm delighted for [her owners] Derek Passant and for Hefin [Williams], who are big supporters of ours and of others - they are big supporters of the game and this is the first group horse they've had. She was an expensive yearling but she was beautiful, and she still is."

Palmer secured a quick-fire Group 3 double when Cheshire Dancer got the nod in a scintillating four-way finish for the Longines Valiant Stakes.

Billy Loughnane was aboard the four-year-old daughter of Phoenix Of Spain, who came with a late run down the outside to deny the Ed Walker-trained American Gal (Kameko), with Chantilly Lace (Lope De Vega) and Irish raider Jancis (Tamayuz) completing the first four home. [Cont.](#)

"I was slightly nervous during the race, it wasn't the plan to sit last but they went an even enough gallop and she was really tough," said Palmer.

"Phoenix Of Spain is a very good young stallion, he notably has Haatem but others as well. I think this is the mare's fifth stakes winner, I think the others were all in Italy, so she is well bred."

The mare in question is the five-furlong winner Kristal Xenia (Xaar), whose four other black-type performers include Italian Listed winner Cherie Good (Big Bad Bob). Cheshire Dancer was bred by Ciara Eglington, and was another SackvilleDonald purchase, this time at the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale, where she was bought for €36,000.

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1--**CALANDAGAN (IRE)**, 135, g, 4, by **Gleneagles (Ire)**

1st Dam: Calayana (Fr) (GSP-Fr), by Sinndar (Ire)

2nd Dam: Clariyn (Fr), by Acclamation (GB)

3rd Dam: Clodovina (Ire), by Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire)

O/B-Aga Khan Studs; T-Francis-Henri Graffard; J-Mickael Barzalona. £850,650. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Fr & G1SP-UAE, 12-6-5-1, \$3,759,022. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus***.

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2--**Kalpana (GB)**, 132, f, 4, Study Of Man (Ire)--Zero Gravity (GB), by Dansili (GB). O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd; T-Andrew Balding. £322,500.

3--**Rebel's Romance (Ire)**, 135, g, 7, Dubawi (Ire)--Minidress (GB), by Street Cry (Ire). O/B-Godolphin; T-Charlie Appleby. £161,400.

Margins: 1, 2HF, NK. Odds: 1.10, 7.50, 5.00.

Also Ran: Jan Brueghel (Ire), Continuous (Jpn).

Saturday, Ascot, Britain

SODEXO LIVE! PRINCESS MARGARET STAKES-G3, £70,000, Ascot, 7-26, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:13.98, gd.

1--**FITZELLA (GB)**, 128, f, 2, by Too Darn Hot (GB)

1st Dam: Shamandar (Fr) (SW-Eng, \$323,503), by Exceed And Excel (Aus)

2nd Dam: Sensational Mover, by Theatrical (Ire)

3rd Dam: Blushing Heiress, by Blushing John

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (60,000gns Wlg '23 TADEWE; £170,000 Ylg '24 GOFFUK). O-D R Passant & Hefin Williams; B-Parks Farm Stud; T-Hugo Palmer; J-Oisín Murphy. £39,697. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$77,760. *1/2 to Admiral Nelson (GB) (Kingman {GB}), SP-Ire. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Staya (GB)**, 128, f, 2, Havana Grey (GB)--Greach (Ire), by Gregorian (Ire). **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (90,000gns Wlg '23 TADEWE; 51,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT; 375,000gns 2yo '25 TATBRE). O-KHK Racing; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud; T-George Scott. £15,050.

3--**Bella Lyra (Ger)**, 128, f, 2, Oasis Dream (GB)--Baden Baden (Ger), by Sea The Moon (Ger). **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (£80,000 2yo '25 GOUKB). O-Jastar Capital Ltd; B-Gestut Gorldorf; T-Richard Hughes. £7,532.

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Margins: 1, HD, 1. Odds: 2.25, 3.50, 14.00.

Also Ran: Midnight Tango (GB), Flowerhead (Ire), Arugam Bay (Ire), Sukanya (GB), Eskimo Pie (Ire), Daneh Of Dandy (Ire), Amberia (Ire). Scratched: Dance To The Music (GB).

Saturday, Ascot, Britain

LONGINES VALIANT STAKES-G3, £85,000, Ascot, 7-26, 3yo/up, f, 7f 213yT, 1:39.30, gd.

1--**CHESHIRE DANCER (IRE)**, 131, f, 4, by Phoenix Of Spain (Ire)

1st Dam: Kristal Xenia (Ire), by Xaar (GB)

2nd Dam: Kristal's Dream (Ire), by Night Shift

3rd Dam: Kristal's Paradise (Ire), by Bluebird

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (€36,000 Ylg '22 TATIRY). O-Manor House Stables Syndicate; B-Ciara Eglington; T-Hugo Palmer; J-Billy Loughnane. £48,204. Lifetime Record: 16-4-5-2, \$135,074. *1/2 to Val Nanda (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}), SW-Ity & SP-Fr; Cherie Good (Ire) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}), SW-Ity; Lollipop Girl (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), SW-Ity; and Royal Xenia (Ire) (Coulsty {Ire}), SP-Ity. **Werk Nick Rating: B+.** **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**American Gal (GB)**, 123, f, 3, Kameko--Granny Franny, by Grand Slam. **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (25,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT). O-Mildmay Racing; B-The Granny Franny Partnership; T-Ed Walker. £18,275.



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3--**Chantilly Lace (Ire)**, 123, f, 3, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Seeking Solace (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (375,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT). O-Mrs Doreen Tabor; B-Camas Park, Lynch Bages & Summerhill; T-Ralph Beckett. £9,146.

Margins: NK, HD, NO. Odds: 22.00, 7.50, 2.75.

Also Ran: Jancis (Ire), Cajole (GB), Royal Dress (Ire), Glittering Surf (GB), Lou Lou's Gift (GB), Bermuda Longtail (Fr).

Sky Bet York, cont. from p1

"This looked a nice race and I was hoping the ground would be a bit quicker, but he's handled it. We've not had a lot of luck for Sheikh Obaid lately, so it's nice to get a Group 2 for him. I'll have to talk to the owner and see if he wants to supplement him for the [G1] Juddmonte International after that performance. He was second [in the GI Canadian International] at Woodbine for Roger Varian and that could be a nice Grade I to go for. He's a horse we can campaign around the world and why not go to the [G1] Irish Champion Stakes?"

The 8-1 chance, who annexed Southwell's G3 Winter Derby in February, settled into a smooth rhythm racing fourth behind the leaders until turning for home. Looming large on the bridle passing the quarter-mile marker, he was shaken up to seize control entering the final furlong and kept on strongly to defeat Almaqam by a decisive 2 3/4 lengths.

Pedigree Notes

Royal Champion is one of his sire's 89 Group-race winners and the second out of G2 Lancashire Oaks victrix Emirates Queen (Street Cry), herself a half-sister to multiple Group 1-winning sire Dubawi (Dubai Millennium). The February-foaled bay is a half-brother to G2 Jockey Club Stakes victor Outbox (Frankel), the unraced 2-year-old filly Queen (Frankel) and a weanling colt by Triple Time.



Royal Champion | racingfotos.com

Descendants of his G1 Oaks d'Italia-winning second dam Zomaradah (Deploy) include Group 3-winning G1 Champion Stakes and G1 Prix Ganay third Royal Rhyme (Lope De Vega) and stakes-winning G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Sun Chariot Stakes placegetter Cloak Of Spirits (Invincible Spirit).

Saturday, York, Britain

SKY BET YORK STAKES-G2, £150,000, York, 7-26, 3yo/up, 10f 56yT, 2:05.64, gd.

1--**ROYAL CHAMPION (IRE)**, 134, g, 7, by Shamardal

1st Dam: Emirates Queen (GB) (GSW-Eng & GSP-Fr, \$115,027), by Street Cry (Ire)

2nd Dam: Zomaradah (GB), by Deploy (GB)

3rd Dam: Jawaher (Ire), by Dancing Brave

O/B-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; T-Karl Burke; J-Clifford Lee. £85,065. Lifetime Record: GISP-Can & GSP-Aus, 21-7-2-3, \$611,856. *1/2 to Outbox (GB) (Frankel {GB}), GSW-Eng, SW-Qa, MGSP-Swe & SP-Fr, \$1,020,401. **Werk Nick Rating: C+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Almaqam (GB)**, 134, c, 4, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Talmada, by Cape Cross (Ire). O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin; T-Ed Walker. £32,250.

3--**Ecureuil Secret (Fr)**, 134, g, 4, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Vitzza (Fr), by King's Best. (€22,000 Ylg '22 ARQDOY; €60,000 RNA 2yo '23 ARQMAY). O-Aidan J Ryan; B-Ecurie de L'Aure; T-Richard Fahey. £16,140.

Margins: 2 3/4, 2, HF. Odds: 8.00, 1.50, 50.00.

Also Ran: Green Impact (Ire), Stanhope Gardens (Ire), Bay City Roller (Ire), Certain Lad (GB).

EUROPEAN NEWS

KING GEORGE TO BECOME BRITAIN'S RICHEST RACE IN 2026 AT £2M

On the 75th anniversary of the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes, Ascot has announced a prize-money boost for next year to £2 million, which means it will become Britain's richest-ever race.

This year's race, worth £1.5 million, is already the most valuable race to be run at Ascot. Last year's King George was officially the best mile-and-a-half contest in the world in the 2024 Longines World's Top 100 Group Races. **Cont.**

"The roll call of winners over the last 75 years is unrivalled, and we are committed to ensuring that we continue to attract the very best horses to our midsummer highlight," said Ascot CEO Felicity Barnard.

That roll call includes such great names as Ribot, Nijinsky, Brigadier Gerard, Grundy, Shergar, Dancing Brave, Nashwan, Galileo and Enable.

She continued, "We are also conscious of ensuring that the race remains internationally relevant in an increasingly competitive global picture. These days, there are plenty of options for connections to run their horses worldwide and year-round, so it's vital that we find the right balance of prize-money and prestige. By making this announcement now we hope that connections will be able to start planning backwards from the race already.

"We are very conscious of the fact we need to continue to invest in prize-money across the programme at all levels and we look forward to making further announcements regarding 2026 in due course."

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HOW THEY FARED

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

Hambleton Racing's **Saxophonist (Ire) (Saxon Warrior {Jpn})**, a 48,000gns Book 2 half to G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois-winning sire Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead), shaped with promise and ran on well in the closing stages to finish 3 1/4 lengths adrift of the winner in third.

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Sunday, 27 July 2025

UNITED KINGDOM

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

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

13:55-PONTEFRACT, 5f, **Our Hero Matty (Ire)**

€18,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2023; £30,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2024



A'Ali | Newsells Park Stud

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

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

13:55-PONTEFRACT, 5f, **Chairmanfourtimes (Ire)**

15,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; £15,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2024; £50,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2025

FRANCE

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

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

4-LE TOUQUET, 1300m, **Asif Ali (GB)**

55,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; £50,000 Goffs

UK Premier Yearling Sale 2024; 18,000gns RNA Tattersalls

Craven Breeze Up Sale 2025

Armor (GB) (No Nay Never), Haras de Bouquetot

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

4-LA TESTE-BA, 54.9K CRITERIUM DU BEQUET - VENTES

OSARUS1200m, **Lady'armor (Fr)**

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

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

4-LA TESTE-BA, 54.9K CRITERIUM DU BEQUET - VENTES

OSARUS1200m, **Gelinotte (Ire)**

€8,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2023; €4,500 Tattersalls

Ireland September Yearling 2024

BRITAIN

Saturday's Results:

1st-Ascot, £50,000, Mdn, 7-26, 2yo, c/g, 6fT, 1:14.76, gd.

WORDS OF TRUTH (GB) (g, 2, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Beyond Reason {Ire} {MGSW-Fr & GSP-UAE, \$257,805}, by Australia {GB}), gelded after running eighth over six furlongs at Newbury in his May 16 debut last time, broke well and stalked the pace in second through the early fractions here. Inching ahead approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 13-8 favourite was not for catching thereafter and kept on strongly under continued urging in the closing stages to prevail by 1 1/2 lengths from New Monarch (Acclamation). Words Of Truth is the third foal and scorer produced by G2 Prix du Calvados and G3 Prix Six Perfections winner Beyond Reason (Australia), herself a daughter of GIII Gallorette Handicap victrix No Explaining (Azamour). The April-foaled homebred chestnut is a half-brother to G2 Superlative Stakes victor and G1 Dewhurst Stakes third Ancient Truth (Dubawi) and a weanling filly by Space Blues. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$36,282. O/B-Godolphin; T-Charlie Appleby.



Words of Truth | Getty Images

1st-York, £25,000, Nov, 7-26, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:12.56, gd.

GOLDEN PALACE (GB) (f, 2, Palace Pier {GB}--Rioticism {Fr} {SW-Fr, \$101,570}, by Rio De La Plata), who lumped a six-pound penalty for annexing her July 4 debut over five furlongs at Beverley last time, raced in fifth from the outset of this return. Rowed along to close approaching the two pole, the 11-8 favourite launched her challenge with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and was driven out to assert by 1 3/4 lengths from Calling A Star (Showcasing). Golden Palace is the third of five foals and one of two scorers produced by Listed Prix des Reves d'Or victrix

Rioticism (Rio De La Plata), whose third dam is G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Rosefinch (Blushing Groom). The February-foaled chestnut is a half-sister to G2 Sapphire Stakes victrix Ladies Church (Churchill), a yearling filly by Night Of Thunder and a weanling colt by Lope De Vega. Sales history: 105,000gns Wlg '23 TADEWE; 175,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$23,390.

O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Dukes Stud & Overbury Stallions Ltd; T-Richard Fahey.

2nd-Chester, £18,000, Mdn, 7-26, 2yo, 7f 1yT, 1:27.45, gd.

BERKSHIRE BOOM (IRE) (c, 2, Supremacy {Ire}--My Wish {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}), who posted a June 15 debut eighth going six furlongs at Salisbury in his only prior start, broke well and tracked the leaders in fourth after the opening skirmishes here. Coming under pressure to close rounding the home turn, the 10-3 chance was ridden to challenge The Resdev Scholar (Mehmas) with 150 yards remaining and inched ahead from there to deny that rival by a half-length. Berkshire Boom is the eighth of 10 foals and sixth scorer produced by a winning daughter of stakes-winning G1 Irish Oaks, G1 Coronation Stakes and G1 Prix de l'Opera placegetter Mona Lisa (Giant's Causeway). The March-foaled bay is a half-brother to last term's Listed Chesham Stakes runner-up Pentle Bay (New Bay), a yearling colt by Naval Crown and a weanling filly by Native Trail. Sales history: 25,000gns Wlg '23 TADEWE; 65,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$12,466.

O-Berkshire Parts & Panels Ltd No1 Fanclub; B-Ringfort Stud Ltd; T-Andrew Balding.

1st-Salisbury, £10,000, Mdn, 7-26, 2yo, 6fT, 1:15.57, g/f.

LOST SIGNAL (IRE) (c, 2, Lucky Vega {Ire}--Smile At Me {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}), who hit the board over seven furlongs at Newbury in his July 18 debut last time, recovered from an awkward exit to track the leaders in fourth after the initial exchanges. Tanking forward into contention once past halfway, the 5-6 favourite was pushed to the front approaching the final furlong and ridden out in the closing stages to account for Akho Mezzna (More Than Ready) by 2 1/2 lengths, becoming the sixth Northern Hemisphere winner for his freshman sire (by Lope De Vega). Lost Signal, full-brother to yearling colt and weanling filly, is the second of four foals and first scorer produced by a full-sister to Listed Bluebell Stakes victrix Curly (Galileo). The January-foaled chestnut's second dam Glass Slipper (Danehill) is a full-sister to dual Group 1-winning sire Danehill Dancer and stakes-winning sire Colossus. Sales history: €28,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; €38,000 Ylg '24 TATIRY; €75,000 2yo '25 TATBRU. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$9,298.

O-Yuesheng Zhang; B-Yulong Investments (Australia) Pty; T-Richard Hannon.

1st-Royal Windsor, £6,800, Nov, 7-26, 2yo, 5f 21yT, 1:00.42, gd.
DESERT TREASURE (GB) (f, 2, Ten Sovereigns {Ire}--Sandreamer {Ire} {SW-Ity & GSP-Eng}, by Oasis Dream {GB}), who incurred a four-pound penalty for winning her July 16 unveiling over five furlongs at Yarmouth last time, recovered from a tardy getaway to track the leaders in fourth after the opening exchanges here. Cruising into contention with a quarter-mile remaining, the 1-4 lock was shaken up approaching the final furlong and pushed out thereafter to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from the pacesetter Mad Dash (Showcasing). Desert Treasure is the latest of six foals and one of three scorers out of stakes-winning G3 Princess Margaret Stakes runner-up Sandreamer (Oasis Dream), herself a half-sister to the multiple stakes-placed Assume (Fastnet Rock). The April-foaled bay is a half-sister to G3 Prix Perth third Johan (Zoffany). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$9,849.
 O/B-Jon & Julia Aisbitt (GB); T-William Haggas.



Two Tribes (right) | Getty Images

HANDICAP RESULTS:

4th-Ascot, £150,000, Hcp, 7-26, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:26.70, gd.
TWO TRIBES (GB) (g, 4, Rajasinghe {Ire}--Warsash {Ire}, by War Command) Lifetime Record: 19-2-5-2, \$203,894. O-Phil Cunningham; B-Miss Carla M Bowers; T-Richard Spencer.
 *6,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE.

2nd-York, £100,000, Hcp, 7-26, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:10.93, gd.
ELMONJED (IRE) (g, 4, Blue Point {Ire}--Naafer {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-2, \$237,099. O/B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; T-William Haggas. *1/2 to Khanjar (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), GSP-UAE, \$154,000; and Pinafore (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), SP-Eng & Ire.

5th-Ascot, £60,000, Hcp, 7-26, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:41.19, gd.
FEARNOT (IRE) (c, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Alsindi {Ire} {GSW-Eng & GSP-UAE}, by Acclamation {GB}) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-2, \$88,796. O-J Goddard; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd; T-Clive Cox. *90,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. **Full to Invincible Gal (GB), GSP-US, \$189,910.

8th-Ascot, £60,000, Hcp, 7-26, 3yo/up, 5fT, :58.82, gd.
COVER UP (IRE) (g, 5, Exceed And Excel {Aus}--Hushing {GB}, by Pivotal {GB}) Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-UAE, 22-7-1-1, \$249,593. O-Khalifa Saeed Sulaiman; B-Godolphin; T-Simon & Ed Crisford.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Salisbury, £9,000, Nov, 7-26, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:15.07, g/f.
ADDISON GREY (GB) (c, 3, Havana Grey {GB}--Moon Song {GB}, by Lethal Force {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$10,792. O-Opulence Thoroughbreds; B-Hunscombe Stud Ltd; T-Clive Cox.
 *25,000gns RNA Wlg '22 TADEWE; £60,000 Ylg '23 GOFFUK; 60,000gns RNA 2yo '24 TATBRE.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Q T Pie (GB), f, 2, Cable Bay (Ire)--Elegant Love (GB), by Delegator (GB). Royal Windsor, 7-26, 6f 12yT, 1:13.16. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,934. B-Mrs S Clifford.
Sudbury Hill (Ire), g, 2, Cotai Glory (GB)--La Cuvee (GB), by Mark Of Esteem (Ire). Newcastle, 7-26, 7f 15y (AWT), 1:29.54. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$6,966. B-Archway Stud. *€37,000 Wlg '23 TATSPH; €62,000 Ylg '24 TATIRY. **1/2 to Champers Elysees (Ire) (Elzaam {Aus}), G1SW-Ire, \$352,283.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Clairefontaine, €25,600, Cond, 7-26, 3yo, 8fT, 1:49.50, g/s.
AMILCARE (FR) (c, 3, Wooded {Ire}--Montjess {Ire}, by Montjeu {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, €32,750. O-Scuderia Scolari; B-Mathieu Daguzan-Garros; T-Mario Baratti. *€22,000 Ylg '23 ARQUG.

5th-Clairefontaine, €25,600, Cond, 7-26, 3yo, 7fT, 1:24.40, g/s.
CHARIBELLE (IRE) (f, 3, Kodiac {GB}--Cladocera {Ger} {MGSW-UAE, SW-Fr, G1SP-Ire & GSP-Eng, \$578,553}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €28,250. O/B-Haras de la Perelle; T-Stephane Wattel.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Be My Bella (Fr), f, 3, Bathyrhon (Ger)--Qualibella (Fr), by Sageburg (Ire). Pompadour, 7-26, 13fT, 2:56.05. B-Mme Nicole Malatier. *€18,500 Ylg '23 ARQNOV.

IRELAND

Saturday's Results:

IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF MARBLE CITY STAKES-Listed,

€45,000, Gowran, 7-26, 3yo, 12f 50yT, 2:37.45, gd.

1--**EMIT (IRE), 131, c, 3, by Too Darn Hot (GB)**

1st Dam: Light Of Joy (SP-Eng), by Kitten's Joy

2nd Dam: Light Blow, by Kingmambo

3rd Dam: Lingerie (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd; T-Joseph O'Brien; J-Dylan Browne McMonagle. €27,000.

Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 8-2-2-1, \$63,235. *1/2 to Norwalk Havoc (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), SW-Ire.

2--**Sharpen (Ire), 126, f, 3, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Sheranda (Ire), by Siyouni (Fr). 1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€200,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR).

O-DJ Stable LLC, Medallion, Weston & Hoffman; B-Rockhart Trading Ltd; T-Donnacha O'Brien. €9,000.

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3--**Acapulco Bay (Ire), 131, c, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Je Ne Regretterien (GB), by Galileo (Ire).** O-Westerberg, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor & D Smith; B-Westerberg; T-Aidan O'Brien. €4,500.

Margins: HF, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 1.88, 12.00, 1.50.

Also Ran: Deressa (Ire), Drama Queen (Ire), Sea Coral (Fr), Calrissiana (GB), Heather (Ire). Scratched: Denim And Diamonds (Ire), It's A Heartbeat (Ire), Jannah Star (Ire).

Flaxman Stables' G3 Gallinule Stakes runner-up Emit, ninth in Royal Ascot's G3 Hampton Court Stakes when last seen, made a black-type breakthrough in this fourth start in stakes company.

"He was unlucky in the Curragh in that group race where he came out the worst of it, but he always been resilient and was game and tough today," said Joseph O'Brien.



Joseph O'Brien | Sarah Andrew

"Ascot didn't really go to plan and we were happy to put a line through that. We decided we'd come here and he seemed to enjoy the extra distance. It's lovely to have a stakes winner for the Niarchos family and Alan [Cooper] is here today. We're delighted to have a nice horse for the team and I suppose he's into group races now."

The 15-8 second choice went forward to race in a prominent second passing the judge first time. Shaken up to gain a narrow advantage passing the quarter-mile marker, he was headed by Sharpen approaching the furlong pole and rallied gamely under a drive in the latter stages to deny that rival by a half-length for a career high.

Emit is the second foal and one of two scorers out of Listed Sir Henry Cecil Galtres Stakes runner-up Light Of Joy (Kitten's Joy), whose first was Listed Tetrarch Stakes second Norwalk Havoc (Showcasing). The February-foaled bay, who becomes the 26th stakes winner for his sire, is also kin to the hitherto unraced 2-year-old colt Opacarophile ([Sea The Stars](#)) and a yearling colt by Night Of Thunder. Light Of Joy, herself a granddaughter of the operation's matriarch Lingerie (Shirley Heights), is kin to the Grade III winners Sole Volante ([Karakontie](#)) and Explode (Trappe Shot) and to Listed Ingabelle Stakes third Corviglia ([Karakontie](#)).

1st-Gowran, €25,000, Mdn, 7-26, 2yo, 7fT, 1:28.43, gd.

ALIBAH (IRE) (f, 2, Galileo Gold {GB})--Hayba {GB}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}) was a shade hesitant at the break and raced in third after the initial strides of this unveiling. Scrubbed along in early straight, the 13-2 chance came under sterner urging inside the final quarter-mile and was ridden out to deny Sanctijude (Churchill) by 3/4-of-a-length nearing the line. "We were a little bit worried about the drying ground, we think she'll handle softer, and she won nicely," said Joseph O'Brien. "She got a lovely spot from a good draw, which is very important here, and she came home nicely. Stuart Boman bought her at the breeze-ups for the Go Racing team and he was very keen on her at the sale. She looks like a nice filly for the future and she got a perfect start. We'll try and find a winners median auction race somewhere. The programme book will dictate a little bit where we go, but that would be my gut." Alibah is the latest of five foals and second scorer produced by a daughter of Listed Hilary Needler Trophy victrix Loch Jipp (Belong To Me), herself the leading performer out of a half-sister to Grade III-winning GI Acorn Stakes runner-up Willa On The Move (Two Punch). Sales history: 42,000gns 2yo '25 TATGBU. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,613.

O-Go Racing Ltd; B-Hyde Park Stud & Glebe Farm Stables; T-Joseph O'Brien.



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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

8th-Gowran, €17,000, Cond, 7-26, 3yo/up, 9 1/2fT, 2:04.57, gd. CRYPTO FORCE (GB) (h, 5, Time Test {GB})--Luna Mare {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire} Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-Ire, 13-3-0-1, \$150,038. O-Amo Racing Ltd; B-W A Tinkler; T-Adrian Murray. *32,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; 65,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT; 160,000gns 2yo '22 TATBRG; £900,000 2yo '22 GOFLOM.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Continuite (GB), f, 3, Frankel (GB)--Time Chaser (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). Gowran, 7-26, 8fT, 1:41.02. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$16,024. B-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd. *Full to Time Lock (GB), MGSW-Eng & SW-Fr, \$334,950.

GERMANY

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

6th-Bad Harzburg, €37,000, Cond, 7-26, 3yo, 9 1/4fT, 1:54.63, gd.

WARREN HILL (GER) (g, 3, Churchill {Ire})--Waldkonigin {Ger}, by Kingman {GB} Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, €29,950. O-Stall Riesling Racing; B-Gestut Brummerhof; T-Henk Grewe.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Gondara (Ger), f, 3, Areion (Ger)--Goathemala (Ger) (GSW-Ger), by Black Sam Bellamy (Ire). Bad Harzburg, 7-26, 9 1/4fT, 1:56.91. B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof. *1/2 to Wolf Country (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), SW-Fr; Goiania (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**), SW-Ger; Gualana (Ger) (Pivotal {GB}), SW-Ger; Geminiano (Ger) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**), SW-Ger; and Guavia (Ger) (Invincible Spirit {ire}), SP-Ger.

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IN SAUDI ARABIA:

Muqtahem (Ire), g, 4, Soldier's Call (Ire)--Smooth Sailing (GB), by **Bated Breath (GB)**. King Khalid, 7-26, Cond., 1200m. B-Ballyhane. *GSP-KSA. **Full to Kuwaitya (Ire), SP-Fr & Eng. ***£27,000 Ylg '22 GOF AUG; £60,000 2yo '23 GOF APR.

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Sunday, Munich, Germany, post time: 14:10

GROSSER DALLMAYR-PREIS - BAYERISCHES ZUCHTRENKEN-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)	Scr	Scr	Scr
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].

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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	Piccione	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].

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