

SPA 2016: PLETCHER AND BROWN TAKE THE TOWN



A Chad Brown trainee exercises at Saratoga | Mike Kane

by Mike Kane

Eight years ago, Chad Brown's initial request for stalls at Saratoga Race Course was turned down. He eventually was given some barn space and won with his very first starter in the season-opening race of 2008. Now firmly established as a star, Brown--a homegrown talent from nearby Mechanicville, N.Y.--is in position to win his first training title at America's oldest Thoroughbred track.

The 148th season of racing in Saratoga Springs begins Friday with a 10-race program featuring the GII Lake George S. and the GIII Schuylerville S. By the time the 40-day meet concludes on Labor Day, Sept. 5, champions Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro) and Tepin (Bernstein) and standouts Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and Exaggerator (Curlin) will have been put to the test at the Graveyard of Favorites, which claimed American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) last year. No doubt, a number of new stars will have emerged by closing day. Unbeaten Songbird is scheduled to run in the GI Coaching Club American Oaks on Sunday and the GI Alabama S. on Aug. 20, while Tepin may face males once again in the newly elevated GI Fourstardave H. on Aug. 13.

A total of 37 graded stakes--18 of them Grade I--are on the Saratoga schedule. The \$1.25 million Whitney for older horses will be run on Aug. 6 and the \$1.25 million Travers for 3-year-olds on Aug. 27. **Cont. p3**

'SCHUY'S' THE LIMIT ON OPENING DAY

by Alan Carasso

Made Me Shiver (Maclean's Music), so impressive in taking her lone racetrack appearance to date, rates a slight favorite in the GIII Schuylerville S., the co-featured event for juveniles on opening day of the 2016 meeting at Saratoga.

Conditioned by Steve Asmussen, who has sent out three winners of the race since 2008, the Hill 'n' Dale homebred was no better than a 15-2 chance in a June 17 Churchill maiden dominated in the markets by 2-5 La Coronel (Colonel John). While that one finished a never-nearer fourth, Made Me Shiver just about beat the gates and soon had daylight on her rivals. Coasting along from there, she took an awkward step near the eighth pole and raced on her incorrect lead from there, but still reported home a 5 3/4-length winner.

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Favoured **Churchill (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) had to work for it, but he made it a first group-race win in Thursday's G3 Tyros S. at Leopardstown. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.](#)

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When Ruffian won the 1975 GI Coaching Club American Oaks--then contested at Belmont Park--she took home the winner's share of \$100,000. A field of 5 sophomore fillies will compete for potentially five times that amount should champion Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro) take her spot in the field Sunday afternoon, as expected | Horsephotos

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T.D. Thornton catches up with Godolphin America COO Dan Pride and TOBA president Dan Metzger to talk about the Thoroughbred Industry Employee Awards (TIEA), which will recognize behind-the-scenes horse workers who demonstrate leadership and dedication.

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

EDT **Race**
5:02p Schuylerville S.-G3, SAR
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Saratoga 2016 Preview (cont. from p1)

Preakness winner Exaggerator and Belmont Stakes winner Creator (Tapit) could tangle in the GII Jim Dandy S. on July 30 en route to the Travers, the historic race which may provide some clarity to a wide-open division.

The Saratoga meeting has long been one of the most competitive and prestigious in the nation. Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas, 80, this week called it the toughest, and quipped that it was even more difficult to turn a profit running six weeks at the expensive upstate track. Hall of Fame-bound trainer Steve Asmussen agreed.

“It’s not a financial decision to be here,” Asmussen said. “It’s a measuring stick of where you are right now. The ultimate measuring stick. Nobody came here to get rich.”

Asmussen is a member of a much-anticipated new class that will be welcomed into the Hall of Fame on Friday, Aug. 12. The wildly popular race mares Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d’Oro) and the Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) were elected in their first year of eligibility. Asmussen’s name was taken off the ballot and his status was put on hold for two years until investigations by racing commissions in Kentucky and New York determined there

was no merit to allegations of the improper treatment of horses made by PETA, the People for Ethical Treatment of Animals. Jockey Ramon Dominguez, forced to retire a couple of years shy of the qualifying requirement after suffering head injuries in a racing accident, was promptly elected after being granted a waiver by the Hall of Fame. Citing the popularity of the members of the class and



Chad Brown | Horsephotos

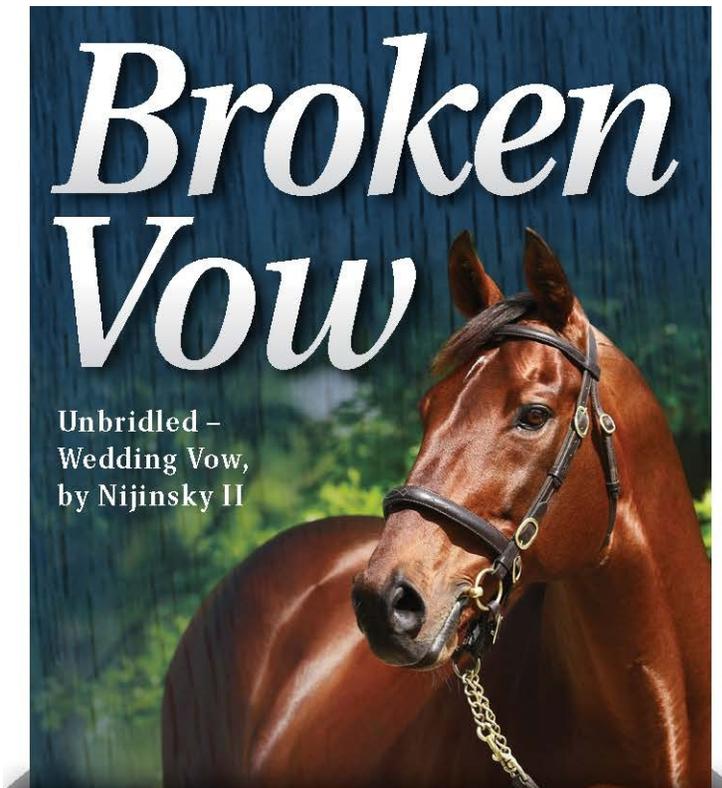
expected heavy demand for seats, the Hall of Fame ceremony will not be open to the public.

Many of racing’s stars of the future will be in Fasig-Tipton’s annual Saratoga Sale of select yearlings with sessions on Aug. 8 and Aug. 9. Its New York-Bred Preferred Yearling Sale will be conducted on Aug. 13-14.

One of the major themes this summer is whether Brown, 37, can finally unseat perennial champ Todd Pletcher, 48, who has won six straight titles and a record 12 overall. Brown has been the runner-up at Saratoga the last five years and is in the midst of another strong campaign. He won the 54-day spring/summer meet at Belmont Park for the first time, prevailing by 13 victories over Pletcher. Brown acknowledged that the success at Belmont Park could compromise his chances of finishing on top at the Spa.

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“I think we’ve planned well for Saratoga, but we haven’t planned exclusively for Saratoga,” Brown said. “It would be nice to win. I think we have a lot of momentum going into the meet. I’d rather go into the meet as the leading trainer at Belmont than the second place finisher at Belmont. We’re not at all upset with how many winners we had, but we’re conscious that we need to keep it going. It’s hard to keep it going, but I have the staff and the horses, I believe, to keep it going.”

Brown’s roster of stakes runners is led by Juddmonte Farms’ globetrotter Flintshire, winner of the G1 Manhattan S. in his lone start this year.



Flintshire | Sarah K. Andrew

Flintshire is headed to two Saratoga races, the GII Bowling Green H. on July 30 and the GI Longines Sword Dancer S., which he won last year, on Aug. 27. Breeders’ Cup Filly and Mare Sprint winner Wavell Avenue

(Harlington) is pointed toward the GI Ballerina S. on Aug. 27 with an earlier date in either the GII Honorable Miss H. on July 27 or the Shine Again S. on Aug. 3. Brown entered four from his gaggle of graded stakes tested turf fillies in Saturday’s GI Diana S. and has four 3-year-old colts, My Man Sam (Trappe Shot), Gift Box (Twirling Candy), Connect (Curlin), Economic Model (Flatter), that are candidates for the Travers preps, the Curlin S. on July 29 and the Jim Dandy.

Pletcher said Wednesday that he and Brown are friendly competitors and that the attention and coverage in the local media because of Brown’s roots is a positive.

“When you’ve won as many training titles as we have here, you need things to motivate you,” he said. “This is one of the things we find motivating and fun. You try not to lose your mind about it, but you’re always looking for new challenges and things to pick your head up and motivate you to do better. This is one of them.”

Pletcher said the only training title that is more important to him than Saratoga is Gulfstream, where his stable has won 13 straight.

“I know that when that streak ends, it’s over and it’s never going to happen again,” Pletcher said. “Once that streak is over, I don’t have 13 in a row in me anymore.”

Pletcher acknowledged that he and his staff keep score during the meet.

“Yeah, I look at the standings. Absolutely, I look at it,” he said. “I look at the jockey standings every day. It’s part of Saratoga to me.”

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Year	Starts	Wins	Win %	Earnings
2015				
Pletcher	173	34	20%	\$4,605,360
Brown	142	31	22%	\$2,655,834
2014				
Pletcher	131	28	21%	\$2,971,987
Brown	98	23	23%	\$1,905,604
2013				
Pletcher	131	36	27%	\$4,389,749
Brown	87	24	28%	\$2,277,378
Totals				
Pletcher	435	98	22.5%	\$11,967,096
Brown	327	68	23.9%	\$6,838,816

The Saratoga trainer's title is named for the late H. Allen Jerkens and the riding title honors Angel Cordero, Jr., who won 11 straight years and 13 in total.

"Like I've said before, Angel Cordero made winning the jockey's title, and as an overflow from that, the training title, important at Saratoga," Pletcher said. "People take note of it more because of his streak and what he was able to do. The fact that he came up here every year and made no bones about the fact that he wanted to win it, was kind of contagious and caught on. What I think is great is that it has spilled over into the owners' category a little bit. Owners are now aware of it and want to win it. That kind of stuff is great for the business."



Todd Pletcher | Horsephotos

Pletcher grinned when tossed a lighthearted softball question: whether his stable was up to the Brown challenge. He noted that they now work with similar numbers of horses, complimented Brown on building a powerful outfit and said he was sure Brown wanted to win.

"You factor all those things in and I think he's going to be tough to beat," Pletcher said.

As he approached the meet, Pletcher said that his Travers prospects, Destin (Giant's Causeway) and Stradivari (Medaglia d'Oro), would likely race only at Saratoga this summer.

Stradivari is on course for the Curlin and Destin, second by a nose in the Belmont, is being pointed to the Jim Dandy. Pletcher said he could not explain Rachel Valentina (Bernardini)'s fifth-place finish in the GI Mother Goose S. and wasn't sure of what her next start might be.

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Trainer Mark Casse will have a full complement of 30 horses at Saratoga for the second straight year. Robert Masterson's Tepin is the headliner in the group that also features Catch a Glimpse (City Zip). Tepin has won seven in a row since finishing second in two starts at Saratoga last summer. In her most recent outing, she was a smashing winner in the GI Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot. Tepin may have her first work since the Queen



Mark Casse | Coady Photography

Anne on Friday and Casse said it looks like she has recovered nicely from her visit to Ascot.

"She probably took it better than the rest of us," he said. "We really won't know for sure, I guess, until we start putting put a little more work into her. Right now she seems like a very happy camper."

Casse said the Fourstardave is an appealing target because it is a Grade I and would fit nicely into the calendar ahead of the Woodbine Mile on Sept. 17.

Catch a Glimpse, whose only career loss in nine races was in the mud in her career debut at Saratoga last summer, is a candidate for the GII Ballston Spa S. on Aug. 27.

As has often been the case through the years, there is controversy surrounding the New York Racing Association and Saratoga Race Course. On June 10, the day before the Belmont, New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli released an audit that he said showed that NYRA had overstated its financial condition. Instead of operating at a profit the last couple of years, as NYRA has announced, he said it has lost more than \$109 million in the past five years. According to DiNapoli, NYRA made the claim of a surplus because it excluded a host of expenses, including pension contributions and post-retirement health care benefit costs.



Tepin | Horsephotos

NYRA challenged the findings in its comment in the audit. In mid-July in the Albany, N.Y. Times Union, NYRA president and CEO Chris Kay wrote that the company followed accepted accounting practices and did exclude "expenses over which NYRA had no control," like pensions and post-employment benefits. However, Kay maintained that by any measure NYRA had finished with a profit in 2014 and 2015.

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NYRA will launch its television series *Saratoga Live* on opening day. The late afternoon program, scheduled for 4 to 6:30 p.m. ET., will be shown nationally on Fox Sports 2 and the regional networks MSG+ and Altitude. The television commitment is designed to compliment NYRA Bets, the company's first ADW national platform venture. NYRA Rewards, which has been restricted to New York state residents, will transition to NYRA Bets on Friday. NYRA says that the date of the full, national rollout has not been determined but is expected to take place soon.

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'Schuy's' the Limit on Opening Day

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If horses like convincing Keeneland debut winner **Lightning Dove** (Uncle Mo) and **Inspired Flight** (Orientate), dead game in taking her Laurel bow July 1, race handy enough to Made Me Shiver do some work early, the Schuylerville could well set up for **Platinum Spark** (Hansen). Well bet at 9-2 in her June 12 unveiling for a barn that does far better with its grass runners, the gray filly prompted the pace and finished as if more distance could be right up her alley, scoring by a widening 1 1/2 lengths. Platinum Spark's morning trials since suggest there could be even better to follow.



Made Me Shiver | Coady Photography

Olive Branch (Super Saver) took her spot in a \$100,000 maiden allowance at Belmont May 18, and made the most of the opportunity to post a perfect-trip, two-length success. The 3-1 second choice on Travis Stone's morning line could fall into the box seat once again if Made Me Shiver does not manage to shake free early.

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Friday, Saratoga, post time: 5:02 p.m. EDT
SCHUYLERVILLE S.-GIII, \$150,000, 2yo, f, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Olive Branch 	Speightstown	Ortiz	Violette, Jr.	3-1
2	Inspired Flight	Oriente	Prado	Schoenthal	15-1
3	Lightning Dove	Uncle Mo	Rosario	Ward	8-1
4	Sweet Loretta 	Tapit	Velazquez	Pletcher	6-1
5	Made Me Shiver	Maclean's Music	Ortiz, Jr.	Asmussen	5-2
6	Summer Sally 	Ghostzapper	Bravo	Rodriguez	20-1
7	Platinum Spark 	Hansen	Franco	Donk	7-2
8	Fun 	Harlan's Holiday	Alvarado	Wilkes	20-1
9	Harlands Thunder	Harlan's Holiday	Geroux	Mott	10-1

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LAKE GEORGE FAVE IS A 'SECRET'

by Alan Carasso

Dominant though he has been in grass events on the New York circuit, it was only last year that trainer Chad Brown won his first



Ancient Secret | Adam Coglianesse photo

GII Lake George S., saddling Saturday's GI Diana S. hopeful Mrs McDougal (Medaglia d'Oro) to a narrow victory. The Mechanicville, New York, native will have two solid chances to put them back-to-back in the form of Alpha Delta Stables' **Ancient Secret** (Kantharos) and the promising European import

Elysea's World (Ire) (Champs Elysees {GB}).

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Elysea's World annexed her lone appearance at two at Chantilly last June, then shaped like any kind with a flying finish to snag a first-level Belmont allowance May 11. Given her chance in the June 5 Wonder Again S., the local prep for the GI Belmont Oaks, the bay sat a good trip and matched strides with the eventual winner Time and Motion (Tapit) in upper stretch, but was one-paced late in sixth. She and Ancient Secret shared the four-furlong turf bullet (:48.01) at Belmont July 17.

Diamond Fields (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) is relatively exposed, with eight runs to date, but her European form should stand her in good stead in this field. The bay has made half of her appearances against the boys, including a runner-up effort to the talented and recent G1SP Washington D C (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) in the Listed Power S. at Navan in May, then was fourth against older females in the G3 Ballyogan S. at The Curragh in early June. Her most recent runner-up effort in the prestigious Sandringham H. at Royal Ascot June 15 was full of merit.

Towards the back early, she weaved her way through traffic to reach contention, only to find herself short of room at a critical stage. She streaked home once clear to miss by 1 1/4 lengths to Cheveley Park's undefeated Persuasive (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and can play upsetter here.

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CLARIFICATION FROM EDITION OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

In Bill Oppenheim's weekly [column](#), under the author's use of the term "year-starters," a horse is counted as a year-starter every year it starts--up to seven--rather than just being counted as one 'starter'. This is done because calculations based on annual earnings have to count a starter as one horse every year. It does not mean 'under 200 starters in a year', which would include most sires. It means 'under 200 year-starters over the seven-year period'.



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3	Diamond Fields (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Alvarado	Stack	6-1
4	Enjoy Yourself (GB)	Sir Percy (GB)	Santana Jr	Terranova	20-1
5	Ancient Secret	Kanthalos	Ortiz Jr	Brown	7-2
6	Sky My Sky 	Bernardini	Leparoux	Casse	15-1
7	Flora Dora	First Dude	Esquivel	Coffey	30-1
8	Baciami Piccola (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Rosario	Lynch	15-1
9	Outsider Art	Five Star Day	Franco	Sheppard	15-1
10	Try Your Luck 	Lookin At Lucky	Scr	Scr	Scr
11	Tin Type Gal	Tapit	Ortiz	Motion	8-1
12	Gone Away	Leroidesanimaux (Brz)	Geroux	Matz	15-1

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Fox Hill Farms' undefeated 'TDN Rising Star' and reigning champion juvenile filly **Songbird** (Medaglia d'Oro) arrived at Saratoga Race Course Wednesday evening shortly after 8:00 p.m. in advance of her start in Saturday's GI Coaching Club American Oaks. The Jerry Hollendorfer trainee's flight landed at Albany International Airport just after 6:00 and she quickly settled into her stall, momentarily posing for photographs after arriving to the track via van.

All signs Thursday morning indicated that the dark bay is adapting well to her new surroundings, according to Rick Porter of Fox Hill Farms.

"She ate up [Thursday] morning and she was bright-eyed and bushy-tailed," said Porter. "After talking to Jerry, they decided to take her out and give her one lap around the track. She went with the pony and jogged for a mile and an eighth. She wasn't too happy to go back to the barn, she probably



Songbird | Benoit photo

wanted to do a little more. She's doing fantastic considering all the travel she's had."

Hollendorfer arrived in Saratoga Thursday. A four-time Grade I winner, Songbird has won each of her eight starts and most recently captured the GII Summertime Oaks at Santa Anita June 18. Songbird is set to take on four rivals in the CCA Oaks, including fellow 'TDN Rising Star' **Carina Mia** (Malibu Moon) and GI Ashland S. winner **Weep No More** (Mineshaft).

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Sunday, Saratoga, post time: 6:18 p.m. EDT

COACHING CLUB AMERICAN OAKS-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Songbird	Medaglia d'Oro	Smith	Hollendorfer	121
2	Carina Mia	Malibu Moon	Leparoux	Mott	121
3	Flora Dora	First Dude	Esquivel	Coffey	121
4	Weep No More	Mineshaft	Castellano	Arnold, II	121
5	Mo d'Amour	Uncle Mo	Velazquez	Pletcher	121

Owners: 1-Fox Hill Farms, Inc., 2-Three Chimneys Farm, 3-Coffeepot Stables, 4-Ashbrook Farm, 5-King of Prussia Stable. **Breeders:** 1-John Antonelli, 2-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 3-Dizney Double Diamond LLC, 4-Hinkle Farms, Inc. & Robert Kessinger, 5-Doug Branham & Felicia Branham

Sunday, Monmouth Park, post time: 4:20 p.m. EDT

BOILING SPRINGS S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Shiawassee	Artie Schiller	Lebron	Lynch	116
2	Galileo's Song (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Bravo	Brown	118
3	Winter	Awesome Again	Silvera	Lawrence, II	116
4	Tin Type Gal	Tapit	McCarthy	Motion	118
5	Thundering Sky	Sky Mesa	Saez	Weaver	116
6	Miss Inclusive	Include	-	Servis	116
7	Verbouwen	Kitten's Joy	Lopez	Brown	116
8	Hidden Treat	Lemon Drop Kid	Centeno	Delacour	116

Owners: 1-Fred M. Allor, 2-Dell Ridge Farm LLC, 3-Matthew Schera, 4-My Meadowview Farm LLC, 5-Matthew Schera, 6-Main Line Racing and Joshtylane Farm, 7-Michael E. Kisber & Sheep Pond Partners, 8-Lael Stables **Breeders:** 1-St. George Farm, LLC, 2-Smythson, 3-Adena Springs, 4-My Meadowview LLC, 5-Almar Farm, LLC, 6-Brereton C. Jones, 7-Dr. John A. Chandler, 8-Mr. & Mrs. M. Roy Jackson

Sunday, Woodbine, post time: 4:46 p.m. EDT

NIJINSKY S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Button Down (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Contreras	Carroll	116
2	Kaigun	Northern Fleet	Husbands	Casse	123
3	Up With the Birds	Stormy Atlantic	Da Silva	Pierce	117
4	Halo Nation	Blame	Moran	Murphy	117
5	Dynamic Sky	Sky Mesa	Boulanger	Casse	117

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Sunday, Del Mar, post time: 6:40 p.m. EDT

COUGAR II H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Infobedad (Arg)	Dancing for Me (Arg)	Talamo	Sadler	114
2	Energia Fribby (Brz)	Agnes Gold (Jpn)	Van Dyke	Drysdale	114
3	Hoppertunity	Any Given Saturday	Prat	Baffert	123
4	Seve's Road	Quality Road	Bejarano	D'Amato	117
5	Hard Aces	Hard Spun	Gonzalez	Sadler	122
6	Quick Casablanca (Chi)	Until Sundown	Baze	McAnally	120

Owners: 1-Hronis Racing, LLC, 2-Golden Eagle Farm Investment, L.P., 3-Pegram, Watson or Weitman, 4-Jay or Julie Manoogian, 5-Hronis Racing, LLC, 6-Pablo Gomez. **Breeders:** 1-Anaruth S.R.L., 2-Haras Estrela Energia, 3-Betz/D.J. Stable/Kidder/J. Betz/Robenalt, 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Dreamchaser Thoroughbreds, 6-Haras Matancilla

TDN Q & A

FINAL PUSH FOR DEADLINE TO REWARD INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES

by T.D. Thornton

With \$115,000 in total prize money on the line and an Aug. 1 deadline looming, a final push is underway to solicit nominees for the inaugural Thoroughbred Industry Employee Awards (TIEA), which will recognize and reward unsung, unheralded, and behind-the-scenes horse workers who demonstrate leadership and dedication within the United States racing and breeding communities.

The TIEA program is sponsored by Godolphin, and is modeled after the Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards that have been held for more than a decade in England, Ireland and Australia.



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There are five categories: two separate Leadership awards for racing and breeding personnel, two separate Dedication awards for racing and breeding personnel, plus a fifth

Thoroughbred Industry Community Award that is open to support staffers who contribute to the greater good of the sport, even if they are not directly employed in the industry.

This week *TDN* separately interviewed Godolphin America's chief operating officer Dan Pride, and Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) president Dan Metzger to solicit their input on the importance of the TIEA, both to individuals and the racing and breeding industries. A combined and edited transcript of those discussions follows:

TDN: The deadline is coming up quickly for the TIEA awards. What do people need to know to make sure worthy individuals get a chance at the recognition and prize money?

DM: This is the first year of the awards, and with the Aug. 1 nomination deadline approaching, we encourage everyone involved in the industry to pause for a moment and consider who they know who might benefit from these awards. We believe it's important because of the critical role these individuals play in our sport. Horses, owners, breeders, trainers, and jockeys receive the lion's share of publicity, and deservedly so. But without the incredible infrastructure of the support staff--the grooms and the

hotwalkers, the barn foremen, the yearling, broodmare, and stallion managers--our sport and our industry would not exist. These incredible men and women are the first line of care with our horses, and their recognition and contributions are long overdue and well-deserved.

DP: This is a chance for us to really make a difference in the individual lives of people who aren't ordinarily recognized. And an important thing to bring up is those individuals who win are also going to bring reward and recognition to the fellow members of their work teams. The winners get a cash prize, and there's also going to be a cash prize to their barn, or farm, co-workers. So another reason that we're encouraging people to nominate is that this is a team award as much as it is an individual award.



Dan Pride | Darley America

TDN: What's involved in nominating an individual and how long does it take?

DM: It's very simple and direct. If you go to the website, which is www.godolphinusawards.com, there's an online nomination form there. You fill that out and submit it. It only takes about five minutes for the details, and then the commentary, the reasons for nominating that individual, it'll take another 10 to 15 minutes. If the person has any further questions, they can contact the TOBA office, and we can assist them through the nomination process.

DP: The better you know the person, and the more you can differentiate that nominee, the higher probability you have to impress the judging panel. You really have to know a person to get across why they're unique and why they should be a worthy nominee.

TDN: Who can nominate?

DP: Anyone can nominate anyone else. There's not a hierarchy. It doesn't have to be a boss. It can be a co-worker, or it can be somebody you worked alongside a few years ago and were really impressed with them.

TDN: Can you explain the different award categories and give examples of who might be a good fit for the Leadership, Dedication, and Thoroughbred Industry Community Awards?

DP: The basic way to break it down is there are two awards for racetrack-based employees, and two awards for farm-based employees. The fifth award is really a community service type.

DM: For the Leadership awards, it might be a person who is in a managerial role at a breeding farm or in a racing stable who oversees employees and shows exceptional leadership qualities. People who excel at motivation and support of their colleagues. Someone who shows an ability to help and to shape the next generation of horsemen and horsewomen in our industry. The Dedication award is geared more to individuals not so much in a management, but who deal with the hands-on care of horses--the grooms, the exercise riders, hotwalkers. These people have shown talent in working with young horses, solid horsemanship in a racetrack or farm setting, and an ability to be reliable, consistent; somebody you can depend on.

TDN: How about the Thoroughbred Industry Community Award?

DM: That's a pretty broad definition. That could include individuals from the racing end or the farm end. But it is important to point out that people eligible for that category do not have to be directly employed by the racing or breeding industries. They contribute to the greater good of the sport, and could be from a wide diversity of nominees, like working at a non-profit horse rescue operation or in a veterinary setting.

TDN: Beyond honoring individuals, what do the TIEA awards do to boost these important equine professions?

DM: It shines a brighter light on the importance of these professions and jobs. We need to highlight that these are good careers for people who have a love of horse racing, and, more importantly, a love of the horse. And this is not only public recognition, but the financial reward of these awards is significant.

TDN: Other countries have already set great examples in the area of recognizing behind-the-scenes, hands-on horse workers. How can we in the United States put our own stamp on these awards in this first year and beyond?

DM: Certainly, Great Britain, Ireland, and Australia have set a high bar, the gold standard, for these types of awards. The

United States is the world's largest Thoroughbred economy, from foal production to the number of racetracks, races, and horses and training. It's a wide industry spread out geographically from coast to coast. And we need to make it our goal for our initial awards to meet, and eventually exceed, the level of excellence set elsewhere. The United States, we believe, is the world leader in breeding and racing, and we believe we can build on these inaugural awards in the future to create a program where the level of participation increases every year.

DP: In the U.S., we probably have the most diverse Thoroughbred industry in the world. So I think it's important we show a strong representation in what we contribute. This is another reflection on us as to our global leadership role within the Thoroughbred racing and breeding world. We are a latter participant to these types of awards, but I do believe these awards have the potential to be very significant life-changers to both to the individuals who win and to the teams and their nominators.

TDN: Any final points you want to underscore?

DP: It's important to note that once you nominate someone, if they don't win, that nomination has the ability to roll over to the next year. After this year's

awards, we'll come back and follow up with the nominators to see if they'd like the person they nominated to be included again the following year. So you really can nominate one time, and have this in the system going forward. And I also want to make sure that people know that Godolphin will not be the judge of the award-winners. We are the lead sponsor, but we are not involved in the mechanics of administering the process. An independent panel of judges that represents a broad cross-section of the industry will be deciding who wins.

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SS: Race 7, Allowance - Always great to be back for another installment of Showdown at the Spa--can't thank our friends at NYRA enough for their sponsorship... I was pretty much set on selecting Try Your Luck in the GII Lake George S. once entries came out Tuesday, but with her connections instead opting for Indiana's TaWee S. Wednesday (she finished a rallying third as the even-money chalk), I landed on a race a little earlier in the card. In a race completely loaded with early speed, trainer Kieran McLaughlin couldn't have picked a better spot for the well-drawn **Takrees** to make her first attempt since a disappointing run as the favorite in early May. The bay fires well fresh--she broke her maiden from just off the pace this past February off a somewhat similar layoff--and with a pair of rallying runner-up finishes behind subsequent stakes winners Appealing Maggie and Lost Raven over the Big A inner track this winter, she certainly seems to stack up quite well here for her first attempt versus older fillies and mares. **Selection: #2 Takrees (4-1)**

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BD: Race 9, GII Lake George S. - Thanks so much to NYRA for sponsoring this year's contest--now let's see if we can pick a few winners. I really like European invader **Diamond Fields (Ire)** at a price here. The Tommy Stack trainee sprinted for the first seven races of her career, and ran fine against some solid competition but seemed like she needed more ground. She got it in Royal Ascot's Sandringham H., and may very well have beaten a well-regarded undefeated runner (plus another 19 foes) had she not been bottled up when the real running began, settling for second after flying home ([video](#)). Stack is extremely dangerous when he ships here--he won last year's GII New York S. at 22-1, and has had other past successes in races like the Garden City and Beverly D. **Selection: #3 Diamond Fields (6-1)**

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TOM MCCARTHY PASSES AWAY

Horseman Tom McCarthy, celebrated for his 'claim to fame' story as owner and trainer of GI Toyota Blue Grass S. and GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic winner General Quarters (Sky Mesa), died July 21 after a battle with stage four melanoma, the Kentucky HBPA confirmed Thursday. The retired high school principal was 82 years old.

McCarthy claimed General Quarters out of his career debut for \$20,000 in May of 2008. The gray went on to win the 2009 Blue Grass as a precursor to a 10th-place finish in the GI Kentucky Derby less than one month later. General Quarters returned to Churchill Downs on Derby day the following year to win the Turf Classic, the final win of his 27-start career. He currently stands at stud at Crestwood Farm in Kentucky.



Tom McCarthy | Churchill Downs

McCarthy typically maintained a small operation, and won three times from 17 starts in 2016. His final entry came June 19 at Churchill. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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NEW YORK

New "Hoofprints Walk of Fame" Members Announced at Spa:

Saratoga's Hoofprints Walk of Fame will add new equine members Stymie and Los Angeles to its honor roll of the most prolific Thoroughbreds to compete in the track's rich history, the Saratoga 150 Committee announced Thursday.

"We are delighted to welcome these two worthy new additions to the outstanding class of thoroughbreds who make up the Hoofprints Walk of Fame at Saratoga Race Course," said Saratoga 150 Honorary Chair John Hendrickson, who conceptualized the project in conjunction with the Saratoga 150 committee. "These equine athletes are certainly to be credited for the excitement and thrill that make a day at the races so enticing and memorable."

Stymie made 131 total starts—including five at Saratoga in the span of 26 days in 1946—winning both the Whitney H. and the Saratoga Cup during that testing time. Los Angeles won 16 stakes races at the Spa from 1887 through 1891, remarkably succeeding at distances ranging from five furlongs to two miles.

Modeled after the Hollywood Walk of Fame, the Hoofprints Walk of Fame was installed outside the clubhouse gates to Saratoga Race Course in 2013 in conjunction with the sesquicentennial celebration of the first organized race meeting in Saratoga Springs.

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4th-SAR, \$93K, Alw/OC, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 2:40 p.m. EDT

Talented turfer **SENTIERO ITALIA** ([Medaglia d'Oro](#)) gets her 4-year-old season underway on this stellar opening day card. The Sheikh Mohammed homebred took last August's local GII Lake Placid S. over subsequent GISW and Saturday's GI Diana S. morning line favorite Miss Temple City (Temple City), and added the GII Sands Point S. emphatically the following month down state. A wide-trip third at odds-on in the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. Oct. 10, she was last seen finishing a decent fourth in the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf on Halloween. [TJCIS PPs](#)

6th-SAR, \$83K, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f, 3:48 p.m. EDT

Agents Solis II and Litt went all the way to \$750,000 at the 2014 Keeneland November sale to secure **BOWIE** ([Malibu Moon](#)) as a weanling on behalf of LNJ Foxwoods.

The Steve Asmussen pupil is out of MSP turf sprinter Life Lesson (Unbridled's Song), herself the dam of GSW and GISP turf router Wander Mom (Maria's Mon). She hails from the extended female family of Serena's Song.

Perennial leading trainer Todd Pletcher has a pair of runners entered here on behalf of Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners--John Velazquez is named to ride both. **Seam** ([Union Rags](#)), a \$120,000 KEESEP yearling out of a debut-winning dam, is a granddaughter of Grade I-winning juvenile Meadow Breeze (Meadowlake). Meadow Breeze is a half-sister to Pletcher-trained GI Arkansas Derby winner Overanalyze, who is by Seam's paternal grandsire Dixie Union. **Jumby Bay** ([City Zip](#)) is the other Pletcher/Eclipse entrant. The \$140,000 KEESEP buy is a half to 'TDN Rising Star' Royal Obsession (Tapit), a \$550,000 KEENOV weanling, \$1-million Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling and \$1.15-million Keeneland November unraced 2-year-old who was second in this year's GII Gazelle S. and competed in the GI Kentucky Oaks. Jumby Bay's dam is a half to GISW Magnificent Song (Unbridled's Song).

La Coronel ([Colonel John](#)) was a \$37,000 Fasig-Tipton October yearling who blossomed into a \$375,000 OBS April juvenile after a [:20 4/5](#) breeze. Bet off the board in her June 17 Churchill unveiling, she broke slowly and got going too late, settling for fourth behind GII Schuylerville S. morning line chalk Made Me Shiver (Maclean's Music). Her GSP dam Listen (Chester House) is a half-sister to MGSW Listen Here (Gulch).

Special Risk ([Eskendereya](#)) could also offer some insight into the Schuylerville two races later. Out of a full-sister to Grade I-winning juvenile Wicked Style (Macho Uno), she was a green third behind well-regarded Olive Branch (Speightstown) at Belmont May 18. [TJCIS PPs](#) - [@BDiDonatoTDN](#)

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Thursday's Results:

2nd-FL, \$23,000, Msw, 7-21, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :53.19, ft.

+EDDIE'S GIFT (g, 2, El Corredor--City Gift, by City Place), 7-5 off an unbeaten local tab, chased Flagofpomeroy (Pomeroy) along the inside, tipped out to collar him at the head of the lane and put 2 3/4 lengths on him at the line. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-Barry K. Schwartz; B-Stonewall Farm (NY); T-Michael S. Ferraro.

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Ultra Brat (Uncle Mo) cuts back and scores at Delaware.

EASTERN U.S.

Thursday's Results:

6th-DEL, \$36,125, Alw, 7-21, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.31, ft. **ULTRA BRAT (f, 3, Uncle Mo--Prof. McGonagall, by Storm Cat)** was beaten nearly 70 lengths first out for Rusty Arnold at Churchill last November, but the money showed in her initial try for this outfit at Keeneland Apr. 23, and she went right to the front and never looked back. Seventh in the hot-paced GIII Miss Preakness S. May 20, the homebred was cutting back after finishing second in a local optional claimer over an extended mile June 9, and was flattered when the first and third-place finishers from that heat returned to score. Second choice at 9-5 behind recent graduate Sea View Millie (Proud Citizen), she stalked the pace out in the clear, put a head in front leaving the bend and dug in late to hold off the chalk by a diminishing half-length. The winner is a half to It's Tea Time (Dynaformer), GSW, GISP, \$470,226. Her dam, a daughter of GISW Rootentootenwooten (Diesis {GB}) and half to Kukulcan (Cox's Ridge), has an unraced 2-year-old filly named Vivacious Venezie (Tapit), a yearling colt by Malibu Moon and a weanling colt by Hard Spun. She was bred back to American Pharoah. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$65,061. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Alex G. Campbell Jr.; B-Alex G. Campbell Jr. Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.

3rd-DEL, \$34,250, Msw, 7-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.60, fm. **ZOFIA'S PRAYER (f, 3, Big Drama--Bucky's Prayer {MSW, \$280,692}, by Meadow Prayer)** ran on for third at Tampa May 7, and showed increased speed here June 20, but again settled for the bottom rung of the trifecta. Hammered down to 9-5 for her first turf attempt, she acted up a bit in the gate, but came out running from the rail to set the pace and draw off by 3 1/2 lengths. Favored Voiced (War Front) was second throughout. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$26,440. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Winning Stables, Inc.; B-Gerald & Mary Bennett (FL); T-Gerald S. Bennett.

1st-PEN, \$28,500, Msw, 7-21, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.31, fm. **ENTRANCING (c, 3, Ghostzapper--Incredulous {Fr}, by Indian Ridge {Ire})**, a half to Sir Gerry (Carson City), GSW & G1SP-Eng, GSP-UAE & Fr, \$498,293, was making his first start for this barn after checking in eight on the Keeneland dirt for Mike Maker Apr. 9. The 28-10 shot was wide and awkward around the first turn while stalking, and floated deeper still into the lane, but leveled off well in the run to the wire to post a 1 1/4-length score. Hoppala (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) was second best. Sales history: \$240,000 Ylg '14 KESEEP; \$45,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$17,340. **Click for the [Equibase.com](#)**

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CENTRAL U.S.

Thursday's Results:

7th-IND, \$36,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 7-21, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.76, fm.

UNCLE BRENNIE (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Moon Music, by Malibu Moon), a winner of the Sunday Silence S. at Louisiana Downs last September, was off the board over yielding turf in Keeneland's GIII Bourbon S. Oct. 4. Third behind graded winners Mo Tom (Uncle Mo) and Tom's Ready (More Than Ready) in the Street Sense S. on the Churchill dirt Nov. 1, he finished off his sophomore season with a distant finish in Remington's Dec. 13 Springboard Mile in the slop. The \$40,000 KESEEP yearling returned to the grass to finish second in a Churchill optional claimer May 29, and third beaten a neck back at that same level June 25 behind subsequent GIII American Derby hero One Mean Man (Mizzen Mast). Backed at 3-1 while facing older rivals for the first time, Uncle Brennie doled out splits of :24.90 and :48.64 and always had enough to hold safe favored Blarp (War Front) by a length. The winner's dam is out of MGSW Strike It Up (Smart Strike), making her a half to GSW Euphony (Forest Wildcat), MSW Strike Again (Dixie Union) and recent American Derby third Tequila Joe (Stormy Atlantic). Moon Music has an unraced 2-year-old filly named Kentucky Moon (Gemologist), a yearling colt by Jimmy Creed and a weanling filly by Overanalyze. She was bred back to Uncle Mo this breeding season. Lifetime Record: SW, 9-3-2-2, \$114,991. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart.](#)**

O-Flurry Racing Stables LLC; B-Doug & Felicia Branham (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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4th-AP, \$25,600, (S), Msw, 7-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:40.01, fm. **SOMETHING KINKY (f, 3, Parading--A Kiss Away, by Cozzene)** finished second in a similar spot to this June 19, and was 7-5 to go one better here. Right to the front, the grey set an easy pace while 37-1 shot Fort Rally (Fort Prado) applied mild pressure. Headed by that rival in upper stretch, she fought back gamely to prevail by 1 1/4 lengths. The winner is a half to Sunset Kisses (Sky Classic), MSW & GSP, \$332,400; and Stop a Train (Devil His Due), MSW & GSP, \$487,906. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$21,760. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O/B-Carson Springs Farm (IL); T-Michele Boyce.

Wednesday Night's Results:

5th-EVD, \$27,000, (S), Msw, 7-20, 2yo, f, 5f, :59.63, ft. +TIZ THE WILDCAT (f, 2, Tiz the One--Exclusive Wildcat, by Forest Wildcat) received the most tote attention down to 17-10, practically beat the gate, and never looked back en route to a sharp 5 3/4-length debut success. Fellow firster Mischievous Belle (Into Mischief) made an eye-catching move along the bend, but settled for second, 7 3/4 lengths clear of the third finisher. The winner's second dam is MGSP juvenile Exclusive Hold (Phone Trick). Sales history: \$5,000 RNA Ylg '15 ESLYRL; \$9,000 2yo '16 EQL2YO. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Stephen Landry & Lloyd Schwing Racing LLC; B-Carl Mathieu (LA); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr.

Catalog Available for Equine Sales Company Yearling Sale:

The Equine Sales Company has made available a catalog of 224 yearlings set to sell at its Consignor Select Sale to be held Sept. 7 in Opelousas, Louisiana, it was announced Thursday. This year's offering represents a 19% increase from the 188 head consigned last year, and it will mark the first unified yearling sale in partnership with the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association.

"The results of the agreement with the LTBA are evident in this catalog," said Foster Bridewell, sales director for Equine Sales Company. "Not only do we have significantly more yearlings compared to last year, but we have also seen an increase in the quality of consignments. We have nearly 40 different consignors, including some who are making their first appearance at this sale."

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4	Be a Lady	Cindago	Stevens	Pender	20-1
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6	Fantasy of Luck	Lucky Pulpit	Bejarano	Baffert	3-1
7	Enola Gray	Grazen	Baze	D'Amato	4-5

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- [ALGORITHM](#) (Bernardini), Claiborne Farm, \$7.5K, 88/5/0
4-IND, Msw 5fT, Queen of Corona, \$11K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1
- [CALEB'S POSSE](#) (Posse), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10K, 37/2/0
6-PRM, Msw 5 1/2f, +Girls Know Best, 7-2
- [DOMINUS](#) (Smart Strike), Spendthrift Farm, \$6.5K, 50/1/0
3-IND, Msw 5 1/2f, Teachers Lounge, \$4K FTK OCT yrl, 3-1
- [GATTOPARDO](#) (Johannesburg), O'Sullivan Farms, \$1K, 16/0/0
1-CT, Msw 4 1/2f, +Unaquoi, 2-1
- [HANSEN](#) (Tapit), Ashford Stud, \$12.5K, 102/2/0
8-SAR, \$150K GIII Schuylerville S., 6f, Platinum Spark, \$70K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2
- [MACLEAN'S MUSIC](#) (Distorted Humor), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, \$6.5K, 79/4/0
8-SAR, \$150K GIII Schuylerville S., 6f, Made Me Shiver, \$150K FTK NOV wnl, 5-2
- [MISSION IMPAZIBLE](#) (Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York, \$7.5K, 49/2/1
2-SAR, Msw 5 1/2f, +Cha Cha Heels, \$100K EAS MAY 2yo, 5-2
- [SHACKLEFORD](#) (Forestry), Darby Dan Farm, \$20K, 119/5/0
4-IND, Msw 5fT, +Sprinkle Time, \$130K RNA EAS MAY 2yo, 9-2
- [SIGNATURE RED](#) (Bernstein), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station, 20/0/0
5-WO, Msw 6f, Congeniality, \$11K RNA CAN SEP yrl, 8-1
- [STAY THIRSTY](#) (Bernardini), Ashford Stud, \$17.5K, 91/3/0
6-SAR, Msw 5 1/2f, +She's Had Enough, \$20K OBS OCT wnl, 20-1
- [UNION RAGS](#) (Dixie Union), Lane's End Farm, \$35K, 106/2/0
6-SAR, Msw 5 1/2f, +Seam, \$120K KEE SEP yrl, 2-1

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Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, July 22

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, # foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available) Please note: from Jan. 1-Apr. 30 all starters will be listed here. From June 1-Dec. 31, only offspring that are first-time starters or starting in a stakes race will be listed here.

- ARCHARCH** (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 251/48/3
3-ELP, Msw 6f, +Mr. Misunderstood, \$130K OBS MAR 2yo, 8-1
- COURT VISION** (Gulch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 128/23/2
5-WO, Msw 6f, +Diamond Vision, \$18K RNA CAN SEP yrl, 15-1
- CUSTOM FOR CARLOS** (More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud, \$3K, 88/25/2
8-CBY, Msw 5 1/2f, +Final Deed, 6-1
- DUBLIN** (Afleet Alex), Keane Stud, \$7.5K, 132/17/0
3-MTH, Msw 5ft, +Dublin's Knight, 15-1
- FIRST DUDE** (Stephen Got Even), Double Diamond Farm, \$7.5K, 195/41/1
9-SAR, \$200K GII Lake George S., 1 1/16mT, Flora Dora, \$87K FTS
AUG yrl, 30-1
- HUNT CROSSING** (Corinthian), O'Sullivan Farms, \$1.5K, 54/4/0
1-CT, Msw 4 1/2f, +Fox On the Town, 2-1
- TIZ WEST** (Gone West), Haras Urama, \$2K, 11/1/0
6-PRM, Msw 5 1/2f, +The Swinging Bear, 15-1
- TIZWAY** (Tiznow), Spendthrift Farm, \$25K, 184/30/3
4-IND, Msw 5ft, +Renee Z, 9-2
- UNCLE MO** (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 261/67/14
4-ELP, Msw 5 1/2ft, +First Bank of Papa, \$75K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
8-SAR, \$150K GIII Schuylerville S., 6f, Lightning Dove, 8-1

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STAKES RESULTS:

DEPUTY MINISTER S., C\$125,000, WO, 7-20, (C), 3yo, 7f (AWT), 1:23.71, ft.
1--**#ULTRAFLAME, 115, c, 3, Old Forester--Baby Blaze, by Mr. Greeley.** (C\$30,000 Ylg '14 CANSEP). O-J.R. Racing Stable Inc.; B-Hill 'N' Dale Farms (ON); T-John A. Ross; J-Emma-Jayne Wilson. C\$75,000. Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-3, \$167,473.

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2--**Aye Aye Captain**, 115, g, 3, Old Forester--American Armada, by Quiet American. (C\$40,000 Ylg '14 CANSEP). O-Carnegie Hill Stable & Kingfield Racing Stable, Ltd.; B-Minshall Farms (ON); T-Catherine Day Phillips. C\$25,000.

3--**Conquest Cavalry**, 118, g, 3, Old Forester--Miss Blakely, by Smart Strike. (C\$145,000 Ylg '14 CANSEP). O-Conquest Stables, LLC; B-Ballycro Training Centre (ON); T-Mark E. Casse. C\$13,750.

Margins: 1 3/4, NK, 4HF. Odds: 2.80, 4.25, 3.60.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-WO, C\$48,300, (S), 7-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (AWT), :59.00, ft.

GLASGOW KISS (f, 4, Old Forester--Royal Ascot, by Ascot Knight) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, \$57,879. O-C S Dowson Farms; B-John Carey (ON); T-Mark Fournier. *C\$3,000 Ylg '13 CANSEP. **1/2 to Bear's Peak (Peaks and Valeys), MSW, \$229,929.

8th-GP, \$44,000, (NW3L)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 7-21, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.56, ft.

BULLET GONE ASTRAY (c, 3, Gone Astray--Permanent Makeup {SP}, by Red Bullet) Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 15-3-1-4, \$179,810. O-Four Horsemen Racing Stable, Inc. & Lady Lindsay Racing Stables; B-Joe & Kris Carroll (FL); T-Henry Collazo. *\$15,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

3rd-GP, \$41,200, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 7-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.82, fm.

DETERMINED LADY (f, 3, Big Drama--Lemon Pie, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-4, \$133,960. O-Harold L. Queen; B-Hal Queen Farm (FL); T-David Fawkes.

5th-DEL, \$36,250, 7-21, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 7 1/2ft, 1:30.06, fm.
C'MON BOYS (GB) (c, 4, Dubawi {Ire}--Sand Springs {GISW, \$1,270,058}, by Dynaformer) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-3, \$65,975. O/B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (GB); T-Alan E. Goldberg. *1/2 to Mellon Martini (Sadler's Wells), SW & GSP-Fr; Our Entourage (Street Cry {Ire}), SW, \$209,252.

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6th-IND, \$36,000, (S), 7-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.76, ft.

NAVY PRINCESS (f, 4, The Daddy--Navy Yard, by Boston Harbor) Lifetime Record: 19-5-1-2, \$69,571. O/B-Wayne Spalding (IN); T-Tim Glyshaw.

2nd-PEN, \$33,689, 7-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.81, fm.

SYCEE (f, 4, Exchange Rate--Scoop of Gold, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$66,580. O/B-Cornerstone Thoroughbreds LLC (PA); T-Francis Abbott, III. *1/2 to Medea (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), GSW, \$264,845.

5th-PEN, \$33,300, (S), 7-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45.55, ft.

DESI DUBLIN (f, 3, Dublin--Wacissa, by Boundary) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$53,220. O-John Davison; B-Highland Meadows Farm Inc (PA); T-Francis P. Campitelli. *\$2,000 Ylg '14 EASSEP. **1/2 to Courting Seattle (Doneraile Court), SW, \$163,288.

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8th-EVD, \$29,000, (S), 7-20, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:38.69, fm. **ZENDELPHIAN (c, 3, Big Top Cat--Muffin {MSP, \$241,414}, by Smart Strike)** Lifetime Record: SP, 5-3-1-0, \$71,000. O-Rowell Enterprises, Inc.; B-Circle H Farms & Carrol J. Castille (LA); T-Patricia G. West.

3rd-AP, \$26,400, 7-21, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.39, ft.

TOP GATO (g, 5, Bernstein--Forever Red, by Red Ransom) Lifetime Record: 23-7-3-6, \$105,971. O-Dundalk 5 LLC & John Romano; B-Long Grove Stables LLC & Sheltoewe Farm (KY); T-Dee Poulos. *\$24,000 RNA Ylg '12 KEEJAN; \$27,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '13 EASMAY.

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6th-AP, \$26,400, (S), 7-21, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.67, ft.

THREE TOOTSIES (m, 5, Three Hour Nap--Clandestine Affair, by Blumin Affair) Lifetime Record: 16-4-7-3, \$95,926. O-Hugh H. Robertson & Joann Hillebrand; B-Hugh H. Robertson & John G. Hillebrand (IL); T-Hugh H. Robertson.

5th-BTP, \$23,700, (S), (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 7-21, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.73, ft.

ALTISSIMO (g, 3, Noble Causeway--Great Goin Rose {SP}, by Albert the Great) Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, \$55,194. O-Nancy Lavrich & Elizabeth Rankin; B-Nancy J Lavrich & Niknar Farm LLC (OH); T-Jim C. Rankin. *1/2 to Uptown Gal (Don't Get Mad), SW, \$140,980.

3rd-LAD, \$22,390, 7-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38.55, fm.

SKI TUNE (f, 3, Brahms--Ski Race, by Appealing Skier) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$36,624. O/B-Melissa Cantacuzene (LA); T-Ralph R. Irwin.

5th-ALB, \$20,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 7-20, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:02.32, ft.

FORIN SEA (g, 6, Brother Derek--Miss Shower, by Torrential) Lifetime Record: MSP, 33-17-6-2, \$247,738. O-Mark Soto; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Carlos O. Alvidrez. *\$55,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP.

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Coney Island Rose, c, 3, **Courageous Cat--Roo Roo**, by Meadowlake. BTP, 7-21, (S), 6f, 1:14.03. B-Langsem Farm, Inc. & Leslie Stone (OH). *\$40,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT; \$70,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Morant Bay (Badge of Silver), GSP, \$169,098.

Lone Star Ranger, c, 3, **U S Ranger--You Laughin**, by Sharp Humor. IND, 7-21, 7 1/2fT, 1:32.37. B-Brent & Beth Harris (KY). *\$5,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. **Paid \$168.80 to win.

Picaboo Rose, f, 4, **Charging Indian--Sister Rose**, by Service Stripe. IND, 7-21, (S), 1m, 1:41.41. B-Michael W. Ball (IN). *1/2 to Buster Rose (Pioneering), SW, \$393,293

Smart Cookie, f, 4, **Smarty Jones--My Sweet Heart**, by You and I. PID, 7-20, (S), 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:05.41. B-JayArDee Stables (PA). *\$2,100 Wlg '12 EASDEC; \$4,500 Ylg '13 OBSAUG.

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CHURCHILL 'DOWNS' TYROS FOES



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Churchill (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) is a formidable colt physically and he seems to have the reputation to match, so it was no surprise that he built on an encouraging debut third to the useful Van Der Decken (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) over six furlongs at The Curragh May 22 when winning Royal Ascot's Listed Chesham S. over this trip June 18. Held up in third early against the rail by Ryan Moore in Thursday's G3 Tyros S. at Leopardstown, the bay was caught behind the front-running **Eagle Spirit (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) for a few strides at the top of the straight. Seizing a gap on that rival's inner to gain a rail run approaching the furlong pole, he had a narrow lead soon after as **Alexios Komnenos (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}) swooped wide and, after a couple of reminders, stayed on to secure a cosy verdict.

"When he gets there he's very babyish and green. We saw that at Ascot," trainer Aidan O'Brien said. "He's a little immature still. He got there very easily, but the other horse challenged wide and Ryan said he didn't see him until late. I was delighted with the way he traveled through the race. We always thought he was very good. He had a nice run when third at The Curragh and we obviously saw what he did in Ascot."

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JOCKEYS BANNED FROM RIDE GUIDE

Racing Victoria and Racing NSW stewards will not grant consent for licensed jockeys to participate in the digital form service Ride Guide.

Ride Guide, a program designed by media company Unscripted, was launched at last Saturday's Caulfield meeting on the Ladbrokes website, available only to Ladbrokes customers. Ride Guide pays riders to give their opinions on their mounts at specific meetings, but was flagged by stewards as posing problems with integrity and financial arrangements. Both sides met at RV headquarters on Tuesday to discuss the potential problems, and the stewards announced on Thursday jockeys would not be permitted to participate.

Australian Jockeys' Association General Manager Des O'Keeffe expressed disappointment with the decision, telling *Racing.com*, "today's reaction shows us that, as an industry, we are well behind other sports in embracing important opportunities to increase our appeal and exposure."

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Tyros S. result cont. from p1

Thursday, Leopardstown, Ireland

JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION TYROS S.-G3, €60,000, LEO, 7-21, 2yo, 7fT, 1:28.37, g/f.

1--@**CHURCHILL (IRE)**, 129, c, 2, by [Galileo \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: Meow (Ire) (SW-Ire & GSP-Eng), by Storm Cat

2nd Dam: Airwave (GB), by Air Express (Ire)

3rd Dam: Kangra Valley (GB), by Indian Ridge (Ire)

O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-Liberty Bloodstock (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. €35,400.

Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, 3-2-0-1, \$105,909. **Werk Nick**

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

2--**Alexios Komnenos (Ire)**, 129, c, 2, [Choisir \(Aus\)](#)--Alexiade

(Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). (16,000gns RNA Wlg '14 TATFOA; €28,000 Ylg '15 GOFORB). O-Werrett Bloodstock PTY Limited & Ms Genevieve Britton & David S McGuinness; B-P. Motherway (IRE); T-Tommy Stack. €11,400.

3--**Currency Converter**, 129, c, 2, [Exchange Rate](#)--Ruby's Realm,

by Empire Maker. (\$95,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Samuel M Mencoiff & Dr Michael Smurfit & Anthony Paul Smurfit; B-Clearsky Farms (KY); T-Dermot Weld. €5,400.



Margins: NK, 2, NK. Odds: 0.40, 8.00, 7.00.

Also Ran: King Electric (Ire), Ready To Roc (Ire), Eagle Spirit (Ire).

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O'Brien added, "We were a little worried in Ascot, as they went slow and he got there early and was green. He got to the front today and waited again. I think the [G2] Futurity [S. at The Curragh Aug. 21] is where we will go now."

Pedigree Notes...

Churchill is a son of the G2 Queen Mary S. runner-up Meow, whose dam is Coolmore's high-class sprinting 550,000gns horses-in-training acquisition Airwave (GB) (Air Express {Ire}). She was a multiple highweight for Henry Candy and, after showing the precocity to land the G1 Cheveley Park S. at two, was also able to collect the five-furlong G2 Temple S. before joining Ballydoyle and adding the G2 Ridgewood Pearl S. to her tally over a mile.

She was also second and third in strong renewals of the G1 Golden Jubilee S. and G1 July Cup, respectively, and has to be considered one of the best of her sex in that category in Europe in recent times. Along with Meow, she has also produced the G3 Denny Cordell Lavarack & Lanwades Stud Fillies' S. winner Aloof (Ire) from a mating with Galileo. Her own half-sister Jwala (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) sprang a surprise when winning the G1 Nunthorpe S. before her untimely demise, so the quality runs deep in the immediate family. Meow has another Galileo to follow, an as-yet unnamed yearling filly. **Click for the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

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Thursday, Leopardstown, Ireland

JOCKEY CLUB OF TURKEY SILVER FLASH S.-G3, €60,000, LEO, 7-21, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:28.83, g/f.

1--#@**PROMISE TO BE TRUE (IRE)**, 126, f, 2, by [Galileo \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: Sumora (Ire) (SW-Eng), by Danehill

2nd Dam: Rain Flower (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire)

3rd Dam: Rose of Jericho, by Alleged

O-Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (IRE); T-Aidan P. O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. €35,400. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$48,565.

*Full to Maybe (Ire), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ire, G1SW-Ire, SW & G1SP-Eng, \$469,223. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus***. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Take a Deep Breath (GB)**, 126, f, 2, [Bated Breath \(GB\)](#)--Fatal Attraction (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). (17,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA; 20,000gns RNA Ylg '15 TAOCT). O-Craig Bernick; B-C. J. Mills (GB); T-Michael O'Callaghan. €11,400.

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3--**Intricately (Ire)**, 126, f, 2, [Fastnet Rock \(Aus\)](#)--Inner Realm (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). O-Mrs A. M. O'Brien; B-Whisperview Trading Ltd (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien. €5,400.

Margins: 1 1/4, NO, 2. Odds: 0.65, 5.00, 7.00.

Also Ran: Drumfad Bay (Ire), Brooklyn's Rose (Ire), Oh Grace (Ire). Scratched: Elusive Beauty (Ire). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**

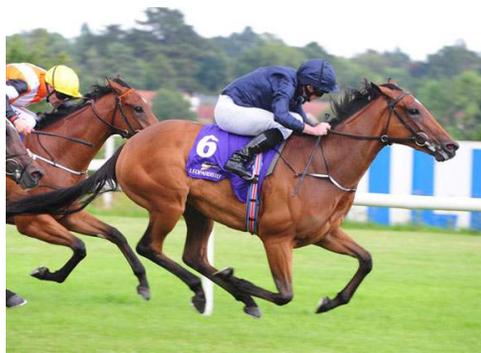
A full-sister to the 2011 G1 Moyglare Stud S. heroine and G1 1000 Guineas third Maybe, who also won this en route, Promise To Be True was a warm order on the back of her taking debut win over 7 1/2 furlongs at Tipperary June 30.

Waited with behind the leading trio throughout the early stages, the bay looked as if she might be in trouble inside the last quarter-mile but was coaxed into action by Ryan Moore as the final furlong approached. As she had done on her first start, she found a stylish change of gear to sweep to the front under hand riding passing the furlong marker and was comfortably on top at the line.

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Silver Flash S. cont.

“She’s a nice filly. She’s green and she was very green first time,” commented trainer Aidan O’Brien on another big day for



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Coolmore and Ballydoyle. “Today was a big step up for her amongst horses on quicker ground, but you’d have to be very happy. Seamus [Heffernan] was mad about her the other day in Tipperary and we thought she had ability, but you’re

never sure until they do it. Something like the [G2] Debutante S. [at The Curragh Aug. 21] might suit her. We’ll see where Mrs Stockwell is going with her filly [Brave Anna].”

Pedigree Notes...

The speedy dam, who captured the Listed St. Hugh’s S. over five furlongs, is a half-sister to the much more stamina-laden G1 Epsom Oaks and G1 Preis der Diana heroine Dancing Rain (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), who was also successful in the G2 QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares S. The third dam is Rose of Jericho, famous producer of the sires Archway (Ire), Dr Devious (Ire), Shinko King (Ire) and Royal Court (Ire) and second dam of the G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen-winning sire Suzuka Phoenix (Jpn). The family also features the G3 Doomben Roses winner and G1 New Zealand Bloodstock 1000 Guineas third Awesome Planet (Aus) (Giant’s Causeway) and her son Awesome Rock (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who was disqualified from first to second in this year’s G1 Australian Cup. **Click for the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)**

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LET’S TALK ABOUT DRUGS IN RACING By Kevin Blake



The issue of drugs in sport has never been bigger than it is now. There have been so many performance-enhancing drug scandals in recent years that it has bred a culture of scepticism of sporting success amongst the public. Brilliant performances are immediately

questioned as being too good to be true, with the trainers/coaches that oversee the success of athletes often coming under as much suspicion as the athletes themselves.

Horse racing has not escaped such scrutiny, with both legal and illegal drugs being a constant subject of controversy and debate. Around the major racing nations of the world there have been steroid scandals and cobalt controversies, not to mention ongoing entrenched debates about what the medication rules should allow on a day-to-day basis. This, combined with the omnipresence of drug scandals in the wider world of sport, has led many to have a heightened scepticism about just how level the playing field is in the high-stakes world of horse racing.

The threats presented by the well-known and long-established illegal drugs to the integrity of sport are concerning enough,

“Has centuries of selective breeding made the Thoroughbred so finely balanced that it has reached the ceiling of how fast it can race without physically breaking down?”

but the biggest fear with performance-enhancing drugs in sport is that of the unknown, and this is no different in horse racing. The standard of drug testing across the major racing nations is generally considered high, but no matter how high the standard of testing, the testers have to know what they are looking for if they are to find it.

So-called designer drugs, substances that have the very similar performance-enhancing effects as well-known illegal drugs, but have had slight changes made to their molecular structure to evade the testers, have been an area of major concern in human sports for many years. With the stakes being so high in horse racing, it would be a brave person that suggested designer drugs could not be a factor in the Sport of Kings.

Given that there have been well-publicised scandals in horse racing with exotic and obscure substances such as snake venom and ‘frog juice,’ there clearly are individuals out there that are willing to go to great lengths in an effort to find a chemical edge in horse racing.

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While this is a worrying thought for anyone that cares about a level playing field and horse welfare, there are other realities to consider that may ease some of the more dramatic fears.

First and foremost, if effective designer drugs or other performance enhancers that the testers are not aware of do indeed exist in horse racing, the number of individuals that might have access to such advanced illegal drugs, not to mention the financial clout to purchase them and the expertise to administer them correctly, must be very small. Of the small number that have such resources, how many of them would be willing to risk their reputation, livelihood and the welfare of their horses by allowing such drugs to be administered to horses in their care?

Not only that, bear in mind that anyone who chooses to cheat in such a way will have to trust others along the supply chain with the knowledge that they are cheating, information that could be used to ruin them in the event of a falling out or the other person getting caught. We can only speculate, but the number of people willing to take such risks is surely tiny in the context of the overall population of horsemen and women that play the game with a straight bat.

Mind, for all the fears that come with talk of designer drugs and previously unknown performance enhancers that cannot yet be tested for, there is evidence to suggest that the greatest defence that horse racing has against the threat of chemical corruption does not lie in the hands of those entrusted to catch the cheats, but in the genetics of the Thoroughbred horse.

Think about it. The Thoroughbred racehorse is an incredibly specialised and highly developed breed of animal. No other animal on the planet has been so intensively and selectively bred and trained to excel at one task for such a long period of time. It has been over 300 years since the life of the Darley Arabian, the foundation stallion born in Syria from whom 95% of Thoroughbreds are descended. Since then, the Thoroughbred racehorse has been selectively bred purely based on racing ability for dozens of generations. Indeed, no fewer than 25 generations of sires separate the Darley Arabian and the great Frankel.

There must be a possibility that such a prolonged period of highly selective breeding may well have already achieved what many performance-enhancing drugs seek to achieve in terms of increasing peak performance in humans? Could this be the reason that despite the human race having made quantum leaps forward in terms of science, nutrition, training methods and--dare I say--the field of performance-enhancing drugs, record times for stakes races around the world have been largely static for many decades? Has centuries of selective breeding made the Thoroughbred so finely balanced that it has reached the ceiling of how fast it can race without physically breaking down?

Compared to Thoroughbred horses, humans have only scratched the surface of their athletic potential. Humans are not selectively bred for athletic ability and only very recently in time have training methods, nutrition and equipment become more efficient. Perhaps this is why performance-enhancing drugs can

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bring about such significant improvements in human performance, as they help compensate for a lack of targeted genetic development.

The result is that human world records are constantly tumbling and are likely to continue to tumble for as long as anyone reading this will be alive.

It may sound like a fanciful and perhaps even naive theory, but there is scientific evidence that suggests it may not be as wishful in its thinking as it might sound. For example, while anabolic steroids, EPO and blood-doping substances such as cobalt chloride have been long proven to be significant boosters of peak performance levels in humans, the scientific studies that have been conducted on the effects of those substances on the peak performance of Thoroughbred horses have been inconclusive at best, with many of them questioning whether they have any benefits at all.

To theorise why this might be the case, the fact that Thoroughbreds are naturally equipped with such freakish amounts of muscle mass on such a relatively light frame may mean that the use of anabolic steroids to add more muscle mass could well do more harm than good, unbalancing what is a finely balanced athletic equation leading to breakdown or athletic inefficiencies. With regard to EPO and cobalt chloride, the potential for them to have as significant an effect on Thoroughbreds as they do on humans is greatly reduced by the fact that all Thoroughbred horses have an in-built blood doping system in the form of their remarkable spleens, which flush great volumes of red blood cells into a horse's blood stream when maximum effort is required.

Of course, even if this theory is correct and horse racing isn't as vulnerable to chemical corruption as human sports, that doesn't mean for one second that there shouldn't be as heavy an emphasis as possible on drug testing and related research around the racing world.

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Kevin Blake cont.

Whether or not drug cheats are getting the advantage they seek for their horses, those that are prepared to break the rules in search of an edge have to be pursued, caught and weeded out of the sport not only in the interests of a level playing field, but also in the interests of horse welfare.

The genetics of the Thoroughbred horse have been meticulously nurtured over the last 300 years to produce what is unquestionably the most majestic natural performance athlete on the planet. In a modern world where feats of great athletic achievement are greeted with as much suspicion as adulation, it is our job as an industry to ensure that horse racing is as clean as possible so that the world can appreciate the brilliant feats of our equine athletes without scepticism.

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SEVEN SIT KING GEORGE EXAM

In the absence of Postponed (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Saturday's G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot has a more subdued feel with seven declared on Thursday, headed by The Queen's **Dartmouth (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}).



Dartmouth | *Racing Post*

Due to start favourite after his defeat of the re-opposing **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in Royal Ascot's G2 Hardwicke S. over this distance June 18, the 4-year-old is also taken on by Lady Bamford's 3-year-old

Wings of Desire (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), who was successful in the G2 Dante S. at York May 12 before finishing fourth in the June 4 G1 Epsom Derby.

Along with Highland Reel, Aidan O'Brien has also declared the June 28 G3 International S. winner **Sir Isaac Newton (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), while the sole French raider is The Niarchos Family's 2015 G1 Grand Prix de Paris hero **Erupt (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}).

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Saturday, Ascot, Britain, post time: 4.30 p.m.

KING GEORGE VI & QUEEN ELIZABETH S. (SPONSORED BY QIPCO)-G1, £1,215,000, 3yo/up, 12fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Dartmouth (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Peslier	Stoute
2	4	Erupt (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Pasquier	Graffard
3	3	Highland Reel (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien
4	6	Second Step (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Spencer	Cumani
5	1	Sir Isaac Newton (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Heffernan	A O'Brien
6	7	Western Hymn (GB)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Havlin	Gosden
7	2	Wings of Desire (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Dettori	Gosden

All carry 133 pounds bar Wings of Desire, 121.

G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S (2006 - 2015)

Year	Winner	Sire	Trainer
2015	Postponed	Dubawi	Luca Cumani
2014	Taghrooda	Sea The Stars	John Gosden
2013	Novellist	Monsun	Andreas Wohler
2012	Danedream	Lomitas	Peter Schiergen
2011	Nathaniel	Galileo	John Gosden
2010	Harbinger	Dansili	Sir Michael Stoute
2009	Conduit	Dalakhani	Sir Michael Stoute
2008	Duke of Marmalade	Danehill	Aidan O'Brien
2007	Dylan Thomas	Danehill	Aidan O'Brien
2006	Hurricane Run	Montjeu	Andre Fabre

Saturday, York, Britain, post time: 3.35 p.m.

SKY BET YORK S.-G2, £100,000, 3yo/up, 10f 88yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Air Pilot (GB)	Zamindar	G Lee	Beckett
2	4	Countermeasure (GB)	American Post (GB)	Twiston-Davies	Charlton
3	2	Mahsoob (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Hanagan	Gosden
4	1	Mondialiste (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Tudhope	O'Meara
5	5	Time Test (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Smullen	Charlton

All carry 129 pounds.



CLASSIC STARS ON SUSSEX COURSE

This year's G1 English, Irish and French 2000 Guineas winners **Galileo Gold (GB)** (Paco Boy {Ire}), **Awtaad (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) and **The Gurkha (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who filled the first three spots in the G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot June 14, are on track for another clash in the July 27 G1 Sussex S., with all three among the 14 remaining in Thursday's confirmation stage.

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Sussex S. Clash cont.

English Guineas winner Galileo Gold was beaten by Awtaad in the Irish Guineas, but had that rival back in third, with brilliant French Guineas winner The Gurkha splitting them, in the St James's Palace. The Gurkha was subsequently second when stepped up to 10 furlongs for the G1 Coral-Eclipse July 2.

The Gurkha is one of four potential Sussex starters for trainer Aidan O'Brien, who also has G1 Falmouth S. winner **Alice Springs (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) engaged, as well as **The Happy Prince (Ire)** (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) and **Long Island Sound (War Front)**.



Galileo Gold with owner Sheikh Joaan and jockey Frankie Dettori | *Racing Post*

Also still engaged are G3 Jersey S. winner **Ribchester (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}); G1 Queen Anne S.-third **Lightning Spear (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}); and this season's G2 bet365 Mile winner and former Group 1 scorer **Toormore (Ire)** (Arakan).

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OPTIONS OPEN FOR LUMIERE

Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed al Maktoum's 2015 G1 Cheveley Park S. winner **Lumiere (GB)** (Shamardal), who bounced back from a disappointing effort in the G1 1000 Guineas to take the Listed Sir Henry Cecil S. by six lengths at Newmarket July 7, could take up an option in Tuesday's G2 Lennox S. at Glorious Goodwood, or travel to Deauville for the G1 Prix Rothschild next Sunday.



Lumiere | *Racing Post*

"We're not sure whether she'll run at Goodwood or not at this stage," said Charlie Johnston, son of and assistant to trainer Mark Johnston. "That's something for Sheikh Hamdan, Sheikh Mohammed and John

Ferguson to discuss and they have plenty of options."

"I don't think a decision will be made until declaration time," Johnston added. "Lumiere will also have the option of the Prix Rothschild a week on Sunday. The Godolphin team are always very good and make sure each horse runs in the race that is right for them. If that means being doubly or triply represented in one race, then so be it."

"We've been very happy with the filly since Newmarket," he noted.

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BRITAIN



Thursday's Results:

LONGINES IRISH CHAMPIONS WEEKEND EBF STALLIONS STAR

S.-Listed, £30,000, SAN, 7-21, 2yo, f, 7f 16yT, 1:31.86, g/f.

1--**#ON HER TOES (IRE), 126, f, 2, by Kodiak (GB)**

1st Dam: Dancing Jest (Ire), by Averti (Ire)

2nd Dam: Mezzanine (GB), by Sadler's Wells

3rd Dam: Nazeera, by Lashkari (GB)

(€155,000 Ylg '15 GOFORB). O-Cheveley Park Stud; B-Knocklong House Stud (IRE); T-William Haggas; J-Lanfranco Dettori. £17,013. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$33,251. *1/2 to Jane's Memory (Ire) (Captain Rio {GB}), SW & GSP-Eng & GSP-Fr.

2--**Calare (Ire), 126, f, 2, Dubawi (Ire)**--Calando, by Storm Cat. O-Godolphin. £6,450.

3--**Grizzel (Ire), 126, f, 2, Kodiak (GB)**--Milana (Fr), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). (€28,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; 23,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT; 75,000gns 2yo '16 TATBRE). O-Merriebelle Irish Farm & Potensis Bloodstock. £3,228.

Margins: 3/4, NK, 3/4. Odds: 2.50, 2.50, 4.00.

Also Ran: Urban Fox (GB), High On Love (Ire), Hellofahaste (GB). Scratched: Mia Cara (GB), Paulownia (Ire).

On Her Toes bettered a June 9 debut third going six furlongs at Yarmouth with a win over much the same trip at Windsor next time June 25, and went postward for this first try at seven

coming off a nursery handicap score at Pontefract July 5. Quickly into stride, she settled into a smooth rhythm tracking Hellofahaste (GB) (Hellvelyn {GB}) in second until nudged along to challenge with 2 1/2 furlongs



On Her Toes | *Racing Post*

remaining and kept on strongly under a late drive once taking over inside the final quarter mile to register an ultimately comfortable first black-type win. "She loved the trip and hopefully we can step her up again at some point," commented Cheveley Park Stud's Chris Richardson, adding, "She could certainly be a contender for the [Aug. 27 G3] Prestige S. [at Goodwood]." The €155,000 GOFORB yearling is half to the stakes-winning G3 Prix du Bois runner-up Jane's Memory (Ire) (Captain Rio {GB}) and a yearling colt by Arakan. **Cont. p7**

Star S. cont.

They are out of a winning half-sister to MGSW G2 Duke of York S. victor The Kiddykid (Ire) (Danetime {Ire}), and hail from the family of G1SW sires Yashgan (GB) (Hot Grove {GB}), Vayrann (Ire) (Brigadier Gerard {GB}) and Valanour (Ire) (Lomond), and G1 Prix de Diane-winning stakes producer Vereva (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

2nd-DON, £7,000, Mdn, 7-21, 2yo, 7fT, 1:26.58, g/f.

+SAMHARRY (GB) (c, 2, [Exceed and Excel {Aus}](#)--[Ballymore Celebre {Ire}](#), by [Peintre Celebre](#)), a 600,000gns TATOCT yearling, broke well to race a touch freely on the outer before being found cover by Paul Hanagan. Rolling to the front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 11-4 second-favourite soon had the race in safe keeping and was pushed out to secure a comfortable 1 1/2-length success from Total Star (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). The winner is a half-brother to the owner's G2 July S. winner Anjaal (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), GSW-Eng, \$141,292, with his dam being a half to the sire Nysaeen (Ire), whose most notable feat on the track came when third in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup. She has a yearling full-sister to Anjaal and a filly foal by Lope de Vega (Ire) to come. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,981. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Carmel Stud (GB); T-John Gosden.

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2nd-NBY, £6,600, Mdn, 7-21, 2yo, 6f 8yT, 1:13.55, g/f.

MUTAWAKKED (IRE) (c, 2, [Kodiac {GB}](#)--[Your Opinion {Ire}](#), by [Xaar {GB}](#)), only ninth over this track and trip on good-to-soft ground June 30, started at 9-1 and quickly held the lead. Ratcheting up the pressure from two out, the €34,000 GOFNOV foal and 120,000gns TATOCT yearling was pressed all the way by Deniny (GB) (Sepoy {Aus}), but pulled out extra to score by a neck. The dam, who is a half-sister to the G2 Park S. and G2 Hungerford S.-winning highweight Balthazaar's Gift (Ire) (Xaar {GB}), who was also runner-up in the G1 Golden Jubilee S., also has a yearling filly by Society Rock (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$6,474. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Pat Beirne (IRE); T-Brian Meehan.

1st-SAN, £6,000, Mdn, 7-21, 2yo, f, 5f 6yT, 1:01.47, g/f.

NIGHT LAW (GB) (f, 2, [Lawman {Fr}](#)--[Night Carnation {GB}](#) {[GSW-Eng & GISP-US, \\$247,768](#)}, by [Sleeping Indian {GB}](#)), off the board in starts over this course and distance on debut May 19 and at Chepstow last time July 8, broke well from the six box to claim the rail and the lead after the initial strides of this one. Strongly pressed throughout, the 9-1 chance was roused along when headed by Blue Suede (Ire) (Requinto {Ire}) inside the two pole and kept on tenaciously under a final-furlong drive to see off that rival and hold the late threat of Her Terms (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) by a neck. "She had sore shins after her first run, and was probably a little bit short of work going into Chepstow [last time]," explained trainer Andrew Balding. "She has come on for that and toughed it out [here]. She can get a little bit hot, but she was very professional once she got going. I think she will probably be one for nurseries." Night Law is out of GSW and GI Nearctic S. runner-up Night Carnation (GB) (Sleeping Indian {GB}), and is a half-sister to a yearling filly and a filly foal, both by Nathaniel (Ire). Her third dam is G2 Sun Chariot S. victress Ristna (GB) (Kris {GB}), and she hails from the family of MGS1W Fillies' Triple Crown-winning champion Oh So Sharp (Ire) (Kris {GB}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$5,623. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-George Strawbridge (GB); T-Andrew Balding.

HANDICAP RESULT:

2nd-SAN, £11,500, Hcp, 7-21, 3yo, 14fT, 3:02.38, g/f.

PARLIAMENTARIAN (IRE) (g, 3, [Dubawi {Ire}](#)--[Forum Floozie {NZ}](#) {[SW & MG1SP-Aus, \\$332,792](#)}, by [Danasinga {Aus}](#))

Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$15,575. O-Godolphin; B-Darley (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.

4th-DON, £8,000, 7-21, 3yo, 6fT, 1:11.27, g/f.

GRAVITY FLOW (IRE) (f, 3, [Exceed and Excel {Aus}](#)--[Landela {GB}](#), by [Alhaarth {Ire}](#)) Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$14,915.

O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Eimear Mulhern & Abbeville Stud (IRE); T-William Haggas. *€165,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

5th-NBY, £8,000, 7-21, 3yo/up, 10f 6yT, 2:08.09, g/f.

RED NAPOLEON (g, 4, [War Chant](#)--[Rose Red](#), by [Fashion Find](#)) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$15,300. O-Mrs Ralph Beckett; B-Cali Holan (KY); T-Ralph Beckett. *\$50,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; €77,000 Ylg '13 GOFORB.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Pranceleya (Ire), f, 2, **Sir Prancealot (Ire)**--Good For Her (GB), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). YAR, 7-21, 6f 3yT, 1:11.16. B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE). *€20,000 2yo '16 GOFBRE. **10th winner for freshman sire (by Tamayuz {GB}).

Jimenez (Ire), c, 3, **Acclamation (GB)**--Fritta Mista (Ire), by Linamix (Fr). SAN, 7-21, 8f 14yT, 1:43.59. B-Rathbarry Stud (IRE). *€70,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; 47,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT. **Full to Sparkling Power (Ire) (aka Montecchio {Ire} in Hong Kong), SW-HK, \$500,041; and 1/2 to Sans Reward (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}), GSP-Eng.

Equistar (GB), g, 3, **Equiano (Fr)**--Halfwaytoparadise (GB), by Observatory. LEI, 7-20, 5fT, :59.86. B-Mascalls Stud (GB).

Able Jack (GB), g, 3, **Iffraaj (GB)**--Solva (GB) (SW & GSP-US, \$163,318), by Singspiel (Ire). SAN, 7-21, 7f 16yT, 1:29.40. B-Usk Valley Stud (GB). *90,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 120,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.

Gale Song (GB), f, 3, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--Please Sing (GB) (GSW-Eng, \$170,612), by Royal Applause (GB). YAR, 7-21, 6f 3yT, 1:10.00. B-Michael E Wates (GB). *120,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA.

Pacharana (GB), f, 3, **Oasis Dream (GB)**--Cascata (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). YAR, 7-21, 10f 23yT, 2:08.65. B-Stuart Stuckey (GB).

Raven's Corner (Ire), c, 3, **Raven's Pass**--Beautiful Filly (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). DON, 7-21, 7fT, 1:24.95. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE). *120,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT.

IRELAND

**Thursday's Results:**

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1st-LEO, €16,500, Mdn, 7-21, 2yo, 8fT, 1:44.60, g/f.

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR (IRE), c, 2, by **Galileo (Ire)**

1st Dam: Alluring Park (Ire) (MSP-Ire), by Green Desert

2nd Dam: Park Express (Ire), by Ahonoora (GB)

3rd Dam: Matcher, by Match II

Setting aside his obvious headline-making ability as a full-brother to the 2012 G1 Epsom Oaks heroine Was (Ire), G1SW-Eng, G1SP-Ire, \$496,294, the word was out for Douglas Macarthur--who sold for 1.25million guineas at Tattersalls in October--when the 2-5 favourite for his debut over a seven-furlong trip here June 9, but he proved a disappointing when last of six on that occasion.

A different proposition this time, the 9-10 market-leader was bounced out by Ryan Moore to lead from the outset and he had his rivals on the stretch in early straight. Not fully extended in the last furlong, the bay hit the line with five lengths to spare over the China Horse Club International, Qatar Racing and Triermore Stud's 1.2million gns son of the disqualified G1 1000 Guineas winner Jacqueline Quest (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) named World War (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). In doing so, he was emulating Camelot (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) who won this in 2011 and was one of six to win it for the stable in the last eight runnings. The winner's stablemate Utah (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), a 260,000gns full-brother to the G1 Epsom Derby runner-up At First Sight (Ire), was sixth after meeting a spot of trouble late on.

"We're very happy with that. The reason we let him roll on was because he was so green last time and needed to learn," trainer Aidan O'Brien said. "Even today at the road, he landed in the middle of it and he's still a baby. In an ideal world, he'd have a run or two more before next year. His mind is still sleeping, but we knew he had a massive engine. He would have learned a lot today. We were taken a little aback by how green he was."



Douglas Macarthur | racingfotos.com

As for potential targets, O'Brien added, "We'll look at the [G2] Beresford [S. at The Curragh Sept. 25] or the [G3] Golden Fleece [Champions Juvenile Turf at Leopardstown Sept. 10] for him. I'd like to give him a little bit of time. He's still very babyish."

Also a full-brother to the 5million gns purchase Al Naamah (Ire), MGSP-Fr, Douglas Macarthur's dam is a half to the juvenile and 3-year-old champion and G1 Epsom Derby hero New Approach (Ire), who needs no introduction as a significant sire, and also to Dazzling Park (Ire) (Warning {GB}). She was a G3 Matron S.-winning highweight who was also second in the G1 Irish Champion S. and third in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and is the second dam of the G1 Phoenix S.-winning sire Alfred Nobel (Ire). **Cont. p9**

1st-LEO, cont.

A daughter of the dual champion Park Express, Alluring Park, who is also a full-sister to the sire Shinko Forest (Ire), has a yearling filly by Galileo (Ire) to come. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$11,179. [Click for the Racing Post result](#) or the [free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Markus Jooste, Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith; B-Lodge Park Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien.

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OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

3.40 Thirsk, Mdn, £6,600, 2yo, f, 7fT

TOMORROWCOMES (IRE) ([Oasis Dream {GB}](#)), who RNA'd for €300,000 as an Arqana August yearling, is out of the 2003 G1 1000 Guineas heroine Yesterday (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and debuts here in the silks of trainer Richard Fahey. Her 10 rivals include Chippenham Lodge Stud's **Dancing Elegance (GB)** (**Nathaniel {Ire}**), a once-raced daughter of G3 Princess Margaret S. third Parisian Elegance (GB) (Zilzal), from the Michael Bell stable.

7.40 Newmarket, Mdn, £6,600, 3-4yo, 12fT

TOGETHERNESS (IRE) ([Pour Moi {Ire}](#)) is kin to three-time GI Canadian International victor Joshua Tree (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and represents Harry Dunlop in this belated unveiling. Opposition to the €200,000 Goffs Orby yearling includes Clipper Logistics's **Golden Reign (Ire)** ([Champs Elysees {GB}](#)), a half to last term's G1 Epsom Derby and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), making his fourth start for William Haggas's local barn; Lady Bamford's homebred **Satish (GB)** ([Dansili {GB}](#)), a twice-raced gelded half to G1 Epsom Oaks and G1 Irish Oaks victress Sariska (GB) (Pivotal {GB}); and Godolphin's **Street of Dreams (GB)** ([Shamardal](#)), a gelded half to the operation's MG1SW sire Rio de la Plata (Rahy), who comes back off a debut second at Ayr earlier this month.

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FRANCE

**Thursday's Results:**

PRIX DU CARROUSEL-Listed, €52,000, DVL, 7-21, 4yo/up, 15fT, 3:13.26, gd.

- 1--**#NEARLY CAUGHT (IRE)**, 123, g, 6, [New Approach \(Ire\)](#)--**Katch Me Katie (GB)**, by **Danehill**. (€35,000 Ylg '11 GOOYI; 25,000gns 2yo '12 TATMAY). O-Anthony Solomons; B-Irish National Stud (IRE); T-Hugh Morrison; J-Umberto Rispoli. €26,000. Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 21-5-3-5, €141,719.
- 2--**Minotaur (Ire)**, 123, g, 4, Azamour (Ire)--Mycenae (GB), by Inchinor (GB). (5,000gns RNA Ylg '13 TAOCT). O-Dr Catherine Wills & David Howard. €10,400.
- 3--**Polar Eyes (GB)**, 120, m, 5, Dubawi (Ire)--Everlasting Love (GB), by Pursuit of Love (GB). O-Andrew Black. €7,800.
- Margins: 5, HF, 3/4. Odds: 3.90, 1.50, 22.90.

Nearly Caught, a handicap regular, hit the board in last term's Northumberland Plate H., did so again in the latest renewal of Newcastle's famed stamina test June 25 and went postward for this fifth black-type start coming off a third in Sandown's July 2 Listed Coral Marathon. Assuming immediate control and holding sway throughout, he was shaken up at the top of the quarter-mile straight to poach a decisive advantage with 300 metres remaining and bounded further clear under mild urging inside the final furlong to register a career high by daylight. The winner, a half to GSW & G1 Prix du Cadran third Pale Mimosa (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}) and Listed Finale S. placegetter Suailce (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}), is the second stakes winner out of Katch Me Katie, and his younger siblings include a yearling colt by Camelot (GB). His dam is a winning half-sister to G1 Epsom Oaks and GI Beverly Hills H. placegetter Kalypso Katie (Ire) (Fairy King) and GII E. P. Taylor S.-winning GI Gamely Breeders' Cup H. runner-up Kool Kat Katie (Ire) (Fairy King). [Click for the Racing Post result](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

1st-MMN, €18,000, Cond, 7-21, 2yo, 7fT, 1:24.70, gd.

DARK AMERICAN (FR) (c, 2, **Dark Angel {Ire}**--**Tres Americanqueen {Fr}**, by **American Post {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €19,700. O-Ecurie Antonio Caro; B-Chevotel de la Hauquerie (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€80,000 Ylg '15 AROCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Gold Vibe (Ire), c, 3, **Dream Ahead**--Whisper Dance, by Diktat (GB). DVL, 7-21, 6fT, 1:10.98. B-Stonecross Stud (IRE). *€58,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; 300,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.



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French Report cont.

Mint Julep (Fr), f, 3, **Mastercraftsman (Ire)**--Minted, by Mineshaft. DVL, 7-21, 12 1/2f (AWT), 2:43.26. B-Team Hogdala AB (FR).

Sirkos (Ger), c, 3, **Monsun (Ger)**--Servenya (Ger) (SW-Ger), by Dashing Blade (GB). DVL, 7-21, 12 1/2f (AWT), 2:47.01. B-Gestut Schlenderhan (GER).

Friday, Chantilly, post time: 2.45 p.m.

PRIX ROLAND DE CHAMBURE-Listed, €55,000, 2yo, 7ft

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Platon (GB)	Zamindar	Lemaitre	Mikhalides
2	6	Try Please (Fr)	Sageburg (Ire)	Boudot	Baudron
3	1	Red Onion (GB)	Fast Company (Ire)	Thulliez	C&Y Lerner
4	2	Real Value (Fr)	Rip Van Winkle (Ire)	Hardouin	Hofer
5	5	Fashion Queen (Ger)	Santiago (Ger)	C Demuro	Barsig
6	4	Baileys Showgirl (Fr)	Sepoy (Aus)	Mendizabal	Johnston
7	7	Madame Mistral (Fr)	Exchange Rate	Hamelin	Palussiere

All carry 128 pounds bar Fashion Queen, Baileys Showgirl & Madame Mistral. 125.

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He added, "I left Tuesday's meeting confident that Unscriptd had successfully addressed all concerns and that our jockeys would be able to continue to promote our sport in a fully professional way that met all integrity obligations. That not being the case, it makes me wonder what else is going on in the world of racing politics that has led us to where we find ourselves today. At a number of meetings between industry officials and those behind Ride Guide, the concept had been embraced and endorsed by industry regulators, so it was pretty stunning to hear so many concerns raised after the launch last week."

O'Keefe said the AJA and Unscriptd are calling on officials to re-engage in an attempt to work through the issues with Ride Guide, and he said legal action is also a possibility.

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HEAVENLY BLUE UNLIKELY TO PRESS ON

by Alan Carasso

Heavenly Blue (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), undefeated in two starts for trainer and part-owner Mike de Kock, was declared an unlikely runner in the G1 Premier's Champion S. July 30, with the trainer citing a poor draw and the questionable racing surface at Greyville Racecourse in Durban.

Bred by Arrowfield Stud and Cloros Bloodstock, Heavenly Blue, an A\$200,000 purchase by Jehan Malherbe's Form Bloodstock out of the 2015 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale, broke his maiden at first asking over 1600m at the Vaal May 19 and most recently cut back to 1400m to take a Juvenile Plate at Turffontein by 3 1/2 lengths July 9.



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"Heavenly Blue is a well-bred and beautiful-looking grey," the trainer told South Africa's *Sporting Post*. "We stepped him out over a mile to win

his Maiden and then he dropped 200m in distance to win a 1400m Juvenile plate against stronger. That was impressive, so the right signs are there, but I'm always cautious to make an assessment before they've come up against top quality horses. I'm not convinced Heavenly Blue has beaten anything of note. He has drawn 21 for the Premier's S., so it will be a risk taking him down to KZN to race on what is currently a poor track and from a wide draw. He'll possibly just stay at Randjesfontein and we'll save him for the Gauteng summer. Potentially he is a Classic horse," de Kock added.

Heavenly Blue is the eldest of three foals from Simply Carina (El Prado {Ire}), herself a daughter of American four-time Grade I winner Astra (Theatrical {Ire}). The mare's foal of 2014, a filly by Smart Missile (Aus), was knocked down to Paul Moroney Bloodstock for A\$270,000 at the 2016 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale. She produced a full-sister to Heavenly Blue last October.

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KOREAN RAIDERS WORK AT KRANJI

by Alan Carasso

Two of the three Korean-based runners in Singapore for Sunday's S\$250,000 Korean Racing Authority Trophy (1200m AWT) got a feel for the local Polytrack Thursday morning and were the subject of positive reports from their connections.

Triple Five (Girolamo), who enters this first overseas foray with three wins and three seconds from six starts, was given a good workout, cantering off from the 600m mark before finishing off generously over the final quarter-mile.

"It was a very good workout. Nothing too demanding as he's already done all his foundation work in Korea," said jockey Nooresh Juglall, who has the call Sunday.

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“He quickened up very well. It was just the blowout he needed to give him a little wind-opener. He was not blowing after the gallop, showing he is pretty fit. [Trainer] Bart [Rice] has him spot-on, I think.”



Trainer Bart Rice and his wife Pam at the International Stables | Singapore Turf Club

Singapore trainer Michael Clements in Zimbabwe, was pleased with what he saw.

“He’s moving well on the Polytrack,” the conditioner commented. “Nooresh told me he felt like he’s run on this track before, he was very

professional and took everything in his stride. On Tuesday, he had a trot and canter, and today, he went a little quicker. I was very happy with the gallop and if Nooresh is happy, I’m happy.”

Triple Five leaves gate seven Sunday.

With jockey Imran Chisty in the irons, **Always Winner (Kor)** (Creek Cat, post 4) took an easy spin around the Polytrack at a canter and was allowed to open things up a little in the final three-eighths of a mile.

“Very good workout,” said his groom Jeon. “Chisty was very happy with it and I think the boss will be happy, too. The boss only flies in on Saturday,” he added, referring to trainer Shin Seung Tae.

The most experienced of the three runners, **Parang Juuibo** (With Distinction, stall 6) did not make an appearance on track Thursday morning as planned, as the 6-year-old has not yet regained the weight lost on the trip down from South Korea.

“His weight is actually not bad. It’s actually gone up from 475kgs yesterday to 486kgs this morning, which is very near his racing weight,” said groom and track rider Hong Jun Pyo. “But the boss didn’t want him to gallop this morning and then his condition might drop again. I just hand-walked him round the back. No worries, though. The horse didn’t miss a gallop, as he had one on Monday and he’s already done all his main work back home.”

The KRA Trophy, carded as Sunday’s seventh race (3:50 p.m.), drew a field of 10, led on ratings by the Alwin Tan-trained duo of Good News (Aus) (Charge Forward {Aus}) and Nova Warrior (NZ) (Bachelor Duke).

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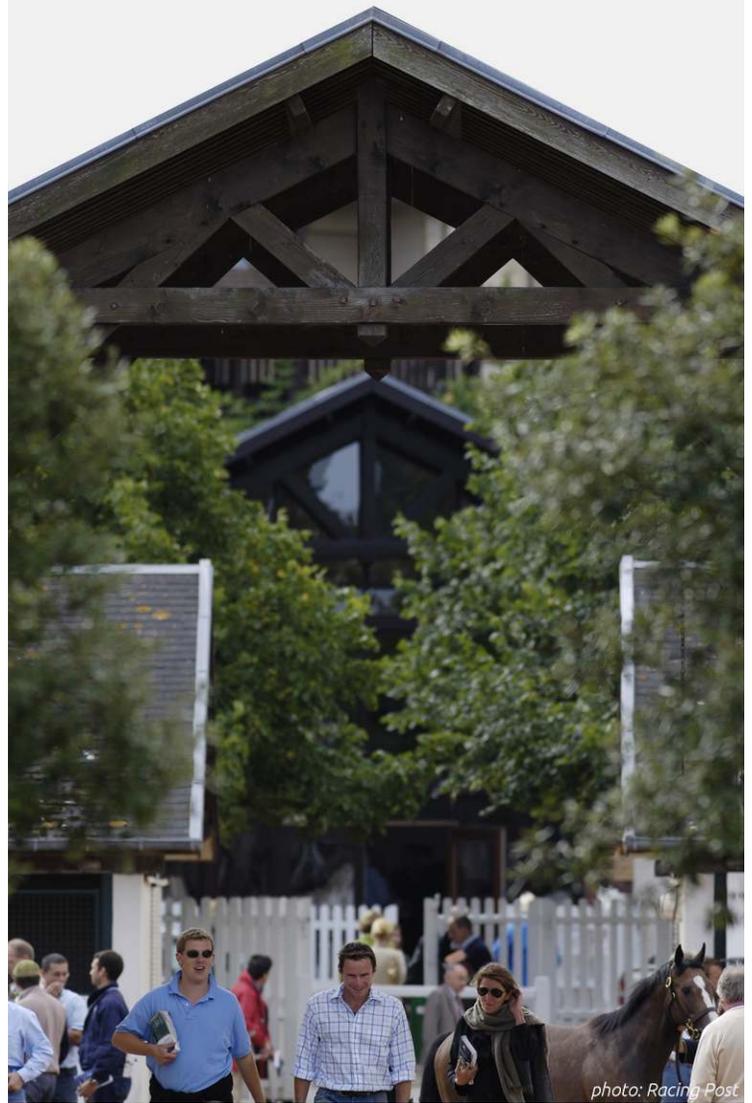


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