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THE DAY CIGAR ROSE TO THE CHALLENGE



Just past the wire in the Citation Challenge | Barbara Livingston photo

by Alan Carasso

Two decades ago, he came, he saw he conquered.

It was July 13, 1996, that the legendary Cigar thrilled a crowd of 34,223 adoring fans at Arlington International Racecourse, a race, an experience that no one—including this reporter who was 'born' in a sense on that sunsplashed afternoon—will ever forget.

Cigar entered his 6-year-old campaign on a 12-race winning streak, a remarkable 10 of which came in 1995, capped by that dramatic performance in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. With the inaugural G1 Dubai World Cup on the horizon, Cigar successfully defended his title in the GI Donn H., but a foot abscess forced connections to scrub an intended prep in the GI Santa Anita H. and cast a fair amount of doubt on his trip to the desert. But, deemed healthy enough to journey over, he put Sheikh Mohammed's race on the map to stretch his streak to 14.

A little more than two months later, better than 20,000 fans packed into East Boston's Suffolk Downs to see if Cigar could make it back-to-back scores in the Mass 'Cap. He was asked to carry 130 pounds—not for the final time in his career—but that proved no burden.

Next on the agenda was a return trip to Inglewood, California, where Cigar had so brilliantly defeated Juddmonte's gallant Tinnors Way in the GI Hollywood Gold Cup 12 months prior. But that same hoof issue that nearly derailed the World Cup bid resurfaced and the Gold Cup was ultimately ruled out. **Cont. p3**

TOUGH SLEDDING

by Bill Oppenheim

It was never likely to be entirely smooth sailing at Fasig-Tipton's July Yearling Sale which kicked off the 2016 yearling sale season on Tuesday. The 2-year-old consignors found themselves with more supply than demand below the top at the 2-year-old sales this spring, and that had to impact the pinhookers' spend at a \$100,000-average sale like Fasig July (or, should I say, in this case, an \$86,000-average sale). This sale is among those to have added a Horses of Racing Age component over the last few years; this year 111 horses were catalogued to the Racing Age sale Monday evening, which included a 23-horse dispersal of mares, yearlings, and foals from Eutrophia Farm. The session totaled \$5,084,500, up from \$3,996,000 last year. Excluding the 22 through the ring from Eutrophia (all sold), 72% of the remaining 91 horses of racing age sent through the ring on Monday night were sold. **Cont. p6**

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Champion and international superstar Oujia Board (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), stretches out in her paddock at Stanley House Stud on Tuesday. | Edward Whitaker/Racing Post

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Fasig-Tipton has catalogued 306 yearlings for its NY Bred Yearlings Sale, scheduled for Aug. 13 and 14 in Saratoga Springs.

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

<u>EDT</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Click for</u>	<u>TV</u>
1:35p	Juddmonte Grand Prix de Paris-G1, SAI	-----	----
2:35p	Oslo Cup-G3, OVR	-----	----
2:50p	Prix Maurice de Nieuil-G2, SAI	-----	----
3:00p	ICON Meld S.-G3, LEO	-----	----



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The Day Cigar Rose to the Challenge

(cont. from p1)

The GI Suburban H. would be a logical next step, but Arlington Chairman Dick Duchossois came up with an idea to give owner Allen Paulson carte blanche in terms of race date and distance. The track would put up three-quarters of a million dollars and the pot was to be sweetened by a \$300,000 bonus to the winner, assuming Cigar made the gate. On June 25, 1996, it was confirmed. The Maryland-bred would shoot for a 16th consecutive win at Arlington to equal the modern North American record set by Citation between 1948 and 1950.

Cigar was to face ‘palookas...tomato cans,’ wrote Bill Finley in the New York *Daily News* when the race was announced, given the short notice and given that many of the better horses in training at the time were either hurt or would have been committed for other spots. Finley suggested it would be tough to fill the race, but Arlington managed to field nine others, admittedly not the toughest bunch in the history of racing, but an accomplished one all the same:

- **Unbridled’s Song:** the reigning GI BC Juvenile hero who had won that year’s GI Florida Derby and set a strong pace as the favorite in the GI Kentucky Derby before finishing fifth while essentially running on three feet
- **Honour and Glory:** another of that year’s sophomore set, who somewhat predictably flopped in the Derby, but rebounded to upset his elders in the GI Met Mile before coming to Chicago
- **Eltish:** Juddmonte’s 1994 BC Juvenile runner-up and a respectable sixth in Thunder Gulch’s 1995 Derby win, trained by the late Bobby Frankel
- **Dramatic Gold:** third in the 1994 BC Classic, trained for John and Betty Mabee’s Golden Eagle Farm by David Hofmans, who would ironically play a role in Cigar’s career finale
- **Polar Expedition:** the blue-collar Illinois-bred, who won seven of his first nine career starts, including the 1994 GII Jim Beam S.

Under the allowance conditions of the race, Cigar was asked to tote 130 pounds for the second straight race, giving his rivals anywhere from eight to 14 pounds. And while not written as a handicap, he had not only the weight concession to overcome, but he drew post position 10. With the gate positioned right at the finish line, a short run to the first turn, plenty of speed to his inside and being the one they were all gunning for, it wasn’t going to be a walkover.

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Michael Wrona loaded them into the gate. The stage was set. The pre-race crescendo. The bell.

The crowd roared as one when the gates opened and it was the speedy Polar Expedition who led early, but he was soon supplanted up front by Honour and Glory, who kicked up along the fence from the rail draw to head them off into the first turn. Dramatic Gold slipstreamed the leading duo before sliding out to the three path midway on the turn and Eltish saved ground. Unbridled's Song, drawn nine, traveled four deep for Mike Smith, forcing Jerry Bailey to commit to a five-wide run, a near worst-case scenario for Team Cigar.

Honour and Glory took them along through an opening quarter in :23.87 as the top six held their spots, but the half-mile was up in :46.90, a testing split, indeed, over a trip rarely run at Arlington. Polar Expedition was the first to call it a day and backed out of it quickly with a little less than four furlongs to race, and Honour and Glory was still using that stretchout speed to best effect, though Dramatic Gold and Corey Nakatani were working their way into the race nicely while Cigar was revving up despite his wide passage. In perhaps the most surprising development of the race, Unbridled's Song came off the bridle at the three-eighths and dropped away, depriving the finish of the Citation Challenge of one of its potential story lines.

Cigar was making his move simultaneously to the obvious approval of the packed house and he swept up outside of Dramatic Gold to challenge for the lead at the top of the lane. Nakatani did all he could, floating Cigar out a path or more and he put up a gallant fight into the final furlong, but Cigar proved too good on the day, reporting home by 3 1/2 lengths, a jubilant Bailey



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JONATHAN SHEPPARD

Can his Saratoga streak continue?

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pumping his right fist, while up in the stands, Paulson and trainer Bill Mott shared an almost-relieved embrace ([click for the race chart](#)). Eltish parlayed a perfect trip into a third-place effort ahead of the pacesetter in fourth. Unbridled's Song tailed off to finish ninth as the 47-10 betting alternative and went missing for the rest of the year. The final time of 1:48.30 was an exceptionally strong one. Cigar paid \$2.60 the win. There was no place or show wagering, though the horizontal bets paid handsomely, all things considered.



Click the button for a replay of the Citation Challenge

It took what seemed like an eternity for Cigar to come back around the track. Not that those in attendance minded at all. The scenes remain memorable all these years later of fans straining to get a glimpse of the champ on track, prancing, Bailey saluting the crowd with a tip of his helmet. Wrona had the one-liner of the afternoon, remarking that, "Cigar makes a rare appearance on the turf," when being unsaddled.

Cigar would go on to lose at the hands of Dare and Go in the Pacific Classic four weeks later. A wedding precluded me from seeing the end of the streak, and to this day, I'm candidly relieved I did not witness that. I was fortunate to be in attendance to see Cigar rebound in the GI Woodward S. that September and watched that tough loss in defense of the Classic in person in Toronto.

But, as long as I remain a fan of this game, it will take something fairly significant to exceed the thrill of that second Saturday of July at my home track, now 20 years in the rear view.

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20 years ago, the legendary Cigar thrilled a crowd of 34,223 adoring fans at Arlington International Racecourse. | Barbara Livingston

From the desk of...

BILL OPPENHEIM



Tough Sledding (cont. from p1)

The Eutrophia Dispersal grossed \$1,673,000, the remaining 50 horses of racing age which sold grossed \$3,411,500, down from last year's horses of racing age only, but that is really just an academic point: Monday's gross was up over \$1-million compared to the corresponding session last year.

By contrast, only 62% of the 293 yearlings sent through the ring were listed as sold Tuesday; with withdrawals, only 52.7% (183) of the 347 yearlings catalogued were listed sales,



Fasig-Tipton photo

compared to 61.7% in 2015. Nobody who was there, on either side of the equation, was under any illusions about why: strong top, no middle, no bottom. It was as competitive as always for 'the ones they want', but

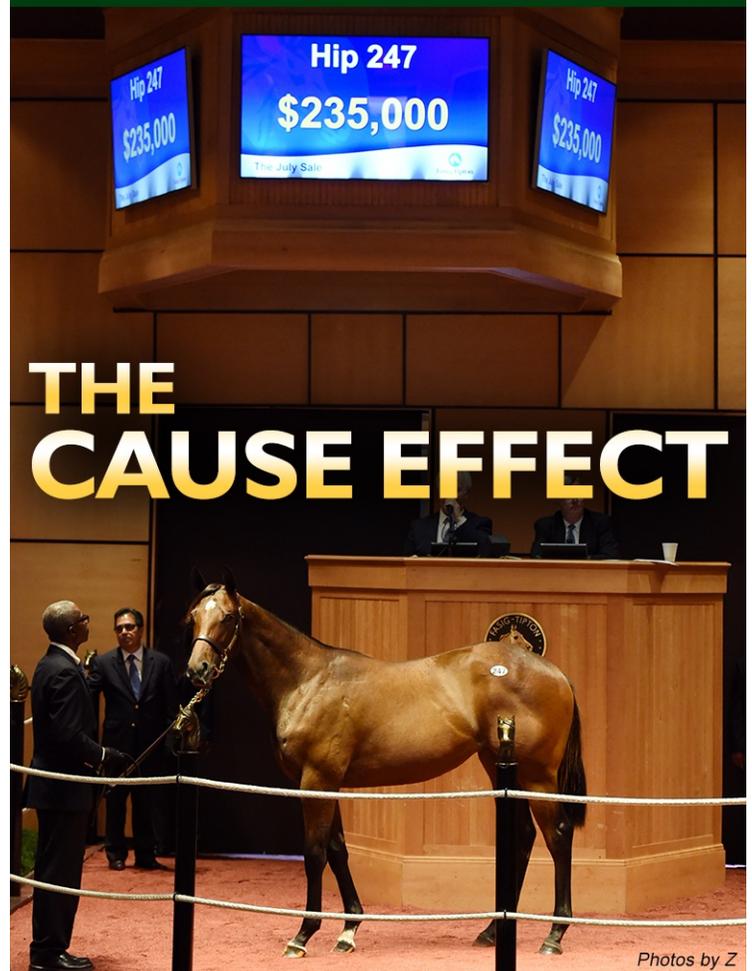
how many is that? When the bar is this high, it can mean only one thing: shortage of buyers. The foal crop has dropped 42% in ten years, from around 35,000 in 2005-2006 to just over 20,000 now, so the conclusion must be that the pool of buyers is shrinking even faster than the foal crop.

But one group which seemingly never goes out of favor are first-crop sires, and they were once again in favor at Fasig-Tipton on Tuesday, as 15 first-crop sires (F2015, or first foals 2015) posted single sales or averages of \$58,000 or higher, including nine over \$90,000. Claiborne's Orb (Malibu Moon) and Darley's Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux) were the two North American first-crop weanling sires to average over \$100,000 in 2015, and they topped the table of North American first-crop yearling sires at Fasig July ([click here](#)), with one yearling apiece selling; Orb, who has eight yearlings catalogued for Fasig's showpiece Saratoga Yearling Sale next month, had one colt sell, for \$190,000; while Animal Kingdom, who has three catalogued at Saratoga, had a filly bring \$145,000.

Three other sires had one or two yearlings sell for or average six figures: Adena Springs' Point of Entry (Dynaformer; one filly for \$135,000); Coolmore Ashford's Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday; two fillies averaged \$119,000); and Florida's Bridlewood Farm's Corfu (Malibu Moon; one filly for \$110,000). But worthy of special mention are the two first-crop yearling sires which had more than two sold and averaged six figures:

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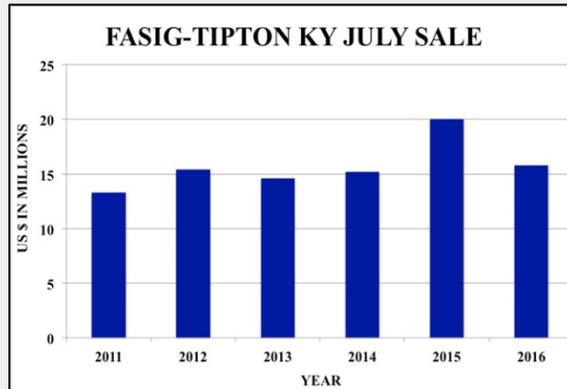
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“From 2012 the Fasig July Yearling Sale grossed \$15.3-million; \$14.6-million; \$15.2-million; \$20.0-million; and now back to \$15.7-million – it’s almost as if \$15-million is the ‘normal’ gross for Fasig July. Actually, not really: weak demand in all but the top ranges of the market, which was evident all spring in the 2-year-old market, resulted in a 38% RNA rate, and a clearance rate from the catalogue of 52.7%, fully 9% lower than last year. Since the North American foal crop is down 40% in the last ten years, this weakness must be down to a shortage of buyers.”



FASIG-TIPTON KY JULY SALE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>RING</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>% W/D</u>	<u>% S/R</u>	<u>% S/C</u>	<u>GROSS</u>	<u>AVE</u>
2016	347	293	183	15.6%	62.5%	52.7%	\$ 15,756,500	\$ 86,101
2015	332	288	205	13.3%	71.2%	61.7%	\$ 20,005,000	\$ 97,585
2014	265	240	162	9.4%	67.5%	61.1%	\$ 15,253,000	\$ 94,154
2013	258	222	163	14.0%	73.4%	63.2%	\$ 14,635,000	\$ 89,785
2012	338	283	189	16.3%	66.8%	55.9%	\$ 15,364,000	\$ 81,291
2011	303	261	191	13.9%	73.2%	63.0%	\$ 13,349,000	\$ 69,890



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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>RING</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>% W/D</u>	<u>% S/R</u>	<u>% S/C</u>	<u>GROSS</u>	<u>AVE</u>
2016	110	91	72	17.3%	79.1%	65.5%	\$ 5,048,500	\$ 70,118
2015	123	96	65	22.0%	67.7%	52.8%	\$ 3,996,000	\$ 61,477
2014	147	128	109	12.9%	85.2%	74.1%	\$ 8,426,000	\$ 77,303
2013	90	65	55	27.8%	84.6%	61.1%	\$ 5,819,000	\$ 105,800

Calumet Farm's 2013 GI Preakness S. winner Oxbow (Awesome Again) had five through the ring, five sell for an impressive \$137,000 average from his first crop (sired at Taylor Made before he moved to Calumet); and Hill 'n' Dale Farm's Violence (Medaglia d'Oro) had six yearlings average \$119,833. WinStar's Paynter (Awesome Again and a 3/4-brother to Oxbow) and Hill 'n' Dale's 2013 GI Breeders' Cup winner New Year's Day (Street Cry) each averaged \$92,500, with four and two sold, respectively.

Saratoga Pending

The 2015 Saratoga Yearling Sale was an ambitious catalogue: Fasig-Tipton increased the number of yearlings catalogued by 25%, from 165 to 208, yet they were proved right as revenues jumped 40%, from \$33.2-million to \$46.7-million, and even the average increased, by 10% to \$322,448. Now they are stepping up the numbers again, as 252 yearlings--an increase of 21%--are catalogued for this year's event, scheduled for August 8-9. That's a 53% increase in the number catalogued in two years--an ambitious target, to say the least.

If you're going to set ambitious targets, one ambition you



Oxbow | Jon Siegel

definitely want to have is good representation by the leading sires, and the two top North American sires of 2016, Gainesway's Tapit and Coolmore Ashford's Uncle Mo, are tied for the highest representation by any sires, with 13 each. Seven Tapit yearlings averaged \$885,000 at Saratoga last year, so say nine of them, and nine by Uncle Mo should go some way to keeping the sale ahead of whichever way the market is curving. A total of 14 sires have six or more among Saratoga's catalogue of 252 yearlings; these 14 have a total of 130 yearlings catalogued, over half the book. Besides 13 for Tapit and 13 for Uncle Mo, three sires have 12 catalogued each: Hill 'n' Dale's Curlin, now up to #5 on the TDN North American YTD General Sire List (Lane's End's #3 Candy Ride has six catalogued, their #4 City Zip has one, and Spendthrift's #6 Malibu Moon has nine); Spendthrift's Into Mischief, whose first big crop are 2-year-olds this year, also has 12 catalogued, as does Coolmore Ashford's late Scat Daddy. His six

Saratoga yearlings averaged \$450,000 last year; goodness knows what they will cost this year, since that particular factory is unfortunately now closed. Two of Darley's flagship sires are

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Bernardini and Medaglia d'Oro; Bernardini is currently ninth on the General Sire List and has nine catalogued; Medaglia D'Oro is tenth, and has 10 catalogued.

Last year's top first-year sires at Saratoga were Lane's End's The Factor and Union Rags, and WinStar's Bodemeister; all are back again, though their numbers are of course reduced as they make way for the new crop of contenders. The Factor and Bodemeister have six each in the catalogue; Union Rags has four. Leaders among sires with their first yearlings are



Violence | Lee Thomas

Claiborne's Orb, the 2013 GI Kentucky Derby winner by Malibu Moon, with eight catalogued, as noted above; and Coolmore Ashford's Shanghai Bobby, the unbeaten 2012 Champion 2-Year-Old, who has seven from his first crop in the book. Darley's Animal Kingdom, Coolmore Ashford's Declaration of War, WinStar's Paynter, and Hill 'n' Dale's Violence have three yearlings catalogued

each. Claiborne's War Front has four catalogued, while, from overseas sires, Coolmore's Galileo has three catalogued, and Juddmonte's Frankel, who has made such a promising start at stud, has two in the book, and yes, expect fireworks.

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BC ANNOUNCES ELECTION RESULTS

The Breeders' Cup has compiled the election results for its Breeders' Cup Board of Directors, and the results were announced Wednesday. Mike Rogers was elected to the board and will serve for four years, while Fred W. Hertrich III and Clem Murphy were both re-elected for an equivalent time period. The 14-strong Board of Directors now consists of: Barbara Banke, Stonestreet Stables; Antony Beck, Gainesway Farm; William S. Farish, Jr., Lane's End Farm, who serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors; Bobby Flay, owner, chef and restaurateur; Craig Favel, Breeders' Cup President and CEO; owner/breeder Fred Hertrich III; Roy Jackson, Lael Stables; Bret Jones, Airdrie Stud, Clem Murphy, Coolmore Stud; journalist and pedigree consultant Bill Oppenheim; Dan Pride, Darley; J. David Richardson, M.D., Chief of Surgery, University of Louisville; Mike Rogers, The Stronach Group; and Elliott Walden, WinStar Farm.

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Saturday, Indiana Grand, post time: 9:41 p.m. EDT

INDIANA DERBY-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Discreet Lover	Repent	Flores	St. Lewis	117
2	Cherry Wine	Paddy O'Prado	Saez	Romans	117
3	Pilot House	Midshipman	Bracho	Amoss	117
4	Takeittotheedge	Broken Vow	Mena	Romans	117
5	The Player	Street Hero	Bridgmohan	Bradley	121
6	Cocked and Loaded	Colonel John	Martinez	Rivelli	124
7	Seeking Blame	Blame	Hernandez, Jr.	Stewart	117
8	Whateverybodywants	Giant Oak	Albarado	Gorder	121
9	Torrontes	Macho Uno	Jimenez	Gorder	117
10	Call the Colonel	Colonel John	Sanjur	Cowan	121
11	Cupid	Tapit	Bejarano	Baffert	124
12	Star Hill	Elusive Quality	Lanerie	Arnold, II	117

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1	Dream Dance	Afleet Alex	Hernandez, Jr.	Howard	119
2	Dothraki Queen	Pure Prize	De La Cruz	McPeck	121
3	Mines and Magic	Mineshaft	Albarado	Oliver	121
4	Missalaney	Badge of Silver	Pedroza	Hinsley	115
5	Sweet Legacy	Candy Ride (Arg)	Lanerier	Arnold, II	115
6	Emmzy	Eskendereya	Bejarano	Baffert	121
7	Family Tree	Smart Strike	Leparoux	Catalano	121
8	Walkabout	Stroll	Jimenez	Wilkes	115

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Saturday, Del Mar, post time: 9:10 p.m. EDT

YELLOW RIBBON H.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Fresh Feline	Kitten's Joy	Espinoza	Shirreffs	117
2	Nancy From Nairobi (GB)	Sixties Icon (GB)	Smith	Sadler	121
3	Her Emynency	Successful Appeal	Baze	Mulhall	119
4	Prize Exhibit (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Gonzalez	Cassidy	118
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NEW YORK

Wednesday's Results:

4th-BEL, \$75,460, Alw, 7-13, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.40, ft.

TEJANA (f, 3, [Curlin](#)--[Tia](#), by [Giant's Causeway](#)) upped her record to two-for-two here despite a poor start and a lack of experience relative to her competition. The chestnut was a 4 1/2-length winner at Pimlico May 15, and had been working regularly at Fair Hill in the interim. Off at 3-2, the Emory Hamilton homebred veered inward from her rail draw before rushing up to show the way through splits of :23.16 and :46.46. Challenged by Wembley (Bernardini) turning



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for home, Tejana always seemed to be going better and scampered away in the lane to score by 4 1/4 lengths. Favored Literata (Read the Footnotes) got up for second. The winner's year-younger half-sister Taglia (Union Rags) was second on debut at Keeneland in April. Tia produced a Kitten's Joy filly in

2015 and a full-sister to Tejana this spring. Tejana's second dam is MGSW La Reina (A.P. Indy), who produced a Grade II-winning full-sister to Tia in Chief Havoc. Her third dam is champion older mare Queenena (Mr. Prospector), who was responsible for Brahms (Danzig). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$69,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Emory A. Hamilton (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

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8th-BEL, \$75,000, (S), Alw, 7-13, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.29, ft.

HIGHWAY STAR (f, 3, [Girolamo](#)--[Stolen Star](#) {MSP, \$210,544}, by [Cat Thief](#)) graduated by a neck in the slop here May 30, and was 5-2 trying winners and an additional furlong this time. Unhurried in the early stages, the homebred tracked in fourth out in the clear and ranged up to challenge favored pacesetter Riot Worthy (Patriot Act) into the straight. She struggled with her lead changes in upper stretch and seemed like she might beat herself, but eventually leveled off to prevail by a length. The winner is out of a half-sister to the Bromans' MSW Friend or Foe (Friends Lake), who had his first winner as a sire last week for the same owners. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$81,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-Rodrigo A. Ubillo.

6th-BEL, \$75,000, Msw, 7-13, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:09.17, fm.

PORTMAGEE (f, 3, [Hard Spun](#)--[Kauai Calls](#), by [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)) pressed the pace in her debut over the Belmont main, but faded late to take third June 9. She fired a three-panel bullet in :35 1/5 (1/8) in preparation for this turf bow here July 9 and was the slight second choice at 9-5 Wednesday. Prominent early, she shouldered leadership duties and raced unchallenged for the most part through splits of :22.62 and :46.01. Inside the final quarter mile Portmagee appeared briefly vulnerable, but she repelled her rivals' advances to win going away by 1 1/2 lengths. Nimble Foot (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), who had tracked the winner for most the race, held on narrowly for second by a head over Crazy About Jazz (Big Brown). Joannie (Smart Strike), a \$525,000 FTFMAR juvenile purchase, lacked running room for the stretch drive and had to settle for sixth. Portmagee's dam Kauai Calls is a half to MGSW Old Fashioned and her dam is GSW & MGISP Collect Call (Meadowlake). She has a yearling filly by Curlin and foaled a colt by Maclean's Music this term. Sales history: \$75,000 Ylg '14 KEESF. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$53,500. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Waterville Lake Stable; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

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1st-BEL, \$60,000, (S), Msw, 7-13, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.28, fm.

KUNDRAY (f, 3, [Distorted Humor](#)--J'ray {MGSW, \$969,843}, by [Distant View](#)), whose dam was also a New York-bred but did much of her best work out of state, never lifted a hoof sprinting on the Gulfstream dirt Dec. 23, but came alive to set the pace and settle for second at 21-1 when stretched out and moved to the infield in Hallandale Feb. 7. Third beaten just a neck at Keeneland Apr. 9, she filled the same slot in her first restricted try here June 19. A prohibitive 3-4 favorite against five rivals, the chestnut drafted from a good spot inside early but looked like she might encounter some traffic trouble turning for home. Able to find clear sailing out in the three path at the top of the lane, she uncorked a swift burst of speed to quickly settle the issue. Pacesetter Out of Nowhere (Girolamo) was second. A \$250,000 KEESep yearling, the winner is a half to General Jack (Giant's Causeway), MSW, \$278,358; a yearling filly by Frankel (GB) and a recently foaled colt by More Than Ready. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, \$54,980. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Augustin Stable; B-Lawrence Goichman (NY); T-Michael R. Matz.

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2nd-BEL, \$75K, Msw, 2yo, 6fT, 2:01 p.m. EDT

Wesley Ward and Ken and Sarah Ramsey send out a pair of firsters here in **Kitten's Solution ([Kitten's Joy](#))** and **Don't Gild Th Lilly ([Kitten's Joy](#))**. The former is a full to Real Solution and SW Ava's Kitten, while the latter is a grandson of Italian GSW and English and Irish G1SP Toroca (Nureyev). Todd Pletcher unveils **Harlan's Hunch ([Harlan's Holiday](#))** for Lets Go Stable and Starlight Racing. The \$325,000 KEESep yearling is out of Grade II-winning turfer Colonial Play (Pleasant Colony), the dam of the good MGISW and \$2.2-million earner Marsh Side (Gone West). He hails from the extended female family of champion 2-year-old filly Pleasant Stage, Grade I-winning juvenile Seattle Meteor and GISW A Phenomen. **Cape Cod Kid ([Lemon Drop Kid](#))** flashed some speed with a [:10 flat](#) breeze at OBS March that led to a \$250,000 sales price. The son of stakes-placed Cape Cod Lady (Yonaguska) was previously a \$140,000 KEENOV weanling and \$190,000 KEESep yearling RNA. [TJCS PPs](#)

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EASTERN U.S.

Wednesday's Results:

6th-DEL, \$40,160, Msw, 7-13, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:06.74, sy.

HOWBOUTTHEMCOWBOYS (g, 2, [Congaree](#)--[Relentless Barbara](#), by [Northern Afleet](#)) finished second in his racetrack bow locally May 25, but couldn't quite seal the deal and dropped to third here June 8. Tabbed the 7-5 crowd's pick, the dark bay flew the gates and dueled with a foe to his inside through the early going. On his own as noses pointed towards home, Howbouthemcowboys cut the corner and splashed clear, as the aptly named Rainy (Tizdejavu) cut the margin down to 3 3/4 lengths at the line. Sales history: \$10,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$38,675. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Triple K Stables & Jagger Inc.; B-Xanthus Farms, Inc. & Barbara Rickline (PA); T-Jamie Ness.

CENTRAL U.S.

Wednesday's Results:

1st-IND, \$32,000, Msw, 7-13, 3, 4, 5yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.08, ft.

SOUTHERN QUALITY (g, 3, [Exclusive Quality](#)--[Sweetsouthernjazz](#), by [Kentucky Jazz](#)), a distant runner-up to undefeated future SW Ishaq (Harlan's Holiday) at Tampa Bay Nov. 28, went missing in the interim, but has been a regular on the Indiana worktab dating back to late May. The newly gelded sophomore was bet like a sure thing down to 30 cents on the dollar and did not disappoint. Among the quickest off the blocks, the chestnut established his superiority a few jumps from the gate and was not for catching, drawing off to win by 6 1/4 lengths. Fearless Majesty (Smoke Glacken) ran second. Sales history: \$1,200 2yo '15 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$23,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O-B., A., & J. Terlep, W. Olsen, & Nemesis Racing Stable;

B-Laurence Leavy (FL); T-David H. Hinsley.

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TCA Names 2016 Grant Recipients:

The Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) has issued grants totaling \$535,851 awarded to 71 Thoroughbred industry-related non-profits that work to uphold TCA's mission, the organization announced Wednesday. TCA distributes grants to several categories of Thoroughbred related non-profits including retirement, rehabilitation and rehoming organizations; backstretch and farm employee programs; equine-assisted therapy programs; and research organizations. Grants are provided to organizations that successfully meet the criteria set forth in TCA's annual grant application.

"We are grateful to our donors who make our grants possible," said TCA president Mike McMahon. "We employ an extensive application review process because we strongly believe in being outstanding stewards of the funds entrusted to us. We are thrilled to support so many organizations doing outstanding work on behalf of Thoroughbreds and those who care for them."

Grant applications for the 2017 grant cycle will be available in early January. A full list of all grant recipients from recent years can be found [here](#).

Congressmen Pen Joint Letter to Treasury Urging Pari-Mutuel Tax Reform:

Two U.S. congressmen, Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY) and Rep. Charles Boustany (R-LA), have submitted a joint letter to the U.S. Department of Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew urging finalization of proposed rule changes regarding withholding and reporting of pari-mutuel winnings, according to the NTRA. The letter to Treasury was submitted July 12.

In the text, Yarmuth and Boustany highlight the bipartisan support the new guideline enjoys, as well as recent congressional activity on the matter and the pari-mutuel wagering industry's economic impact. The letter comes on the heels of language in a House Appropriations Committee Report issued last week that accompanied House passage of the 2017 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill. That report instructed the U.S. Treasury "to expedite final consideration of the guidance which would modernize the rules governing pari-mutuel wagering." A companion bill in the Senate is also awaiting full passage.

A PDF file of the complete letter can be accessed [online](#).

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*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2013 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

CALIBRACHOA (Southern Image), Red River Farms, \$2K, 15/0/0
6-LAD, Msw 5f, No Plans, 4-1

EYE OF THE LEOPARD (A.P. Indy), Calumet Farm, , 23/1/0
8-AP, Msw 5fT, Money Attraction, \$4K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 30-1

JERSEY TOWN (Speightstown), Darby Dan Farm, \$10K, 40/1/0
2-PID, Aoc 5 1/2f, Jay Wow, \$3K FTK OCT yrl, 8-1

REDDING COLLIERY (Mineshaft), Red River Farms, \$2K, 34/0/0
4-LAD, Msw 5f, G's Big Red, \$11K RNA TTA APR 2yo, 5-1

REDDING COLLIERY (Mineshaft), Red River Farms, \$2K, 34/0/0
6-LAD, Msw 5f, +Drewmisterio, \$10K BSC YRL yrl, 6-1

STAY THIRSTY (Bernardini), Ashford Stud, \$17.5K, 91/2/0
8-AP, Msw 5fT, +Twisted Minds, \$55K FTK JUL yrl, 12-1

TAPIZAR (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$15K, 100/4/0
2-PID, Aoc 5 1/2f, Thurman Merman, \$8K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

THE FACTOR (War Front), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 105/1/0
8-AP, Msw 5fT, Silly Factor, \$27K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 7-2

Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, July 14

*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.*

BIG DRAMA (Montbrook), Bridlewood Farm, \$10K, 109/35/1
1-PID, Msw 5 1/2f, +Awesome Drama, \$5K OBS MAR 2yo, 8-1

EUROEARS (Langfuhr), JEH Stallion Station-Oklahoma Division, \$3K,
60/8/0

5-LS, Msw 6f, +Nannie Annie, 4-1

INTERACTIF (Broken Vow), Red River Farms, \$2K, 54/10/0
4-LAD, Msw 5f, +Debriyn, \$5K ESL YRL yrl, 4-1

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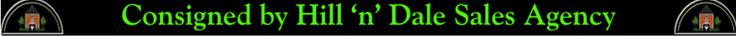
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STAKES RESULTS:

SNACK S., \$105,600, IND, 7-13, (S), 3yo, 1mT, 1:36.89, fm.
1--DERBY EXPRESS, 122, c, 3, Unbridled Express--Pay the Toll, by Repriced. O-Sherri L. Greenhill; B-Greenhill Racing (IN); T-Jeffrey L. Greenhill; J-Malcolm Franklin. \$58,925. Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-2, \$243,316. *1/2 to Aint She a Saint (Saintly Look), MSW, \$497,381; Needmore Cash (Saintly Look), SW, \$246,657.

2--Conquest Stormy, 117, c, 3, Stormy Atlantic--Floating Island, by A.P. Indy. (\$60,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-Conquest Stables, LLC; B-Swifty Farms Inc. (IN); T-Mark E. Casse. \$19,642.

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3--R Luckey Charlie, 118, g, 3, Adios Charlie--Thats Whatshesaid, by Lion Heart. O/B-Richard L. Batz (IN); T-Marvin A. Johnson. \$10,803.

Margins: 6 1/4, 2 3/4, HF. Odds: 13.00, 1.40, 25.40.

ELLEN'S LUCKY STAR S., \$103,850, IND, 7-13, (S), 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:38.30, fm.

1--#TEQUILA AND SALT, f, 3, by Limehouse--Perth Lassie, by On Target. O-Penny S. Lauer; B-Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer (IN); T-Michael E. Lauer; J-Francisco C. Torres. \$59,817. Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-1, \$115,931. *1/2 to Ellenberger Park (Tenpins), MSP, \$205,861.

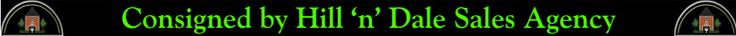
2--Express Run, 118, f, 3, Unbridled Express--Miss Carmelite, by Mutakddim. O/B-LTB Inc & Hillerich Racing LLC (IN); T-Bernard S. Flint. \$19,938.

3--Seven Seize, 116, f, 3, Northern Afleet--Trust N Seven, by Trust N Luck. O-Shadowfax Stable & Penny S. Lauer; B-Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer (IN); T-Michael E. Lauer. \$10,966.

Margins: 2, 3 3/4, 2HF. Odds: 6.20, 3.80, 22.90.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-BEL, \$62,000, (S), 7-13, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.12, fm.
BANANA THIEF (g, 4, Kitten's Joy--Majestic Feline, by Johar)
 Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-2, \$136,610. O-Clark O. Brewster; B-NY Kitten Foals, LLC (NY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. *\$42,000 Ylg '13 KEEJAN; \$55,000 Ylg '13 SARAUG; \$60,000 2yo '14 EASMAY.

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7th-IND, \$36,000, (S), 7-13, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.41, ft.
OPERATION STEVIE (g, 4, Lantana Mob--Mutakddims Revenge, by Mutakddim) Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-2, \$47,740. O-Earl J. Trostrud, Jr. & Cipriano Contreras; B-Larry Smallwood (IN); T-Cipriano Contreras.

7th-TDN, \$30,800, (S), 7-13, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.24, ft.
SHOCKA CON (g, 3, Concord Point--Lastaria, by Five Star Day)
 Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$45,580. O-Michael A. Foster; B-Catherine E. & Peter J. Shepell (OH); T-William D. Cowans. *\$37,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

2nd-MNR, \$20,286, 7-12, (NW4LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.29, fm.

VANILLA SCORE (f, 4, Even the Score--Vanilla Babe, by Bianconi) Lifetime Record: 19-4-5-2, \$76,559. O-Freddy Lewis, Jr. & Ted W. Lucas; B-Freddy Lewis, (KY); T-Ted W. Lucas.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+Mygirlfriday, f, 2, Lunarpal--Girlish Figure, by Strong Hope. TDN, 7-13, 5f, 1:01.02. B-Dr. George Mapleton Thoroughbreds (OH). *\$2,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

Hot Suspect, g, 2, Primary Suspect--Hot Blooded, by Sultry Song. IND, 7-13, 6f, 1:11.84. B-Dirk Hixon & Chris Cupples (IN).

+Long Legged Model, f, 2, Unbridled's Heart--Sharilyn Jean, by Discreet Cat. LAD, 7-13, 5f, 1:01.76. B-R. Brent Gasaway (LA).

Gracie's Way, f, 3, Giant's Causeway--Grace Anatomy (GISP, \$171,340), by Aldebaran. PID, 7-12, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:42.59. B-Barronstown Stud (KY). *\$295,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTSAUG; \$160,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

Kapellmeister, g, 3, Tapit--Flourish, by Distorted Humor. PID, 7-13, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:44.40. B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY).

Little Schmo, g, 3, Uncle Mo--Floresta (SP), by Forest Camp. FL, 7-13, 5 1/2f, 1:06.74. B-Glencrest Farm LLC (KY). *\$82,000 RNA Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$65,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR.

Queen Cactus, f, 4, Cactus Ridge--Mighty Cute Girl (MSP), by Mighty Adversary. TDN, 7-13, (S), 6f, 1:13.26. B-Meadow Springs Stables, LLC (OH). *\$7,500 Wlg '12 KEENOV. **1/2 to Fierce Cat (Noble Cat), MSW, \$193,284; and Trophy Boy (Medallist), MSW.

Ellenvelyn (GB), f, 4, Hellvelyn (GB)--Willmar (Ire), by Zafonic. BEL, 7-13, (C), 7fT, 1:22.34. B-Southill Stud (GB). *800gns Wlg '12 TATFOA; €3,500 RNA Ylg '13 TISEP.

Vintage Matters, g, 4, Tapit--Cellars Shiraz (GSW, \$728,410), by Kissin Kris. BEL, 7-13, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:43.40. B-Gallagher's Shiraz LLC (NY). *1/2 to Inimitable Romanee (Maria's Mon), MGSW, \$478,439.



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-Richard Migliore



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ROUGET FRONT AND CENTER ON BASTILLE DAY



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With three of the four domestic Classics in the locker and four Group 1 wins in the space of just over a month, Jean-Claude Rouget is firing like never before and Thursday's G1 Juddmonte Grand Prix de Paris at Saint-Cloud features one of his stable's premier performers in **Mekhtaal (GB)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}). Disappointing when only eighth in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club over 10 1/2 furlongs here June 5, Al Shaqab Racing's chestnut may have had two valid excuses for that below-par effort as he fared badly from a wide draw and raced on unsuitably soft ground. Previously, he had won the G2 Prix Hocquart by six lengths over 10 furlongs at Deauville May 15 and a return to that form would see him a touch nut to crack. Successful on a record 13 occasions in this race, Andre Fabre saddles three with serious chances headed by Godolphin's **Cloth of Stars (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}). After winning the G2 Prix Greffulhe over a mile and a quarter at Saint-Cloud May 8, he was eighth in the June 4 G1 Epsom Derby and has questions to answer here, which is not the case for the same operation's **Talismanic (GB)** (Medaglia d'Oro). He may be more progressive than Cloth of Stars at this stage, as he stepped up from a win in the Listed Prix de l'Avre on heavy ground over this course and distance May 23 to be a highly creditable fourth in the Jockey Club. "Cloth of Stars is having his first run since the Derby, so is on a bit of a recovery mission," Fabre commented.

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THE REMARKABLE JOURNEY OF STARSPANGLED BANNER *By Kevin Blake*

An array of success stories have emerged from the remarkable crop of stallions that retired to stud in Europe in 2011 with no less than eight of them having sired Group 1 winners thus far, but of all of those stories, none have as many twists and turns as that of the remarkable **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**.

An Australian-bred son of Choisir (Aus), Starspangledbanner was purchased by a syndicate for A\$120,000 at the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale and sent to be trained by Leon Corstens. He quickly progressed into a high-class 3-year-old and while he is generally remembered as a sprinter, his first Group 1 win came when he made all to win the Caulfield Guineas over a mile, leaving So You Think (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire}) languishing back in fifth and in the process becoming the first Group 1 winner for his sire Choisir. [Cont. in Worldwide News p7](#)

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“He appears outwardly to have recovered well and his work has been good. This is only his second try over 12 furlongs and his last try in the Derby was inconclusive. He goes on any type of ground, so should not be inconvenienced if the thunderstorms materialise. Talismanic ran a brave race in the Jockey Club and he is a lovely horse with a very genuine attitude. He is best served by cut in the ground, so if it rains heavily he will not be inconvenienced. He is in great form and while he hasn’t quite shown himself up to this level just yet, he should run well.”

Fabre also saddles the Wertheimers’s totally unexposed **Maniaco (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), a son of the 2010 G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud heroine Plumania (GB) (Anabaa) who broke his maiden over this course and distance on heavy ground May 24 before being taken out of the G3 Prix du Lys here last month due to the testing ground. In his absence, that prep was captured by Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard’s **Spring Master (GB)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) who had previously finished runner-up to Talismanic in the Prix de l’Avre and who needs to find improvement to figure in this company. Ronnie Arculli’s **Red Verdon** (Lemon Drop Kid) contests his third Group 1 in just over five weeks, having been sixth in the Epsom Derby and fourth in the G1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby at The Curragh June 25. Trainer Ed Dunlop is hoping that the forecast downpours arrive. “The horse arrived safely and all is well,” he commented. “He didn’t get the rub of the green in the Derby and was too far back in the Irish Derby.”

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Thursday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 7:35 p.m.

JUDDMONTE GRAND PRIX DE PARIS-G1, €600,000, 3yo, c/f, 12fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	2	Mekhtaal (GB)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Benoist	Rouget
2	5	Red Verdon 	Lemon Drop Kid	Cheminaud	E Dunlop
3	4	Mont Ormel (Fr)	Air Chief Marshal (Ire)	C Demuro	Brandt
4	9	Beacon Rock (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien
5	3	Spring Master (GB)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Peslier	Bary
6	1	Cloth of Stars (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Boudot	Fabre
7	8	Talismanic (GB)	Medaglia d'Oro	Barzalona	Fabre
8	7	Shogun (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Heffernan	A O'Brien
9	6	Maniaco (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Guyon	Fabre

All carry 128 pounds.

READY STEADY GO!

After two races which served effectively as warm-ups, Thursday’s G2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil at Saint-Cloud could be the starting point for His Highness The Aga Khan’s **Candarliya (Fr)** (Dalakhani {Ire}). Last year’s G2 Prix de Royallieu and G3 Prix Minerve winner and G1 Prix Vermeille runner-up who also took the Listed Prix de Thiberville on this card 12 months ago was second in the G3 Prix de Barbeville over 17 furlongs at Chantilly Apr. 24



Candarliya | Scoop Dyga

before finishing third over an inadequate 10 1/2 furlongs under a penalty in the G2 Prix Corrida here May 29. One of her rivals on the upgrade is the Niarchos Family’s **Launched (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who beat **Now We Can (GB)** (Martillo {Ger}) in Lyon-Parilly’s Listed Prix Bedel over 12 furlongs May 12 prior to returning to the same track and trip to add the June 18 Listed Grand Prix de Lyon to his tally.

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Thursday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 8:50 p.m.

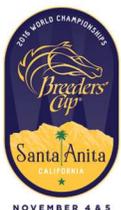
PRIX MAURICE DE NIEUIL-G2, €130,000, 4yo/up, 14fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Now We Can (GB)	Martillo (Ger)	Boudot	Clement
2	1	Walzertakt (Ger)	Montjeu (Ire)	Guyon	Carvalho
3	5	Launched (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Pasquier	Bary
4	4	Mille et Mille (GB)	Muhtathir (GB)	Thulliez	C & Y Lerner
5	6	Meandre (Fr)	Slickly (Fr)	Veron	Shavuyev
6	2	Candarliya (Fr)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Soumillon	Royer-Dupre

All carry 125 pounds bar Candarliya, 121.

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Thursday, Leopardstown, Ireland, post time: 8:00 p.m.

ICON MELD S.-G3, €63,000, 3yo/up, 9fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Captain Joy (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Hayes	Collins	135
2	9	Decorated Knight (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Baker	Charlton	135
3	5	Elleval (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	O'Donoghue	Marnane	135
4	1	Portage (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Doyle	Halford	135
5	8	Tennessee Wildcat (Ire)	Kheleyf	Keane	Lyons	135
6	2	Sanus Per Aquam (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Manning	Bolger	129
7	7	Bravery (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	D O'Brien	A O'Brien	126
8	4	General Macarthur	War Front	Heffernan	A O'Brien	126
9	3	Reckless Gold (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	McCullagh	J O'Brien	126
10	10	Adool (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Smullen	Weld	123

Thursday, Ovrevoll Racecourse, Norway, post time: 8:35 p.m. (2:25 p.m. EDT)

SUBARU OSLO CUP-G3, NOK600,000 (US\$71,288), 3yo/up, 2400mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Khyber (Fr)	Sinndar (Ire)	Stott	Neuroth	130
2	Hurricane Red (Ire)	Hurricane Run (Ire)	Johansen	Rutrskild, Jr	132
3	Matauri (Ire)	Soldier of Fortune (Ire)	De Souza	Petersen	130
4	Eye in the Sky (Ire)	Sinndar (Ire)	Chaves	Petersen	132
5	Bank of Burden 	Hawk Wing	Graberg	Petersen	132
6	Bokan (Fr)	Soldier of Fortune (Ire)	Neuroth	Neuroth	130
7	Jubilance (Ire)	Oratorio (Ire)	Santos	Olsen	130
8	Quarterback (Ger)	American Post (GB)	Lopez	Haugen	130
9	Jumeirah (Den)	Black Sam Bellamy (Ire)	Wilson	Bager	130

Unbeaten in three starts, Caravaggio was the subject of glowing reports from Ryan Moore following his impressive display in the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot where he beat subsequent G2 July S. winner **Mehmas (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}) by just over two lengths. He broke his maiden on the Polytrack at Dundalk in April and his two subsequent turf runs have been on soft ground so given his pedigree it will be interesting to see if he improves even further when racing on a sound surface.

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STEWARDS' CUP DATE FOR RIDGE RANGER

The Kevin Ryan trained **Brando (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) heads the weights for the £250,000 Qatar Stewards' Cup at Goodwood July 30. Ryan's 4-year-old is a progressive sprinter having won the G3 Coral Charge at Sandown recently and he will have other options around that time also including the G2 Qatar King George S. and the G1 Coolmore Nunthorpe S. However one horse definitely on target for Britain's most valuable six furlong handicap is **Ridge Ranger (Ire)** (Bushranger {Ire}). Fresh from her



Ridge Ranger | *Racing Post*

maiden pattern victory in the G3 Summer S. Over six furlongs at York last weekend Ridge Ranger will head to Goodwood with course form having won a five furlong handicap at last year's 'Glorious' meeting. The half-sister to G1 King's Stand S.

winner Profitable (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) is trained by Eric Alston who commented, "She came out of her win at York with no bother whatsoever and I think her owner and breeder Con Harrington would like to go back to Goodwood with her. She will have to carry a 6lb penalty, but her rating has gone up to 110 now anyway."

The 5-year-old finished last season rated 98 but has brought her form to another level this season, her York win a career best. "She won over six furlongs earlier in her career but then seemed to get quicker, so we started running her over five. We thought five furlongs was her trip after she won at Goodwood last year but she was very good at York," added the veteran trainer. Alston, who trained the dual Group 1 winning sprinter Reverence (GB) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire}) is quite familiar with the family of Ridge Ranger as, in addition to winning recently with her promising 3-year-old half-brother Acclaim The Nation (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), Alston also trained the pair's mother. "I trained her dam Dani Ridge (Ire) (Indian Ridge {GB}) and Ridge Ranger is a very strong filly like her mother, only a lot better!"

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PHOENIX NEXT FOR 'SPEED MACHINE'

Caravaggio (Scat Daddy), arguably the most exciting juvenile seen so far this year in Ireland and Britain is likely to have his next start in the G1 Keeneland Phoenix S. at The Curragh Aug 7. Aidan O'Brien has won the race seven times in the last ten years



Caravaggio | *Racing Post*

and according to Coolmore's UK representative Kevin Buckley the son of the ill-fated Scat Daddy (Johannesburg) is the most likely Ballydoyle first string for the six furlong contest. "I would imagine that the Phoenix Stakes is the obvious target, although no plans

have been finalised," said Buckley. "Whereas [Listed Chesham S. winner] **Churchill (Ire)** will ultimately be stepped up in trip, being a Galileo, as for Caravaggio, he is a speed machine."

NEW REWARD FOR FEMALE JOCKEYS

Jockey Club Racecourses North West will offer a £20,000 development award to any rider who is successful at Carlisle's ladies-only fixture August 1 before going on to win the Betfred Haydock Park Ladies' Trophy at the JCR owned Haydock five days later. The Carlisle fixture, the only one of its type anywhere in the world, is exclusively for females and is now in its sixth year. The prize is designed to provide an opportunity for



Hayley Turner | *Racing Post*

personal development to support individual requirements for female jockeys. Hayley Turner OBE, booked to make her comeback ride at Newmarket on Friday, is ambassador for the project and said, "This is a fantastic opportunity for any female jockey to compete at

the highest level for a development award which could be life changing for a young lady rider. I certainly wish I had this opportunity when I was competing and am very pleased that Jockey Club Racecourses NW has provided this unique and valuable opportunity and are dedicated to supporting women in our sport."

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BBAG SEPTEMBER CATALOG ONLINE

A total of 256 yearlings have been cataloged for the BBAG September Sale to be conducted Friday, Sept. 2 in Baden-Baden. A healthy cross-section of international sires are represented in the catalog, as are domestically based stallions such as Adlerflug (Ger), Areion (Ger), Lord of England (Ger) and Solder Hollow (GB). Freshmen sires are always in demand, and buyers will have the opportunity to purchase youngsters by the likes of Maxios (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), the best-represented first-crop stallion with 21 in the catalogue. Click [here](#) to view the online catalogue.

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BRITAIN



Wednesday's Results:

1st-CAB, £5,000, Cond, 7-13, 2yo, f, 5fT, :59.39, g/f.
QUEEN KINDLY (GB) (f, 2, Frankel {GB})--Lady of the Desert {Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 5-7f, MGSW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$488,177}, by Rahy), back to the track and trip over which she started with a win June 3 prior to finishing third in the G3 Albany S. over six at Royal Ascot a fortnight later, was sent off at 1-16 for this relative walk in the park and was held up off the sound early tempo.

Cruising to the lead with a furlong remaining, the chestnut sauntered to a facile 3 1/2-length success from Jeany (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). The winner, who has a yearling half-sister by Exceed and Excel (Aus) to come, is the first foal out of the G2 Diadem S. and G2 Lowther S. winner Lady of the Desert, who was also placed in the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup, G1 Cheveley Park S. and G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp. Her second dam is the champion Queen's Logic (Ire) (Grand Lodge), a half to Dylan Thomas (Ire), the G1 1000 Guineas winner Homecoming Queen (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) and the G1 Epsom Oaks runner-up Remember When (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). The latter has already produced the talented Galileo pair of Wedding Vow (Ire), the G2 Kilbo Estate S. scorer who was second in the G1 Nassau S., and Beacon Rock (Ire), the G3 Gallinule S. who was runner-up in last month's G2 King Edward VII S. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$21,175. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB); T-Richard Fahey.

1st-YAR, £7,200, Mdn, 7-13, 2yo, 7f 3yT, 1:24.84, g/f.

RONALD R (IRE) (c, 2, Nathaniel {Ire})--Amazon Beauty {Ire} {GSP-Fr}, by Wolfhound), a 130,000gns TATOCT yearling, shaped with promise on debut when a staying-on third in a 6 1/2-furlong Newbury novice S. June 9 and again missed the kick before racing in rear. Brought with a surge to overwhelm Jumira Bridge (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) approaching the furlong pole, the 11-2 shot asserted to score by 1 1/4 lengths. Ronald R, who is the second winner for his first-season sire (by Galileo {Ire}), is out of the G3 Prix de Seine-et-Oise third Amazon Beauty, who also has a yearling filly by Clodovil (Ire). The second dam, Astorg (Lear Fan), produced the G1 Prix Saint-Alary runner-up Asti (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), while this Wildenstein dynasty also features the group and grade 1 performers Article Rare (El Prado {Ire}), Android and Argentina (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$7,042. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-W. J. and T. C. O. Gredley; B-M. Morrissey (IRE); T-Michael Bell.

1st-LIN, £6,000, Mdn, 7-13, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:11.69, gd.

JUMPING AROUND (IRE) (f, 2, Dark Angel {Ire})--Box of Frogs {Ire}, by One Cool Cat), a June 9 debut fourth going six furlongs at Yarmouth last time, raced in a handy fifth through halfway here. Shaken up approaching the final quarter mile, the 9-4 second choice quickened to the fore with 150 yards remaining and surged clear to score by an impressive four lengths from Bobby Vee (GB) (Camacho {GB}). "She ran nicely at Yarmouth, but was much sharper today," said Maureen Haggas. "I don't know what she's beaten, but she picked up nicely and hopefully will be one that goes on to be a 3-year-old." [Cont. p5](#)

1st-LIN, cont.

Jumping Around's GSW third dam Soluce (Ire) (Junius) produced the stakes-winning Splice (GB) (Sharpo {GB}), who in turn is the dam of GSP dual stakes scorer Feet So Fast (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and G2 Lowther S. victress and MGSW highweight Soar (GB) (Danzero {Aus}). She is kin to a yearling colt by Society Rock (Ire). Sales history: €20,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; 65,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,531. [Video](#), [sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Michael O'Mahony (IRE); T-William Haggas.

3rd-SAN, £5,000, Mdn, 7-13, 2yo, 7f 16yT, 1:33.10, gd. +BALGAIR (GB) (c, 2, Foxwedge {Aus}--Glencal {GB}), by Compton Place {GB}, sent off at 20-1, was held up in mid-division throughout the early stages and travelled into contention with zest in midstraight. Sent to the front with 1 1/2 furlongs to race, the 12,000gns TATOCT yearling drew away to record a convincing two-length success from the strong-finishing Fields of Fortune (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}). Balgair, who hails from the extended family of the G1 Epsom Oaks heroines Juliette Marny (GB) (Blakeney {GB}), Scintillate (GB) (Sparkler {GB}) and the G1 St Leger winner Julio Mariner (GB), becomes the seventh winner for his first-season sire (by Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,284.

O-Mr J. T. Habershon-Butcher; B-G. Doyle & Lord Margadale (GB); T-Jonathan Portman.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

3rd-LIN, £11,500, 7-13, 3yo/up, 7f 140yT, 1:31.01, g/f.

RED BOX (GB) (f, 3, Exceed and Excel {Aus}--Confidential Lady {GB}) {G1SW-Fr, SW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Ity, \$912,794}, by Singspiel {Ire} Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 4-2-1-1, \$26,972.

O-Cheveley Park Stud; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Sir Mark Prescott Bt. *1/2 to Untold Secret (GB) (Shamardal), GSP-Fr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Coronation Day (GB), f, 3, Bahamian Bounty (GB)--Queensgate (GB), by Compton Place (GB). CAB, 7-13, 7fT, 1:25.71. B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB). *€24,000 Ylg '14 GOFFEB; €28,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB.

Cape Cova (Ire), c, 3, Cape Cross (Ire)--Sina Cova (Ire) (GSW-Ire, \$251,135), by Barathea (Ire). LIN, 7-13, 12f (AWT), 2:34.46. B-Basil Brindley (IRE). *€16,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; 30,000gns Ylg '14 TATYEA.

L C Saloon (GB), g, 3, Equiano (Fr)--Aberdovey (GB), by Mister Baileys (GB). THI, 7-12, 5fT, :58.19. B-Usk Valley Stud (GB). *8,000gns RNA Wlg '13 TATFOA; 20,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT.

St Mary's (GB), f, 3, Siyouni (Fr)--Once Over (GB), by Sakhee. THI, 7-12, 8fT, 1:42.50. B-Kingsclere Stud (GB).

IRELAND**BOLGER AND RUSSELL GO HEAD TO HEAD**

For the fifth year in a row horse racing legend Jim Bolger and former champion jump jockey Davy Russell will bring household names from horse racing and Gaelic football and hurling together to take part in Hurling for Cancer Research, a celebrity hurling match in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. The exhibition



Former Meath Gaelic Football star Colm O'Rourke separates Davy Russell and Jim Bolger
Irish Cancer Society

match will take place at St Conleth's Park, Newbridge, Co. Kildare on Aug. 9 at 6.30pm. To date the event has raised €400,000 to help fund innovative cancer research projects in Ireland and the aim is to raise a further €100,000 this year. Tickets, costing €10 for adults and €15 for families, are currently on sale and can

be ordered online on www.cancer.ie/catalog/tickets or by phone on CallSave 1850 60 60 60. All money raised will go to the Irish Cancer Society to fund researchers improving the lives of people across the country affected by the disease. "Since we started Hurling for Cancer in 2012 we have had tremendous support from Ireland's talented sportsmen and women who take to the pitch to raise much needed funds for cancer research," said Jim Bolger. "Most families in Ireland have been touched by cancer and Davy and I are firm believers that investment in research is key to finding a cure in the future. We are proud to support the research being carried out by the Irish Cancer Society and look forward to a great game again this year," Bolger added.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Successor (Ire), c, 3, Galileo (Ire)--Dame Again (Aus), by Danehill. KIL, 7-13, 14fT, 3:08.30. B-Dame Again Syndicate (IRE). *1/2 to Aces Again (Ghostzapper), SW-Can, \$147,085.

Mr Ormsby (Ire), g, 3, Haatef--Ultra Cool (Ire), by One Cool Cat. KIL, 7-12, 8f 25yT, 1:44.88. B-Ms Sheila Lavery (IRE). *€5,000 RNA Wlg '13 GOFNOV.

My Fantasea (Ire), g, 3, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Speed Song (GB), by Fasliyev. DUN, 7-12, 10f 150y (AWT), 2:17.00. B-Sunderland Holdings Inc (IRE). *95,000gns RNA Ylg '14 TATOCT.

FRANCE

**Wednesday's Results:**

1st-CHY, €34,000, Cond, 7-13, 3yo, 15fT, 3:22.42, gd.
SHALAKAR (FR) (c, 3, Cape Cross {Ire}--Shalanaya {Ire} {G1SW-Fr & GISP-Can, \$637,986}, by Lomitas {GB}), a first-up winner at Fontainebleau May 19 who ran second at Saint-Cloud last time June 16, dwelt at the bell and raced at the tail of the five-strong field before moving beyond rivals into the lead going onto the back straight. Holding sway from there until pushed along at the quarter-mile marker, the crowd's even-money pick was ridden to re-establish a comfortable buffer and stayed on well to prevail by a length from Flambysister (Fr) (Stormy River {Fr}). Shalakar is out of G1 Prix de l'Opera victress Shalanaya (Ire) (Lomitas {GB}), herself a half-sister to GSW highweight and G1 Prix Royal-Oak third Shankardeh (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}). His third dam, G3 Prix Minerve winner Sharamana (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), is a half-sister to dual Derby-winning champion Shergar (GB) (Great Nephew {GB}) from a family which also includes G1 Irish Oaks runner-up Shamadara (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}). The winner is kin to the 2-year-old filly Shazia (Fr) (New Approach {Ire}), who is also in training with Mikel Delzangles, a yearling filly by Redoute's Choice (Aus) and a colt foal by Nathaniel (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €36,300. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Mikel Delzangles.

2nd-CHY, €33,000, Cond, 7-13, 4yo/up, 10 1/2fT, 2:13.02, gd.
BIG BLUE (GB) (c, 4, Galileo {Ire}--Board Meeting {Ire} {MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$364,507}, by Anabaa), third in the 2014 G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud and winner of last term's Listed Prix Michel Houyvet, lined up for this off a June 24 conditions third at Deauville and was afforded a soft lead after the initial strides. Comfortable on the front end throughout, the 5-2 second choice powered clear under mild coaxing inside the two pole and ran on strongly to easily outclass Mister Universum (Ger) (Cape Cross {Ire}) by 2 1/2 lengths. Big Blue is the first of two winners out of MG1SP G3 Prix de Psyche and G3 Prix de Flore victress Board Meeting (Ire) (Anabaa), who is a daughter of MGSW G1 Prix Vermeille third Bright Moon (Alysheba) and thus a half-sister to G1 Prix de Diane heroine and MG1SW highweight Bright Sky (Ire) (Wolfhound). His younger siblings are the winning 3-year-old colt Beijing (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), the hitherto unraced 2-year-old filly Brave Vision (GB) (Frankel {GB}) and a yearling colt by Dubawi (Ire). Sales history: 270,000gns RNA Ylg '13 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: SW & G1SP-Fr, 13-3-4-4, €170,625. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Godolphin SNC; B-Dayton Investments Ltd (GB); T-A Fabre.

5th-CHY, €25,000, Mdn, 7-13, unraced 3yo, 11fT, 2:18.30, gd.
+MAUVE (GB) (c, 3, Slickly {Fr}--Penne {Fr} {MSP-Fr}, by Sevres Rose {Ire}) was steadied to race in a close third after breaking sharpest and racing on the lead through the initial strides of this unveiling. Quickening in impressive fashion to seize an opening along the fence at the quarter-mile marker, the 12-5 favourite ran on strongly under whipless rousting thereafter to comfortably best Good Way Off (Northern Afleet) by 3/4 of a length. Out of the dual stakes-placed Penne (Fr) (Sevres Rose {Ire}), Mauve is a full-brother to MG1SW G1 Grand Prix de Paris hero Meandre (Fr), and half to a yearling filly by Frankel (GB) and a filly foal by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O/B-Famille Rothschild (GB); T-Andre Fabre.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

+Numeration (Fr), f, 2, Shakespearean (Ire)--Addition (Fr), by Numerous. LTS, 7-12, 7fT, 1:27.69. B-Mlle E Petit & Mlle H Petit & B Olsen (FR).

GERMANY

**Tuesday's Result:**

GROSSER PREIS DER DR. KLEIN & CO.AG-Listed, €25,000, HNO, 7-12, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:07.39, gd.

1--#LOPERA (GER), 125, f, 3, by Monsun (Ger)

1st Dam: Larella (Ger), by Anabaa

2nd Dam: Laurella (GB), by Acatenango (Ger)

3rd Dam: Laurea (Ire), by Sharpman (Ire)

O-Gestut Ittlingen; B-Gestut Hof Ittlingen (GER); T-Peter Schiergen; J-Daniele Porcu. €14,000. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €19,600.

2--Calantha (Fr), 125, f, 3, Literato (Fr)--Caucasienne (Fr), by Galileo (Ire). (€95,000 RNA Ylg '14 ARQOCT). O-Stall Turffighter. €6,500.

3--La Dynamite (Ire), 125, f, 3, Dylan Thomas (Ire)--La Blue (Ger), by Bluebird. O-Gestut Wittekindshof. €3,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1, HF. Odds: 11.90, 14.30, 4.30.

Also Ran: Nordwienerin (Ire), Danlia (Ire), Nazbanou (Ire), Queen Viktoria (Ger), Wacaria (Ger), Dynamic Lips (Ire), Irish Valley (Ger), Adelaide Rose (Ger), Anneli (Ire).

Seventh in the G2 Diana-Trial over this trip at Hoppegarten last time June 12, Lopera who had previously had the winner of that race Meergorl (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}) back in third when opening her account over that course and distance Apr. 24 was able to take advantage of this drop in class to add more black-type success to her smart family. [Cont. p7](#)

GROSSER PREIS DER DR. KLEIN & CO.AG-Listed cont.

Reserved in mid-division early by Daniele Porcu, the dark bay headed for the stand's rail at the top of the stretch and Calantha left enough room on the fence for her to get to the lead a furlong out and draw away for a convincing score. Out of the useful Larella, the winner is therefore a half-sister to the G3 Bavarian Classic runner-up Lovato (Ger) (Lauro {Ger}) out of a sister to the G1 Deutsches Derby hero and leading sire Lando (Ger) and a half to another winner of that Classic in Laroche (Ger). Her best progeny is the G1 Gran Premio del Jockey Club and G2 Oaks d'Italia winner Lovelyn (Ger) (Tiger Hill {Ire}). One of Lando's half-siblings Laurencia (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}) is the dam of the GII Sky Classic S.-winning sire Lauro (Ger) and also Love Academy (Ger) (Medicean {GB}), the G3 Preis der Winterkonigin-winning highweight who went on to produce the G2 Diana Trial scorer and G1 Preis der Diana third Longina (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}). Lopera is succeeded by the 2-year-old filly Llerena (Ire) (Areion {Ger}), a yearling son of Teofilo (Ire) and a filly foal by Maxios (GB).

NORWAY

Thursday, Ovrevoll Racecourse, Norway, post time: 9:00 p.m. (3:00 p.m. EDT)

POLAR MILE CUP-Listed, NOK250,000 (US\$29,704), 3yo/up, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Vortex (Nor)	Deceptor	Neuroth	Haugen	130
2	Avon Pearl (GB)	Avonbridge (GB)	Lopez	Haugen	132
3	Guerre	War Front	Wilson	Felin	132
4	Silver Ocean	Silver Train	Chaves	Petersen	134
5	Coprah (GB)	Bertolini	De Souza	Erichsen	134
6	Einstein's Folly (Ire)	Whipper (Ire)	Janetzky	Long	130
7	Brownie (Fr)	Sunday Break (Jpn)	Johansen	Olsen	130
8	Captain America (Swe)	Academy Award (Ire)	Karlsson	Bye Hnsen	130
9	Daydream Believer (Den)	Special Quest (Fr)	Brgn Andrsn	Wtso Sltmrk	130
10	Berling (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Danekilde	Long	134

Thursday, Ovrevoll Racecourse, Norway, post time: 9:20 p.m. (3:20 p.m. EDT)

TATTERSALLS NORSK 1000 GUINEAS-Llisted, NOK350,000 (US\$41,586), 3yo, f, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Miss Vordingborg (Swe)	Layman	Stott	Jensen
2	Aife (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Lopez	Haugen
3	Appelina (Den)	Appel Au Maitre (Fr)	Neuroth	Neuroth
4	Haweswater (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Janetzky	Malmborg
5	Karaliene (Ire)	Baltic King (GB)	De Souza	Erichsen
6	Lady Marma (Ire)	Duke of Marmalade (Ire)	Graberg	Neuroth
7	Swan Black (Den)	Devil's Drink (Jpn)	Santos	Hansen
8	Dreamfyre (Ire)	Lord Shanakill	Freire	Erichsen
9	Focus on Me (Ire)	Intense Focus	Chaves	Natt och Dag
10	Wootton's Walk (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Wilson	Olsen
11	Bellezza Scuro (GB)	Cockney Rebel (Ire)	De Paiva	Wtso Sltmrk

All carry 130 pounds.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

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It was in the months after that win that Coolmore purchased 95% of him in a deal that reportedly valued the 3-year-old at over A\$10m. The other 5% was owned by syndicate member Michelle Massey, an Australian lady who had been gifted the A\$8,000 share by her sister, and she could not be convinced to sell her share, but more on that later.

Soon after Coolmore got involved, Starspangledbanner was dropped to sprint trips for his final three starts of the season, which yielded a victory in the G1 Oakleigh Plate at Caulfield over five-and-a-half furlongs and placings in the G1 Lightning S. and the G1 Newmarket H. at Flemington, performances that were sufficient to see him crowned Australian Champion Sprinter. After that, he was put on a plane to Ireland where he joined Aidan O'Brien in Ballydoyle to continue his racing career in Europe. With Australian sprinters such as Starspangledbanner's sire Choisir, Takeover Target (Aus), Miss Andretti (Aus) and Scenic Blast (Aus) having made a stunning impact in the Group 1 sprints at Royal Ascot in the preceding years, the prospect of a top-class Australian sprinter being switched to the care of O'Brien very much captured the public's imagination. Even considering the weight of expectations that followed him, Starspangledbanner very much justified the hype.

His first big engagement was the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot and despite having 11 previous Group 1 winners amongst his 23 rivals, he made all the running to record an impressive victory. He confirmed that form on the undulations of the July course at Newmarket when winning the G1 July Cup just three weeks later. He was dropped back to five furlongs for the G1 Nunthorpe S. at York for his next start and while there was much head scratching at the time after he was nailed close by an unconsidered 100/1 shot Sole Power (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), that rival's four subsequent Group 1 wins made that defeat much more understandable with the benefit of hindsight. While he met with defeat in his final start of the season in the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup, his earlier performances were enough to see him crowned European Champion Sprinter.



Starspangledbanner pictured at Royal Ascot in 2010 | Racing Post

Kevin Blake cont.

At the conclusion of the 2010 season, it was decided to retire Starspangledbanner to stud. All this time, the aforementioned Michelle Massey had been enjoying an incredible ride as the 5% owner of one of the top sprinters in the world, but she was now ready to cash out her share. With her remaining unwilling to sell it to Coolmore, she took the quite extraordinary decision to advertise her share in one of the hottest stallion prospects in Europe on the Australian bloodstock trading website bloodstock.com.au. From that advert, Massey ended up selling her share to Anthony Mithen, a former sports reporter whose family owned Rosemont Stud in Australia, for a sum reported to be in the region of A\$1m. With that, Starspangledbanner embarked on his stud career at Coolmore for a nomination fee of €15,000 in 2011, but this is where the story takes the first of a series of unlikely turns.

Early on in Starspangledbanner's first season at stud it became evident that he was subfertile, siring just 33 foals in his first season in Ireland and 30 foals when shuttled to Australia later that year. With his problems by then common knowledge, Starspangledbanner only covered 22 mares back in Tipperary in 2012 and with interest in him understandably waning with few breeders willing to risk visiting a stallion with poor fertility, he was sensationally returned to training in Ballydoyle. However, returning to racing after spending time at stud is a notoriously tough ask for a stallion and Starspangledbanner was one of



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those that failed to recapture his best form, failing to win in six starts in 2012. At that point, one proposed course of action was to geld Starspangledbanner in an effort to help him recapture his form on the racecourse, but his 5% owner Anthony

Mithen came to the table with an alternative proposal. He wished to stand Starspangledbanner at Rosemont Stud in the hope that a different environment and approach might help his fertility. With little left to lose, Coolmore allowed Mithen to transport Starspangledbanner back to Australia for one last throw of the dice. In his first season in Rosemont in 2013, he succeeded in getting 24 mares in foal, but that still fell well short of what he needed to achieve to make himself any more than a risky novelty punt as a stallion. At this stage, most people had all but forgotten about Starspangledbanner. He had been written off as just another stallion with fertility issues that was too much of a risk to support. Then his first runners hit the track in 2014.

From his first Irish crop of just 33 foals, Starspangledbanner made a simply stunning start. His first three runners all won and

two of them, The Wow Signal (Ire) and Anthem Alexander (Ire), proved to be amongst the best 2-year-olds of their sex that season. The Wow Signal won the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot and the G1 Prix Morny at Deauville, whilst Anthem Alexander won the G2 Queen Mary at Royal Ascot and was just touched off in the G1 Cheveley Park S. Since then, that small first crop has yielded eight more RPR90+ performers in Europe, including three more RPR105+ horses, most notably the very talented Group 3 winner Home Of The Brave (Ire).

Unsurprisingly, Coolmore were very keen to get Starspangledbanner back in Tipperary for the 2015 season, but in another dramatic turn of events, a bout of colic prevented him from doing so and it was decided he would remain at Rosemont Stud in Australia for the 2015 Southern Hemisphere breeding season. He covered 32 mares, getting 16 in foal, prior to returning to Tipperary late last year for the 2016 breeding season. One might have expected breeders to exercise caution in sending mares to a sire with such well-established fertility issues at the far-from-cheap covering fee of €15,000, but the Starspangledbanner story had another twist to offer. Despite those in charge of him reportedly not doing anything notably different with him other than restricting him to two coverings per day, in defiance of all veterinary logic Starspangledbanner started getting mares in foal with far greater success than he had previously from the outset of the 2016 season. Word started to spread of his improved fertility and by the time his breeding season had finished, he reportedly had got no less than 91 mares in foal, which is a simply mind-boggling return for a horse with his fertility history. It is a situation without precedent that has amazed even the more experienced veterinary and breeding professionals in Coolmore.

While Starspangledbanner's revelatory improvement in fertility resulted in him being sent mares owned by high-profile breeders such as the Niarchos family, Anne-Marie O'Brien and Croom House Stud amongst others this year, now that his new-found fertility has come to more widespread attention, one suspects the quality of mares he covers will take an even bigger leap forward in his coming season at Coolmore Australia and back in Coolmore in 2017.

So, despite all the dramas, setbacks and misfortunes along the way, it looks as though Starspangledbanner will indeed get his chance to become a stallion of major commercial significance in the years ahead. It will seem a long wait to see his progeny that result from this season's coverings on the track, but it is likely to seem a lot shorter for the Coolmore team given how much of an emotional rollercoaster the horse has brought them on in the last number of years. Based on the stunning achievements of his offspring thus far, his future crops are very much likely to be worth the wait.

WEIR BREAKS WINNERS RECORD

Trainer Darren Weir has broken the Australasian record for the number of winners trained in a season. It took Weir's 335th winner, achieved with **Gun Case (Aus)** (War Pass) at Moonee Valley, to break the previous best, set by John Hawkes back in the 2002/03 season. Reflecting on his achievement Weir told



Darren Weir | *Racing.com*

racing.com, "Setting records was never part of my plan, you don't get time to think about it. You go to the races, go home, get organised for the next day, go to bed, get up, and do it all again." Weir, who trained last years G1 Melbourne Cup winner

Prince Of Penzance (Aus) (Pentire {GB}) continued, "I really enjoy the horse-training side of it, I'm not that keen on any other side of it, but I've got great people who do that so big thanks to all of them."

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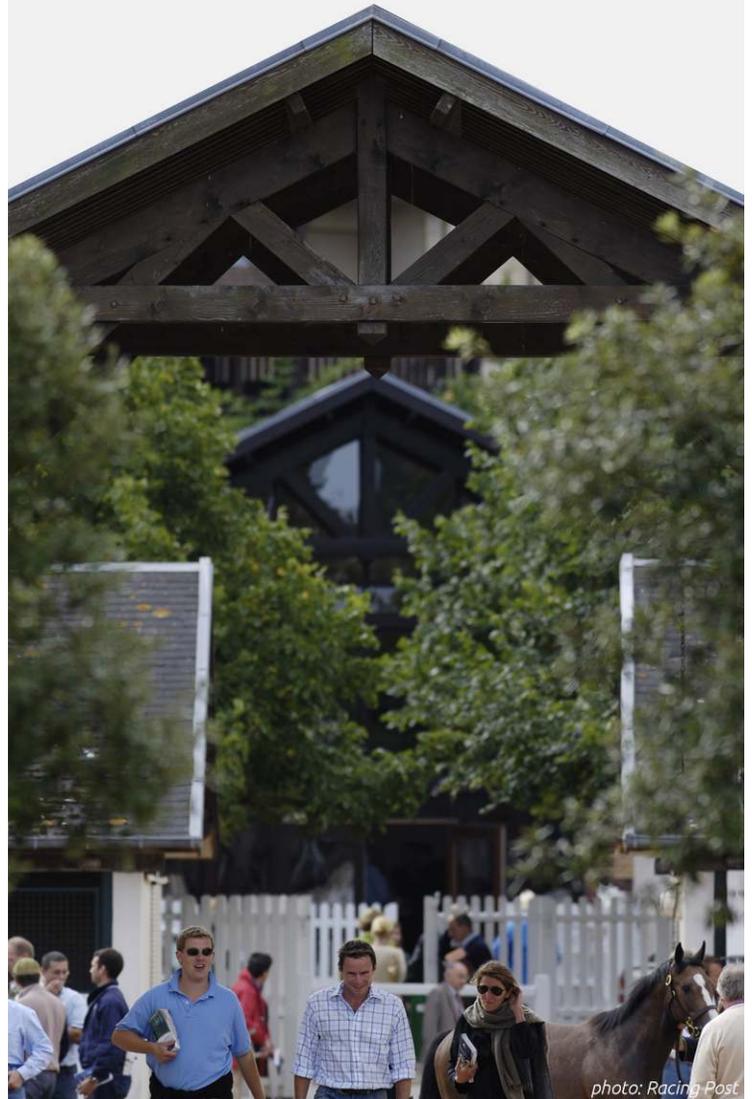


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