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## BREEDING DIGEST: CREDIT TO BLAME



**Blame** | Claiborne

by Chris McGrath

Anyone kindly persevering with this column as it gropes through the pedigree maze will by now be familiar, perhaps wearily so, with my proclivity for broodmare sires. From all that tremendous sport at Saratoga last Saturday, then, you won't be surprised that I'm going to focus on the fact that two of four Grade I winners--**Kilwin** (**Twirling Candy**) and **World Beater** (**Oscar Performance**)--were out of **Blame** mares.

Though approaching the evening of his career at 19, the Claiborne stallion remains highly precocious in this slow-burning sphere. His daughters have not yet sent 300 foals into the gate, compared with 1,741 even for another active sire in **Tapit**, five years his senior. So really, **Blame** has barely started. Even so, he is already damsire of 33 stakes winners, representing 11.3 percent of starters--as many as 17 in 2024, eight at graded level, from 181 starters. At 9.4 percent, that clip destroyed all meaningful opposition (though we'll acknowledge one potential exception below). Of the many whose bigger arsenals elevated them up the prizemoney table, closest was **Curlin** at 5.2 percent!

Yet **Blame** is no one-trick pony. His own runners include 6.3 percent black-type winners to named foals, and 2.7 percent for his 22 graded stakes winners, a match for many standing at multiples of his \$25,000 fee.

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## 'ENCUMBERED' BY 'STATUTORY BURDEN' OF LIVE RACING TO OPERATE SLOTS, GULFSTREAM PARK FILES LAWSUIT TO OVERTURN LAW

by T.D. Thornton

After this past spring's failed attempt to get a **controversial bill** passed in the Florida legislature that would have stripped a 40-days-minimum live racing requirement from its casino licensure, the owners of Gulfstream Park have filed a lawsuit against the Florida Gaming Control Commission (FGCC), alleging that the 2021 statute that allowed all classes of pari-mutuel licensees except Thoroughbreds to "decouple" from live racing as a condition of operating slot machines is an "unconstitutional special law and violates the equal protection clause of the Florida **Constitution**."

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## IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

### 'WE'RE IN IT TO OWN RACEHORSES AND ENJOY THEM

Mick Mariscotti reflects on the success of crack juvenile **Zavateri** (**Ire**) (Without Parole {GB}). Emma Berry has the details.



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*Click here for our visit with Curtain Call, a recent TDN Rising Star at Saratoga by Coolmore's Tiz the Law. West Point's Terry Finley catches us up on where the promising colt is headed next. | Sarah Andrew*

### 9 | FIVE FASTEST MAIDENS, PRESENTED BY TAYLOR MADE

*A trio of newly-minted 'TDN Rising Stars' are part of this week's Five Fastest Maidens spotlight compiled by TDN Writers' Room co-host Randy Moss.*

### 10 | SPA NOTEBOOK, PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS, NO TRAVERS FOR BAEZA

*Tim Wilkin talks with trainer John Shirreffs, who has opted to have stable star Baeza (McKinzie) bypass the GI DraftKings Travers Stakes at the end of the month.*

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**Blame's Moment Continues, cont. from p1**

He connects at market too--his \$91,119 yearling average in 2024 is rock-solid against their conception fee (then \$20,000). Meanwhile, his son, 'TDN Rising Star' Nadal, has made a brisk start at stud in Japan.

In the round then, there are few better ways to prove a mare at this kind of money. But the real fun begins if you get a filly, whether to retain for your own program or to profit as **Blame's** reputation as broodmare sire--first announced in 2022, when 'Rising Stars' Forte (**Violence**) and **Loggins** (Ghostzapper) slugged it out in the GI Breeders' Futurity--continues to soar.

Obviously the respective dams of Kilwin and World Beater can't take all the credit, having been mated with high-achieving stallions, and we'll examine their respective pages shortly. But let's just consider how **Blame's** key attributes might at least inform the perennial mystery of what actually "makes" a broodmare sire.

First and foremost, each side of his pedigree is rooted in one of the best families in the book. His own maternal line reaches fifth dam Rough Shod (GB) via the main highway of her daughter Thong (Nantallah) and then Special (Forli {Arg}), with everything that entails: **Blame's** Grade I-placed granddam Bound (Nijinsky), for instance, duly being half-sister to Nureyev. And his sire Arch represents a similarly aristocratic dynasty, pegged down by Courtly Dee (Never Bend) as third dam. And, in the old days of controlled books, that guaranteed elite seeding throughout. Arch's first four dams, for instance, are by Danzig, Alydar, Never Bend and War Admiral.

That's working horizontally, as it were: following maternal lines. But you duly get equally seamless quality in what I like to call the "stairwell," working top-to-bottom. The four sires in **Blame's** third generation are Roberto and Danzig behind Arch; plus Mr. Prospector and Nijinsky behind **Blame's** dam Liable (Seeking the Gold). The eight in his fourth generation are Hail to Reason, Princequillo, Northern Dancer and Alydar behind Arch; plus Raise a Native, Buckpasser, Northern Dancer again and Forli (Arg) behind Liable.

Not too many creaking steps there! And by the way, this kind of thing we may never see again, if we keep flooding the gene pool with hundreds of foals by new stallions, only a small minority of which will ultimately prove to have been contributing healthily to the breed.

In this context moreover, it's also intriguing to see so many names--above all those of Princequillo and Buckpasser--that especially excelled as distaff brands.

The puzzle persists as to why some stallions will smuggle genes through a daughter that aren't manifested so consistently in their own. And we also know that blood, both good and bad, does not always tell--whether on the track or at stud. **Cont.**



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Candy Ride (ARG) - House of Danzing, by Chester House

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But we must be grateful for such footholds as we can find in the scree of pedigrees. And in a world where we can't even be certain of the color of a foal's coat, what a comfort to know that the depth of quality behind **Blame** means that it barely matters which particular strand might filter through.

### A Shooting Star Among Mares

As noted above, **Blame** cannot claim all the credit for his daughters' landmark weekend. While the unraced one who produced Kilworth, for instance, is certainly proving an excellent producer, she had much else to work with besides.

Actually one aspect even of her \$1,500 purchase as an unraced 3-year-old, at the 2017 Keeneland November Sale, suggests that Spanish Star must have had more going for her than that price might suggest. For the docket was signed by Tommy Wenthe of St. Simon Place, who has a history of unearthing these diamonds in the rough.



Kilwin in the Saratoga winner's circle | Sarah Andrew

He presumably figured that Spanish Star was a blank slate out of a mare of high ability in La Gran Bailadora (Afleet Alex), a Grade III winner on synthetic who also made the podium in the GI Spinster Stakes (at the time also on such a surface). The next dam Affirmed Dancer (Affirmed) was also well above average, failing by just a neck in the GIII Gallorette Handicap on turf before closing out with a stakes win on dirt. And her own dam Woolloomooloo (Regal Intention), a leading grass mare in Canada, complemented her two stakes wins in that discipline with another on dirt.

Sure enough, soon after Wenthe had her covered by Trappe Shot, Spanish Star's half-brother by Awesome Again won the GI Belmont Stakes as Sir Winston. Wenthe took the chance to cash out the mare, albeit the Trappe Shot colt did not himself exploit the upgrade when sold for just \$21,000 as a yearling, admittedly in the tricky 2020 market.

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Nonetheless he would certainly do his bit for the page as One Timer, running away with a Grade II sprint at Kentucky Downs.

His flowering was especially welcome to Gilder-Schwarz Farms, who had purchased Spanish Star for \$275,000, also in 2020, when she returned to the November Sale. The Arrogate filly she was carrying that day, retained under the name Just Basking, ran away with the Iowa Oaks last year before running third in the GI Alabama Stakes.

The first cover chosen for Spanish Star by her new owners was **Twirling Candy**, and the resulting filly, found by BBN Racing for \$225,000 at the September Sale, we now know as GI Test Stakes winner Kilwin.

**Twirling Candy** duly continues his unobtrusive rise to stardom. Just \$10,000 when launching his first runners a decade ago, he has been standing for \$60,000 the last four years

and punched above even that weight when sixth in the general sires' table last year.

Only Into Mischief can match his three elite winners in 2025 and Kilwin's inspired switch to dirt--**Ag Bullet** and **Fionn** having scored on turf--confirms his versatility. (He has had winners of dirt races as varied as the Bing Crosby Stakes, Preakness and Santa Anita Handicap.) I will always reserve a soft spot for a horse whose fourth dam is the result of allowing Alydar to cover the dam of his nemesis Affirmed!

By the way, we hinted earlier that one stallion could lay a semi-meaningful glove on **Blame**'s crazy performance as damsire last year. His name is, of course, **Twirling Candy**. Albeit from an even smaller footprint, his daughters represented by just 70 starters last year, he mustered no fewer than 10 stakes winners. **Cont.**



**World Beater** | Sarah Andrew

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There's quite a history to the other Grade I winner out of a **Blame** mare last Saturday. In fact you have to rewind to a maiden claimer at Del Mar in 1999, where a sophomore named Sharp Apple showed nothing but was eagerly claimed for \$25,000.

Though by Diesis (GB) out of a stakes-placed Top Ville (Ire) half-sister to the European star Apple Tree (Fr) (Bikala {Ire}), she was running in a dirt sprint. Her new owner, Dr. John Chandler, knew better than that--between his wide experience in Europe, and the fact that Diesis had come over to stand at his wife's farm, Mill Ridge--and promptly switched her to grass.

Sharp Apple required some patience, but broke her maiden the following spring and eventually won a Listed race at Penn National. In her second career, she produced Pomology (Arch) to win two Group races in Europe before missing the G1 Prix Vermeille by a whisker in 2014. And it was by an equally desperate margin that Pomology's half-sister by Artie Schiller, Sassy Little Lil, would be denied the GI American Oaks two years later.

At that point Chandler had just brought Sharp Apple's final foal, by **Blame**, home from the September Sale as a \$95,000 RNA. Named Dabinett, she won a turf maiden at the Spa in a light career. And it was over the same circuit that her second foal, sold for \$105,000 to Pin Oak Stud as a yearling, won the GI Saratoga Derby winner as World Beater. Quite a promising young breeder, "Doc", also recently responsible for a Breeders' Cup winner in **Nobals** (Noble Mission {GB}).

Happily, he has meanwhile kept Dabinett "married" to **Oscar Performance**, who's putting Mill Ridge back on the stallion map in such spectacular fashion--two decades after the farm mourned the loss of Sharp Apple's sire.

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## Gulfstream Sues, cont. from p1

Daniel Wallach, a Florida-based attorney who specializes in gaming law, was first to break the news of the litigation via a **Wednesday posting** on the X social media platform.

Wallach wrote that the lawsuit is a "buzzer-beater" because "the deadline for asserting these claims was set to expire on Aug. 11, 2025--the four-year anniversary of the 'effective' date of the 2021 compact between the Seminole Tribe and the State of Florida to which the decoupling law's effectiveness was linked."

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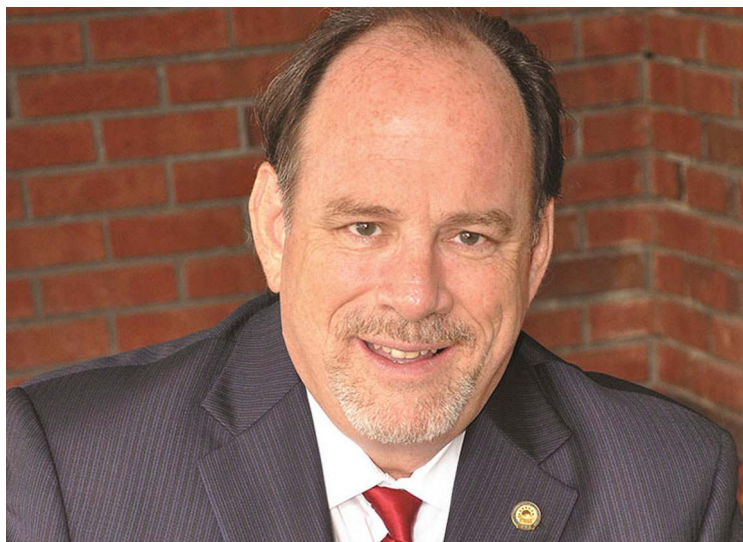
**Gulfstream Park paddock** | *Coglianesse*

The Aug. 5 lawsuit in the Second Judicial Circuit for Leon County stated that Gulfstream "is encumbered by the requirement to conduct live racing, and the only pari-mutuel permitholder who faces criminal prosecution if it fails to maintain live racing while continuing the conduct of slot machine gaming."

The lawsuit stated that "Gulfstream alone bears the statutory burden to sustain one particular industry--Thoroughbred horseracing--in order to participate in another industry--slot machines. No other competitor suffers that legislatively imposed burden on its constitutional right to operate slot machines."

The lawsuit continued: "This differential treatment destroys Gulfstream's ability to compete with other similarly situated entities and puts Gulfstream at a severe disadvantage as compared to other similarly situated entities."

"There is no rational basis for treating Gulfstream differently than other similarly situated entities," the lawsuit stated.



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"This differential treatment inflicts irreparable injury on Gulfstream, which includes its ability to continue to exercise its state constitutional rights," the lawsuit stated.

In addition to the unconstitutionality declarations that Gulfstream is seeking to nullify the live racing mandate, the lawsuit also wants the court to enjoin the FGCC from requiring Gulfstream to have "written binding agreements" with the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (FHBPA) and Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association (FTBOA) as a condition of obtaining its slots license.

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Lonny Powell, the chief executive officer of the FTBOA, described the court filing as "deeply troubling" in an Aug. 6 press release.

"Let's be clear: this is a casino-first move, not a racing-first one," Powell said. "The courts should recognize it for what it is-- a direct threat to our industry's integrity and Florida agriculture's future."

Powell said that "after benefiting for decades from the prestige and profits of Florida's Thoroughbred industry, they're now asking the courts to let them abandon it entirely."

Powell said Gulfstream's authorization to operate slot machines is "a privilege they obtained specifically from their involvement with Thoroughbred racing."

The [website Florida Politics](#) quoted Marie Long, the general counsel for Gulfstream's parent company, 1/ST Racing and Gaming, as saying that, "The law on its face is anti-free markets, with the government picking winners and losers with its legislation."

Long continued: "This is a matter of fair and equal treatment under the law, which the Decoupling Act clearly and intentionally violates. This is not about racing--we are committed to a sustainable future for racing. It's about our inability to compete with the private slot operators who don't have to meet the same obligations we must meet to run our

business because they receive special treatment at our expense."

Powell disagreed.

"This lawsuit isn't about fairness; it's about Gulfstream Park wanting to operate a casino without fulfilling their racing responsibilities. They're turning their back on the very industry that built their brand and bottom line," Powell said.

"The 2021 decoupling law was designed to preserve Florida's core horse racing institutions. Gulfstream Park's attempt to overturn it would open the floodgates; eroding Thoroughbred racing statewide, threatening family farms, rural jobs, and a multi-billion-dollar agricultural economy," Powell said.

Messages seeking comment left with the FHBPA and FGCC did not yield replies prior to deadline for this story.

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by Randy Moss



**BLACKOUT TIME, ELP, 8/2, 1 mile, 'TDN Rising Star'**  
Beyer Speed Figure- 83

(c, 2, by **Not This Time**--Beauty Parlor, by Elusive Quality)

O-Brookdale Racing and Lance Gasaway. B-Newstead Corp (Ky). T-Kenny McPeek. J-Brian Hernandez Jr.

McPeek has another promising juvenile and he's already gone a mile. Blackout Time--out of a Joe Allen owned-and-bred graded turf winner--debuted with a strong 2nd behind Dazzle d'Oro at Churchill and Saturday he sped 9 3/4 lengths ahead of a full field of juveniles that included two Asmussens, two Coxes, two Casses and a Walsh.

**BUETANE, DMR, 8/3, 5 furlongs, 'TDN Rising Star' (VIDEO)**  
Beyer Speed Figure- 83

(c, 2, by **Tiz The Law**--Taboo, by Forestry)

O-Zedan Racing Stables. B-Merriebelle Stable (Ky). T-Bob Baffert. J-Juan Hernandez.

Amr Zedan topped this list last week thanks to Brant's 101 Beyer. One month after shelling out an OBS record \$3 million for Brant, Zedan took home Buetane for \$1.15 million and now he has a nice one-two punch for upcoming Del Mar 2-year-old stakes. Buetane had 3 1/2 lengths on fellow Baffert firster Falcon Jet, who was 7 1/4 ahead of the others.

**ITS BOURBON THIRTY, ELP, 8/1, 5 1/2 furlongs (turf)**  
Beyer Speed Figure- 84

(g, 4, by **Outwork**--Seattle Artist, by Stormy Atlantic)

O-Howling Pigeon Farms. B-Paul King (Ky). T-Jeremiah O'Dwyer. J-Luan Machado.

He started his career 0-for-5 in races on turf and Tapeta, all around two turns. But O'Dwyer cut him back from 9 furlongs to 5 1/2, added blinkers, and watched him lead from start to finish at 6-1 odds. Its Bourbon Thirty is a fitting name for a

Kentucky-bred, and those who hit this \$1,389 dime superfecta Friday were probably knocking back a few.

**GLORIOUS LIFE, DMR, 8/2, 5 furlongs (turf) (VIDEO)**

Beyer Speed Figure- 88

(g, 5, by Vronsky--Glorious Luck, by Lucky J.H.)

O/B-Harris Farms (Cal). T-Carla Gaines. J-Kazushi Kimura.

He's from one of the most productive female families nurtured by California breeding legend John Harris, who passed away July 2. The 5-year-old had only four previous races, hadn't started in 10 months and also had been gelded in the interim. Gaines had already hit the board three times at Del Mar with long-layoff runners and had this one primed for a lifetime best off the bench.

**DELIGHTFUL CLAIRE, SAR, 8/2, 7 furlongs, 'TDN Rising Star' (VIDEO)**

Beyer Speed Figure- 95

(f, 3, by **Thousand Words**--Izshelegal, by Maria's Mon)

O-Rigney Racing. B-Gmbracstables, Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Rangel and Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Mad (Ky). T-Phil Bauer. J-Joel Rosario.

She was bet down to 8-5 in her June debut at Churchill but was done in by wickedly fast fractions and a talented Mott filly. Then she stepped up her game Saturday in a huge way, putting a 9 1/4-length bruising on a decent field strung out a quarter-mile behind her. Her half-brother Crazy Mason came from the clouds to win the Carter four months back, but she has plenty of speed.

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## SARATOGA NOTEBOOK, PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS: BAEZA'S NEXT RACE WON'T BE THE TRAVERS

by Tim Wilkin

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. - For now, it looks like **Baeza** (**McKinzie**) is going to stay put in California.

Trainer John Shirreffs said Wednesday that a cross-country trip to Saratoga and another shot at **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief) in the \$1.25 million GI DraftKings Travers Stakes is unlikely.

"I would say there is not a really good chance of doing that," Shirreffs said by phone from his summer base at Del Mar.

Shirreffs said the reason for skipping the Aug. 23 Midsummer Derby has everything to do with getting to Saratoga. Baeza has

already shipped twice to the Spa; he was here for the GI Belmont Stakes and finished third, 6 1/2 lengths behind Sovereignty. He returned home after that.

Then he returned for the July 26 GII Jim Dandy Stakes and was beaten a length by Sovereignty

"It's just such a tough ship from Del Mar to over there," Shirreffs said.

To get here, Baeza, owned by Robert Clay's Grandview Stable and Lee Searing's C R K Stable, would have to van to either Los Angeles or Ontario [two-hours] and then fly to Newark, N.J. and take another van 190 miles to Saratoga.

Baeza also flew from Los Angeles to Louisville when he ran in the GI Kentucky Derby.

That's three cross-country ships in as many months.

Shirreffs said when Baeza shipped to the Derby and the Belmont, it affected the horse, and took him a couple days to get over it. When he came out of the Jim Dandy, Baeza handled it much better.

Shirreffs said the plans for Baeza's next race have not yet been finalized. The two most appealing options are to stay home for the \$1 million GI Pacific Classic Aug. 30 against older horses or the \$1 million GI Pennsylvania Derby at Parx Sept. 20 against 3-year-olds.

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**Baeza, trainer John Shirreffs before the Jim Dandy** | Sarah Andrew

“We have discussed the Pacific Classic and Pennsylvania Derby,” Shirreffs said, acknowledging that the Travers would be third on the depth chart. “We have not made up our minds yet. We would have a little more time to the other races and time is valuable in these situations.”

Baeza, a \$1.2 million purchase at the 2023 Keeneland September Yearling Sale, has one win, three seconds and two thirds in his seven-race career.

Baeza is scheduled to work at Del Mar on Thursday, according to Shirreffs.

## McPeek Been Thinking Turf For Mystik Dan For A Long Time

On August 1, trainer Kenny McPeek put 2024 GI Kentucky Derby winner **Mystik Dan** (Goldencents) on the grass for the first time. This was not done on a lark; McPeek had been thinking about doing it for at least a year.

Here’s the proof as to how serious McPeek is about Mystik Dan being a thoroughbred lawn mower: he is running him in Saturday’s GI Arlington Million at Colonial Downs. All of Mystik Dan’s prior 14 starts have been on dirt.

“It was kind of an audible at the line of scrimmage,” McPeek said Wednesday morning at his barn at the annex across from the Oklahoma Training Track. “He was doing really well and the [Million] seems to be modest in depth. We decided to put him in.”

A field of eight has been entered for the Million and Mystik Dan, who will be ridden by Brian Hernandez Jr., drew the rail and is the 9-2 fourth choice in the 1 1/4-mile race. **Integration (Quality Road)** is the 8-5 morning line favorite for Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey.

McPeek worked Mystik Dan on the grass for the first time last week and he responded with a five-furlong work in 1:02.17 (5/10).



**Mystik Dan working over the Spa turf** | Sarah Andrew

“He does everything easy, he is Mr. Workmanlike,” McPeek said. “If he were a student, he would be in the middle of the classroom, he would be getting straight As, he would never make a sound, and you would not even know he is there. He just goes about his business very quietly, professionally. That is him. There is nothing loud about him. Very smart.”

McPeek said he did not ever think about running him in the GI Whitney Stakes last week. Mystik Dan was eighth in last year’s GI Belmont Stakes, which was run at Saratoga. When Hernandez jumped off him that day, he told McPeek that Mystik Dan didn’t like the surface.

“Why run in the Whitney on a racetrack I don’t know if he is going to like?” McPeek said. “We know where he fits against the older horses. He is within a few lengths, one side or the other, against the Sierra Leones, Fierceness of the world. If the Derby winner wins the Arlington Million, I think it adds to the dynamic of him as a stallion prospect.”

Owned by Lance Gasaway, 4 G Racing LLC, Daniel Hamby III and Valley View Farm LLC, Mystik Dan is scheduled to leave Saratoga Thursday morning.

“Good horses will run on anything,” McPeek said, and then added, with a smile, “we are going to prove it Saturday.”

## Romans Making Most With Limited Starters

Louisville, Ky. is home for trainer Dale Romans. A lot of his best work has been under the Twin Spires at Churchill Downs.

So far at the Saratoga meet, he hasn’t been too bad, either.

Romans brought just eight horses up for the summer—he has 55 down in Kentucky—and, after five starts, he has three wins, a second and a third.

The latest win came Sunday when **Jack’s Promise (Promises Fulfilled)** rallied to win a claiming race at odds of 7-1 under Junior Alvarado.

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Romans became the all-time leading trainer at Churchill Nov. 12, 2017 when he won his 703rd race. He held the top spot until June 13, 2020 when he was overtaken by Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen when he won his 738th Churchill Race.

Romans has won or shared 10 training titles at the historic track.

"I know how to win," Romans said outside his barn on the Saratoga backstretch Wednesday morning.

Jack's Promise is owned by Bob Baron, who is also a close friend of Romans. The horse is named for one of Baron's grandchildren.

Baron and Romans also teamed up with the sire, **Promises Fulfilled** (by Shackleford), who won the 2018 GI H. Allen Jerkens Stakes and GIII Amsterdam Stakes.

"It makes the losses harder, but the wins sweeter," Romans said of training for friends.

Even though Jack's Promise's victory came in the claiming ranks, it did not go unnoticed.

At Saratoga, everyone is watching. Or so it seems.

"If you win an allowance race at other tracks, nobody knows it," Romans said. "I got 20 text messages after winning a claiming race!"



Dale Romans and Irad Ortiz with Bobrovsky | Sarah Andrew

Earlier in the meet, 2-year-old **Bobrovsky** (Daredevil), co-owned by Romans and Steve Berg, broke his maiden on dirt at 4-5 by 10 1/2 lengths.

Bobrovsky is scheduled to work on the grass Friday and, if all goes well, will be pointed to the \$150,000 Skidmore at 5 1/2 furlongs on turf Aug. 16.

"When you don't win up here, it's a grind," Romans said. "When you do, it promotes your business, pays the bills and just makes you feel better. Makes your golf game a lot better, too."

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An advertisement for NYRA BETS. It features a white horse and jockey in green silks on the right. The text on the left says "BET SMARTER WITH NYRA BETS" in large white and green letters. Below that, it says "Official Betting App of Saratoga" in smaller white text. Further down, it says "Get Expert Picks, Fast Facts &amp; Track Stats to make you a better bettor" in green. At the bottom, there is a white button with the text "NYRABets.com".

## FASIG-TIPTON DIGITAL TO OFFER MAJOR REDUCTION OF HARRIS FARMS

Fasig-Tipton will offer 90 horses as part of a major reduction of Harris Farms, the Thoroughbred operation of leading California breeder and owner John C. Harris, who passed away in July at the age of 81. The auction will be conducted as a standalone sale on its digital platform from Aug. 14 through 19.

"John Harris was a pillar of racing, both in California and nationally," said Leif Aaron, Fasig-Tipton Director of Digital Sales.

"We are honored to be entrusted with the reduction of Mr. Harris's breeding and racing stock, which he carefully cultivated for more than 40 years," he said. "These offerings present prospective buyers with a rare opportunity to access bloodlines that have seldom been available in the commercial marketplace."

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John Harris passed away in July at the age of 81 | Benoit



Harris took the reins of his family's Thoroughbred operation in 1981, following the passing of his father, Jack Harris. He expanded the Harris Thoroughbred operation to become one of California's premier stallion farms, standing such stallions at Cee's Tizzy, sire of Horse of the Year Tiznow; Lucky Pulpit, sire of Kentucky Derby winner California Chrome; Unusual Heat, leading California sire by earnings multiple times; as well as prominent California sires Moscow Ballet and High Brite.

Alone or in partnership, Harris campaigned the likes of Soviet Problem, California Horse of the Year who finished second in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint; Unzip Me, a multiple graded stakes winner who finished third in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint; Grade I winner Alphabet Kisses; and graded stakes winners Closing Remarks, Lucky J.H., and High Standards.

Since 2000, Harris runners have won 695 races for earnings of more than \$22 million. The reduction includes horses of racing age and breeding stock, including mares with foals at foot. Pedigree previews are available [here](#). Prospective buyers can register to bid [here](#).

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## MIGUEL CLEMENT JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST PRESENTED BY KEENELAND

The Christophe Clement stable was among the top barns in New York for over 30 years. Everything changed when Clement died of a rare form of cancer May 25. It was a tough time for his son, Miguel, who took over as the head trainer for the stable. But he has done a remarkable job as the Clement stable has not missed a beat. As of Aug. 6, Miguel Clement's record is 26-for-115 and he has won eight stakes races, four of them graded, two of them Grade I's.

To talk about his success, his plans for the future and much more, Clement was this week's **Gainesway** Guest of the Week on the *TDN Writers' Room Podcast* presented by **Keeneland**.

The star of the stable has been **Deterministic** (Liam's Map), who has won the GI Manhattan Stakes and the GI Fourstardave Stakes. The Manhattan win came just 14 days after his father passed away.

"Winning the Manhattan was overwhelming, to say the least," Clement said. "I started the week as a winless trainer and ended the week as a Grade I-winning trainer. There was a lot going on that week. Winning that race was great, very rewarding."

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## Donate to Marcelo Cardoso's Rehabilitation Journey



I am writing to share an urgent situation regarding Marcelo Cardoso, who sustained a significant brain injury after a fall from a horse at the June OBS 2-year-old in training sale on June 12, 2025. The horse suffered a catastrophic injury, leading to Marcelo's severe accident. Marcelo was in a coma for approximately 4.5 weeks and is now beginning to wake up. He faces a long and challenging recovery journey.

Currently, he is experiencing speech deficits and weakness as he is learning how to stand and walk. He is receiving intensive rehabilitation at Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital in Jacksonville, FL. Complicating his recovery, Marcelo does not have health insurance. He and his family are facing a long road ahead, as he will likely require physical and speech therapy for the unknown future. We are asking for your support to help Marcelo receive the best possible care and hope for his future. Any donation, no matter the size, would be greatly appreciated and would make a significant difference in his recovery.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity.



Lisa Casinella, DVM is organizing this fundraiser.

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Miguel Clement | Sarah Andrew

"It was very meaningful for many, many, many reasons, and it was a big welcome distraction for both the stable and my family. I was very grateful for that," he said.

Was there a lot of pressure on him to start winning right away?

"The pressure was unbearable sometimes, but it's okay," he said. "You just have to deliver and winning takes care of a lot of things. Unfortunately, especially in our industry, you could be

doing a great job and your horses could be running well and you've been placing your horses in the right spots and doing a great job looking after them. But in this industry, we're very much judged by the final result, so there is an added emphasis on winning."

Christophe Clement's specialty was the turf. For the most part, the barn is still grass oriented, but Clement said he would like to get more dirt horses.

"I would love to have more dirt horses in the barn," he said. "So, if anyone's watching and they have good dirt horses, we will always have a stall for them.

"Truthfully, it's a bit tough to say that," he said. "The truth is, when my dad first came over from Europe, the overwhelming majority of the stable was from European ownership and a clientele. So in that regard, you can understand how he started off with mostly grass horses."

In our "Fastest Horse of the Week," segment which is sponsored by WinStar, the team went over the many reasons there are breed to Win Star stallion **Life Is Good**. The fastest horse of the week was **Seismic Beauty** (Uncle Mo), who got a 110 Beyer in her win in the GI Clement L. Hirsch Stakes at Del Mar.

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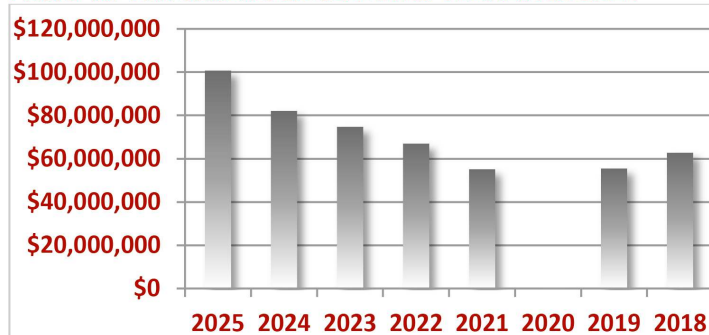
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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2025	222	181	160	19.4%	88.4%	72.0%	\$100,715,000	\$629,469
2024	240	189	154	21.2%	81.5%	64.1%	\$82,160,000	\$533,506
2023	235	203	153	13.6%	75.4%	65.1%	\$74,780,000	\$488,758
2022	216	179	143	19.1%	80.0%	66.2%	\$66,955,000	\$468,217
2021	210	180	135	14.3%	75.0%	64.3%	\$55,155,000	\$408,556
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2019	223	182	135	19.4%	74.2%	60.5%	\$55,547,000	\$411,459
2018	255	216	170	15.3%	78.7%	66.7%	\$62,794,000	\$369,376

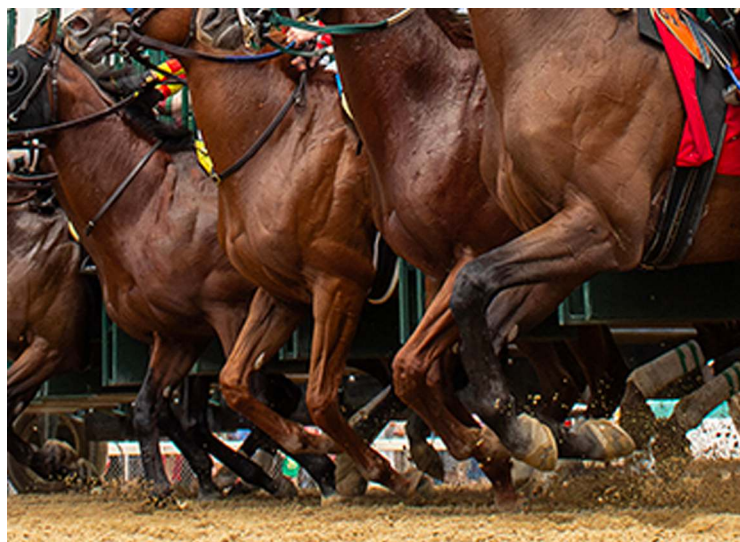
\* This sale was not held in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic



Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by [1/st Racing](#), the [Pennsylvania Horse Breeders' Association](#), [West Point Thoroughbreds](#), the [KTOB](#) and [XBTv.com](#), the team of Zoe Cadman, Bill Finley and Randy Moss reviewed the Whitney Stakes and the other Grade I races on the Saturday card at Saratoga. The controversial disqualification of **Zulu Kingdom (Ire)** (Ten Sovereigns {Ire}) in the GII Hall of Fame Stakes was a topic of discussion, and the trio previewed the big card Saturday at Colonial Downs, which is topped by the GI Arlington Million Stakes.

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**At the bell** | Sarah Andrew

began Aug. 2--and the \$500 fine were the "appropriate" consequences in this case.

"While there is no evidence that Mr. Harvey had reason to know or suspect that the supplement products at issue contained Caffeine, the fact that two products contained Caffeine results in the conclusion that Mr. Harvey did not act in a manner that illustrates a level of care that would result in further reduced Consequences such as only a written Reprimand and no fine," the case resolution states.

#### Resolved ADMC Violations

**Date:** 08/06/2025

**Licensee:** Kieron Magee, trainer

**Penalty:** A written Reprimand (per 9/26/23 HISA Guidance). Final decision of HIWU.

**Explainer:** Vet's list medication violation for the presence of Omeprazole (Gastrogard)--a Class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Love to Eat on 6/17/25.

**Date:** 08/05/2025

**Licensee:** Ralph D'Alessandro, trainer

**Penalty:** 7-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on Aug. 6, 2025; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$1,000; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. The following treated as one violation. Admission.

**Explainer:** Medication violation for the presence of Methocarbamol--a Class C controlled substance--in samples taken from Signifying Nothing, who won at Finger Lakes on 6/17/25; and after she finished second at Finger Lakes on 7/1/25.

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## WEEKLY RULINGS



### NATIONAL REGULATORY RULINGS, JULY 31-AUG. 6

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

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

Among this week's rulings, trainer Daniel Harvey was suspended five days and fined \$500 for a caffeine overage determined to have come from contaminated feed supplements.

The Harvey-trained Leopardi, who finished second at Tampa Bay on April 16, subsequently tested positive for caffeine, a Class B controlled substance.

According to the [case resolution](#), numerous supplements the trainer had given his horse were sent to the University of California at Davis for analysis. Caffeine was detected in two of the supplements, despite not being listed on the label of "any of the supplements collected by HIWU."

The case resolution goes on to say that Harvey was given until Aug. 1 to either accept the charges or request a hearing before the Internal Adjudication Panel. On July 31, Harvey "submitted his signed Admission of Equine Controlled Medication Violation and Acceptance of Consequences to HIWU."

The case resolution lists several rules under which Harvey could have been issued lesser consequences than a suspension and fine, including a reprimand.

Despite finding that Harvey was guilty of "No Significant Fault or Negligence," HIWU decided the five-day suspension--which



**Date:** 08/01/2025**Licensee:** Daniel Steve Harvey, trainer**Penalty:** 5-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on Aug. 2, 2025; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 2 Penalty Points. Resolved by HIWU without a hearing.**Explainer:** Medication violation for the presence of Caffeine--a Class B controlled substance--in a sample taken from Leopardi, who finished second at Tampa Bay on 4/16/25.**Date:** 08/01/2025**Licensee:** Gene Jacquot, trainer**Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission.**Explainer:** Vets' list medication violation for the presence of Dantrolene--a Class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Annie One Sock on 6/23/25.**Date:** 07/31/2025**Licensee:** William Martin, trainer**Penalty:** 15-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning Aug. 1, 2025, with partial credit given for the period of Ineligibility served in connection with the 07/03/23 violation involving Covered Horse Wild Irish; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$2,500; imposition of 3 Penalty Points. Admission.**Explainer:** Violation of Rule 3313, concerning the "Use of a controlled medication method during the race period." More specifically, violation of Rule 4221, concerning the "alkalinization or use/administration of an alkalinizing agent (TCO2)."According to the **case resolution** with no hearing, the blood sample collected from Martin-trainee Pittsburgh prior to winning at Oaklawn Park on 2/28/25 had excess TCO2 levels. High total carbon dioxide (TCO2) levels could be an indication of bicarbonate loading--otherwise known as milkshaking--which can neutralize the buildup of lactic acid in muscles, thereby helping the horse's performance.**Date:** 07/30/2025**Licensee:** Patrick Ashton, trainer**Penalty:** 7-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning July 31, 2025; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and

repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$1,000; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission.

**Explainer:** Medication violation for the presence of Dexamethasone--a Class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Max Forward Speed, who won at Parx Racing on 6/7/25.**Pending ADMC Violations****08/04/2025, Jesus Esquivel, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Methamphetamine--a Class B controlled substance--in a sample taken from Sis Boom Bob, who finished second at Belterra Park on 5/30/25.**08/05/2025, Angel Sanchez-Pinero, trainer:** Pending out-of-competition medication violations for the presence of Clenbuterol--a banned substance permitted for use in specific circumstances--in a sample taken from Miss Hard to Get on 4/24/25; and for the presence of bronchodilator Albuterol--a banned substance--in a sample taken from Surprise Boss to Get on 4/24/25**08/04/2025, Jorge Delgado, trainer:** Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Acepromazine--a Class B controlled substance--in a sample taken from Spider Belle on 6/8/25.**07/31/2025, Howard R. Brown Jr., trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--a Class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Aegean Sea, who won at Parx Racing on 6/9/25.**Violations of Crop Rule****Fanduel Sportsbook and Horse Racing**


Javier Tavares--violation date July 31; \$250 fine, one-day suspension.

**Prairie Meadows**

Jon Glenn Arnett--violation date August 6; Prohibited device or item, no other details yet available.

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August 6, 2025

**Miguel Clement recaps Deterministic's Fourstardave win and opens up about training on his own**



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## HISA FORMS RACING OFFICE ADVISORY GROUP

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority has established a Racing Office Advisory Group comprised of senior racing officials from racetracks across the country, the organization announced Wednesday. The group will provide feedback to HISA's executive team and Standing Committees on rules, processes and operational practices affecting Thoroughbred racing officials nationwide.

"Racing offices are integral to the successful implementation of HISA safety and integrity rules," said HISA Director of Racetrack Safety Ann McGovern. "By establishing this group, we are making a direct channel available for racing office professionals to share their expertise. We are very fortunate to have some of the industry's most experienced professionals collaborating with us."

Inaugural members of the Racing Office Advisory Group are: Amber Carlisle, the Senior Manager of Racing Operations at Canterbury Park, where she also serves as Assistant Racing Secretary; Keith Doleshel, the Senior Director of Racing for the New York Racing Association; Jason Egan, the Director of Racing and Racing Secretary at Santa Anita Park; Georganne Hale, the Senior Vice President of Racing at the Maryland Jockey Club; Rick Hammerle, who currently serves as Director of Racing at Kentucky Downs, while consulting for 1/ST Racing; Eric Johnston, Director of Racing at Penn National Race Course; Mike Lakow, Vice President of Racing Operations at Gulfstream Park; John Lies, who oversees racing operations as Racing Secretary at Will Rogers Downs and Fair Meadows in Tulsa, while also calling races and setting morning line odds for multiple tracks; Tyler Picklesimer, the Director of Racing and Racing Secretary at Turfway Park and Kentucky Downs; and Jillian Tullock, Racing Secretary for the Maryland Jockey Club.

The Racing Office Advisory Group will meet monthly and maintain an on-call advisory role to provide feedback on HISA rules and any racing office related issues.

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## TOBA NAMES OFFICERS AND FOUR NEW TRUSTEES TO BOARD

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) has re-elected David O'Farrell as chairman of its board of trustees, along with new members serving three-year terms Jonathan Green, Walker Hancock, Dean Reeves and Adrian

Wallace, the organization said via a press release on Wednesday.

Re-elected to three-year terms were current trustees Billy Koch, Braxton Lynch, David O'Farrell and Francis Vanlangendonck.

Following its annual members meeting, trustees met to elect officers for the association. Officers named for 2025-2026 are: David O'Farrell, chairman, Garrett O'Rourke, vice-chairman, Dan Metzger, president; Brant Laue, secretary; and Jonathan Green, treasurer.

Brant Laue was re-elected chair of the American Graded Stakes Committee. Also, the board approved the appointment of Bret Jones and the reappointment of David O'Farrell to the American Graded Stakes Committee.

The 2025-2026 committee is comprised of TOBA members Brant Laue (chair), Walker Hancock, Bret Jones, Billy Koch, David O'Farrell, and Alex Solis II and racing officials Gatewood Bell (Keeneland), Dan Bork (Churchill Downs and Colonial Downs), Rick Hammerle (Kentucky Downs and 1ST Racing), Andrew Offerman (NYRA), and Tora Yamaguchi (Del Mar).

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## CASINO NIGHT BENEFIT FOR MUSEUM OF RACING AND HOF, PDJF SCHEDULED FOR AUG. 18

The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. will play host to 'Casino Night' on Monday, Aug. 18 from 6 p.m. ET to 9:30 p.m. ET., and the evening will serve as a fundraiser for the museum and the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund, the repository said in a press release on Wednesday.

The event, which is sponsored by Live Oak Plantation and the Jockeys' Guild, will be catered by Mama Mia's. Along with will some high-stakes fun, the fundraiser will include a lively atmosphere throughout the museum as well.

Click [here](#) for tickets.

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## Leading 2025 Sires of Yearlings

*by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America through Fasig-Tipton Saratoga*

Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2023 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Gun Runner	F19	KY	Private	9	8	\$1,581,250	\$1,287,500
2	Into Mischief	F10	KY	\$250,000	12	10	\$1,424,500	\$775,000
3	Flightline	F24	KY	\$200,000	12	11	\$968,147	\$784,652
4	Good Magic	F20	KY	\$50,000	6	4	\$887,500	\$762,500
5	Curlin	F10	KY	\$225,000	4	3	\$841,666	\$700,000
6	Tapit	F06	KY	\$185,000	3	1	\$775,000	\$775,000
7	Not This Time	F18	KY	\$135,000	12	12	\$770,833	\$750,000
8	Uncle Mo	F13	KY	\$150,000	10	9	\$690,000	\$650,000
9	Constitution	F17	KY	\$110,000	7	7	\$595,000	\$525,000
10	Justify	F20	KY	\$100,000	8	6	\$570,833	\$387,500
11	Nyquist	F18	KY	\$55,000	7	5	\$570,000	\$550,000
12	Quality Road	F12	KY	\$200,000	6	6	\$562,500	\$575,000
13	Street Sense	F09	KY	\$75,000	3	3	\$533,333	\$500,000
14	Candy Ride (Arg)	F06	KY	\$75,000	2	2	\$499,593	\$499,593
15	Life Is Good	F24	KY	\$100,000	9	9	\$448,333	\$425,000




## Leading 2025 Freshmen Sires of Yearlings

*by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America through Fasig-Tipton Saratoga*

Rank	Name	Sire's Sire	Loc	2023 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Flightline	Tapit	KY	\$200,000	12	11	\$968,147	\$784,652
2	Life Is Good	Into Mischief	KY	\$100,000	9	9	\$448,333	\$425,000
3	Jackie's Warrior	Maclean's Music	KY	\$50,000	14	12	\$348,281	\$305,000
4	Mandaloun	Into Mischief	KY	\$25,000	9	7	\$205,142	\$90,000
5	Golden Pal	Uncle Mo	KY	\$30,000	17	15	\$189,600	\$150,000
6	Jack Christopher	Munnings	KY	\$45,000	13	12	\$175,416	\$165,000
7	Epicenter	Not This Time	KY	\$45,000	7	5	\$174,000	\$185,000
8	Corniche	Quality Road	KY	\$30,000	8	8	\$170,500	\$117,500
9	Cyberknife	Gun Runner	KY	\$30,000	13	11	\$133,181	\$95,000
10	Olympiad	Speightstown	KY	\$35,000	6	5	\$127,600	\$80,000
11	Speaker's Corner	Street Sense	KY	\$20,000	5	3	\$116,666	\$100,000
12	Early Voting	Gun Runner	KY	\$25,000	7	6	\$92,833	\$85,000
13	Idol	Curlin	KY	\$10,000	3	2	\$90,750	\$90,750
14	Drain the Clock	Maclean's Music	KY	\$10,000	15	11	\$89,090	\$90,000
15	Happy Saver	Super Saver	KY	\$12,500	3	2	\$87,500	\$87,500

## Friday, Saratoga #8, post time: 5:12 p.m. EDT

### BALLSTON SPA S.-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Be Your Best (Ire)	Muhaarar (GB)	Michael J. Ryan	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	124
2	Whiskey Decision 	Into Mischief	Hertrich III, Frederick and Fielding, John D.	Brown	Franco	122
3	Ozara (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Cheyenne Stable LLC	Clement	Davis	122
4	Edict (Arg)	Il Campione (Chi)	John T. Behrendt	Donk	Velazquez	120
5	No Mo Candy 	Uncle Mo	Brennan, Niall J. and Ryan, Michael J.	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	120
6	Maggie Go (Arg)	Winning Prize (Arg)	Dubb, Michael, Rosen, Andrew, Stuart, John D. and Caruso, Michael J.	Brown	Prat	124
7	Ocean Club	Curlin	Glen Hill Farm	Proctor	Santana, Jr.	124
8	Freedom Speaks	American Freedom	Carol A. Reitman	Smullen	Saez	120
9	Deep Satin	American Pharoah	Gunther, John D. and Eurowest Bloodstock Services	DeVaux	Ortiz	122
10	Bernietakescharge	Take Charge Indy	Rosenthal, Robert D. and Bernstein, Bradford H.	Schettino	Maragh	124
11	Amanda's Folly 	Mendelssohn	Linda Rice	Rice	Ortiz	124
12	Just Music	Audible	Linda Rice	Rice	Lezcano	124

**Breeders:** 1-St. Croix Bloodstock, 2-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 3-Fleche D'Or Partnership, 4-Triple Alliance S.A., 5-Claiborne Farm, 6-Esposito Horacio Humberto y Porta PiaSRL, 7-Glen Hill Farm, 8-Hartmut H. Malluche & Silesia Farm, 9-Eurowest Bloodstock Services, 10-Robert D. Rosenthal & Bradford Bernstein, 11-Lambholm, 12-Mark Cohen

Can you beat Chad Brown in this race, which he has won eight times? He can make it nine wins with **Whiskey Decision** (Into Mischief), who turned in a solid effort to win the GIII Eatontown S. in her first start for the Brown barn. On paper, she's stepping up in class, but this race did not come up particularly tough. Brown will also send out **Maggie Go** (Arg) (Winning Prize {Arg}), who was second in the Eatontown. Could be another one-two finish for that stable. **'TDN Rising Star' Be Your Best** (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}) would be the pick if she runs, but trainer Joseph said she is most likely going to scratch from this spot to go win the Beverly D. S. at Colonial. --*Bill Finley*

## Saturday, Colonial Downs #11, post time: 5:54 p.m. EDT

### ARLINGTON MILLION S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mystik Dan	Goldencents	Gasaway, Lance, 4 G Racing LLC, Hamby III, Daniel and Valley View Farm LLC	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	122
2	Time Song	Not This Time	Baron Racing Stables	Thomas	Saez	122
3	Vesting (Ire) 	Blue Point (Ire)	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Castellano	122
4	Runaway Storm	Midnight Storm	Robert J. Hunt	West	Achard	122
5	Cairo (Ire)	Quality Road	Refai Alghraiban	Haynes	Curtis	122
6	Fort Washington	War Front	Magic Cap Stables	McGaughey III	Alvarado	122
7	Grand Sonata 	Medaglia d'Oro	Whisper Hill Farm LLC	Pletcher	Gaffalione	122
8	Integration	Quality Road	West Point Thoroughbreds, Woodford Racing LLC	McGaughey III	Velazquez	122

**Breeders:** 1-Lance Gasaway, Daniel Hamby & 4GRacing, LLC, 2-Bill Heiligbrodt & Corinne Heiligbrodt, 3-Mrs S. Rowley-Williams, 4-Robert Joseph Hunt, 5-Coolmore, 6-Joseph Allen, LLC & White Birch Farm, Inc., 7-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 8-Larkin Armstrong





How will **Mystik Dan** (Goldencents) handle the grass in his first career start over the surface? If he runs back to his dirt races, the 2024 GI Kentucky Derby winner should win this. Not much turf breeding in his pedigree, but you have to trust that trainer Kenny McPeck knows what he's doing here and must have liked what he saw when Mystik Dan worked over the turf at Saratoga on Aug. 1. **Integration** (Quality Road) keeps knocking on the door and, one of these days is going to have a breakthrough win in Grade I company. Ran closing second behind **'TDN Rising Star'** Deterministic (Liam's Map) in the GI Manhattan S., and Deterministic came back to win again in the GI Fourstardave S. Only one European shipper in here and it is **Cairo** (Ire) (Quality Road). Is coming off a huge performance when third in the GI Queen Anne S., but keep in mind that he was 100-1 that day. --Bill Finley

Saturday, Saratoga #10, post time: 5:44 p.m. EDT

RESORTS WORLD CASINO SWORD DANCER S-GI, \$750,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	El Cordobes (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Prat	124
2	Rebel Red (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Gunther, John D. and Eurowest Bloodstock Services	DeVaux	Ortiz, Jr.	122
3	Vote No 🐾	Divisidero	Crown's Way Racing LLC, NBS Stable, Marko, Kevin and Diamant, Eli	Danner	Carmouche	122
4	Padiddle 🐾	Empire Maker	Imaginary Stables	Abreu	Santana, Jr.	122
5	Nations Pride (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Buick	126
6	Far Bridge	English Channel	LSU Stables	Clement	Rosario	126
7	El Rezeen	English Channel	Shadwell Stable	Pletcher	Davis	122
8	Grand Sonata 🐾	Medaglia d'Oro	Whisper Hill Farm LLC	Pletcher	Franco	122
9	Utah Beach	English Channel	Amling, Jeffrey S. and Merriebelle Stable	Correas IV	Ortiz	124

Breeders: 1-Bjorn Nielsen, 2-Mr John Gunther, 3-Mr. & Mrs. A. John Price, 4-Frankfort Park Farm, 5-Godolphin, 6-Calumet Farm, 7-Shadwell Farm, LLC, 8-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 9-J. Amling & Merriefield Farm

It's been a quiet year so far in the U.S. for the Charlie Appleby stable, which has gone 0-for-3 so far this year on this side of the Atlantic. But it looks like Appleby means business as he is running two outstanding horses in this spot in **El Cordobes** (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) and **Nations Pride** (Ire) (Teofilio {Ire}). The pick will be El Cordobes, who is coming off a win in a Group 2 race in the U.K. and loves this mile-and-half distance. It's a little bit worrisome that William Buick has apparently chose to ride Nations Pride over his stablemate, but fill-in rider Flavien Prat is as good as it gets. **'TDN Rising Star'** **Far Bridge** (English Channel) is easily the best U.S.-based horse in here and will be our second choice. Horse is in great form, having won three of his last four and is another who will have no problem with the mile-and-a-half distance. Nations Pride is all class and is obviously dangerous, but he doesn't appear to be at his very best right now. --Bill Finley










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**Saturday, Colonial Downs #9, post time: 4:41 p.m. EDT****SECRETARIAT S.-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Giocosio 	Not This Time	Rocker O Ranch LLC	Desormeaux	Curtis	118
2	Maui Strong	Kitten's Joy	West Point Thoroughbreds, Blue Devil Racing Stable and Barker, Edwin S.	Romans	Cheminaud	118
3	End of Romance (Ire)	Showcasing (GB)	Shamrock Farm	Motion	Velazquez	118
4	Simulate	Kitten's Joy	Claiborne Farm and Dilschneider, Adele B.	Mott	Alvarado	118
5	Antisocial 	Not This Time	Colts Neck Stables LLC	Duarte, Jr.	Saez	118
6	Anegada 	Midshipman	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	118
7	Cairo Caper 	Cairo Prince	Maple Lane Farm LLC	Schoenthal	Carrasco	118
8	Dream On 	Not This Time	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Castellano	120

**Breeders:** 1-Breed First, LLC, 2-Blue Devil Racing Stable, LLC, 3-Corduff Stud & T. J. Rooney, 4-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider, 5-Determined Stud, 6-Leonard Supchak, 7-Bret Jones, 8-Aaron & Marie Jones LLC

Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott has found a relatively easy spot for **Stimulate** (Kitten's Joy) to make his stakes debut. He showed dramatic improvement to win a Saratoga allowance last out at 16-1. A repeat of that race may be good enough, and the Mott horses, once they get good, stay good. **Dream On** (Not This Time) is coming off a win in the GIII Penn Mile on a yielding course. Has won three of last four, and this race doesn't look to be much tougher than the one at Penn National. **Antisocial** (Not This Time) has a shot at what will likely be a generous price. Broke through last out with a win in a first-level allowance at Colonial, which looks to be the perfect prep for this spot. --Bill Finley

**Saturday, Saratoga #9, post time: 5:07 p.m. EDT****FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA OAKS INVITATIONAL S.-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 3/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Opulent Restraint (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Stephanie Seymour Brant	Brown	Prat	121
2	Sigh No More (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Heider Family Stables LLC	Walsh	Ortiz, Jr.	121
3	Go Go Boots (GB)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Bobby Flay	Clement	Ortiz	121
4	Evershed (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Mark B. Grier	Delacour	Davis	121
5	Totally Justified 	Justify	Bregman Family Racing LLC	Arnold II	Franco	121
6	Laurelin (Ire)	Zarak (Fr)	Newstead Stables LLC	Motion	Carmouche	121

**Breeders:** 1-White Birch Farm, SC, 2-Barronstown Stud, 3-Highclere Stud & Mrs Michelle Morris, 4-Lynch Bages & Camas Park Stud, 5-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 6-M. H. Dixon & Mount Coote Estates

**Opulent Restraint** (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) has everything going for her here. She finished third in the GI Belmont Oaks Invitational at 19-1 but did so after setting a blazing early pace. She looks like the lone speed in here and should get a perfect trip for Flavien Prat and Chad Brown. **Go Go Boots** (GB) (Night of Thunder {Ire}) makes her U.S. debut here for owner Bobby Flay and trainer Miguel Clement. Her European form doesn't look that good on paper, but she'll likely be facing an easier assignment here than what she was facing in Group competition in Great Britain. **Laurelin** (Ire) (Zarak {Fr}) is undefeated in four career starts and is obviously a contender here. But she's never run in a graded stakes and will be tested for class. --Bill Finley



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**Saturday, Colonial Downs #10, post time: 5:17 p.m. EDT****BEVERLY D. S.-GII**, \$500,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Chick's Shadow	Seek Again	Dave McGinn	Rodriguez	Lopez	122
2	Be Your Best (Ire)	Muhaarar (GB)	Michael J. Ryan	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	126
3	Beach Bomb (Saf)	Lancaster Bomber	Cayton Park Stud	Motion	Saez	122
4	Charlene's Dream 🦋	Qurbaan	Domeyko Taylor LP	Moger, Jr.	Castellano	122
5	Spanish Eyes (Ger)	<b>Zarak (Fr)</b>	Qatar Racing LLC and Faust, Michaela	Walsh	Curtis	122
6	Duvet Day (Ire) 🦋	<b>Starspangledbanner (Aus)</b>	Bacharach, Jane, DeBurgh, William and Schatz, Richard	McCarthy	Velazquez	122

**Breeders:** 1-David McGinn, 2-St. Croix Bloodstock, 3-Drakenstein Stud (Nom Mrs. G. A.Rupert), 4-Eric Moreau-Sipiere & RandiMoreau-Sipiere, 5-Gestut Karlshof, 6-John Yarr

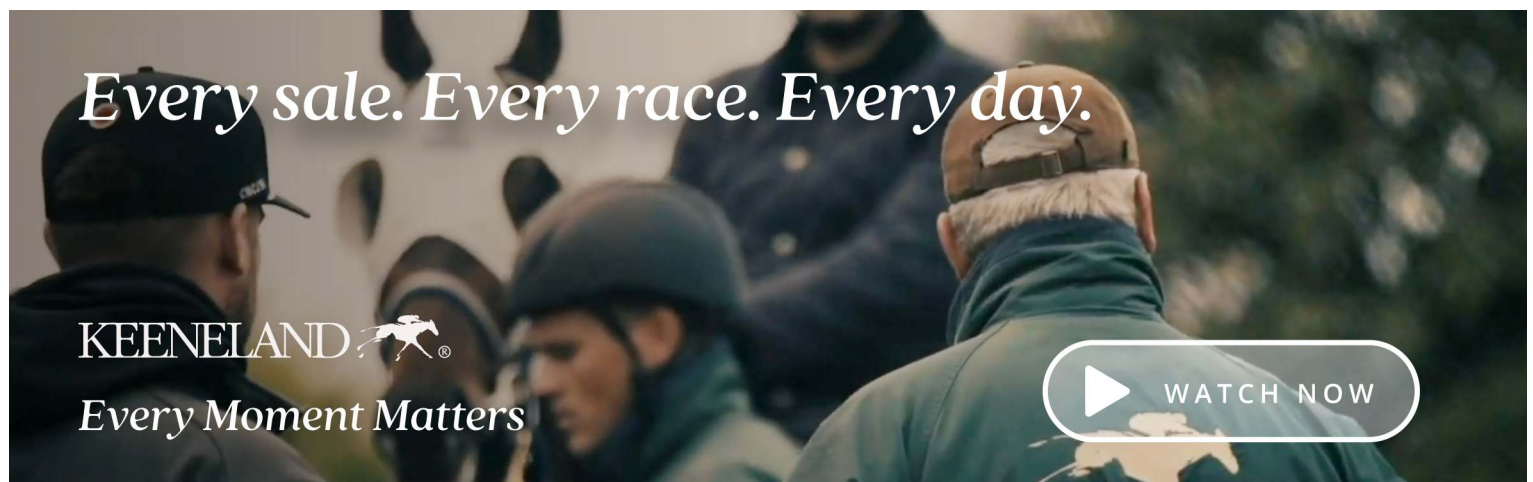
'**TDN Rising Star**' **Be Your Best (Ire)** (Muhaarar {GB}) is cross entered in a stakes Friday at Saratoga, but trainer Joseph said that his classy mare will likely run in this race. If so, she will be hard to beat. She's coming off a Grade I win in the Gamely S. and has won four of her last five. She likes to go to the front, but is versatile enough that jockey Tyler Gaffalione can rate her if need be. Shouldn't have any problem getting the distance. **Spanish Eyes (Ger)** improved in her last to run a solid second in a Grade III affair at Delaware Park. Is an improving horse making third start off a layoff for a very smart barn. **Beach Bomb (SAf)** (Lancaster Bomber) has done little wrong since coming in from South Africa and joining the Motion stable. Will be a factor. --*Bill Finley*

**Saturday, Del Mar #9, post time: 9:00 p.m. EDT****YELLOW RIBBON H.-GII**, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hang the Moon 🦋	Uncle Mo	CJ Thoroughbreds	D'Amato	Kimura	123
2	Heredia (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	Motion	Hernandez	120
3	Liguria K	<b>War Front</b>	Alpha Delta Stables LLC	McCarthy	Rispoli	123
4	Public Assembly 🦋	More Than Ready	Abbondanza Racing LLC, Medallion Racing and McNulty, Lissa Ann	D'Amato	Fresu	121
5	Watchtower 🦋	<b>Demarchelier (GB)</b>	Abbondanza Racing LLC, Aldabbagh, Omar and Iavarone, Michael	Baltas	Demuro	120
6	Mission of Joy	Kitten's Joy	RyZan Sun Racing, LLC, Madaket Stables LLC	D'Amato	Ayuso	119
7	Musical Rhapsody (Ire)	<b>Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)</b>	Michael House	D'Amato	Gonzalez	119
8	Mahina 🦋	Bolt d'Oro	U.S. Equine, Burke, Walter, Sones, Aaron and Wilson, Harry	Gallagher	Berrios	118

**Breeders:** 1-Repole Stable Inc, 2-St Albans Bloodstock LLP, 3-Tada Nobutaka, 4-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC & Pollock Farms, 5-White Birch Farm, Inc., 6-Sam-Son Farm, 7-Mrs Helen Keaveney, 8-Spendthrift Farm, LLC

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**Saturday, Del Mar #4, post time: 6:30 p.m. EDT****BEST PAL S.-GIII, \$150,000, 2yo, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Brigante	More Than Ready	Calumet Farm	O'Neill	Berrios	118
2	Punto Forty 🦟	Nyquist	Run Fast Racing	O'Neill	Fresu	118
3	St Petersburg	Constitution	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Bashor, Dianne, Determined Stables, Golconda Stable, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine	Baffert	Van Dyke	118
4	Pavlovian	Pavel	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Rispoli	120
5	Desert Gate 🦟	Omaha Beach	Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Hernandez	120

**Breeders:** 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Pine Ridge Stables, 3-WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-Reddam Racing, LLC, 5-Twin Oaks Bloodstock

**Sunday, Saratoga #9, post time: 5:50 p.m. EDT****MAHONY S.-GIII, \$175,000, 3yo, 5 1/2f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Innovator 🦟	Authentic	BC Stables LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	118
2	Jet Sweep Joe	Frosted	Hall Stables LLC and Win The Day Racing	McEntee	Bealmear	118
3	Saturday Flirt	Mendelssohn	Mrs. Fitriani Hay	Ward	Dettori	115
4	Spiced Up	Quality Road	Juddmonte	Mott	Alvarado	118
5	Ortley Avenue (Ire)	Bungle Inthejungle (GB)	Bona Venture Stables	Weaver	Cancel	118
6	No Evidence 🦟	Vekoma	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, R. A. Hill Stable and Dalinka, Brandon M.	Clement	Franco	118
7	Ancient World 🦟	Into Mischief	Repole Stable	Sharp	Saez	118
8	Gabaldon	Gone Astray	Soldi Stable and Qatar Racing	D'Angelo	Ortiz	118
9	Governor Sam	Improbable	Bregman Family Racing LLC and Swinbank Stables, LLC	Weaver	Ortiz, Jr.	122

**Breeders:** 1-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Hall Stables LLC, 3-Wesley Ward, 4-Juddmonte, 5-Newlands House Stud, 6-Haymarket Farm, 7-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock & Glenwood Breeding, 8-Carol Ann Reitman, Susan Gannon & Warren Miller, 9-Stoneriggs Farm



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**Thursday, Saratoga, post time: 4:36 p.m. EDT**

**GALWAY S., \$150,000, 3yo, f, 5 1/2fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Pop <b>Idol</b>	<b>Maclean's Music</b>	R. A. Hill Stable and Weaver, George	Weaver	Velazquez	122
2	Regalton (GB)	Zoustar (Aus)	Emcee Stable, Fortune Farm, Hahn, Robert G. & LaPolla, John	Weaver	Saez	118
3	Make Haste (GB)	Blue Point (Ire)	Gainesway Stable and LNJ Foxwoods	Clement	Prat	118
4	Delightful Flame	<b>Flameaway</b>	Penta Racing LLC	Duggan	Carmouche	118
5	Silsbee	Vekoma	Swinbank Stables, LLC, RAP Racing and Mara, Chris	Weaver	Ortiz, Jr.	118
6	Twirling Beauty	<b>Twirling Candy</b>	Adelphi Racing Club, Amarosa, Anthony, Hume, Russell, Hume, Shelly and Peters, Jr., Anthony	Handal	Maragh	118
7	Proud Starlet	<b>Mendelssohn</b>	Camp, Zachary A. and Smith, Trevor	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	118
8	Roja	<b>Karakontie (Jpn)</b>	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Madaket Stables LLC	Motion	Franco	122
9	Luna Louska	<b>Complexity</b>	JR Ranch, Marquee Bloodstock and High Step Racing	Delgado	Ortiz	122
10	Laurice	Bolt d'Oro	Bregman Family Racing LLC	Weaver	Alvarado	118
11	Love Cervere	Into Mischief	Seltzer, Edward A., Anderson, Beverly and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Clement	Rosario	122
12	Abientot	<b>Not This Time</b>	Tracy Farmer	Casse	Davis	122
13	Magnolia Prime	<b>Frosted</b>	Ivan Rodriguez	Barboza, Jr.	Castellano	118
14	Hollygrove	<b>Complexity</b>	Legion Racing	Beckman	Saez	122
15	Flat Out Time	<b>Not This Time</b>	Black Type Thoroughbreds, Swinbank Stables LLC, Adkisson, Steve and Atkinson, Andrew	Weaver	Rider TBA	122
16	Stone Smuggler	<b>Honest Mischief</b>	NY Final Furlong Racing Stable and SunsetRidge Racing Stable	Abreu	Ortiz, Jr.	122

**Breeders:** 1-Christine Hayden, 2-Plantation Stud, 3-Sheraton Bloodstock Limited, 4-John C. Oxley, 5-Dirico, R&B, LLC, 6-WinStar Farm, LLC, 7-George Krikorian, 8-C. Kidder, 9-Ashview Farm, 10-Vehbi Hakan Keles, 11-Edward Seltzer & Beverly Seltzer, 12-Killora Stud, LLC, 13-Machmer Hall, 14-Glendalough, LLC, 15-H. Allen Poindexter, 16-Eaton & Thorne, Inc

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The reliable **Blame** is represented by first-time starter Wander Woman Thursday at Saratoga | Claiborne photo

**Thursday, August 7, 2025**

**Saratoga 6, 2yo, f, (R), 6f, 4:02 p.m.**

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price (\$)	Breeze
Never Heather (Engage)	FTMMAY	30,000	G
C-Pick View LLC, agent; B-Will Sacco, agent for Phil Wright			
Oscar Bound (Lexitonian)	FTMMAY	40,000	G
C-JVC Training & Sales, agent; B-MEG Racing LLC			

Seraphina Sea (**Justify**) OBSAPR 45,000 :10 2/5

C-First Call, agent; B-Naukbena Farms LLC

Wander Woman (**Blame**) OBSAPR 50,000 :10 1/5

C-Kinsman Farm, agent; B-Sport of Kings Racing Partnership

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**BIRDSTONE S.**, \$150,000, Saratoga, 8-6, 4yo/up, 1 3/4m, 3:00.03, ft.

1--**PARCHMENT PARTY, 124, c, 4, Constitution--Life Well Lived, by Tiznow.** (\$450,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Pin Oak Stud LLC; B-B. Flay Thoroughbreds (KY); T-William I. Mott; J-John R. Velazquez. \$82,500. Lifetime Record: GSW, 11-4-1-1, \$411,601. \*1/2 to Muqtaser (Distorted Humor), MGSP, \$303,605; American Patriot (**War Front**), GISW, \$487,272.


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2--**Digital Ops, 120, c, 4, Nyquist--Flora Dora, by First Dude.** (\$185,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTSAUG; \$600,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR; \$400,000 3yo '24 KEENOV). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Jeffrey Drown; B-Coffee Pot Stables (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. \$30,000.

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3--**Game Warden, 120, g, 5, Tapit--Glory and Power, by Medaglia d'Oro.** (\$400,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-Flying P Stable; B-Bonne Chance Farm LLC (KY); T-Norm W. Casse. \$18,000.


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'TDN Rising Star' Parchment Party, a blowout winner of the off-the-turf GIII Belmont Gold Cup S. going 1 3/4 miles in the slop here June 6, put them back to back here with an eye on the G1 Lexus Melbourne Cup Nov. 4 at Flemington Racecourse.

The 4-5 favorite trailed the field of six in the early stages and travelled nicely in fifth for most of the way. Under a ride in fourth approaching the quarter pole, he began to kick in with a





**Parchment Party** | Sarah Andrew

rail run in the stretch and took care of business from there to win by a length.

"It was not a runaway (victory) like the last one, but very workmanlike and he just keeps coming," winning trainer Bill Mott said. "I guess that's what you need for these long races, just one that is not stopping."

Winning owner Dana Bernhard of Pin Oak Stud, added, "It's our plan--go to the Melbourne Cup, quarantine in England, then go on to Australia for quarantine and see how he does."

After producing colts by **Constitution** in 2024-25, the winner's dam was bred back to **Practical Joke**. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.](#)

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**8th-Saratoga, \$110,000, Alw** (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 8-6, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.60, fm, 1/2 length.

**GRISELDA (FR)** (f, 3, **City Light {Fr}**--**Narcisca {GB}**, by **Maxios {GB}**) brought €200,000 at ARQDEC from these connections following a runner-up finish in the Prix Herod S. for C & Y Lerner at Saint-Cloud last out Nov. 10. Receiving first-time Lasix in this U.S. debut, the 2-1 favorite trailed the field through an opening quarter in :24.34 and was up a spot into sixth following a half mile in :48.87. She swung widest of all at the top of the stretch and came charging down the center to win by a half length. Sales history: €22,000 Ylg '23 ARQDOY; €245,000 RNA 2yo '24 ARQJUL; €200,000 2yo '24 ARQDEC. Lifetime Record: SP-Fr,



**Griselda (Fr)** | Sarah Andrew

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O-Madaket Stables LLC, Michael Dubb, William Strauss & Michael J. Caruso; B-Thierry De La Heronniere (FR); T-Chad C. Brown.

**9th-Colonial Downs, \$72,000, Alw**, 8-6, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.50, gd, 2 3/4 lengths.

**MISCHIEF IN MOTION** (f, 3, **Into Mischief--Acrobatique**, by **Discreet Cat**), well-beaten in her last two attempts at Laurel June 7 and 21, rallied from fourth at odds of 10-1 to win by a much-the-best 2 3/4 lengths in this first career attempt on grass. The winner's dam, also responsible for Amusing Antics (Super Saver), SP, \$215,192, has a **Gun Runner** colt of 2024 and an Authentic filly of this year in the pipeline. She was bred back to **Practical Joke**. Sales history: \$525,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$75,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.](#)

O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Helen C. Alexander & LNJ Foxwoods (KY); T-Michael J. Trombetta.

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**9th-Saratoga, \$90,000, (S), Msw, 8-6, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.11, fm, 1/2 length.**

**SWEET MONTREAL (f, 2, *Instagram*--Passeporta, by Rockport Harbor),** disregarded at odds of 42-1 for this first career start,



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pressed and pounced her way to a half-length graduation over Atenea (*Beau Liam*). Well-backed firster Setting Sun (Caravaggio) was pulled up by jockey Flavien Prat, and, per NYRA's Veterinary Department, sustained an injury to her left knee and was transported via equine ambulance to Rood & Riddle for further evaluation. The winner is a half to Sohana (*Solomini*), MSP, \$184,608; a *Solomini* colt of 2024 and a *Drain the Clock* filly of this year. Passeporta was bred back to *Mind Control*. Sales history: \$120,000 2yo '25 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,500. **Click for the *Equibase.com* chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-DiRico Racing and Breeding LLC; B-Torie D. Gladwell (NY); T-James T. Ryerson.

**6th-Saratoga, \$80,000, Msw, 8-6, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.89, fm, 2 lengths.**

**OSCAR'S ENCORE (f, 2, *Oscar Performance*--Weekend in Malibu, by Old Forester)** tracked the early leader from second in this unveiling, turned up the heat at the top of the stretch and powered for home to graduate by two lengths at odds of 7-2. The winner's dam produced a colt by Vekoma this year and was

bred back to *Beau Liam*. Sales history: \$17,000 RNA Wlg '23 KEENOV; \$60,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT; \$60,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$44,000. **Click for the *Equibase.com* chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Erich R. Brehm, Jr.; B-Bernard & Karen McCormack (ON); T-Joe Sharp.

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**5th-Colonial Downs, \$73,700, Msw, 8-6, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.90, gd, nose.**

**Y'ALLREADYFORTHIS (f, 2, *More Than Ready*--Mischievous Maude, by Into Mischief),** off at odds of 3-1 in this debut run, was bumped at the break from her rail draw and raced in fifth through an opening quarter in :23.01. She was locked and loaded in traffic on the far turn and fired through an opening along the rail in the stretch to just get up by a nose. The winner's dam had a colt by *Idol* in 2024. Sales history: \$15,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP; \$47,000 RNA 2yo '25 EASMAY; \$50,000 2yo '25 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. **Click for the *Equibase.com* chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Next Level Stables; B-Springland Farm, Taylor Made Stallions Inc & More Than Ready Syndicate (KY); T-Abraham Gardea.

**HIGHGATE SALES GRAD**

**2nd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw, 8-6, 2yo, 5f, :58.00, ft, 9 1/4 lengths.**

**JUST DEEDS (c, 2, *Liam's Map*--Pretty Greeley {SW & GSP, \$306,695}, by Greeley's Conquest),** given a 9-2 chance at first asking, hit the ground running from post one, raced under pressure through an opening quarter in :22.24 and ran away from his five rivals in the stretch to win with authority by 9 1/4 lengths. Favored Black Hornet (*Essential Quality*) was up for



second. After producing a colt by **Maclean's Music** this year, the winner's dam was bred back to Jackie's Warrior. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** O/B-WSS Racing (KY); T-John Alexander Ortiz.



#### IN BRITAIN:

**Looka**, c, 2, **Munnings**. See "Britain".



#### FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 2025 Stud Fees Listed

**By My Standards** (Goldencents), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
64 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Baseball Lady, 8-1  
\$7,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$20,000 OBS WIN wnl

**Combatant** (Scat Daddy), Rockridge Stud  
43 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
5-Penn National, 7:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Alyvia's Lil Girl, 7-2  
\$8,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$7,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Engage** (Into Mischief), Northview Stallion Station, \$5,000  
41 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Never Heather, 12-1  
\$10,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$30,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Knicks Go** (Paynter), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500  
116 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Colonial Downs, 1:28 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Colleague, 12-1  
\$42,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$110,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$125,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl  
4-Delaware, 2:06 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Go Mischievous, 7-5  
\$50,000 OBS APR 2yo  
6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Hoops Rivalry, 4-1  
\$60,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Leinster** (Majestic Warrior), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$2,500

45 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Colonial Downs, 1:28 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Restless Passion, 5-1

**Lexitonian** (Speightstown), Calumet Farm, \$7,500  
59 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Oscar Bound, 5-1  
\$25,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$42,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$47,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; \$40,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Maxfield** (Street Sense), Darley, \$40,000  
116 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, **Maxfield's** Dream, 20-1  
\$105,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$3,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Modernist** (Uncle Mo), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000  
87 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Penn National, 7:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Tush Push, 5-1  
\$7,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$20,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Mo Forza** (Uncle Mo), Rancho San Miguel, \$7,500  
71 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Del Mar, 5:31 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Train Station, 20-1

**Tap Back** (Einstein {Brz}), Barton Thoroughbreds, \$2,500  
23 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
2-Del Mar, 5:31 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Midnight Cowgirl, 7-2  
\$45,000 RNA FTC AYR yrl

#### SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 2025 Stud Fees Listed

**Authentic** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
295 foals of racing age/53 winners/5 black-type winners  
4-Colonial Downs, 12:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Zeinab, 10-1  
\$250,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$400,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Breakers Isle** (Medaglia d'Oro)  
5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Del Mar, 7:07 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Pressforchampagne, 20-1

**Complexity** (Maclean's Music), Airdrie Stud, \$25,000  
204 foals of racing age/54 winners/8 black-type winners  
7-Saratoga, 4:36 p.m. EDT, \$150K Galway S., 5 1/2fT, Hollygrove, 5-2  
\$57,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$65,000 FTK JUL yrl  
7-Saratoga, 4:36 p.m. EDT, \$150K Galway S., 5 1/2fT, Luna Louska, 6-1

\$140,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Honest Mischief** (Into Mischief), Sequel New York, \$7,500  
136 foals of racing age/22 winners/4 black-type winners  
7-Saratoga, 4:36 p.m. EDT, \$150K Galway S., 5 1/2fT, Stone  
Smuggler, 4-1

\$19,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$57,000 SAR AUG yrl

**Instilled Regard** (Arch), Taylor Made Farm, \$8,000  
66 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner  
1-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Payton  
Abbey, 6-1

**McKinzie** (Street Sense), Gainesway Farm, \$75,000  
301 foals of racing age/51 winners/6 black-type winners  
1-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Aurora  
Spirit, 4-1  
\$575,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Tiz the Law** (Constitution), Coolmore Ashford, \$30,000  
248 foals of racing age/54 winners/6 black-type winners  
6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Spirit Doll, 6-1  
\$45,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

**Tom's d'Etat** (Smart Strike), WinStar Farm, \$5,000  
137 foals of racing age/35 winners/2 black-type winners  
1-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Tikihut,  
8-1  
\$25,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$85,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Vekoma** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000  
288 foals of racing age/90 winners/12 black-type winners  
7-Saratoga, 4:36 p.m. EDT, \$150K Galway S., 5 1/2fT, Silsbee, 6-1  
\$160,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$330,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Volatile** (Violence), Three Chimneys Farm, \$12,500  
234 foals of racing age/53 winners/3 black-type winners

1-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT,  
Combustible Mass, 8-1  
\$22,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$130,000 OBS APR 2yo



#### STAKES RESULTS:

**MANITOBA OAKS**, (NB) C\$50,000, Assiniboia Downs, 8-5, 3yo, f,  
1m, 1:41.30, ft.

1--**WELCOMETOHOLLYWOOD**, 122, f, 3, **Omaha Beach**--Arch of  
**Troy**, by Archarcharch. (\$45,000 RNA Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$7,000  
Ylg '23 FTKOCT). O-Brown, Jared and Ganas, John; B-Endeavor  
Farm (KY); T-Jared Brown; J-Antonio Whitehall. C\$30,600.  
Lifetime Record: SW, 14-5-4-2, \$120,825.

2--**Linda's Map**, 122, f, 3, **Liam's Map**--Magdalena's Moment, by  
Harbor the Gold. O-Linda Eidal; B-Lucky Larr Stable (KY);  
T-Carlos Moreno. C\$10,200.

3--**Casually Classy**, 114, f, 3, Smiling Tiger--Enlightenment, by  
**Street Sense**. (\$32,000 RNA 2yo '24 OBSAPR; \$15,000 2yo '24  
OBSOPN). O-Arnason Farms; B-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC  
(CA); T-Lise Pruitt. C\$5,100.

Margins: 15 3/4, 1, 2 3/4. Odds: 0.15, 4.65, 14.25.

#### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**4th-Saratoga, \$100,000**, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 8-6,  
3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.51, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

**BROCKNARDINI** (f, 4, **Palace Malice**--Broad Stripes, by  
**Bernardini**) Lifetime Record: SW, 9-3-2-0, \$241,270. O-Brockley,  
Thomas and Brockley, Daryn A.; B-Thirty Year Farm (NY);



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T-George Weaver. \*\$20,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$35,000 2yo '23 EASMAY.

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**2nd-Saratoga, \$95,000**, (S), 8-6, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:54.76, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

**ROYAL BOBBIE (f, 3, Mendelssohn--Shayna Lady, by American Lion)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$89,138. O-Rice, Linda & Marequest; B-Parkland Thoroughbreds (NY); T-Linda Rice.



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**8th-Colonial Downs, \$76,300**, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 8-6, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.95, gd, 3/4 length.

**DEAR DAD (g, 5, Khozan--Table for Six, by Mizzen Mast)** Lifetime Record: 15-4-6-3, \$227,200. O-Birriel, Jr., Dr. Jose and Quintessential Racing Florida LLC; B-Haras Buen Borincano, Inc. (FL); T-Mark E. Casse.

**4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$41,000**, (S), 8-6, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.91, gd, neck.

**MACKADOO (c, 3, Harry's Holiday--With Wonder, by Flatter)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-3, \$85,387. O-Romans, Jr., Jerry and Tagg Team Racing; B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (IN); T-Gregory D. Foley. \*\$25,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT. \*\*1/2 to Goodlookinjustice (Street Boss), MSP, \$268,055.

**5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$37,440**, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 8-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:42.16, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

**GRAN MIRELLA (ARG) (f, 4, Dabster--Inca Noble {Arg} {Ch. 2-year-old Filly-Arg, G1SW-Arg}, by Ride the Rails)** Lifetime Record: G1SW-Arg, 12-3-3-1, \$61,492. O-Koji Maeda; B-Al Adiyaat Argentina SA (ARG); T-Riley Mott.

**5th-Thistledown, \$35,800**, (S), 8-6, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.07, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

**VERTISALUTE (f, 4, Vertiformer--Prayer Salute {SW, \$120,391}, by Meadow Prayer)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-2, \$69,250. O-Red Oak Farm, LLC; B-Valorie & Richard A. Powers (OH); T-Richard J. Rettele.

**7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$28,000**, (S), (NW4L)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 8-6, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.90, ft, 3 lengths.

**DOUBLEDOJUSTICE (g, 5, Lantana Mob--Downtown Justice, by Article of Faith)** Lifetime Record: 20-4-2-7, \$276,585. O-Raymond J. Paquette III; B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (IN); T-Raymond J. Paquette III. \*\$6,000 Ylg '21 INDMIX.

**5th-Finger Lakes, \$27,300**, 8-6, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.78, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**ZI END (f, 3, Weekend Hideaway--Zismokin Gal, by Zivo)** Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0, \$73,360. O-Breed, Debra A. and Breed, Kariann; B/T-Debra Breed (NY).

**1st-Finger Lakes, \$26,900**, 8-6, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.77, ft, 9 1/2 lengths.

**HE HAS IT ALL (g, 4, Laoban--Zamquick {MSP, \$148,901}, by Pomeroy)** Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-0, \$132,660. O-Joseph E. Marino; B-Torie D. Gladwell & Teri A. Burns (NY); T-Joseph E. Marino. \*\$37,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$130,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

**6th-Fort Erie, C\$18,637**, 8-5, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.41, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

**OK SPEEDY (c, 3, Souper Speedy--Ok One More, by Include)** Lifetime Record: 12-3-0-2, \$44,945. O-Bruno Schickedanz; B-Daniel A. Mooney (ON); T-Nick Guy Mileni, Jr. \*C\$10,000 Ylg '23 CANSEP.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Blazing Brat**, f, 2, **Beau Liam**--Brittney Brat, by Pikepass. Presque Isle Downs, 8-6, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.81. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$27,000. B-Springland Farm & Lynden Branch (KY). \*1/2 to Yucca (Cactus Ridge), SW, \$112,560; Bruvver Max (Posse), SP, \$237,005; Truck Salesman (Can the Man), GSP-UAE, \$146,225. \*\*Fifth winner for freshman sire (by **Liam's Map**).

**Gray Perfection**, f, 2, **Creative Cause**--Alpine Echo, by Swiss Yodeler. Thistledown, 8-6, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.42. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,340. B-Huntertown Farm LLC (OH). \*1/2 to Swiss Minister (Lucky Pulpit), SP, \$322,536; Full to Creative Peak, SP, \$159,028. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Perpetual Patience**, g, 2, **El Deal**--Keen On Keenan, by Due Date. Louisiana Downs, 8-6, (S), 5f, 1:00.57. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,800. B-M. Richard Colton (LA). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Karina Anna**, f, 2, **Golden Years**--Jungle Diamond, by Jump Start. Colonial Downs, 8-6, (S), 5 1/2fT, 1:04.90. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$55,532. B-O'Sullivan Farms LLC (VA). \*Full to Jungle Beast, SW, \$336,286.

**Jac's Doe Maker**, g, 2, **Jac's Fact**--Empire of Doe, by Empire Maker. Thistledown, 8-6, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.92. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,340. B-Melody Fewster & Joe McFadden (OH). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Marking Broadway**, c, 2, **Marking**--Lights On Broadway, by Real Solution. Assiniboia Downs, 8-5, 4 1/2f, :54.41. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,919. B-Harry Bettis, Tosch Keshian & Cheryl Keshian (CA). \*\$3,500 Ylg '24 ARZOCT.

**Mo Sky**, f, 2, **Mo Tom**--Gloomingsky, by **Sky Mesa**. Louisiana Downs, 8-5, (S), 5f, 1:00.63. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$18,400. B-Hoffman Family Racing (LA). \*Full to A Million Moons, SW, \$118,200.

**Tiempos Buenos**, g, 2, **Mor Spirit**--With Herself (Ire), by Lilbourne Lad (Ire). Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-6, 7 1/2fT, 1:34.88. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$35,483. B-Westbrook Stables LLC (KY).

**Adjustable Rate**, f, 3, **Central Banker**--Mystery Mix, by Awesome Again. Finger Lakes, 8-6, 5 1/2f, 1:06.54. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$27,710. B-Windylea Farm-New York, LLC (NY).

**Flying Tex**, g, 3, **Connect**--Stranger Tides, by **Union Rags**. Assiniboia Downs, 8-5, 6f, 1:13.59. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-1, \$20,775. B-Glen Voorhees & Wendy Voorhees (TX). \*\$2,000 RNA Ylg '23 TTAYRL.

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**Kingdom Trails**, f, 3, **Preservationist**--Trout River Red (MSW, \$222,006), by Indian Charlie. Belterra, 8-6, (S), 6f, 1:14.59. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$16,042. B-Larmon & Cristina Cowles (OH).

**Lets Get It On**, g, 3, **Summer Front**--Sixth and Arch (MSP, \$176,970), by Arch. Presque Isle Downs, 8-6, (S), 6f (AWT), 1:10.32. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000. B-Ellen Dale Racing LLC (PA). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Amie's Symphony**, f, 4, **Mendelssohn**--Amie's Legend (SW, \$104,370), by Not For Love. Colonial Downs, 8-6, (S), 1mT, 1:35.62. Lifetime Record: 8-1-4-1, \$100,695. B-Two Legends Farm & Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC (MD). \*\$155,000 Ylg '22 EASOCT. \*\*1/2 to Ghoul's Night Out (Ghostzapper), SW, \$270,606.

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**Racquel Blue**, f, 4, **Practical Joke**--Diamante de Fuego, by El Corredor. Canterbury, 8-6, 5 1/2f, 1:05.14. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-0, \$22,403. B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY). \*\$60,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

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**Beau Liam**, Blazing Brat, f, 2, o/o Brittney Brat, by Pikepass. MSW, 8-6, Presque Isle Downs

**Central Banker**, Adjustable Rate, f, 3, o/o Mystery Mix, by Awesome Again. MSW, 8-6, Finger Lakes

**City Light (Fr)**, Griselda (Fr), f, 3, o/o Narcisca (GB), by Maxios (GB). AOC, 8-6, Saratoga

**Connect**, Flying Tex, g, 3, o/o Stranger Tides, by **Union Rags**. MSW, 8-5, Assiniboia

**Constitution**, Parchment Party, c, 4, o/o Life Well Lived, by Tiznow. Birdstone S., 8-6, Saratoga

**Creative Cause**, Gray Perfection, f, 2, o/o Alpine Echo, by Swiss Yodeler. MSW, 8-6, Thistledown

**Dabster**, Gran Mirella (Arg), f, 4, o/o Inca Noble (Arg), by Ride the Rails. AOC, 8-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**El Deal**, Perpetual Patience, g, 2, o/o Keen On Keenan, by Due Date. MSW, 8-6, Louisiana Downs

**Golden Years**, Karina Anna, f, 2, o/o Jungle Diamond, by Jump Start. MSW, 8-6, Colonial Downs

**Harry's Holiday**, Mackadoo, c, 3, o/o With Wonder, by Flatter. ALW, 8-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Instagrand**, Sweet Montreal, f, 2, o/o Passeporta, by Rockport Harbor. MSW, 8-6, Saratoga

**Into Mischief**, Mischief in Motion, f, 3, o/o Acrobatique, by Discreet Cat. ALW, 8-6, Colonial Downs

**Jac's Fact**, Jac's Doe Maker, g, 2, o/o Empire of Doe, by Empire Maker. MSW, 8-6, Thistledown

**Khozan**, Dear Dad, g, 5, o/o Table for Six, by Mizzen Mast. AOC, 8-6, Colonial Downs

**Lantana Mob**, Doubledogjustice, g, 5, o/o Downtown Justice, by Article of Faith. AOC, 8-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Laoban**, He Has It All, g, 4, o/o Zamquick, by Pomeroy. ALW, 8-6, Finger Lakes



**Liam's Map**, Just Deeds, c, 2, o/o Pretty Greeley, by Greeley's Conquest. MSW, 8-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Marking**, Marking Broadway, c, 2, o/o Lights On Broadway, by Real Solution. MSW, 8-5, Assiniboia

**Mendelssohn**, Amie's Symphony, f, 4, o/o Amie's Legend, by Not For Love. MSW, 8-6, Colonial Downs

**Mendelssohn**, Royal Bobbie, f, 3, o/o Shayna Lady, by American Lion. ALW, 8-6, Saratoga

**Mo Tom**, Mo Sky, f, 2, o/o Gloamingsky, by **Sky Mesa**. MSW, 8-5, Louisiana Downs

**Mor Spirit**, Tiempos Buenos, g, 2, o/o With Herself (Ire), by Lilbourne Lad (Ire). MSW, 8-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**More Than Ready**, Y'allreadyforthis, f, 2, o/o Mischievous Maude, by Into Mischief. MSW, 8-6, Colonial Downs

**Omaha Beach**, Welcometohollywood, f, 3, o/o Arch of Troy, by Archarcharch. Manitoba Oaks, 8-5, Assiniboia

**Oscar Performance**, Oscar's Encore, f, 2, o/o Weekend in Malibu, by Old Forester. MSW, 8-6, Saratoga

**Palace Malice**, Brocknardini, f, 4, o/o Broad Stripes, by Bernardini. AOC, 8-6, Saratoga

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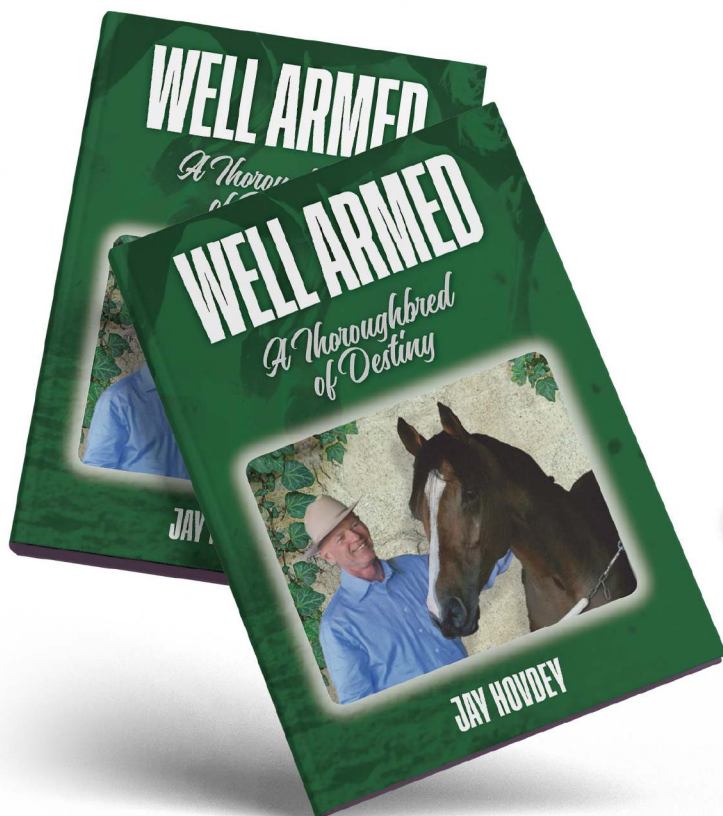
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## 'WE'RE IN IT TO OWN RACEHORSES AND ENJOY THEM'

*Mick Mariscotti Reflects on the Success of Crack Juvenile Zavateri*



Mick, second left, and Janice Mariscotti, right, with Zavateri and the Eve Johnson Houghton team | [Racingphotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

By Emma Berry

"We're enjoying it enormously." Those are words racing needs to hear from every owner.

In the case of Mick and Janice Mariscotti, who have been in the game long enough to have experienced both good days and bad, they know to appreciate a decent one when he comes along, and in Zavateri they look to have just that.

"He's by far and away the best two-year-old we've ever had," says Mick of the unbeaten young son of Without Parole, who now has the G2 July Stakes and G2 Vintage Stakes on his swiftly burgeoning CV.

The Mariscottis are familiar figures at Tattersalls during Books 1 and 2 of the October Yearling Sales each year, always working closely in tandem with their longtime trainer Andrew Balding. In more recent years, Eve Johnson Houghton has also trained for the couple and her successful sales partnership with Anthony Bromley of Highflyer Bloodstock led to the purchase of Zavateri at Book 2, for what now looks like a bargain price of 35,000gns.

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## SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN PREMIER RACEDAYS AS BHA PUBLISHES 2026 FIXTURE LIST

Premier Racedays will be cut by more than two-thirds in 2026, with the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) conceding that dilution of the original concept had lessened its anticipated impact.

The idea was initially introduced in 2024 as a two-year pilot, with 170 fixtures designated as Premier Racedays which met certain criteria around prize-money and quality and were intended to showcase the very best of the calendar.

A total of 162 Premier Racedays were scheduled for 2025, but next year will see just 52, focused on British racing's showpiece occasions. The protected two-hour window that was employed during the trial period, which limited action at other tracks, will be discontinued, in favour of gaps of at least 10 minutes around the major races on Saturday afternoons. [Cont. p5](#)

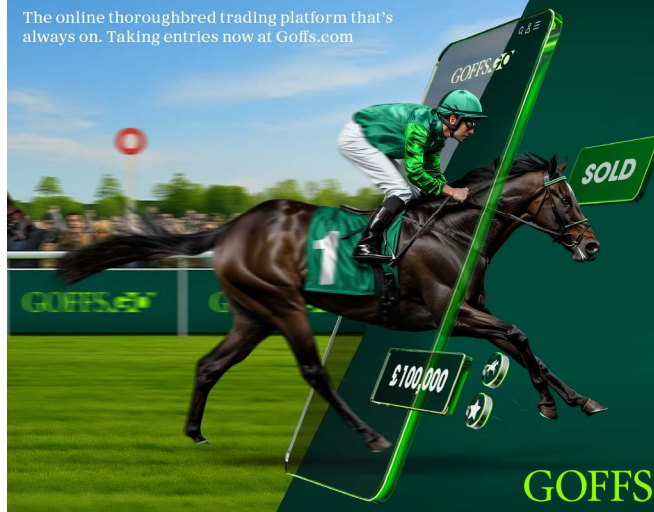
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**Zavateri Cont. from p1**

"It was deliberate," Mariscotti says of Zavateri being a slightly earlier type than he and his wife have tended to race. "It's nice when a plan works. Because we have two trainers, Eve and Andrew, and we tend to buy horses at the same sales, Somerville, Book 1 and Book 2, and we felt when we were at the sales last year that we'd give Eve a slightly different brief than Andrew. That was to buy us a two-year-old that hopefully will progress, rather than just an out-and-out two-year-old. And she did."

He adds, "I think we are one of only three [horses] that have ever won the July Stakes and the Vintage, so we're in a select group."

That Vintage win at Goodwood, under a 3lb penalty for Zavateri's Newmarket success, naturally has all connected to the colt dreaming of next year's Classics. Meanwhile, of course, the phone has been

ringing hot.

"We were only halfway back from Salisbury after his maiden win, and we got the first offer," says Mariscotti, who echoes the emphatic statement issued by his wife in the aftermath at

Goodwood, that this one is not for sale.

"Obviously, we've been blown away by the interest in him, and the figures that have been put to us are mind-blowing, but at the end of the day, we're in it to own racehorses and to enjoy them. He, at the moment, looks like he has the potential to be the best we've ever had, and we're going to stick with him. So we may regret it in due course, but no, we're going to stick with him. We don't sell everything."

He continues, "We are known for being sellers, but Masekela a

few years ago was not as good as him, but he'd come second in the Superlative, and he looked like he was one of the better two-year-olds." **Cont. p4**



**Mick and Janice Mariscotti with Andrew Balding | Tattersalls**



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## Zavateri Cont.

He adds, "And again, we were offered large amounts of money for him, but we decided to stick with him. So it's something that we will do. Particularly, I really don't like selling two-year-olds. It's too early in their career."

Bred by John and Tanya Gunther, and by their Newsells Park Stud-based homebred St James's Palace Stakes winner Without Parole, Zavateri is the first foal of the Aga Khan-bred mare Zeroua (**Siyouni**). Though she and her dam Zerkaza were both unraced, the latter's parents, Dalakhani and Zarkava, were a little bit special. Sometimes talent jumps not one but two generations.

Born in Epsom, Mariscotti naturally has a Derby dream, but he would happily settle for an earlier Classic next spring.

He says, "Looking at his pedigree, the Derby looks like it would be out of his range, but certainly pedigree-wise, he should be capable of getting a mile. And at the moment, he hasn't put a foot wrong. So we've got to look at the Group 1s over seven furlongs this season and stepping up to a mile next season, and hopefully he continues to develop."

"Eve felt immediately after the race that a Group 1 was the right thing, and because you've got a penalty in a Group 2, they can be quite hard to win with a penalty, even though we did it in the Vintage. So I think the preference would be to go to Ireland [for the National Stakes], but it will obviously be subject to what the going is and all sorts of other things. But I think the major target this year very definitely is the Dewhurst. So that's something that we are aiming for, and it's just what the next step along the path is."

Eve Johnson Houghton has of course tasted Dewhurst success before when assisting her father Fulke in the training of Tout Seul 23 years ago.

"She does a fantastic job," says Mariscotti. "She won't want me pigeonholing her, but she's particularly good with two-year-olds, I think."

Certainly, Johnson Houghton's buying model, with Bromley, is one to be admired: their other juvenile stakes winner this season is the Windsor Castle Stakes winner Havana Hurricane (Havana Gold), who was bought for 9,000gns at the Somerville Sale.

"Their approach is the same as the one we have with Andrew, which is we're buying the individual rather than the page," Mariscotti explains. "And that opens up so many more opportunities, because you're not just putting a line through things because you don't like the breeding. And I think that's why the relationship works with Eve and Anthony on the buying front because they're as open-minded as we are, or we're as open-minded as they are."

"But with both Andrew and with Eve, it's always a consensus view. So it's not a question of Eve wanting to buy something, or us wanting to buy something, or Anthony wanting to buy something. We all have to agree that we like the individual, and we've got a price, and we're prepared to go to that price."

With the rise of Zavateri, it is partly a case of one door opening as another begins to close. The Mariscottis bought the redoubtable stayer Coltrane (Mastercraftsman) at Book 1 seven years ago for 50,000gns and he has repaid them handsomely.



Multiple group-winning stayer Coltrane | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

Under Balding's care he was won nine of his 33 starts, including the G2 Doncaster Cup and G2 Lonsdale Cup, earning more than £1 million in the process. At the age of eight, he followed up this season's fifth in the Gold Cup at Ascot with victory in the Coral Marathon at Sandown's Eclipse meeting.

"That was special on several levels," Mariscotti says. "Firstly because it took him past the million pounds in prize-money, and we were delighted that he did it by winning a race. I mean,

we could have run him and come in third, fourth and all the rest, but actually to win a race was great.

"And I'm an ex-Coral person, so winning a Coral race was particularly special. The guys at Coral, Simon [Clare] and David [Stevens] in particular, I worked with them, and they were genuinely pleased that he won. That particular race was the first Pattern race that he won on his way up. And if it is the last one he wins as he's coming towards the end of his career, I think that's sort of perfect symmetry for me. I'm not saying that we don't want him to win another one, and he is going to run at least once more this season, but he's now eight, and there are the new guys on the block and they're quite difficult to beat. But he's tough, and he's honest, and all the things that you really want in a racehorse."



## Zavateri Cont.

The Mariscottis, along with many other owners, will soon begin the hunt for the next bright star, though it will be hard for newcomers to walk in the hoofprints of those who have gone before, including the G2 Queen's Vase winner Dashing Willoughby (Nathaniel).

"We've already booked our hotel rooms for Somerville, Book 1 and Book 2," the owner says with relish. "Somerville, we hadn't been to, but Eve bought us one there last year, and we'll go back and have a look. Book 1 and Book 2 are typically our hunting grounds. It's becoming harder and harder to buy in Book 1 but we're there because if there is anything that slips through and takes our fancy, we want to be able to take advantage."

It is a strategy which has worked well in the past and, with their relentless enthusiasm and sustained investment in the sport, nobody can begrudge the Mariscottis their good fortune in owning Zavateri. Long may he run.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### 2026 Fixture List Cont.

Richard Wayman, the BHA's director of operations, said, "We wanted to make our best racing better and use that as our tool to grow interest in the sport. Part of that was making the racing as good as we could, so we invested in the racing and we have seen a real upside on that."

"Prize-money on Premier Racedays in 2024 was over £7 million higher than it had been the previous year at those same fixtures, with another half a million this year, so in terms of actually supporting the quality and competitiveness of racing, making the sport at those meetings better, I think the policy has delivered."

He added, "Where clearly it has not done what we talked about two years ago was from a customer perspective, creating that brand around Premier Racedays that I think for a number of reasons didn't work."

"I think one of the biggest reasons was that there were simply too many of them and it therefore diluted the message that these are genuinely elite fixtures--consumers just didn't buy that. I think moving to the 52 from 162 is a step in the right direction."

In a media briefing, Wayman confirmed that there are no plans for a marketing campaign for Premier Racedays in 2026,

describing it as "a bridge" between the trial and the 2027 fixture list, which will be informed by evidence from ongoing consumer research.

A total of 1,458 meetings (down from 1,460 in 2025) have been scheduled for next year, with the BHA employing measures that aim to increase the number of horses based and being raced in Britain, as well as enhancing the quality of those runners, supported by an additional £4.4 million in prize-money.

The G1 July Cup, G1 King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Stakes, G1 Sussex Stakes and G1 Juddmonte International will all get at least a £200,000 boost in 2026, while funds for developmental races will be increased, imposing minimum values for novice or maiden races on the Flat, plus added incentives for staying races.

Novice and beginners' chases and maiden and novice hurdles will also have a baseline prize fund, while a bonus series for point-to-point horses is set to be introduced, with the aim of strengthening the supply of quality horses from that division to race under Rules.



There will be 52 Premier Racedays in Britain in 2026 | Getty Images

While the BHA continues its drive to improve competitiveness and reinforce Sunday racing, it has also made moves to try to mitigate the demands on those working in the industry, with a six-day pause (April 26 - May 1) and a 19-day break (July 27 - August 4) in National Hunt racing.

The Flat action will stop on November 8-15, with rider-restricted meetings scheduled for November 16-18 and for five days in mid-winter (February 16-20). Other initiatives include a trial of 8pm finishes for all-weather meetings in the first nine weeks of the year.

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## MANDORE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY GOES TO €250K FOR GENTLEMANLIKE DURING ARQANA POP-UP SALE



Gentlemanlike | Arqana Online

Juvenile colt **Gentlemanlike** caught the eye of Mandore International Agency's Nicolas de Watrigant for €250,000 during Arqana Online's August Pop-Up Sale on Wednesday. De Watrigant signed for a French partnership consisting of Alain Jathiere, Gousserie Racing, Ecurie David Layani and Gerard Augustin-Normand.

He was originally sold for €12,000 from the Baroda Stud draft during the Arqana October Yearling Sale last year to owner/trainer Igor Endaltsev. Consigned by Endaltsev on Wednesday, the Al Shira'aa Racing-bred son of Group 1 sire Australia and the Kodiak mare Samskara won his only start by four lengths at Chantilly in July. His granddam is Chiara Wells (Refuse To Bend), a winner of the Listed Premio Certosa and third in the G3 Premio Carlo Chiese. This is also the family of Meafara (Meadowlake), a multiple graded winner and placed in the G1 Breeders' Cup Sprint.

Coolmore's dual Classic winner Australia is responsible for G1 Derby/G1 Irish Derby hero Lambourn and G1 Coronation Stakes heroine Cercene this term.

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## GROUP 1 SIRE CABLE BAY DIES AT 14

**Cable Bay**, the sire of this year's G1 July Cup winner No Half Measures, has died at the age of 14.

"With profound sadness, we inform you that Cable Bay, the sire of the 2025 July Cup, Gr1 winner No Half Measures, as well as several individual black-type winners and performers, passed away last night," read a statement posted to social media by the Northern Lights Stallion Syndicate, which brought the son of

Invincible Spirit to India to continue his stallion career in 2023.

"In the three years with us, he has given us quality foals and we hope that they can carry forward his legacy."

Bred by the Irish National Stud, Cable Bay was a three-time winner for the Charlie Hills yard, after being bought for €130,000 at the Goffs Orby Yearling Sale. Successful in the G2 Challenge Stakes and G3 John Of Gaunt Stakes, he was also Group 1-placed as a two-year-old when filling the runner-up spot behind War Command in the Dewhurst Stakes.

Cable Bay was based at Highclere Stud between 2016 and 2022, before his transfer to Dr Kehar Singh Stud in India. In 2019, his first crop yielded 25 individual two-year-old winners in Europe, including the G3 Molecomb Stakes heroine Liberty Beach and Weatherbys Racing Bank £300,000 2-Y-O Stakes scorer King's Lynn. That duo later won successive editions of the G2 Temple Stakes, with Liberty Beach striking at Haydock in 2021, before the victory of King's Lynn the following year.

The multiple Group 1-placed Dragon Symbol and G2 Hungerford Stakes runner-up Laneqash feature among Cable Bay's other leading progeny in Europe, while Uncommon James was his sire's breakthrough Group 1 winner when landing the 2023 Oakleigh Plate. He was conceived during the stallion's time shuttling to Woodside Park Stud in Australia.

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## ANNUAL GIGGINSTOWN PARTIAL DISPERSAL FEATURED IN TATTERSALLS ONLINE CATALOGUE

The annual partial dispersal of Gigginstown House Stud features six lots during the upcoming **Tattersalls Online August Sale**. Set for Tuesday, August 12 at 11 a.m., the sale concludes beginning at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, August 13. Featuring 120 horses in- and out-of-training, 16 broodmares, four stores, two yearlings and a breeding right in Group 1 sire Ardad, the 143-strong sale has received widespread support from 90 individual consignors spread across Great Britain, Ireland and France.

From Gigginstown is the winning hurdler and IHRB 129-rated chaser **Harsh** (Dark Angel) (lot 35), who is a dual winner over hurdles and placed twice over fences. He recently ran fourth in the G2 Future Champions Finale Hurdle and the G3 Fred Winter Juvenile Handicap Hurdle. The 124-rated **Machismo** (Ocovango) (lot 45) is also part of that draft after finishing runner-up at Wexford.

Rated 100 by Timeform, **Magico** (Le Havre) (lot 60) is a three-time winner on the turf and all-weather, while **Enola Holmes** (Invincible Spirit) (lot 25), who ran fourth in the Listed Spring Cup, is offered with a BHA rating of 86. Other Flat prospects include the maiden winner **Chartwell Jock** (Churchill) (lot 14) and **Lady Kameko** (Kameko) (lot 51), a 3-year-old half-sister to G2 Queen's Vase-placed Saint George (Roaring Lion).

Among the broodmares are a pair in foal to young sire Shaquille in **Serpens** (Sea The Moon) (lot 140) and **Liquid Gold** (Nathaniel) (lot 137), a half-sister to G1 Al Maktoum Challenge winner North America (Dubawi). **Capla Dream** (Dream Ahead) (lot 132) is in foal to rising first-season sire Starman.

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**Harsh** | *Tattersalls Online*

## GERMAN DERBY THIRD LAZIO ANCHORS BBAG AUGUST ONLINE SALE

**Lazio**, third in both the G1 Deutsches Derby and the G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis, is one of 30 lots **catalogued** for the BBAG August Online Auction. The son of Make Believe will be consigned by Waldemar Hickst.

BBAG Auktionsrennen hero **Warren Hill** (Churchill) is also set to sell from the yard of Henk Grewe.

The auction will run from August 13 at noon to August 15 at 3 p.m., with lots closing in two-minute increments. Entries will still be accepted through Monday, August 11.

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**Lazio (5)** | *BBAG*

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18:45-SANDOWN PARK, 8f, **Loz Vegas (Ire)**

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

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

15:20-NOTTINGHAM, 6f, **The Prettiest Star (GB)**

14:50-NOTTINGHAM, 6f, **Starakova (GB)**

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**Supremacy (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud  
130 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner  
14:50-NOTTINGHAM, 6f, **Black Endeavour (Ire)**  
£11,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2024

**Victor Ludorum (GB)** (Shamardal), Haras d'Etreham  
107 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:30-CHELMSFORD CITY, 8f, **Telfy Boy (Ire)**  
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## FRANCE

**Armor (GB)** (No Nay Never), Haras de Bouquetot  
24 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-VICHY, 1400m, **Kodvedev (Fr)**  
€34,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2024

**Soft Light (Fr)** (Authorized {Ire}), Haras de Colleville  
23 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-VICHY, 1400m, **Kenalight (Fr)**  
€2,500 RNA Arqana Deauville Nov. Yearling Sale 2024

## IRELAND

**Palace Pier (GB)** (Kingman {GB}), Dalham Hall Stud  
115 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 8f, **Palace Tyne (Ire)**  
€55,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2024  
1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 8f, **Pierre Grosse (GB)**  
52,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2024



Soft Light has a runner in France | Haras de Colleville

# OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

## CLARET, SON OF CHICQUITA, DEBUTS AT LEOPARDSTOWN

**5.20 Leopardstown, Mdn, 2yo, c/g, 8ft**

**CLARET (IRE)** (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**) is one of two Ballydoyle runners in this and the second-string, but as the sixth foal out of the Irish Oaks heroine Chicquita has much to commend him. A half-brother to three black-type performers headed by Dubawi's G2 Curragh Cup winner Emily Dickinson, the newcomer joins the yard's course-and-distance third **Montreal (Ire)** (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), the half-brother to Cayenne Pepper (Australia). Juddmonte's unraced **Res Ipsa (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) is another notable, being a Ger Lyons-trained full-brother to Red Letter.

**6.45 Sandown, Mdn, 2yo, 8ft**

**GAVRIEL (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) is an intriguing newcomer in this maiden won in recent times by Pride Of Arras, Arrest, Westover and Too Darn Hot, being the seventh foal out of the Pretty Polly heroine Thistle Bird. John and Thady Gosden saddle George Strawbridge's homebred half-brother to the smart Epictetus (**Kingman**) and Jumbly (**Gleneagles**), whose rivals include the stable's course debut fourth **Corinth (GB)** (**Dubawi {Ire}**), Juddmonte's relative of **Kingman**.

## HOW THEY FARED:

**6.35 Kempton, Novice, 2yo, 7f (AWT)**

**National History (Maxfield)**, Godolphin's €1-million Arqana May Breeze Up purchase, ran green throughout and finished fifth.

**7.10 Kempton, Novice, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (AWT)**

**Shinara (Ire)** (**Dark Angel {Ire}**), the full-sister to Charyn, was too fresh on debut and paid her exertions late when fading to be third only to be placed fourth for causing interference.

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# BRITAIN

## Wednesday's Results:

**5th-Kempton, £16,000, Novice, 8-6, 3yo/up, f, 7f (AWT), 1:28.13, st/sl.**

**PETULA (GB) (f, 3, Calyx {GB}--Affinity {GB}, by Sadler's Wells),** a half-sister to the stable's G2 T von Zastrow Stutenpreis winner and G1 Grosser Preis von Bayern and G1 British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes-placed Tiffany (Farhh), started tardily and raced in last. Still with all to pass two out, the 28-1 shot found an impressive change of gear to swallow up all rivals by the furlong pole and surge to a 3/4-of-a-length success from Ribenska (Ribchester). The dam, whose other black-type performers are the Listed-placed Zest (Duke Of Marmalade) and Harmonica (Pivotal), is a half to the five-times Group 1-winning European champion Soviet Song (Marju). Connected to the fellow top-level winners Ribbons (Manduro) and Marsha, her two-year-old colt is by **Bated Breath**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,968. O/B-Elite Racing Club; T-Sir Mark Prescott.

**4th-Kempton, £11,000, Novice, 8-6, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:27.75, st/sl.**

**LOOKA (c, 2, Munnings--Intention Seduction, by Street Sense),** sixth on debut at Haydock last month, soon led in his first-time hood. Tackled by the 4-9 favourite Ruler Of Time (**Not This Time**) inside the final quarter mile, the 14-1 shot toughed it out to prevail by half a length. The dam, whose three-year-old colt Kraken (**Justify**) had been a \$325,000 purchase by D.J. Stable and Robert Cotran at Ocala June, is a half to the GII Golden Rod Stakes winner and GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up Liora (**Candy Ride**) and the GII Indiana Oaks winner Family Tree (Smart Strike), who in turn produced the GIII Steve Sexton Mile Stakes scorer Heroic Move (**Quality Road**). A granddaughter of the multiple Graded-Stakes scorer and multiple Grade I-placed Gold Mover (Gold Fever), she has a yearling filly by **Constitution** and was bred to **Charlatan** last year and to **Cogburn** this year. Sales history: \$80,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP; 240,000gns 2yo '25 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$7,900. O-Mr Omar Esmail Ghrghar; B-Corser Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Marco Botti.

**2nd-Pontefract, £9,000, Mdn, 8-6, 2yo, 6fT, 1:18.02, g/f.**

**GOLD QUEEN KINDLY (IRE) (c, 2, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Queen Kindly {GB} {GSW-Eng, \$262,048}, by Frankel {GB})** chased the leaders in sixth through the early fractions of this debut. Bustled along rounding the home turn, the 1-2 favourite took some time to find top gear and kept on relentlessly under continued urging

inside the final quarter-mile to overpower Sanaam (Blue Point) by a half-length in the dying strides. Gold Queen Kindly is the fifth of six foals and fourth scorer thrown by G2 Lowther Stakes victrix Queen Kindly (**Frankel**), herself out of multiple Group 1-placed G2 Lowther Stakes and G2 Diadem Stakes winner Lady Of The Desert (Rahy). Lady Of The Desert, kin to the dam of GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint hero Big Evs (Blue Point), is a daughter of G1 Cheveley Park Stakes-winning European champion Queen's Logic (Grand Lodge). The April-foaled homebred chestnut is a half-sister to G2 Lowther Stakes and G3 Firth Of Clyde Stakes placegetter Queen Me (Dubawi) and a yearling filly by New Bay. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,464. O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd; T-Karl Burke.

**2nd-Great Yarmouth, £6,800, Mdn, 8-6, 2yo, f, 6f 3yT, 1:14.81, g/f.**

**CONCERT (GB) (f, 2, Showcasing {GB}--Flymetothemoon {GB}, by Dark Angel {Ire}),** a July 3 debut runner-up going six furlongs at Newbury, broke swiftly and stalked the pace in a handy third through halfway in this return. Urged forward to launch her bid with a quarter-mile remaining, the 11-8 favourite came under a late drive to prevail by a short-head from Coconut Cove (**No Nay Never**) in a bobbing finish. Concert is the first of three foals out of an unraced half-sister to dual Group 1-placed G2 Jockey Club Cup winner Secret Weapon (Choisir), the dual stakes-winning Code Red (Bahamian Bounty) and Listed Heron Stakes third End Of Line (Pastoral Pursuits). The March-foaled grey is half to a yearling filly by Palace Pier and a weanling colt by Blue Point. Sales history: 125,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$9,032. O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Scots Pine); B-Carmel Stud; T-William Haggas.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Nepal (Ire), g, 3, Camacho (GB)---Body Language (Ire) (SP-Eng),** by Beat Hollow (GB). Yarmouth, 8-6, 10f 23yT, 2:04.74. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$12,611. B-Mr Patrick Morrissey. \*€45,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR2; 75,000gns HRA '25 TATJUL.

**Raammee (GB), g, 3, Persian King (Ire)---Qabala (GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$137,294),** by Scat Daddy. Kempton, 8-6, 8f (AWT), 1:43.13. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,900. B-Al Shahania Stud. \*130,000gns Wlg '22 TADEWE; 150,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT.

**Grizedale (GB), c, 3, Zoustar (Aus)---Penny Drops (GB) (MSP-Eng, SP-Fr),** by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Kempton, 8-6, 8f (AWT), 1:40.00. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$18,025. B-Mr & Mrs G Middlebrook. \*1/2 to Equality (GB) (Equiano {Fr}), GSW-Eng, G1SP-Ire, \$260,135.

## IRELAND

**Wednesday's Results:**

**3rd-Sligo**, €21,000, Mdn, 8-6, 2yo, 6f 21yT, 1:18.69, g/y.  
**FELIX SOMARY (IRE)** (c, 2, **Acclamation {GB}**--**Kiltara {Ire}**, by **Lawman {Fr}**), sent off at 7-1, raced in the front line from the outset. Gaining the edge two out, the newcomer had to battle late to ward off Raphello (**Starspangledbanner**) but was equal to the task to score by a head. The dam, whose filly foal is by Kodi Bear, is a half to a trio of Group winners headed by **Oasis Dream**'s G1 Metropolitan Handicap hero Opinion. The third dam is the G1 Moyglare Stud Stakes heroine Priory Belle (Priolo). Sales history: €42,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; €50,000 RNA Ylg '24 GOFORY; £50,000 2yo '25 GOUKB. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,585.

O-Tony Cantwell & Paul J Nolan; B-Irish National Stud Mare Syndicate III; T-John O'Donoghue.

## FRANCE

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**2nd-Clairefontaine**, €25,600, Cond, 8-6, 3yo, 11fT, 2:20.80, g/s.  
**PROSECUTOR (FR)** (c, 3, **Persian King {Ire}**--**Grey Hyppy {Ire}**, by **Kendargent {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-2, €53,200. O/B-Haras Voltaire; T-Andre Fabre. \*€30,000 RNA Ylg '23 ARQOCT.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Pretty Queen (Ire)**, f, 3, **Australia (GB)**--Pretty Women (GB), by Zoffany (Ire). Clairefontaine, 8-6, 12fT, 2:33.40. B-Chevotel de la Hauquerie.

**Troubleinparadise (Fr)**, g, 3, **Moises Has (Fr)**--Trofee Dore (Fr), by Country Reel. Clairefontaine, 8-6, 12fT, 2:39.80. B-EARL Elevage des Loges. \*€18,000 2yo '24 ARQJUL.

**Spring Heart (Fr)**, f, 4, **Scissor Kick (Aus)**--Spring Princess (Ire), by Nayef. Clairefontaine, 8-6, 7fT, 1:24.70. B-Roy Racing Ltd.

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**Thursday, Leopardstown, post time: 18:23**

**BAHRAIN TURF CLUB DESMOND STAKES-G3**, €36,000, 3yo/up, 8fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Chicago Critic (GB)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Sam Menco & Tony Smurfit	John Patrick Murtagh	J A Heffernan	135
2	Johan (GB)	Zoffany (Ire)	Jon and Julia Aisbitt	Jack Channon	R P Whelan	135
3	Lord Massusus (Ire)	Markaz (Ire)	John N Bourke	Joseph G Murphy	G F Carroll	135
4	Mutasarref (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Eleanora Kennedy	G M Lyons	C T Keane	135
5	Dance Night Andday (Ire)	Buratino (Ire)	Peter Jones	Ross O'Sullivan	D McMonagle	132
6	Jancis (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Arturo Cousino	W McCreery	W M Lordan	132
7	Alakazi (Fr)	<b>Footstepsinthesand (GB)</b>	Exors of the Late H H Aga Khan	John Patrick Murtagh	B M Coen	128

**Breeders:** 1-Forenaghts Stud, 2-Jon and Julia Aisbitt, 3-Longrove Stud, 4-Shadwell Estate Company Limited, 5-Peter & Elizabeth Jones, 6-Mr Arturo Cousino, 7-H. H. The Aga Khan.

Course specialist **Mutasarref** should be a tough nut to crack, having won arguably a better renewal of this 12 months ago. **Chicago Critic** is capable when in the mood, as he proved when taking the course-and-distance Listed Amethyst Stakes in May. [Tom Frary].

**Thursday, Leopardstown, post time: 18:53**

**TOTE BALLYROAN STAKES-G3**, €36,000, 3yo/up, 12fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Crystal Black (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Wear A Pink Ribbon Syndicate	Gerard Keane	C T Keane	135
2	Layfayette (Ire)	French Navy (GB)	Mrs Patricia Hunt	Noel Meade	C D Hayes	135
3	Sons And Lovers (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	H O S Syndicate	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	D McMonagle	135
4	This Songisforyou	Temple City	Mrs A F Mee	Emmet Mullins	R P Whelan	135
5	Sea The Boss (GB)	Sea The Moon (Ger)	John G Hennessy & C Acheson	Mrs J Harrington	S Foley	132
6	Siege Of Troy (GB)	<b>Siyouni (Fr)</b>	Qatar Racing Limited	John Patrick Murtagh	B M Coen	132

**Breeders:** 1-Moyglare Stud Farms Ltd, 2-Matthew Duffy, 3-Miss K. Rausing, 4-Malibu Farm, LLC, 5-Mr E. Cantillon, 6-The Roheryn Partnership.

Last year's winner **Crystal Black** bids to get back on track, having run only once in the interim when fourth in the G3 Alleged Stakes over an inadequate 10-furlong trip in April. Third that day was **Sons And Lovers**, who backed that up with a fourth in the G2 Mooresbridge Stakes and a fifth in Royal Ascot's Listed Wolferton Stakes. [Tom Frary].

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**Friday, Tipperary, post time: 17:47**

**COOLMORE STUD CHURCHILL STAKES-Listed**, €27,000, 2yo, 7f 100yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Brussels (GB)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Mrs J Magnier,M Tabor,D Smith,Westerberg	A P O'Brien	W M Lordan	131
2	Empty Wallet (Ire)	Elzaam (Aus)	Sean Jones	G M Lyons	J J G Ryan	131
3	Maximum Scepticism (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Atlantic Thoroughbreds	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	J Ryan	131
4	Suspicious Mindz (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Marcstown Farms SC	Mrs J Harrington	N M Crosse	131
5	Thesecretadversary (Ire)	St Mark's Basilica (Fr)	Cayton Park Stud & Mrs John Magnier	J A Stack	S Heffernan	131
6	Time Bender (Ire)	Gustav Klimt (Ire)	William Durkan	William Durkan	C D Hayes	131

**Breeders:** 1-Haras des Trois Chapelles, 2-Ballybin Stud Ltd. & Patrick F. Kelly, 3-Patrick F. Kelly, 4-Smarden Thoroughbreds, 5-Coolmore & Cayton Park Stud, 6-Mr Neil Durkan.

**TDN Rising Star Brussels** was one of the few Ballydoyle juveniles who didn't deliver in his black-type assignment, but the July Stakes form behind Zavateri looks good now and he deserves credit for racing up with the pace and sticking at it. **Thesecretadversary** was up against Italy and Humility before inexplicably finding a way to get beaten again at Ayr last month and the jury is out, while **Maximum Scepticism** who is by the sire after which the race is named made his trip to England a winning one last time and has scope to improve. [Tom Frary].

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