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MAJESTIC QUEEN TOPS LONDON SALE

by Emma Berry

It's been dubbed the unofficial curtain-raiser for Royal Ascot and Goffs' London Sale certainly hits the right note when it comes to a mix of high-class bloodstock and party atmosphere.

Hosted in association with Ascot's major collaborator QIPCO, the sale didn't quite scale the dizzy heights set in the inaugural session twelve months ago, when subsequent G2 Coventry S. runner-up Cappella Sansevero (GB) (Showcasing {Ire}) sold for £1.3 million, but a top price of £825,000 can certainly be deemed to be respectable business. That sum was given by John Ferguson on behalf of Sheikh Mohammed for [lot 37](#), the dual Group 3 winner **Majestic Queen (Ire)** (Kheleyf {Ire}). Despite the aim of the sale being to offer horses with an entry at the forthcoming Royal Ascot meeting, it seems likely that the regally-named 5-year-old mare will not honour her engagement in Saturday's Wokingham S. **cont. p3**



Henry Beeby with Majestic Queen in the ring
Sarah Farnsworth

READY, WILLING AND ABLE?

Royal Ascot's 2015 extravaganza gets underway Tuesday and one of the most eagerly awaited feasts is this year's curtain-raiser, the £375,000 G1 Queen Anne S. over the straight mile. Alain and Gerard Wertheimer's **Solow (GB)** (Singspiel {Ire}), who has garnered nine of his last 10 starts, served a lengthy apprenticeship over a variety of trips before exploding onto the Group 1 stage with a daylight romp in the Mar. 28 G1 Dubai Turf at Meydan, and he was just as effective when besting a select field in the May 24 G1 Prix d'Ispahan at Longchamp last time.



Solow
Racing Post photo

The gelded bay, who sticks to trainer Freddy Head's long-term plan of dropping back to this stiff mile, is marginal favorite with Britain's bookmaker corps, but is rated one pound shy of Hong Kong superstar **Able Friend (Aus)** (Shamardal) in Longines' World Thoroughbred Rankings. **Cont. p5**

CHROME ASCOT BID IN DOUBT

Horse of the Year **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) will be forced to miss Wednesday's G1 Prince of Wales's S. due to a foot abscess. "It's devastating," trainer Art Sherman told *Racing Post*. "We have never had a pimple on this horse all the time we've had him, but the abscess popped out and the foot wasn't good. I am so sorry he can't run."



California Chrome
Emma Berry photo

California Chrome had been stabled in the Newmarket barn of trainer Rae Guest since finishing second in the Mar. 28 G1 Dubai World Cup. "It's very disappointing for everyone involved," Guest told *Racing Post*. "He had been as right as rain up until today and he has worked well both times he has worked, so it was very exciting. We were hoping his foot would be better tonight, having poulticed it all day, but he's still sore this evening. It's frustrating, as he could be fine by Thursday."

Winner of last year's G1 Kentucky Derby and G1 Preakness S., California Chrome opened 2015 with a runner-up effort in the GII San Antonio Invitational at Santa Anita in February. He was shipped to England after his runner-up effort at Meydan.

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Pharoah Heads Home

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Sole Power Takes on King's Stand S.

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Sole Power *Racing Post photo*

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Pedigree Insights: Star of Seville



Star of Seville *Racing Post*

This week, pedigree expert Andrew Caulfield focuses on G1 Prix de Diane Longines S. winner Star of Seville (GB) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}). Caulfield also looks at how the stallion's record has taken a turn for the better since his first crop turned three in 2013.

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PHAROAH TO HEAD BACK TO SANTA ANITA

Triple Crown winner **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile) is set to return to his home base of Santa Anita Thursday June 18. Since taking the GI Belmont S. June 6, the Zayat homebred has been at Churchill Downs. American Pharoah is scheduled to arrive at the Ontario International Airport at roughly 10 a.m. and his van will arrive at Santa Anita at approximately 11:30 a.m.

“Along with the rest of the country, we were in awe of American Pharoah’s performance in the Belmont last Saturday and we’re honored to be able to welcome him back home here to Santa Anita,” said Keith Brackpool, Santa Anita Chairman. “We’d like to congratulate Mr. Zayat, Bob Baffert and Victor Espinoza on winning America’s first Triple Crown in 37 years and we want to thank them for sharing this magnificent horse with all of us.”

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(cont. from p1)

Speaking after signing the docket and seeing off under-bidder Mick Flanagan, Ferguson said: “I haven’t yet spoken to Sheikh Mohammed, but it’s highly unlikely that she will run this week.

“She’s a filly with a lot of upside in that she’s a top racemare with lots of speed. I could see her ending up going to Dubawi in the future.”

The winner of the G3 Chartwell Fillies’ S. at Lingfield on May 9 as well as last season’s Ballyogan S., Majestic Queen was bought as a yearling for just €18,000 by Cathy Grassick for owners Thomas and Terri Rogers and has earned £138,135 from five wins and four placed finishes for Irish trainer Tracey Collins.



Majestic Queen in the Ballyogan S.
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London Sale cont.

It was undoubtedly a selective market, with 23 of the 42 breeze-up horses and horses-in-training offered selling for an aggregate of £3,784,000, compared to turnover of £6,760,000 last year, when the eclectic catalogue included Crystal Gaze (GB) and her Frankel foal at foot as well as a nomination to Invincible Spirit (Ire). The average dipped to £164,522 (-15%) while the median settled at £100,000 (-17%).

After signing off by singing happy birthday from the rostrum to Nicky Wallace, Goffs' Chief Executive Henry Beeby commented: "Obviously we haven't hit the high spots of last year, but we're still very pleased with the trade today.

"The vendor of the top lot was in tears and said that the sale far exceeded expectations. As well as being the perfect curtain-raiser for the Royal Meeting, it also gives us the opportunity to be here in the centre of London on the eve of Royal Ascot and looking after some very important clients."

Beeby added: "We are genuinely pleased with the results, and we're delighted to be working in partnership with QIPCO, with the support of Fortnum & Mason and Chateau Leoube. We'll be back for more next year."

Oasis Dream (GB) 2-year-old Mirage (Ire) (Lot 46) is one who will be making the line-up for Royal Ascot after the G3 Albany S. entrant was bought by Dr Jim Hay and his wife Fitri for £380,000. A winner on her only start at Brighton for Toast Of New York's trainer Jamie Osborne, the filly is set to make her second racecourse appearance on Friday.

"She's a lovely filly and she's been bought for her pedigree really. Eventually she will make a very welcome addition to the broodmare band," commented Dr Hay's Racing Manager Alex Cole.

A filly who may well end up racing farther afield in Japan is Middleham Park Racing's dual winner Realtra (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), who was bought for £290,000 by Yasushi Kubota. Set to run in Wednesday's Sandringham S., the 3-year-old is likely to run in the colours of Hidetoshi Yamamoto. **cont. p5**

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• No. Sold	23	36
• RNAs	18	15
• % RNAs	43.9	29.4
• High Price	£825,000	£1,300,000
• Gross	£3,784,000	£6,920,000
• Average (% change)	£164,522 (-15)	£192,222
• Median (% change)	£100,000 (-17)	£120,000



London Sale cont.

Nick Bradley of Middleham Park Racing was philosophical in losing one of the syndicate's runners for Royal Ascot, saying: "She's a very honest filly and we're happy enough with the price. We have a lot of horses and the reality is that we have to sell some of them, but we still have some good chances for Ascot, including G Force and Field Of Dream."

Qatari interests also stepped in to claim [lot 30](#), Black Beach (GB) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) at £220,000. The country's champion trainer Jassim Al Ghazali made his second visit to the sale and is now looking forward to having his first Royal Ascot runner with the 2-year-old colt in today's G2 Coventry S.

He said: "It's a dream to have a runner at Royal Ascot. This sale is such a good idea being so close to the meeting."

Among the 20 breeze-up lots catalogued, [lot 6](#), a January-born son of Speightstown out of the Argentinean Grade 1 winner Batallosa (Arg) (Southern Halo) took top billing at £200,000. Purchaser David Redvers said: "We'll get him back to Longholes Stud and give him a week or so before deciding where he will go.

"He's an absolute beauty. I think he'd have topped any breeze-up sale he went to. He has lots of speed and was three-quarters of a second faster than any of the others."

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READY, WILLING AND ABLE? (cont. from p1)

Dr. and Mrs. Cornel Li Fook Kwan's imposing liver chestnut has raced exclusively at Sha Tin's tight oval in his last 16 starts and has reeled off six wins on the bounce, including four at the highest level. He lines up for this European debut coming off a mightily impressive score, winning hard held on the bridle, in the May 3 G1 Champions Mile at the Hong Kong venue.

"Able Friend is one of the best horses we have ever trained in Hong Kong," commented assistant trainer George Moore. "We had him from when he was a yearling and he has such a great temperament. When you take him out on the track in the mornings, he looks around and takes everything in. He has pretty much the perfect mentality for a racehorse. He is not usually the type of horse you would pick out at the sales, as he is a big, gross horse, but he was always very athletic and looked great from behind. He traveled really well from Hong Kong and has proven himself the best miler there. With our season closing July, Royal Ascot comes at the perfect time to prove himself the best horse in the world, ratings wise. I don't think going over the straight mile at Ascot will be an issue, as he has a very big stride on him and good-to-firm ground will suit. In Hong Kong, Able Friend has such a big following that he really is Hong Kong's horse. I hope he can do everyone proud."

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Waiting in the wings should either of those two fluff their lines, is the Richard Hannon-trained pair **Night of Thunder (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and **Toormore (Ire)** (Arakan), who represent a stable successful three times in the last six renewals, including last year with **Toronado (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}). Night of Thunder, who captured last term's G1 2000 Guineas before running second to Guineas runner-up Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in the G1 St James's Palace S. here, regained the winning thread and provided Godolphin with an immediate return on investment in the May 16 G1 Lockinge S. at Newbury, besting Toormore in snug fashion. The stablemates have met on four prior occasions with Night of Thunder superior in each.

"Able Friend and Solow stand in our way and they are two very good horses, so, while we went there last year expecting Toronado to win, this time around we are hoping more than expecting," admitted Hannon. "Whatever their fate here, I feel that both will improve on what they did at Newbury, though to win they will probably have to. We think Night of Thunder will come on between four and five pounds as he did so well physically through the winter. He was in front plenty soon enough in the Lockinge, but James Doyle knows him better now and he did a smashing piece of work last Tuesday with Ivawood. Remember, he is the only horse to have ever beaten Kingman, so don't underestimate him. However, we feel that Toormore needed his Newbury run more than Night of Thunder, so he too has to go there with a solid chance. **cont. p6**



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“He is looking and moving great again now and we are happy with both of them.”

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QUEEN ANNE S.-G1, £375,000, 4yo/up, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	Able Friend (Aus)	Shamardal	Moreira	J Moore
2	2	Cougar Mountain (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	R Moore	A O'Brien
3	3	Glory Awaits (Ire)	Choisir (Aus)	de Sousa	K Ryan
4	8	Here Comes When (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Crowley	Balding
5	5	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Doyle	Hannon
6	4	Solow (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Guyon	Head
7	6	Toormore (Ire)	Arakan	Hughes	Hannon
8	1	Esoterique (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Boudot	Fabre

All carry 126 pounds bar Esoterique, 123.

STAND AND DELIVER

Sabena Power's white-and-red silks graced the winner's enclosure twice in Group 1 contests at last year's Royal meet, with bargain buy **Sole Power (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}) joining 10 other dual winners of the G1 King's Stand S. over the track's furious five furlongs. The globetrotting veteran, who has prevailed five times at the highest level, bids to become the first to secure three renewals and goes for the hat-trick coming off a win in Meydan's Mar. 28 G1 Al Quoz Sprint and a subdued sixth, when confronted by less than optimum conditions, in the May 23 G2 Greenlands S. at The Curragh.

“Mum was leading owner at Ascot last year, which was amazing,” said the owner's son Paddy Power. “We know just how lucky we are and there'll come the day when we won't even have a sniff of a runner. He wants really fast ground and a crazy pace so he can come through late on. I think he's got a good chance with a decent draw and not too much rain. You've got to have a bit of luck with hold-up sprinters and, last year, the luck fell for him in terms of ground, draw and gaps opening.”

Conditioner Eddie Lynam added, “His training has gone great, we're very happy with him and he loves the place. I know it's a big ask, but we're very hopeful.”

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum has registered just one winner in the contest, Dayjur (Danzig) in 1990, and has a live contender in **Muthmir (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) this time around. The gelded bay opened his campaign with a fifth in the May 13 G2 Duke of York S. at York, and benefitted from hold-up tactics when gaining a narrow verdict in the May 31 G2 Prix du Gros-Chene at Chantilly last time.

“Muthmir is in good form and is obviously one of our main hopes, but when your main hope is running in a King's Stand, a race which doesn't take long and a lot can happen, it's probably not ideal,” commented trainer William Haggas.

Northern raider **Mecca's Angel (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) has garnered five of her last six starts and makes the line-up coming back from an impressive win in the May 10 G3 Prix de Saint-Georges, where she lowered the Longchamp track record. **cont. p7**



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“We’ve always thought a lot of her, and both [jockey] Paul [Mulrennan] and I hold her in high regard,” revealed Co. Durham trainer Michael Dods. “It’s great to go to [Royal] Ascot with a proper horse that has a serious chance. She has natural ability, but the great thing is she can go pretty quick early on and doesn’t have to have cover. Paul can put her where he wants in the race as she has another gear and can quicken again in the final quarter mile. She’s always been pretty straightforward, but, temperament-wise, she has grown up a lot this year. She’s improving and has improved again since the race in France so we’re quite excited.”



Sole Power
Racing Post photo

Australian shippers annexed a further three renewals after Choisir (Aus) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}) registered a ground-breaking score in 2003, but have not succeeded since Scenic Blast (Aus) (Scenic {Ire}) seized glory on this date six years ago. Love Racing’s distaffer **Shamal Wind (Aus)** (Dubawi {Ire}), winner of the Feb. 28 G1 Oakleigh Plate at Caulfield in her latest start, is the sole antipodean in the field seeking to end the drought.

“Shamal Wind’s win in the Oakleigh was typical of her style in that she is a run-on sprinter,” explained trainer Robert Smerdon. “She has an explosive burst, but you have to time it exactly right and she has been narrowly beaten in races. She is a tricky ride, but, against that, we have the services of Ryan Moore which should stand us in good stead. [Bloodstock agent] James Harron bought the horse a year ago for her current owners and wanted her to run at Royal Ascot. She has taken the travelling well and is a tough mare with a determined attitude. It is a great a mare of her age still being competitive at the top level. She would be below the form of horses like Brazen Beau and Lankan Rupee in Australia, but she has got great form when she is a fresh from a break and her [five-furlong] form is her best. Royal Ascot is one the great international meetings of the whole calendar and it’s a marvellous position to be in. I worked in Epsom many years ago, but this will be my first visit to Royal Ascot.”

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2	3	Goldream (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Harley	Cowell
3	10	Hot Streak (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Spencer	K Ryan
4	12	Jack Dexter (GB)	Orienteer (GB)	Lynch	Goldie
5	5	Justice Day (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Egan	Elsworth
6	16	Lancelot du Lac (Ity)	Shamardal	Winston	Ivory
7	1	Medicean Man (GB)	Medicean (GB)	Moreira	Gask
8	9	Muthmir (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Hanagan	Haggas
9	17	Pearl Secret (GB)	Compton Place (GB)	Atzeni	Barron
10	18	Rangali (GB)	Namid (GB)	Veron	Pantall
11	2	Robot Boy (Ire)	Shamardal	Gibbons	Barron
12	6	Sole Power (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Hughes	Lynam
13	14	Spirit Quartz (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Benoist	Nakkachdj
14	11	Stepper Point (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Dwyer	Muir
15	19	Steps (Ire)	Verglas (Ire)	Crowley	Varian
16	8	Take Cover (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Kirby	Griffiths
17	13	Mecca's Angel (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Mulrennan	Dods
18	4	Shamal Wind (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	Moore	Smerdon
19	15	Wind Fire	Distorted Humor	Murphy	Brown

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PAR FOR THE COURSE

Of all the British races to concentrate the mind of Aidan O'Brien, Royal Ascot's G1 St James's Palace S. obviously takes high rank in importance with a record-equaling six winners emanating from Ballydoyle since the turn of the millennium. Traditionally by this time of year the Rosegreen establishment is hitting top stride and there is a sense that **Gleneagles (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) has yet to reach a peak despite already completing the G1 English and Irish 2000 Guineas double. Impressive at Newmarket May 2, the bay was less so in the Curragh equivalent three weeks later on ground deadened by plentiful rainfall in the build-up. Back on a sound surface on Tuesday, it takes a leap of the imagination not to foresee the continuation of a winning sequence interrupted only by the mechanics of the Longchamp stewards after his 2-year-old finale in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere.

"We're happy with him since the Curragh and everything has gone well," O'Brien said. "We were a bit worried about the ground at the Curragh and hopefully we'll get good fast ground at Ascot. Joseph rides him every day and seems very happy with him. Since the first day when he was fourth in a maiden at Leopardstown, every other day he's been very straightforward. He's relaxed now and doesn't do much when he gets to the front. He travels well and quickens well and is a lovely horse."

The last time the English and French Guineas winners met in this was in 2008, when the Newmarket hero Henrythenavigator prevailed for Ballydoyle and Longchamp victor Falco flopped. Despite the obvious merit of his all-the-way three-length defeat of his G1 Prix du Jockey Club-winning stable companion New Bay (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the May 10 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, **Make Believe (GB)** (Makfi {GB}) still has something to find to test Gleneagles. The forward-going style of Prince Faisal's bay even promises to set the race up perfectly for his Irish contemporary, leaving Olivier Peslier with a tactical dilemma.

"He does not need to lead, he could come from behind, too--we will just see how the race develops and I will leave that to his jockey," trainer Andre Fabre explained. "Make Believe has done well since making all the running in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains, though I have not done much work with him as he is quite a light horse. Fast ground would not be a real concern for him as Ascot always does a good job with the ground and it was pretty fast when he won the Poulains, but a drop of rain would be welcome. I see Make Believe as a real miler and I expect him to remain at this distance for the rest of the season. I was very impressed with Gleneagles in the 2000 Guineas; impressed with his conformation, with his action and with his attitude. He looks something special and will be difficult to beat."

Sir Michael Stoute has not supplied the winner of this since Shaadi gave him his sole success in 1989 and looks to the unbeaten **Consort (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) to end the drought.

Still totally unexposed, Highclere Thoroughbred Racing's grey showed the kind of acceleration which marks out the really talented when scoring on his comeback in Sundown's Listed Heron S. over this trip May 28. Immediately afterwards, his trainer suggested it was either this test or the Tercentenary, so the home signs have obviously been significant for him to enter the deep end.

"The interesting thing about Consort is he is physically changing all the time," Highclere's Harry Herbert said. "He has come out of the race at Sandown and looks a different horse. His work coming into this has been really good. He was quite a lazy worker last year, but this year he is really beginning to sparkle on the gallops. His last piece of work was highly impressive and that is what made Sir Michael decide to have a crack at the St James's Palace S. He is bred to go at least a mile and a quarter, but he has got a good turn of foot and does not lack speed. I am a massive fan of Gleneagles and it is a privilege to have a horse capable of competing against him. It will be a big task for Consort, but he goes into the race as a fresh and improving horse and it will be great for the owners to see just what sort of horse they have got."

Godolphin rely on last year's G1 Dewhurst S. winner **Belardo (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), who could not get past Gleneagles when fourth on a surface which favored him in the Irish Guineas, and the darker **Latharnach (Iffraaj {GB})**. The latter was second in the Listed King Charles II S. over seven furlongs at Newmarket on his 3-year-old bow May 16 and needs to have upwards of a stone in hand to figure here.

Ibrahim Araci's G3 Solario S. winner **Aktabantay (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) is another facing a tough task on his seasonal bow, having last been seen finishing sixth behind Gleneagles and co. in the Jean-Luc Lagardere. Trainer Hugo Palmer is hopeful he can hold his own.

"He looks fantastic, he hasn't let me down once this year in any of his work," he commented. "Since we got him back on track, he's had a faultless preparation which is what you need for these big races. It's the only opportunity the horse will have to run in the Group 1 over a mile against his own generation in this country."

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Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 4:20 p.m.

ST JAMES'S PALACE S.-G1, £405,315, 3yo, c, 8f

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	2	Aktabantay (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Atzeni	Palmer
2	1	Belardo (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Doyle	Varian
3	6	Consort (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Dettori	Stoute
4	5	Gleneagles (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien
5	3	Latharnach	Iffraaj (GB)	Buick	Appleby
6	4	Make Believe (GB)	Makfi (GB)	Peslier	Fabre

All carry 126 pounds.



SECONDS OUT

When Jim Bolger brings a top-rank juvenile to Royal Ascot, they usually pack a formidable punch and on Tuesday the master of Coolcullen arrives with **Round Two (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) in the G2 Coventry S. Unbeaten in two starts, Godolphin's representative beat the smart Argentero (GB) (Zoffany {Ire}) on debut in the same six-furlong Naas



Round Two
Racing Post photo

conditions race won by the stable's subsequent Coventry hero Dawn Approach (New Approach {Ire}) prior to annexing the May 23 Listed Marble Hill S. In that five-furlong Curragh contest, the bay saw off Ballydoyle's well-regarded Washington DC (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) despite the trip being on the sharp side and subsequently earned rave reviews from his breeder and trainer.

"I think my horse is very smart," jockey Kevin Manning said. "He's done everything we've asked of him. He was impressive at the Curragh, stepping back down to five furlongs and to do it the way he did it. He's very straightforward and has got a great temperament. The trip doesn't seem to be an issue to him and neither does the ground."

Also in the royal blue is the highly impressive Listed Woodcote S. scorer **Buratino (Ire)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), one of a trio of colts from the reinvented Mark Johnston stable. Leaving his prior form behind when scoring by six lengths in that June 6 Epsom contest, he is one of the most exposed in the line-up, but his trainer excels with these types and he boasts arguably the best form.

"Buratino is in great form," Johnston commented. "It was a tremendous win at Epsom, which earned him his place in this race. He has been defeated twice, but he looked to have improved for the step up to six furlongs last time out."

Heading up the opposition are a raft of colts who have as yet unlimited potential. One is Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith's **Air Force Blue** (War Front). From the Ballydoyle stable successful on a record-equaling seven occasions, the dark bay was off the mark on debut at The Curragh May 24 and the next two home have won since to frank the form.

"He got a little fizzy with Ryan [Moore] in the stalls first time, but traveled well and got a little tired in the last 50 yards," Aidan O'Brien said. "We're looking forward to running him. The six furlongs and lovely fast ground will suit."

Also representing Coolmore is Wesley Ward's runner **Finnegan (Ire)** (Unbridled's Song), who flashed his ability when a five-length winner of a five-furlong maiden special weight at Pimlico May 16.

"From the first time we breezed him, I felt this was his race," Ward commented. "He's a different type to some of the speed horses I've brought over in the past.

"He's a horse we think will go a mile later in the year and hopefully a mile and a quarter on the first Saturday in May next year. I know the Coventry S. is a very prestigious race with a lot of history, it is first and foremost a race I would like to win at Royal Ascot and it would be an honor to do it."

Another who comes here on the back of an impressive maiden win is Bill Gredley's **War Department (Ire)** (Frozen Power {Ire}), who looked all class when scoring by 4 1/2 lengths over this trip at Leicester May 26, while Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum also supplies an intriguing contender in the Ed Dunlop-trained **Qeyaadah (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}). While only a narrow winner on debut over this trip at Newbury May 15, the manner of his performance left a deep impression.

"We don't really know enough about our horse to know where he fits in," Shadwell's racing manager Angus Gold admitted. "He went to Newbury pretty much unfancied, having done not a great deal of work, and he surprised everybody with the way he quickened from in behind them. So we're still a bit in the dark, there's more experienced horses like Round Two and Mark Johnston has a few and there's Wesley Ward's. I think we'll do the same again, ride him to come home and see where he fits in."

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Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:05 p.m.

COVENTRY S.-G2, £120,000, 2yo, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Age of Empire (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Hughes	Hannon
2	11	Air Force Blue	War Front	Moore	A O'Brien
3	13	Beaverbrook (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Doyle	Johnston
4	18	Black Beach (GB)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Carroll	Levins
5	10	Buratino (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Buick	Johnston
6	8	Destroyer (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Dwyer	Muir
7	4	Eltezam (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Dettori	Hannon
8	3	Finnegan (Ire)	Unbridled's Song	Rosario	Ward
9	6	First Selection (Spa)	Diktat (GB)	de Sousa	Crisford
10	2	Maccus (Ire)	Fast Company (Ire)	Fortune	Meehan
11	15	Ocean Eleven (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Kirby	J Ryan
12	16	Ode to Evening (GB)	Poet's Voice (GB)	McDonald	Johnston
13	9	Qeyaadah (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Hanagan	E Dunlop
14	12	Round Two (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Manning	Bolger
15	17	Sign of the Kodiac (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Eaves	Given
16	1	Sir Roger Moore (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Atzeni	C Hills
17	7	War Department (Ire)	Frozen Power (Ire)	Queally	Haggas
18	14	Young John (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Hamilton	Fahey

All carry 127 pounds.

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 4:20 p.m.

PRINCE OF WALES'S S.-G1, £525,000, 4yo/up, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	6	California Chrome	Lucky Pulpit	Buick	Sherman
2	2	Cannock Chase	Lemon Drop Kid	Moore	Stoute
3	7	Criterion (NZ)	Sebring (Aus)	Schofield	Hayes
4	8	Ectot (GB)	Hurricane Run (Ire)	Benoist	Lellouche
5	4	Free Eagle (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Smullen	Weld
6	10	Gailo Chop (Fr)	Deportivo (GB)	Auge	de Watrigant
7	5	Spielberg (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Soumillon	Fujisawa
8	9	The Corsican (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Crowley	Simcock
9	1	The Grey Gatsby (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Spencer	K Ryan
10	3	Western Hymn (GB)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden

All carry 126 pounds.

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Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:40 p.m.

DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE S.-G2, £135,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Integral (GB)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Moore	Stoute	131
2	2	Bragging	Exchange Rate	Smullen	Stoute	129
3	3	Cladocera (Ger)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Soumillon	Royer-Dupre	129
4	1	Amazing Maria (Ire)	Mastercraftsmn (Ire)	Doyle	O'Meara	126
5	6	Euro Charline (GB)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Dettori	M Botti	126
6	4	Evita Peron (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Kingscote	Beckett	126
7	5	Lghtnng Thnder (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Atzeni	Stevens	126
8	8	Rizeena (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Buick	Brittain	126

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:05 p.m.

QUEEN MARY S.-G2, £100,000, 2yo, f, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	12	Abberley Dancer (Ire)	Lilbourne Lad (Ire)	Fahy	S Moore	
2	20	Acapulco	Scat Daddy	R Moore	W Ward	
3	3	Besharah (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Cosgrave	Haggas	
4	10	Bruised Orange	City Zip	Dettori	W Ward	
5	17	Caledonian Gold (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	Winston	d'Arcy	
6	7	Cobana Sand (Ire)	Captain Rio (GB)	Dobbs	Bravery	
7	15	Cry Me A River (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Lordan	Stack	
8	18	Dark Side Princess (GB)	Strategic Prince (GB)	Atzeni	Dwyer	
9	8	Delizia (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	de Sousa	Johnston	
10	1	Easton Angel (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Mulrennan	Dods	
11	19	Just Emma (GB)	Bertolini	Murphy	Tuite	
12	22	Kassia (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Harley	Channon	
13	16	Kurland (Ire)	Kheleyf	Sweeney	Meade	
14	6	Little Voice	Scat Daddy	Spencer	C Hills	
15	4	New Road Side (GB)	Paco Boy (Ire)	McHugh	Coyle	
16	5	Pity Cash (Ire)	Approve (Ire)	Egan	Evans	
17	21	Rah Rah (GB)	Lonhro (Aus)	Buick	Johnston	
18	14	Rebel Surge (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	L Morris	D Morris	
19	11	Ring of Truth (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Hughes	Hannon	
20	13	Rosealee (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	Tylicki	Gask	
21	23	Secret Tale (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Kirby	Osborne	
22	9	Shaden (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Turner	Lady Cecil	
23	2	Silk Bow (GB)	Elusive City	Eaves	Given	

All carry 126 pounds.

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 2:30 p.m.

JERSEY S.-G3, £75,000, 3yo, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Ivawood (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	Hughes	Hannon	132
2	9	Dutch Connection (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Crowley	C Hills	130
3	8	Aces (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Atzeni	C Hills	127
4	1	Bossy Guest (Ire)	Medicean (GB)	Bishop	Channon	127
5	5	Fanciful Angel (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Harley	M Botti	127
6	6	Father Frost (Ire)	Rip Van Winkle (Ire)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien	127
7	14	Harry Hurricane (GB)	Kodiac (GB)	Cosgrave	Baker	127
8	16	Hathal	Speightstown	Dettori	Haggas	127
9	2	Luck of the Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Rosario	W Ward	127
10	10	Mister Universe (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	de Sousa	Johnston	127
11	15	Sir Isaac Newton (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien	127
12	3	Toscanini (Ire)	Shamardal	Doyle	Halford	127
13	7	Tupi (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Dobbs	Hannon	127
14	13	Volatile (Swe)	Strategic Prince (GB)	Spencer	Long	127
15	12	Devonshire (Ire)	Fast Company (Ire)	Buick	McCreery	124
16	11	Fadhayil (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Hanagan	B Hills	124

AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

with James Willoughby



INTERNATIONAL CLASH MORE THAN TWO-HORSE AFFAIR

Unlike world title fights, showdowns between Great Horse A and Great Horse B are sometimes won by C, D or even E. It is one of the enduring truths of the sport that every horse has its

price.

In the much-vaunted clash between Able Friend and Solow which kicks off Royal Ascot in the G1 Queen Anne S., it may be worth giving some air time to the horse who leads the domestic challenge and may be a shade underrated, Night Of Thunder.

Don't get me wrong: Able Friend, the Hong Kong superstar, and the brilliant Dubai winner Solow are worth every word lavished on them in the wealth of preview ink spilt all round the world. There can be no doubt that these two horses are brilliant winners in their domain, and rightly reside near the head of any sane individual's world rankings.

It is important to recognise the significance of this clash to the Royal Ascot meeting--and what it says about global racing in the round. Foreign-trained challengers are not a new thing here, but the regularity of their participation, and the respect they are rightly afforded in betting markets now, says volumes for how far the sport has progressed. Racing is a global sport and its superstars by and large have international resonance.

What a spectacle it could be if Able Friend and Solow throw it down through the final half-furlong. But the brilliance of most horses, however widely celebrated, sometimes proves to be also a function of their environment. It is a rare horse who is impervious to circumstance, who can prevail no matter how the layout of the track, no matter what the state of the ground, no matter what the emphasis is on speed or stamina, early or late pace. Even Frankel was not thought capable of carrying his speed to a mile and a half, nor of taking on the Americans on dirt.



Night of Thunder
Racing Post

In the case of the Queen Anne, it could be that two brilliant horses are running into another who happens to be well suited by the test which the Queen Anne will throw up. For, it is fair to say, that Night Of Thunder can be brilliant himself on a straight track and off a strong gallop--the particular circumstances that should prevail in this eight-runner affair with a habitual front-runner in Glory Awaits, and others who might push the pace like Toormore. **cont. p11**



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Last May, Night Of Thunder won the straight-track G1 2,000 Guineas with a performance of insane quality ([video](#)). That he beat Kingman did not fit with the narrative of the season, nor with evidence of the pair's subsequent clash on a round track in the G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot last year, when Kingman laughed at his Newmarket conqueror. Fair enough: Kingman richly deserved to be regarded as the much superior horse on balance, but he wasn't that day. Night Of Thunder won despite veering across the track.

Every time you watch Able Friend, the same internal monologue is provoked: "Good grief, that is absolutely brilliant." His G1 Champions Mile win last time, for instance, was just ridiculous; under such fast conditions as are common at Sha Tin, how can a horse possibly express such disdain for his rivals; how can he look as if running at such speed is so easy?

At the same time, it seems as if the tempo of Hong Kong races, the position of the bend, the stop-start environment, the test of acceleration, must be to his liking. Ascot is different; it is attritional; it is stiff; it is unrelenting. Perhaps it will suit him also, in which case we are in for a treat.

For his part, Solow is also a horse of amazing ability. I will not belabour the point with the data this time. Suffice to say, the sectionals he runs are off-the-charts good and have an unusual element--he has twice run races where he actually gets faster in stages, which is a combination of his having very strong stamina and a turn of foot.

Again, however, the Queen Anne test of a straight mile is something new to him. Okay, if a horse can ship to Dubai and still demolish his rivals, as Solow did in the G1 Dubai Turf ([video](#)) in March, it seems a little contrary to doubt his versatility when he is also dominant on soft turf back home in France. But, to twist the old saying: to believe is human, to doubt is to be a punter.

Races don't follow the narrative anywhere near enough to suspend disbelief in the effects of randomness and circumstance; and when you find horses who can take their game any place, anywhere, it only increases respect in their ability. Solow might well do that and confirm the notion that he is the best in the world.

The best thing that could possibly happen for the glory of the sport is the two global champions meet their cue; a stirring duel with Solow striking for home as Able Friend stalks him and begins to accelerate like a wild horse. But these imaginings leave out Night of Thunder, a horse who only scrambled home in the steadily run G1 Lockinge S. on a straight track at Newbury last time, but who, when granted the additional platform of a strong gallop, beat fellow Group 1 winners Kingman, Australia, Charm Spirit and The Grey Gatsby in remarkable fashion in last year's Guineas.

It's perfectly reasonable to bill the Queen Anne as a match. Able Friend and Solow have earned it. At the same time, however, there just may be more depth to the race than some expect.

PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield



PRIX DE DIANE LONGINES-G1,
€1,000,000, CHY, 6-14, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT,
2:05.69, gd.

1--&**STAR OF SEVILLE (GB), 126, f, 3, by Duke of Marmalade (Ire)**

1st Dam: Stage Presence (Ire), by Selkirk

2nd Dam: Park Charger (GB), by Tirol (Ire)

3rd Dam: Haitienne (Fr), by Green Dancer

O/B-Lady Bamford (GB); T-John Gosden; J-Frankie Dettori. €571,400. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng, 6 starts, 4 wins, 1 place, €662,574. *1/2 to English Ballet (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$132,627. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

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Every now and then a few innocent words from my columns come back to haunt me. For example, my 2008 analysis of Duke of Marmalade's pedigree in the *TDN* included the sentence "Duke of Marmalade will eventually be a very welcome addition to the Coolmore roster, as he comes from a female line with a big reputation for producing stallions."

Coolmore's copy-writers leapt on this with the alacrity of a ravenous cougar and for the next few years my quote seemed to feature on just about every advertisement for Duke of Marmalade. It wasn't long before I began to regret this.

Although his first-crop yearlings were conceived at a fee of €40,000, their median price at the 2011 European yearling sales stood at only 41,000gns. Worse was to follow in 2012, when the young stallion's 37 runners in Britain and Ireland earned less than

£90,000, with only one managing to earn black-type. The knock-on effect was that Duke of Marmalade's 2012 yearlings, sired at €30,000, achieved a European median of 20,000gns.

In 2013, Duke of Marmalade was entrusted with only 30 mares, so it came as no great surprise when it was announced in May 2014 that this champion son of Danehill



Star of Seville
Racing Post photo

had been sold, to stand at Drakenstein Stud in South Africa. Coolmore's willingness to sell no doubt owed something to the fact that Duke of Marmalade's half-brother Ruler of the World had won the 2013 Derby and was destined to join the Coolmore roster in 2015.

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Caulfield cont.

Happily for Duke of Marmalade and Drakenstein, the stallion's record has taken a turn for the better since his first crop turned three in 2013, with the revival peaking when his daughter Star of Seville dominated the G1 Prix de Diane Longines two days ago. Another of his 3-year-olds, Sound of Freedom, won the G3 Premio Regina Elena, Italy's equivalent of the 1,000 Guineas.

Altogether he now has eight group winners and a further nine stakes winners from his first three Northern Hemisphere crops.

STAR OF SEVILLE (GB), c, 2012

Duke of Marmalade (Ire)	Danehill	Danzig	Northern Dancer Pas de Nom
		Razyana	His Majesty Spring Adieu
	Love Me True	Kingmambo	Mr. Prospector Miesque
		Lassie's Lady	Alydar Lassie Dear
Stage Presence (Ire) 11-2-1-0, \$19,760 9Fls, 2GSW	Selkirk	Sharpen Up (GB)	Atan Rocchetta (GB)
		Annie Edge (Ire)	Nebbiolo (GB) Friendly Court
	Park Charger (GB) MSP, 12-2-1-4 9Fls, 1GSW 2GSP	Tirol (Ire)	Thatching (Ire) Alpine Niece (GB)
		Haitienne (Fr) 12Fls, 1SP	Green Dancer Hamada

The remarkable aspect of his record is that seven of the eight group winners are fillies, the sole interloper being the gelding Hall of Mirrors (G3 Royal Whip S.). The fillies also outnumber the males five to four among the nine stakes winners, which means that 12 of the 17 black-type winners are members of the supposedly weaker sex. The female team also features the likes of Venus de Milo, who went close to winning the 2013 Irish Oaks.

I suppose this dominance of Duke of Marmalade's daughters could be attributed to the power of his own female line. His third dam is the celebrated Lassie Dear, hence my comment that Duke of Marmalade comes from a female line with a big reputation for producing stallions.

Look through the sires of GI Breeders' Cup winners and you will find the names of one of Lassie Dear's sons, Deerhound (sire of Juvenile Fillies winner Countess Diana) and three of her grandsons, namely A.P. Indy (Juvenile Fillies winner Tempera), Summer Squall (Juvenile Fillies winner Storm Song) and Honor Grades (Distaff winner Adoration). Then there's her great-grandson Kipling (Mile winner Kip Deville). Is it just a coincidence that four of these five Breeders' Cup winners are fillies? Fillies of course accounted for 16 of A.P. Indy's 28 Grade I winners and for three of Summer Squall's four. Lemon Drop Kid, another of Lassie Dear's grandsons, has five fillies among his six Grade I winners, so it was perhaps predictable that Duke of Marmalade would prove a better sire of fillies than colts.

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12 June **CAPAR GIRL** WON New Start Stakes-L.R.

7 June **OM** 3rd Affirmed Stakes-Gr.3.

29 May **COLERFUL BRIDE** WON Bob Bryant Stakes-L.R.

Brilliant sprinter by Speightstown

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Caulfield cont.

Star of Seville's trainer John Gosden understandably believes that a mile and a half is too far for his filly, following her performance in the Investec Oaks (in which she was badly hampered after losing the lead). Duke of Marmalade did stay that distance well enough as a 4-year-old to record a narrow victory in the King George, but his champion status owed more to his four Group 1 successes at around a mile and a quarter.

It is fair to say that Danehill owes his reputation as a brilliant sire of sires largely to his sprinters and milers, such as Dansili, Danehill Dancer, Exceed And Excel, Redoute's Choice, Fastnet Rock and Rock of Gibraltar. Spare a thought, though, for his middle-distance sons, several of which are having a good time this year. The Arc winner Dylan Thomas--now classed as a National Hunt sire--enjoyed a recent Group 1 double with Pether's Moon and Dylan Mouth. The sub-fertile Cacique has also added to his reputation via Slumber, whose recent Manhattan S. success makes him the third Grade I winner from an initial crop of 29. Then there's Tiger Hill, whose current representatives include Oaks d'Italia winner Lovelyn.

If a mile and a half is too far for the free-running Star of Seville, the bottom half of her pedigree is probably to blame.

Star of Seville's Classic success came just a day after her family had enjoyed another victory. This came over five furlongs at Chester via the Acclamation 2-year-old Ejaazah, who became the first winner for English Ballet, a close relative of Star of Seville. English Ballet was sired by another, speedier son of Danehill in Danehill Dancer and she displayed some of her sire's precocity in winning the G3 Sweet Solera S. over seven furlongs at two in 2006, when she was also placed in the G1 Fillies' Mile.

The Diane winner's second dam, Stage Presence, is a daughter of the top-class miler Selkirk and she too did her winning at up to a mile. Selkirk's broodmare daughters have enjoyed plenty of success with the Danehill male line, notably producing Group 1 winners to Danehill and Rock of Gibraltar, but the most popular choice for them has been Oasis Dream. They have 47 foals of racing age (including seven 2-year-olds) by this champion sprinter and their statistics have been pretty spectacular. They have 29 winners from 34 starters, including eight black-type winners (17%). This explains why Stage Presence has 2011, 2013 and 2015 foals by Oasis Dream, the first being the winning miler Sacred Act and the second a filly named Stage Queen.

Stage Presence had a distinguished half-sister in Rum Charger. This daughter of Spectrum was a winner at listed and Group 3 levels over seven furlongs before becoming the dam of Winchester, a Theatrical colt who will be remembered in America. After finishing seventh in the 2008 Irish Derby, Winchester was sent to Arlington Park, where he won the GI Secretariat S.

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That victory led to his spending the next phase of his career in the States, and he eventually added three more major turf successes, in the Woodford Reserve Manhattan H., Joe Hirsch Turf Classic and Sword Dancer Invitational. Unfortunately the final phase of Winchester's career--in Australia--proved much less rewarding.

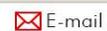
Star of Seville's fourth dam Hamada was a smart sprinter-miler in France and her fifth dam, the Klairon mare Helvetie, was the second dam of the 1994 Derby winner Erhaab. They are by no means the only Classic winners from this female line, as it traces back to Rosetta, ancestress of such as Altesse Royale, Bustino and Nocturnal Spree.



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OBS JUNE SALE STARTS TUESDAY

by *Jessica Martini*

The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's June Sale of 2-Year-Olds and Horses of Racing Age kicks off in Ocala Tuesday morning, with the first of 1,166 horses catalogued for the four-day auction scheduled to head into the ring at 10:30 a.m. The June sale follows in the wake of record-setting renewals of the OBS March and April 2-Year-Old sales and OBS officials are looking for the momentum to continue this week.

"There are a lot of quality horses here on the grounds," said OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski. "From walking around the barn area, there are a lot of people out looking. There are a lot of people who still have orders to fill. People are using June more and more. They recognize there are quality horses here and I think this is the best bunch of horses we've had."



Hip 469 breezing at OBS Wednesday.
Tibor Szlavik

During last year's June sale, 712 horses grossed \$22,539,500 for an average of \$31,657 and a median of \$20,000. A filly by Indian Charlie brought the auction's top price when selling for \$500,000 to Bridlewood Farm.

Once considered the juvenile sales season's last gasp, the June sale has evolved into a destination in its own right.

"I think June is no longer just the sale that catches the tail end of anything," Wojciechowski said. "It's a quality horse sale in its own right."

Consignor Kevin McKathan agreed.

"June used to be a sale that you ended up in, but in my barn, June is a sale I point a lot of horses for," McKathan said. "Some horses need more time. And you're also getting a lot of horses who might have been in March and had hiccups or got sick. You still get a lot of really nice horses here that are coming from another spot and giving people another opportunity at them."

The increased strength of the OBS April sale has led to a stronger June catalogue.

"June has gotten really strong," McKathan said. "The way April has gotten, a lot of horses are eliminated out of April so they don't have anywhere to go but June. So you have those horses and then the horses that are pointed that way anyway. The sale has gotten strong enough that people are pointing for the June sale."

With 1,115 2-year-olds and 49 older horses catalogued, including one older horse and 32 2-year-olds added in the supplemental catalogue, the June sale will run Tuesday through Friday with sessions beginning daily at 10:30 a.m.

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Monday's Results:

5th-PRX, \$43,650, Alw, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.09, ft.

MANHATTAN MISCHIEF, (g, 4, [Into Mischief](#)--[Western Melody](#) {SP}, by [West by West](#)) was an impressive first-out victor in his six-panel debut here Mar. 23, defeating three subsequent winners in the process. The bay returned to finish second as the lukewarm favorite over that same local trip May 3, and recently raced evenly in a third-place effort over a grassy seven panels at Belmont May 21. Hammered down to 1-5 favoritism in this spot, Manhattan Mischief was away sharply and took back to flank a pair of dueling leaders through a quarter-mile in :22.31. Sent up three wide to gain command turning for home, he strode home to notch a 1 3/4-length score despite racing erratically though the stretch. The winner is a half to D' Country (D'wildcat), SP, \$206,410. Sales History: \$20,000 Ylg '12 KEEJAN; \$240,000 RNA 2yo '13 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$70,100. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Treblanna Stable; B-Patrick Costello & Ledgelands LLC (KY); T-James Klesaris.

1st-PID, \$27,130, Msw, 6-15, 2yo, 4 1/2f (AWT), :52.24, ft.

SAVE THE DRAMA (c, 2, [Big Drama](#)--[Powerful Two Punch](#), by [Two Punch](#)) closed well to finish second beaten a neck behind Iluvbeefstew (Portobello Road) in his trip-and-track debut May 31. Pounded down to 3-5 favoritism as part of a two-horse entry in this spot, he broke alertly and stalked the pace from the three path through a quarter-mile in :22.85. Set down for the drive, the bay responded well and edged past Yo Phat (Custom for Carlos) in deep stretch to prevail by a neck. The winner is the second for his freshman sire (by Montbrook). Sales History: \$20,000 Wlg '13 OBSOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$21,600. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Clyde D. Rice; B-Kirk Laneve (FL); T-Kevin Rice.

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Pretorio (Ire) (Aussie Rules) wins at Le Lion D'Angers.

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New York

Extension Granted for Comment on Saratoga Redevelopment Plan:

by Mike Kane

The comment period on a massive redevelopment plan of Saratoga Race Course by the New York Racing Association has been extended by two weeks, Saratoga Springs Mayor Joanne Yepsen said Monday.

With the original comment period for the environmental review of the multi-year project set to expire on June 15, Yepsen contacted Robert Williams, chairman of the Franchise Oversight Board, which monitors NYRA, on Friday and asked for a 30-day extension. Yepsen said that residents of Saratoga Springs had reached out to her last week with some concerns about the redevelopment--which has an estimated cost of between \$110 million and \$170 million--and wanted a bit more time to take a look at the plans for America's oldest racetrack.

Among the changes being proposed on the frontside areas accessible to the public, is a major new entrance to the track on Lincoln Ave. near Siro's Restaurant; construction of the three-story clubhouse extension with a restaurant and space for high-end hospitality and luxury suites at the site of the At the Rail dining tent; a new permanent building in the paddock that would house the racing office and the jockey's quarters, which might end the Saratoga tradition of jockeys walking through the crowd before and after races; expanding the backyard area to Union Avenue, eliminating over 600 parking spaces; moving the clubhouse entrance closer to the Wright St. gate, which would create more space for the clubhouse addition; redesign of the paddock to improve sight lines for spectators (click [here](#) to view the project on the NYRA website).

Funding for the project will come from revenue NYRA receives from the video lottery terminal casino at Aqueduct Racetrack.

The five-person FOB voted unanimously to move the deadline for the comment period to June 29, said Lee Park, the spokesman for the New York State Gaming Commission.

"I'm grateful to the Franchise Oversight Board, the OGS (NYS Office of General Services) and NYRA for granting two more weeks of a public comment period," Yepsen said. "I think that gives residents a chance to review a very hefty proposal of 21 projects and allow them some more time to digest the information and move forward with their written remarks.

"One thing I've heard is that around the track the neighbors are concerned about traffic patterns. I think they are trying to go through all of the diagrams and the maps and get a handle on what this mean for the city and for their neighborhood."

Yepsen said the NYRA changes on the west side of the state-owned property and expansion at the nearby Saratoga Casino and Raceway could produce quite a bit of traffic along Nelson Ave. She said it might be a good time for the state Department of Transportation to take a look at access to that part of the city.

The redevelopment of Saratoga Race Course is not a new subject. Turnberry Consulting of London unveiled its plans for Saratoga Race Course on Sept. 1, 2011, but there was little talk about the project after New York State took control of NYRA in May 2012 and a temporary Re-Organization Board was put in place. However, there were two public hearings conducted in 2013, which generated minimal comment. Plans for the project surfaced again in late April, to the surprise of many people, including Yepsen, when NYRA presented documents to the FOB that were approved. The comment period was established and a public hearing was held on May 28 in Saratoga Springs. NYRA did not participate in the public hearing.

Yepsen said she would welcome another informational meeting on the redevelopment proposal, though none had been scheduled on Monday.

"I think that would be great," she said. "It's hard for a lay person to read the environmental review and really understand it. Even our Local Advisory Board said that this is a lot to digest and they are a little more informed about NYRA and the plans than others. Anytime a presentation could be done for the public it would certainly give everyone more opportunity to review it."

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Team Valor International racing partners and Barry and Kathleen Irwin presented Mercedes Hernandez with the John R. Velazquez Scholarship on Saturday at Belmont Park. Hernandez' scholarship will total \$20,000 over the course of her studies. She is an incoming freshman at SUNY-Cobleskill with a major in Equine Science. Her father is a groom at Belmont for trainer John Terranova.

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ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, June 16

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

CHECKLIST (Gone West), 10/1/0

8-IND, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Solana Beach, 7-2

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STAKES RESULTS:

BUDWEISER H., \$50,000, EMD, 6-14, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.57, ft.

1--**STRYKER PHD**, 122, g, 6, **Bertrando--Striking Scholar**, by **Smart Strike**. (\$45,000 Ylg '10 WASSEP). O-Jim & Mona Hour; B-Char Clark Thoroughbreds & Todd Havens (WA); T-Larry D. Ross; J-Leslie Mawing. \$27,500. Lifetime Record: GSW, 19-6-5-5, \$348,151. * 1/2 to Madame Pele (Salt Lake), MSW, \$156,022.

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2--**Noosito**, 118, c, 4, Harbor the Gold--Julia Rose, by Basket Weave. (\$55,000 Ylg '12 WASSEP). O-Last Rose Stable; B-Bar C Racing Stables Inc (WA); T-Doris Harwood. \$10,000.

3--**Absolutely Cool**, 119, g, 8, Absolute Harmony--Coup de Foudre, by Basket Weave. O-Karl C. Krieg, III; B-Karl Charles Krieg (WA); T-Tom Wenzel. \$7,500.

Margins: NK, 2HF, 4HF. Odds: 0.70, 5.10, 14.60. Also Ran: Scat Daddybaby, Prohibition, Mebossman, Shooting Jacket, Mike Man's Gold, Del Rio Harbor, Trick Or Retreat, Until You. Scratched: Twistgrips.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, \$62,880, 6-15, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5fT, :58.43, fm.

WHISPERING FOREST (g, 5, **Forest Danger--Whisper Loudly**, by **Real Quiet**) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-2, \$120,360. O-Andrew Sulley; B-Joseph Besecker (PA); T-Patricia Farro. * \$1,000 Ylg '11 KEEJAN.

7th-DEL, \$32,760, 6-15, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:52.31, gd.

DESVELO (ARG), (g, 6, **Sunray Spirit--Delambre {Brz}**, by **Rainbow Corner {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 23-4-3-3, \$115,984. O-Ninety North Racing Stable; B-La Manija (ARG); T-Kelly Rubley. * 1/2 to Davide (Arg) (Orpen), Ch. All-Weather Horse-Sin; and Dedini (Arg) (Orpen), MG1SP-Arg.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Currency Exchange, g, 3, **Curlin**--Rahy Dolly (GISP), by Rahy. SA, 6-14, 6 1/2fT, 1:14.69. B-Summer Wind Farm (KY). * \$45,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP.

Wake Up Mama, f, 3, **Hold Me Back**--Relentless Barbara, by Northern Afleet. PRX, 6-15, 6 1/2f, 1:18.14. B-Xanthus Farms Inc. & Barbara Rickline (PA). * \$10,000 Ylg '13 OBSAUG; \$15,000 2yo '14 OBSOPN.

Firm and Gracious, f, 3, **Stonesider**--Squaw Valley, by Indian Charlie. FL, 6-15, 5 1/2f, 1:06.37. B-Sage Stables (NY). * 1/2 to Petrocelli (Disco Rico), SP, \$179,884.



WINNERS BY AMERICAN SIRES

IN JAPAN:

Santa Evita (Jpn), f, 4, **Smart Strike**--Evita Argentina (GISW, \$611,400), by Candy Ride (Arg). Hanshin, 6-14, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$113,821. O-Silk Co.; B-Shiraoi Farm; T-Hiroyoshi Matsuda.

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Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 5:35 p.m.

WINDSOR CASTLE S.-Listed, £60,000, 2yo, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	23	Aragon Knight (GB)	Kheleyf	Lane	Main
2	25	Archimedes (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Crowley	Cole
3	16	Ard San Aer (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Manning	Bolger
4	3	Areen (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Spencer	K Ryan
5	12	Halsall (GB)	Kodiac (GB)	Lynch	O'Meara
6	9	Harvard Man (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Fortune	Meehan
7	19	Hot Stuff (GB)	Assertive (GB)	Cosgrave	Baker
8	20	Its in the Rain (Fr)	Slickly (Fr)	Hamelin	Palussiere
9	5	Just Glamorous (Ire)	Arcano (Ire)	Drowne	Harris
10	13	Lathom (GB)	Compton Place (GB)	Hamilton	Fahey
11	7	Nelspruit (Ire)	Makfi (GB)	Dobbs	Hannon
12	17	Orvar (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Hughes	Hannon
13	21	Ravenhoe (Ire)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	de Sousa	Johnston
14	26	Roll On Rory (GB)	Mullionmileanhour (Ire)	Dettori	J Ward
15	8	Sahreej (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	Hanagan	C Hills
16	1	Silver Wings (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	Egan	Evans
17	27	Sir Theodore (Ire)	Arcano (Ire)	Peslier	Morris
18	4	Soapy Aitken (GB)	Pastoral Pursuits (GB)	Kirby	Cox
19	18	Stamp Hill (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Berry	Murtagh
20	14	Steady Pace (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Doyle	bin Surroo
21	6	Washington DC (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien
22	22	Wedge (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	Levey	Hannon
23	15	Caledonian Gold (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	Harley	d'Arcy
24	2	Dream Dreamer (GB)	Dream Ahead	Buick	Osborne
25	24	Opal Tiara (Ire)	Thousand Words (GB)	Bishop	Channon
26	10	Ruby Notion	Great Notion	Rosario	W Ward
27	11	Socialites Red (GB)	Sakhee's Secret (GB)	Morris	Dixon

Windsor Castle A Wide-Open Affair:

Tuesday's Listed Windsor Castle S. at Royal Ascot looks wide-open, with the European team facing yet another challenger from the Wesley Ward stable which took the race by storm 12 months ago with Hootenanny (Quality Road). From Ballydoyle is **Washington DC (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}), who found only Tuesday's leading G2 Coventry S. protagonist Round Two (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) too strong in the Listed Marble Hill S. over this trip at The Curragh May 23.

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Windsor Castle cont.

He faces the Ward filly **Ruby Notion** (Great Notion), who booked her place in this line-up when winning a 4 1/2-furlong Churchill maiden claiming race by 3 1/4 lengths May 14. Also of intrigue are the unbeaten Clive Cox trainee **Soapy Aitken (GB)** (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}) and Saleh Al Homaizi and Imad Al Sagar's May 23 Salisbury maiden scorer **Orvar (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}). The latter is one of three from the Richard Hannon stable and that trainer is hoping to bring an end to the stable's blank in this particular event. "The Windsor Castle Stakes is the one race at the Royal meeting that we have yet to win, but it is a Listed race in name only these days and, as last year when Hootenanny won for America, it will be very tough," he said. "Orvar does everything so easily at home and he won very well on his debut at Salisbury. Nearly all ours need their first run, so to win first time was very encouraging." Godolphin's **Steady Pace (GB)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) ran into two very smart rivals in King of Rooks (GB) (Acclamation {GB}) and Buratino (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) when third in Sandown's Listed National S. over this trip last time May 28 and trainer Saeed bin Suroor believes he had a valid excuse there. "I think Steady Pace is my best chance, as he is a horse I like and he has improved a lot," he said. "When he was beaten at Sandown last time we found that he was not well after the race and was coughing. He has plenty of speed and he worked really well in his last serious piece of work."

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 5:35 p.m.

SANDRINGHAM H.-Listed, £70,000, 3yo, f, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	14	Osaila (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Dettori	Hannon	133
2	9	Jellicle Ball (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Moore	Gosden	128
3	4	Always Smile (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Doyle	bin Suroor	126
4	7	Risen Sun (GB)	Shamardal	Buick	Appleby	124
5	16	Realtra (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Hamilton	Fahey	124
6	1	Rive Gauche (GB)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Cosgrave	Haggas	123
7	2	Bronze Maquette (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Hughes	Ghazali	123
8	15	Mothers Finest (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Harley	Burke	123
9	8	Amaze Me (GB)	Aqlaam (GB)	Egan	Littmoden	120
10	13	Sulaalaat (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Hanagan	Meehan	120
11	12	Pack Together (GB)	Paco Boy (Ire)	Levey	Hannon	120
12	5	Touchline (GB)	Excd and Excl (Aus)	Spencer	Bell	119
13	11	Kodiva (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Murphy	C Hills	119
14	10	Muffri'ha (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Bentley	Haggas	119
15	17	Tazffin (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Atzeni	Varian	119
16	6	Lovely Surprise (Ire)	Shamardal	Queally	Mohammed	119
17	3	Hundi (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Kingscote	C Hills	119

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Monday's Results:

2nd-WDS, £5,000, Mdn, 6-15, 2yo, 5f 10yT, 1:00.97, g/f.

ALKHOR (GB), (c, 2, Exceed and Excel {Aus}--Ruse {GB}, by Diktat {GB}), a 230,000gns TATOCT yearlong, was second after a tardy start on debut at Goodwood June 5 and broke more professionally before being restrained to race towards the rear. Belying greenness to make his way to the front with a furlong remaining, the 2-7 chalk was pushed out to score by 3/4 of a length from Raj To Riches (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$6,513. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Whatton Manor Stud (GB); T-Richard Hannon.

1st-NOT, £4,500, Mdn, 6-15, 2yo, 5f 13yT, 1:00.26, g/s.

+ SHAWAAHID (IRE), (c, 2, Elnadim--Vexatious {Ire}, by Shamardal), a 42,000gns TATFOA weanling and 100,000gns TAOCT yearling, raced keenly behind the early leaders initially. Collaring the long-time leader Field of Vision (Ire) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}) in the final yards, the 15-8 second choice asserted to score by a neck. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,530. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Cecil and Martin McCracken (IRE); T-Richard Hannon.

Sunday Night's Result:

5th-LLD, €27,000, Cond, 3yo, 10fT, 2:18.49, sf.

PRETORIO (IRE) (c, 3, Aussie Rules--England's Legend {Fr} {GISW-US & SW-Fr, \$948,136}, by Lure), who broke his maiden over slightly shorter at Longchamp May 19, was sent off the 6-4 pick and raced in second early with no cover. In front at halfway, the €28,000 ARQOCT yearling took total control in early stretch and surged clear to score impressively by five lengths from Oasis Morning (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €31,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Lutz Bongen; B-SC Ecurie de Meautry (Ire); T-M & S Nigge.

WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES

IN JAPAN:

Melagrana (Aus), f, 3, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Ghaliah (Aus), by Secret Savings. Hanshin, 6-14, Plate Race, 7fT. Lifetime Record : 3-2-0-0, \$101,626. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Emirates Park Pty Ltd; T-Manabu Ikezoe.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- + **Kelly's Dino (Fr)**, c, 2, **Doctor Dino (Fr)**--Sabolienne (Fr), by Marchand de Sable. CAR, 6-15, 5f 193yT, 1:15.10. B-2 O S. C.E.A. De Maulepaire (FR). €25,000 Ylg '14 OSLATE.
- Rathbride Raven (GB)**, f, 2, **Raven's Pass**--Broadway Hit (GB), by Sadler's Wells. SLI, 6-15, 6f 200yT, 1:31.89. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB). *12,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.
- Reine Magique (GB)**, f, 3, **Mount Nelson (GB)**--Reading Habit (MSW-US, \$133,940), by Half a Year. NRT, 6-14, 7 1/2fT, 1:24.78. B-Newsells Park Stud (GB). *11,000gns RNA Ylg '12 TATFOA. **1/2 to Grafitti (GB) (Dansili {GB}), MSW-Swe & MSP-Nor, \$233,444.
- Freedom Rock (GB)**, f, 3, **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**--Be Free (GB), by Selkirk. CAR, 6-15, 9f 61yT, 1:58.90. B-Mrs S. Hamilton & Kirtlington Stud Ltd (GB). €22,000 RNA Ylg '13 GOFORB; 12,000gns Ylg '13 TATYEA.

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
June 20	GII Summertime Oaks	SA
	GIII Obeah S.	DEL
	GIII Bed o' Roses H.	BEL
June 21	GII King Edward S.	WO
	GIII Pegasus S.	MTH
June 27	GI Mother Goose S.	BEL
	GI Triple Bend S.	SA
	GI The Gold Cup at Santa Anita	SA
	GII Firecracker S.	CD
	GII Royal Heroine S.	SA
	GIII Senorita S.	SA
	GIII Iowa Derby	PRM
	GIII Iowa Oaks	PRM
	GIII Bashford Manor S.	CD
GIII Eatontown S.	MTH	
June 28	GIII San Juan Capistrano S.	SA
July 1	GIII Dominion Day S.	WO
July 3	GIII Molly Pitcher S.	MTH
July 4	GI Belmont Derby Invitational	BEL
	GI Belmont Oaks Invitational	BEL



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