



Q & A WITH GABBY GAUDET



Gabby Gaudet | Keeneland

by Bill Finley

Most racing fans know Gabby Gaudet from her job at FanDuel TV, where she was one of that network's top talent. It sounds like a dream job, but Gaudet has found one that she thinks will be even better. It was **announced last week that Gaudet was named the new Director of Communications at Keeneland**. She sat down recently with the TDN to discuss her new job and why she decided to trade in her microphone.

TDN: The Keeneland job looks like a great job. It's a very prestigious position. But most people would say you already had a great job being with FanDuel TV and being the voice for a lot of big races. So what made you want to make the transition from FanDuel to this job?

GG: If I'm being perfectly honest, I was interested in this job at Keeneland because of the lifestyle change it represents. I have a soon to be 4-year-old (Crew), and a soon to be 2-year-old (Miles). **Cont. p3**

C & S THOROUGHBREDS HOPING FOR THE NEXT CATALOG COVER HORSE IN RETURN TO FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA

by Christina Bossinakis

The husband and wife team of Carlos Estrada and Sarah Estrada-Brok have been skillfully developing C & S Thoroughbreds into thriving pinhooking venture over the past eight years. Steadily picking up steam with a each carefully-crafted consignment, the couple makes only their second appearance at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Yearling Sale, which will be held in Saratoga Springs Aug. 4-5.

After offering their very first consignment in 2017, they ventured out on their own thereafter, and in their initial season selling 2-year-olds under the Sterling Thoroughbreds banner in 2021, they hit pay dirt with a Brody's Cause colt--a \$6,000 yearling purchase--for \$290,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May Sale.

The operation's yearling class has also steadily picked up steam over the course of the last five years, highlighted by a yearling colt by **Justify** out of Mahkama (Bernardini) who went to BBA Ireland for \$250,000 at the venue last year. The duo also sold a **Charlatan** colt out of Brandons Danger (Into Mischief) for the same price following the sale.

"Last year, we had our first consignment in Saratoga, and this year, we are going back with what I think is a better group," affirmed Carlos Estrada. "I think this group is going to turn out to be very nice." **Cont. p7**

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Recent winner Saratoga winner Malarchuk (*Nyquist*), who realized \$525,000 from the partnership of Reddam Racing and ERJ Racing during last week's Fasig-Tipton July Digital Sale, appears poised to make his next start in the Aug. 30 GI Pacific Classic. See p8 | Sarah Andrew

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GG: This past winter I would say was really the moment that it became extremely difficult to juggle everything. I keep saying this, but it's so true. It was like trying to put a round peg in a square hole. It just felt like every time I kept trying harder and trying harder to make this work something was working against me, especially during the winter. During the summer, my husband (trainer Norm Casse) is either at Oaklawn or Saratoga. I have a full-time career. And I was traveling all the time. I found myself having to really put together a chaotic puzzle to try to figure out childcare. And not only that, my job kept pulling me away from my kids. And so that was number one.

This is a game-changer. You're absolutely right. I'm glad you said that. You hit the nail on the head. It was like I went from one great job to another great job, and that's what made this

decision so difficult. I love where I am and I love what I've done. I'm proud of what I've done with the team at FanDuel over the past several years.



Gabby Gaudet (second right) | Keeneland

TDN: You reside in Louisville, will you commute back and forth from Louisville to Lexington?

GG: Yes, as of now. Norm and I are kind of open, but yes, that is the plan, to just commute as of now.

TDN: The job, your travel, your kids. Some how you made it all work, although you say was never easy. Just how did you pull this off?


GG: I was actually speaking to one of our producers this morning and we laughed and he was like, 'I can't believe you did Royal Ascot when you were six months pregnant.' Part of it is just the way I am. I think sometimes I'm a glutton for punishment and I just want to work so hard. It's kind of ingrained in me. **Cont. p4**

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GG: But I don't know, I think I will look back on certain moments and think, how the hell did I pull that off? When you're in it, you're just kind of taking a deep breath and you're going day to day and just kind of figuring it out as you go along. I was really emotional about this the other day when I was talking to my husband. He's had to make a lot of sacrifices as well. He has a budding career that he wants to be able to dedicate a lot of time to. And because I'm not flexible or my job isn't as flexible as some other jobs would be, he's had to really sacrifice a lot for his career as well. I think at the end of the day, hopefully, there will be a kumbaya and moment we can kind of figure everything out and get back on track here.

TDN: How much do you think you'll miss being in front of the camera and doing that role that you did so well for all these years?

GG: I definitely will miss it. But the opportunity is still there to do both from Keeneland. When I get my feet underneath me in this new role, that's not impossible, that I might pop up on television throughout the year on occasion. I don't think that door is completely closed. I'm still open to the idea of doing some television. It just won't be to the extent that I have been doing. Based on the conversations I've had with (Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer) Christa (Marillia) this is a very forward facing role. Much of it is going to be a spokesperson and being able to be the voice of Keeneland in many aspects. So there's still that public speaking element to it. And I'll still be doing some of the simulcast during the fall and spring meet. So I think I'll be busy enough.

TDN: Reading the press release that announced your hiring, they said you will "shape how Keeneland connects with fans, media and the broader racing community." Could you elaborate on that? What are some of the things in the back of your mind that you'd like to try and like to do?

GG: It just seems like such a dynamic role. I was a dual major at Towson University and one of the majors was mass comm and the other was graphic design. I did a lot of PR advertising with my mass comm degree. Kind of thinking back to that and then looking at the experience that I've had with storytelling within FanDuel and public speaking, I think I have acquired some important skills over the past several years.

I would say that a huge part of this is being on the other side of the media and understanding where there are gaps and how some of these entities communicate important information as well, whether it be incident reports or crisis communication.

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And Keeneland is a gold standard. That's why I love Keeneland, because they really do try hard to do the right thing every single time. But I think there's some opportunities to streamline those processes and get more creative with how we tell, not only the stories within Keeneland, but in the broader community, whether it be horse racing or Lexington or even farther out than that. I've got some great ideas. I don't want to give them all away because we still have to refine them, but my brain is really, really turning.

And what I love about this opportunity is it's a very collaborative environment, so I can take an idea and go to (VP of Racing) Gatewood (Bell) or I could take an idea and go to (Vice President of Sales) Tony Lacy or Christa or (President) Shannon (Arvin) or (Senior Director of Marketing) Dara Allen, who I'm now working with. It just seems very collaborative. I hope to get a lot of good feedback and, hopefully, we can refine some of these goals and hit the ground running come the fall.

TDN: You made some history a few years back where you helped out the team at the sales as an announcer. Is that going to be part of your future at all? Do you see yourself doing more of that?

GG: I won't be announcing at the sales, but I definitely will be involved in the sales, especially as it pertains to communicating. And again, I have some ideas about the sales. Sometimes, especially to new owners, it can be extremely overwhelming. I remember when I first started getting into the sales world, I was so overwhelmed.

There's so many different facets to it and so many different players and it all moves very quickly. It's very fast paced. And I think if we can kind of slow that down, tell a couple of stories, and inform the members within the industry, or outside of the industry, that are interested in coming in and buying horses. That's kind of the goal. It's always been my goal, even in my role right now, to be able to educate fans and educate people who are interested about the sport and just make sure that they have a really good entry into this industry.

TDN: Your family is very well known in Maryland racing, Your father, mother and sister all trained. Why didn't you go that route?



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GG: I don't like to get up that early. Seriously, that was part of it though. I'm not going to lie. I did gallop in the mornings during high school and part of college. I worked for my dad and I worked for Hammy Smith, Tim Keefe, and a couple of other Maryland horsemen. I love going out in the morning, but occasionally when I was going out every morning, it kind of took the luster out of it for me. I like to go out on my own terms.

I grew up very much in a horse racing family. It wasn't just my mom and dad, it wasn't just my sister (Lacey), who knew what she wanted to do by the time she could walk. My aunts were jockeys. My uncle was a farrier, my other uncle was a horse owner and trainer. So it was ubiquitous within my entire family. We'd be sitting down at the dinner table at night and it would be like, oh my gosh, we have to talk about this again? Can't we talk about something else? And so I did kind of take my own route, going to college, being involved in sports, traveling, doing my own thing for a very long time.

And I came back into it because, truth be told, I went to work for the Saratoga Special. When I worked for that publication when I was in college, I went up to Saratoga for the first time and it was madness. It was chaos. But it was so much fun being able to tell those stories and meet those people. And it really honed my writing skills. But that said, looking back, sometimes I cringe at some of those articles I wrote and sometimes I look back and I'm like, 'Hey, that wasn't so bad.' My sister knew what she wanted to do from the get go. I did not know what I wanted to do. And at one point I didn't think it had anything to do with horse racing. Then I found that different entry point and I loved the media side of it. I didn't even know that really existed at the time.

TDN: You've done a lot of work for the TAA. Will you continue in that and how can you contribute to them?

GG: I really want to expand my role with them as well as the Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation, as well as some other non-profits that are within the industry. I've done some work with the Backside Learning Center here at Churchill as well. I'd love to get more involved with them. As for the TAA, I've just been a member of the advisory board thus far, and I just haven't been able to commit as much time to it just because of everything else. But I hope to be able to actually have a stronger presence moving forward with that.

TDN: If you have any good story ideas, you know where to reach me.

GG: Absolutely. And honestly, that is the goal. I even had a long chat with Tony Lacy yesterday, and I said, you guys are in it. You're weeding through all of these yearlings, all of the players with all these horses. You kind of are privy to these stories. I was like, please don't hesitate to just reach out to me. So that's my goal too. Knowing the television side of it, sometimes we're scrambling. We have so many things to cover day to day to day to day to day, and we can't have the resources, the people, the time to commit to try to find these stories. So I want to find these stories, package them up beautifully, and be able to give them to various media entities. So that's another huge component. I think being on the other side, on the outside looking in that I can contribute in that way too.

TDN: Terrific. Well, Gabby, again, thanks for your time. Congratulations, and I'm sure you'll do a great job.

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C & S Thoroughbreds returns to Saratoga sale, cont. from p1



Carlos Estrada, Sarah Estrada-Brok with Ethan, Eber and Ezekiel at Fasig-Tipton July | Amy Molina photo

Hoping to raise the bar in Saratoga next month, C & S Thoroughbreds will provide a trio of yearlings in its first offering at the select venue. All the yearlings are made up of limited partnerships, that the Estradas also have a stake in.

Offering some intrigue to this maiden voyage is **Hip 82**, a filly by Cyberknife, who is represented by his first crop of yearlings in 2025. Bred by Dr. Jerry Bilinski, the New York-bred already made the headlines when selling for a **sale-topping \$230,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Mixed Sale last October**. The March 28 foal, the dark bay is a half-sister to GIII Summertime Oaks winner Cash Call (**McKinzie**) and SW and GSP Strategic Dreams (Archarcharch). Her winning dam D'fashion (D'wildcat) is a half-sister to GSW and GISP Express Tour (Tour d'Or).

Trained by Bob Baffert, CSLR Racing's Cash Call will be making her next start in Saratoga's GI Test Stakes.

"She is fancy," said Sarah Estrada-Brok. "She is beautiful and correct and keeps improving. She's probably one of the best Cyberknife's we've seen."

Asked if it was always the plan to bring the New York-bred filly back to sell in Saratoga, Estrada said, "We bought her with the idea of going back to the [select] sale with her."

Also on the first day of selling, the consignment is represented by a colt by **Olympiad**, offered as **Hip 41**. Winner of the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, **Olympiad** is also represented by his first crop of yearlings in 2025.

An Apr. 11 foal, the Kentucky-bred is out of SP Autonomous (**Quality Road**), who descends from the family of Grade I winners Monba, Secret Hello and Silent Account, second dam of GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Plum Pretty. Bred by Stoneriggs Farm, the colt was purchased for \$150,000 at Fasig-Tipton in Kentucky last February.

"He's a very nice colt, very athletic. We went to February saying we needed a Saratoga colt. He was one," said Estrada.

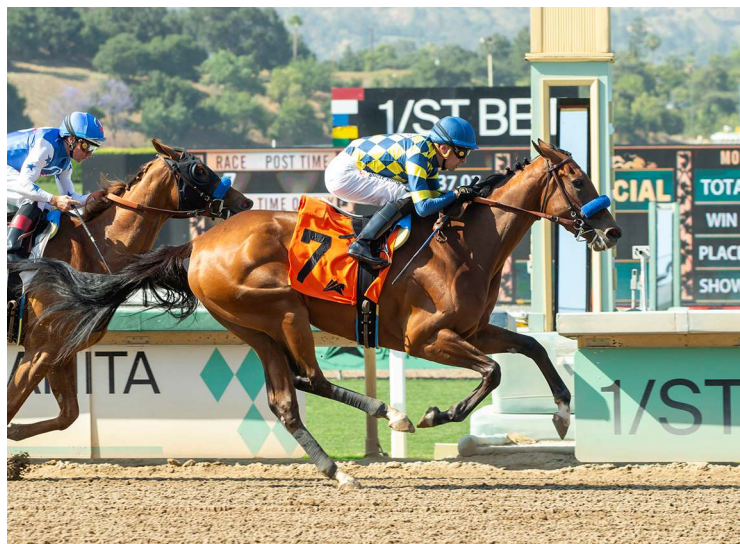
Selling on the second day, **Hip 198**, a filly by newcomer **Golden Pal**, rounds out the Saratoga C & S Thoroughbreds draft.

Bred in Kentucky by Hidden Springs Farm, the \$92,000 Keeneland November weanling is the second foal out of the Orb mare Seeking Spirits, a half-sister to Grade III scorer Kirby's Penny (Macho Uno). This represents the extended family of GSW and graded producer Degenerate Gal.

"Like the stallion, she has a lot of substance to her," Estrada added. "Everyone is loving the Uncle Mo-line stallions like Yaupon and **Golden Pal** would not be an exception."

According to Estrada-Brok, the consignors plan to maintain 10-15 yearlings per season, and they plan to focus their hands-on operation on quality over quantity.

The couple purchased their farm, an 18-acre tract of land in Georgetown, Kentucky, three years ago.



C & S Thoroughbreds offers a 1/2 sister to GIII Summertime Oaks winner Cash Call (pictured) at the Saratoga Sale | Benoit

"It's the perfect size for us, because we try to keep it small," she said. "We try to get better quality every year. We'd like to stay small so we can focus on them, because it's mostly just us. We want to represent the best horses that we can."

The consignors sold several yearlings at Fasig-Tipton this past July, and they expect to sell a handful, under the banner of a different consignor, at Keeneland in September. C & S Thoroughbreds will also sell a few at Fasig-Tipton in October.

Asked if they might ever consider expanding the size of their operation in the future, Estrada-Brok replied, "We don't want to get any bigger. Right now, we are happy where we are at. It's manageable. We have three kids. We don't just want to focus on horses, we want to focus on our kids as well. At that number, we can do everything ourselves."

POWER PLAY: FASIG-TIPTON DIGITAL BUY MALARCHUK AFTER 'CELLY' OUT WEST



Colorado Avalanche star Erik Johnson hoists the Stanley Cup at Del Mar in 2022 | Benoit

by J.N. Campbell

Dubbed a 'celly' in hockey parlance--short for the celebration that comes after a goal--the Thoroughbred version takes place in the winner's circle where power plays and fist pumps are also welcome.

For those investors looking to ride the nearest glass elevator by punching the button that reads 'Up and Out', logging on the Fasig-Tipton Digital platform is one way to pursue a creditable Horse of Racing Age on the make.

Fasig-Tipton's July auction, which just wrapped online a week ago, once again offered potential owners the chance to win now and not wait till later. A racing prospect who was the second-highest return during the event is a case in point.

Four-year-old **Malarchuk** (**Nyquist**)--named after Clint Malarchuk, the NHL goalie who survived having his carotid artery severed during a game in 1989--was offered by owners Richard Schermerhorn, Jeff Drown and Michael J. Ryan. Trained and consigned by Chad Brown, the colt cleared a pair of optional claimers at Saratoga June 6 and July 12. It was Reddam Racing and ERJ Racing who paired to win the war of clicks by going to \$525,000. The man behind ERJ and doing the bidding online as the seconds ticked down on Malarchuk was professional hockey player & Stanley Cup champion Erik Johnson.

He said he has found Fasig-Tipton's platform to be incredibly easy to use. Since his partner Paul Reddam had not delved too much into the format it was Johnson who took the lead when it came to upping the ante.

"It's a great platform Fasig-Tipton has built and what they do in hand bidders everything they need to make informed decisions because it is all there in front of you," said Johnson. "Paul and I have partnered on some 2-year-olds in the past, but we just did not have much in the way of luck, so when Malarchuk came up we were very interested especially since he is by **Nyquist** (by Uncle Mo)."

Of course, the NHL has served as an inspiration for Reddam before when he named his GI Kentucky Derby winner after a Detroit 'Hockeytown' star. The colt began his racing career by rattling off eight wins in a row which was capped by the score under the Twin Spires in 2016. Now, **Nyquist** stands at Darley America.

"Nyquist's ability has translated very well to his offspring," the NHL defenseman said. "As a sire you are seeing versatile runners have success like **Gosger**, **Randomized** and **Nysos**, so we knew that Malarchuk being on the improve was something we wanted to get in on. His figures are strong and he's from a deep family."

According to Johnson, Fasig-Tipton's digital platform countdown mirrors the clock in a hockey game with overtime as a prospect. The NHL star added that he is used to the challenges of managing time.

"You have to be ready to shoot out a bid when it gets tight after multiple days of watching," he said. "I actually entered \$510,000, but the increments go up when you are over half a million by \$25,000, so Paul was teasing me that I actually owe him \$15,000. When Malarchuk wins at Del Mar, I will make sure to pay him back."

Their purchase has left Chad Brown's base upstate and is already in the capable California hands of new trainer Michael McCarthy. Johnson says that the plan is point to the GI Pacific Classic Stakes at Del Mar Aug. 30 where Malarchuk could potentially meet new stablemate **Journalism** (**Curlin**) and also '**TDN Rising Star**' Nysos in what is tabbed as a 'Win and You're In' race for the GI Longines Breeders' Cup Classic.

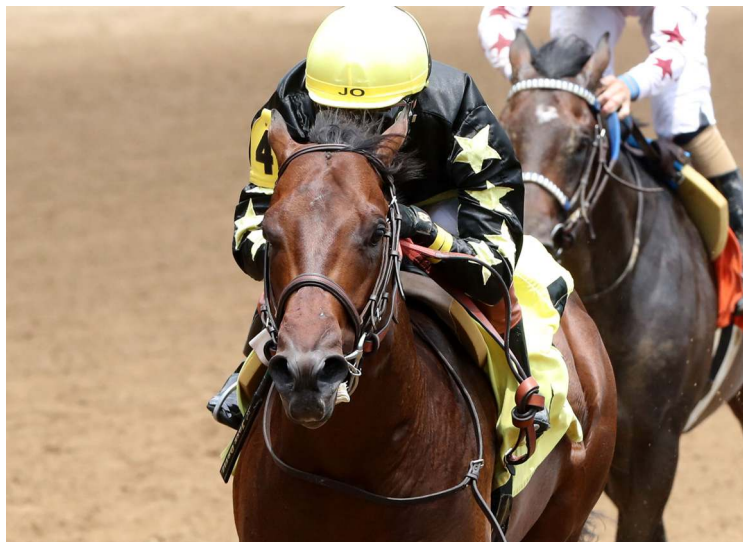
Those big names do not phase Johnson one bit.

"In any sport you want to beat the best and it's shaping up to be a great race with Journalism and Nysos potentially being in there," Johnson said. "It's a privilege to be able to compete against such quality horses. We are excited to see how our new acquisition will stack up."

Reddam and ERJ won the war of clicks for Malarchuk during the Fasig-Tipton's July Digital Sale and now they are after an even bigger 'celly' with a month to go until the Pacific Classic. A fist pump in that winner's circle would definitely be in order.

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'RISING STAR' DAZZLE D'ORO EUTHANIZED AFTER CATASTROPHIC TRAINING INJURY



Dazzle d'Oro | Coady Media

'TDN Rising Star' Dazzle d'Oro (Bolt d'Oro) sustained a catastrophic training injury Monday morning, and had to be euthanized, trainer Tom Amoss announced via X.

According to the tweet, the colt received immediate attention and was sent to Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital about a mile from Saratoga, but due to the severity of the injury had to be humanely euthanized to prevent further suffering.

The son of Bolt d'Oro earned the nod from the *TDN* after a sterling debut at Churchill Downs June 29 when he took a field gate to wire and completed his six-furlong journey just .04 slower than Romeo (**Honor A.P.**) did when he won the Listed Bashford Manor in stakes-record time later on the same card. Dazzle d'Oro had been entered for Saturday's GII Saratoga Special Stakes.

"I want to thank the track staff, the veterinarians, and the hospital staff for the immediate care and attention Dazzle received," Amoss said in the post. "Everyone in our barn feels a deep loss & our thoughts and prayers are with the owners and all who worked with him."

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THISTLEDOWN RESUMES RACING AND HORSE BREAKS DOWN IN FIRST RACE BACK

by Bill Finley

After a couple of lost training days last week because of escalating safety concerns with the dirt surface, racing resumed Monday at Thistledown, but another tragedy was not far behind. In the first race of the day, the 5-year-old mare Tayyara (Khozan) broke down and had to be euthanized. Thistledown canceled the remainder of the eight-race card.

According to a Horseracing Safety and Integrity Authority (HISA) spokesperson, HISA Chief Executive Officer Lisa Lazarus asked Thistledown to cancel after the first race and they agreed to do so. She also asked them to conduct an investigation and be prepared to discuss the results with her so that they can agree on next steps."

The track was shut down for training as track officials looked to correct whatever problems there may have been. They resumed training on Saturday and Monday's card was the first day back for racing.

Tayyara stalked the pace early, took the lead entering the turn and then broke down in upper stretch. The Equibase chart also noted that Timely Secret (Commissioner) bumped into the distressed rival, Tayyara, and had to be vanned off the track.

It has been a tumultuous week for the Cleveland area track. On July 21, Thistledown fired its track superintendent, Sean Wright, and brought in outside racing surface consultants and began working with HISA. Images began to circulate on social media showing fist-sized rocks that were allegedly picked up from the track by jockeys and horsemen on Monday and Tuesday. **Wright told the TDN's TD Thornton that he was fired for being a whistleblower because he took his concerns to HISA and the track stewards.**

Wright also told Thornton that there have been eight catastrophic injuries at Thistledown since the meet began Apr. 21--five in races and three during training.

But at least one Thistledown executive was quick to defend the racing surface.

"We did not have problems with the track today by any stretch of the imagination," said Racing Secretary Patrick Mackey. "We did have a horse that was pulled up in the first race. We're looking at that right now and investigating what happened. From what I was told, the jockeys were raving about the racing surface. We're still looking into everything but every report we've had on the track was positive."

Mackey said meetings were on-going to decide whether the track will hold its regularly scheduled Tuesday card.

"The jockeys have told me that from their perspective, the track has never been better," said a Thistledown jockey agent who asked that his name not be used. "With the work they've done on it the last few days the track was in great shape. I know that a horse breaking down in the first race is a bad look, but it's not the track."

Ohio Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association Executive Director Dave Basler was still another who defended the racing surface Monday.



Break down forces cancellation at Thistledown, cont.

"Obviously, we're concerned," he said. "We resumed training Saturday morning after not training from Wednesday through Friday last week in order to get the track back in shape. I received nothing but positive reports from everyone about training on Saturday and Sunday. We did not have any concerns going into today. Unfortunately, there was an incident. No decision has been made on where we go from here. Management, the horsemen and the riders were all confident going into the day that the racetrack was safe."

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PROMINENT OWNER/BREEDER FIPKE BREAKS NEW GROUND IN JAPAN



Kana Tape | JRA photo

by Alan Carasso

Kana Tape (Jpn), a 6-year-old mare by perennial leading sire Lord Kanaloa (Jpn), gave North American owner/breeder Charles Fipke—one of just a handful of foreign owners to be granted a full-time license in Japan—his first feature-race winner in the country when coming from far back in the final quarter mile to take out the 1600-meter G3 Sekiya Kinen at Niigata Racecourse on Sunday, July 27.

Ridden by the visiting Rachel King to a Tokyo allowance success Feb. 9, the mare—trained by Noriyuki Hori—returned from a 133-day absence to finish runner-up in the 1800-meter G3 Fuchu Himba Stakes back at headquarters on June 22. A tepid post-time favorite at 17-5 with King back in the saddle from gate 14, Kana Tape was void of early speed and raced fourth from last as American import **Shin Forever (Complexity)** was loose on the lead.

Asked to sprint on the grandstand side with just less than two furlongs to travel, the bay mare entered the final eighth of a mile in full flight and was along in the final couple of strides to score by a neck, covering her final 600 meters in a race-best :32.5 while stopping the clock in a course-record 1:31 flat ([video](#)). Godolphin's **Off Trail (GB)** (Farhh {GB}) and second choice **Bond Girl (Jpn)** (Daiwa Major {Jpn}), a daughter of Coasted (Tizway) and half-sister to GSW & MG1SP Danon Beluga (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), dead-headed for second.

Kana Tape is a daughter of 2004 GI QE II Challenge Cup and GI American Oaks victress Ticker Tape (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}), who was purchased by Northern Farm's Katsumi Yoshida in foal to Giant's Causeway for \$950,000 at the 2011 Keeneland November Sale and was exported to Japan.

Fipke, who has shopped the JRHA Select Sale off and on since 2016, acquired Kana Tape for ¥84 million (*about US\$772,800*) at the 2019 Foal Sale and she gave her owner his first winner of any variety in Japan when breaking her maiden at first asking going 1800 meters at Tokyo in January 2022. Sunday's victory took Kana Tape's record to 5-4-3 from 17 starts for earnings of \$975,617.

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JUDGE DISMISSES FIRED HAWTHORNE VET'S WHISTLEBLOWER CLAIMS THAT ALLEGED CONSPIRACY TO RACE UNSOUND HORSES

by T.D. Thornton

A judge has dismissed federal claims in a lawsuit filed last year by a former Hawthorne Race Course association veterinarian who alleged that her efforts to scratch over 80 lame or injured Thoroughbreds during 2022-23 were met with a purported conspiracy among track employees, other veterinarians, and state regulators to overturn her actions so unsound horses could be entered to fill short-field races.

Dr. Christine Tuma had also claimed in United States District Court (Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division) that when she reported this alleged conspiracy to state and federal regulators, she was fired "in retaliation for blowing the whistle on the illegal activities."

Tuma's [Sept. 12, 2024, civil complaint](#) centered on the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) to try and collect damages.

RICO is a sweeping 1970 federal statute initially designed to combat the Mafia. But RICO has long since lost its "organized crime" stigma, evolving over the decades into a civil litigation component more often asserted by purported victims of white-collar crime.



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Hawthorne management had denied the allegations when the complaint first got filed, and last November **asked the court to dismiss the lawsuit** based on the contention that Tuma's case did not meet the standards for RICO claims and because her allegations fell "well short of alleging conduct of an enterprise or a pattern of racketing."

In a July 25, 2025, opinion and order, United States District Judge Jeffrey Cummings agreed with Hawthorne and other defendants, dismissing Tuma's federal claims and relinquishing jurisdiction over her remaining state law claims related to the Illinois Whistleblower Act, common law retaliatory discharge, and civil conspiracy.

The judge dismissed Tuma's federal claims "without prejudice," explaining in the order that Tuma can refile an amended complaint with the federal court by Aug. 15 "to the extent she can do so consistent with this Memorandum Opinion and Order."

An attorney for Tuma, Haskell Garfinkel, responded to TDN's request for comment with an email that noted that although the judge dismissed some of the claims against Hawthorne and the other defendants on "procedural grounds," the court made "no finding on the underlying merits of the case or the allegations made by Dr. Tuma."

Emails sent Monday morning by TDN to two attorneys representing Hawthorne did not yield replies prior to the late-afternoon deadline for this story.

In addition to Hawthorne as a business entity, the Illinois Racing Board (IRB) was named as a defendant in the lawsuit, as were track employees Jim Miller (director of racing), John Walsh (assistant general manager) and Dave White (racing secretary). Other defendants were Dawn Folker-Calderon, the IRB's chief state vet; two state stewards, Thomas Kelley and John Eddy, plus Beth Beuchler, a vet employed by Hawthorne.

Tuma's lawsuit stated that because of the alleged conspiracy, she "suffered loss of income, benefits, career opportunities, humiliation, and emotional distress."

She sought judgment against the defendants "for actual damages, compensatory damages, punitive damages [and] treble damages."

The lawsuit stated that, "It was during the fall meeting in 2022 that Dr. Tuma uncovered the full extent of the illegal running of sick and lame horses. On or around the same time, Dr. Tuma uncovered and began investigating alterations of the medical records of these horses."

Tuma's complaint stated that, "The entry of these horses into regulated Illinois races was not only a means for the RICO Defendants to induce wagers on horses that were not legally qualified to run, but in numerous instances, the certification of an additional horse in a race allowed the Enterprise to run races that did not meet the legally mandated minimum number of entries required to run a wagered race under Illinois law."

Over the course of 48 pages, Tuma's complaint detailed how her assessments of horses as "scratch lame" had allegedly been tampered with by Calderon and Beuchler and changed to "racing sound," the indication that the horse was fit to run, or to the less-severe "scratch sick" designation that is supposed to indicate temporary illness.

When Tuma expressed her concerns about the scratch process to Calderon, she was allegedly told, "This is how it's always done."

Tuma's lawsuit stated that owners and trainers began to complain about her high number of scratch assessments, including one horseman who allegedly "caused a horse to lurch menacingly at her, threatening grave bodily harm." Another time, the suit contended, a groom "physically battered her."

The suit stated that when Tuma reported these alleged incidents of abuse to track officials and the stewards, "only a nominal fine was levied against the perpetrators."

When Tuma began making a series of complaints to the stewards about the "misclassification of horses as sick from lame," she was informed by Calderon "that she had been stripped of her authority to scratch horses," and that a new protocol requiring Beuchler to check her assessments would be in place, the suit stated.

On March 20, 2023, Tuma's suit stated that she "delivered a comprehensive whistleblower letter" to the IRB and the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA).

The suit continued: "On or around the date Dr. Tuma submitted her comprehensive complaint to the IRB, Miller, who had theretofore never called Dr. Tuma directly on her cell phone, called her a minimum of six times to intimidate her about her lame scratches and to ensure that the maximum number of horses were run."

Some 3 1/2 months later, the suit stated, just 48 hours before HISA personnel were scheduled to visit Hawthorne for an inspection, "Dr. Tuma met with Walsh via Zoom on July 11, 2023, and was informed that she had been terminated based on the pretext that her termination was a cost-cutting measure."

But the judge's order last Friday stated that, "Tuma's alleged severe emotional distress and harm to her professional reputation is not an injury to business or property for the purposes of a civil RICO claim."

Cummings wrote that "even presuming that Tuma's loss of her job was an injury to her business or property for civil RICO purposes, she has failed to allege that this injury was directly caused by the alleged racketeering activity."

The judge continued, focusing on the RICO claims:

"Three out of the four alleged predicate acts have nothing to do with Tuma's termination," the order stated. "Plaintiff appears to implicitly agree as her Complaint states that the RICO defendants committed wire fraud 'when they agreed to and engaged in a scheme to *defraud bettors and regulators*' and to 'induce bettors to wager on [the race-ineligible] horses, thereby *depriving the bettors* of their money and increasing the funds obtained by the Enterprise...'

"The wire fraud as alleged was therefore aimed at defrauding bettors and regulators, not Tuma," the judge wrote.

"The same goes for the predicate acts of operating an illegal gambling business in violation of federal law and illegal gambling in violation of state law, both of which are premised on the same actions as those described in relation to the wire fraud allegations," the order stated.

"Tuma fails to establish that these predicate acts directly caused her firing. The Court's conclusion is not a close call. The Supreme Court has repeatedly emphasized the importance of a direct relation between the injury asserted and the conduct alleged," the judge wrote.





"Furthermore, the Court cannot ascertain any group's ascertainable damages here. The Complaint is devoid of information relating to whether (1) people actually placed wagers on the supposedly ineligible horses; (2) the ineligible horses' performance; or (3) the amount of money wagered and lost.

"As it stands, Tuma merely alleges in a conclusory fashion that the defendants' conduct of promoting sick horses to race 'goes well beyond mere disagreements with [her] professional opinions,' and without any support, this does not create an injury," the order stated.

"Tuma provides two examples of horses she assessed as lame, but that nonetheless raced," the judge explained. "The horses (Imagine Gold and Dastardly Deeds) finished second and third in their respective races despite Tuma's 'lame' assessment.



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"Tuma likens the horses' positive performance to professional athletes 'playing through the pain,' such as Peyton Manning's performance during the Denver Bronco's 2016 Super Bowl win despite neck issues that ultimately required surgery, and Tiger Woods' 2008 U.S. Open win despite a torn ACL and leg stress fractures," the order stated.

"However, these examples undercut Tuma's Complaint: anyone who bet on the Broncos in the 2016 Super Bowl or on Tiger Woods in the 2008 U.S. Open would have *won* money and *not* lost money," the order stated. "Moreover, if the Court takes as true—as Tuma alleges—that lame horses such as Imagine Gold and Dastardly Deeds may nonetheless perform well enough to place or show, then it must logically conclude that purportedly 'defrauded' bettors may win money despite placing wagers on ineligible horses."

The judge next addressed Tuma's fourth predicate act, which was premised on alleged actions deemed unlawful by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which makes it a federal offense to knowingly retaliate against anyone for providing truthful information to a law enforcement officer related to the commission or possible commission of any federal offense.

"Again, here, Tuma alleges that she complained of defendants' RICO activity to Dr. Mary Scollay, Chief of Science at the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) on Dec. 4, 2022, who then referred the matter to the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA)," the order stated.

"Tuma also delivered a 'comprehensive whistleblower letter' to both HISA and the IRB on March 20, 2023, describing: (a) unauthorized modifications to horses' medical records; (b) inappropriate/fraudulent transactions between trainers and veterinarians; and (c) failure to comply with operating protocol and procedure; and 'was explicit' that 'an investigation must ensue,'" the order stated.

"Tuma argues that HISA qualifies as a law enforcement agency because it is authorized to ensure compliance with the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act. Defendants disagree and argue that HISA merely assists the Federal Trade Commission in its enforcement of [the Act]," the order stated.

"The Court agrees that Tuma's letter to HISA and her complaint to Dr. Scollay at HIWU do not constitute communications 'to a law enforcement officer' for the purposes of establishing a RICO predicate act," the judge wrote.

"In sum: Tuma's damage—her employment termination (and 'severe emotional distress resulting in physical injuries and harm to her professional reputation,')—does not directly flow from the alleged predicate acts of wire fraud, illegal gambling, and operating an illegal gambling business. She fails to allege that her injury was directly related to the predicate acts," the judge's order stated.

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Big Screen (Speightstown) <i>(Dark Screen--Lake Superior S.)</i>	5	1
Bobby's Wicked One (Speightstown) <i>(Smoken Wicked--Amsterdam S.-GII)</i>	1	1
Competitive Edge (Super Saver) <i>(Alani--Love Sign S.)</i>	14	4
Connect (Curlin) <i>(Candy Quest--Ontario Colleen S.-GIII)</i>	15	7

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Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}) <i>(Running Away--Monmouth Oaks S.-GIII)</i>	42	29
Midshipman (Unbridled's Song) <i>(Gerrards Cross--Colleen S.)</i>	55	10
Omaha Beach (War Front) <i>(Mondogetsbuckets--Robert S. Molaro Memorial S.; Scarlet Sands--Miss Gracie S.)</i>	21	4
Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy) <i>(Literate--Trillium S.-GIII)</i>	18	8

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Candy Quest became the latest graded stakes winner for Lane's End's **Connect** in the Ontario Colleen Stakes | *Michael Burns*

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MARC HOLLIDAY, BRET JONES APPOINTED STEWARDS OF THE JOCKEY CLUB

Marc Holliday and Bret Jones have been elected as stewards, according to a Jockey Club release Monday. Additionally, William M. Lear Jr. was reelected Secretary.

The remaining stewards are Stuart S. Janney III (chair), Ian D. Hight (treasurer), William S. Farish Jr. (vice chair), Louis A. Cella, Everett Dobson, Gary Fenton, Terry Finley, David O'Farrell, and Vincent Viola.

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Holliday, a member of The Jockey Club since 2022, was elected chairman of the board of directors of the New York Racing Association (NYRA) in December 2021. In his capacity as chairman, Holliday oversees the design and development of the new Belmont Park scheduled to open in 2026. Appointed to the NYRA board in 2014, Holliday has chaired the NYRA Equine Safety Committee since 2015. He is the chairman and chief executive officer of SL Green Realty Corp, which is New York City's largest owner of office properties. An owner and breeder, Holliday operates Blue Devil Racing Stable.



Bret Jones | *courtesy B Jones*

Jones, a member of The Jockey Club since 2023, is the president of Airdrie Stud in Midway, Kentucky. A 2004 graduate of the University of the South (Sewanee) and an alumnus of the Irish National Stud Breeding Course, he has been an official member of the Airdrie Stud team since 2006. Jones has served on the Breeders' Cup board of directors since 2011 and was recently named to the board of directors of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club. He also sits on the Keeneland Advisory Board as well as the board of trustees for the University of Kentucky's Markey Cancer Foundation. He formerly served as a commissioner on the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission from 2016 to 2020.

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WAGERING MENU FOR 166TH KING'S PLATE FEATURES NEW KING & QUEENS PICK 3

Woodbine Entertainment released the official wagering menu for the 166th running of the \$1-million King's Plate, taking place Saturday, Aug. 16 at Woodbine Racetrack.

A total of \$1 million in guaranteed Pick 5 pools will anchor the day, the debut of The Kings & Queens Pick 3, a special Pick-3 sequence linking the day's three marquee races.

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Below is the full list of featured wagers for King's Plate Day:

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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 & D 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

Zulu Kingdom (Ire) (Ten Sovereigns {Ire}) couldn't be more obvious. He's won three straight stakes, beating many of Friday's opponents in those races, has the best figs and is trained by Chad Brown. Take the \$2.60. They're not going to beat him. Since there's a ton of speed in this race, we'll see if we can get **Luther (GB)** to round out the exacta. He closed to finish third in a good effort in the GI Belmont Derby and switches from European pilot to Joel Rosario, which should help. **Tiz Dashing (Tiz the Law)** is another who may make a late run for Javier Castellano.--*Bill Finley*

Saturday, Saratoga #8, post time: 3:52 p.m. EDT

FANDUEL FOURSTARDAVE S-GI, \$750,000, 4yo/up, 1mT



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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cugino 🌿	Twirling Candy	West Point Thoroughbreds and Jimmy Kahig LLC	McGaughey III	Ortiz, Jr.	122
2	My Boy Prince	Cairo Prince	Gary Barber	Casse	Ortiz	122
3	Johannes	Nyquist	CUYATHY LLC	Yakteen	Rispoli	126
4	Think Big	Twirling Candy	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Saez	124
5	Win for the Money	Mohaymen	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Davis	126
6	Intellect (Fr)	Intello (Ger)	Madaket Stables, Dubb, Michael & Bouchey, Steven	Brown	Prat	122
7	Spirit of St Louis 🌿	Medaglia d'Oro	Madaket Stables, Dubb, M & Schermerhorn, Richard	Brown	Franco	126
8	Deterministic 🌿	Liam's Map	St. Elias Stable, Langone, Ken, Duncker, C. Steven and Vicarage Stable	Clement	Carmouche	126
9	Lagynos 🌿	Kantharos	HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud	Asmussen	Rosario	122
10	Neat 🌿	Constitution	Red White and Blue Racing LLC and CMNWLTH	Atras	Alvarado	122

Breeders: 1-Gage Hill Stables, LLC & W. S. Farish, 2-Murray Graham Smith, 3-Cuyathy, LLC, 4-Godolphin, 5-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 6-Ecurie Michel Sardou, 7-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 8-Hinkle Farms, 9-Robert Spiegel, 10-Hidden Brook Farm & Spruce Lane Farm

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Not only did **Deterministic** (Liam's Map) win the Grade I Manhattan S. in his last for hot trainer Miguel Clement, he looks to be only speed in here. Mile may not be his best distance but he did run a sharp second in last year's one-mile Manila at Saratoga. Morning-line favorite **Johannes (Nyquist)** is the best turf miler on the West Coast. Has won five of his last six. Will not make things easy for Deterministic. On his best day, **Spirit of St Louis** (Medaglia d'Oro), could win this, but it's hard to explain away his clunker in the Manhattan. Has better races in him and could be dangerous. Surprisingly, Chad Brown has won this race just once, and that was last year.--*Bill Finley*

Saturday, Saratoga #9, post time: 4:28 p.m. EDT

SARATOGA DERBY INVITATIONAL S.-GI, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 3/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Capitol Hill	Into Mischief	Tranquility Lake Farms LLC	Mott	Velazquez	122
2	Juwelier (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Hajro Jusufovic	Botti	Rispoli	122
3	Final Gambit	Not This Time	Juddmonte	Cox	Prat	122
4	Tiztastic 🐾	Tiz the Law	Winchell Thoroughbreds, Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael B. and Smith, Derrick	Asmussen	Rosario	122
5	Test Score	Lookin At Lucky	Amerman Racing LLC	Motion	Franco	122
6	New Century (GB)	Kameko	Qatar Racing	Walsh	Ortiz, Jr.	122
7	Hotazhell (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Silverton Hill LLC	Harrington	Foley	122
8	Tiberius Thunder (Ire)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Amo Racing USA LLC	Murray	Dettori	122
9	World Beater 🐾	Oscar Performance	Pin Oak Stud LLC	Mott	Torres	122

Breeders: 1-Pam & Martin Wygod, 2-Newtown Anner Stud, 3-Juddmonte, 4-Capital Bloodstock, 5-Mrs. Jerry Amerman, 6-The Potent Embrace Partnership, 7-Blue Diamond Stud Farm (UK) Ltd, 8-Castlefarm Stud, 9-Dr. John A. Chandler

Hotazhell (GB) (Too Darn Hot {Gb}) is a top class European horse shipping in for top trainer Jessica Harrington. He's won three group stakes in Europe, including a Group I. Classy horse. Only worry is the distance. His best races have come at a mile or shorter.

Test Score (Lookin at Lucky) looks the best of the American entrants after winning the GI Belmont Derby. **New Century** (GB) (Kitten's Joy) showed a new dimension when stalking the pace in the Belmont Derby. With little early speed in this race he may get a favorable trip.--*Bill Finley*

Saturday, Saratoga #10, post time: 5:04 p.m. EDT

TEST S. PRESENTED BY TICKETMASTER-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ragtime	Union Rags	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	122
2	Kilwin 🐾	Twirling Candy	BBN Racing LLC	Arnold II	Ortiz	122
3	Look Forward 🐾	Bolt d'Oro	Reddam Racing LLC	McCarthy	Rispoli	122
4	Cash Call 🐾	McKinzie	Edward A. Childs	Baffert	Prat	122
5	Me and Molly McGee 🐾	Vekoma	Exline-Border Racing, Kennedy, Aaron, Burns, Mike, Wilson, Susanna and Hudock, Dan	Eurton	Dettori	122
6	Echo Sound	Echo Town	Gabriel Duignan	Arnold II	Saez	122
7	Artisma 🐾	Munnings	Nguyen, Calvin, Rodgers, Sara and Tran, Joey C.	Baltas	Velazquez	122
8	Beauty Reigns	Into Mischief	Tranquility Lake Farms LLC	Mott	Ortiz, Jr.	122

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Gilder-Schwarz Farms LLC, 3-Woods Edge Farm, LLC & BallyfairBloodstock, 4-Brent Harris & Beth Harris, 5-Four Pillars Holdings LLC, 6-Springhouse Farm, Vision TBs, BrucePieratt & Patricia Pieratt, 7-Sun Valley Farm, 8-Wygod Equine, LLC

Ragtime (Union Rags) takes a big jump up in class after winning a first-level allowance. But she looked great in that race, drawing off to win by 4 1/4 eased up, while earning a 96 Beyer. Trainer Rusty Arnold has two threats in this race in **Kilwin** (Twirling Candy) and **Echo Sound** (Echo Town). I'll go with the longer price in Kilwin. Making her first ever start on the dirt she was a convincing winner of one of those tough overnight stakes at Churchill Downs, running a 96 Beyer. She seems to have found a home at seven furlongs on the dirt. Echo Sound will win if running back to her big victory in the GIII Victory Ride S., but is a bounce candidate off a lifetime best race.--*Bill Finley*

Saturday, Saratoga #11, post time: 5:41 p.m. EDT**WHITNEY S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m****CHALLENGE SERIES WIN AND YOU'RE IN.™**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mindframe	Constitution	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Gomez	124
2	Skippylongstocking	Exaggerator	Daniel Alonso	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	122
3	Highland Falls	Curlin	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Saez	124
4	Mama's Gold	Bolt d'Oro	Jonathan Hardoon	Ferraro	Maragh	120
5	Sierra Leone	Gun Runner	Brant, Peter M., Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael, Smith, Derrick, Westerberg and Smith, Brook T.	Brown	Prat	124
6	Disarm	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	120
7	White Abarrio	Race Day	C Two Racing Stbl, Barber, G & La Milagrosa Stbl	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	124
8	Contrary Thinking	Into Mischief	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Davis	120
9	Fierceness	City of Light	Smith, D, Repole Stable, Tabor, M & Magnier, Mrs. J	Pletcher	Velazquez	124
10	Post Time	Frosted	Hillwood Stable LLC	Russell	Russell	120

Breeders: 1-R. Larry Johnson, 2-Brushy Hill, LLC, 3-Godolphin, 4-William Butler, 5-Debby M. Oxley, 6-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 7-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 8-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 9-Repole Stable, Inc., 10-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. BrookeBowman & Milton P. Higgins III

Note that **Mindframe** (**Constitution**), 5-2 in line, is a likely scratch. That still leaves us with a terrific race. With Mindframe, out, the pick goes to his talented stalemate **Fierceness** (**City of Light**). He put in a strong effort when finishing second in the Met Mile. A mile-and-an-eighth should be a little more to his liking. **Sierra Leone** (Gun Runner) is another top older horse who was second behind Mineframe in the GI Stephen Foster. Needs a fast early pace and should get one thanks to longshot Mama's Gold (Bolt d'Oro). But does he need a mile-and-a-quarter? **White Abarrio** (Race Day) won this race in 2023 and could do so again. Tends to be inconsistent.--*Bill Finley*

Saturday, Saratoga #3, post time: 1:09 p.m. EDT**SARATOGA SPECIAL S.-GII, \$200,000, 2yo, 6 1/2f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ewing	Knicks Go	D. J. Stable, West Point Tbreeds & Freirich, Kenneth	Casse	Ortiz, Jr.	120
2	Comport	Collected	Joseph W. Sutton	Kenneally	Saez	120
3	Thunder Chuck	Good Magic	Lea Farms LLC	Delgado	Olver	120
4	Dazzle d'Oro 	Bolt d'Oro	Late Night Stables LLC	Scr	Scr	Scr
5	Camigol	Neolithic	Fredy Gonzalez	Sano	Lezcano	120
6	Obliteration	Violence	Leland Ackerley Racing	Asmussen	Prat	122

Breeders: 1-John Gardiner, 2-Edwin Anthony, 3-Pavel Matejka & **Good Magic** Syndicate, 4-Nicky Drion Thoroughbreds, MachaBloodstock & Stephanie Poole, 5-DeLuca and Sons Stables Inc., 6-Ocala Stud

What a good race! We're going for the mild upset and picking **Ewing** (**Knicks Go**), who was sensational in his debut for Mark Casse. Never an anxious moment, he slam dunked the field inside the stretch to win going away by 12 lengths and earning an 88 Beyer. But why did jockey Jose Ortiz take off of him to Dazzle d'Oro (Bolt d'Oro, still another impressive debut winner? Brother Irad gets the mount on Ewing. How good is **Obliteration** (**Violence**)? He's 2-for-2 and his combined winning margin is 18 lengths. Another who could be something special. Dazzle d'Oro will be the third pick.--*Bill Finley*

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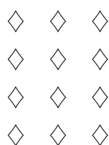
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Sunday, Ellis #9, post time: 4:42 p.m. EDT

PUCKER UP S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Liam in the Dust 🌿	Liam's Map	Storyteller Racing and Schroeck Racing LLC	Brisset	Torres	118
2	Drop the Hammer 🌿	Gun Runner	Resolute Racing	Maker	Torres	118
3	Destino d'Oro 🌿	Bolt d'Oro	Steve Landers Racing LLC	Cox	Machado	118
4	Princess Attitude 🌿	Frankel (GB)	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Oliver	Concepcion	118
5	Fixin to Bee	Mshawish	Calumet Farm	Arnold II	Leparoux	118
6	Just Ruthless	Justify	Rock Ridge Racing LLC	Heath	Saez	118
7	Deloraine	Candy Ride (Arg)	Godolphin, LLC	Harty	Bejarano	118
8	Admit	Blame	Claiborne Farm	Drury, Jr.	Hernandez, Jr.	118
9	Nosleptilbrooklyn 🌿	Ghostzapper	Flying Dutchmen Breeding and Racing LLC	Lynch	Cannon	118
10	Hereforagoodtime 🌿	Justify	Flying Dutchmen Breeding and Racing LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	118

Breeders: 1-Don Alberto Corporation & W. S. Farish, 2-Hunter Valley Farm & CrosshavenBloodstock, 3-Hurstland Farm, Inc. & James H. GreeneJr., 4-Bryant H. Pursuit of Success III, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC, 7-Godolphin, 8-Claiborne Farm, 9-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 10-WinStar Farm, LLC



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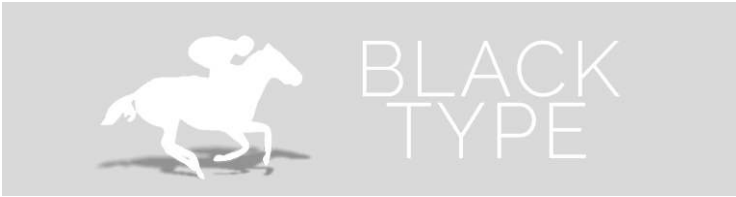


2025 YTD Leading Sires of 3YOs, by Black Type Horses

Standing NA - Worldwide Earnings - NH Foals

Rank	Stallion	BTW %	BTH %	GSW %	GSH %	G1SW %	G1SH %	Earnings
1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	9 8.18	22 20	6 5.45	11 10	3 2.73	3 2.73	\$10,412,356
								<i>FYR: 2010/Crops: 14/Stands: Spendthrift Farm/Fee: 250,000</i>
2	Vekoma (2016) by Candy Ride (Arg)	8 6.72	19 15.97	3 2.52	5 4.2	-- --	-- --	\$6,446,504
								<i>FYR: 2022/Crops: 2/Stands: Spendthrift Farm/Fee: 35,000</i>
3	Not This Time (2014) by Giant's Causeway	8 11.11	11 15.28	4 5.56	6 8.33	-- --	1 1.39	\$4,144,478
								<i>FYR: 2018/Crops: 6/Stands: Taylor Made Farm/Fee: 175,000</i>
4	McKinzie (2015) by Street Sense	6 5.61	11 10.28	2 1.87	5 4.67	1 0.93	2 1.87	\$3,872,318
								<i>FYR: 2022/Crops: 2/Stands: Gainesway Farm/Fee: 75,000</i>
5	Justify (2015) by Scat Daddy	7 11.11	11 17.46	2 3.17	6 9.52	1 1.59	2 3.17	\$3,160,743
								<i>FYR: 2020/Crops: 4/Stands: Coolmore Ashford/Fee: 250,000</i>
6	Practical Joke (2014) by Into Mischief	2 2.02	10 10.1	-- --	5 5.05	-- --	-- --	\$3,321,413
								<i>FYR: 2019/Crops: 5/Stands: Coolmore Ashford/Fee: 75,000</i>
7	Gun Runner (2013) by Candy Ride (Arg)	3 4.11	9 12.33	1 1.37	6 8.22	-- --	1 1.37	\$2,838,633
								<i>FYR: 2019/Crops: 5/Stands: Three Chimneys Farm/Fee: 250,000</i>
8	Omaha Beach (2016) by War Front	5 6.02	9 10.84	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	\$2,305,591
								<i>FYR: 2021/Crops: 3/Stands: Spendthrift Farm/Fee: 35,000</i>
9	Authentic (2017) by Into Mischief	3 2.7	8 7.21	1 0.9	3 2.7	-- --	1 0.9	\$3,077,247
								<i>FYR: 2022/Crops: 2/Stands: Spendthrift Farm/Fee: 15,000</i>
10	Complexity (2016) by Maclean's Music	5 6.76	8 10.81	1 1.35	3 4.05	-- --	-- --	\$2,891,020
								<i>FYR: 2022/Crops: 2/Stands: Airdrie Stud/Fee: 25,000</i>
11	Munnings (2006) by Speightstown	2 2.06	8 8.25	-- --	3 3.09	-- --	1 1.03	\$2,602,987
								<i>FYR: 2012/Crops: 12/Stands: Coolmore Ashford/Fee: 65,000</i>
12	Americn Pharoah (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile	2 2.22	8 8.89	-- --	1 1.11	-- --	1 1.11	\$2,366,262
								<i>FYR: 2017/Crops: 7/Stands: Coolmore Ashford/Fee: 45,000</i>
13	Mo Town (2014) by Uncle Mo	3 3.37	8 8.99	-- --	3 3.37	-- --	-- --	\$2,065,718
								<i>FYR: 2020/Crops: 4/Stands: Coolmore Ashford/Fee: 5,000</i>
14	Mendelssohn (2015) by Scat Daddy	2 2.27	8 9.09	-- --	2 2.27	-- --	-- --	\$1,984,475
								<i>FYR: 2020/Crops: 4/Stands: Coolmore Ashford/Fee: 15,000</i>
15	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire)	4 8	7 14	4 8	5 10	1 2	3 6	\$4,157,534
								<i>FYR: 2006/Crops: 18/Stands: Darley KY/Fee: 75,000</i>

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

LADY CAREY TURF SPRINT S., \$100,000, Hawthorne, 7-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:03.52, ft.

1--**RICH CITY GIRL, 117, f, 3, City of Light--Hassler (Ire), by War Front.** (\$195,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$435,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR). O-Patricia's Hope LLC & Richard Ravin; B-Jim & Donna Daniell (KY); T-Larry Rivelli; J-Jareth Loveberry. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$323,205.

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2--**Shezafunkydrummer, 119, f, 3, Maclean's Music--Mzima Springs,** by Harlan's Holiday. (\$130,000 Ylg '23 FTSAUG; \$200,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR). O-Patricia's Hope LLC; B-Merrielle Stable, LLC (KY); T-Larry Rivelli. \$20,000.

3--**Gray Lightning, 119, f, 4, Social Inclusion--Fairy Gray,** by Cat Thief. (\$370,000 3yo '24 FTDAPR). O-NR Club; B-Desmond C. Wynter (PA); T-Armando Hernandez. \$10,000.

Margins: 2HF, HD, 4. Odds: 0.70, 4.40, 4.00.

Also Ran: Beehive, Yamile's, Talkin Topsy, Sharp Hero. Scratched: B G Warrior, Dreamaway, Foxy Cleopatra, Out too Late (GB), Saturday Flirt.

Rich City Girl went wire-to-wire to earn her second straight stakes victory at Hawthorne Sunday. The bay filly zipped right out to the early lead and was clear through a quarter in :22.03. She extended her advantage without being asked on the turn, came into the stretch four lengths in front and sailed unchallenged under the wire.

Rich City Girl, a debut winner at Ellis Park last July, was second in the Ellis Park Debutante in July and took a Kentucky Downs allowance over the turf in August before concluding her juvenile campaign with a well-beaten effort in the Oct. 4 GI Darley Alcibiades Stakes. She returned to take the May 10 Goldfinch Stakes at Prairie Meadows last time out.

Hassler, a daughter of multiple Grade I winner Turbulent Descent (Congrats), has a 2-year-old colt by **Not This Time** who sold for \$18,000 at last month's OBS June sale, and a yearling filly by **Epicenter**. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

PRINCESS OF SYLMAR S., \$76,500, Presque Isle Downs, 7-28, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:40.77, ft.

1--**CANDY REWARD, 119, f, 4, Warrior's Reward--**

Unimagineable, by Twirling Candy. O/B-Warrior's Reward LLC (PA); T-Brandon L. Kulp; J-Pablo Morales. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 10-6-1-2, \$213,955.

2--**Rusty My Brother, 119, m, 5, Social Inclusion--Estaprimo,** by Primal Storm. O-The Elkstone Group LLC (Stuart Grant); B-Glenn E. Brok LLC (PA); T-Ron G. Potts. \$15,000.

3--**Jeanne Marie, 119, f, 4, Speightster--Bouquet of Gold,** by **Medaglia d'Oro.** O/B-Cash Is King LLC & LC Racing LLC (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr. \$8,250.

Margins: 9 3/4, HF, HF. Odds: 0.30, 5.50, 6.30.

Also Ran: Omikami, Corinna, Genevieve's Z Va, Susanoo.

Scratched: Foxy Junior.

Candy Reward made it five wins in a row with a devastatingly easy victory in the Princess of Sylmar Stakes at Presque Isle Downs Monday. The 1-5 favorite sat off the pace in third in a strung-out field as Rusty My Brother set fractions of :23.36 and :46.98. The favorite pounced to the lead approaching the stretch and sailed clear to the wire.

A maiden winner over the Presque Isle synthetic surface in August, Candy Reward added an allowance victory and a win in the HBPA Stakes, both over the same track and trip as the Princess of Sylmar, last fall. She opened her 4-year-old campaign with a win in Penn National allowance Mar. 7 and returned to Presque Isle to win a 6 1/2-furlong optional claimer last time out June 23.

Candy Reward has a 2-year-old full-sister who finished fifth for this same connections on her debut at Presque Isle July 4.

Unimagineable produced a colt by Warrior's Reward last year and a colt by **Mandaloun** this year. She was bred back to **Cody's Wish**. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Del Mar, \$101,482, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 7-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.58, fm, 1/2 length.

BIT'S TIGER MAGIC (f, 4, Smiling Tiger--Magic School {SP, \$193,176}, by In Excess {Ire}) was off 14 months after breaking her maiden by a front-running seven lengths sprinting over the Santa Anita turf last April and returned to take an allowance down the hill in Arcadia June 1. She wired the field going 5 1/2 furlongs over the main track at Los Alamitos last time out June 22. The 6-5 favorite sat just off the pace this time, while saving ground along the rail. She tipped out for running room at the top of the lane and spurted to the lead late to win by a half-length over Miss Mandalay (GB) (Dandy Man {Ire}), who had a head on Can't Sleep (Om) in third. Bit's Tiger Magic was a \$30,000 FTCA YR yearling. She has a 2-year-old half-brother by Om who sold for \$30,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton California Yearling Sale. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0, \$179,380. O-Griffin Racing LLC; B-Harris Farms & Mike & Jeanne Lepore (CA); T-Peter Miller.



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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw, 7-28, 2yo, f, 5f, 1:00.05, sy, 3 1/4 lengths.

WOODSTOCK (f, 2, Yaupon--Hot Hippie, by Medaglia d'Oro), sent off at 3-1, chased pacesetting favorite Little Sam's (Goldencents) through fractions :22.44 and :47.05. She surged past the favorite inside the final furlong and powered clear to graduate by 3 1/4 lengths. Gigabit (**Dialed In**) overtook Little Sam's for second. Woodstock is the eighth winner for her freshman sire (by Uncle Mo). The filly, a \$35,000 KEENOV weanling, was purchased by trainer Mike Maker for \$100,000 following a :10 2/5 work at the OBS March sale. She has a yearling half-brother by **Speaker's Corner** who RNA'd for \$120,000 at this month's Fasig-Tipton July sale, and a weanling half-brother by **Two Phil's**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. O-Paradise Farms Corp., David Staudacher, Gata Racing Stable LLC & Turman Racing Stable LLC; B-Southern Comfort Farm LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Maker.



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Saturday's Results:

2nd-Sapporo, ¥10,600,000 (\$71,402), Maiden, 3yo, 1000m, :59.5, ft.

ANGEL LADDER (f, 3, Nyquist--Tiz Miz Sue {GISW, \$1,129,709}, by Tiznow), a \$725,000 Keeneland September yearling, atoned for a pair of narrow defeats at this minimum trip to break through here as the heavy favorite. First to break the line from an outside alley, the bay filly was taken in hand to sit just outside the pacesetter around the turn. Sent to the front in upper stretch, Angel Ladder failed to switch her leads with a trio of rivals bearing down on her, but she nevertheless stuck on gamely to score by a head as the 3-5 chalk. Tiz Miz Sue is a Grade I-winning homebred daughter of Grade III scorer Sue's Good News (Woodman), also the dam of inaugural Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint hero Bulletin (City Zip); Kateri (Indian Charlie), herself responsible for GSW & GISP 'TDN Rising Star' Souper Sensational (Curlin); and Sassy Miss Sue (Tiznow), whose 'Rising Star' daughter Sassy C W (Yaupon) is a two-time stakes winner this season. Third dam Montera (Easy Goer) produced MSW & MGSP Easygromthegitgo (Dehere). Angel Ladder is closely related to North Hills's \$500,000 KEESEP purchase Serein (Uncle Mo, \$390,352), third in the 2020 G3 UAE Oaks; Surfer Dude (Curlin), MSP, \$310,165; the 2-year-old colt Clockin In (Not This Time) and a Flightline filly foaled this past Feb. 1. She was bred to Uncle Mo's standout son Golden Pal this year. Sales history: \$725,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$84,074.

O-Koji Maeda; B-CresRan LLC (KY); T-Tetsuya Kimura.

Sunday's Results:

10th-Chukyo, ¥15,200,000 (\$102,357), Allowance, 3yo/up, 1400m, 1:24.6, ft.

AMERICAN POLICE (c, 3, Into Mischief--Theyskens' Theory {GSW & G1SP-Eng, GISP-US, \$195,502}, by Bernardini), a debut third trying a mile on turf on Hanshin debut Apr. 12, easily validated 3-5 favoritism when breaking his maiden by 2 1/2 lengths going this distance at Kyoto when last seen Apr. 26. Ridden with purpose from the stalls by Ryusei Sakai, the \$350,000 KEESEP purchase led them up crossing onto the dirt track and took them along at a comfortable clip. Confronted by North Hills's Curiosidad (Jpn) (Saturnalia {Jpn}), American Police found more in the final furlong to score by two lengths, as Sylph's Mistress, a daughter of GSW Heavenhasmynikki (Majestic Warrior), made it a 1-3 finish for Into Mischief.

American Police is one of a half-dozen winners out of Theyskens' Theory, a Group 3 winner and Group 1-placed in England who was second in the 2011 GI Garden City Stakes. The mare is also responsible for a 2-year-old full-sister to American Police and was most recently bred to McKinzie. Sales history: \$350,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$102,905. O-Yoshizawa Holdings Co Ltd; B-AR Enterprises LLC (KY); T-Yasutoshi Ikee.



IN SOUTH KOREA:

Flying Cruiser, g, 4, Catalina Cruiser--Banner Waving, by Speightstown. Seoul, 7-27, Hcp. (C4), 1800m. B-St Elias Stables LLC (FL). *\$22,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$50,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Rated by Merit (Batallion Runner), MSW, \$400,000.

VIDEO (SC 6)

Dragon Bulpae, g, 4, Liam's Map--Little Cat Feet, by Tale of the Cat. Seoul, 7-26, Hcp. (C2), 1800m. B-Edward & Beverly Seltzer (KY). *\$35,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **1/2 to Hyperlink (Toccet), SW, \$205,777; Customer Base (Lemon Drop Kid), GSW, \$363,535. **VIDEO (SC 8)**



Black Musk, h, 7, Race Day--Upjumpedthedevel, by Tizdejavu. Seoul, 7-27, Hcp. (C1), 1200m. B-Scott Moran (KY). *SP-Kor.

VIDEO (SC 10)

IN MEXICO:

Okavango, c, 2, Maximus Mischief--Estelline, by Lookin At Lucky. Hipodromo de las Americas, 7-26, Maiden, 6f. B-Choctaw Racing Stable (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **\$5,000 Ylg '24 KEEJAN; \$8,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT.



Baby Cao's, c, 2, Mendelssohn--Baby J (GSW, \$324,333), by J Be K. Hipodromo de Las Americas, 7-26, Maiden, 6f. B-Maggie Gieseke (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **\$3,500 Ylg '24 KEESEP.

IN PERU:

Super Sienna, f, 2, Mendelssohn--Great Look, by Giant's Causeway. Monterrico, 7-27, Maiden, 1000m. B-ThoroughBred by Design LLC (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **\$50,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. ***Won by 5 3/4 lengths. **VIDEO (SC 1)**

IN RUSSIA:

My Mystery Girl, f, 2, **Army Mule**--Secret Delight, by Pioneer of the Nile. Nal'chik, 7-26, Maiden, 1200m. B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **\$13,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP.

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Muzaffar Ing, c, 2, **Liam's Map**--Rooms, by Giant's Causeway. Nal'chik, 7-26, Group 1 Stakes (NBT), 1600m. B-Manitou Farm LLC (KY). *Now two wins from two starts. **\$37,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT. ***Won by eight lengths.

Laman Sapsan, c, 2, **Modernist**--Coup de Main, by City Zip. Nal'chik, 7-26, . B-V Gail Ray (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **Fourth winner for freshman sire (by Uncle Mo). ***\$47,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT. ****Won by 12 lengths.

Large Spastic, c, 2, **Temple City**--Red Viburnum, by **Karakontie (Jpn)**. Akbuzat, 7-26, Listed Stakes (NBT), 1400m (AWT). B-Glockenburg LLC (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **Graduated by seven lengths at first asking.

Hammurabi, c, 3, **Constitution**--Miss Ella (MGSW, \$615,620), by Exchange Rate. Akbuzat, 7-26, Anilin Prize (Rus-G2, NBT), 2000m. B-Jack Swain III (KY). **\$32,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$45,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR.

Topkiy, c, 3, **Tonalist**--Devine Sucess, by Successful Appeal. Nal'chik, 7-26, Derby KBR (Rus-G1, NBT), 2400m. B-Mike Abraham (KY). *\$24,000 Ylg '23 KEEJAN. **1/2 to Demi (Paynter), SP, \$195,428.

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Dance Charger, c, 3, **Will Take Charge**--Dance With Macho, by Macho Uno. Pavlovskiy, 7-26, Palovskiy Derby (Rus-G1, NBT), 2400m. B-David & Courtney Considine (KY). *Won by about 14 lengths.

IN KAZAKHSTAN:

Tarlan Sarbaz, c, 3, **Vekoma**--Cleocatra, by California Chrome. Almaty, 7-26, Kinga Farm Kazakhstan Derby (Kaz-G1, NBT), 2400m. B-Clearsky Farms (KY). *\$20,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. **Won by 11 lengths.



IN JAPAN:

Pulchritude (Jpn), m, 5, **Gun Runner**--Global Beauty (Arg) (G1SW-Arg, \$124,446), by Global Hunter (Arg). Chukyo, 7-26, Allowance, 1800m. Lifetime Record: 18-3-4-2, \$442,770. O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; T-Mikio Matsunaga. *GSP-Jpn. **1/2 to Mikki Gold (Jpn) (Real Steel {Jpn}), MSP-Jpn, \$227,092.



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, JULY 29

2025 Stud Fees Listed

Sombeyay (Into Mischief), Swifty Farms
15 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Lil Chance, 12-1
\$3,000 IND YRL yrl
4-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Rioja Alta, 4-1
4-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Winthorn, 9-2

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, JULY 29

2025 Stud Fees Listed

Complexity (Maclean's Music), Airdrie Stud, \$25,000
203 foals of racing age/53 winners/8 black-type winners
6-Louisiana Downs, 7:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Gold Bullet, 5-2
\$19,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$55,000 OBS APR 2yo

TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY

Candy Reward (Warrior's Reward) romps in Princess of Sylmar Stakes at Presque Isle Downs Monday.
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**STAKES RESULTS:**

IRISH DAY S., (NB) \$50,000, Emerald Downs, 7-27, 3yo, c/g, 6 1/2f, 1:15.58, ft.

1--**SI THAT TIGER, 123, c, 3, Smiling Tiger--Ros's Girl, by Rosberg.** (\$20,000 Ylg '23 WASSEP). O-John & Janene Maryanski, Gerald & Gail Schneider; B-Darlyne Krieg (CA); T-Blaine D. Wright; J-Silvio Ruiz Amador. \$27,500. Lifetime Record: SW, 7-5-0-0, \$114,150. *1/2 to Slew's Tiz Whiz (Slew's Tiznow), MSW, \$373,472.

2--**Candy Caballo, 119, c, 3, Twirling Candy--Viva Malala, by Malibu Moon.** (\$25,000 Ylg '23 KEESep). O-George Todaro; B-JSM Equine, LLC (KY); T-Tom Wenzel. \$10,000.

3--**He's Not Talking, 119, g, 3, Brody's Cause--No Talking Back, by Flatter.** (\$52,000 Ylg '23 WASSEP). O-Q Stable; B-William T. Griffin (WA); T-Doug McPhee. \$6,000.

Margins: 4, 3, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.37, 9.70, 7.64.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-Prairie Meadows, \$47,830, (S), 7-27, (NW2\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.09, ft, 2 lengths.

FLAT OUT ROSE (m, 5, Flat Out--Creaminourcoffee, by Orientate) Lifetime Record: 21-5-5-3, \$176,737. O-Danny Stafford; B-Maynard Thompson (IA); T-Jon G. Arnett.

1st-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$42,160, 7-28, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.73, sy, 5 lengths.

WERK IT WENDY (f, 4, Greeley's Conquest--Kitty's Charge, by Exchange Rate) Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-2, \$163,490. O/B-Millard R. Seldin Rev. Trust (IN); T-Robert E. Dobbs, Jr.

11th-Prairie Meadows, \$36,500, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 7-27, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.05, ft, 4 lengths.

GOLDEN LUNA (g, 6, Goldcents--Vieja Luna {MSW, \$308,423}, by Street Hero) Lifetime Record: 37-6-8-7, \$194,988. O-Tom D Adams; B-Hermitage Farm (KY); T-Todd James Jordan. *\$14,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESep.

5th-Presque Isle Downs, \$34,160, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 7-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.64, ft, 2 lengths.

MITOLE MAGIC (f, 4, Mitole--Blake's Magic, by Bernstein) Lifetime Record: 12-3-0-5, \$98,685. O/T-Randall R. Russell; B-Stone Bridge Investments Syndicate (KY). *\$80,000 Wlg '21 FTKNOV; \$275,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR.

4th-Presque Isle Downs, \$33,140, 7-28, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.95, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

CURLIN'S GIRL (f, 4, Curlin--Quality Rocks {GSW, \$316,310}, by Rock Hard Ten) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-2-3-2, \$146,710.

O-Team Spoor; B-Blue Heaven Farm (KY); T-Linda Rice.

*\$360,000 Ylg '22 KEESep.

3rd-Canterbury, \$29,000, (S), 7-27, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.29, ft, 1/2 length.

SUPERSTAR SWANK (g, 4, Three Hour Nap--Five Star Swank, by Five Star Day) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-2, \$92,117. O/B-John Mentz (MN); T-McLean Robertson. *Full to Cinco Star, MSW, \$406,640; and to Wynn Time, MSW & GSP, \$326,479.

4th-Canterbury, \$29,000, (S), 7-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37.48, fm, 3/4 length.

FLYING MARTINI (g, 3, Astern {Aus}--Shaboom {SP, \$150,634}, by U S Ranger) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$39,300. O-Shaken Not Stirred Stable; B-Dorothy Erban (MN); T-Coty W. Rosin.

1st-Finger Lakes, \$26,500, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 7-28, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.22, ft, 7 1/2 lengths.

RUNAWAY JOKE (c, 4, Practical Joke--Quivery, by Violence) Lifetime Record: 16-8-2-1, \$190,915. O-Gumpster Stable LLC; B-Jackman Bottom Trading Company LLC (NY); T-Ralph D'Alessandro. *\$45,000 Wlg '21 FTNMIX; \$45,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$22,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

7th-Finger Lakes, \$24,400, 7-28, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.55, ft, 8 3/4 lengths.

ADEIESE'S SMILE (m, 5, Uncle Mo--Academic {Ch. 3-year-old Filly-Can, MGSW, \$519,545}, by Henny Hughes) Lifetime Record: 14-2-1-1, \$101,237. O-R.T Racing Stable; B-Breeze Easy, LLC (KY); T-Jose M. Jimenez. *\$100,000 Ylg '21 KEESep.

5th-Finger Lakes, \$24,330, 7-28, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.83, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

GOODYS GIRL (f, 3, Mineshaft--Saida, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$29,058. O/B-Roll the Dice Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Chris J. Englehart.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Emily's Joy, f, 2, Cupid--Tiz Terrific, by Tiznow. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 7-28, 5f (off turf), 1:00.76. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$21,505. B-T. F. Van Meter & Michael Lowenbaum (KY). *\$3,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT.

Red Iolla, f, 2, Echo Town--Erma Lee, by Stormy Atlantic. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 7-28, (S), 5f, 1:01.80. Lifetime Record:

3-1-0-1, \$25,560. B-Shelly Nance & Barbara Eakin (IN).

How Bout That Curt, c, 2, **Mo Town**--Double Bee Sting, by Stay Thirsty. Canterbury, 7-27, 5f, :59.30. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$20,650. B-Sampson Family Real Estate Holding, LLC (MN).

Hello Kid O Kid O, f, 3, **Danzing Candy**--Norah's Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. Del Mar, 7-27, (S), 1mT, 1:37.28. Lifetime Record: 11-1-3-3, \$111,162. B-Richard James & Roberto Gonzalez (CA).

Gray Haired Gus, g, 3, **Mission Impazible**--Comet of Love (SW, \$266,805), by Not For Love. Finger Lakes, 7-28, 6f, 1:13.62. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-3, \$29,340. B-Windylea Farm-New York, LLC (NY). *1/2 to Shaft's Bullet (**Mineshaft**), SW, \$329,380.

Percy, g, 3, **Spun to Run**--Storm Swept, by Stormy Atlantic. Finger Lakes, 7-28, 1m 70y, 1:45.59. Lifetime Record: 10-1-1-3, \$41,762. B-Dark Horse Legends Racing LLC (NY). *\$5,000 Ylg '23 SARAUG.

Pipers Reign, g, 3, **Yorkton**--Piper's Legacy (SP, \$132,897), by Silent Name (Jpn). Woodbine, 7-27, (C), 6 1/2fT, 1:15.81. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,557. B-Chiefswood Stables Limited (ON). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Flat Stormin, f, 4, **Flatter**--Stormbeforethecalm, by Quiet American. Prairie Meadows, 7-27, 6f, 1:10.76. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-2, \$40,084. B-Summerfield Sales Agency, Inc. & Etarip Stables (FL). *\$90,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **1/2 to Proven Strategies (**Sky Mesa**), SW & GSP-Can, GSP-USA, \$378,505; and to Corona Bolt (Bolt d'Oro), MSW, \$356,400.

Lord Diamond, g, 4, **Lord Nelson**--Black Diamond Girl, by **Hard Spun**. Prairie Meadows, 7-27, 6f, 1:09.93. Lifetime Record: 14-1-5-0, \$56,110. B-Mr. & Mrs. Brenda Robertson & Mr. & Mrs. Philip Roberson (KY).

Billy At the Gate, g, 4, **Mission Impazible**--Goldie's Princess, by Bluegrass Cat. Finger Lakes, 7-28, 5 1/2f, 1:06.39. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$29,340. B-Andiamo Farm (NY).

Know Who You Are, g, 4, **Union Rags**--Birdy Num, by **Tapit**. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 7-28, 6f, 1:11.55. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-2, \$39,212. B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY). *\$95,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

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City of Light, Rich City Girl, f, 3, o/o Hassler (Ire), by **War Front**. Lady Carey Turf Sprint S., 7-27, Hawthorne

Cupid, Emily's Joy, f, 2, o/o Tiz Terrific, by Tiznow. MSW, 7-28, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Curlin, **Curlin's** Girl, f, 4, o/o Quality Rocks, by Rock Hard Ten. ALW, 7-28, Presque Isle Downs

Danzing Candy, Hello Kid O Kid O, f, 3, o/o Norah's Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. MSW, 7-27, Del Mar

Echo Town, Red lolla, f, 2, o/o Erma Lee, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 7-28, Horseshoe Indianapolis



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Flat Out, Flat Out Rose, m, 5, o/o Creaminyourcoffee, by Orientate. ALW, 7-27, Prairie Meadows

Flatter, Flat Stormin, f, 4, o/o Stormbeforethecalm, by Quiet American. MSW, 7-27, Prairie Meadows

Goldencents, Golden Luna, g, 6, o/o Vieja Luna, by Street Hero. AOC, 7-27, Prairie Meadows

Greeley's Conquest, Werk It Wendy, f, 4, o/o Kitty's Charge, by Exchange Rate. ALW, 7-28, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Lord Nelson, Lord Diamond, g, 4, o/o Black Diamond Girl, by **Hard Spun**. MSW, 7-27, Prairie Meadows

Mineshaft, Goodys Girl, f, 3, o/o Saida, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 7-28, Finger Lakes

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Mo Town, How Bout That Curt, c, 2, o/o Double Bee Sting, by Stay Thirsty. MSW, 7-27, Canterbury

Practical Joke, Runaway Joke, c, 4, o/o Quivery, by **Violence**. AOC, 7-28, Finger Lakes

Smiling Tiger, Bit's Tiger Magic, f, 4, o/o Magic School, by In Excess (Ire). AOC, 7-27, Del Mar

Smiling Tiger, Si That Tiger, c, 3, o/o Ros's Girl, by Rosberg. Irish Day S., 7-27, Emerald Downs

Spun to Run, Percy, g, 3, o/o Storm Swept, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 7-28, Finger Lakes

Three Hour Nap, Superstar Swank, g, 4, o/o Five Star Swank, by Five Star Day. ALW, 7-27, Canterbury

Uncle Mo, Adeliess's Smile, m, 5, o/o Academic, by Henny Hughes. ALW, 7-28, Finger Lakes

Union Rags, Know Who You Are, g, 4, o/o Birdy Num, by **Tapit**. MSW, 7-28, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Warrior's Reward, Candy Reward, f, 4, o/o Unimagineable, by **Twirling Candy**. Princess of Sylmar S., 7-28, Presque Isle Downs

Yaupon, Woodstock, f, 2, o/o Hot Hippie, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. MSW, 7-28, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Yorkton, Pipers Reign, g, 3, o/o Piper's Legacy, by Silent Name (Jpn). MOC, 7-27, Woodbine



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FIVE THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR AT GLORIOUS GOODWOOD



Lady Iman: should be hard to beat in the Molecomb Stakes
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Is there a better week of racing? Doubtful. The Qatar Goodwood Festival kicks off on Tuesday and here are five things to look out for ahead of what promises to be another unmissable meeting that is jam-packed full of potential talking points.

No Cakewalk For Dorset

It shouldn't take long for the temperature to rise as the G2 Coral Vintage Stakes looks a corker on Tuesday. The Aidan O'Brien-trained Dorset (**Wootton Bassett**) looked the business in earning **TDN Rising Star** status when getting off the mark second time up at Curragh and he will be bidding to provide Ballydoyle with a first success in this race since Battleground back in 2020. It is far from a foregone conclusion, however, with the chief danger appearing to come from the Andrew Balding-trained Humidity (Ulysses), who is bidding to maintain his unbeaten record. Horses like Haatem, Pinatubo, Expert Eye and Highland Reel have won this in recent times and this year's race looks to be an up-to-scratch edition. Notebooks at the ready.

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CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF THE JBBA

By Nancy Sexton

Since 1955, Japanese breeders have received unwavering support from the Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association (JBBA). To outside eyes, the evolution of Japanese racing as a global force tends to go hand-in-hand with the Yoshida family's cultivation of Sunday Silence and latterly his son Deep Impact under their Shadai umbrella. Yet that would be doing a disservice to the number of other operations who have put in the effort and investment over the decades to improve the breed.

Chief among them is the JBBA, whose primary stallion base is situated in the heart of the Shizunai breeding region in Hokkaido. From its head office in Tokyo, it operates three stallion farms and makes a point of regularly importing high-profile international horses to add to its roster.

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Q&A WITH GABBY GAUDET

Gabby Gaudet sat down with the TDN to discuss her new job as Director of Communications at Keeneland and why she decided to trade in her FanDuel TV microphone.

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This year's G2 German 1,000 Guineas winner Lady Ilze (Territories) will be offered by Tattersalls Online in a pop-up sale scheduled to get underway at 3pm on Monday, August 4. See p10 for details. | [Tattersalls Online](#)

9 | EDWARD O'GRADY DIES AT 75

Edward O'Grady, a multiple champion National Hunt trainer whose name will go down in Cheltenham Festival folklore, has died.

10 | LORD ALLEN TO START IN SEPTEMBER

The British Horseracing Authority has announced that Lord Allen of Kensington will start work in his post as chair of racing's regulators from September 1.

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Goodwood Cup favourite Illinois | Scoop Dyga

Goodwood talking points cont. from p1

Breakthrough Group 1 Imminent For Illinois

Scandinavia (Justify) couldn't have been more impressive in landing the G3 Bahrain Trophy at Newmarket last time which makes it significant that Ryan Moore has opted to ride the fellow Aidan O'Brien-trained Illinois (Galileo) in his bid for a breakthrough Group 1 success in the Al Shaqab Goodwood Cup.

To be fair to Illinois, he brings the form and the rating [116] to the table and was always going to be a hard horse for Moore not to ride. He's likely to go off at short odds and sets the standard in what doesn't appear to be a vintage Goodwood Cup.

Lady Iman The Banker Of The Week

It seems around this time every year when people begin to extoll the merits of a first-season sire or begin to write off those who are not scaling the heights. Such observations are of course spoken with a heavy dollop of recency bias but nobody can deny that what Starman has achieved in his debut season is completely off the charts. The Ger Lyons-trained Lady Iman, who fittingly carries the colours of Tally-Ho Stud boss Tony O'Callaghan, has played no small part in hardening Starman's reputation as a pretty serious stallion and she should be very hard to beat in the G3 HKJC World Pool Molecomb Stakes on Wednesday. Had you paused the G2 Airlie Stud Stakes at the furlong pole, a race in which Lady Iman lost her unbeaten record at the hands of Beautify, few would have called her a loser such was the ease with which she was travelling. Dropping back to five furlongs and the speed test that the Molecomb represents is sure to play to her strengths. Oh, and a certain Ryan Moore is not a bad substitute for the suspended Colin Keane, either. Banker material. [Cont. p4](#)

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Pure Gold

You don't need to part with any cash to get the full enjoyment out of the feature of the week, the G1 Visit Qatar Sussex Stakes, where the imperious Field Of Gold (**Kingman**) will be sent to post at long odds-on and is fully expected to deliver on Wednesday. John and Thady Gosden's colt built on his G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas success to produce a performance that will live long in the memory when running out a cosy winner of the G1 St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot. Rosallion (Blue Point) is a credible challenger in his own right. Lest we forget he landed the same Irish Guineas and St James's Palace Stakes double last season but he hasn't been at the same level in both of his starts at four. The younger legs should hold sway here. Sit back and enjoy.

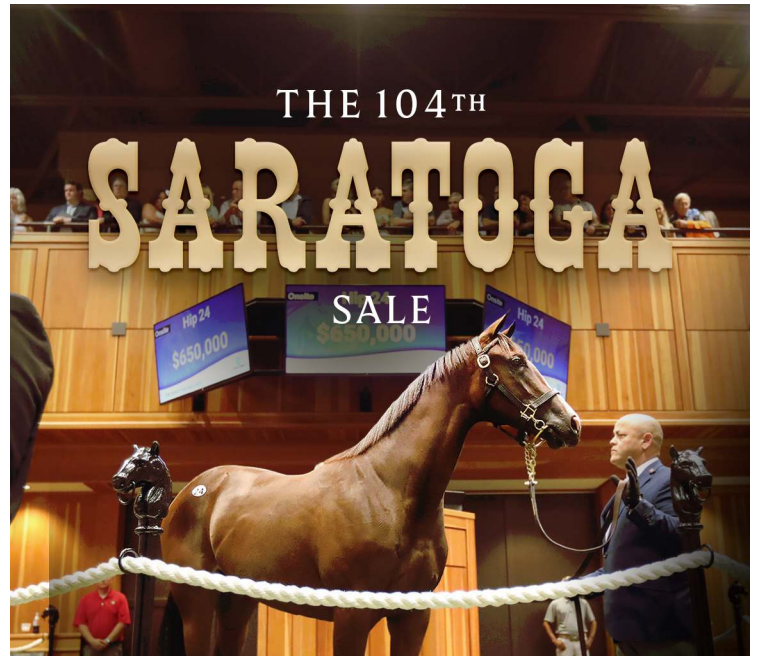
Can The Cercene Fairytale Continue?

Trainer **Joe Murphy** told *TDN Europe* that Cercene (Australia) fulfilled a lifelong ambition of winning a Group 1 when she outbattled her Coronation Stakes rivals at Royal Ascot and few would bet against the pocket-sized warrior producing another upset in the G1 Qatar Nassau Stakes on Friday. What Cercene lacks for in size she makes up for in attitude, which was evidenced when she provided us with one of the feel-good stories of the season with that success at the Royal meeting. Okay, Pretty Polly winner Whirl and Andrew Balding's See The Fire set a pretty lofty standard but Cercene can be expected to be bang on the premises for Murphy and his regular rider Gary Carroll. She adds spice to what promises to be a fascinating contest.

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Arc winner Sottsass was this year's new recruit, swapping Coolmore in Ireland for Hokkaido in a significant deal that placed him on the Shizunai line-up alongside other familiar names such as Caravaggio, Makfi, Declaration Of War and Noble Mission. Versatility is key, however, and purchases before that included the top American runners Mischevious Alex and Sharp Azteca, both Grade I winners on dirt.

Interestingly, only one of the 13-strong roster descends in sire-line from Sunday Silence (the G2-winning Deep Impact horse Red Bel Jour, who is based at Kyushu), instead offering routes into the likes of Dubawi, Galileo, Into Mischief, Scat Daddy and Blushing Groom.

The Shizunai property also hosts a veterinary hospital, which caters for the local breeding community, while it plays a crucial role in the training of stud and racing staff as the host of a

year-long student programme. The JBBA also supplies the online racing and breeding database Japan Bloodstock Information System (JBIS). Started in 1987, JBIS is the go-to resource for anyone searching for information on Japanese racehorses, stallions, mares, progeny records, sales records and the like.

"We provide support to Japanese breeders and farms to promote the stable growth of the racehorse breeding industry in Japan," says Dr Shigeki Yusa, general manager of the JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station. "The JBBA has imported numerous high-calibre stallions from around the world with the aim of raising the standard of Japanese breeding and also to try and prevent the over-concentration of certain

bloodlines by contributing to the variety of sire-lines available in Japan. We're supporting breeders directly by providing reasonable access to quality stallions." **Cont. p6**



The 2004 Arc winner Bago at the JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station
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"JBIS is another way in which the JBBA contributes to the racing industry, in this case by providing a wide range of useful and up-to-date information," Yusa adds.

For breeders, there is also the availability of subsidies for those looking for assistance with the purchase of broodmares or investment in farm facilities.

The flagship of the operation, however, is the stallion division. It is no secret how middle-distance horses are embraced by the Japanese market and to that end, the JBBA has hosted numerous top-notch European runners of yesteryear.

Visitors to the Shizunai stud office are greeted by the mounted skeleton of Grundy, the 1975 Derby and King George winner. Grundy spent the latter part of his stud career at the JBBA, switching from the National Stud in Newmarket following his purchase for a reported £1,600,000 in late 1983.

A decade later, the JBBA had pulled off the coup of securing Dancing Brave, whose wins in the 2,000 Guineas, Eclipse, King George and Arc had lit up the 1986 season. The Lyphard horse was sold following several seasons at Dalham Hall Stud--no sooner had he settled into his new home, then the Classic winners Commander In Chief, Wemyss Bight and White Muzzle emerged to make him one of Europe's leading sires of 1993.

Opera House, another middle-distance high-flyer of 1993, in his case for Sheikh Mohammed, also fared well under JBBA management, notably as the sire of 2000 Japan Cup winner T M Opera O, whose total career earnings of ¥1.8 billion set a then-record. That son of Sadler's Wells joined a year after the 1992 2,000 Guineas winner Rodrigo De Triano, who left behind a Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) winner in Erimo Excel.

Warning, sold by Juddmonte in 1996, also stood with success. More recently, the Niarchos family's 2004 Arc hero Bago has more than held his own as a Grade 1 sire.

Going back to the 1952 Derby runner-up Gay Time and 1957 Kentucky Derby winner Iron Liege, the list of past residents is notable; others include Tap On Wood, Rousillon, Forty Niner, Charismatic, Empire Maker, Stravinsky and Eskendereya.

"Given the genetic differences that exist between various regions in Europe and North America, the international exchange of stallions and broodmares plays a vital role in the global thoroughbred industry," says Yusa. "The JBBA's ongoing efforts to introduce high-quality stallions from overseas contribute significantly to the diversification of the genetic pool. This not only supports the future of thoroughbred breeding in Japan but also plays an important role in ensuring the long-term sustainability of Japanese racing as a whole." [Cont. p7](#)



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"However, no matter how diverse a bloodline may be, if it is not of high quality, it will not take root in Japan," he continues. "For this reason, the JBBA remains committed to introducing stallions that combine genetic excellence with the diversity needed to enhance and sustain the competitiveness of Japanese racing."

Yusa has a particular fondness for Dancing Brave.

"Dancing Brave stands out for both his presence and achievements," he says. "He was one of Europe's all-time greats, earning a then-historic Timeform rating of 141. When he retired in 1987, he entered stud in the UK with sky-high expectations--syndicated for £14 million and standing for a fee of £120,000--reflecting his immense appeal as a stallion prospect.

"However, his first two crops failed to meet expectations, and after he was diagnosed with osteochondrosis (commonly known as 'Marie's Disease'), he was sold to Japan in 1991. Even within the JRA, there was a debate over the idea of acquiring a horse with a known health issue. But shortly after, his third crop produced Commander in Chief, winner of the Epsom and Irish Derby, Irish Oaks winner Wemyss Bight and White Muzzle, who won the Italian Derby and ran second in the Arc, demonstrating the risk of judging a stallion's success too early."

Acquiring Dancing Brave was a bold call. Such was his condition that his books had to be restricted amid intensive treatment. He spent eight seasons at the JBBA, succumbing to a heart attack at the age of 16 in 1999. By that stage, he had been joined in Japan by Commander In Chief and White Muzzle, both successful stallions in their own right for the Yushun Stallion Station and Shadai.



Johannesburg, sire of Scat Daddy, in retirement at JBBA

Nancy Sexton

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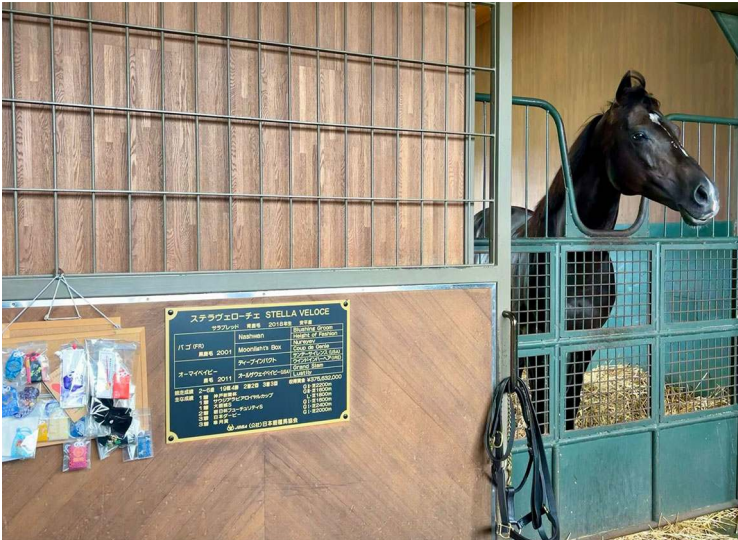
Despite covering limited numbers, Dancing Brave did plenty to enhance the Japanese breed, leaving behind Grade 1 winners such as T.M. Ocean, winner of the Oka Sho (Japanese 1,000 Guineas), Erimo Chic, winner of the Queen Elizabeth II Cup, and King Halo, winner of the Takamatsunomiya Kinen. The latter has since assumed further prominence as the damsire of Equinox.

"King Halo became a successful sire, producing Group 1 winners like Laurel Guerreiro and dual Classic winner Kawakami Princess," says Yusa. "He is now an influential broodmare sire, with elite performers like Equinox, Pixie Knight and Deep Bond carrying his blood.

"Another of Dancing Brave's daughters, Kyoei March--another Oka Sho winner--became the second dam of Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Marche Lorraine and the third dam of Mile Championship winner Namur, further extending his legacy."

He adds, "Through these achievements and the enduring influence of his bloodline, Dancing Brave proved himself far more than just a high-profile import. He remains a symbolic figure in the history of JBBA's stallion programme, and his genetic legacy continues to shape the landscape of Japanese racing to this day."

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Stella Veloce with good luck charms outside his stable | Nancy Sexton

JBBA cont.

Over 25 years on and hopes are high that another Arc winner, Sottsass, can prove a valuable addition. Even though he arrived in Japan after the start of the covering season, the son of **Siyouni** was popular at a fee of ¥2.5 million (£12,500), his profile likely aided by the fact he is a brother to the high-class Japanese globe-trotter Shin Emperor.

"Due to quarantine procedures, Sottsass's season began in mid-March," says Yusa. "But he was still able to cover over 100 mares. Expectations from owners and breeders are high and we are very much looking forward to seeing what kind of foals will be born in Japan."

Caravaggio, winner of the Phoenix Stakes and Commonwealth Cup for Aidan O'Brien, joined in 2023 following stints for Coolmore in Ireland and Kentucky. The JBBA enjoyed considerable success with his grandsire Johannesburg, making Caravaggio an understandable fit, and indeed his arrival was followed by the emergence of his daughter Porta Fortuna as a champion in Europe. He stands for ¥3 million (£15,000) while Declaration Of War, another former Ballydoyle Group 1 winner, is priced at ¥2.3 million (£11,500).

The 2,000 Guineas winner Makfi and **Frankel's** Group 1-winning brother Noble Mission, between them proven Group 1 sires in Europe, Australasia and the US, both command ¥1 million (£5,000).

"Progeny of Caravaggio have been successful all over the world and in Japan, there have already been JRA Graded stakes winners," says Yusa. "The first crop of foals in Japan are yearlings this year and were sold for ¥23 million (£115,000) at the recent JRHA Select Sale.

"Declaration Of War's progeny have shown strong performance from the very first crop. This year, Shirankedo and Sekitoba East have both won Graded stakes. His offspring are notable for performing well as two-year-olds, on both turf and

dirt, and showing versatility across a wide range of distances.

"Makfi is now 18 years old but his progeny continue to perform well. This year, Sirius Colt and Immigrant Song have both won JRA stakes. Additionally, last year, Parallel Vision--by Kizuna and out of a Makfi mare--won the G3 Lord Derby Challenge Trophy, drawing attention to Makfi's growing influence as a broodmare sire.

"Noble Mission's progeny in Japan have turned three this year. While none have made a major impact yet, we remain hopeful for their future success, especially considering that Noble Mission himself reached his peak performance as an older horse."

There is also pride in the addition of Stella Veloce to the roster for 2025 in his place as one of the best sired by long-time resident Bago. A typically tough Japanese product, the Grade 2 winner resides in the same barn as his sire--flanked in his case by good luck charms from a legion of well wishers.

The active Shizunai-based roster lives alongside an esteemed collection of retirees led by 27-year-old Johannesburg and Bago, who looks a horse half his 24 years. Alamshar, David Junior, Aldebaran, Squirtle Squirt and Sunningdale, one of the best sired by Warning during his time at the JBBA, are other Group 1-winning names currently living in retirement. Each are in their 20s, yet still have a long way to go to match Forty Niner, who was 35 when he died at the JBBA in May 2020.

Meanwhile, the operation's Shichinohe base is home to Kentucky Derby and Dubai World Cup winner Animal Kingdom while its base in Kyushu stands Aidan O'Brien's 2010 Irish Derby and Irish Champion Stakes winner Cape Blanco.

The JBBA is relatively rare in that the stallions are regularly ridden for exercise. The staff are also complemented during certain weeks of the year by students taking part in the training programme--for which the retirees are particularly useful.

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Some of the ex-racehorses used at the JBBA-run racing school

Nancy Sexton

JBBA cont.

Staged over 12 months from April to March, the course hosts a maximum of 20 students, many of them from non-equine backgrounds, and makes use of the 28 retired racehorses in residence to cover all aspects of horsemanship. It follows similar lines to the English and Irish National Stud courses in that practical elements of the course, some of which are overseen by a teacher from the JRA, are complemented by a lecture programme.

"It was originally a six-month course but now covers a year," says the JBBA's Kazuma Masui. "Over 500 students have graduated since its inception, some of them who now own their own farms."

A cursory glance at the Shizunai property and its facilities, where everything is carried out with great pride to the highest standard, is enough to understand how the JBBA continues to set a front-running example when it comes to management of the Japanese thoroughbred. And anyone wishing to following the day-to-day running of the stallion barn will enjoy Dr Yusa's 'X' account (@yusas).

"The JBBA aims to support racing through its multifaceted activities," he concludes. "It will continue in its endeavours to promote the growth of racing and ensure that Japanese horses offer racing at the highest level."

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CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL LEGEND EDWARD O'GRADY DIES AGED 75

Edward O'Grady, a multiple champion National Hunt trainer whose name will go down in Cheltenham Festival folklore, has died. He was 75.

O'Grady trained some of the finest jumpers of his era and sent out 18 Cheltenham Festival winners throughout a glittering career.

He managed the careers of brilliant horses like Golden Cygnet, Gay Future, Native Upmanship, Ned Kelly, Back In Front, Tranquil Sea and many more.

O'Grady also had the distinct achievement of providing JP McManus with his first ever Cheltenham Festival success when Mister Donovan landed what is now known as the Turners Novices' Hurdle back in 1982.

That victory was reported to be pivotal in McManus's rise, with the legendary owner later reporting that he won £250,000 on the horse, which fueled future investment in the game. The only Irish trainers with a better Cheltenham record than O'Grady to this day are Willie Mullins and Gordon Elliott.

O'Grady took over his father's training licence in 1972 and enjoyed his first win that year at Gowran Park when his cousin Timmy Hyde partnered Vibrax to victory. His last winner came earlier this month when Our Soldier won a handicap hurdle at Bellewstown under Harry Swan, who is a grandson of Hyde's.

A four-time champion jumps trainer in Ireland, O'Grady was widely regarded as one of the finest practitioners of his craft.

A statement issued by the O'Grady family on Monday morning read, "It is with profound sadness that we announce the death of Edward O'Grady, who passed away peacefully yesterday evening at St James's Hospital, surrounded by his family.

"Edward was a cherished husband, father and grandfather and also one of the most respected and successful racehorse trainers of his generation.

"Over the course of an extraordinary career that spanned more than five decades, Edward trained just shy of 1,700 winners under Rules. His name became synonymous with Irish National Hunt racing, and he was a formidable force at Cheltenham and across the racing world.

"Beyond the winners and the headlines, Edward was a man of deep intelligence, sharp wit, and remarkable warmth. He had friends on every continent, a story for every occasion, and a lifelong passion for the sport, the hunting field and everything equestrian. Funeral details will be announced in due course via www.rip.ie."

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Edward O'Grady: the top trainer died aged 75 | *Tattersalls*

LORD ALLEN CONFIRMED TO START AS BHA CHAIR FROM SEPTEMBER



Lord Allen of Kensington | BHA

The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) has announced that Lord Allen of Kensington will start work in his post as chair of racing's regulators from September 1.

The Labour peer was due to take up the role on June 2, but his tenure was delayed as the BHA said he wished to "continue meeting stakeholders to better inform his vision for the sport".

The BHA board currently has an independent chair, four independent directors and four member-nominated directors--two from the racecourses and two nominated by the sport's participants--but Lord Allen wants to change that arrangement.

Following a meeting in London on Monday, where the BHA board met to discuss Lord Allen's response to the submissions of stakeholders regarding proposed governance changes, it was agreed that work should now start towards the establishment of a single independent board of directors, which will oversee a single BHA executive led by a CEO.

Lord Allen said, "I am delighted we have agreed to a process towards a new independent BHA board and I look forward to formally starting in September.

"Horse racing has a strong future. There is work to do, but I am in no doubt as to the passion and commitment of the many thousands of people who make up our industry."

David Jones, chair of the BHA's Nominations Committee and interim BHA chair, added, "The BHA board has made clear its commitment to pressing ahead with the establishment of an independent Board of Directors.

"We look forward to working with Lord Allen to support the industry as it takes this important step forward towards a strong future."

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CLASSIC HEROINE LADY ILZE TO BE OFFERED IN TATTERSALLS ONLINE POP-UP SALE

This year's G2 German 1,000 Guineas winner **Lady Ilze** (Territories) will be **offered by Tattersalls Online in a pop-up sale** scheduled to get underway at 3pm on Monday, August 4. Bidding will then close at 3pm the following day.

Formerly trained in Poland by Krzysztof Ziemianski, Lady Ilze won three of her five starts as a two-year-old, before being transferred to the care of leading German trainer Andreas Wohler. Following a fourth-place finish in the G3 Schwarzgold-Rennen on debut for her new yard, she then produced a career-best effort at Dusseldorf to win the German 1,000 Guineas by a length from D'Ores Et Deja. Last seen finishing fourth in the G1 Falmouth Stakes at Newmarket, she will be offered with a Timeform rating of 107.

Raced by prominent German-based owners Westminster Race Horses, Lady Ilze is the first foal out of the five-time winner Roman Spinner (Intikhab) and hails from the family of the multiple Group 1 winners Diamond Shoal and Glint Of Gold, as well as Germany's champion older mare Catella.

Having previously offered lots from Britain, Ireland, France and America, Tattersalls Online will now offer its first lot in Germany through a collaboration with leading German auction house BBAG.

Katherine Sheridan, Tattersalls Online sales manager, said, "Tattersalls is delighted to be entrusted with the sale of German Classic winner Lady Ilze. Offering a filly of her quality on our online platform is a testament to the confidence placed in Tattersalls Online and its success. It is a privilege to present her to the market and she is sure to attract global interest.

"We are also excited to be collaborating with Klaus Eulenberger and the team at BBAG, with whom we have a strong relationship. The joint venture opens new opportunities for our online platform and will be a key focus of future growth in the sale of German-based horses."

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"CLASSY COMMERCIAL YEARLINGS" ON OFFER IN REDUCED GOFFS ORBY BOOK 2 CATALOGUE

"It truly is one you cannot afford to miss," Goffs Group chief executive Henry Beeby said of Orby Book 2 as the **catalogue** for the two-day sale was published on Monday, featuring 433 yearlings to be offered on Wednesday, October 1 and Thursday, October 2.

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Shes Perfect: a €35,000 purchase at Orby Book 2 in 2023
Scoop Dyga

Orby Book 2 cont.

Every yearling in Orby Book 2 is eligible for the Two Million Series, with its €2-million prize fund being divided equally between Europe's richest two-year-old contest--the €1-million Goffs Million--and €1 million of €50,000 bonuses across a diverse programme of two-year-old races in Ireland and the UK.

A variety of stallions will be represented across the two days, including Australia, Blue Point, **Blackbeard**, Dark Angel, Kodiak, Mehmas, **Saxon Warrior**, **Sioux Nation**, Starman, **Starspangledbanner** and Too Darn Hot.

Sioux Nation has a total of 12 yearlings catalogued, including lot 875, a half-brother to the G2 July Stakes winner Jasour, from the family of the multiple Group 1-winning sire Twilight Son. Last year **Sioux Nation** was responsible for the €135,000 top lot at Orby Book 2, while his leading performers on the racecourse in 2025 include the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches runner-up Shes Perfect, who fetched €35,000 in 2023.

Other potential highlights at this year's sale include lot 471, a **Saxon Warrior** full-brother to the multiple Group 3 winner Greenland; lot 543, an Acclamation filly out of a half-sister to the G1 Phoenix Stakes and G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas hero Siskin; lot 617, a Starman colt out of a half-sister to the G1 Falmouth Stakes and G1 Prix Rothschild scorer Amazing Maria; lot 725, a Blue Point filly out of a half-sister to the GI Natalma Stakes victrix Capla Temptress; lot 776, a Teofilo three-parts brother to the G1 Irish 1,000 Guineas and G1 Yorkshire Oaks winner Pleascach; and lot 801, a Sea The Moon half-brother to the G1 Prix Jean Romanet second Rosscarbery.

"Orby Book 2 could be described as one of the hidden gems of the sales season, representing exceptional value and opportunity for buyers, and we celebrated some unforgettable success stories for our buyers throughout 2025 that originated at Book 2," said Beeby.

"As with Orby Book 1, we emphasised quality in our Book 2 inspections and slightly reduced numbers to offer buyers a deliberately tighter catalogue of classy commercial yearlings. With the sale concluding a day earlier than usual, following feedback from clients with commitments later in the week, we urge buyers to include the entire sale in their plans. It truly is one you cannot afford to miss."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Tuesday, July 29, 2025:

UNITED KINGDOM

A'Ali (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}), Newsells Park Stud
75 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
18:30-RIPON, 6f, **A'Ali G (GB)**
8,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2024

Lope Y Fernandez (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), The National Stud
99 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
16:20-GOODWOOD, 6f, **Yachtsman (GB)**
125,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024
18:15-FFOS LAS, 6f, **Woody Y Fernandez (GB)**
8,500gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; 8,000gns RNA
Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2024; 15,000gns RNA
Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2025
18:30-RIPON, 6f, **Social Exclusion (GB)**
8,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; 45,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024; 4,200gns
Tattersalls Online July Sale 2025

Palace Pier (GB) (**Kingman (GB)**), Dalham Hall Stud
115 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
13:55-GOODWOOD, 175K G2 Coral Vintage Stakes (Class 1), 7f,
Morris Dancer (Ire)

Space Blues (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
113 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
13:55-GOODWOOD, 175K G2 Coral Vintage Stakes (Class 1), 7f,
Do Or Do Not (Ire)
65,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; 75,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024
16:20-GOODWOOD, 6f, **Stellar Sunrise (GB)**
130,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024

Ubettableveit (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Mickley Stud

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

16:35-BEVERLEY, 5f, **Star Noir (GB)**

5,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; 7,000gns RNA

Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2024

18:15-FFOS LAS, 6f, **White Ladder (Ire)**

40,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2023; 60,000gns

Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024

Victor Ludorum (GB) (Shamardal), Haras d'Etream

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

13:55-GOODWOOD, 175K G2 Coral Vintage Stakes (Class 1), 7f,

Laureate Crown (Ire)

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

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

BOOK 1 MILLIONAIRE SET FOR BEVERLEY UNVEILING

15.20 Beverley, £7,500, Nov, 2yo, 7f 96yT

Amo Racing's hitherto unraced **ANCIENT EGYPT (IRE)** (**Frankel {GB}**), a Charlie Johnston-conditioned 1,100,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 graduate, is out of a full-sister to multiple Group 1-winning distaffer Midday (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) and faces four rivals in this debut. They include the Sir Mark Prescott-trained **Moon Warp (GB)** (**Sea The Moon {Ger}**), who is out of a half-sister to Archipenko's Hong Kong Group 1 winners Time Warp (GB) and Glorious Forever (GB).

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Ancient Egypt going through the ring at Park Paddocks | Tattersalls

BRITAIN

Monday's Results:**2nd-Great Yarmouth, £30,000, Nov, 7-28, 2yo, 7f 3yT, 1:25.52, g/s.****HALF SOVEREIGN (FR)** (f, 2, **Ten Sovereigns {Ire}**--**Baileys****Afterparty {Fr}**, by **Supplicant {GB}**), who shed maiden status over an extended seven furlongs at Ayr earlier this month, broke

on the lead and remained there throughout racing under a six-pound penalty. Unflustered for the most part, the well-backed

11-10 favourite was rowed along approaching the quarter-mile marker and kept on well under mild urging in the closing stages

to comfortably outpoint Mayaada (Phoenix Of Spain) by 1 1/2 lengths. Half Sovereign is the lone foal produced by a winning

half to G3 Firth Of Clyde Stakes runner-up Rosebride (Mayson) and the multiple stakes-placed duo Party Doctor (Dr Fong) and

Dream Wedding (Medicean). Rosebride is the dam of Listed Dragon Stakes second Significantly (Garswood). The January-

foaled bay's second dam Wedding Party (Groom Dancer) is a half-sister to G2 May Hill Stakes victrix Pollenator (Motivator),

herself the dam of Group 3-winning G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup runner-up Stellaria (Kizuna). Sales history: 12,000gns Ylg '24

TATSOM. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$28,255.

O-SAS Logistics Contracts Ltd & Elaine Burke; B-Haras des Trois Chapelles; T-Karl Burke.

1st-Southwell, £6,800, Nov, 7-28, 2yo, 6f 16y (AWT), 1:15.38, st.**SPECIAL DIVIDEND (GB)** (c, 2, **Ardad {Ire}**--**Dabble {Ire}**, by**Mastercraftsman {Ire}**), burdened with a six-pound penalty for notching a clear-cut win in his June 23 debut at Wolverhampton

last time, broke well and hounded the leader in second through the early strides here. Sent to the front approaching the home

turn, the 4-6 favourite was untroubled thereafter and stretched clear inside the final quarter-mile to easily overpower Hungarian

(Starspangledbanner) by 3 1/4 lengths. Special Dividend is the third foal and scorer thrown by an unraced half-sister to G1

Pretty Polly Stakes heroine Thistle Bird (Selkirk) and dual Group 3-winning G1 Cantala Stakes second McCreery (Big Bad Bob).

Thistle Bird is the dam of G3 Thoroughbred Stakes winner and G1 Futurity Trophy second Epictetus (**Kingman**), G3 ValiantStakes winner Jumbly (**Gleneagles**) and the dual stakes-placed Bullfinch (Kodiac). His second dam is dual stakes-winning G1 Prix

Maurice de Gheest third Dolma (Marchand De Sable). The February-foaled bay's dam Dabble (Mastercraftsman), whose

2024 colt by Australia died last year, has a weanling colt by Soldier's Call to come. Sales history: 12,000gns RNA Wlg '23

TADEWE; 58,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$11,883.

O-Commercium II; B-G S Bishop; T-Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole.

2nd-Southwell, £6,800, Nov, 7-28, 2yo, 7f 15y (AWT), 1:29.22, st. MAY ANGEL (GB) (c, 2, Dark Angel {Ire}--May Rose {Ire}, by Lawman {Fr}), who finished last of five tackling this distance at Newmarket in his June 21 unveiling last time, tracked the pace in a handy fifth after the initial exchanges here. Inching closer once into the home straight, the 9-2 chance was shaken up to seize control approaching the final furlong and kept on strongly to defeat Tierra Del Toro (Lope De Vega) by 2 1/4 lengths. May Angel is the fourth of six foals and second scorer produced by a multiple-winning sibling of G1 Dewhurst Stakes runner-up and dual Group-winning sire Cable Bay (Invincible Spirit), multiple Group-winning G1 Canterbury Stakes third Mister Sea Wolf (Amadeus Wolf) and Listed Curragh Stakes victor Indigo Balance (Invincible Spirit). The March-foaled bay, whose third dam is G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Haydock Sprint Cup heroine Cherokee Rose (Dancing Brave), is kin to a yearling filly by **Zarak** and a weanling colt by Pinatubo. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,338.

O-Imad Alsagar; B-Blue Diamond Stud Farm (UK) Ltd; T-John & Thady Gosden.

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2nd-Royal Windsor, £6,800, Nov, 7-28, 2yo, 6f 12yT, 1:11.33, g/f. HILITANY (GB) (c, 2, Ubettabelieveit {Ire}--Sand And Deliver {GB}, by Royal Applause {GB}), runner-up tackling five furlongs at Ffos Las in his July 9 debut last time, was well away to race in a prominent second through halfway. Stoked up to gain an edge soon after passing the two pole, the 6-4 favourite was beyond recall thereafter and lengthened clear in style inside the final furlong to outclass Art Lover (Hello Youmzain) by 3 3/4 lengths, becoming the fourth winner for his freshman sire (by Kodiak). Hilitany is the latest of seven foals and fourth scorer out of a full-sister to G1 Dewhurst Stakes third and dual Group-winning sire Finjaan (Royal Applause). The March-foaled bay is a half-brother to last term's G2 Coventry Stakes and G3 Prix de Cabourg third Columnist (Ardad). Sales history: 70,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT; £300,000 2yo '25 GOUKB. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$7,275.

O-KHK Racing; B-Peter Balding; T-George Boughey.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mighty Magnus (Ire), c, 2, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Holwah (GB), by **Kingman (GB)**. Ayr, 7-28, 5f 110yT, 1:06.67. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$6,183. B-Funcheon Bloodstock & K B Lynch. *42,000gns Wlg '23 TADEWE.

Life Is Rosie (GB), f, 3, **Lightning Spear (GB)**--One Life (Jpn), by **War Front**. Royal Windsor, 7-28, 10fT, 2:08.09. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-2, \$14,146. B-One Life Bloodstock Ltd. *8,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT.

IRELAND

Monday's Results:

3rd-Galway, €20,000, Mdn, 7-28, 2yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:31.66, yl. CONSTITUTION RIVER (FR) (c, 2, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Chuppy {Fr}, by Le Havre {Ire}), a July 11 short-head second going seven furlongs at Newmarket in his only prior start, broke swiftly and led from the outset of this one. Bustled along rounding the home turn, the 1-5 lock came under sterner urging in the straight and was driven out inside the final furlong to defeat Spangled Sands (**Starspangledbanner**) by 3 3/4 lengths. "He had a very good run in a nice maiden in Newmarket and with normal improvement coming here you'd think he'd put up a good display," said Ballydoyle's Chris Armstrong. "He was very green and Wayne [Lordan] said he was looking at the camera on his inside, but he went to the line with plenty still left in him. The experience around here will do him the world of good. He's a colt with a touch of class and is one to look forward to going into the second half of the season. I suppose he puts himself into the [Aug. 23 G2] Futurity mix with the rest of them and the lads will divide them up and see where they go." **Constitution River**, half to a yearling filly by Mehmas, is the first of two foals out of a full-sister to G1 British Champions Fillies & Mares and G1 Prix de Royallieu heroine Wonderful Tonight (Le Havre). The March-foaled bay's dam Chuppy (Le Havre) is also kin to the stakes-winning Penjade (Air Chief Marshal) and G3 Prix Cleopatre third Heartache Tonight (Recorder). Sales history: €400,000 Ylg '24 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$22,316. O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Westerberg; B-LG Bloodstock; T-Aidan O'Brien.

FRANCE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Falou Chope (Fr), f, 2, **Gutaifan (Ire)**--Favourably (GB), by Pivotal (GB). Le Lion d'Angers, 7-28, 6fT, 1:11.25. B-Alain Chopard.
Leoly Du Boissy (Fr), f, 3, **Gris De Gris (Ire)**--Miss Machine (Fr), by Cokoriko (Fr). Guerlesquin, 7-28, 14 1/2fT, 3:20.27. B-Jean-Pierre Rault & Alain Guyader.

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Tuesday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 15:05

AL SHAQAB GOODWOOD CUP STAKES-G1, £500,000, 3yo/up, 16f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dubai Future (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Saeed bin Suroor	Christophe Soumillon	138
2	French Master (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Wathnan Racing	John & Thady Gosden	James Doyle	138
3	Illinois (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	138
4	Military Academy (GB)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Isa Salman & Abdulla Al Khalifa	John & Thady Gosden	William Buick	138
5	Sunway (Fr)	Galiway (GB)	Guy Pariente Holding & Qatar Racing Ltd	David Menuisier	Oisin Murphy	138
6	Sweet William (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Normandie Stud Ltd	John & Thady Gosden	Robert Havlin	138
7	Trueshan (Fr)	Planteur (Ire)	Singula Partnership	Alan King	Hollie Doyle	138
8	Scandinavia	Justify	M Tabor, D Smith & Mrs J Magnier	A O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	124

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Normandie Stud Ltd, 3-Coolmore, 4-Abdulla Al-Khalifa & Isa Salman, 5-Guy Pariente Holding, 6-Normandie Stud Ltd, 7-Didier Blot, 8-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt

Last year's G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 St Leger runner-up **Illinois** was put forward as a last-minute substitute for Kyprios in last month's G1 Gold Cup and, with extra preparation time for this marathon, is taken to gain a belated first win at the highest level. Ryan Moore is on board once more and he is accompanied by stablemate **Scandinavia**, who delivered a stunning wide-margin victory in Newmarket's G3 Bahrain Trophy earlier this month. Wathnan Racing's **French Master** steps up from handicap company for this black-type debut and is joined by **Sweet William** and **Military Academy** in a three-pronged bid to provide the Gosden stable with a sixth renewal. [*Sean Cronin*].

Tuesday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 13:55

CORAL VINTAGE STAKES-G2, £175,000, 2yo, 7f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Zavateri (Ire)	Without Parole (GB)	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	132
2	Andab (Ire)	Saxon Warrior (Jpn)	Al Shaqab Racing & Trevor Stewart	Joseph O'Brien	D B McMonagle	129
3	Do Or Do Not (Ire)	Space Blues (Ire)	TBT Racing	Ed Walker	Tom Marquand	129
4	Dorset (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor & Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	129
5	Gharma Sutra (Ire)	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Jastar & Back On The Bridle Partnership	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	129
6	Goodwood Galaxy (GB)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Goodwood Racehorse Owners Group	David Menuisier	Oisin Murphy	129
7	Humidity (GB)	Ulysses (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	Andrew Balding	James Doyle	129
8	Laureate Crown (Ire)	Victor Ludorum (GB)	Mrs Fitri Hay	Hugo Palmer	Jamie Spencer	129
9	Morris Dancer (Ire)	Palace Pier (GB)	Godolphin	John & Thady Gosden	William Buick	129
10	Vincenzo Peruggia (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd	Charlie Johnston	David Egan	129

Breeders: 1-John D Gunther & TTR Bloodstock, 2-Trevor Stewart, 3-D G Icton, 4-Snowflakes Syndicate, 5-Lech Breeding Ltd, 6-Branton Court Stud LLP, 7-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 8-Select Bloodstock Ltd, 9-Godolphin, 10-Epona Bloodstock Ltd

Eve Johnson Houghton trainee **Zavateri** dented some lofty reputations when annexing Newmarket's G2 July Stakes earlier this month and offers value in this open renewal. He is reopposed by July runner-up **Do Or Do Not**, who is the only maiden in the field. Aidan O'Brien sends forth **TDN Rising Star Dorset**, who comes back off a breakthrough success at the Curragh last month and seeks a fourth victory for the Ballydoyle maestro. Wathnan Racing's hitherto undefeated **Humidity** rates an obvious danger having broken his stakes duck in Royal Ascot's Listed Chesham Stakes when last seen while Al Shaqab Racing's **Andab**, representing the Joseph O'Brien stable, returns off a third in the G3 Marble Hill Stakes and a fourth in the G2 Coventry Stakes. [*Sean Cronin*].

Tuesday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 14:30**HKJC WORLD POOL LENNOX STAKES-G2**, £180,000, 3yo/up, 7f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Alyanaabi (Ire)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	Owen Burrows	Jim Crowley	132
2	Audience (GB)	Iffraaj (GB)	Cheveley Park Stud	John & Thady Gosden	Robert Havlin	132
3	Iberian (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Teme Valley & Ballylinch Stud	Charles Hills	Billy Loughnane	132
4	Kinross (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Marcstown Ltd	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	132
5	Lake Forest (GB)	No Nay Never	Tony Bloom & Ian McAleavy	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	132
6	Nostrum (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Thoroughbred British Racing	David O'Meara	Jason Watson	132
7	Quinault (Ger)	Oasis Dream (GB)	TJE Racing	Stuart Williams	Jason Hart	132
8	Ten Bob Tony (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	TBT Racing	Ed Walker	William Buick	132
9	Witness Stand (GB)	Expert Eye (GB)	Scott Turner & Partner	Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole	Hollie Doyle	132
10	Intrusively (GB)	Territories (Ire)	Bearstone Stud Ltd	Edward Bethell	Neil Callan	125
11	Jonquil (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Juddmonte	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	125
12	Noble Champion (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	TBT Racing	Ed Walker	Kieran Shoemark	125

Breeders: 1-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd, 2-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 3-Ballylinch Stud, 4-Lawn Stud, 5-Sahara Group Holdings, 6-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd, 7-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof, 8-Knocktoran Stud, 9-Alvediston Stud, 10-Bearstone Stud, 11-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd, 12-Thomas Foy & Lope de Vega Syndicate

TDN Rising Star Kinross bids for an unprecedented third victory in a renewal that is as competitive as ever. The 2021 and 2023 winner encounters familiar foe **Ten Bob Tony**, who lowered his colours in Haydock's G3 John Of Gaunt Stakes on seasonal debut at the end of May. Last term's winner **Audience** has failed to fire in four outings since and returns off a ninth in the John Of Gaunt. William Haggas trainee **Lake Forest** has failed to hit the board in three starts since annexing Australia's Golden Eagle last November and needs to find more to feature. Juddmonte's **TDN Rising Star Jonquil** was denied Classic glory when collared by Henri Matisse in the dying embers of May's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and is better than his unplaced effort in Royal Ascot's G1 Commonwealth Cup while **Noble Champion**, a shock winner of Royal Ascot's G3 Jersey Stakes, is not without a chance. [Sean Cronin].

Wednesday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 15:05**VISIT QATAR SUSSEX STAKES-G1**, £1,057,500, 3yo/up, 8f 0y**CHALLENGE SERIES WIN AND YOU'RE IN.™**

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Carl Spackler (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Yulong Investments Pty	Ciaran Maher	Shane Foley	136
2	Docklands (GB)	Massaat (Ire)	OTI Racing	Harry Eustace	Tom Marquand	136
3	Qirat (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Juddmonte	Ralph Beckett	Richard Kingscote	136
4	Rosallion (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	136
5	Field Of Gold (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Juddmonte	John & Thady Gosden	William Buick	128
6	Henri Matisse (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, D Smith & Merriebelle	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
7	Serengeti (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor & P Brant	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128

Breeders: 1-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 2-Mickley Stud, 3-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd, 4-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 5-Roundhill Stud, 6-Immortal Verse Syndicate, 7-China Horse Club International

The Qatar Goodwood Festival's undoubted highlight brings about a clash of the generations, with G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas and G1 St James's Palace Stakes hero **Field Of Gold** replicating his sire **Kingman**'s sophomore campaign. He will enhance his status as Europe's leading miler with victory here. The likely odds-on favourite crosses swords once more with G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains victor **Henri Matisse**, who ran second in the Royal Ascot feature and seeks a record-equalling seventh renewal for Aidan O'Brien. The year-old **Rosallion** has placed in both starts since snagging last term's Irish 2000 Guineas and St James's Palace Stakes and is taken to exact revenge upon his G1 Queen Anne Stakes conqueror Docklands. Three-time Grade I winner and Queen Anne sixth **Carl Spackler** is in at the deep end again. [Sean Cronin].

Wednesday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 13:35

HKJC WORLD POOL OAK TREE STAKES-G3, £100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bright Thunder (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum	Karl Burke	Sam James	132
2	Chic Colombine (Fr)	Seahenge	Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Vermeer 1)	George Boughey	David Probert	132
3	Cloud Cover (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Saeed Manana	James Tate	Clifford Lee	132
4	Fair Angelica (GB)	Harry Angel (Ire)	Mrs W Miller	Richard Hughes	Finley Marsh	132
5	Havana Pusey (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	C R Marks	John Gallagher	Kieran Shoemark	132
6	Jabaara (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum	Roger Varian	Silvestre De Sousa	132
7	Jasna's Secret (Fr)	Galiway (GB)	Wathnan Racing	Carlos & Yann Lerner	James Doyle	132
8	Romantic Style (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	132
9	Arabian Dusk (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Shaikh Duajj Al Khalifa	Simon & Ed Crisford	Harry Davies	125
10	Betty Clover (GB)	Time Test (GB)	The Ascot Revellers & Partner	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	125
11	Formal (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cheveley Park Stud	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	125
12	Saqqara Sands (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	D J Deer	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	125
13	Silver Ghost (Ire)	Phoenix Of Spain (Ire)	W H Simpson	Emma Lavelle	Tom Marquand	125
14	Tabiti (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Juddmonte	Ralph Beckett	Ryan Moore	125

Breeders: 1-Ennistown Stud, 2-Mell Elevages, Ecurie Artsam & Vincent Le Roy, 3-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 4-Jarosa Stud, 5-C R Marks & R J Gallagher, 6-Godolphin, 7-Haras du Quesnay, 8-Wansdyke Farms, SH Bloodstock, J Burke & Oghill, 9-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 10-Eve Johnson Houghton, 11-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 12-D J & Mrs Deer, 13-Kildaragh Stud, 14-Juddmonte Farms Ltd

Juddmonte's day-two operations commence with Cape Breton in the programme's opening handicap and his lightly raced Ralph Beckett stablemate **Tabiti** is a leading contender in this highly competitive distaffers' contest. She ran fifth in last term's G1 Fillies' Mile and heads postward coming back off a third in Royal Ascot's Sandringham Handicap on sophomore bow. Last term's G1 Falmouth Stakes runner-up **Jabaara** has enjoyed a busy campaign this year, with her five outings including a sixth in Keeneland's GI Jenny Wiley Stakes, and the three-time Listed winner is on the hunt for a Pattern-race breakthrough here. Godolphin's **Romantic Style** enjoyed a fruitful, albeit brief, Meydan campaign over the winter and last year's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches fourth needs to bring forth improved form back up in trip after posting a close fifth in Newmarket's five-furlong G3 Abernant Stakes in April when last seen. **Bright Thunder** posted a clear-cut victory in this month's Listed Prix Goldikova at Deauville and, representing the red-hot Karl Burke stable, possesses solid each-way claims. [Sean Cronin].

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HKJC WORLD POOL MOLECOMB STAKES-G3, £100,000, 2yo, 5f 0y



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SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ameeq (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabah	Kevin Ryan	Kevin Stott	129
2	Dickensian (GB)	Pinatubo (Ire)	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	Kevin Ryan	Shane Gray	129
3	Lady Iman (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Mrs A F O'Callaghan	Ger Lyons	Ryan Moore	129
4	Military Code (GB)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	129
5	Rogue Supremacy (GB)	St Mark's Basilica (Fr)	The Rogues Gallery	David O'Meara	Rossa Ryan	129
6	Rydale Frosty (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Alan Pickering CBE	David Simcock	Jamie Spencer	129
7	Sands Of Spain (Ire)	Sands Of Mali (Fr)	J Maldonado	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	129
8	Argentine Tango (GB)	Mattmu (GB)	Bearstone Stud Limited	Tim Easterby	David Allan	126

Breeders: 1-Coverdale Stud, 2-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 3-Tally-Ho Stud, 4-Godolphin, 5-Coverdale Stud, 6-Alan Pickering CBE, 7-Rathbride Farm, 8-Bearstone Stud

Ger Lyons trainee **Lady Iman** comes back off a first defeat in four having chased home Beautify in last month's G2 Airlie Stud Stakes at the Curragh. She had previously breezed through victories in the Listed First Flier Stakes and G3 Naas Fillies Sprint and sets the standard here. Godolphin representative **Military Code** lowered the colours of subsequent G3 Princess Margaret Stakes victrix Fitzella at Ascot in May, but finished down the field in the Royal meet's G2 Coventry Stakes before getting back on track with a second in Sandown's Listed Dragon Stakes earlier this month. Nottingham maiden winner **Ameeq** was a commendable fourth in the G2 Norfolk Stakes and is an obvious danger, while G2 Duchess Of Cambridge Stakes placegetter **Argentine Tango** and Weatherbys Super Sprint third **Sands Of Spain** hold each-way claims. [Sean Cronin].

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