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CLASH OF HANDICAP HEAVIES IN WHITNEY

By Mike Kane

When last seen at Saratoga Race Course, jockey Kerwin Clark was guiding a 55-1 longshot to a second-place finish in a Grade 1 race. He has fond memories of his ride in the historic GI Travers S.

Ten days shy of 25 years later, Clark--he's 56 now--will make his second career start at America's oldest racetrack in Saturday's GI Whitney S. Clark will be aboard **Normandy Invasion** (Tapit), who, at 30-1, is the longest shot on the morning line in the 10-horse field.

With a strong group entered in the Whitney, there is very good chance that Normandy Invasion could go off

at the same type of odds that Shot Gun Scott did when he was runner-up to Rhythm in the 1990 Travers. Odds should mean nothing to Clark, who is beating them daily in the second full year of a career renaissance in a partnership with trainer Larry Jones.

Clark has no trouble recalling his first and only trip to Saratoga. He was riding at Arlington Park that summer.

"I can give it to you, the blow-by-blow," Clark said Wednesday. "I was in front until inside the eighth pole and Rhythm came down the middle of the racetrack and beat me. I remember it like it was yesterday."

Though victory was snatched away from him in the stretch, Clark said it was a satisfying second.

"I had more reporters around me after the race than Craig Perret and he rode the winner," Clark said. "What made it so good--and I didn't know it at the time--was that the guy who trained, bred and owned him got all the money for second. I think at that time the purse was \$1.1 million. So he wrote me a check for probably the most money I had ever made to that point as a rider. It was unbelievable. I was ecstatic. I felt like I had won. It was great."

Only two other riders from the 1990 Travers are still active--Hall of Famers Mike Smith and Gary Stevens--and Smith will be in the Whitney aboard 'TDN Rising Star' **Liam's Map** (Unbridled's Song). **Cont. p3**



Kerwin Clark | keeneland.com

HORSE COUNTRY GEARS UP WITH BC TOURS

By Lucas Marquardt

In January, Horse Country Inc. was launched to promote and facilitate tours of Lexington's horse farms, medical clinics and equine attractions. This fall, the upstart non-profit will play a central role entertaining fans when the Breeders' Cup World Championships is held at Keeneland Oct. 30-31, and while organizers recognize the challenges, they're excited to showcase what Kentucky's Bluegrass region has to offer.

"The Breeders' Cup is a huge deal to us, but maybe not as known to the general consumer," said Mill Ridge Farm's Price Bell, who along with his father Headley Bell joined with Brutus Clay and Dr. Luke Fallon to help spearhead the formation of Horse Country. "We want to draw people to Lexington early and make a kind of fanzone here."

As part of Breeders' Cup Festival Week, Horse Country has put together ticketed tours available to the general public. Each tour, lasting about four hours, features two fan experiences. There are 27 tours in total, with about 2,500 tickets on offer. The goal is simple: fan development.

"We want to share with fans and the community the story behind the Breeders' Cup," said Bell. "We have all these farms and all these experiences, so let's try to bundle them. Look at the horses competing in the Breeders' Cup. Many of their mothers are here. Most of their fathers are here. They were treated at clinics here, and many are fed by local feedmills. Having a horse in the Breeders' Cup is what most of us get up every day and strive for. It's our passion. We hope that sharing that passion is part of the fan-development puzzle."

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Sophomore Girls Line Up for Test



Take Charge Brandi |

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Unraced since landing her 3-year-old debut in the Martha Washington S. at Oaklawn Park all the way back on Jan. 31, TDN Rising Star and Eclipse Award winner Take Charge Brandi (Giant's Causeway) makes a much-anticipated return to the races in Saturday's GI Longines Test S. at Saratoga. It will be no walk in the park for the champ, who faces the likes of MGSW Irish Jasper (First Defence), GSW and fellow Rising Star Cavorting (Bernardini) and By the Moon (Malibu Moon) and Wonder Gal (Tiz Wonderful), second and third, respectively, in the GI Acorn S. June 6.

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Anderson Farms Resurfaces at FTS



David Anderson

For the first time since 2010 and since patriarch Robert Anderson passed away in 2011, Anderson Farms will make a somewhat bittersweet return to the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga August sale when it send a Street Cry (Ire) filly through the ring Tuesday evening. "For me, personally, [returning to Saratoga] means a lot," said David Anderson, who has taken over for his late father. "I grew up in Saratoga. We always had a house there for the month of August and I really spent my summers there racing and, of course, going to the sale."

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Wise Dan Gearing Up at Keeneland

Working over a fast main track at Keeneland Wednesday morning, two-time Horse of the Year Wise Dan (Wiseman's Ferry) continued to make progress towards a return to the races with a strong five-furlong breeze that went in 1:02.20. "He got the last quarter in :23 and change and he came back good, really good," trainer Charlie LoPresti commented.

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Clark's break with Jones came when Rosie Napravnik opted for another horse in a Nov. 24, 2013, maiden race at Fair Grounds. He picked up the assignment on Albano (Istan), who prevailed over Napravnik's choice, the 4-5 race favorite. Thirteen races later, Clark is still with Albano and rides all of Jones's horses. That alliance of 50-somethings produced the first two GI victories of Clark's career earlier this year when he piloted Lovely Maria (Majesticperfection) to wins in the Ashland and the Kentucky Oaks.

All his recent good fortune, Clark said, is the result of the support he has received from Jones and his two main owners, Airdrie Stud's Brereton Jones and Rick Porter, who operates Fox Hill Farm, which owns Normandy Invasion.

"Without them I wouldn't be here. I wouldn't be getting this opportunity," he said. "I won the Ashland and the Oaks at 56 years old. Are you kidding me? Jockeys just don't get opportunities like that. To be associated with these people has been a absolute blessing. I wouldn't be getting these opportunities with them. They are putting me on some really good horses. I love my job. I've got a barn full of good horses. It's the most exciting time of my life and my career."

A year ago, Martin Panza, NYRA's new Senior Vice-President of Racing, doubled the Whitney purse to a Saratoga-record \$1.5 million as part of his big-event strategy. Panza didn't realize his goal of drawing all the top handicap horses in the country to the Whitney. It was a good field, led by Palace Malice (Curlin) and Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song), but this year's edition, vying for a purse of \$1.25 million, has more quality and depth.



Honor Code | Adam Coglianesse

The 2014 Whitney won by **Moreno** (Ghostzapper) had three Grade I winners. Seven top-level winners, including Moreno, were entered Tuesday afternoon, making the Whitney the best race of 2015 thus far. It is part of the Breeders' Cup Challenge, a "Win and You're In" race for the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

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John Oxley's **Noble Bird** (Birdstone) most recently joined the Grade I club with his win over Whitney rival **Lea** (First Samurai) in the Stephen Foster on June 13 at Churchill Downs. His competition in the Whitney includes GI Met Mile winner and 'TDN Rising Star' **Honor Code** (A.P. Indy); GI Belmont S. and GI Jockey Club Gold Cup winner **Tonalist** (Tapit), another 'Rising Star'; GI Travers winner **V. E. Day** (English Channel); and GI Wood Memorial winner and Travers runner-up **Wicked Strong** (Hard Spun). Noble Bird has three wins and was second by a head in his last four starts.

"It took him a while to get his act together, but he's run well," trainer Mark Casse said. "He's come here and trained really well. This is quite a race."

Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 5:46 p.m. EDT

WHITNEY S.-GI, \$1,250,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Honor Code	A.P. Indy	Castellano	McGghy	124
2	Tonalist	Tapit	Velazquez	Clement	124
3	Noble Bird	Birdstone	Bridgmohan	Casse	124
4	Liam's Map [Ⓚ]	Unbridled's Song	Smith	Pletcher	117
5	Moreno	Ghostzapper	Velasquez	Guillot	124
6	V. E. Day [Ⓚ]	English Channel	Alvarado	Jerkens	124
7	Lea	First Samurai	Rosario	Mott	124
8	Coach Inge	Big Brown	Ortiz Jr	Pletcher	121
9	Wicked Strong [Ⓚ]	Hard Spun	Saez	Jerkens	124
10	Normandy Invasion [Ⓚ]	Tapit	Clark	Jones	117





Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 5:11 p.m. EDT

LONGINES TEST S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 7f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Irish Jasper	First Defence	Castellano	Ryan	118
2 Cavorting (K)	Bernardini	Ortiz Jr	McLughlin	118
3 By the Moon	Indian Charlie	Ortiz	Nevin	120
4 Take Charge Brandi (K)	Giant's Causeway	Saez	Lukas	120
5 Kathballu	Bluegrass Cat	Leparoux	McPeck	116
6 Wonder Gal	Tiz Wonderful	Carmouche	Gyarmati	116
7 So You Say	Flatter	Velazquez	Nevin	116
8 Angela Renee	Bernardini	Smith	Pletcher	120
9 Bar of Gold	Medaglia d'Oro	Lezcano	Kimmel	116
10 Pleasant Tales	Tale of Ekati	Alvarado	Stewart	116

Saturday, Del Mar, post time: 8:40 p.m. EDT

JOHN C. MABEE S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Notte d'Oro (K)	Medaglia d'Oro	Prat	Stidham	119
2 Emotional Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Stevens	Ward	119
3 Fanticola	Silent Name (Jpn)	Talamo	D'Amato	121
4 Stormy Lucy	Stormy Atlantic	Bejarano	Moger Jr	119
5 Personal Diary	City Zip	Blanc	Oliver	121
6 Gusto Dolce (Uru)	T. H. Approval	Pedroza	Mandella	119
7 Queen of The Sand (Ire)	Fstpsinthsnd (GB)	Van Dyke	Gallagher	119
8 Elektrum (Ire)	High Chparrl (Ire)	Espinoza	Sadler	119
9 Blingsmything (K)	Arch	Baze	Kruljac	119

Saturday, Del Mar, post time: 7:10 p.m. EDT

BEST PAL S.-GII, \$200,000, 2yo, 6 1/2f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Found Money	Square Eddie	Nakatani	O'Neill	123
2 Paynes Prairie	Tale of Ekati	Pedroza	Pender	119
3 Bistraya (K)	Haynesfield	Nicolas	Agarie	117
4 Swipe (K)	Birdstone	Dsrmeux	Dsrmeux	121
5 Nyquist (K)	Uncle Mo	Gutierrez	O'Neill	119
6 Annie's Candy (K)	Twirling Candy	Baze	Miller	119

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Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 6:23 p.m. EDT

FASIG-TIPTON WAYA S.-Gill, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Goldy Espony (Fr)	Vespone (Ire)	Carmouche	Brown	120
2 Eastern Belle (GB)	Chmps Elyses (GB)	Lezcano	Motion	114
3 Evidently	Smart Strike	Saez	Lerman	118
4 Chat	Dynaformer	Franco	Sheppard	114
5 Cat's Claw	Dynaformer	Ortiz	Sheppard	116
6 Nice Number	Pioneerof the Nile	Leparoux	Cox	116
7 Hellenistic	English Channel	Castellano	Brown	116
8 White Rose	Tapit	Bridgmohan	Mott	116
9 Selenite	Cosmonaut	Rosario	Donk	116
10 Queen's Parade	Giant's Causeway	Velazquez	McGghy	114
11 Kitten's Point	Kitten's Joy	Prado	Motion	123
12 Danza Cavallo (Fr)	Sunday Break (Jpn)	Ortiz Jr	Brown	116

Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 4:47 p.m. EDT

SEAWAY S.-Gill, C\$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Miss Mischief	Into Mischief	Gallardo	Capuano	117
2 Skylander Girl	Stroll	Ramsammy	Patykewich	119
3 Pirate's Trove	Speightstown	Geroux	Stidham	117
4 Marbre Rose (Ire)	Smart Strike	Garcia	Clement	117
5 Endless Light (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Da Silva	Frostad	119
6 Hillaby	Distorted Humor	Husbands	Casse	117
7 Cactus Kris	Cactus Ridge	Pino	Walsh	119

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ANDERSON FARMS RETURNS TO SARATOGA

by J.M. Severni

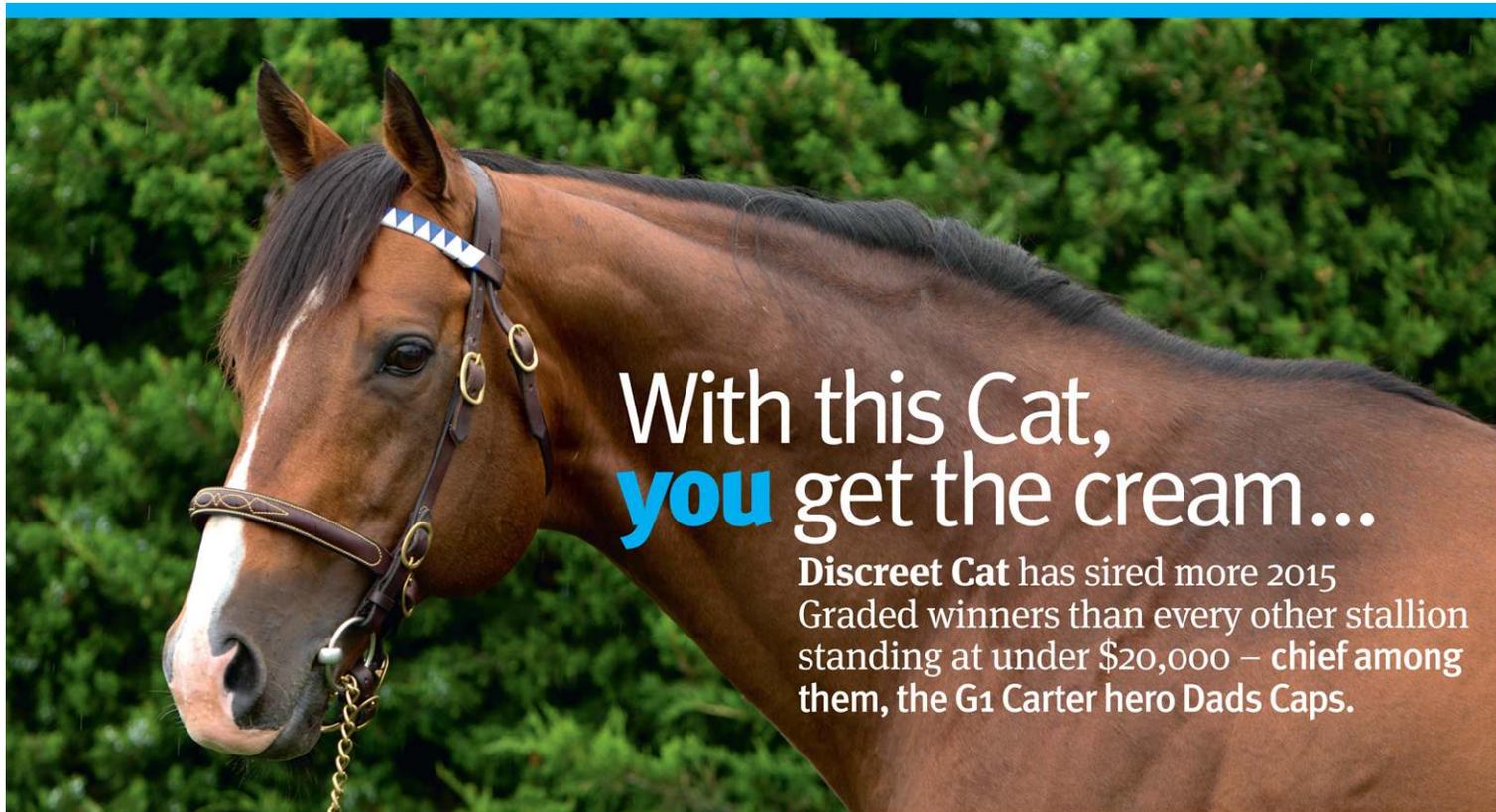
Anderson Farms returns to the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale for the first time since 2010 when it sends [hip 153](#), a filly by Street Cry (Ire), through the sales ring Tuesday evening. It will be a bittersweet moment for David Anderson, who took over the farm after the passing of his father Robert in 2011. Although the farm has been selling at Keeneland and other Fasig-Tipton sales, this will be Anderson Farms first time returning to the Spa since David took over the reins.



David Anderson

"For me, personally, [returning to Saratoga] means a lot," Anderson said. "I grew up in Saratoga. We always had a house there for the month of August and I really spent my summers there racing and, of course, going to the sale."

Anderson Farms, which was established by Robert Anderson in 1969, is located in St. Thomas, Ontario. Historically, Anderson Farms has had a great deal of success in upstate New York. The operation topped the sale in 1985 when National Assembly, a colt by Danzig, went to BBA Ireland for \$2.5 million, and again in 2001 with Appleby Gardens (A.P. Indy), a subsequent GISP, who fetched \$2 million from Eugene Melnyk. Cont. p6



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Thursday night, the late Robert Anderson will be inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame as a Thoroughbred Builder. He served as a director of the Ontario Jockey Club for 25 years, president of the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society, board member of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association and was a member of The Jockey Club of Canada and the Ontario Racing Commission. David Anderson noted that his father's enduring legacy, which will be celebrated Thursday night, has made him even more keen to maintain Anderson Farm's standards of quality into the new era.

"It's a pretty special night for all of us at Anderson Farms," Anderson said of the induction. "I owe everything to my father. He paved the road and built the brand and allowed me to just come in behind that legacy. I hope that we can continue to do him proud."

Anderson Farms currently has about two dozen mares on the farm and mostly sell yearling stock, but occasionally keep a few to race. Anderson said, especially since the recent resurgence in interest and funds being allocated at Woodbine and towards Canadian restricted races, the farm's location in the Great White North is a breeding advantage.

"We want to be known as a boutique Canadian-bred nursery," Anderson explained. "I feel that there's still an opportunity in Canada with the recent announcement of Woodbine getting a casino, I think that will fuel the Ontario-bred program again. I want to be one of the top players standing at the mailbox looking for some breeders awards. We breed to stallions in Kentucky, but all of our horses, for the most part, are Kentucky-sired, but are bred in Canada and wear the Canadian-bred badge, so they're eligible for all the restricted races up here, which allows buyers close to the boarder great position if they want to have a horse in a restricted program. There's some great stakes programs up here and great rewards."

Anderson Farm's offering is out of Pinafores Pride and is from a female family that goes back to the third dam, Fleet Courage. The farm purchased Fleet Courage for \$9,200 at the 1992 Keeneland November Sale. Anderson Farms bred and campaigned SW and GSP second dam Pinafore Park and bred unraced dam Pinafores Pride. The Street Cry filly is a full-sibling to MGISW Southdale. Anderson believes the filly is one of the best the farm has ever produced and noted that he's waited for that type of outstanding individual to bring back to Saratoga.

"Saratoga is a really, special boutique sale and you have to have all the stars aligned from the physical to the page," he explained. "We felt the last couple of years, we just didn't have the right horse. This filly is by Street Cry and they're not making any more Street Cry fillies. She's a tremendous, tremendous individual. She's, without a doubt, the best yearling to come off our property. I'm very excited about trying to sell her at a sale like Saratoga."

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Anderson added that the farm is returning to the standards of quality that was previously seen under the care of his father.

"I'm pleased with what we're building," Anderson said. "It doesn't happen overnight and it's a long process, but at the end of the day, we want to have a viable operation and we want people to know they can come and shop Anderson Farms and get a quality animal that's going to be successful."

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WARD'S ASCOT WINNERS BREEZE IN KY

Wes Welker and Sol Kumin's **Undrafted** (Purim) had his first work back since winning Royal Ascot's G1 Diamond Jubilee June 20, covering five panels in 1:04 on a fast main track at Keeneland Wednesday.

"We just wanted to go easy," said trainer Wesley Ward. "He had a real easy, cruising-time work."

Ward said Undrafted could make his next start at Kentucky Downs in September.

The Coolmore contingent's **Acapulco** (Scat Daddy), who scored a scintillating victory in Ascot's G2 Queen Mary S. June 17, also breezed five furlongs Wednesday. The juvenile covered that distance in 1:02 over a firm turf course in Lexington.

"She's doing really good," Ward said of the filly, who is scheduled to return to England for her next race in the G1 Nunthorpe S. Aug. 21 at York. She will leave for England Aug. 14.



Undrafted | A. Coglianese

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WISE DAN WORKS AT KEENELAND

Two-time Horse of the Year **Wise Dan** (Wiseman's Ferry) covered five furlongs in 1:02.20 over a fast main track at Keeneland Sunday. It was the the Morton Fink homebred's third work back since suffering a non-displaced fracture to his

right front fetlock after his win in the

GI Shadwell Turf Mile at Keeneland last October.

"There weren't many horses over [the track], and it was cool and the track was perfect," conditioner Charlie LoPresti said. "He got the last quarter in :23 and change, and he came back good, really good."

LoPresti is very happy with how the six-time Eclipse winner is training.

"I'm trying not to put him on a real intense work schedule because it's a while before he runs," LoPresti said.

Lopresti added that Wise Dan could make his 2015 debut in the Gil Bernard Baruch H. at Saratoga Sept. 7 or the GI Ricoh Woodbine Mile Sept. 13. The chestnut would then return to his home track for the Shadwell Turf Mile Oct. 3 and GI Breeders' Cup Mile Oct. 31.



Wise Dan | Benoit Photo

Horse Country Tours cont. from p1

Tours begin at a designated area at the newly renovated Red Mile near downtown. After guests register and hop on a bus, they are off to the first destination. Volunteers will act as guides, and some buses will have "betologists" to teach handicapping skills and offer tips.

"Maybe people will learn different betting strategies for the Breeders' Cup," said Bell.

The tours are named after Breeders' Cup horses, past and present, who are associated with the farms the guests are visiting. The Unbridled's Song tour, for instance, features a trip to Taylor Made Farm, where the late 1995 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile hero stood, and where Triple Crown hero American Pharoah, the current GI Breeders' Cup Classic favorite, spent time as a yearling. Following a guided tour of Taylor Made, guests will be shuttled to Keene Ridge Farm, home to the good producer Belva, dam of the 2007 GI Breeders' Cup Turf winner English Channel.



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Price believes this behind-the-scenes access will not only help create fans, but to lead to a more dedicated fan base.

"We as breeders always think that racetracks should create the fans," he said. "But really, it's an impossible task--to tell someone why horses run, to get them into a seat comfortably, to teach them how to bet, all these things we ask the tracks to do, all in a 30-minute timeframe before the next race. What we can do, as breeders, farms, clinics and feedmills, is to tell that story in a very managed way."

The location of the 2015 Breeders' Cup gives Horse Country and its partners a unique opportunity, said Bell, who went on to describe what visitors can expect.

"Zenyatta is associated with Donnie Robinson and Winter Quarter," he said. "So if you take the Zenyatta tour, you'll go to Winter Quarter, you'll talk to Donnie, and learn the story of Zenyatta. What it meant to the farm..what she was like as a foal...where she was foaled. And what the Breeders' Cup means to Donnie. And that's the question we're trying to answer with every tour."

Bell said that, ideally, guests will get a chance to visit a horse associated with a 2015 Breeders' Cup runner.

"At Mill Ridge, we raised Coffee Clique, who hopefully will race in the Filly & Mare Turf," he said. "If she's entered for the race, you'll meet Miss Chapin, who's her dam, and you'll take pictures with her. And you'll learn about John and Jerry Amerman, and how they bred Miss Chapin and then bred Coffee Clique. You'll learn what it means to Mill Ridge to have raised a Breeders' Cup horse. If you take the Lady Eli, you go to Runnymede, and you meet [Lady Eli's dam] Sacre Coeur. You meet the Clay family, and realize that across three generations of humans, they've raised six generations of this family, and how they realized the ultimate when Lady Eli won the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf last year. Then you hop on the bus and head over to Claiborne Farm, and you learn all about Blame, and what Blame's Breeders' Cup win meant to the Hancock family. That's one thing we want to impart on the tours, just how big a deal the Breeders' Cup is to us."

It may seem strange to some that farms whose primary income derives from the sale of horses and/or stallion seasons would come together to support Horse Country. After all, it's unlikely that tourists who visit the farms during the Breeders' Cup will then stay around for the November sales and purchase a mare or weanling. But that's not really the point, said Bell.

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3	Majesticperfection	1,926,308
4	Eskenderya	1,688,226
5	Quality Road	1,671,438

Source: Bloodhorse.com, 5th August

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SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	A'S	A INDEX	ABC'S	ABC INDEX
LOOKIN AT LUCKY	2007	SMART STRIKE	7	3.61	14	1.80
TEMPLE CITY	2005	DYNAFORMER	6	3.41	11	1.56
LINE OF DAVID	2007	LION HEART	4	3.23	6	1.21
SIYOUNI	2007	PIVOTAL	6	3.06	11	1.40
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“Do I think they’re going to go over to the sales and buy a horse? No,” he said. “But from a long-term perspective, they’re never going to become owners if they don’t become fans first.”

Bell also admits there’s a PR component to it.

“People might say, ‘Oh, the racing industry doesn’t take care of their horses,’” he said. “But on these tours, they’re able to go to a veterinary clinic and see firsthand the facilities and the care the horses do get. We have amazing retirement and aftercare facilities, too, and it’s a great opportunity for us to show all that we do for horses. And that changes the conversation. If something bad happens--and inevitably it does--we can show that it’s the exception, not the rule. The people who have taken these tours become your advocates.”

Heading up Horse Country is the organization’s



Anne Sabatino Hardy

bright, energetic executive director Anne Sabatino Hardy, who was hired in January to help get Horse Country off the ground. Though she’s a longtime resident of Lexington, Hardy wasn’t a horse racing insider. A graduate of Asbury University, she worked with Associations International, an association management company based in Lexington. She also worked at the PR firm Preston-Osborne, and was the editor-in-chief of the Chevy Chaser and Southsider Magazines, two local magazines.

In many ways, Hardy was the ideal choice to lead Horse Country. She does, after all, represent what many consider to be racing’s target audience—the young, professional, dedicated sports fan.

“That’s a perspective I bring to it,” said Hardy, an avid Indianapolis Colts fan. “I love when I can be educated enough and brought along enough in a sport that I can really engage with it. And that’s something I really struggled with horse racing when I went out to the races. I lived here for 15 years before I was hired into this job and visited a horse farm for the first time. And I look at the farms we have here, and the clinics, and I think, ‘Man, if we can just give people a pathway to engage with this sport.’ It’s a thrilling sport to be part of, but we have to get the ball rolling to get potential fans to that point.”

The good news, said Hardy, is that the casual race fan, the one who tunes into the Kentucky Derby and maybe the Preakness and Belmont, is eager to learn more.

“Churchill Downs did a survey after the Derby this year about what resonated with fans,” she said. “One of the things they shared with us is that the majority of people who watched the Derby coverage didn’t do so for the celebrity coverage or any of the other things they promote. They were watching because they wanted to learn more about the horse, and more about the competitors.”

Added Bell, “Churchill said that the number one factor driving the people who watched was interest in the horse--35%. Number two was the history of the event at 12%. And number three, at 11%, was the celebrity content. So three times more people tuned into the Derby because they were more interested in the animal than the celebrities.”

Interest in the Breeders’ Cup horse farm tours has been solid. Horse Country grouped together those people who had inquired to individual horse farms about tours, and offered them an initial crack at tickets. From roughly 650 email addresses, about 200 tickets have already been sold.

Hardy said she was encouraged by the initial demographics.

“From the first 100 buyers, there were people from 23 states and two countries,” she said. “Only 18% of the purchasers were in Kentucky, which I was so excited about. And we’ve barely started to promote it yet.” **Cont. p10**



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Horse Country cont.

Hardy added that while the majority of tour participants figure to be out-of-town visitors, she's expecting plenty of local involvement, too.

"The tours run from Sunday, Oct. 25th through Wednesday, Oct. 28th, so there's a window there--maybe from Sunday afternoon through Monday morning--that it's much more likely to be locals," Hardy said. "And we're excited about that opportunity to reach into the local community and start to share what their neighbors are doing, and to get them tied in and excited about it."

Because the tours are part of Breeders' Cup Festival Week, the Horse Country brand won't be seen during any of the tours. But the Horse Country team hope to parlay the Breeders' Cup surge into a standing tourism industry, building on existing tourism experiences like the Bourbon Trail, already a big draw to the region.

"When people are able see the horses and touch the horses...this is an easy sell," said Headley Bell. "Lexington can be a destination city without any trouble. It's very exciting. The number-one request from VisitLex is to get onto a horse farm. Before, there was never such a coordinated and broad way to do so. Now, we're providing a platform, and there's no telling where it can go. Before, if you were a tourist visiting Lexington, it was like window shopping. Now, as an industry, we're embracing and welcoming fans to be part of this."

And that, said Hardy, gives Horse Country a big chance to be successful.

"The fact that it was the farms and clinics that came up with this idea, and that they came together and continue to drive this idea, that is what will make it work ultimately," she said. "It's their assets that they've identified as something they want to share. Everyone's been so unified under this big idea. It's incredible, and it's kept everyone so enthusiastic. And that's what will make it special for the visitors."

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Certerach (Ire)	Halling	Foley	Halford
2	2	Roheryn (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Keane	Lyons
3	1	Edelpour (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Smullen	Weld
4	3	Fields of Athenry (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Heffernan	A O'Brien
5	4	Morning Mix (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Manning	Bolger

All carry 124 pounds bar Certerach, 135, & Roheryn, 132.

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"Joe McMahon said the decision to invest \$400,000 to bring a new stallion to his 1,000-acre Saratoga Springs, New York, breeding farm has paid off. The founder of McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds purchased the stallion prospect Central Banker at Keeneland's November Breeding Stock Sale in Lexington, Kentucky. Since then, more than 110 owners have paid the \$7,500 stud fee to breed their mares with the Kentucky-bred stallion." **Robin Cooper, Albany Business Review**

THOROUGHBRED RACING ECONOMIC INDICATORS FOR JULY 2015

Indicator	U.S. Wagering*	U.S. Purses	Race Days
July 2015	\$903,673,455	\$103,658,025	542
July 2014	\$891,095,395	\$103,566,608	517
% Change	+ 1.41%	+ 0.09%	+ 4.84%
YTD 2015	\$6,382,866,327	\$598,003,206	2,825
YTD 2014	\$6,398,717,682	\$616,990,000	2,903
% Change	-0.25%	-4.70%	-2.69%

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European Report cont.

YORK NEXT STOP FOR CRITERION

Triple Australian Group 1 winner **Criterion (NZ)** (Sebring {Aus}), who ran fifth to Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) in the G1 Prince of Wales's S. June 17, is on target for the G1 Juddmonte International S. at York in two weeks' time, following a pleasing racecourse gallop at Newmarket Wednesday morning. The David Hayes trainee was partnered by William Buick, who will have the call at York.

"I rode him last week for the first time," said a pleased Buick. "He's a good horse and he's thriving at the minute. Coming to the racecourse and having a good blow will have done him the world of good. The first time I rode him was a routine piece of work on the Al Bahathri gallop, but working on the racecourse today, you could really let him stretch his legs and he felt pretty good."

Hayes's son, Ben Hayes, has been overseeing Criterion's training regime since he arrived in Britain back in May, with the horse stabled at John Gosden's yard, where he is currently a pupil assistant.

Added Ben Hayes, "He needed to get a good blow in as there's only two weeks before the race and it's now full steam ahead. When he first came over he had a bit of travel sickness for 10 days and was struggling a bit, but he's better than he was before Ascot. He's doing well and eating well."

Hayes is under no illusions about the task at hand at York, especially with the likes of MG1SWs **Golden Horn (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) and **The Grey Gatsby (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) waiting in the wings.

"It's a very tough race and, being realistic, we'll ride him to finish in the top three," he concluded. "This race is a stepping stone towards the G1 Cox Plate, which I think we will have a good chance in."

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CIRRUS ON COMEBACK TRAIL

French MG1SW **Cirrus Des Aigles (Fr)** (Even Top {Ire}) looks likely to make a belated first appearance in Ireland next month for the G1 Irish Champion S. at Leopardstown Sept. 12. The seven-time Group 1-winning veteran picked up an injury in the G1 Prix



Cirrus Des Aigles | *Racing Post*

D'Ispahan at Longchamp in May, but his trainer, Corine Barande-Barbe, reports the gelding is approaching peak fitness.

Barande-Barbe said, "Cirrus Des Aigles is recovering well from his injury and is on schedule to run in the Irish Champion S. at Leopardstown as a prep race for the [G1 QIPCO] Champion S. at Ascot [Oct. 17], with the [G2 Qatar] Prix Dollar [Oct. 3] a possibility in between the two."

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TERRITORIES DEAUVILLE BOUND

Trainer Andre Fabre has confirmed that his leading 3-year-old **Territories (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) will tackle his elders for the first time in the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville Aug. 16. Runner-up to Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 2, the Godolphin colorbearer beat



Territories | *Scoop Dyga*

Dutch Connection (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) in the G1 Prix Jean Prat at Chantilly July 12.

Fabre is hoping the rain stays away in the days leading up to the race.

"Territories is doing well and hopefully we are going for the Marois. He is a good-ground horse. It will be a tough race--they are all good horses. I don't know if Gleneagles is coming. We will see."

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By T.D. Thornton

Bruce Seymore, the executive director of Arapahoe Park, is a bit of a maverick racetrack operator. His Colorado oval is geographically isolated from other racing venues, and when Seymore senses he has a good idea to bolster the product at his three-month mixed Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse and Arabian meet, he doesn't hesitate to implement it.

In 2014, in the middle of the summer season, Seymore decided to offer \$1,000 bonuses to the trainer of any winning horse that ran medication-free (in



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Colorado, only Lasix, Phenylbutazone, Banamine and Ketoprofen are permissible on raceday). Over the course of about eight weeks, a total of 21 Arapahoe horses ran medication-free, and three of them won a total of four races.

By way of comparison, when the much larger Oaklawn Park opted a few months later to offer a 10% winning bonus to owners whose horses ran and won Lasix-free at the 2015 meet, the Arkansas track rewarded only four horses total (with one repeat winner) over the course of a much longer season.

Emboldened by the fact that other jurisdictions were joining the medication-free movement, Seymore was looking forward to bringing back the program this summer. Several horsemen told him in advance of the meet that they would be shipping in horses to target the medication-free bonuses.

But Arapahoe's ambitious incentive for phasing out raceday medication hit a snag shortly after the season began May 22 when it was discovered that a technicality in the Colorado Racing Commission rules prohibited horses from discontinuing the use of furosemide (also branded Lasix and Salix) if they had previously run well while on the anti-bleeding diuretic.

The roadblock in question is Colorado Racing Commission rule 5.324, which states, in part:

'A horse may be removed from the bleeder list prior to its first start at a given meet in Colorado if it meets the following criteria: (A) It has only bled one time in the past; and (B) It has not participated in an official race at any track during the previous six (6) months or it has raced officially in the previous six (6) months and finished 5th or worse the majority of times that it ran on furosemide according to The Daily Racing Form.'

Seymore said the rule came to light when the Arapahoe stewards flagged several "off Lasix" entries and denied the medication changes based on recent finish positions.

"It's very strange, and it's one of those rules we didn't know existed until one of the stewards found it," Seymore said. "I think whoever wrote it, I just want to believe they thought they were protecting the betting public [by linking a horse's good past performances with medication use], and it's having the exact adverse effect."

Seymore said he believed only two horses have earned medication-free bonuses so far in 2015. Once word got around on the backstretch about the complications surrounding the rule, he said it made it more difficult for him to advocate for participation in the program.

Seymore said he has enlisted the help of Dan Hartman, director of the Colorado Division of Racing Events, help to get the rule changed, but both agreed to wait until the meet ends.

Hartman said, "Colorado is very pro non-medication on raceday. We have a zero tolerance, we have it a little bit different than everybody else. We want to make sure that the rules kind of follow along with that. If a person wants to take their participant off of Lasix, we want to make sure that those rules allow that."

Seymore underscored that Arapahoe's medication-free program is different from other proposed models in that it pays bonuses to trainers, not owners, "because that's who's entering the horses."

"It's kind of a sleeping dog," he concluded. "But at some point in time you've got to stand up for what's right, and that's what we're trying to do. I'm terrified that there could be some sort of federal [zero-tolerance medication] law that could come down, and I just want to be ahead of the curve."

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QUICK CALL S., \$100,000, 3yo, 5 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Disco Partner	Disco Rico	I Ortiz Jr	Ryerson	30-1
2	Beantown Saint	Speightstown	Carmouche	Jo Servis	6-1
3	The Great War	War Front	Rosario	Ward	7-2
4	Zandar	Kitten's Joy	J Ortiz	Morley	12-1
5	Ready for Rye	City Zip	Castellano	Albertrani	5-2
6	Bottle Rocket	Intense Focus	Leparoux	McLaughlin	15-1
7	Cyclogenesis	Stormy Atlantic	Velazquez	Weaver	4-1
8	Gallery	Munnings	Lezcano	Dini	15-1
9	Sleeping Giant	Red Giant	Alvarado	Asmussen	15-1
10	Element	Unbridled's Song	Saez	Pletcher	10-1

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Wednesday's Results:

SHINE AGAIN S., \$100,000, SAR, 8-5, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22.90, ft.

1--**UNBRIDLED FOREVER**, 115, f, 4, **Unbridled's Song--Lemons Forever (GISW, \$648,940), by Lemon Drop Kid.** O/B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Dallas Stewart; J-John Velazquez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MGISP, 11-3-2-3, \$530,257. *Full to Forever Unbridled, MGSP, \$124,100.

MCKATHAN BROTHERS Training Graduate

2--**Stonetastic**, 123, f, 4, Mizzen Mast--Special Me, by Unbridled's Song. (\$77,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP). O-Stoneway Farm; B-Machmer Hall & Carrie & Craig Brogden (KY); T-Kelly J. Breen. \$20,000.

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SELECT SALES Graduate...Exceeding Expectations

3--**Take the odds**, 121, f, 4, Street Sense--Belterra, by Unbridled. O/B-Robert T Manfuso (KY); T-Ian Wilkes. \$10,000.

Margins: NK, 4 3/4, NO. Odds: 3.65, 2.15, 34.75. Also Ran: Wavell Avenue, You Bought Her, Sugar Shock, Expression, Sweet Basil, Bird Maker, Flattering Bea, Storied Lady.

Unbridled Forever made her belated seasonal bow a winning one with a late run to take down the come-backing Stonetastic and earn her second career stakes win. The well-bred bay waited patiently in a ground-saving eighth as the speedy Stonetastic, who streaked to victory in this venue's Gil Prioress S. last term, doled out early splits of :22.51 and :45.44 on the front end. Tipped out three-wide and slipped through a seam in early stretch, the homebred charged after the loose-on-the-lead favorite and caught her just in time to score under a masterful ride from John Velazquez.



Unbridled Forever (left) collars Stonetastic to win the Shine Again
NYRA/Coglianesse

"I definitely was worried about [the distance]; I thought it would be a little short for her," Velazquez said. "There was plenty of speed and they seemed to be slowing down the last quarter of a mile, so I was hoping I could get up. At the three-sixteenths she started running and I thought I could get there." The Hall of Famer added, "To tell you the truth, I think she's going to be better going longer than at seven-eighths. It takes her awhile to get going, so I think she may be a little better going two turns." Winner of last term's Silverbulletday S., Unbridled Forever finished second to recent Gill Shuvee H. winner Stopchargingmaria (Tale of the Cat) in this venue's GI CCA Oaks last July and was eighth to the rival after a wide trip in the GI Alabama S. a month later. Given a brief freshening, the bay returned with a runner-up effort in the Gil Indiana Oaks Oct. 4 and was fifth behind champion Untapable (Tapit) in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff at Santa Anita when last seen Oct. 31.

Unbridled Forever has a full sister named Forever Unbridled, who placed in a pair of graded stakes at the Fair Grounds this winter. Their dam Lemons Forever, winner of the 2006 GI Kentucky Oaks and fellow Dallas Stewart trainee, has a 2-year-old colt name Forever d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro) and produced another colt by that sire this term. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

8th-SAR, \$93,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 8-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.23, fm.

GRANNY MC'S KITTEN (f, 4, [Kitten's Joy--Granny Franny, by Grand Slam](#)), winner of the P.G. Johnson S. here as a 2-year-old, tallied an optional claiming score here and was third in the Riskaverse S. last August. She closed out the season with a fifth in Gulfstream's salty Tropical Oaks S. Dec. 20 and returned from a hiatus to take a Belmont optional claimer May 3. Most recently, the Ramsey homebred completed the trifecta in the 1 1/2-mile River Memories S. July 5. Cutting back in trip, the 3-1 second choice tracked the pace from along the rail. Granny Mc's Kitten inched closer to contention as the field headed for the turn and angled out three wide on the bend as she put in her bid for the lead. The bay finally gained the advantage late and held off a rally from the first-time North American challenger Crisolles (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) by a half length. The winner is a full-sister to Kitten's Dumplings, GISW, \$711,368; and Granny's Kitten, GSP, \$149,870. Her dam produced a yearling Kitten's Joy colt and a weanling Kitten's Joy filly. She was also bred back to Kitten's Joy. Lifetime Record: SW, 12-4-2-2, \$289,793. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

7th-SAR, \$83,000, Msw, 8-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.34, ft.

+ **EXCUSE MY FRENCH (f, 3, [Line of David--Summer Star {SW}](#), by Siberian Summer),** a half-sister to 'TDN Rising Star' My Happy Face (Tiz Wonderful), GSW & MGISP, \$583,437, was well supported at 5-2 for this debut, and that money proved well informed. Breaking a half-step slowly from the rail, the Spendthrift homebred rushed up to set the pace under Javier Castellano through splits of :21.95 and :45.28. Still going strong at the head of the lane, she dug deep to deny fellow firster Vacation Spot (Bernardini) by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner has a yearling half brother by Malibu Moon and a weanling half brother by Tiz Wonderful. Summer Star was bred to Gemologist earlier this year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (ON); T-Chad C. Brown.

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Wednesday's Results:

STRIKE YOUR COLORS S., \$51,625, DEL, 8-5, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.42, ft.

1--**#NEVER GONE SOUTH, 118, c, 2, Munnings--Summer Rules, by Perfect Soul (Ire)**. (\$52,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$38,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT; \$90,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR). O-M M G Racing Stable; B-Bend Or Thoroughbreds, USA (KY); T-Cathal A. Lynch; J-Trevor McCarthy. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$55,200. *10th stakes winner for second-crop sire.

2--**Grecian Prince, 118, g, 2, Smarty Jones--Spartan Princess, by Giant's Causeway**. O-Marathon Farms, Inc.; B-Marathon Farms Inc (MD); T-Robert Leaf, Jr. \$10,000.

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3--**Patrick Rocks, 118, c, 2, Awesome of Course--Dewars Rocks, by Big Mukora**. (\$15,000 Wlg '13 OBSOCT; \$18,000 Ylg '14 EASSEP). O-John J. Robb & Herman M. Braude; B-Lucio Mendoza & Orlando Morales (FL); T-John J. Robb. \$6,875.

Margins: 2 3/4, [1HF], 6 3/4. Odds: 0.60, 2.50, 6.70. Also Ran: Royal Brute, Orbital Flight, Sweet Steppin, Morning Fire*. Scratched: Fashion Designer. *Disqualified from second for interference.

Never Gone South, a 3 3/4-length debut winner at 3-5 when unveiled at Parx June 21, was sent off at the same price while facing winners for the first time here. Ridden along to remain within striking distance in the early going, the bay revved up three deep into the stretch and was already well clear when Morning Fire (Friesan Fire) veered out, causing a chain reaction that saw two horses fall. Never Gone South kept on straight and strong to the wire, while Morning Fire was demoted to last. The winner's dam is a half to MGISW Peace Rules (Jules), as well as the dam of Grade II-winning juvenile Corfu (Malibu Moon). He becomes the 10th stakes winner for his second-crop sire (by Speightstown). **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

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4th-DEL, \$34,500, Msw, 8-5, 2yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.71, fm.
RUNAWAY KING (c, 2, [Run Away and Hide--Dearest Queen {SW}](#), by [Proudest Romeo](#)), a green and distant fourth on the main track at Monmouth July 17, took some tote support down to 9-2 from a 10-1 morning line while getting first-time Lasix. Tracking from fifth in a strung-out bunch, the Jayaraman homebred was under stout restraint as he tugged his way closer to the longshot pacesetter Pontius P. (Crown of Thorns) into the stretch. That 49-1 shot threatened to blow up the tote to midstretch, but Runaway King kept on coming out wide and out-kicked Flaming Humor (Friesan Fire) by a half length. Pontius P. stayed on to complete the trifecta. Sales history: \$9,200 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$22,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
 O/B-Dr. K. K. & Dr. V. Devi Jayaraman (KY); T-Tim A. Ice.

▶ Central U.S.

Wednesday's Results:
 5th-IND, \$34,560, Msw, 8-5, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.26, ft.
PUT DA BLAME ON ME (f, 2, [Blame--Roman Chestnut {SW}](#), by [Roman Ruler](#)) faded to fourth as the chalk first up at Ellis July 10, and was supported at 7-2 this time around. Stalking the pace three deep, the dark bay took over into the straight, surged to the fore in midstretch and leveled off nicely to best Seven Seuze (Northern Afleet) by a stylish 4 3/4 lengths. Sales history: \$55,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$20,650. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#).
 O-Michael J. Bruder; B-Two Hearts Farm LLC (KY); T-Dale L. Romans.

INDIAN CREEK SALES GRADUATE

7th-IND, \$32,000, Msw, 8-5, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:03.91, ft.
MOONLITEDISCRETION (f, 2, [Discreet Cat--Meadow Moonlite](#), by [Malibu Moon](#)), second against Illinois-breds at Arlington July 19, overcame an awkward start from the rail here to set the pace and kick away by 4 1/4 emphatic lengths. That's Exciting (Neko Bay) was second. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$23,520. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#).
 O/B-Asiel Stable LLC (IL); T-Carlos H. Silva.



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▶ Del Mar

Om Heads to La Jolla:
 The Sareen Family Trust's **Om** (Munnings), the only horse to have won a race against Triple Crown hero and recent GI William Hill Haskell Invitational S. scorer American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), is being pointed to Del Mar's GIII La Jolla H. Aug. 9--a year to the day of his maiden win over the aforementioned champion juvenile male. The Dan Hendricks trainee was given time off after graduating to heal from an inflamed growth plate and was fifth in Santa Anita's San Pedro S., his first start back in April.
 "People ask me what was the name of that horse that beat American Pharoah and I say 'Umm,'" joked Triple Crown-winning trainer Bob Baffert at Del Mar Wednesday morning.
 "I thought you [American Pharoah] were going to breeze right by me [Om]," Hendricks said to Baffert.
 Added Baffert, "I'm glad he didn't. It would have cooked him. They were going too fast."
 A grassy May allowance winner in Arcadia, the chestnut was third in the GIII Affirmed S. June 7.
 "They were a little quick for him, but he ran a decent race, only got beat a few lengths," said Hendricks regarding the San Pedro. "I feel good about it. If he can run well [Sunday], he'll come back for the GII Del Mar Derby [Sept. 6.]"

Wednesday's Results:

GRADUATION S., \$100,000, DMR, 8-5, (S), 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:03.77, ft.

1--**#MRAZEK, 120, c, 2, by Square Eddie**

1st Dam: Heckuva Rush, by Wild Rush

2nd Dam: Heckuva Time, by Gilded Time

3rd Dam: D'Accordress, by D'Accord

O/B-Reddam Racing (CA); T-D O'Neill; J-M Gutierrez. \$57,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$135,810.

2--**Ralis, 120, c, 2, Square Eddie--Silar Rules, by Ten Most Wanted.** O-Reddam Racing (CA); T-Doug F O'Neill. \$19,000.

3--**Swiss Minister, 120, c, 2, Lucky Pulpit--Alpine Echo, by Swiss Yodeler.** O/B-Heinz H Steinmann (CA); T-Mike Harrington. \$12,000.

Margins: 3 1/4, 5 1/4, 1. Odds: 0.60, 7.60, 24.20.

Also Ran: Viviendo El Sueno, Getoffmyback, Xingontothebone.

The Reddam/O'Neill train kept on rolling, as Mrazek gave the owner his meet-leading seventh victory and the conditioner his 10th. A facile 5 1/4-length maiden winner in Cal-bred company at Santa Anita May 31, Mrazek held his own against open foes in his last two, completing the exacta in the June 21 Santa Anita Juvenile S. and again in the Summer Juvenile Championship at Los Alamitos July 12. Pounded into long odds-on favoritism here, Mrazek jumped alertly and set the pace while in receipt of token pressure from Xingontothebone (Time to Get Even). But he easily dispensed of that rival turning for home and held sway to the wire as his stablemate chased him home. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

7th-DMR, \$79,662, Alw (NW1\$X), Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 8-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.53, ft.

TARA'S TANGO (f, 3, Unbridled's Song--Scarlet Tango {SP}, by French Deputy) was accorded **TDN Rising Star** status off a victorious debut over the old Polytrack last July 20, but went missing thereafter. The half-sister to Visionaire (Grand Slam), GISW, \$465,882, resumed with a runner-up effort to **Rising Star** Enchanted Lady (Tale of the Cat) in the Apr. 5 Santa Paula S., was runner-up to another Baffert trainee in the form of Fantastic Style (Harlan's Holiday) in the Angel's Flight S. May 16 and narrowly missed to Stellar Wind (Curlin) when last seen in the Gil Summertime Oaks June 20. Just in behind the leaders early on, the 2-5 chalk was taken out of harm's way in the four path down the backstretch. She glided up deep on the turn, came calling for the lead outside of Yana (Bertrando) inside the final furlong and edged away to score by 1 3/4 deceptively easy lengths. Tara's Tango is also kin to Scarlet Strike (Smart Strike), GSW & GISP, \$421,530, who was conditioned by this trainer. Scarlet Tango is the dam of the 2-year-old filly Tangere (Malibu Moon) and foaled colts by Street Cry (Ire) (2014) and Tapit (2015). She was bred to Speightstown this season. Lifetime Record: 5-2-3-0, \$159,360. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Stonestreet Stables LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

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5th-DMR, \$71,750, Msw, 8-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17.63, ft.

FASHIONED GEM (f, 3, Old Fashioned--Miss Gem, by Exclusive Gem) failed to land a blow down the hill at Santa Anita June 7, and was dismissed at 21-1 drawn widest here. Fastest from the blocks, the grey was unhurried and dropped well back while never able to save any ground. She tugged her way closer leaving the bend, came with a strong rally well out into the center of the track and kept on coming to defeat 40-1 Silver Score (Even the Score) by 1 1/2 lengths. The \$2 exacta returned \$1329.60. The winner is a half to Meadow Gem (Meadow Flight), GSW, \$208,012, as well as the dam of Grade I-winning **'TDN Rising Star'** My Conquestadory (Artie Schiller) Sales history: \$155,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$42,250. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Dan Freeman, Jerry Schneider & John V Xitco; B-Don Mattox & Pam Mattox (FL); T-Mark Glatt.

ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, August 6

*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

2-DMR, Mcl, 5f, +American Lioness, 10-1

CAPE BLANCO (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, \$18K, 165/2/0

7-SR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Johnny's Caper, \$34K NCA AUG yrl, 8-1

DROSSELMAYER (Distorted Humor), WinStar Farm, \$18K, 94/2/0

2-DMR, Mcl, 5f, +Getting Acquainted, \$50K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

2-PRM, Msw, 6f, Fast Machine, \$15K IOW OCT wnl, 9-2

FIRST DUDE (Stephen Got Even), Double Diamond Farm, \$8K, 98/5/0

2-GP, Mcl, 5 1/2f, Mama Joyce, 8-5

IQBAAL (Medaglia d'Oro), 5/1/0

2-GP, Mcl, 5 1/2f, Revolver Sessions, 9-5

RUN BROTHER RON (Perfect Mandate), Paradise Road Ranch, \$500, 8/0/0

7-SR, Msw, 5 1/2f, Gunslinger Rules, \$3K NCA AUG yrl, 15-1

SIDNEY'S CANDY (Candy Ride {Arg}), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 86/1/0

2-AP, Msw, 5 1/2f, +A Lucky Dream, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

SIERRA SUNSET (Bertrando), Paradise Road Ranch, \$3K, 30/1/0

7-SR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Leprechaun Gavin, 5-2

SLEW'S TIZNOW (Tiznow), Rancho San Miguel, \$3K, 21/0/0

6-DMR, Mcl, 5 1/2f, Atlantic Slew, 6-1

7-SR, Msw, 5 1/2f, Slew's Arch, \$15K BAR OCT yrl, 8-1

First/second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Aug. 6

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

HOLD ME BACK (Giant's Causeway), WinStar, \$6K, 154/35/2

2-PRM, Msw, 6f, +Ts Theregoesmycash, \$18K IOW OCT yrl, 12-1

MUNNINGS (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/51/10

9-SAR, Stk, 5 1/2fT, Gallery, \$30K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1

3-PEN, Msw, 1mT, +Castle Hill, 4-1

THORN SONG (Unbridled's Song), Harris Farms, \$3K, 69/3/0

7-SR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Slickrock, 6-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-IND, \$36,000, (S), 8-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.32, ft.

EL OF A CAT (f, 4, Cat Dreams--One El of a Lady, by Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$42,340. O/B/T-Ron Brown (IN).

4th-PEN, \$34,717, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 8-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.35, ft.

RAGING SMOKE (f, 4, More Smoke--Marquee Kelly {MSP, \$180,130}, by Marquetry) Lifetime Record: 15-5-6-1, \$218,332. O-Harry Nye; B-Tom McClay & Harry Nye (PA); T-Michael W. Salvaggio, Jr. *1/2 to Raging Smoke (More Smoke), SW, \$218,332.

2nd-PID, \$30,180, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 8-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.29, ft.

ROYAL JEWELRY (f, 3, City Place--Sheila's Outback, by Formal Dinner) Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, \$67,907. O-Michael Reynolds & Pirulli Racing; B-Shamrock Thoroughbreds & Helen & Michael Reynolds (FL); T-Gerald S. Bennett. *\$6,500 RNA Ylg '13 OBSAUG.

1st-PID, \$29,110, 8-5, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:11.06, ft.

BIG GAME BOB (g, 4, Da Stoops--Body Talk, by French Deputy) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$61,915. O-Lance & Lonnie Stokes; B-Lonnie Stokes (FL); T-Lance Stokes. *\$52,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR.

7th-PID, \$28,710, 8-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.54, ft.

GRANNY'S DRINK (f, 4, Old Fashioned--Cintarosa, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$62,850. O-James E Hunt; B-Jack Grunwald (KY); T-S. Matthew Kintz. \$360,000 Ylg '12 FTSAUG; \$40,000 HRA '14 KEENOV.

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8th-MNR, \$20,700, 8-4, (NW4LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42.38, ft.

SUZY BLUE LIGHT (f, 4, Exchange Rate--Silmaril {GSW, \$1,032,973}, by Diamond) Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-0, \$82,235. O-The Elkstone Group LLC; B-Stephen E. Quick & Christopher J. Feifarek (PA); T-Ron G. Potts. *\$82,000 Ylg '12 EASSEP.

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Kid Creole, g, 2, Smooth Air--Shudaben Franca, by Cachuma. EVD, 8-5, (S), 7 1/2fT, 1:31.97. B-Curtis O. Clark & Bonnie Heath Farms, LLC (LA). *\$2,000 Ylg '14 OBSWIN; \$2,500 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$5,000 2yo '15 EVAMAR.

Twirling Tiger, g, 2, Twirling Candy--Rare Cat, by Tabasco Cat. PID, 8-4, 6f (AWT), 1:13.42. B-Lavin Bloodstock, Bernie Sams & William S. Farish, Jr. (KY). *\$20,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV. **1/2 to Bear Dixiecat (Dixie Union), SP, \$212,691; Om (Munnings), GSP. *Sixth winner for freshman sire (by Candy Ride {Arg}).**

INDIAN CREEK SALES GRADUATE

Werewolf, f, 3, Arch--She's Justa Friend, by Hussonet. PID, 8-5, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:44.29. B-Hunter Valley Farm, Steve Sinatra & David Smith (KY). *\$115,000 RNA Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$110,000 Ylg '13 KEESAP.

Send It In, g, 3, Big Brown--Sharp Instinct, by Awesome Again. SAR, 8-5, (S), 1 1/8m, 1:51.90. B-Paul Pompa (NY).

Hidden Brook Raised

Almost Majestic, f, 3, Forefathers--Street Beat, by Dixie Brass. LAD, 8-5, (S), 6f, 1:12.81. B-Time Will Tell LLC (LA). *1/2 to Ahead of Her Time (Leestown), MSW, \$340,100; and Hisse (Buddha), MSW, \$435,681.

Del Mar Ann, f, 3, Langfuhr--Guthrie (SW, \$153,270), by Lord Avie. DMR, 8-5, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:43.10. B-Gustav Schickedanz (ON). *\$15,000 Ylg '13 KEESAP.

WOODS EDGE FARM GRADUATE

Got Winged, c, 3, Posse--Just Call Me Angel, by Devil's Bag. SAR, 8-5, (S), (C), 5 1/2fT, 1:03.55. B-Very Un Stable (NY). *\$30,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Afleet Alexandra (Northern Afleet), SW, \$256,553; Saythreehailmary's (Repent), MSP, \$271,850.

Hildy, f, 3, Spanish Steps--Daisy's a Pleasure, by Bold Executive. PEN, 8-5, 5fT, :57.94. B-Larry & Charlene Whitaker (IN). *\$22,000 2yo '14 OBSOPN.

Curls in Place, f, 4, Curlin--Pola's Place (SW, \$150,550), by Out of Place. IND, 8-5, 5fT, :56.14. B-J. O'Meara, C. Goldberg, R. Rosee & Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY). *\$25,000 Wlg '11 KEENOV.

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3rd-KEM, £6,600, Mdn, 8-5, 2yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:29.61, st/sl.

NEMORALIA (f, 2, [More Than Ready](#)--Alina {MSW & MGSP-US, \$234,650}, by Came Home), who was second to Ballydoyle (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) over this trip at Newmarket last time July 11, was keen early in a close-up second before being given an ideal lead by Honorina (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}). Overtaking that filly passing the quarter-pole, the 8-13 chalk opened up to register a convincing 2 1/4-length score. Sales history: \$140,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$120,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$170,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$9,633. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Mr T Allan, Mr J Lovat & Mr C Pigram; B-Alberta Davies (KY); T-Jeremy Nosedá.

2nd-BRG, £5,000, Mdn, 8-5, 2yo, 6f 209yT, 1:25.30, gd.

MANSFIELD (GB) (c, 2, [Exceed and Excel {Aus}](#)--Jane Austen {Ire} {SW-Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}), who was too green on debut when seventh over six furlongs at Chelmsford July 21, started at 10-1 and raced with one behind early. Making smooth progress to take command passing the quarter-pole, the 130,000gns TATFOA weanling was driven out to score by six lengths from Start Time (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Colour Play (Medaglia d'Oro), the daughter of Blue Duster (Danzig), looked green on this tricky track and faded into a well-beaten fourth. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,033. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Godolphin; B-Newsells Park Stud (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

McCoy Back in the Saddle at Doncaster:

Jockeys Tony McCoy, a 20-time champion jumps jockey, and former jockey Johnny Murtagh will be two of the top names taking part in the sixth annual Clipper Logistics Leger Legends Classified S. at Doncaster Sept. 9. One of the few charity races to be held under the Rules of Racing, the straight-mile contest will see 16 former jockeys return to the saddle on behalf of Jack Berry House, representing the Injured Jockeys Fund and the Northern Racing College. There will also be a charity lunch and auction beforehand, with HRH The Princess Royal among the potential 450 event attendees. Tim Adams, Chairman of the Leger Legends committee said, "The Leger Legends race has been a great success for the past five years raising over £500,000 for the Northern Racing College and the Injured Jockeys Fund, Jack Berry House. We are hopeful that this year's event will surpass all expectations with the visit of HRH The Princess Royal for the second time adding to the presence of AP McCoy and Johnny Murtagh in the race itself, which it is going to be the best yet."

OBSERVATIONS
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2.40 Haydock, Mdn, £5,000, 2yo, 6fT

SPANISH CITY (GB) ([Exceed and Excel {Aus}](#)) was scratched from his intended debut in the "Crocker Bulteel Maiden" last month during the rain-afflicted King George meeting at Ascot and connections will be hoping for a drier lead-up to this racecourse bow. Merry Fox Stud's Roger Varian-trained colt is a half-brother to last year's G1 Middle Park S. winner Charming Thought (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and encounters another notable debutante in Cheveley Park Stud's **Evangelical (GB) ([Dutch Art {GB}](#))**, a Richard Fahey-trained half-sister to the high-achieving Kyllachy (GB) pair of Penitent (GB) and Supplicant (GB).

5.45 Leopardstown, Mdn, €16,500, 2yo, 7fT

LIEUTENANT GENERAL (IRE) ([Fastnet Rock {Aus}](#)) attempts to get off the mark for the third time after keeping smart company so far, with a latest third in the G3 Tyros S. over this course and distance last month enough to ensure success here barring anything above-average lurking in opposition. Aidan O'Brien applies a tongue-tie to the immediate relative of the 2012 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains third Furner's Green (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) and he is taken on by an unraced Godolphin-Jim Bolger colt in **Theodorico (Ire) ([Teofilo {Ire}](#))**, whose dam is a half-sister to the 2008 G1 Moyglare Stud S. fourth Aaroness (Distorted Humor).

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Wednesday's Results:

CRITERIUM DU BEQUET - VENTES OSARUS-Listed, €55,000, LTS, 8-5, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.65, g/s.

1--[THE TURNING POINT \(FR\), 128, c, 2, Hurricane Cat-L'Ete \(Chi\) \(G1SP-Chi, \\$22,372\), by Hussonet.](#)

(€23,000 Ylg '14 OSASEP). O-Joel Seche; B-SNC Regnier & San Gabriel Inv. Inc. (Fr); T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Christophe Soumillon; €27,500. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 places, €41,300.

2--[Mister Leonard \(Fr\), 128, c, 2, Namid \(GB\)--Eleora \(Fr\), by Highest Honor \(Fr\).](#) (€9,000 Ylg '14 OSASEP) O-Jose Alberto Remolina Diez. €11,000.

3--[Aquamerica, 125, f, 2, Lonhro \(Aus\)--Aquarius Star \(Ire\), by Danehill Dancer \(Ire\).](#) (\$185,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV). O-Aleyrion Bloodstock Ltd. €8,250.

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Off the mark on debut over this track and trip June 3, The Turning Point ran second over 5 1/2 furlongs at Chantilly July 9 and built on that to outclass his rivals here. Granted a perfect tow in second throughout the early stages, the bay was sent into the lead passing the quarter pole and was ruthless from there.

4th-LTS, €16,000, Mdn, 8-5, 2yo, f, 8fT, 1:43.78, g/s.
ZVALINSKA (FR) (f, 2, Sea the Stars {Ire}--Peinture Rose {SW-Fr}, by Storm Cat), a €320,000 ARAUG yearling who was third to the potentially smart subsequent winner Gherdaiya (GB) (Shamardal) over seven furlongs at Deauville last time July 2, was soon placed on the front end. Taken across to the stand's rail in the straight, the 4-5 favorite was kept up to her work to comfortably beat Indecence Choisie (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}) by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €13,350. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Alain Jathiere; B-Finsbury Bloodstock Limited (Fr); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

5th-LTS, €16,000, Mdn, 8-5, 2yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:42.62, g/s.
+ ZIRGON (FR) (c, 2, New Approach {Ire}--Rumored, by Royal Academy), a €220,000 ARAUG yearling, broke a shade tardily and had to be rushed forward to gain a pitch in midpack. A bit keen, the 4-1 shot was shuffled back towards rear by halfway and was delivered wide in the stretch. Despite showing greenness, the juvenile also exhibited a touch of class to gain the lead passing the furlong pole and assert for a 1 1/2-length verdict over Saajid (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}). The winner is a half-brother to Dabirsim (Fr) (Hat Trick {Jpn}), Hwt. 2yo Colt & MG1SW-Fr, \$664,037. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €8,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-M Monfort (Fr); T-Christophe Ferland.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ Still On Top (GB), c, 2, Royal Applause (GB)--Poulaine Bleue (GB), by Bertolini. PON, 8-5, 6fT, 1:18.90. B-The Pocock Family (GB). *15,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; £12,000 Ylg '14 DNPRM.

Little Voice, f, 2, Scat Daddy--Excelente (Ire) (SP-Ire & US, \$125,039), by Exceed and Excel (Aus). CHW, 8-5, 5f 16yT, 1:00.54. B-Summerhill Stud (KY). *€160,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB.

Flying Hammer (GB), c, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Ruse (GB), by Diktat (GB). CHW, 8-5, 7f 16yT, 1:25.20. B-Whetton Manor Stud (GB). *85,000gns 2yo '14 TATBRE.

Mimosa (Fr), f, 3, Halling--Tadorne (Fr) (MSP-Fr), by Inchinor (GB). LTS, 8-5, 9 1/2fT, 1:58.61. B-Famille Rothschild (FR). *Full to Pinson (Ire), Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 9 1/2-11f, MGSW-Fr & GSP-Eng, \$178,696.

+ High and Flighty (Ire), f, 3, High Chaparral (Ire)--Missionary Hymn, by Giant's Causeway. RIP, 8-4, 9f 170yT, 2:03.78. B-Rockhart Trading Ltd. (Ire). *14,000gns RNA Ylg '13 TAOOCT.

Kiltara (Ire), f, 3, Lawman (Fr)--Kiltubber (Ire) (SW-Ity, MSP-Ire & SP-Fr, \$104,017), by Sadler's Wells. CHD, 8-4, 10f (AWT), 2:06.06. B-Ballylinch Stud (Ire). *1/2 to Fox Hunt (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), GSW-Ger & UAE, SP-Eng, \$528,355; Anam Allta (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), GSW-Ire, \$129,371; and Opinion (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), SW & MG1SP-Aus, \$674,905.

Osipova (GB), f, 3, Makfi (GB)--Barynya (GB), by Pivotal (GB). KEM, 8-5, 12f (AWT), 2:34.40. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB).

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