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'PHAROAH' DRAWS FOUR IN HASKELL

Zayat Stables's **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile) drew post four in what will be his first start since his historic sweep of the Triple Crown in Sunday's \$1.75 million GI William Hill Haskell Invitational S., which is a "Win and You're In" event for the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. Monmouth Park's oddsmaker Brad Thomas has installed the champion as the 1-5 morning-line favorite in this field of eight.

"He's holding his form and that's the whole key after all he's been through," said Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, who is seeking a record eighth Haskell victory. "He had to show me that before I put him on the plane. My job is to keep him healthy and happy and ready to roll."



American Pharoah | Sarah K. Andrew

Ralph Evans and WinStar Farm's GI Holy Bull S. winner **Upstart**

(Flatter) is the second choice on the morning line at 6-1. The Rick Violette trainee, who is making his first start since a disappointing effort in the GI Kentucky Derby May 2, will exit the one-hole with Joe Bravo in the irons for the first time.

Hometown hero and 'TDN Rising Star' **Mr. Jordan** (Kantharos) will break just to the right of American Pharoah in stall five and is 15-1 on the morning line. Trained by Eddie Plesa and ridden by Paco Lopez, the speedy gray was last seen winning this venue's GI Pegasus S. June 21.

Fellow 'TDN Rising Star' **Competitive Edge** (Super Saver), winner of last term's GI Hopeful S. and this year's GI Pat Day Mile S. May 2, drew the two-hole and is the third choice at 8-1. He is also entered in Saturday's GI Jim Dandy S. at Saratoga. Competitive Edge will be joined by fellow Todd Pletcher trainees **Nonna's Boy** (Distorted Humor), who will exit post three at 30-1, and **Dontbetwithbruno** (Tiz Wonderful), who drew the outside stall at the same morning-line quote.

Also entered are GI Belmont S. third-place finished **Keen Ice** (Curlin), who drew the six-hole and was given a 12-1 shot; and recent Monmouth allowance winner **Top Clearance** (Majestic Warrior), who will break from gate six. He is also 30-1 on the morning line.

"We have never had a Triple Crown winner race in New Jersey before," said Dennis Drazin, the consultant to Darby Development LLC, the operator of the track. "This will be a historic day for Monmouth Park. I am so proud to have this stellar field, led by a Triple Crown winner, competing in the Haskell." **Field p3**

THE NIGHT AND DAY THAT ARLINGTON DIED

by Alan Carasso

Wednesday, July 31, 1985, dawned a normal midsummer morning in Arlington Heights, Illinois, some 45 minutes from downtown Chicago. I was an 18-year-old high school graduate from nearby Wheeling High School, fresh from a homesick-shortened trip to Germany (I studied the language in school) and a handful of days from packing up my belongings to move into Bromley Hall for my first semester at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



The old grandstand at Arlington Park
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Later that morning, I had on WBBM-AM radio, when words to this effect were uttered:

"There is a fire at Arlington Park Racetrack."

Two summers earlier, I'd watched Tolomeo (Ire) become the only 3-year-old to take down the Arlington Million (upsetting John Henry in its third running) and now the track was on fire?

Nah. Can't be much, right?

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Mr. Jordan gallops at Monmouth Thursday morning

Sarah K. Andrew

4,164 Yearlings in KEESEP Catalog

Keeneland has catalogued 4,164 yearlings for its Keeneland September Yearling Sale, to be held Sept. 14-26. Prominent sires represented in the Keeneland September catalog include Dansili (GB), Bernardini, Candy Ride (Arg), Distorted Humor, Mastercraftsman (Ire), Pioneerof the Nile, Tapit, Uncle Mo and War Front.

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Lasix Clouding Drug Issue

Team Valor International's Barry Irwin pens an op/ed supporting the bill headed to the House of Representatives that seeks to install USADA as the governing body of drugs in Thoroughbred racing.

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Goodwood Results

Big Orange (GB) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) edged out his two chief market rivals in a three-horse war at the wire of the G2 Goodwood Cup. A pair of juveniles also found success at Glorious Goodwood with **Shalaa (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) capturing the G2 Richmond S. and **Simple Verse (Ire)** (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) scoring in the G3 Fillies' S.



Simple Verse | *Racing Post*

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9:35a	Thoroughbred S.-G3, GOO	(Brisnet.com PPs)
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11:55a	L'Ormarins Queens Plate S.-G3, GOO	(Brisnet.com PPs)



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PHAROAH TAKES A SPIN AROUND MTH

Triple Crown winner **American Pharoah** (Pioneer of the Nile) took his first spin around the Oceanport oval



American Pharoah on the track
Thursday morning | Sarah K. Andrew

Thursday morning after the first renovation break around 7:30 a.m. in preparation for Sunday's GI William Hill Haskell Invitational. The bay, who arrived in the Garden State Wednesday afternoon, jogged once around the track the opposite way under a tight

hold from regular exercise rider Jorge Alvarez.

Although American Pharoah understandably attracted the most attention during his jog, two other contenders were on the track during the designated time for Haskell starters in GIII Pegasus S. winner **Mr. Jordan** (Kantharos) and Gary and Mary West's **Top Clearance** (Majestic Warrior). Both Mr. Jordan and Top Clearance galloped. American Pharoah is slated to gallop at 7:30 a.m. Friday morning and will school in the paddock before Friday's first race at around 12:30 p.m.

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4	American Pharoah	Pioneer of the Nile	Espinoza	Baffert	122
5	Mr. Jordan	Kantharos	Lopez	Plesa Jr.	118
6	Keen Ice [Ⓚ]	Curlin	Dsrmeaux	Romans	118
7	Top Clearance	Majestic Warrior	A. Castlino	Catalano	118
8	Dontbetwithbruno [Ⓚ]	Tiz Wonderful	N/A	Pletcher	118

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The early reports were that the fire was confined to a small area in the western part of the plant; it was even suggested that officials were hopeful that racing could go on as scheduled.



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At one point, the fire, which reportedly began in the horsemen's lounge adjacent to the lush Post and Paddock Club during the early-morning hours, was thought to have been under control. But unbeknownst to the firefighters, the flames found their way into numerous hidden spaces and false ceilings, ultimately giving the fire access to essentially the entire length of the grandstand.

From my home about eight miles north and east of Arlington, the smoke became thicker and increasingly black. The once-smallish blaze had morphed into an inferno. Hundreds of firefighters and first responders from nearly 20 communities in the north and northwest



The Arlington grandstand succumbs to the fire | youtube.com

suburbs of Chicago tried to tame the fire. But, as is often the case, the fire won, and spent firefighters became little more than spectators, reduced to simply allowing the conflagration to burn itself out.

this fire--we weren't successful," a sullen Arlington Heights Fire Chief Bruce Rodewald, who had been on the job for less than a year, told the Chicago CBS television affiliate, Channel 2.

suburbs of Chicago tried to tame the fire. But, as is often the case, the fire won, and spent firefighters became little more than spectators, reduced to simply allowing the conflagration to burn itself out.

"We've done everything humanly possible to extinguish

I, too, became a spectator. I left my home to witness personally the devastation and watched the 'old lady' burn from the parking lot of the Arlington Park train station. And the track that had hosted the likes of Citation and Secretariat--and fewer than 12 months earlier John Henry for a third time--was nothing more than a twisted maze of melted I-beams and charred wood. No people or horses were injured in the blaze.

The Duchossois Era...

For decades, the name Richard L. Duchossois has been synonymous with Chicago Thoroughbred racing. A Chicago-area native, Duchossois, served in five European campaigns during World War II and was the recipient of several citations. He became a prominent businessman, founding the suburban Elmhurst-based Duchossois Group, which operates or owns stakes in a diversified group of businesses involving consumer products, entertainment and venture capital.



Arlington Park Chairman Richard L. Duchossois | arlingtonpark.com

On Aug. 18, 1983, a little more than a week before the aforementioned Tolomeo won that year's Million, Duchossois, along with Joe Joyce, Sheldon Robbins and Ralph Ross combined forces to purchase Arlington Park from the Madison Square Garden Corporation. Less than two years later, their investment, had, quite literally, gone up in smoke.

"I had just returned home from a surprise party for a friend and I got a call from Joe Joyce, the president of the track," Duchossois recollected. "He told me that there was a small fire in the Post and Paddock Club, but not to worry, that it was under control. A little while passed and I got another call saying that we were in good shape, but the next call I got went, 'Hey, you better get over here.' So, I got in the helicopter and did that."

By his own admission "not a racetracker" and more an investor at the time, Duchossois realized fairly quickly that the situation was rapidly deteriorating.

"Of course it was dark out at the time, and that fire lit up the entire night sky," he explained. "My immediate thought was, 'Well, if the fire has gone this far, we're not saving the grandstand,' and my concern was how are we going to run the Million," just over three weeks away. **Cont. p5**



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For the next 21 days, for 20 hours a day (there was a four-hour break between 4:00 and 8:00 a.m. to allow the horses to train), crews worked feverishly to dismantle the burned-out track, to haul away the melted steel and the rest of the rubble. Bit by bit, progress was made, a veritable tent city was erected and Sunday, Aug. 25, 1985, the track--the one that couldn't possibly host another day of racing that year or maybe ever--staged the fourth running of the nation's first seven-figure horse race. At odds of 14-1, British raider Teleprompter (GB) and Tony Ives crossed the line first in what has gone down in history as the "Miracle Million."

"I never gave it a second thought," the eternally optimistic and driven Duchossois replied, when asked if he believed that staging the race could be accomplished. "If you think too much about things, they never get done."

Committed to the breeding and racing industry in the state of Illinois, Duchossois bought out his partners and a new Arlington rose from the ashes a few years down the road.

LOCAL TELEVISION COVERAGE OF THE ARLINGTON FIRE JULY 31, 1985

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Joyce An Equally Commanding Force...

Joe Joyce acceded to the throne at Arlington in 1977 before he turned 40 years of age, a meteoric rise from New York attorney to general counsel for NYC OTB to working for the Madison Square Garden Corporation en route to business superstardom.

"He went from nowhere to sitting at the big-boy table really fast, he went from nothing to something really quick," explained Joyce's son Mike, part of the on-air talent at TVG. "He was just one of those people who accomplished everything he set out to do--nothing rattled him, nothing shook him."

Such resolve was tested that Wednesday morning and afternoon.

"I remember getting the news at my sister's house," said Mike Joyce, then just seven years old. "I remember my dad getting the call that there was a fire at Arlington. From the executive offices, when you walk through the grandstand, there was this room that time had sort of forgotten, something between a diner and cafeteria and an electrical fire started in there somewhere. One of the great ironies is that my father, in 45 years, he never left his briefcase at the office and that was the first time he'd ever forgotten it. God knows what was in there."

As seen in the video from Channel 2 television, even as the track lay in smoldering ruins, Joyce remained remarkably poised and, not surprisingly, businesslike in his demeanor, ready to face what lie ahead. *Cont. p6*



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“He was never a very negative guy and I really don’t ever remember him being upset or distraught about it,” Mike Joyce remembered. “They almost laughed it off,



TVG's Mike Joyce | twitter.com/TVGMike

like, ‘OK, now we’ve got this in our way.’ There was talk about the Million being run elsewhere, but they said, ‘We can do it.’ Everyone thought they were crazy--and they were--but they were able to pull it off.

Mike continued, “He always said competence is confidence. If he had it on his mind

to do something, he’d do it. He was always very focused and determined, even from the time he was a kid. He just inspired confidence in people, so if he was like, ‘We’re going to do this,’ then people said, ‘OK, Joe thinks we can do it, so I guess we’re going to do it.’”

Joyce, who along with former MSG President Sonny Werblin gave birth to the idea that would become the Arlington Million, and who along with Duchossois, Robbins and Ross received a special Eclipse Award for their efforts to stage the ‘Miracle Million,’ passed away at the age of 77 in late 2006.

A Trainer's Perspective...

For years, Chicago native Ernie Poulos conditioned horses on the local circuit and took over the training of Black Tie Affair (Ire) in 1989 before campaigning the popular gray to a victory in the 1991 GI Breeders’ Cup Classic and Horse of the Year honors. Since his passing in 1997, his wife Dee has continued to operate the Ernie Poulos Racing Stable and she vividly remembers the day the track burned.

“It was really scary, because you think it’s the end and you think racing is going to be over and that



Trainer Dee Poulos | [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

they’re not going to rebuild,” she commented. “It was fortunate that the wind was blowing away from the barn area, because the embers were falling all around us. And we were in these wooden barns, so it was pretty scary.”

Mrs. Poulos, who also lived through fires at the old Washington Park and at Hawthorne, remembered how her late husband put himself in harm’s way in an attempt to rescue valuable documents.

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“[Ernie] had gone up there and actually it was him and [former racing official] Bill Thayer and they went into the racing office to save the papers because at that time there was no such thing as computers,” she explained. “The firemen were telling them to get out, that it was too dangerous, but they got in there and got the papers out.”

The near-term racing landscape on the Chicago circuit was altered dramatically, by definition, with the rest of the Arlington meet shifted to Hawthorne, bar the Million. But if the horses were unduly affected, they weren’t showing it, Poulos said.

“It was a very strange thing to be out there training with that building smoldering,” she commented. “You’d think the horses might react to that, but they went on about their business.”

Like many other horsemen and women on the backstretch, Poulos and her husband were naturally heartened when the decision came to rebuild the track.

“We went from horror to euphoria,” she said. “I look back and it was an unbelievable feat for them to do that and for things to go back to a relatively normal life. Arlington was such an important part of our lives, so it was so good that it came back.”

The three decades since the fire have “flown by,” says the ageless Richard L. Duchossois, who in two weeks’ time will preside over the 33rd renewal of the Arlington Million.

“It really does seem like yesterday,” he offered. “It’s the fastest 30 years there’s ever been.”



Sunday, Monmouth Park, post time: 4:25 p.m. EDT

MONMOUTH CUP S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Bradester (K)	Lion Heart	Lanerie	Kenneally	118
2 Just Call Kenny	Jump Start	Centeno	McBurney	116
3 Irish You Well (K)	Broken Vow	Desormeaux	Catalano	116
4 Grasshoppin	Cat Thief	McCarthy	Serey Jr.	116
5 Freestyler	Street Cry (Ire)	McCarthy	Alexander	116
6 Pants On Fire	Jump Start	Lopez	Breen	118
7 Protonico	Giant's Causeway	Smith	Pletcher	123
8 Valid (K)	Medaglia d'Oro	Bocachica	Vitali	118

Sunday, Monmouth Park, post time: 5:05 p.m. EDT

OCEANPORT S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Film Making	Storm Cat	Prado	Retamoza Jr	116
2 Cage Fighter	Closing Argument	McCarthy	Lawrence	116
3 Old Time Hockey	Smarty Jones	Centeno	Proctor	118
4 Hothersal	Smart Strike	Saez	Servis	116
5 Heart to Heart	English Channel	Espinoza	Lynch	120
6 Lochte	Medaglia d'Oro	Bocachica	Vitali	123
7 Kharafa	Kitalpha	Lopez	Hills	118
8 Mr. Viber	Tale of the Cat	A. Castellano	Pletcher	116

Sunday, Saratoga, post time: 6:07 p.m. EDT

SHUVEE H.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Imposing Grace	Empire Maker	Hernandez	Becdlmtte	114
2 Privet Hedge	First Defence	Lezcano	Mott	115
3 House Rules (K)	Distorted Humor	Alvarado	Jerkens	118
4 Untapable	Tapit	Velazquez	Asmussen	123
5 Stopchargingmaria (K)	Tale of the Cat	Castellano	Pletcher	120
6 Tiz Windy	Tiznow	Leparoux	Nafzger	117

Sunday, Woodbine, post time: 4:40 p.m. EDT

SEAGRAM CUP S.-GIII, C\$150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Asserting Bear	Bear's Kid	Wilson	Baker	117
2 Doogie (K)	Pioneerof the Nile	Moreno	Carroll	119
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6 His Race to Win	Stormy Atlantic	Da Silva	Pierce	117
7 Conquest Top Gun (K)	Pioneerof the Nile	Husbands	Casse	117
8 Pender Harbour	Philanthropist	Contreras	De Paulo	121
9 Florida Won (K)	Birdstone	Bridgmohan	Casse	117
10 Tuscan Getaway (K)	Stroll	Pizarro	Griffith	117
11 Ultimate Destiny	Dance to Destiny	Bahen	Fehr	117
12 Red Rifle (K)	Giant's Causeway	Garcia	Pletcher	121

Sunday, Monmouth Park, post time: 3:47 p.m. EDT

WINSTAR MATCHMAKER S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Cushion (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	N/A	Clement	118
2 Casual Smile (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	A. Castellano	Brown	116
3 Charm City Girl (K)	Pioneerof the Nile	McCarthy	Motion	116
4 Means Well	Smart Strike	Serpa	Goldberg	116
5 I'm Already Sexy	Ready's Image	Lopez	Catalano	123
6 Testa Rossi (Fr)	Dr Fong	Bravo	Brown	123
7 Lily Carstairs (GB)	Orpen	Centeno	Saville	116
8 Baffle Me (K)	First Samurai	Smith	Hennig	118



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Ken and Sarah Ramsey's MGISW **Real Solution** (Kitten's Joy--Reachfortheheavens, by Pulpit) has been sold to Calumet Farm, Ramsey Farm announced Thursday.

Transferred to Chad Brown after winning three of his five starts in Italy for trainer Gianluca Bietolini, Real Solution won the 2013 GI Arlington Million via disqualification and captured last year's GI Knob Creek Manhattan S. June 7. The homebred retired last fall with a record of 15-5-2-2 and earnings of \$1,374,175.

Real Solution stood his first year at stud at Ramsey Farm for a fee of \$12,500.



Real Solution | A. Coglianese

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KING KREESA HEADED TO FOURSTARDAVE

Gerald and Susan Kreesa's **King Kreesa** (King Cugat) will make his next start in Saratoga's GI Fourstardave H. Aug. 15.

"The timing is good," trained David Donk said. "It will be five weeks off his last race. He's done well. He's coming off a pretty big effort."

The New York-bred scored a 17-1 upset in Belmont's GIII Poker S. June 13 and captured that venue's Forbidden Apple S. last time July 11 over a field that included GISW Wicked Strong (Hard Spun) and MGSW Vyjack (Into Mischief).

This will be King Kreesa's second attempt at the Fourstardave, after finishing second behind two-time Horse of the Year Wise Dan (Wiseman's Ferry) in the 2013 renewal.

"I think his second-place finish to Wise Dan is perhaps his biggest race," Donk said.

The 6-year-old is scheduled to work over Saratoga's main track Saturday.



King Kreesa | A. Coglianese

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'JUDY' TO SKIP BALLERINA

Wesley Ward's champion **Judy the Beauty** (Ghostzapper) is doing well following her third-place effort behind La Verdad (Yes It's True) in Saratoga's GI Honorable Miss H. Wednesday, but she will skip a rematch with the speedy New York-bred in the GI Ballerina S. Aug. 29.

"She's good," Ward commented. "The winner ran a beautiful race. Going into the race, I knew it'd be tough just because she was on a roll. I'm looking a little more down the road than having her kind of cranked up now because it's tough to keep them, especially sprinters, good all year. We really got beat on the square."

As for her next start Ward added, "I'm probably going to skip the



Judy the Beauty | Coady Photography

Ballerina. If she had run a little bit better I'd have probably thought about it. Coming out of the race and thinking about it all night, we're thinking the best thing for her, long-term, is to give her a little bit more time and kind of crank her down and have her ready to go in the fall."

Judy the Beauty won four of her five starts last term, starting with Santa Anita's GIII Las Flores S. and Keeneland's GI Madison S. Fourth in Churchill's GI Humana Distaff S., she capped an impressive season with victories in GIII Rancho Bernardo H. and the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint, which earned her champion female sprinter honors. The chestnut was a close second in this year's Humana Distaff prior to her effort in the Honorable Miss.

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op/ed by Barry Irwin



LASIX CLOUDING DRUG ISSUE

Ten years ago, in an Op-Ed written for *The Blood-Horse*, I strongly suggested that only by installing USADA to oversee drugs in American racing could our game hope to restore its lost credibility as a sport played on a level playing field, thereby giving our industry its best chance to regain alienated horseplayers and a dwindling fan base because of a public perception that racing was stained by rampant drug use.

Sadly, the same dynamics that were in play in October of 2004 are exactly the ones that continue to dog us today. And the results of more than a decade of inaction and apathy can be read on a daily basis, such as a racetrack grandstand being demolished in Florida, a training center being shuttered in New Jersey and a steady decline in racetrack business at Belmont Park in spite of a Triple Crown coronation.

A Triple Crown is meaningful, but apparently not enough to save even one race meeting at the mecca of the sport in America. And 10 Triple Crown winners in a row will not put enough lipstick on the pig that American racing has become.

But hope is at hand, because a bill naming USADA to head a group to oversee drug policy not only has been introduced in the House of Representatives, it is backed by a strong industry coalition headed by The Jockey Club and the Breeders' Cup.

The single reason I suggested embracing USADA was their independent status, based on a notion that no industry was capable of policing itself. Even police themselves have independent police boards, I pointed out.

So by naming USADA to set up and implement a drug policy, racing could have an independent entity with the ability to investigate and test drugs. This had the possibility to change racing from being an insiders' game to one in which the public and its players had confidence.

Right now, I have been reliably informed by an unnamed source at the highest level in one of America's premier racing venues, that there is absolutely no appetite on either the racetrack or regulatory level to investigate or prosecute drug violators. This will not be an issue with USADA.

Drug testing in and of itself is never going to solve racing's problems, just like it never solved the issues in cycling or track and field. But adequate testing is important for its ability to create a strong deterrent and to identify and verify an illegal substance.

Lance Armstrong was not drummed out of cycling because he failed a drug test. When the U. S. government went after him only to drop its case, USADA doggedly kept to the task and in the end was able to achieve its goal of thoroughly exposing the most well-known sports cheater of our lifetime. *Cont. p10*

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Only drugs that are known can be tested for and only through investigative work can these drugs be discovered. They can be verified by testing. So the two go hand in hand.

Today in American racing, there are drugs whose origins are not known. There are also drugs whose identities are well known, but whose properties make them only detectable for a few short hours after they have been injected into a horse. The phenomenon of micro-dosing, in which several small doses of drugs are injected close to competition, also makes detection of known drugs problematical.

If cheaters in racing are to be found, those charged with catching the cheaters need to have every advantage available to them. This means they need to have a budget that will allow them to have enough boots on the ground to do testing "out of competition," and at odd hours of the day when nefarious activities are conducted. And importantly, they need to have a horse's system cleansed of the residue of other drugs and not allow diuretics to be used to flush out evidence of micro-dosing or mask drugs.

Standing in the way of USADA being named to oversee drug policy in racing is the issue of Lasix and the stance on drug use by two opposing groups in favor of banning all race-day medication.

One group, WHOA (Water Hay Oats Alliance) backs the current legislation introduced by Congressmen Andy Barr and Paul Tonko, which has opted to use the medication guidelines currently used by several state racing jurisdictions as a baseline for USADA to use in formulating its final policy on drug use. A splinter group of purists have called for Federal Legislation to ban the use of all drugs.

There is little to no difference between the goals of both groups, which both want to see the eventual elimination of race-day drugs.

In reality, there is only one race-day drug used in most jurisdictions and this is Lasix. And discussion and invocation of the drug has served only to cloud the issue.

The only reason Lasix is even part of any discussion is because it is the last drug standing on race day in most places. If that drug were some other medication, then the focus would be on that substance.

Proponents of Lasix point out the benefits of using the drug and the dangers in not using it. Anti-Lasix folks do not want to be drawn into any discussions about the pros or cons of Lasix use and simply say there is no place in sports for drugs.

I support the Barr-Tonko legislation in great part because it does not get into the short strokes about specific drugs, especially Lasix, at this early juncture in the proposed lifespan of USADA as the possible overseer of drug policy. As much as I want racing to be drug-free, I am willing to sublimate my own desires and place my trust in USADA that after due consideration on the subject they will come up with the best plan for racing.

Right now--today--I am not concerned with Lasix. I am totally concerned with the use of PEDs. It is because of my all-consuming desire to see PEDs drummed out of racing that I first suggested the naming of USADA as the overseer of drug policy. Our sport is under siege from cheaters tilting the playing field, not from trainers and vets desiring to use Lasix.

The Barr-Tonko bill is not an elaborate scheme designed by anti-drug forces bent on getting rid of Lasix. If this were the case, then the splinter group would never have broken off from WHOA.

I would gladly allow every horse in our sport to use Lasix if the trade-off were an all out war on PEDs. I got in this fight to get rid of PEDs, not Lasix. Cheaters are the enemy of our sport, not Lasix. Lasix is being used by both sides to cloud the real issue, which is clean sport.

And only by installing an independent group like USADA does our sport have any chance to survive the remainder of this decade. Our sport is slipping through our hands and contracting on a daily basis. We need to do something significant to stem the tide of losing fans and more horseplayers.

Now that racing is on the threshold of actually doing something about this, I hope we are not going to let petty differences keep us from our goal of cleaning up our sport.

If anything is ever going to change, now is the time.

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Thursday, Goodwood, Britain

QATAR GOODWOOD CUP-G2, £300,000, GOO, 7-30, 3yo/up, 16fT, 3:24.85, gd.

1--**BIG ORANGE (GB)**, 134, g, 4, by **Duke of Marmalade (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Miss Brown To You (Ire)**, by **Fasliyev**

2nd Dam: **Almaaseh (Ire)**, by **Dancing Brave**

3rd Dam: **Al Bahathri**, by **Blushing Groom (Fr)**

O-W J & T C O Gredley; B-Stetchworth & Middle Park Studs (GB); T-Michael Bell; J-Jamie Spencer. £170,130. Lifetime Record: 12-5-1-0, \$456,506.

Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Quest For More (Ire)**, 134, g, 5, **Teofilo (Ire)**--No

Quest (Ire), by Rainbow Quest. (58,000gns Ylg '11 TAOC). O-HRH Sultan Ahmad Shah; B-Epona Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Roger Charlton. £64,500.

3--**Trip To Paris (Ire)**, 138, g, 4, **Champs Elysees (GB)**--

La Grande Zoa (Ire), by Fantastic Light. (37,000gns Wlg '11 TA11; 35,000gns RNA Ylg '12 TAOC; 20,000gns 2yo '13 TATHIT). O-La Grange Partnership; B-Paul Monaghan & Tom Monaghan (IRE); T-Ed Dunlop. £32,280.

Margins: NK, HD, 2 3/4. Odds: 6.00, 4.50, 5.00.

Also Ran: Pallasator (GB), Vive Ma Fille (Ger), Sheikhzayedroad (GB), Oriental Fox (Ger), Simenon (Ire), Aussie Reigns (Ire), Eye of The Storm (Ire), Angel Gabriel (Ire). Scratched: Scotland (Ger). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

In a finish to thrill the Goodwood faithful, Big Orange advertised his G1 Melbourne Cup prospects by edging out his two main market rivals in a three-horse war. Sticking his head above the parapet when graduating in a 10-furlong Lingfield maiden on the Polytrack last



Owner-breeder Bill Gredley with Big Orange after the Goodwood Cup | *Racing Post*

April, Bill Gredley's homebred was fourth in the Listed Queen's Vase over two miles at Royal Ascot in June before making all to register a first black-type success in the Listed Chester S. over an extended 13-furlong trip in late August. Adding Ascot's Listed Noel Murless S. to his tally over a mile and three quarters in early October, the bay returned there to finish fifth again attempting to lead from pillar-to-post in the two-mile G2 British Champions Long Distance Cup on heavy ground.

Returning to be fourth in Chester's G3 Ormonde S. May 8, Big Orange took a backward step when seventh in the Listed Grand Cup back at 14 furlongs at York May 30 before trainer Michael Bell tried cheekpieces to bring out the talent that was being hidden under a bushel. Revived by the headgear in the G2 Princess of Wales's S. over a mile and a half at Newmarket July 9, he had battled to see off the G2 Jockey Club S. winner Second Step (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and the similarly proven Gospel Choir (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) there, and Jamie Spencer wasted no time in imposing his mount's presence on this race.

Happy in front initially, he was unfazed when presented with a lead by the filly Vive Ma Fille (Ger) (Doyen {Ire}) after three furlongs and was still loping on the home turn with the main contenders eyeing him from behind. As soon as he got back to the head of affairs, he was immediately headed by Quest For More, and from the quarter pole to 100 yards from the finish had appeared held. Refusing to buckle and spurred on by the arrival of the Gold Cup hero Trip To Paris on his inner, Big Orange got the better of that duo in a pulsating tussle to the line.

"He's very honest and is a willing partner--I was worried I was expending too much energy early on, but he was tough when I needed him to be and pulled out a bit more when he spotted Trip To Paris," his jockey said. "You've got to ration out his stamina, as it's very easy to go too fast and not fast enough early. He can only get stronger as the year goes on."

Bell is understandably pointing at the Nov. 3 Flemington highlight now. "He is an absolute star--so genuine and he is a pleasure to train. I can't sing his praises highly enough," his trainer commented. "He was officially the highest-rated horse in the race and Jamie gave him an absolutely masterful ride. We very much hoped he was a stayer in the making and is versatile and obviously very talented. This has moved the goalposts, as he was in the [Aug. 30] G2 Grand Prix de Deauville but he's had a hard race today and I think Melbourne is the plan. He ticks a lot of the boxes for that race."

Quest For More's trainer Roger Charlton is looking at York's prestigious Ebor H. next, with the Melbourne Cup off the agenda, while Ed Dunlop said of Trip To Paris, "He is only four and can only get better. I will have to ask the owners, but they are very keen to go to Melbourne and it will be interesting to see what weight Mr. Bell's horse has going to Melbourne as well. We could well go there; we'll see. Whether it's a year too soon, I don't know, but it will be considered."



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Thursday, Goodwood, Britain

QATAR RICHMOND S.-G2, £200,000, GOO, 7-30, 2yo, c/g, 6fT, 1:10.82, gd.

1--**SHALAA (IRE), 129, c, 2, by [Invincible Spirit \(Ire\)](#)**

1st Dam: Ghurra (GSP-US, \$145,494), by War Chant

2nd Dam: Futuh, by Diesis (GB)

3rd Dam: Hardship, by Drone

(100,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 170,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT). O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Mogeely Stud (IRE); T-John Gosden; J-Frankie Dettori. £113,420.

Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$253,589. **Werk Nick**

Rating: C. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Tasleet (GB), 126, c, 2, Showcasing (GB)--Bird Key (GB), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). (£52,000 Ylg '14 DNPRM). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-William Haggas. £43,000.**

3--**Steady Pace (GB), 126, c, 2, Dark Angel (Ire)--Cool Kitten (Ire), by One Cool Cat. (80,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA). O-Godolphin; B-T G Roddick (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor. £21,520.**

Margins: 2 3/4, 1 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 1.35, 7.00, 4.00.

Also Ran: Adventurous (Ire), Elronaq (GB), Riflescope (Ire), Log Out Island (Ire), Barbarous Relic. Scratched: Air Force Blue. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

Forced to race under a three-pound penalty as a result of his success in the G2 July S. at Newmarket July 9, Shalaa made light of the burden to significantly enhance his reputation with a command performance in this renewal, which remained competitive despite the scratching of another Ballydoyle raider in the G2 Coventry S. runner-up Air Force Blue (War Front). Tanking to the front from the break under a motionless Frankie Dettori, the bay had all rivals under pressure as he cruised past the quarter pole. With only Tasleet able to get to his flanks, he powered away without being



Shalaa and Frankie Dettori | *Racing Post*

great progress from his debut last of eight in the six-furlong Olympic Glory Conditions S., for which he was a notable runner on the Lockinge card that his owners played a major hand in boosting May 16. Leaving that introduction far behind when taking a Newmarket maiden a fortnight later, he surprised a few with a direct display of speed while exhibiting marked greenness to take the July S. just 10 days later, and he duly justified an abundance of confidence in his prospects with this exhibition.

fully extended and was in hand at the line to register a facile success from the Shadwell runner and the July S. runner-up Steady Pace, who was much more soundly beaten here than on the July Course.

Every outing has seen Shalaa make

“We think the world of him--he has lots of speed and can quicken off it,” Dettori said. “I would have been happy to take a lead, but there was nothing fast enough to so I had to make my own way home. He was a bit hot and temperamental, but is enjoying it now--he’s getting a lot better and is in a good place. Something like the G1 Prix Morny [at Deauville Aug. 23] on good ground will be his target.”

Trainer John Gosden is not looking to stretch Shalaa out for the mile Classics, identifying the newly opened sprinting route for 3-year-olds featuring Royal Ascot’s G1 Commonwealth Cup as his domain.

“He’s very quick, but funnily is relaxed at home and will sit behind and go to sleep,” the conditioner said. “When the races are on, he’s off and racing and to win like that he must be a very fast 2-year-old. I think the fact Frankie has traveled easily for so long is quite an achievement. He wasn’t mentally ready for Royal Ascot and he reminds me a lot of Oasis Dream--he’s that type.” Gosden confirmed the Prix Morny as a possible next target. “We can look at the Prix Morny if it’s nice ground and then the G1 Middle Park S. [at Newmarket Sept. 26],” he said. “We’re not going to take him to seven furlongs and next year I see him staying at six and having the Commonwealth Cup as a huge target. I don’t see him as a miler--he enjoys sprinting, so let him sprint.”

Runner-up half Tasleet will head to York’s Ebor meeting now, according to Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum’s assistant racing manager Richard Hills. “The winner is a very good horse and we are really pleased with how our horse has performed,” he said. “I think he will go to York next for either the [Aug. 22] G2 Gimcrack S. or the sales race--he is entered in both.”

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Thursday, Goodwood, Britain

MARKEL INSURANCE FILLIES' S. (LILLIE LANGTRY S.)-G3, £100,000, GOO, 7-30, 3yo/up, f, 14fT, 3:00.79, gd.

1--**#@SIMPLE VERSE (IRE), 118, f, 3, by Duke of Marmalade (Ire)**

1st Dam: Guantanamo (Ire), by Sadler’s Wells

2nd Dam: Bluffing (Ire), by Darshaan (GB)

3rd Dam: Instinctive Move, by Nijinsky II

(€240,000 Ylg '13 GOFORB). O-QRL/Sheikh Suhaim Al Thani/M Al Kubaisi; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Ralph Beckett; J-Harry Bentley. £56,710. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$119,506. **Werk Nick Rating: A + . Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Hidden Gold (Ire), 132, f, 4, [Shamardal](#)--Melikah (Ire), by Lammtarra. O-Godolphin; B-Darley (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor. £21,500.**

3--**Jordan Princess (GB), 132, f, 4, [Cape Cross \(Ire\)](#)--Princess Nada (GB), by Baratheia (Ire). O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Darley (GB); T-Luca Cumani. £10,760.**

Margins: 1HF, 2HF, HD. Odds: 11.00, 4.50, 7.00.

Also Ran: Lustrous (GB), Lady Dragon (Ire), Kaldera (Ger), Arabian Comet (Ire), Sweeping Up (GB), Elysian Fields (Gr), Groovejet (GB), Alwilda (GB), Chesil Beach (GB), Island Remede (GB), Criteria (Ire). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**



G3 Fillies's S. cont.

Simple Verse, who went untested as a juvenile, broke through going 12 panels on the Lingfield Polytrack in her third go Apr. 8 and ran second in a handicap here May 22 before annexing a similar event at Salisbury last time June 24. Employing patient tactics in mid division for most of this marathon, the black-type debutante was nudged into contention with three furlongs remaining and stayed on resolutely under a final-quarter



Simple Verse made it a group-race double on the day for Duke of Marmalade | Drakenstein Stud

drive to best her elders for a career high.

“It’s fantastic to get another [Glorious Goodwood winner], especially in a race like this,” beamed winning rider Harry Bentley. “She stepped up from her last run, she stepped up in trip, she was the youngest in the race and was

obviously getting an allowance [of 14 pounds from her elders], which tells over this distance. She could potentially stay a bit further in time. At the moment I would probably stay at a mile-and-six, but if she had to go two miles in the future, I’m not saying she wouldn’t get it by any means as she’s a lovely, scopey filly. There’s no reason why not.”

Trainer Ralph Beckett added, “She’s been a slow burner, so we will see about future plans. She’s definitely a [Sept. 10 G2] Park Hill S. filly, so we will see how we go, but that would be the obvious race for her. I was really pleased with her and we will see [about supplementing her for the Sept. 12 G1 St Leger]. It is a race we’ve been placed in with fillies in the past so we will see how we go. I was delighted today and Harry gave her an excellent ride. She’s an old-fashioned type and you could see her jumping a hurdle, but thankfully she doesn’t have to do that.”

GLORIOUS SUBSTITUTE

Denied a chance to show his true merit as the heavy rain changed the picture of Saturday’s G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot, Fitri Hay’s **The Corsican (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) takes to Goodwood on Friday to tackle the G3 Glorious S. Successful at this venue in the Listed Festival S. over 10 furlongs May 23, the 4-year-old moved up in the world when an eye-catching fourth in the G1 Prince of



The Corsican | Racing Post

Wales’s S. at that trip at Royal Ascot last time June 17, and has more suitable ground conditions than last weekend on his return to a mile and a half.

Last year’s G1 Canadian International hero **Hillstar (GB)** (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}) bids to get back on track for Sir Evelyn de Rothschild following a latest fifth behind the G2 Goodwood Cup winner Big Orange (GB) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) in Newmarket’s G2 Princess of Wales’s S. at this trip July 9, while one who is moving the other way is Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum’s **Connecticut (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}). Successful by 16 lengths on his seasonal bow in the Listed Pontefract Castle S. at this distance June 21, the Luca Cumani-trained 4-year-old is in deeper here but is a fascinating contender.

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Friday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 2:00 p.m.

BETFRED GLORIOUS S.-G3, £100,000, 4yo/up, 12fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	Connecticut (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Kirby	Cumani
2	4	Dubday (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dettori	Al Ghazali
3	3	Firestorm (Ger)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Tudhope	Attwater
4	2	Hillstar (GB)	Daneshill Dancer (Ire)	Peslier	Stoute
5	1	The Corsican (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Crowley	Simcock
6	5	Watersmeet (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Fanning	Johnston
7	6	Windshear (GB)	Hurricane Run (Ire)	Hughes	Hannon

All carry 127 pounds.

TALENT TO CONVEY

Goodwood’s G3 Bonhams Thoroughbred S. has enjoyed enhanced significance in recent times, with some on the early season’s missing lists often brought back into action with the second half of the year in mind. That applies to the exciting Juddmonte representative **Convey (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), who went into the notebooks when scoring by five lengths on debut over seven furlongs at Kempton in October but who was forced to sidestep the spring Classics due to a setback. Sir Michael Stoute re-introduced a similar type in Zacinto (GB) (Dansili {GB}) in 2009 and he built on success in this when awarded the G2 Celebration Mile and finishing second in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. Standing in his way is Godolphin’s **Latharnach (Iffraaj {GB})**, who enters this on the back of a second to Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 St James’s Palace S. at Royal Ascot June 16. Trainer Charlie Appleby said, “Latharnach produced a career-best performance at Royal Ascot and came out of that run well. He has enjoyed a nice preparation for this race, which was always the target following the St James’s Palace S., and we are looking forward to seeing how he gets on.”

Another dropping down in class is ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ **Moheet (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), who was eighth in the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 2 and 10th in the June 6 G1 Epsom Derby. “Moheet was third to **Kool Kompany (Ire)** (Jeremy) in the G3 Craven S. [at Newmarket Apr. 16] and he was probably not streetwise enough for the Guineas and the Derby, so we have given him time to mature, both physically and mentally,” trainer Richard Hannon commented. “He drops back in trip and it will be interesting to see if he can leave his Epsom disappointment behind him.”

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Friday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 2:35 p.m.

BONHAMS THOROUGHBRED S.-G3, £100,000, 3yo, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Kool Kompany (Ire)	Jeremy	Hughes	Hannon
2	8	Aktabantay (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Doyle	Palmer
3	10	Convey (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Durcan	Stoute
4	6	Crescent (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Sanders	Kobeissi
5	2	Hathal	Speightstown	Atzeni	Haggas
6	9	Johnny Barnes (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	G Lee	Gosden
7	4	Latharnach	Iffraaj (GB)	Buick	Appleby
8	3	Moheet (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Dettori	Hannon
9	7	Room Key (GB)	Mount Nelson (GB)	Dobbs	JohnsonHoughton
10	1	Malabar (GB)	Raven's Pass	de Sousa	Channon

All carry 127 pounds bar Kool Kompany, 131, & Malabar, 124.

Friday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 3:45 p.m.

QATAR KING GEORGE S.-G2, £300,000, 3yo/up, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Muthmir (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Hanagan	Haggas	132
2	10	Caspian Prince (Ire)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Kirby	Ivory	128
3	12	Justice Day (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Buick	Elsworth	128
4	2	Justineo (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Atzeni	Varian	128
5	4	Kingsgate Native (Ire)	Mujadil	Doyle	Cowell	128
6	14	Line of Reason (Ire)	Kheleyf	G Lee	Midgley	128
7	6	Move In Time (GB)	Monsieur Bond (Ire)	Crowley	O'Meara	128
8	1	Movieta	Hard Spun	Mulrennan	Lynam	128
9	15	Out Do (GB)	Excd and Excl (Aus)	Tudhope	O'Meara	128
10	9	Take Cover (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Allan	Griffiths	128
11	12	Katawi (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Durcan	Wall	125
12	11	Cotai Glory (GB)	Excd and Excl (Aus)	Gibbons	C Hills	124
13	5	Goken (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Peslier	Pantall	124
14	7	Salt Island (GB)	Excd and Excl (Aus)	Spencer	C Hills	124
15	8	Dikta Del Mar (Spa)	Diktat (GB)	de Sousa	Hogan	121

Friday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 4:55 p.m.

L'ORMARINS QUEENS PLATE S. (OAK TREE S.)-G3, £80,000, 3yo/up, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Amy Eria (Ire)	Shamardal	Benoist	Rohaut	129
2	6	Dusky Queen (Ire)	Shamardal	Hamilton	Fahey	129
3	8	Gratzie (GB)	Three Valleys	de Sousa	Channon	129
4	7	Kiyoshi (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Atzeni	C Hills	129
5	4	New Providence (GB)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	Bentley	Palmer	125
6	1	Osaila (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Dettori	Hannon	125
7	2	Calypso Beat	Speightstown	G Lee	K Ryan	122
8	10	Fadhayil (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Hanagan	B Hills	122
9	3	Montalcino (Ire)	Big Bad Bob (Ire)	Fanning	Meehan	122
10	9	Touchline (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Hughes	Bell	122

Saturday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 3:10 p.m.

QATAR NASSAU S.-G1, £600,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 192yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	9	Bright Approach (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Hughes	Gosden
2	2	Cladocera (Ger)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Hamelin	Royer-Dupre
3	5	Arabian Queen (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	de Sousa	Elsworth
4	6	Dmndsandrubies (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Heffernan	A O'Brien
5	3	Jazzi Top (GB)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Buick	Gosden
6	1	Lady of Dubai (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Atzeni	Cumani
7	8	Legatissimo (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Lordan	Wachman
8	4	Star of Seville (GB)	Dke of Mrmlade (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden
9	7	Wedding Vow (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	O'Donoghue	A O'Brien

All carry 124 pounds bar Bright Approach & Cladocera, 133.



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Saratoga

Thursday's Results:

JOHN MORRISSEY S., \$98,000, SAR, 7-30, (S), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.69, sy.

1--**MOONLIGHT SONG**, 120, g, 8, Unbridled's Song--Moonlightandbeauty (SW, 4228,053), by Capote. (\$900,000 RNA Ylg '08 FTSAUG). O/B-Albert Fried, Jr. (NY); T-Charlton Baker; J-Jose L. Ortiz. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 17-8-2-1, \$474,294. * 1/2 to Giant Moon (Giant's Causeway), GSW, \$502,586.

2--**John's Island**, 118, g, 4, Posse--Morning Gallop, by Victory Gallop. (\$60,000 Ylg '12 SARAUG). O-John Confort & Albert Weis; B-Edition Farm (NY); T-James A. Jerkens. \$20,000.

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3--**Palace**, 124, h, 6, City Zip--Receivership, by End Sweep. (\$160,000 2yo '11 OBSMAR). O-Antonino Miuccio; B-The Peter J. Callahan Revocable Trust Dated 2/28/02 (NY); T-Linda Rice. \$10,000.

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Margins: 1 1/4, 3/4, 1. Odds: 2.40, 12.10, 1.40. Also Ran: Noble Cornerstone, Readthebyline, Smooth Bert. Scratched: Ostrolenka, Weekend Hideaway.

Moonlight Song kickstarted 2014 with a win against fellow Empire-breds in the Gold and Roses S. ahead of the reopposing GISW Palace at the Big A last January and tired to fourth behind Clearly Now (Horse Greeley)

in the GIII Belmont Sprint Championship S. last July. Fifth in the 2014 edition of the John Morrissey that August, the dark bay was last seen taking the state-bred Hudson H. at Belmont Park Oct. 18. In receipt of a five-panel Spa bullet in :59 2/5 (1/35) July 24, the gelding glided to a length advantage down the

backstretch and showed the way through a :45.20 half. One off the rail into the lane, he had enough left in the tank to fend off the closing rush of John's Island by a comfortable margin. Favored Palace stumbled at the break and could only finish third. "It was a great trip," said winning trainer Charlton Baker. "He trained good for the race and I'm excited. We were happy to see the rain. He's five out of six in the slop, so that was a lot of help there. I thought we were faster on paper, but it was a help to see [Weekend Hideaway {Speightstown}] and [Ostrolenka {Musket Man}] scratch, less pressure." Moonlightandbeauty, a daughter of GSW Stolen Beauty (Deputy Minister), produced a filly by Street Cry (Ire) in 2015 and was bred to Tiznow for 2016. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



Moonlight Song | NYRA/Adam Mooshian

9th-SAR, \$88,200, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 7-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:52.85, my. **SABBATICAL** (f, 4, **Medaglia d'Oro--Daydreaming** {MGSW & MGISP, \$696,680}, by A.P. Indy), a grassy allowance winner here last August, ran fifth in a 10-panel Big Sandy optional claimer that October. Short on fitness when an even fourth in a 1 1/2-mile Keeneland turf allowance Apr. 22, the Phipps homebred tired to seventh behind French group stakes winner Goldy Espony (Fr) (Vespone {Ire}) in the River Memories S. back at Belmont when last seen July 5. Sabbatical split the field evenly in third in this off-turf event through a moderate first quarter and rallied towards the front after three quarters in 1:13.97. The 2-1 shot drew even with Fresh Feline, who had seized command at the head of the lane, but despite her best efforts, was unable to get by, after brushing with that foe and being carried out several paths through the stretch. The stewards disqualified Fresh Feline to second and promoted Sabbatical. It was 9 3/4 lengths back to the rest of the field. The winner is a half to Imagining (Giant's Causeway), GISW, \$1,122,394; and Reflecting (Elusive Quality), MSP, \$284,513. This is the extended family of GISWs Girolamo (A.P. Indy), Super Saver (Maria's Mon), and Bluegrass Cat (Storm Cat). Daydreaming foaled a War Front filly 2015 and was bred to Pioneerof the Nile for 2016. Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-0, \$153,680. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Phipps Stable (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

5th-SAR, \$111,600, Msw, 7-30, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.87, sy. + **ISLAND SAINT** (f, 2, **Speightstown--Prospective Saint** {GSW & GISP, \$485,725}, by Saint Ballado), who was entered for main track only, faced the starter as the 3-2 chalk in this scratch-filled off-turf affair. Quick from the stalls, the Pletcher trainee forged to the front from her outside draw while under pressure from True Pleasure (Yes It's True) to her outside through a first quarter in :22.04. Still dogged by that rival as she swept into the stretch four wide, the blaze-faced chestnut rolled through a :45.84 half and looked to be briefly at the mercy of her longshot rival, but turned back that challenge and crossed the line 2 3/4 lengths to the good. Heroine of the 2006 GIII Gardenia H. after a runner-up finish in the GI Princess Rooney H., Prospective Saint foaled a Lonhro (Aus) filly in 2014 and was bred to Scat Daddy for 2016. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$66,960. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



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Saratoga cont.

8th-SAR, \$83,000, Msw, 7-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:52.91, sy.

FAST RETAILING (f, 3, [Malibu Moon](#)--Shop Again {SW, \$122,274}, by **Wild Again**) ran third behind GSP Money'soncharlotte (Mizzen Mast) at Belmont Park last October in her lone start as a juvenile and resurfaced with a fifth at that venue upon seasonal bow May 28. The \$1-million KEESEP yearling closed well to complete the trifecta behind MGISP Danette (Curlin) there July 2 and was dismissed at odds of 13-1. The bay was relegated to sit third last against the fence behind an even tempo through a half in :47.97. Fast Retailing snuck through a gap along the inside circling the far turn and was shifted off the rail for the stretch drive. She ground resolutely into contention with an eighth of a mile remaining and found more for sharp-looking 2 1/2 length victory. Regia Marina (Medaglia d'Oro), who briefly held the lead in the stretch, dug in for bridesmaid honors. The winner is a half to Power Broker (Pulpit), GISW, \$865,612; Fierce Boots (Tiznow), SW, \$103,147. Shop Again, who is a half to GISW Miss Shop (Deputy Minister), GSW & GISP Trappe Shot (Tapit), and SW and GSP Bought in Dixie (Dixieland Band), has a 2013 unraced Smart Strike filly named Smart Shopping and produced a Tapit filly in 2015. She was bred to Pioneerof the Nile for 2016. Sales history: \$1,000,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$60,050. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-A. Rosen & E. Easton; B-Jamm, Ltd. (KY); T-C. R. McGaughey III.

First Winner for Freshman Sire

3rd-SAR, \$73,000, (S), Msw, 7-30, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.14, sy. + **SUDDEN SURPRISE** (c, 2, **Giant Surprise**--**Ready and Good**, by **More Than Ready**), bet down to 9-2 off a 6-1 morning line in this debut, caught a flyer from the bell through the sloppy going and never looked back. The Repole homebred rattled off splits of :22.67 and :46.06 while well off the pine. Fish Trappe Road (Trappe Shot) tried to make a race of it in midstretch and made up some late ground, but the bay maintained his open-length advantage all the way to the line to win by 2 3/4 lengths. It was 10 1/4 lengths back to the rest of the field. Sudden Surprise, the first foal for Ready and Good, is the first starter and first winner for his freshman sire (by Giant's Causeway), who broke his maiden over the Spa main for the same connections four years ago to the day. Also campaigned by Mike Repole, Ready and Good has visited a former Repole-owned runner every year at stud, producing fillies by GII Sanford S. hero Overdriven (Tale of the Cat) and MGISW Stay Thirsty (Bernardini) in 2014 and 2015, respectively. She was bred to Repole's 2010 champion juvenile and MGISW Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie) for 2016. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$43,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Repole Stables LLC (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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1st Dam: Ready and Good, by More Than Ready

2nd Dam: Goodies Galore, by Forest Wildcat

3rd Dam: Galore, by Gulch

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On July 30, 2011, 2-year-old Repole Stable colorbearer Giant Surprise graduated in his Saratoga debut by 4 1/2 lengths earning a 90 Beyer Speed Figure under the care of trainer Todd Pletcher and ridden by Johnny Velazquez. The bay sustained a non-displaced, condylar fracture to his left foreleg during the race and was retired to stud. Fast forward exactly four years and Giant Surprise has hit another milestone--his first starter and his first winner with the Velazquez-ridden, Pletcher-trained Repole runner **Sudden Surprise**.

Mike Repole said the calendar coincidence made the win especially meaningful.

"That actually makes the win even more special," the owner stated. "That's really, really cool."

"Giant Surprise was a horse who Todd and I were very high on when he was training in Saratoga," Repole continued. "Giant Surprise won by about 4 1/2 lengths and, unfortunately, he never made it back to the winner's circle. He had one start and had a lot of

promise. I made the decision to make him a New York stallion and three years later to have his first baby run at Saratoga and win first out like his dad is great. What made it even better was he made it to the winner's circle and got to take that photo."



Sudden Surprise | Coglianesse/NYRA

Giant Surprise, who Repole purchased as a \$130,000 Keeneland September yearling, began his stud career at Vinery New York and now stands at Rockridge Stud for \$2,500. Repole has a total of seven Giant Surprise juveniles: four with Pletcher, two with Bruce Levine and one still on the farm.

Repole acquired Sudden Surprise's dam Ready and Good for \$67,000 as an OBS March 2-year-old in 2010. She made just one start in her career, finishing second in a maiden claimer at Saratoga. Repole said the win was particularly sweet since he owns both the dam, the sire and the horse.

"I've been in the game a while now and to win with a horse that you own is so special," he admitted. "To win a race with a horse you own and a mare you own is really special. To win a race with a mare, a stallion and a horse you own is like hitting a trifecta."



Saratoga cont.

Friday, Saratoga Race Course, post time: 2:39 p.m. EST

CURLIN S., \$100,000, (R), 3yo, 1 1/8 m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Battle Midway	Quality Road	Ortiz	Zito	30-1
2	Stanford	Malibu Moon	Velazquez	Pletcher	5-2
3	Tekton	Bernardini	Cintron	Dutrow	3-1
4	Unrivaled	Super Saver	Lezcano	Montoya	15-1
5	Smart Transition	Smart Strike	Alvarado	Shirreffs	5-1
6	King of New York	Street Boss	Lanerrie	McPeck	12-1
7	Tommy Macho	Macho Uno	Castellano	Pletcher	2-1

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Franco Fine, But Sore After Saratoga Spill:

Jockey Manuel Franco, who was unseated in Wednesday's fifth race, will not ride this weekend due to body soreness, his agent, retired Hall of Fame jockey Angel Cordero, Jr., reported Thursday.

"He'll be back," Cordero said. "Nothing's broken, the doctor just wanted to play it safe. It was the first time I've ever seen anybody get run over by that many horses and come out OK. Five horses hit him; even the last horse got him."

Franco, 20, was making a move to the lead when his mount, The Ghost Bride, bumped with Undertherain on the inside. Franco fell to his right, directly in the path of oncoming horses. He sat up and was taken to first aid before being brought to Saratoga Hospital for further evaluation. Franco underwent another battery of tests after being released from the hospital Wednesday evening, all of which came back negative.

"I sent him for a second opinion in Malta [N.Y.] to one of their specialists and they did a hundred tests on him," Cordero said. "The guy just called me and said he's fine but body sore, and it would probably be a good idea to give him a few days. He said he wanted to ride on Saturday but I told him, 'You're 20 years old. The world's not going to end if you miss three more days.'"

Cordero said Franco suffered cuts on his left calf and knee and bruises on his right shoulder and behind his right ear, all from being stepped on by passing horses.

"He's very lucky," Cordero said. "Being young and fit helps."

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

6th-MTH, \$36K, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f, 3:18 p.m. ET

Wayne Catalano saddles **ROCK STAR STATUS** ([Street Cry {Ire}](#)), who missed by only a nose when second at first-asking at Oaklawn Park Mar. 20. The West runner fired five-panel bullet in :59 2/5 (1/25) at this venue July 26 and he is a half-brother to GISW Dearest Trickski (Proudest Romeo). Todd Pletcher sends out Wertheimer and Frere homebred **Ideal Quality** ([Elusive Quality](#)) in his career bow to oppose. Out of Half a Surprise (A.P. Indy), a half-sister to champion and MGISW Halfbridled (Unbridled), the bay has been working consistently over the Oceanport strip and joins fellow firster and stablemate **Shadow Jack** ([Unbridled's Song](#)), who has fired consecutive Spa bullets including a four-furlong move in :48 flat (1/23) July 20. The grey bears the colors of owner/breeder Newtown Anner Stud and his dam, Coquihalla (Elusive Quality), is a half to the ill-fated GI Hollywood Futurity S. hero Siphonic (Siphon {Brz}). [Click for TJCIS.com PPs.](#)

Insights cont.

7th-SAR, \$83k, Msw, 3yo/up, 7f, 4:21 p.m. ET

Mrs. John Magier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith's \$1.15-million BARMAR 2-year-old sales topper of last year **TENNESSEE** ([Giant's Causeway](#)) returns from a five-month-plus hiatus after a runner-up effort when unveiled behind subsequent Gill Carry Back S. hero Grand Bili (City Zip) in Hallandale Feb. 1. The son of MSW Dixie Dreamer (Mutakddim), from the family of MGISW Life at Ten (Malibu Moon), breezed four furlongs in :49 4/5 (84/109) at Saratoga for the Pletcher barn July 25. **Choir Director** ([Pulpit](#)), who closed to take place honors in his first trip to the post at Belmont Park June 13, breezed a half mile in :47 4/5 at the Spa July 23. The son of Gill Railbird S. heroine Wittly (Distorted Humor), hails from the family of G1 Dubai World Cup winner Well Armed (Tiznow). [Click for TJCIS.com PPs.](#)

10th-SAR, \$83k, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 6:03 p.m. ET

ZIP'S LEGACY ([City Zip](#)) looks to graduate at first asking for Gary Barber Friday. The Mark Casse trainee, who cost just \$40,000 as a FTKOCT yearling, is out of a half-sister to GI Clement L. Hirsch Memorial Turf Championship S. hero Star Over the Bay (Cozzene) as well as GSW Lord of the Bay (Lord Avie) and to three other stakes winners. Live Oak Plantation silkbearer and first-time starter **Sweet Fortune** ([Candy Ride {Arg}](#)) will add flavor, after firing a five-panel synthetic bullet at Fair Hill in 1:01 2/5 (1/21) July 18. The \$250,000 KEESEP yearling is out of a half-sister to MGSW & GISP Graeme Hall (Dehere), GISW Harmony Lodge (Hennessy), GSW Win McCool (Giant's Causeway) and SW Win's Fair Lady (Dehere). Sweet Fortune's second dam is super producer and GSW Win Crafty Lady (Crafty Prospector). Perennial Saratoga leading trainer Todd Pletcher is armed with second-timer **She Hung the Moon** ([Malibu Moon](#)), who ran eighth after a wide journey in a Monmouth Park dirt affair June 7. The Town and Country Farms homebred is a daughter of Canadian champion and MGSW Bear Now (Tiznow) and this is the family of GSW Icecoldbeeratreds (In Excess {Ire}). [Click for TJCIS.com PPs.](#)

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Florida

Thursday's Results:

6th-GP, \$42,500, Msw, 7-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.49, ft.

MISS AWAY (f, 4, [Run Away and Hide](#)--Miss Peachtree {SP}, by War Chant), fourth in her Hallandale debut last May, rallied to complete the exacta in her final start for Giuseppe Iadisernia at this venue later that month. Tabled a 9-2 shot at the windows for this belated third career appearance, the 4-year-old was hustled up to sit in midfield against the inside through the early stages, but lacked racing room through a half in :46.02. Angled three off the rail, she split horses with a furlong remaining and kicked clear to win by two lengths. Evelyn's Dream (Graeme Hall) kept on well to be second. Miss Peachtree (War Chant) is a half to MGISW Jostle (Brocco). Sales history: \$32,000 2yo '13 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$35,060. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Passion Stable, Inc.; B-Northwest Stud (FL); T-Ruben A. Monjes.



Florida Report cont.

7th-GP, \$39,800, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 7-30, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:33.90, fm.

SUSIE BEE (f, 3, English Channel--Susie Cat, by Storm Cat) returned to her winning ways with a sharp score at Gulfstream Thursday afternoon. Raced exclusively over the Hallandale grass course, the sophomore was third in the Miss Patty H. June 13 two starts ago and faded to sixth in a \$60,000 handicap event cut back to 7 1/2 furlongs on Independence Day. Dubbed the 5-2 crowd's choice, the grey was slow to begin, and narrowly avoided a bump rounding the first turn. On a loose rein in sixth behind solid fractions, she began to pick off horses turning for home and arrived at the head of affairs with less than two furlongs to travel. It required the length of the straight, but Susie Bee knuckled down scored by a head over the stubborn front-runner Little Bit Lovely (Saint Anddan). Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, \$54,900. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Calumet Farm; B-Bluegrass Hall, LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Maker.

Eastern U.S.

Thursday's Results:

1st-PEN, \$33,300, (S), Msw, 7-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.96, fm.

ADULATING (f, 3, Flatter--Tepee Tot, by Waquoit), eighth when forced to check in her five-panel Delaware lawn debut June 30, drifted up to 8-1 off her 5-1 morning line. Away well, the dark bay was steadied after lacking racing room going into the grandstand turn and lost ground to sit sixth two deep. Still sixth after six furlongs, Adulating cut the corner and burst through a rail-seam to score decisively in the final strides by 1 1/2 lengths. Moon Ridge (Cherokee's Boy) mirrored the winner's move to get second. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$20,105. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-William L. Pape; B-William L. & Anne S Pape (PA); T-Jonathan E. Sheppard.

1st-CT, \$25,000, Msw, 7-30, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :53.47, ft.

+JONAH (c, 2, Deputy Storm--Sent Certified, by Strike Gold), tabbed a 5-2 chance, was hustled up to sit in a threatening second from the stalls and was soon breathing down the leaders neck through an opening quarter in :22.03. The 2-year-old inched closer on the far turn, but blew the corner and recovered in late stretch to get up in a bobber. It was a head back to the pace-setting It's a Bello (Flatter). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,760. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Christ Is King Stable (MD); T-Ronney W. Brown.



Del Mar

O'Neill Sets Del Mar Trainer Record With Five Win Day:

Four-time Del Mar leading trainer Doug O'Neill set a Del Mar record for most wins on the card Wednesday with five. The previous record of four was established by Red McDaniel in 1954. "Unbelievable," said O'Neill after his fifth trip to the winner's circle after his fifth triumph. "We thought we might have a good day, but this...it's hard to win a single race down here. But to do something like this, what can you say? Just very special. I've got to thank all the people around me. Leandro [Mora, assistant trainer], my help, my riders, my owners, my family, everyone." O'Neill won the first race with 28-1 shot **Hye I'm Jack** (Cowboy Cal), did not have a starter in the second race and swept the third, fourth and fifth with **Jimmy Bouncer** (Square Eddie) (8-1), **Tumbleweedprincess** (Forest Command) (8-1) and **Land Over Sea** (Bellamy Road) (3-1), respectively. He had no runners in the sixth race, but had two chances in the seventh and 10-1 shot **Lookin for Money** (Lookin At Lucky) got the job done to complete the quintet. Housemaker (GB) (Nayef) finished second to his stablemate in that event and O'Neill did not have a runner in the eighth and final race of the day. "You hope for something like this, but you really can't expect it," O'Neill said. "But it all fell into place today. Great rides, perfect trips for the horses, right spots...you just couldn't ask for more. I'm lucky, really lucky, and so very happy."



Doug O'Neill | Benoit Photo

Canada

Wednesday's Results:

ETERNAL SEARCH S., C\$125,400, WO, 7-29, (C), 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.41, ft.

1--LONDON TOWER, 119, f, 3, by Head Chopper

1st Dam: Mrs. Donaghy, by Military

2nd Dam: Estilhaam, by Gulch

3rd Dam: Mamlakah (Ire), by Unfuwain

O/B/T-Steven Owens (ON); J-Gary Boulanger.

C\$75,000. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-2, \$360,004.

Registered Ontario-Bred

2--Galina Point, 119, f, 3, Saffir--Celtic Craft, by Danehill. (C\$7,000 Ylg '13 CANSEP). O-Gary Barber; B-Spring Farm (ON); T-Mark E. Casse. C\$25,000.

Registered Ontario-Bred/CTHS Grad

3--Miss Sea, 115, f, 3, Marchfield--March to the Sea, by Mud Route. (C\$6,000 Ylg '13 CANSEP). O-Kevin Pasher; B-Susan Foreman (ON); T-M. Keogh. C\$12,500.

Registered Ontario-Bred/CTHS Grad

Margins: NK, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.00, 2.05, 13.85.

Also Ran: Take Back Ya Poils, Obeah Woman, Savanna City, Internal Bourbon, Ashford Calling, Boggie.



Eternal Search S. cont.

A 6 1/2-length winner of the restricted Ontario Lassie S. to end her juvenile season Nov. 30, London Tower closed from far back to land the Fury S. in her 3-year-old bow May 3 and was a close second to 66-1 longshot surprise Academic (Henny Hughes) in the Woodbine Oaks going 1 1/8 miles June 14. The bay was only third with a slow getaway against similar in the Bison City S. over track and trip July 12 and was duly favored to add another black-type rosette to her haul. Carried wide into the first turn, London Tower settled into a tracking fifth well off the rail and inched into the top three after a :47 2/5 half. She launched her bid three deep turning for home and despite covering extra ground, held on in determined fashion for a narrow victory after a prolonged stretch battle with second choice Galina Point. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

Champion Horse Halters to Aid Injured Jockey:

The next round of fund-raising for Assiniboia Downs' paralyzed jockey Alyssa Selman begins Friday, Aug. 21 with the listing on eBay of the halters of champion horses American Pharoah, Zenyatta and Shaman Ghost. Selman was paralyzed from the waist down a month ago when her horse clipped heels and she was thrown to the ground. The 29-year-old with two young sons has been given a 5% chance of ever walking again. A complete listing of eBay items which also includes historic memorabilia signed by celebrities in the racing world including Secretariat's owner, Penny Chenery and Triple Crown winning horse American Pharoah's trainer Bob Baffert and jockey Victor Espinoza can be seen [here](#).



Newsday's Ed McNamara (right) received the 2015 Bill Handelman Memorial Award for outstanding coverage of last year's GI William Hill Haskell Invitational S. The award was presented by Monmouth Park's Media Relations Director John Heims. | Equi-Photo

ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Friday, July 31

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- AMERICAN LION** (Tiznow), Darby Dan Farm, \$5K, 70/2/0
7-PRM, Msw, 5f, +Lion Next to You, \$23K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
- COURT VISION** (Gulch), Park Stud, \$10K, 53/1/0
5-WO, Msw, 6fT, Ariel's Vision, \$23K CAN SEP yrl, 20-1
- CUSTOM FOR CARLOS** (More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud, \$3K, 50/0/0
1-EVD, Msw, 7 1/2fT, For Gloryalleluia, \$8K EQL 2YO 2yo, 6-1
- DUE DATE** (El Prado {Ire}), Peach Lane Farms, \$2K, 32/0/0
1-EVD, Msw, 7 1/2fT, Duenay, 9-2
- GIANT OAK** (Giant's Causeway), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 40/0/0
1-EVD, Msw, 7 1/2fT, +Giant Cruiser, 3-1
- GIO PONTI** (Tale of the Cat), Castleton Lyons, \$20K, 110/0/0
5-WO, Msw, 6fT, +Most Inspiring, \$57K FTK OCT yrl, 3-1
- NATIVE RULER** (Elusive Quality), Abraham's Equine Clinic, \$2K, 17/2/0
7-PRM, Msw, 5f, Appanoose, \$4K IOW OCT yrl, 15-1
- SLEW'S TIZNOW** (Tiznow), Rancho San Miguel, \$3K, 21/0/0
4-DMR, Msw, 6f, Tribal Headdress, 20-1
- TIZ THE ONE** (Tiznow), 33/3/0
4-EVD, Alw, 5 1/2f, Bella Won, \$7K RNA EQL 2YO 2yo, 8-1

First/second-crop starters to watch: Friday, July 31

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

- GRASSHOPPER** (Dixie Union), Lane's End Texas, \$4K, 52/13/2
6-LAD, Msw, 5fT, +Solarjazz, 10-1
- QUALITY ROAD** (Elusive Quality), Lane's End, \$25K, 178/39/3
4-SAR, Stk, 1 1/8m, Battle Midway, \$150K KEE SEP yrl, 30-1
- SUPER SAVER** (Maria's Mon), WinStar Farm, \$20K, 203/39/5
4-SAR, Stk, 1 1/8m, Unrivaled, \$60K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
- THORN SONG** (Unbridled's Song), Harris Farms, \$3K, 69/2/0
4-DMR, Msw, 6f, +Yodelsong, 6-1

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Island Speight (Speightstown) graduates at first asking in the fifth race at Saratoga Thursday.

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Granny Mc's Kitten (Kitten's Joy), 4f, :49.60, 11/38

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Her Emmynency (Successful Appeal), 4fT, :50.60, 5/6

Istanford (Istan), 4fT, :48.60, 2/6

Talco (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}), 5fT, 1:00.60, 2/11

Om (Munnings), 6fT, 1:12.00, 1/3

Queen of the Sand (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), 6fT, 1:14.20, 2/3

KEENELAND

Asia (Lookin At Lucky), 5f, 1:00.60, 1/8

SARATOGA

Mr. Z (Malibu Moon), 4f (tr), :50.23, 7/18

Take Charge Brandi (Giant's Causeway), 5f (tr), 1:00.94, 1/7

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), 5f, 1:00.10, 4/18



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-DMR, \$72,750, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 7-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.98, ft.

TATUM'S GOLD (f, 3, Grazen--Cherry Gold, by Touch Gold) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-0, \$125,350. O/B-Nicholas B. Alexander (CA); T-Steven Miyadi.

5th-WO, C\$48,300, (S), 7-29, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:46.44, ft.

NINJA QUEEN (m, 5, Old Forester--Ballaquinney, by Saratoga Six) Lifetime Record: 16-2-2-2, \$87,117. O/B/T-Jennifer Creer (ON).

4th-PEN, \$34,220, 7-29, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.13, fm.

HYMN'S SYLVIA (h, 5, Snow Ridge--Inthebeginning, by Opening Verse) Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-1, \$53,942. O/B-Lydee D. Shea (PA); T-Timothy H. Shea.

5th-PEN, \$32,656, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 7-29, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.36, ft.

ALFREDO ROMANA (c, 4, More Than Ready--Cat in the Tree, by Forest Wildcat) Lifetime Record: 16-7-2-2, \$137,072. O-Maria Claire Van Sant, Theresa Salerno & David Nunn; B-Gilbert G. Campbell (FL); T-David Nunn.

8th-EVD, \$30,500, (S), 7-29, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.35, ft.

LINDACIOUS (f, 4, Yankee Gentleman--Satin Shoes, by Six Speed) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-0, \$57,240.

O-Set-Hut LLC; B-William C Thomas (LA); T-Jerry Delhomme. *\$70,000 Ylg '12 ESLYRL. **1/2 to Intractable (Sandpit {Brz}), MSP, \$272,258; Flashy Wise Cat (Catastrophe), SW, \$283,040; and Suitefriendsofmine (Richter Scale), SW, \$113,230.

1st-PID, \$27,720, (S), 7-30, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:44.50, ft.

AFLEET ALEXA (f, 4, Afleet Alex--Rey Lake, by Meadowlake) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-2, \$53,520. O-Martin Brothers Racing Stable, Inc.; B-Charles Zacney (PA); T-Joseph R. Martin. *\$11,000 Ylg '12 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Bessie's Boy (Smoke Glacken), SW, \$151,249.

3rd-AP, \$24,645, Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 7-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.55, fm.

SUGAR SWEET (f, 4, Mr. Greeley--Scoop of Gold, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-3, \$71,275. O-Louie J. Roussel III; B-Cornerstone Thoroughbreds LLC (PA); T-Louie J. Roussel, III. *\$122,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP. **1/2 to Medea (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), GSW, \$264,845.

Trained at **Crupi's New Castle Farm**

3rd-LAD, \$23,570, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 7-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:32.07, fm.

GLAMORIDE (f, 4, Ide--Driven, by Forestry) Lifetime Record: MSP, 26-6-5-5, \$185,810. O-Horseplayers Racing Club LLC; B-R. L. Reineman Stable, Inc. (LA); T-Danny Pish. *\$5,500 Ylg '12 KEESEP.

2nd-AP, \$22,419, 7-30, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.82, ft.

JUKEBOX JOHNNY (g, 4, Colonel John--Funny Annie {MSW, \$167,325}, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 16-4-2-3, \$58,474. O-William Stirtz; B-Casner Racing LP (KY); T-Scott Becker.

6th-LAD, \$22,020, 7-29, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5fT, :58.07, fm.

CONCHO (g, 5, Indian Ocean--Shimmering Jul, by Omega Code) Lifetime Record: 17-3-1-2, \$38,661. O/T-Jorge Gomez; B-Paul R. & Mary Anne Denes (FL). *\$3,500 Wlg '10 OBSOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Grand Tuner, f, 2, Grand Appointment--Tuner's Finest, by Finest Hour. EVD, 7-29, (S), 5f, :59.44. B-Margie K. Averett (LA).

Divine Intrigue, c, 3, Divine Park--Whatsthesensntalkn (Ire), by Giant's Causeway. WO, 7-29, (C), 1mT, 1:36.26. B-Gabe Grossberg & K Wentzien (KY).

Start Line, g, 3, Jump Start--Silver Buckle, (SP), by Silver Ghost. CT, 7-29, (S), 7f, 1:28.40. B-Timothy C. & Judith Grams (WV).

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Thursday's Results:

5th-GOO, £25,000, Mdn, 7-30, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:27.02, gd.

NOTARY (GB) (f, 2, Lawman {Fr}--Purity {GB}, by Pivotal {GB}), third on debut over this trip at Newmarket July 17, raced keenly early without cover trapped wide behind the leading duo. Left in front with a furlong remaining, the 5-4 crowd's choice held on gamely to score by a short head from Anabel (GB) (Lord of England {Ger}). "It was a good performance that can be upgraded, as she did everything wrong," trainer Roger Varian commented. "She was very tough, as she was not handling the undulations." Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$26,136. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O/B-Cheveley Park Stud (GB); T-Roger Varian.

3rd-EPS, £6,000, Mdn, 7-30, 2yo, 7fT, 1:25.00, gd.

+ LORELINA (GB) (f, 2, Passing Glance {GB}--Diktalina {GB}, by Diktat {GB}), sent off the outsider of the sextet at 28-1, was slowly away before racing in a detached last throughout the early stages. Swerving wide in early straight, the homebred kept moving forward past rivals and, after gaining a short lead with 100 yards remaining, kept on for an ultimately snug neck success from Prince of Arran (GB) (Shirocco {Ger}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,056. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Mr Tim Wixted & Mr Tony Anderson (GB); T-Andrew Balding.

**British Report cont.**

1st-NOT, £5,000, Mdn, 7-30, 2yo, f, 5f 13yT, 1:00.41, gd. + CURTAIN CALL (GB) (f, 2, Acclamation {GB}--Apacer {Ire}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) chased the leaders in fifth through the early fractions of this first go. Making stealthy progress from halfway to lead approaching the final furlong, the 9-2 third choice was pushed out in the closing stages to comfortably best Fataawy (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,046. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Richard Fahey.

2nd-NOT, £5,000, Mdn, 7-30, 2yo, 6f 15yT, 1:15.00, gd. DREAM MOVER (IRE) (c, 2, Dream Ahead--Maramba {SP-Eng}, by Hussonet), a debut fourth at Doncaster last time July 9, was well away to stalk the leading duo through halfway in this return. Making smooth headway to lead inside the quarter-mile marker, the 6-4 chalk was unchallenged from there and stretched clear under mild urging inside the final eighth to easily best Waslawi (Ire) (Halling) by two lengths, becoming the ninth winner for his freshman sire (by Diktat {GB}). Sales history: €52,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; €58,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB; 160,000gns 2yo '15 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,416. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Team Valor; B-D G Icton (IRE); T-Marco Botti.

1st-FLS, £5,000, Mdn, 7-30, 3yo/up, 12fT, 2:42.67, gd.

ALLA BREVE (GB) (f, 3, Dansili {GB}--Allegretto {Ire} {Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 11-14f & 14f+, Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 13 1/2f+, G1SW-Fr, MGSW & MG1SP-Eng, \$962,172}, by Galileo {Ire}), fifth on debut when very green over a mile at Kempton in October, was settled behind the early leaders. Grinding her way to the front with 150 yards remaining, the 16-1 shot asserted to score by 2 1/2 lengths from Every Instinct (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}). "Sir Michael [Stoute] put the blinkers on to make her concentrate and her last furlong was the best bit," jockey Stevie Donohoe said. "She took time to pull up and that was not a bad maiden." Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,046. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Sir Michael R. Stoute.

DBS SILVER CATALOGUE ONLINE

The catalogue for DBS's Silver Sale, a single-day sale that will follow the company's Premier Sales Aug. 27, is now online. There are 130 yearlings catalogued for the Silver Sale, including [lot 513](#), a colt by Fast Company (Ire) who is a half to the stakes-winning and Grade I-placed Soothsay (Ire) (Mujadil); [lot 525](#), a colt by first-season yearling sire Bated Breath (GB) who is a half-brother to Group 3 winner Chigun (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}); [lot 531](#), a Monsieur Bond (Ire) full-sister to G1 Prix de l'Abbaye winner Move In Time (GB); and [lot 588](#), a Zebedee (GB) colt from the family of exciting young sire Showcasing (GB) and Group 1 winners Prophecy (Ire) (Warning) and Foreteller (GB) (Dansili {GB}).

DBS Sale cont.

"This sale replaced the St Leger Festival Sales last year and the huge increase in every statistic with a number of leading buyers purchasing yearlings proved that this sale works," said DBS Managing Director Henry Beeby. "Names like BBA Ireland, Henry Candy, Bobby O'Ryan, Richard Fahey, Middleham Park Racing, SackvilleDonald, Tom Malone, Kevin Ryan, Stephen Hillen, Willie Browne, etc., worked the sale in a serious manner, resulting in a truly vibrant trade. As a result our 2015 Silver Sales has been well supported with some really commercial yearlings, and we look forward to building on its highly promising beginnings."

**Thursday's Result:**

ARTHUR GUINNESS EBF CORRIB FILLIES S.-Listed, €60,000, GAL, 7-30, 3yo/up, f, 7fT, 1:27.71, gd.

1--**#LAVINIAD (IRE), 133, m, 5, Lawman (Fr)--Iuturna (MSW-Ity, \$142,708), by Intidab.** (€30,000 Ylg '11 GOOY1). O/B-Ballylinch Stud (IRE); T-Willie Mullins; J-Declan McDonogh. €39,000. Lifetime Record: 20-4-3-5, \$100,988.

2--**Tested (GB), 138, f, 4, Selkirk--Prove (GB), by Daneshill.** O-Khalid Abdullah. €12,000.

3--**Corail (Ire), 126, f, 3, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Croisiere, by Capote.** (€37,000 RNA Ylg '13 ARAUG). O-Lady O'Reilly. €6,000.

Margins: HD, HD, 3/4. Odds: 5.00, 2.00, 14.00. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

Lavinia, who has been a handicap ever-present in each of her last 14 starts, went postward for this black-type bow coming off an ultimately snug win going seven panels at Gowran Park last time June 21, and showed her usual determination to claim a career high in this distaffers-only heat. Usurped for the lead and relegated to fourth after the early exchanges, she slipped two spots when caught in a pocket rounding the home turn and utilized a dream rail trip under a power drive in the closing stages to claim the rosette on the nod in a blanket finish. "She's very temperamental and we had an awful job to get [jockey] Declan [McDonogh] on to her," said trainer Willie Mullins. "When he did eventually get on at the fence here past the stands, he had to ride her with his feet out of the irons the whole way up to the start. She's herself, but once you let her be herself she's fine. I always keep them entered up just in case they win out of turn like that and I didn't dream she'd win today. I have her entered in [the Listed Platinum S. at] Cork next week, she's won there before and I love horses for courses. I didn't think she'd handle this track, so it just goes to show the way they can surprise you, but she's a filly that's been improving all season. She's big and has got really strong this year and her strength is coming out now."



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Thursday's Results:**PRIX DU CERCLE-Listed**, €52,000, DVL, 7-30, 3yo/up, 5fT, :57.48, sf.

1--**MIRZA (GB)**, 128, g, 8, **Oasis Dream (GB)**--Millyant (GB) (Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 5-7f, MGSW-Fr, SW-Eng & MGSP-Ire, \$231,224), by **Primo Dominie (GB)**. (85,000gns RNA Wlg '07 TATFOA; 40,000gns RNA Yrl '08 TATOCT; 28,000gns RNA HRA '10 TATAUT). O/B-Chris J Mills (GB); T-Rae Guest; J-loritz Mendizabal. €26,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW-Fr, SW-Ire & GSP-Eng, 43 starts, 10 wins, 12 places, €257,718.

2--**Muharaaj (Ire)**, 128, c, 4, Iffraaj (GB)--Desert Sprite (Ire), by Tagula (Ire). (14,000gns RNA Wlg '12 TADEC). O-Zalim Bifov. €10,400.

3--**Music Master (GB)**, 128, h, 5, Piccolo (GB)--Twilight Mistress (GB), by Bin Ajwaad (Ire). O-G. Wilson. €7,800. Margins: 1 1/4, HD, 1 1/4. Odds: 11.80, 16.00, 1.90.

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Mirza, who garnered this event and the G3 Prix du Petit Couvert last year, was unsuccessful in bids for the Oct. 5 G1 Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp and Mar. 28 G1 Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan, and lined up here coming off a fifth in the June 14 Listed Midsummer Sprint S. at Cork. Finding cover from an outside draw to sit behind the leading wave for most of this dash, the veteran exhibited a fine turn of foot to seize control at the sixteenth pole and was pushed out to comfortably enhance his resume. "He won this race last year, he won again nicely today and is obviously in love with France," commented owner's son Robbie Mills. "He also likes Longchamp very much so I think he'll be campaigned in France. His next target is the [Sept. 13 G3] Prix du Petit Couvert and then the [Oct. 4 G1] Prix de l'Abbaye, a race in which he was an unlucky fifth last year."

4th-DVL, €25,000, Mdn, 7-30, unraced 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:11.71, sf.

+ **SASPARELLA (FR)** (f, 2, **Shamardal**--Desertiste {GB}, by **Green Desert**) raced in fourth before taking closer order and improving one spot at halfway. Quickening smartly to seize control with 300 meters to go, the 24-5 chance was punched clear, despite a tendency to drift right, to score by an impressive four lengths from Koshka (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}). Mechanism (GB) (Zamindar), a full-sister to G1SW Timepiece (GB), was handily placed for the most part, but was unable to keep tabs on the front rank in the closing stages and finished seventh. "She has been forward in her training and has worked nicely at home so I was confident she would run a good race," explained trainer Carlos Laffon-Parias. "Hopefully, she has a nice future and we'll probably bring her back here for the [Aug. 22 G3] Prix du Calvados." Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,500.

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O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (Fr); T-C. Laffon-Parias.

1st-DVL, €25,000, Mdn, 7-30, unraced 2yo, c/g, 6fT, 1:12.64, sf.

+ **OMAR BRADLEY** (c, 2, **War Front**--Louve des Reves {SP-Fr, \$100,134}, by **Sadler's Wells**) raced in third after the initial strides of this first go. Nudged along to close inside the two pole, the 37-10 chance led with 150 meters remaining and lengthened well from there to score by two lengths from Attendu (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}). Presidency (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), a son of the dual Classic winner Special Duty (GB) (Hennessy), raced in second until fading late to finish sixth. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Joseph Allen, Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Joe Allen Stables (KY); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

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POLAR CUP-G3, NKr500,000, OVR, 7-30, 3yo/up, 6f 187yT, 1:22.30, gd.

1--**#@EASY ROAD (GB)**, 130, g, 5, by **Compton Place (GB)**
1st Dam: Broughtons Revival (GB), by Pivotal (GB)
2nd Dam: Ella Lamees (GB), by Statoblest (Ire)
3rd Dam: Lamees, by Lomond
 (37,000gns Wlg '10 TATFOA; 38,000gns Ylg '11 TATFOA; £35,000 2yo '12 DONBRE). O-Stall Easy Road; B-Michael E Broughton (GB); T-Cathrine Erichsen; J-Rafael de Oliveira; NKr300,000. Lifetime Record: SP-Swe, 23-7-7-2, NKr1,026,557. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Silver Ocean**, 134, g, 7, Silver Train--Endless Sea, by Mt. Livermore. (\$60,000 wnlng '08 KEENOV; \$37,000 RNA yrl '09 KEESEP; £26,000 2yo '10 GOFMAR; 23,000gns HIT '10 TATHIT; 120,000gns HIT '11 TATHIT). O-Autoindustri AB; B-Sun Valley Farm; T-Niels Petersen. NKr100,000.

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3--**Ragazzo (Nor)**, 134, g, 5, Academy Award (Ire)--Private Property (Ire), by Pips Pride (GB). O-Stall Trotting; B-Johan C Loken; T-Annikke Bye Hansen. NKr50,000.

Margins: HD, HF, NK. Odds: 8.50, 10.30, 0.30.

Also Ran: Giftorm, Energia Colonial (Brz). [Click for the Racing Post result](#).

Unable to break through at black-type level prior to this test, Easy Road was only a nose away from denying Ragazzo in the Listed Taby Varpsprint over six furlongs June 9 and a half-length back when second again to that rival in this track's Listed Norsk Jockeyklubs Sprintlop over the same trip 16 days later. Behind early and outpaced as Silver Ocean applied the pressure, the bay moved up to gain a slight edge over that long-time leader passing the furlong pole and kept fighting in the middle of the track to prevail in the photo.

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Norwegian Results cont.

Thursday, Ovrevoll, Norway

OSLO CUP-G3, NKr500,000, OVR, 7-30, 3yo/up, 12fT, 2:34.70, gd.

1--**@EYE IN THE SKY (IRE)**, 130, c, 4, by Sinndar (Ire)

1st Dam: Saudade (Ger), by Linamix (Fr)

2nd Dam: Saumareine (Fr), by Saumarez (GB)

3rd Dam: Charming Queen (Fr), by Habitat

(€75,000 Ylg '12 ARAUG). O-Scandinavian Racing

Stables AB; B-Haras de la Perelle (Fr); T-Niels

Petersen; J-Elione Chaves. NKr300,000. Lifetime

Record: Ch. Scandinavian 2yo & 3yo Colt, SW-Ger &

SP-Swe, 19-7-1-1, NKr2,438,130. **Werk Nick Rating:**

A + +. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Fearless Hunter (Ger)**, 130, g, 5, Alhaarth (Ire)--

Firedance (Ger), by Lomitas (GB). (€24,000 yrl '11

BBASEP). O-Stall RH; B-Graf & Graf von

Stauffenberg; T-Rune Haugen. NKr100,000.

3--**Bank of Burden**, 132, g, 8, Hawk Wing--Wewantital

(GB), by Pivotal (GB). (\$50,000 RNA wlng '07

KEENOV; €40,000 RNA yrl '08 ARQAUG). O-Stall

Trick Or Treat (AB); B-Bjarne Minde; T-Niels Petersen.

NKr50,000.

Margins: NK, 1HF, HF. Odds: 2.50, 6.80, 1.60.

Also Ran: Energia El Gigante (Brz), Jubilance (Ire),

Matauri (Ire), Aylin (Fr), Free House (GB), Without Fear

(Fr), Hi Finn (Ire), Duke Derby (Ire), Probably (Ire). [Click](#)

for the [Racing Post result](#).

Champion in Scandinavia at two and three courtesy

of wins in the 2013 Taby Vinterfavoriternas and the

following year's Listed Norsk Derby here and Svenskt

St Leger back at Taby, Eye In the Sky held his own in

handicap company at Meydan's carnival before running

third in Hoppegarten's Listed Grosser Preis der

Gesundheitswirtschaft over 10 furlongs Apr. 26.

Looking in need of further than that distance when

fourth in the June 9 G3 Stockholms Stora Pris at Taby,

the grey relished the rise to two miles when annexing

the Listed Langer Hamburger at the end of last month.

As it turned out, this trip proved on the sharp side for

him but after languishing in a distant fourth for much of

the contest was able to produce a stamina-laden effort

down the center of the home straight and overhaul

Fearless Hunter in the last 50 yards.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-DVL, €34,000, 7-30, 3yo, 6fT, 1:10.56, sf.

THE RIGHT MAN (GB) (g, 3, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Three

Owls {Ire}, by Warning {GB}) Lifetime Record: 9 starts,

5 wins, 4 places, €69,550. O-Pegase Bloodstock, Zied

Ben M'Rad, Azeddine Sedrati, Mme Samira Turki &

Comte Guillaume de Saint-Seine; B-Mrs James Wigan

(GB); T-Didier Guillemain. *€30,000 RNA Wlg '12

ARQDEC; €32,000 Yrl '13 AR13; \$80,000 RNA HRA

'15 ARJUL.

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5th-DVL, €33,000, 7-30, 4yo/up, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:57.73, ft.

AL WAAB (IRE) (g, 5, [Danehill Dancer {Ire}](#)--Aunt Julia

{GB} {MSP-Eng}, by [In the Wings {GB}](#)) Lifetime

Record: MGSP-Eng, 21 starts, 5 wins, 10 places,

€112,620. O-Mubarak Al Naemi; B-Aunt Julia

Syndicate (IRE); T-Georges Mikhalides. *€75,000 Yrl

'11 GOFSP.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

1st-GOO, £50,000, 7-30, 3yo, 9f 192yT, 2:03.67, gd.

GIBEON (IRE) (c, 3, [Cape Cross {Ire}](#)--Gravitation {GB}

{GSW-Eng, \$126,343}, by [Galileo {Ire}](#)) Lifetime

Record: 10-2-2-2, \$96,254. O-Gillian, Lady Howard de

Walden; B-Avington Manor Stud (IRE); T-Richard

Hannon.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lilbourne Prince (Ire), c, 2, **Lilbourne Lad (Ire)**--

Defensive Boast, by El Gran Senor. FLS, 7-30, 6fT,

1:11.92. B-Ms Mary Ryan (IRE). *€45,000 Wlg '13

GOFNOV; €30,000 2yo '15 GBMBR.



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