SANTA ANITA DENIES CHRB REQUEST TO CLOSE

by Bill Finley

The California Horse Racing Board has requested that Santa Anita suspend the final seven days of its current meet, but officials of the track have said they will not do so.

The CHRB’s request came following Saturday’s catastrophic breakdown of Formal Dude (First Dude), who was euthanized following the running of the day’s 10th race. Another horse, Calumet Farm’s 3-year-old filly Truffalino (English Channel), died of an apparent heart attack in Sunday’s third race at the Arcadia oval, according to Daily Racing Form. That death raised the total number of fatalities at Santa Anita to 29 since the meet opened Dec. 26.

The story was first reported by both the Los Angeles Times and the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Tim Ritvo, the COO of The Stronach Group did not answer a text from the TDN regarding comment on Santa Anita’s decision to remain open. The meet is scheduled to end June 23.

It is not within the CHRB’s power to order a racetrack to immediately close unless the track agrees to its wishes. However, the racing board can take such action after a bureaucratic process that begins with 10-day notification period. It was not immediately clear if the CHRB can, or would, shut down Santa Anita for the remaining three days of the meet following the 10-day notification period.

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BELMONT WRAP: CASSE, MOTT PAIRS LOOK TO TRAVERS

The 2019 Triple Crown belonged to two trainers, one Hall of Famer and one likely soon-to-be Hall of Famer. Now, with the GI Belmont S. in the rearview and attention turning to the second-half push to the Breeders’ Cup, Mark Casse and Bill Mott will assess their respective pairs of championship contenders and map out a probable path to the GI Travers S. Aug. 24 at Saratoga.

Tracy Farmer’s Sir Winston (Awesome Again) and the Gary Barber-owned War of Will (War Front) were both tired Sunday morning, but otherwise fine after their trip of 1 1/2 miles around the Belmont oval. Their routine was limited to walking the shedrow and afterward, the Belmont winner settled down for a well-deserved nap in his stall.

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Trainer Mark Casse feeds mints to Sir Winston (Awesome Again) at Belmont Park on the morning after his GI Belmont S. victory. | Sarah Andrew

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The CHRB sent a statement to the *Courier-Journal*, which read: “Under current law, The California Horse Racing Board does not have the authority to suspend a race meet or remove race dates from a current race meet without the approval of the race track operator or without holding a public meeting with 10 days public notice.

“The Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Executive Director recommended to Santa Anita management that they suspend racing for the seven remaining race days but that they allow horses to continue to train during that period. This would provide the industry more time to fully implement announced safety initiatives and perhaps additional ones.

“It is our understanding that Santa Anita management, after consultation with certain other industry stakeholders, believes that for a variety of reasons, the future of California racing is best served by continuing to race.”

The CHRB did not ask Santa Anita to close down for training, something that would create a crisis for Southern California horsemen because training cannot begin at Del Mar until July 11. Until that time, the San Diego County Fair has full use of the property.

According to the *Times*, Formal Dude died of a pelvis injury. Most equine fatalities happen when horses fracture one of their front legs. But the *Times* report says that of the five deaths at Santa Anita since May 17, four of them have been either shoulder or pelvis injuries.

Also hanging in the balance for Santa Anita is this year’s Breeders’ Cup, scheduled for Nov. 1 and 2. The Breeders’ Cup is in a dicey situation as it could come under intense criticism should it hold the Breeders’ Cup at Santa Anita and there are fatalities.

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Breeders’ Cup President Craig Fravel told the Courier Journal that the organization is exploring contingency plans and said that the only other track that has been mentioned as an alternate site is Churchill Downs. A Breeders’ Cup Board meeting is scheduled for June 27.

“I think it’s fair to say our board will have a full report from management on everything we know about the situation in California as well as injury rates at other racetracks and we’ll have to evaluate that situation and what our options are,” Fravel told the Courier Journal. “That’s really ultimately a board decision, so I have to defer to that process.”

On Friday, the Times reported that trainer Michael Pender was suspended 30 days by the CHRB for violating a rule regarding animal welfare.

The ruling regarding Pender’s suspension read: “Pender knowingly worked the horse New Karma after a veterinarian examination disclosed an injury. This horse was then shipped to Golden Gate Fields where it was entered into a race on April 6, 2019, but subsequently scratched due to its condition.”

Pender is among a handful of trainers who have either been suspended or ruled off the grounds at Santa Anita due to alleged violations regarding the welfare of horses under their care. Among them was trainer William Morey, who was banned from racing at Santa Anita for a medication violation that led to an investigation by the California Horse Racing Board.

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“Both horses are good this morning,” Casse told the NYRA notes team. “From here they’re going to take separate paths and go their separate ways, but our goal is going to be the Travers for both.”

While Sir Winston will remain at Belmont under assistant trainer Jamie Begg’s care, War of Will had a reservation on a van departing at 12:30 p.m. and headed back to Kentucky, where he will return to Casse’s division overseen by assistant David Carroll. War of Will, who finished ninth in the Belmont, was the only horse to run in all three legs of this year’s Triple Crown, but Casse didn’t use that as an excuse for the colt’s poor performance in the Test of the Champion.

“I don’t think it was the Triple Crown campaign that caught up to War of Will,” he said. “I don’t really have an explanation for his race yesterday, but I’m not going to use the [three races in] five weeks as an excuse. The only thing I can tell you now is that he will be back.”

Casse also reflected on the chaos of this year’s Triple Crown and picking up his first two American Classic victories.

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“It’s been an extremely good five weeks and a crazy five weeks, with lots of different emotions, that’s for sure,” he said. “We’re extremely proud of it. I’m proud of our entire team, as this has been a team effort through and through.”

Meanwhile, Mott, who saddled GI Kentucky Derby winner Country House (Lookin At Lucky) and Derby third finisher and Belmont runner-up Tacitus (Tapit), said both horses will be sent to Saratoga in the next few weeks. He added that Tacitus, who was hindered by a wide trip in the Belmont, may run back in the GII Jim Dandy S. July 27 at the Spa.

“Tacitus certainly hasn’t disgraced himself at any point,” Mott said. “Even in the Derby, where he was fourth and then was moved up to third, he ran well. And he ran well yesterday. I think most anybody who saw the race yesterday probably knew that with a different trip the outcome would have been different. For sure there are a lot of dances left in the second half of the year. I hope there are good things still to come for him.”

As for Country House, who was forced to miss the final two jewels of the Triple Crown with an illness, Mott said he has returned to the track.

“Country House is doing well. He isn’t back breezing yet, but he is back galloping and is going to the track every day,” he said. “Keeping [him and Tacitus] separate is probably going to be impossible. I think that at some point, both are going to be running in the same types of races. If it’s a prep race or something like it, naturally you’d like to separate them, but if it’s a Grade I race, if they need to run against each other, it’s like, you know what? You’ve got to be fair to both ownerships and give them their best chance.”
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The Week in Review, By Bill Finley

While the GI Belmont S. itself wasn’t exactly scintillating, the other nine stakes races on Saturday’s card were so outstanding, they not only saved the day, they may well have made this the most special day of racing you will see in a long time. With the exception of Breeders’ Cup Saturday, the Belmont S. Day card has turned into, year after year, the second best card of racing run in this country. It’s always a good day, and this one was off the charts.

All of which makes this question pertinent: After what we saw Saturday, who is the No. 1 horse in the sport?

It’s not poor Sir Winston (Awesome Again), the Belmont winner. Something tells me he’s going to have to accomplish a lot more before he starts to earn respect.

Number one right now? I’ll go with Bricks and Mortar (Giant’s Causeway), but only by a nose. That’s how good some of the other winners were on the card.

What more can you say about him than he’s a machine? He never blows anyone away, but the GI Manhattan S. was his fifth straight win and fourth this year. Thanks in large part to the $7-million GI Pegasus World Cup Turf S., he’s already earned over $4 million this year. You almost have to feel sorry for his stablemates, Robert Bruce (Chi) (Fast Company {Ire}) and Raging Bull (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}). They both ran the races of their lives to finish second and third, respectively, but just couldn’t find a way to beat Bricks and Mortar. Oh, and here’s something you probably never heard before: trainer Chad Brown finished 1-2-3 in a Grade I turf race. Cont. p7
As good as Bricks and Mortar was, and has been all year, I just have easily could have put **Mitole** (Eskendereya) in the top spot. As recently as Apr. 13, he was a sprinter who had never even started in a graded stakes race. Then he won the GIII Count Fleet Sprint H. at Oaklawn, but had still never raced beyond six furlongs. Then he won the seven-furlong GI Churchill Downs S. on Derby Day. Trainer Steve Asmussen took the kid gloves off and entered him in the GI Metropolitan H. at a mile, apparently not afraid that he was going up against what virtually everyone thought was the best field of the year. He found himself in a dogfight and runner-up McKinzie (Street Sense) didn’t have the greatest trip, but Mitole did it again. He not only won over one of the toughest fields assembled in a long time but he proved he can go a mile.

Asmussen knows his horses and if he believes that Mitole is a one-turn horse then who’s to doubt him? But wouldn’t you love to see this horse try two turns, a-mile-and-an-eighth? He has passed every test so far, so why not that one? And if he does, we may be talking Horse of the Year material.

Two career starts does not a superstar make, but would you really be that surprised if some day we are all talking about **TDN Rising Star** Guarana (Ghostzapper) as one of the best 3-year-old fillies of her era. Sure, she broke her maiden by 14 3/4 lengths in her only career start prior to Saturday, but going straight from a maiden win into a Grade I is asking an awful lot of a horse. She didn’t just handle the task, she made it look ridiculously easy, winning by six lengths. Chad Brown (there’s that guy again) can now pick his spots from among the GI Mother Goose S., GI Coaching Club American Oaks and GI Alabama S. He might not go in all three, but you can already etch Guarana’s name on the trophies for whichever of those spots she shows up in. **Cont. p8**

NEW STAKES WINNER

The Mike Maker owned and trained **SECOND MATE**, runner-up in the **Sunshine Millions Turf** earlier this year, rallied from off the pace and closed with authority to draw off by a length and a quarter in the **$100,000 Soldier’s Dance Stakes** at Gulfstream.

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Rushing Fall (hey, another Chad Brown-trainee) showed she’s the queen of her division when winning the GI Just A Game S. Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute), another beast, proved she’s the best older dirt filly or mare in the country when winning the GI Ogden Phipps S. It will be fascinating to see what will happen when and if her 2018 nemesis Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) gets back to the races to take on her old rival again.

The turf sprinter division might be the least sexy in racing, but has anyone ever seen a better one than World of Trouble (Kantharos)? He won his fifth straight and seven of his last eight by beating Om (Munnings) in the GI Jaipur Invitational S. (Om, by the way, is the answer to a great trivia question. He’s one of two horses in history to defeat American Pharoah {Pioneerof the Nile}, which he did in Pharoah’s debut way back in 2014. The other is Keen Ice {Curlin} in the 2015 GI Travers S.)

Much can change between now and Breeders’ Cup Day and we still really don’t know how good Maximum Security (New Year’s Day) is. But something tells me we saw the Horse of the Year perform on Saturday’s card and that their victory that day helped push them a long way toward that title.

Congratulations to all of the above mentioned horses and the other winners on the day. Congratulations as well to the entire NYRA team for putting on a great, great, great day and week of racing. Not only were the races outstanding, but not one horse was injured during the three-day Belmont Festival.

Okay, so it hasn’t been a stellar year for 3-year-old males, but maybe there’s a silver lining to that cloud. Any time a 3-year-old colt dominates his division or comes anywhere close to it, they’re done--off to stud. At this point the “four” Triple Crown winners have a lot more to prove until someone bowls their owners over with offers to stand them at stud. If they stay healthy, it’s very possible that Maximum Security, Country House (Lookin At Lucky), War of Will (War Front) and Sir Winston should all be back next year. Cont. p9
Undefeated GUARANA followed up an eye-catching 14 3/4-length MdSpWt victory in her career debut and became her sire’s 12th G1 winner with a scintillating 6-length score in Saturday’s $700,000 Acorn S. (G1) at Belmont, setting a new stakes record of 1:33.58 for one mile in just her second start.

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Who doesn’t love Jose Ortiz? He’s among the best young riders this sport has ever seen, but the Belmont was not his finest hour. While Joel Rosario on Sir Winston, did a great job saving ground, Ortiz never got anywhere close to the rail with Tacitus (Tapit). According to the Trakus data, Tacitus ran 65 feet farther than Sir Winston did. Tacitus was the “fastest” horse in the race, traveling the distance at an average rate of 37.1 miles per hour, as compared to 36.9 for Sir Winston. Obviously, breaking from the 10 post didn’t help, but if he could have ever found a way to get closer to the rail on either turn, Tacitus would have won the race.

Not that it mattered since War of Will (War Front) just didn’t have it, but jockey Tyler Gaffalione was another who never got anywhere close to the fence. War of Will traveled 57 feet farther than Sir Winston did. When a race is won by a length, which is roughly eight feet, don’t think these things don’t make a difference.

Adding to Tacitus’s problems, it appeared that the rail at Belmont was he best part of the racetrack. It wasn’t an overwhelming bias, but with the exception of the GI Woody Stephens S., won by Hog Creek Hustle (Overanalyze), virtually all of the dirt race winners were on or near the rail throughout most of the trip. That might explain how the seemingly overmatched Joevia (Shanghai Bobby) ran third in the Belmont, beaten only 1 3/4 lengths. Jockey Jose Lezcaneo stayed glued to the rail the whole time.

This didn’t get much attention, but it should have. Earlier in the week, the New York Gaming Commission announced that New York State Equine Medical Director, Dr. Scott E. Palmer, VMD, and the stewards would be available to address questions from the media regarding incidents, inquiries, objections or rulings that occur during racing in the Belmont Stakes Festival.

After the debacle when the Churchill stewards refused to take any questions from the media following the disqualification of Maximum Security and ducked for cover, The NY Gaming Commission and NYRA showed that they get it, that transparency is always important, especially when hundreds of millions of dollars in betting and purse monies are on the line.

Hopefully, someone at Churchill was paying attention.

THE HEARTLAND BECKONS: ROAD TRIP TO FAIRMOUNT PARK
by T.D. Thornton

My wife is on a quest to visit all 50 states in America, and now that we’re down to the last 10, we have a deal: She gets to pick the destination, but I choose the itinerary. A couple months back, when she suggested Missouri for a long weekend in June, it didn’t take long for me to craft a plan--some hiking in the Ozarks, a stay in St. Louis to catch a Cardinals ballgame, and the highlight (for me at least), a Saturday night jaunt into nearby Illinois for racing under the lights at Fairmount Park.

After we booked the trip, our hometown hockey team, the Boston Bruins, got matched up against the St. Louis Blues for the Stanley Cup Final. Mrs. Thornton suggested we look into getting Game 3 tickets for Saturday--wouldn’t that be awesome? Putting aside the fact that $900 nosebleed seats are well beyond a Thoroughbred journalist’s budget, I reminded her that no self-respecting racetrack degenerate would pass up the opportunity to visit a different track for the first time--especially the ones that are slowly sliding off the grid.

Fairmount, which dates to 1925, has been on the endangered species list for years thanks to competing riverboat casinos in Missouri and the too-familiar laundry list of reasons why Thoroughbred venues everywhere are struggling right now. They race just two days a week for the Apr. 16-Sep. 14 season, and it is hard to imagine the southern Illinois heyday of the 1950s and 60s when Fairmount and nearby Cahokia Downs anchored a competitive regional racing circuit.

Everywhere you went in St. Louis on the first weekend in June, it was being touted as the biggest sports weekend in the city’s history because of Cards/Cubs and Blues/Bruins.

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You'd chat in the hotel elevator with a stranger, and they'd ask which game you were going to on Saturday night. We got a lot of blank stares when we said we'd be at the rail at Fairmount Park.

I surmised we'd have plenty of room trackside. Given all the hoopla going on in St. Loo, my prediction was that this would be the least-attended day of racing I ever dragged my wife to, and she has endured more than her share of trips to leaky-roof tracks.

We pointed the rental car east across the Mississippi, which was cresting toward record flooding after weeks of relentless rain upstream. An entire riverfront boulevard behind the famed Gateway Arch was drowned under brown, swirling water, and you wouldn't even know it was there except for the head of a very large statue poking up above the ooze. The phrase "Hell or high water" came to mind as I prepared to pay respects to Fairmount.

Collinsville, Illinois, is only a dozen miles away but a world removed from downtown St. Louis. We got off the interstate an exit before the track with the hope that a little karma would rub off on us at the Cahokia Mounds historic site, which in the 13th century was a thriving Native American urban center that was once "one of the greatest cities of the world." Today, the remaining 1.5 miles to Fairmount stand as a testament to what civilization has done in 800 years since: Stop & Go Liquor, Herman's Pawn Shop, Pawn King, and Outlaw Scrap Metal provide a bleak gauntlet on the road to pari-mutuel glory. The track itself is flanked by the tractor-trailer hum of I-55 and a wastewater treatment plant. A water tower in the shape of a gigantic catsup bottle, billed as the world's tallest, juts like a lonely sentinel of roadside Americana 170 feet above this well-worn city of 25,000.

We turned into the Fairmount main gate and encountered a sight I had not prepared myself to see: A small army of parking flaggers fervently waving a robust line of cars into the free lot that was nearly halfway full some 90 minutes before first post. What were all these people doing here? My prediction about Fairmount being desolate turned out to be the first of my usual series of bad guesses at the races.

We were conspicuous out-of-towners because of our lack of Blues and Cards garb. The $13 “Party at the Park” promotion was the main draw, with a live band belting out 80s rock, the buffet line doubling back on itself, and pints of good local craft beer going for a ridiculously-cheap $3 a pop. Each of the evening's seven races had a sponsor, and my attempt to peek into the clubhouse dining area was met with a friendly rebuff that it was booked solid for ticketed group sales events. This is a track that is supposed to be on its last legs?

The problem, of course, is that hardly anybody in this throng bets. One rolling double pool was $567 and the on-track handle for the night ended up being $65,948. The crowd was five deep at the rail, with lots of kids running around and young'uns hoisted atop shoulders to see the ponies in the neatly landscaped paddock. These fans cheered everything--horses going into the gate, horses hurtling down the stretch, and even the brilliant lightning show that stopped the card partway through and forced everyone into the bunker of a grandstand that has barely changed since 1974 when a fire consumed the first one, save for banks of simulcast TVs and self-service bet machines.

The racing? It was about what you'd expect, and I don't say that disparagingly because I firmly believe the sport needs lower-level venues like Fairmount to survive.

The June 1 program was the first of the year to have a race with more than seven starters. An 0-for-22 maiden won the opener for a 1-for-71 trainer. The third race included three tough 10-year-old geldings. The fifth had an 11-year-old maiden. Victor Santiago, the meet's second winningest jockey, had ridden at Arlington that afternoon, bombed down to Fairmount at night, then went back to Arlington for mounts on Sunday, a round trip of some 700 miles. Fairmount's announcer, Keith Nelson, commutes from near Kansas City twice a week, a 540-mile out-and-back. For everyone involved, that's a tough way to make a living.

When I got home two days later, news broke that the Illinois General Assembly had passed a massive gambling expansion and the governor was poised to sign a bill to allow racetracks to add slot machines, table games and sports betting. Brian Zander, Fairmount’s president, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that $7,000 per-race purses would roughly double. Fairmount currently cards 287 races annually. It is unclear where they will get the horses to satisfy the new minimum requirement of 700 races per season.

Nearly three decades into the racino era, Thoroughbred venues all across the land are having trouble giving away the embarrassment of riches from gaming windfalls because of the nationwide horse shortage. So it’s not as if Fairmount's quality of racing should be expected to improve dramatically.

But I get a sense that the little guys in Collinsville scored an overlooked victory in sports-crazed metro St. Louis, so the enthusiastic race fans there are entitled to party like it's 1999 if they want to.
OBS BREEZE SHOW CONCLUDES
by Jessica Martini

The under-tack preview of the Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company’s June Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training concluded with a fifth session in Central Florida Sunday. During a rain-delayed session, another two juveniles tied the week’s fastest furlong time of :9 4/5, while the day’s quickest quarter-mile time was :20 4/5. A day after Come Dancing (Malibu Moon) finished second in the GI Ogden Phipps S., her half-sister by Ghostzapper turned in the week’s co-fastest three-furlong work of :32 3/5.

A filly by More Than Ready (hip 1037), supplemented to the June catalogue, worked the co-bullet furlong time of :9 4/5 for the McKathan Bros. consignment. The dark bay filly is out of Italian group winner Omaticaya (Ire) (Bernstein).

“I expected her to go fast. She has been fast pretty much all year long,” Kevin McKathan said. “She’s been to several sales, so she goes out and does her job every time.”

The filly worked at the OBS March sale, as well as last month’s Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale, where she went a furlong in :10 1/5, but she was withdrawn from both auctions.

“At the end of the day, we just haven’t found the right person for her,” McKathan said. “We’ve been a little bullish on her all year. This is the last sale, so we’ll find somewhere for her to live, I hope.”

“It rained [Saturday] in the early morning and through mid-morning,” McKathan said. “Today it started off nice and by the second break, we went on a delay, so we’ve been fighting the weather since about 8:30 or 9 a.m. and there has been lightning and rain.”

McKathan is expecting the demand for horses to stretch into the last juvenile sale of the season.

“It seems like everyone is here and anxious to find something,” he said.

Harris Training Center sent out a colt from the first crop of Grade I winner Lea (First Samurai) (hip 893) to work the furlong in :9 4/5. Named Unconquered Lea, the chestnut is out of Tanquerray (Good Journey). He was bred in California by Fortuna Ranch Racing and Demetrios Shelle Xanthos.

Over the five sessions of the breeze show, 11 horses shared the :9 4/5 furlong bullet time.

A gelding from the first crop of graded winner Bahamian Squall (Gone West) (hip 881) turned in the fastest quarter-mile breeze at OBS Sunday, covering the distance in :20 4/5. Consigned by Nice and Easy Thoroughbreds, the dark bay is out of Super Trooper (Posse). He was bred in Florida by Pamela Edel.

Three horses shared the week’s bullet quarter-mile time of :20 3/5.

A filly by Ghostzapper (hip 914) tied the week’s fastest three-furlong time when covering the distance in :32 3/5 Sunday. The bay filly is consigned by Gayle Woods, as agent for Eric Delvalle. The juvenile is out of graded stakes winner Tizahit (Tiznow) and is a half-sister to graded stakes winner Come Dancing (Malibu Moon), who since the catalogue was printed won the GII Ruffian S. and was second behind Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute) in Saturday’s GI Ogden Phipps S.

“She is a very classy-acting filly and a great mover,” said Woods. “I was very happy with her work—she galloped out like a beast. She galloped out in :44 3/5 and :59 1/5. She has got everything. She vets good, she is a beautiful mover with a huge walk on her and she is very pretty. And with the update, and Ghostzapper is hot, too, I think she’ll be very popular.”

Delvalle purchased the filly for $67,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

“Eric Antonio Delvalle is a new client,” Woods said. “Crestwood had horses for him and I’ve worked with Crestwood, so they advised him to send the filly to me. Originally, we were going to put her in the April sale, but she is a May baby and I ended up taking her out before the catalogue went to print. I said, ‘I think the filly will benefit with another couple of months and we should wait and go to the June sale to give her all the time to mature.’ And I think it paid off pretty well.”

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Also Ran: Sly Beauty, Silent Sonet, Crazy Sweet, Straitoutapopcorn, Devine Mischief. Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCIS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Summer Sunday remained unbeaten at Woodbine in six career starts with a convincing success in the GIII Hendrie S. Sunday at the Etobicoke oval.

Debuting a five-length victress here two summers ago, the bay repeated in the restricted Nandi S. and Muskoka S. before heading to the bench for over seven months. Suffering her first defeat when last of nine in the GIII Beaumont S. debutting as a 3-year-old at Keeneland last April, she returned to her home base to conquer the Ontario-bred Fury S. Shelved once again, this time for nearly a full year, she was again last in Lexington, in an optional claimer Apr. 11, before annexing the restricted Ballade S. back here May 11.

Made a clear favorite in this spot, Summer Sunday came away smoothly before tracking from a bit of a tight spot between horses in third past a slow :23.33 quarter. Finding daylight heading into the turn, she drew even with pacesetting Sly Beauty (Into Mischief) passing a :46.09 half and took charge at the top of the lane. Skipping clear past the furlong grounds, she remained in command to the wire as Katie Baby made a late charge to nab second from longshot Alnilah. Sly Beauty faded to fourth.

“She’s just a dream horse,” said winning trainer Stuart Simon. “She is better than her form does say on dirt, believe me. I really think she’d run on the grass too. She’s just that type of horse--on the lead, off the lead, probably run farther--she’s a dream horse.”

Pedigree Notes:
Summer Sunday is the third foal out of Dancing Allstar, who was an eight-time stakes winner in Canada and the Sovereign Award-winning 2-year-old filly of 2007. She captured the GIII Whimsical S. over this strip two seasons later and was fourth in this very event next out. Also the producer of MSW Trini Brewnette, she has a juvenile Noble Mission (GB) filly named Mission City Girl, a yearling colt by Tale of Ekati and a Bernardini filly foaled Mar. 29.

MEMORIAL FOR CRUPI MONDAY AT OBS
A Celebration of Life for noted horseman James “J.J.” Crupi is scheduled for Monday, June 10 at the Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company auditorium, 1701 S.W. 60th Avenue, Ocala FL, 34474 at 4:30 p.m. Crupi, who passed away Thursday, May 23 at the age of 79, enjoyed a long, distinguished career in the Thoroughbred industry. After spending years successfully training horses in the Northeast, he went to Ocala in 1995 and established Crupi’s New Castle Training Center, where he was responsible for developing many top class horses, both for the races and sales ring.

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Exotic Wager, who was purchased by Bert Klein for $285,000 as a 2-year-old at the 2001 Keeneland April sale, produced a colt by Country Day last year. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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ROBBELLINO S., $100,000, Penn National, 6-9, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:39.77, fm.
1--FAST AND ACCURATE, 119, h, 5, Hansen--It’s Heidi’s Dance, by Green Dancer. ($24,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; $85,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-Skychai Racing LLC, Kendall E. Hansen and Sand Dollar Stable LLC; B-John R. Penn (PA); T-Michael J. Maker; J-Tyler Conner. $55,800. Lifetime Record: GSW, 23-7-5-3, $622,827.

2--Beyond Smart, 119, g, 8, Smart Strike--Beyond the Waves, by Ocean Crest. O-Tim Girten, Donald L. Brown Jr. and Muirfield Farm; B-George Strawbridge (PA); T-Tim Girten. $18,600.

3--Driven to Compete, 119, g, 5, Overdriven--Miss Foreesta, by Grand Slam. ($130,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-Repolo Stable; B-Eico Stable & Glenn E. Brok LLC. (PA); T-T Pletcher. $10,230.
Headed late and having to settle for second in a Keeneland allowance Apr. 5, the 5-year-old was installed the 6-5 choice here. Settled in a stalking position through honest early splits, the grey moved up to take over from leading Saratoga Jack (Emperor Tiberius) nearing the quarter pole. Three wide off the turn, he drew clear late to score by an easy 5 1/2-furlong margin over Beyond Smart with Driven to Compete third. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

**DESSERT CODE S.,** $91,000, Santa Anita, 6-9, 3yo, 5fT, :55.21, fm.
1--**LISTING, 124, c, 3,** by Square Eddie
   1st Dam: Marquis Diamond, by Yonaguska
   2nd Dam: Diamonds to Me, by Belong to Me
   3rd Dam: Nanerpeal, by Valid Appeal
   O/B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Ben D. A. Cecil; J-Mario Gutierrez. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, $225,400.
   *Full to More Complexity, SW, [$233,470]; Green with Eddie, SW, [$134,570].

2--**Legends of War, 122, c, 3,** Scat Daddy--Madera Dancer, by Rahy. ($200,000 Ylg ’17 FTKTUR; 900,000gns 2yo ’18 TATBRE). O-C T R Stables LLC (Calvert), Qatar Racing Limited and Steven Keh; B-DP Racing, LLC (KY); T-Doug F. O’Neill. $15,500.

3--**Rafal, 120, c, 3,** Alpha--Forever Valentine, by Silver Deputy. ($18,000 Ylg ’17 OBSOCT; $150,000 2yo ’18 OBSAPR). O-RRR Racing, Inc.; B-Sequel Stallions New York LLC (NY); T-Bob Baffert. $9,300.

**THIRSTY FISH S.,** $75,000, Gulfstream, 6-9, 3yo, 7f (off turf), 1:23.48, sy.
1--**ART G IS BACK, 119, c, 3,** by Exchange Rate
   1st Dam: Fortune Candy, by Milwaukee Brew
   2nd Dam: Freedom Come, by Lit de Justice
   3rd Dam: Zee Lady, by Unreal Zelad ($75,000 Ylg ’17 KEESEP; $90,000 2yo ’18 OBSAPR).
   1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Monarch Stables, Inc.; B-Isabella A Rio & Caballo Grande TB’s LLC (FL); T-Ronald B. Spatz; J-Miguel Angel Vasquez. $45,570. Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-2, $123,275.

2--**Sharetheblame, 119, c, 3,** Blame--Janice Sue, by Harlan’s Holiday. ($28,000 Ylg ’17 KEESEP; $32,000 2yo ’18 OBSOPN). O-Mike Anderson and Benjamin Scherlis; B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Juan Arriagada. $14,700.

3--**Jackson, 123, c, 3,** Kantharos--Deposit Only, by Put It Back.
   O-Tracy Pinchin; B-Tracy Pinchin (FL); T-Jose Pinchin. $7,350.
   Margins: 2, 1, 3. Odds: 3.60, 5.70, 0.80.
   Also Ran: Fully Loaded, Timmy M., Stirling Drive, Unionizer. Scratched: Undaunted, Forever Mo, Vita Dolce, Machiavelli, Scrap, Vow Me Now.

A winner on the dirt in his sole start at two, Art G Is Back hit the board in four of six starts this season, including a third in Gulfstream’s Mar. 30 Cutler Bay S. followed by a nose second in the English Channel S. May 4. A distant third against Florida bred in an optional claimer May 25, he was given a 7-2 chance this time.

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Margins: 2 1/4, 2 1/4, NO. Odds: 3.90, 3.40, 3.00.
Also Ran: Ginger Nut (Ire), Alleva. Scratched: Strictly Biz.

Listing, a debut winner in Del Mar’s state-bred I’m Smokin S. last August, took his second start of 2019 in Santa Anita’s grassy California Cup Turf Sprint over 6 1/2 furlongs in January. Third when returned to the dirt for the Apr. 6 Echo Eddie S., the bay tired late to be fourth in the mile Silky Sullivan S. over the Golden Gate turf Apr. 28. Sent to pressure Rafal along the inside through a crisp opening quarter in :21.24, Listing poked his nose in front approaching the home turn. Gaining valuable inches as he cut the corner in front, Listing drew off late en route to an authoritative 2 1/4-length score over Legends of War. Rafal held on for third.

“He ran really good,” said winning rider Mario Gutierrez. “He was sharp today. I was able to sit pretty comfortably with Baffert’s horse [Rafal] and I was able to move with him before I got pressure from those other horses.” Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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A close-up second through moderate early splits over the soggy going, the grey poked his nose in front while three wide on the turn, inched clear through the lane and was ahead by a comfortable two lengths at the wire. Sharetheblame was second while Jackson rounded out the trifecta.

Fortune Candy, a half sister to graded winner and Grade I placed Harlem Rocker (Macho Uno), has an unraced 2-year-old colt by Lea and a yearling colt by Violence. She was bred to Keen Ice this season. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

SMART N CLASSY H., $75,000, Monmouth, 6-9, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.27, ft.

1—HOROLOGIST, 125, f, 3, Gemologist--Cinderella Time, by Stephen Got Even. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O—There's A Chance Stable; B—Holly Crest Farm (NJ); T—John F. Mazza; J—Joe Bravo. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-2, $173,105.

2—Crazy Daisy, 121, m, 5, Sky Mesa--Shezacrazygirl, by Ide. O—Lyno E. Maraspin; B—Red Oak Stable (NJ); T—Miguel Penaloya. $15,000.

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3—Billy’s Jump Start, 122, m, 5, Jump Start--Lord Billy, by Lord Carson. O—Lima Horse Racing LLC; B—Hidden Acres 4-D Farm (NJ); T—Jaime Cruz. $7,500. Margins: 1 3/4, 4HF, 1HF. Odds: 0.05, 12.70, 22.10. Also Ran: Kodiak Katie, Postino's Secret, Single Broad. Scratched: Canoochee, Beatubyachubinose.

Third in Gulfstream’s six-furlong House Party S. in December, Horologist was runner-up in the Glitter Woman S. in January before finishing fifth in the seven-panel Gill Forward Gal S. Feb. 2. A winner trying a mile against optional claiming foes at the Hallandale oval Mar. 8, she received a brief freshener before returning with a five-length romp in a Monmouth optional claimer May 25. Pounded down to 1-20 favoritism in this stakes debut, she took a narrow lead over Crazy Daisy early, registering initial splits of :24.32 and :48.41. A length clear of that rival in early stretch, she inched ahead late to score by 1 3/4 lengths. True Dream (Yes It's True) was second. Area, a $70,000 FTKOCT yearling, sold for $140,000 at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale. Isabell’s Shoes produced a colt by Blame last year and a colt by First Samurai this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**Lifetime Record:** 7-3-2-1, $184,318.

O—Alex & JoAnn Lieblong; B—Patricia B. Blass (KY); T—Steven M. Asmussen.

“**She had to run every step of the way this race,”** said the 82-year-old Mazza. “I didn’t want that to happen, but that’s what happened. It’s probably going to take a little bit out of her. They definitely tried to beat her.” **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**ALLOTMENTS**

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**8th-Churchill Downs, $95,193, Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 6-9, 3yo/1up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45.37, sy.**

AREA (f, 4, Street Sense--Isabell’s Shoes {SW}, by King of Kings {Ire}) graduated over this track and trip last June and resurfaced nine months later to win an Oaklawn allowance by 3 1/4 lengths last time out Apr. 19. The 8-5 favorite settled off the pace in a strung-out field. She improved her position turning for home, but was last into the stretch before skimming through along the rail to take over with a furlong to run and gliding clear to win by 4 1/4 lengths. True Dream (Yes It's True) was second. Area, a $70,000 FTKOCT yearling, sold for $140,000 at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale. Isabell’s Shoes produced a colt by Blame last year and a colt by First Samurai this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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7th-Laurel, $48,300, Alw, 6-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.79, ft.
COMPOUND IT (c, 3, Super Saver--Tejida {MGSP, $278,284}, by Rahy) graduated in his route debut in the Parx slop May 14 and was given a 3-1 chance to make it two straight here. In front early, he led at every call, was clear of Smart Time (Bernardini) in the stretch and was a length clear of that foe at the wire. Tejida, out of graded-stakes winning Batique (Storm Cat), hails from the family of English and UAE Highweight route horse Hawksbill (Kitten’s Joy). The 16-year-old mare produced a filly by Vancouver (Aus) this season. Sales history: $280,000 Ylg ’17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, $56,390. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Colts Neck Stables LLC; B-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust (KY); T-Jorge Duarte Jr.

7th-Arlington, $31,000, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($18,000), 6-9, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:40.88, gd.
BURNSIDE (g, 4, War Front--Rehear, by Coronado’s Quest) graduated in his second start over the Churchill turf in September 2017 and resurfaced just last month to finish fifth, promoted to fourth, in an off-turfer at Arlington May 18. Adding blinkers here, the 7-2 shot jostled with rivals soon after the break and drifted out cornering into the first turn while racing keenly in second. He pulled his way to the lead after a half in :50.55 and held on determinedly late to best favored Birdsnest Party (Twirling Candy) by a neck. Burnside, a $595,000 OBSMAR juvenile, is a half-brother to Mani Bhavan (Storm Boot, GISW, $267,000); and to Hear the Ghost (Ghostzapper, GSW, $382,762); Closing Bell (Tapit, SW & GISP, $556,833). Rehear produced colts by American Pharoah in 2017 and 2018 and a colt by Arrogate in 2019. Her 2-year-old recently sold to bloodstock agent Justin Casse for €190,000 at last month’s Arqana May sale. Her 8-year-old daughter Court Appeal, in foal to Tonalist, sold for $50,000 at this year’s Keeneland January sale and that mare’s 2-year-old filly by City Zip worked a furlong at OBS last week in a bullet :9 4/5 and sells Monday as hip 199.
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O-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch; B-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
3rd-Churchill Downs, $93,386, Msw, 6-9, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46.60, sy.
SEEK THE PEAK (c, 3, Curlin--Lady Alexander {MSW, $371,408}, by Exchange Rate), entered here for main track only, was ninth over the turf in his one-mile debut at Fair Grounds Mar. 23 and was seventh trying a furlong farther over the Keeneland lawn Apr. 25. The 5-2 shot was unhurried from his outside post and trailed the field around the first turn. He began picking off foes on the final bend, closed resolutely down the lane, and strode clear late to graduate by 3 1/4 lengths. Bold Paynter (Paynter) was second. Seek the Peak RNA’d for $90,000 as a KEESEP yearling and brought $90,000 as a Texas April juvenile. Coteau Grove purchased Lady Alexander for $410,000 at the 2010 Keeneland November sale. The mare sold in foal to Flatter for $85,000 at the 2016 Keeneland November and, in foal to Keen Ice, for $10,000 at the 2018 Keeneland November sale. She has a yearling colt by Oxbow. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $55,112.
O-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch; B-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

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4th-Churchill Downs, $92,974, Msw, 6-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.79, wf.

DOS VINOS (f, 3, Twirling Candy--Gatorette, by Distorted Humor) was second, beaten half-length by subsequent ‘TDN Rising Star’ With Dignity (Declaration of War), in her May 11 debut at this oval. Favoring at 3-5 in this second start, the gray filly was hustled out to the early lead and was in hand through fractions of :22.11 and :45.70. Dos Vinos turned back Sail On (Into Mischief) at midstretch and drew away to win by 5 1/2 lengths. The winner, a half-sister to China Grove (City Zip, SW, $170,111), was a $230,000 KEESEP yearling. Gatorette produced a filly by Mastery this year. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Lifetime Record: 2:1-1-0, $71,848.

O-Tom R. Durant; B-Justice Farm & Bob McCann (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun.

6th-Churchill Downs, $88,098, Msw, 6-9, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:44.19, sy.

RY’S THE GUY (c, 3, Distorted Humor--Sleepytime {Ire} {G1SW-Eng, $239,946}, by Royal Academy), a $90,000 FTktur yearling, was coming off a runner-up effort sprinting over this main track May 12. The 2-1 shot, who would have been making his turf debut, was always in striking distance and grabbed the lead at the top of the stretch before splashing clear to win by six lengths. Favoring Felix the Fox (Tapit) was second. The winner is a half-brother to Gentleman’s Deal (Ire) (Danehill, GSW-Eng, $276,549); Spanish Harlem (Ire) (Danehill, GSP); and Hathal (Speightstown, GSW-Eng & SP-Fr, $233,588). Sleepytime has an unraced full-sister named Secret Keeper and her dam has an unraced full-sister named Secret Keeper and her dam

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O-Lothenbach Stables LLC (KY); T-Clifford W. Sise, Jr.

7th-Churchill Downs, $69,473, Msw, 6-9, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.63, sy.

EL TIZAR (c, 3, Uncle Mo--One More Strike, by Smart Strike), dismissed at 11-1, broke alertly, but was taken in hand and settled off the pace. He rallied four wide into the stretch and kicked into gear late to power to the lead for a 2 3/4-length victory. One More Strike, a full-sister to stakes winner and graded placed Tom’s D’Etat, produced a colt by American Pharoah in 2018. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Lifetime Record: 1:1-0-0, $30,128.

O/B-Suzanne Stables, LLC (MN); T-Michael A. Tomlinson.

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8th-Santa Anita, $66,404, Msw, 6-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.60, fm.

MISS HOT LEGS (f, 3, Verrazano--Expo Gold, by Johannesburg) was second over this course and trip in her May 18 unveiling and was adding Lasix for this second start. The even-money favorite sprinted out to the early lead and zipped through fractions of :21.35 and :44.09 before striding home an unchallenged 3 1/4-length winner. Taylor and Burton (Pioneerof the Nile) was second. In foal to Danzing Candy, Expo Gold was purchased by Blue Chip Thoroughbreds for $15,000 at the CTBA January sale this year. She produced a colt this year and also has a Daredevil yearling colt. Miss Hot Legs, a $100,000 FTkoct yearling, sold for $275,000 at last year’s OBS April sale. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $52,000.

O-Qatar Racing Limited and TNIP, LLC; B-Avalon Farms, Inc. (KY); T-Simon Callaghan.

9th-Santa Anita, $66,053, Msw, 6-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.47, ft.

INTO CHOCOLATE (f, 3, Into Mischief--Candy Drawer, by Candy Ride {Arg}), the 3-2 favorite, was third sprinting six furlongs at this track in her Apr. 12 bow. On the lead in the early strides, she ceded her advantage and raced along the rail just in behind the pacesetter while avoiding the traffic of a host of challengers to her outside. Tipped out three wide turning for home, she split rivals and surged to the lead with a furlong to run before holding off Loving Moment (Uncle Mo) by 3/4 lengths. Into Chocolate has an unraced full-sister named Secret Keeper and her dam produced a colt by Union Rags this year. Candy Drawer is a half-sister to multiple Grade I winner Harmonious (Dynafomer). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Lifetime Record: 2:1-0-1, $45,600.

O/B-Pam & Martin Wygod (KY); T-Clifford W. Sise, Jr.

6th-Gulfstream, $62,050, Msw, 6-9, 2yo, f/m, 5fT, :55.25, sy.

LIAM’S LUCKY CHARM (c, 2, Khozan--P. S. I Love You, by Stormy Atlantic) was well supported when third in his career debut over track and trip May 12 and was installed the even-money choice to get off the mark here. Liam’s Lucky Charm, Pricey Victory (Gemologist) and Scarto (Paynter) raced three abreast through the opening quarter in :22.83. inching clear of Scarto as Pricey Victory started to retreat at the quarter pole, the bay swept into the stretch four paths wide, drew clear of Scarto late and was 6 3/4 lengths ahead of that rival at the wire. This is the fourth winner for his freshman sire (by Distorted Humor). P.S. I Love You is a half-sister to graded-stakes winner Twice As Bad (Stormy Atlantic).
She produced a full sister to the winner last season followed by a colt by He’s Had Enough this term. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $49,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O/B-Stonehedge LLC (FL); T-Ralph E. Nicks.

2nd-Belmont, $62,000, (S), Msw, 6-9, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.26, fm.
OPT (g, 3, Will Take Charge—Grandmas' Girl, by Miesque's Son), a well-beaten fifth over a sloppy main track in his Feb. 8 debut at Aqueduct, was adding Lasix and moving to the turf for this second start. Let go at 9-1, the bay gelding settled in midpack behind a half-mile in :49.53. He rallied four wide into the lane, forged to the lead in deep stretch and sailed home a 2 3/4-length winner. Danfusi (Fusachi Pegasus) was second. Opt was a $190,000 Fasig-Tipton New York-bred Yearling purchase. He is a half-brother to Songsational (Unbridled), who produced group winner Gold Crest (Mr. Prospector) and Grade I winner Scoot (Mr. Prospector).

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O-DARRS, Inc.; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Michael Stidham.

STAKES RESULTS:

LYPHARD S., $100,000, Penn National, 6-9, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.98, fm.
1--IMPLY, 121, m, 6, E Dubai--Allude (MSP), by Orientate. O/B-Barlar LLC (PA); T-T. Bernard Houghton; J-Julio A. Hernandez. $59,400. Lifetime Record: 26-10-7-2, $619,228. *1/2 to Dancinthecircle (Divine Park), SW & GSP, $121,240; Advert (Lonhro {Aus}), SW, $226,458.
2--Wildcat Cartridge, 119, m, 5, Messner--Her Lady Grace, by Lord Carson. O-Nicolby Racing Stable LLC; B-Donald L. Brown (PA); T-Mark V. Salvaggio. $19,800.
3--Smokinpaddylassie, 123, f, 4, Paddy O'Prado--Smoking Kitty, by Macho Uno. O-Edward & Gloria Bruzek; B-Richard Simoff (PA); T-Edward J. Coletti, Jr. $10,890.
Margins: 3 3/4, 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.10, 19.50, 8.50.

NICOLE’S DREAM S., $75,000, Gulfstream, 6-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), $57.77, sy.
1--LADY’S ISLAND, 120, m, 5, Greatness--Broadway Martha, by Broad Brush. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Matties Racing Stable LLC and Averill Racing LLC; B-Bailey Bolen (FL); T-Georgina Baxter; J-Emisael Jaramillo. $46,500. Lifetime Record: 22-9-3-3, $226,175.
2--Catharsis, 120, f, 4, Kantharos--Wicklow Sunshine, by Mr. Greeley. ($10,000 Ylg '16 OBSWIN). O-Michael Napoli; B-Connie Scanlon (FL); T-Aubrey A. Maragh. $15,000.
3--Violent Times, 120, f, 4, Violence--Make Time, by Empire Maker. ($10,000 Ylg '16 FTKFEB; $41,000 Ylg '16 FTKJUL). O-Thoroughbred Acquisition Group LLC; B-C Biscuit Racing, Island Peak Stables, Squire Thoroughbreds & The Maryland Group (PA); T-Ralph E. Nicks. $7,500.
Margins: 9, 1, 1 3/4. Odds: 0.70, 4.40, 1.80.
MR. MESO S., (NB) $53,000, Suffolk Downs, 6-9, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.73, ft.  

DR BLARNEY, 124, g, 6, Dublin--Dr. Capote, by Capote. O/B-Joseph DiRico (MA); T-Karl M. Grusmark; J-Tammi Piermarini. $30,500. Lifetime Record: 27-19-1-4, $598,640.  

THE DOC IS IN, 121, g, 5, Dublin--Dr. Capote, by Capote. O/B-Joseph DiRico (MA); T-Karl M. Grusmark; J-Tammi Piermarini. $30,500. Lifetime Record: 27-19-1-4, $598,640.  

LOUISE KIMBALL S., (NB) $52,000, Suffolk Downs, 6-9, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:13.06, ft.  
SUCCESSFUL SAINT, 121, g, 3, Successful Appeal--Immaculata, by Marco Bay. O-Anthony Zizza; B-Walmac Farm LLC & Anthony Martin Zizza III (MA); T-Dylan Clarke; J-Jose Baez. $30,500. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, $83,680.  

Sydney's Magic, 118, f, 3, Sidney's Candy--Loramateal, by Storm Creek. O-Dylan Clarke; B-Winifred H. Sienkewicz (MA); T-Dylan Clarke. $10,500.  

GOODBYEGUINNESSBOK, 119, g, 8, Orientate--Dixie Says Goodbye, by Dixie Brass. O-Theresa Horky; B-Theresa L Horky & Keith Shelansky (MA); T-Jonathan B. Buckley. $5,500.  

MARGINS: 9, 3HF, 3.  

LOUISE KIMBALL S., (NB) $52,000, Suffolk Downs, 6-9, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:13.06, ft.  
SUCCESSFUL SAINT, 121, g, 3, Successful Appeal--Immaculata, by Marco Bay. O-Anthony Zizza; B-Walmac Farm LLC & Anthony Martin Zizza III (MA); T-Dylan Clarke; J-Jose Baez. $30,500. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, $83,680.  

Sydney's Magic, 118, f, 3, Sidney's Candy--Loramateal, by Storm Creek. O-Dylan Clarke; B-Winifred H. Sienkewicz (MA); T-Dylan Clarke. $10,500.  

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MARGINS: 9, 3HF, 3.  

SPANGLED JIMMY H., C$50,000, Century Mile, 6-9, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22.91, my.  
STONE CARVER, 120, g, 4, Birdstone--Vermilion Sea (SP), by Boundary. ($35,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Riversedge Racing Stables; B-T/C Stable (KY); T-Tim Rycroft; J-Rigo Sarmiento. C$29,400. Lifetime Record: 13-5-0-1, $59,109. *1/2 to Big Lou (Malibu Moon), MSP, $205,062.  

Moon King, 116, g, 6, Malibu Moon--Goldilocks' Cat, by Storm Creek. O-Dylan Clarke; B-Winifred H. Sienkewicz (MA); T-Dylan Clarke. $10,500.  

Trooper John, 124, g, 5, Colonel John--Shouldn't We All, by Woodward. ($3,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; $21,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT). O-Riversedge Racing Stables, Ltd.; B-Smart Angle, LLP (PA); T-Tim Rycroft. C$4,900.  

MARGINS: 1 3/4, 1, 5. Odds: 3.75, 10.30, 0.80.  

REDTAIL LANDING H., (NB) C$50,000, Century Mile, 6-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.79, my.  
RAIDER, 120, f, 4, Stephanotis--Montero (SW, $205,063), by Louis Quatorze. (C$19,000 Ylg '16 BRCSEP). O-Curtis Landry; B-William Decoursey (BC); T-Greg Tracy; J-Prayven Badrie. C$28,800. Lifetime Record: 16-7-4-3, $211,465.  

Smart Fix, 116, m, 6, Kissin Kris--Char's Still Here, by Storm Creek. (C$4,700 RNA Ylg '14 ALBMIX). O-Douglas Hardy, Leanne Chiodo, Judy Frost, Jerri R Robertson, Lesley Hardy and Tim Kane; B-Pierre Esquirol (AB); T-Jerri R. Robertson. C$9,600.  

Daz Lin Dawn, 120, g, 5, Popular--Summer Bay, by Meadowlake. (C$15,000 Ylg '15 BRCSEP). O-Paul L. Caravetta, Ed Welsh and Deltin Stable; B-John Shone, Jacqui Shone & Samantha Shead (BC); T-Nancy Betts. C$4,800.  

MARGINS: HF, 1 1/4, 4 3/4. Odds: 1.80, 20.70, 5.15.  

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:  
8th-Woodbine, C$100,265 (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($45,228-$47,113), 6-9, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.81, ft.  
DIXIE'S GAMBLE (c, 4, Gamble's Exchange--Mt. Dixie, by Mt. Livermore) Lifetime Record: 7-5-0-0, $161,200. O-Ivan Dalos; B-Tall Oaks Farm (ON); T-Josie Carroll. *C$19,000 Ylg '16 CANSEP.  

9th-Churchill Downs, $95,356, 6-9, (NW1X), 3yo, 1m (off turf), 1:37.40, sy.  
FROLIC MORE (c, 3, More Than Ready--Summer Frolic, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-2, $137,351. O-Andrew Farm & On Our Own Stable, LLC; B-Bill Justice & Dr. Naoya Yoshida (KY); T-Dallas Stewart. *$80,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $25,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.  

7th-Woodbine, C$82,030, 6-9, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:14.72, fm.  
CHIRICAHUA SIGNAL (g, 7, Where's the Ring--Apache Signal, by Announce) Lifetime Record: 34-4-8-7, $231,619. O-Ken Lee, Dennis Mitchell, Donald & Gaye Bell; B-Robert & Beth Hancock (ON); T-Martin Drexler. *C$22,000 Ylg '13 CANSEP. **1/2 to Ojibway Signal (Niigon), SP, $242,162.  

9th-Belmont, $82,000, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 6-9, 3yo, 6fT, 1:07.13, fm.  
NO BANG NO BOOM (IRE) (g, 3, No Nay Never--Boom Boom Vroom, by Zensational) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, $71,230. O-Ice Wine Stable; B-Ice Wine Stable (Ire); T-Wesley A. Ward.  

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5th-Woodbine, C$76,662, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($56,535), 6-9, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.05, fm.
INVENTING BLAME (c, 3, Blame--Inventing Paradise {SP-Fr}, by Mr. Prospector) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, $66,617. O/B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Roger L. Attfield.

2nd-Woodbine, C$72,895, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($56,535), 6-9, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.23, fm.
ABOVE ALL NAMES (f, 3, Skipshot--Pleasant Amelia, by Pleasant Tap) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-2-1-1, $88,461. O-Bernie Kooner; B-Mikhail Yanakov (KY); T-Blair A. Miller. *$3,500 2yo '18 KEEJAN.

3rd-Santa Anita, $67,351, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 6-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:02.70, fm.
GUILIANA (FR) (m, 5, Zoffany {Ire}--Guiana {Ger}, by Tiger Hill {Ire}) Lifetime Record: GSP-US, SP-Ger, 17-2-1-5, $87,349. O-Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC; B-Ecurie Haras De Beauvoir, Mlle Charlotte Michenot & M. Thomas Michenot (FR); T-Leonard Powell. *$70,000 Ylg '15 ARAUG; i 150,000 4yo '18 ARQDE.

8th-Belmont, $66,000, (S), 6-9, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:33.08, fm.
EVERYONELOVESJAMES (g, 4, Freud--Lemon Meringue Fi, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, $68,130. O/B-J R Stable LLC (James R. Motzkin) (NY); T-Jonathan E. Sheppard.

3rd-Santa Anita, $67,351, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 6-9, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:33.08, fm.
EVERYONELOVESJAMES (g, 4, Freud--Lemon Meringue Fi, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, $68,130. O/B-J R Stable LLC (James R. Motzkin) (NY); T-Jonathan E. Sheppard.

9th-Golden Gate Fields, $40,384, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 6-9, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:37.72, ft.
ANGELO'S PRIDE (g, 3, Lakerville--Mollie O, by Game Plan) Lifetime Record: 11-4-0-1, $73,846. O-William Delia, Patricia George & Mike Stone; B-Bill Delia, Anthony George & Mike Stone (CA); T-William Delia.

10th-Golden Gate Fields, $35,320, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 6-8, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:38.42, ft.
HARMLESS (f, 3, Creative Cause--Acenda, by Latent Heat) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, $38,396. O-ITA Thoroughbreds; B-Rick Arzola (KY); T-Robert B. Hess, Sr.

8th-Prairie Meadows, $33,000, 6-8, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.90, ft.
REBEL ROUSER (g, 4, Dominus--Miss Laylee, by Awesome Again) Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-1, $50,198. O-Bob Porter; B-Stud El Aquila (KY); T-Gene Jacquot. *$2,500 Ylg '16 KEEJAN.

4th-Charles Town, $29,000, (S), 6-8, (NW16MX), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.28, ft.
AWSOME FAITH (g, 6, Friesan Fire--Bikini Ransom, by Red Ransom) Lifetime Record: 43-9-10-8, $215,398. O/B-Carol Hammersmith (KY); T-Jeffrey S. Allen.
1st-Lone Star, $24,000, 6-9, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 7 1/2fT, 1:29.53, fm.
HOUSTON STRONG (f, 3, Declaration of War--Arch Royal, by Arch) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, $27,495. O-Love Partnership Interests LP; B-Nordic Thoroughbreds & Giant's Causeway Syndicate (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun. *$28,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; $22,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEENA.

2nd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $19,796, (S), 6-9, (NW1X), 3yo, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:29.73, fm.
ATREYU (g, 4, Limehouse--My Darling Lily, by Street Sense) Lifetime Record: 15-3-2-2, $62,748. O-FTF Racing LLC; B-O'Sullivan Farms LLC (WV); T-Lewis E. Craig, Jr.

3rd-Lone Star, $24,000, 6-9, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 7 1/2fT, 1:29.53, fm.
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8th-Lone Star, $24,000, 6-9, (NW1X), 3/up, 1mT, 1:35.96, fm.
LETHAL MOVE (g, 4, Street Move--Lethal Temper, by Seattle Slew) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-2, $39,680. O-M and M Racing (Mike Sisk); B-Stewart Larkin Armstrong (TX); T-Karl Broberg. *1/2 to Changing Karma (Exchange Rate), SP, $181,219.

8th-Evangeline Downs, $22,740, 6-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:40.21, ft.
HAVINFUNYET (m, 5, Paddy O'Prado--Reverently {SP, $150,402}, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 28-12-7-1, $146,705. O/Cynthia Sharp & Corale A Richards; B-Alberta Davies (KY); T-Corale A. Richards. *$30,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV.

5th-Fair Meadows, $21,020, (S), 6-9, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.99, ft.
GOSPEL CHEROKEY (g, 5, Desert Key--Kaylee Queen, by Sunshine Jimmy) Lifetime Record: 26-2-1-7, $65,395. O/B/T-Steve F. Williams (OK).

6th-Hastings Racecourse, C$20,000, 6-9, (NW3L), 3/4yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17.57, ft.
SLEW'S DA BOSS (g, 4, Cause to Believe--Slewpast {MSW & MGSP, $281,769}, by Western Trick) Lifetime Record: MSP, 11-2-2-3, $53,516. O-Mel Snow, Doug Corsan & Len Houweling; B-Foundation Racing Stable (BC); T-Mel Snow. *C$6,500 Ylg '16 BRCSEP.

2nd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $19,796, (S), 6-9, (NW3L), 3/4yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17.57, ft.
ATREYU (g, 4, Limehouse--My Darling Lily, by Street Sense) Lifetime Record: 15-3-2-2, $62,748. O-FTF Racing LLC; B-O'Sullivan Farms LLC (WV); T-Lewis E. Craig, Jr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
*65,000 RNA Ylg '17 EASOCT; $80,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.
*1/2 to Hammers Terror (Artie Schiller), MSW & GSP, $522,372.

He’smyluckyfellow, c, 3, Itsmyluckyday--Sakura Ballerina, by Pure Prize. Belmont, 6-9, (S), (C), 7fT, 1:21.17. B-Allen C. Hallett (NY). *$22,000 Ylg '17 KEENOV.

Hurley, f, 3, Mucho Macho Man--Rite Moment (MGSW, $388,303), by Vicar. Golden Gate Fields, 6-8, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.53. B-Wordford Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY). *$110,000 Ylg '17 KEENOV; $235,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Moment is Right (Medaglia d'Oro), MSW, $228,445; Laudation (Congrats), SW, $100,840.

BIRDSTONE, Stone Carver, g, 4, o/o Vermillion Sea, by Boundary. Spangled Jimmy H., 6-9, Century Mile

BLAME, Inventing Blame, c, 3, o/o Inventing Paradise, by Mr. Prospector. AOC, 6-9, Woodbine

BLUEGRASS CAT, Amazing Cat, g, 4, o/o Amazing Ariel, by Mr. Nugget. MSW, 6-9, Monmouth

BUSTIN STONES, Jakarta, f, 4, Bustin Stones--T J’s Stormy Wit, by Stormello. Penn National, 6-9, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.93. B-Arrowwood Farm (PA).

3rd-Lone Star, $24,000, 6-9, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 7 1/2fT, 1:29.53, fm.
HOUSTON STRONG (f, 3, Declaration of War--Arch Royal, by Arch) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, $27,495. O-Love Partnership Interests LP; B-Nordic Thoroughbreds & Giant's Causeway Syndicate (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun. *$28,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; $22,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEENA.
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COUNTRY DAY, Break Even, f, 3, o/o Exotic Wager, by Saint Ballado. Jersey Girl S., 6-9, Belmont
CREATIVE CAUSE, Harmless, f, 3, o/o Acenda, by Latent Heat. AOC, 6-8, Golden Gate
CURLIN, Seek the Peak, c, 3, o/o Lady Alexander, by Exchange Rate. MSW, 6-9, Churchill Downs
CURLIN, Whirlin Curlin, g, 4, o/o Lexington Girl, by Storm Cat. AOC, 6-9, Laurel
DECLARATION OF WAR, Houston Strong, f, 3, o/o Arch Royal, by Arch. ALW, 6-9, Lone Star
DESERT KEY, Gospel Cherokee, g, 5, o/o Kaylee Queen, by Sunshine Jimmy. ALW, 6-9, Fair Meadows
DISTORTED HUMOR, Ry’s the Guy, c, 3, o/o Sleepyme (Ire), by Royal Academy. MSW, 6-9, Churchill Downs
DOMINUS, Rebel Rouser, g, 4, o/o Miss Laylee, by Awesome Again. ALW, 6-8, Prairie Meadows
DUBLIN, Dr Blarney, g, 6, o/o Dr. Capote, by Capote. Mr. Meso S., 6-9, Suffolk Downs
E DUBAI, Imply, m, 6, o/o Allude, by Orientate. Lyphard S., 6-9, Penn National
EXCHANGE RATE, Art G Is Back, c, 3, o/o Fortune Candy, by Milwaukee Brew. Thirsty Fish S., 6-9, Gulfstream
FIRST DEFENCE, Kathak, g, 3, o/o Short Dance, by Hennessy. MSW, 6-9, Monmouth
FREUD, Everyonelovesjames, g, 4, o/o Lemon Meringue, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 6-9, Belmont
FRIESEN FIRE, Awesome Faith, g, 6, o/o Bikini Ransom, by Red Ransom. ALW, 6-8, Charles Town
GAMBLE’S EXCHANGE, Dixie’s Gamble, c, 4, o/o Mt. Dixie, by Mt. Livermore. AOC, 6-9, Woodbine
GEMOLOGIST, Horologist, f, 3, o/o Cinderella Time, by Stephen Got Even. Smart N Classy H., 6-9, Monmouth
GREATNESS, Lady’s Island, m, 5, o/o Broadway Martha, by Broad Brush. Nicole’s Dream S., 6-9, Gulfstream
HANSEN, Fast and Accurate, h, 5, o/o It’s Heidi’s Dance, by Green Dancer. Robellino S., 6-9, Penn National
INTO MISCHIEF, Into Chocolate, f, 3, o/o Candy Drawer, by Candy Ride (Arg). MCL, 6-9, Santa Anita
INTO MISCHIEF, The Sinner Is You, c, 3, o/o Sister Baby, by Lord Avie. MCL, 6-9, Belmont
ITSMYLUCKYDAY, He’smyluckyfellow, c, 3, o/o Sakura Ballerina, by Pure Prize. MCL, 6-9, Belmont
KANTHAROS,shall Return, f, 3, o/o Marion Theatre, by Montbrook. AOC, 6-9, Gulfstream
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### Race Results

**KHOZAN**, Liam’s Lucky Charm, c, 2, o/o P. S. I Love You, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 6-9, Gulfstream

**KHOZAN**, Turn on the Magic, c, 2, o/o Mollie’s Magic, by Factum. MSW, 6-9, Gulfstream

**LAKERVILLE**, Angelo’s Pride, g, 3, o/o Mollie O, by Game Plan. AOC, 6-9, Golden Gate

**LIMEHOUSE**, Atreyu, g, 4, o/o My Darling Lily, by Street Sense. ALW, 6-9, Mountaineer

**MIDNIGHT LUTE**, Keeper Ofthe Stars, f, 3, o/o Sociable, by Run Away and Hide. AOC, 6-9, Golden Gate

**MORE THAN READY**, Frolic More, c, 3, o/o Summer Frolic, by Pulpit. ALW, 6-9, Churchill Downs

**MUCHO MACHO MAN**, Hurley, f, 3, o/o Rite Moment, by Vicar. MSW, 6-8, Golden Gate

**NO NAY NEVER**, No Bang No Boom (Ire), g, 3, o/o Boom Boom Vroom, by Zenational. AOC, 6-9, Belmont

**PADDY O‘PRADO**, Havinfunyet, m, 5, o/o Reverently, by Pulpit. ALW, 6-8, Evangeline

**ROI CHARMANT**, Baby Gronk, g, 4, o/o Bee Eff Ef, by Decarchy. MCL, 6-9, Santa Anita

**SIDEY’S CANDY**, Cigar Boat, g, 3, o/o Cruise Liner, by Salt Lake. ALW, 6-9, Belterra

**SILENT NAME (JPN)**, Summer Sunday, f, 4, o/o Dancing Allstar, by Millennium Allstar. Gill Hendrie S., 6-9, Woodbine

**SKIPSHOT**, Above All Names, f, 3, o/o Pleasant Amelia, by Pleasant Tap. AOC, 6-9, Woodbine

**SQUARE EDDIE**, Listing, c, 3, o/o Marquis Diamond, by Yonaguska. Desert Code S., 6-9, Santa Anita

**STEPHANOTIS**, Raider, f, 4, o/o Montero, by Louis Quatorze. RedTail Landing H., 6-9, Century Mile

**STREET MOVE**, Lethal Move, g, 4, o/o Lethal Temper, by Seattle Slew. ALW, 6-9, Lone Star

**STREET SENSE**, Area, f, 4, o/o Isabell's Shoes, by King of Kings (Ire). AOC, 6-9, Churchill Downs

**SUCCESSFUL APPEAL**, Successful Saint, g, 3, o/o Immaculata, by Marco Bay. Louise Kimball S., 6-9, Suffolk Downs

**SUPER SAVER**, Compound It, c, 3, o/o Tejida, by Rahy. ALW, 6-9, Laurel

**TWIRLING CANDY**, Dos Vinos, f, 3, o/o Gatorette, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 6-9, Churchill Downs

**UNCLE MO**, El Tizar, c, 3, o/o One More Strike, by Smart Strike. MSW, 6-9, Churchill Downs

**UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN**, Loan Me Your Ear, g, 3, o/o Kimberley Diamond, by Posse. MSW, 6-9, Penn National

**VERRAZANO**, Miss Hot Legs, f, 3, o/o Expo Gold, by Johannesburg. MSW, 6-9, Santa Anita

**WAR CHANT**, Trevor's Call, g, 6, o/o Endorse, by Two Punch. MSW, 6-9, Canterbury

**WAR FRONT**, Burnside, g, 4, o/o Rehear, by Coronado’s Quest. AOC, 6-9, Arlington

**WHERE’S THE RING**, Chiricahua Signal, g, 7, o/o Apache Signal, by Announce. ALW, 6-9, Woodbine

**WILL TAKE CHARGE**, Opt, g, 3, o/o Grandmas' Girl, by Miesque’s Son. MSW, 6-9, Belmont

**YESBYJIMMINY**, Contrarity, f, 4, o/o Time to Be Great, by Greatness. AOC, 6-9, Suffolk Downs

**ZOFFANY (IRE)**, Guiliana (Fr), m, 5, o/o Guiana (Ger), by Tiger Hill (Ire). AOC, 6-9, Santa Anita
A NEW FORCE AMONG THE STALLION RANKS

By Kelsey Riley

With the kickoff of the American yearling sale season just around the corner, prospective buyers will soon be scrutinizing the progeny of the latest first-season sires.

This year’s field is an admittedly tough one; champion 2-year-old and GI Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist (Uncle Mo) led by weanling sale average last year ($208,333), and he was closely pursued by his Darley barnmate Frosted, the brilliant GI Met Mile winner by Tapit. Champion sprinter Runhappy (Super Saver) sat third, followed by global superstar California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) and GI Preakness S. winner Exaggerator (Curlin).

Following these is Air Force Blue (War Front), a name that will be particularly familiar to Europeans but whose racetrack accomplishments were such that they resonated on a global scale and earned him a spot at stud back in the state of his birth. Bred by Arthur Hancock’s Stone Farm, Air Force Blue is out of the listed-placed Chatham (Maria’s Mon), and his third dam, Starlet Storm, produced the American champion 2-year-old filly Flanders (Seeking the Gold), who in turn left the champion 3-year-old filly Surfside (Seattle Slew).

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AMERICAN TARGET FOR THUNDER SNOW

In the aftermath of a fine run in third in Saturday’s GI Met Mile at Belmont Park, trainer Saeed bin Suroor said that dual G1 Dubai World Cup winner Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet (Aus)) would be aimed for a return to New York for the GI Whitney H. on Aug. 3 at Saratoga.

"Thunder Snow race a huge race and I am happy with him," bin Suroor said. "He was up against some of the best American milers and will improve for the race.

"We will bring him back to England and prepare him to race in America again, with his target being the Grade I Whitney [H.] at Saratoga."

Thunder Snow has yet to break through in the U.S. but in three other visits Stateside he has also been placed in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup and the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic.

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW: A BELMONT BONANZA

This week, Bill Finley reflects on last weekend’s Belmont Stakes Day’s action while highlighting those who rose in their respective divisions. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
A New Force Among The Stallion Ranks cont. from p1

MV Magnier snapped up Air Force Blue for $490,000 at Keeneland September in 2014, where he was the fourth-most expensive of 16 sold by his sire. All four of those top-priced colts headed to Europe–three to Ballydoyle and one to France–and indeed War Front was still riding the high of Declaration of War’s wins in the G1 Juddmonte International and G1 Queen Anne S. the year prior, and War Command’s G1 Dewhurst S., G2 Coventry S. and G2 Futurity S. victories. At that time War Front, the dirt sprinter who never ran on the grass, had been boxed into a corner by some as a turf sire that excelled mostly in Europe, but it is interesting to note that the year Air Force Blue was sold as a yearling, all of War Front’s six graded winners came in the U.S., and were headed by dirt Grade I winner Peace and War.

Today, War Front has fully justified his proprietors at Claiborne Farm who believed all along he was equally effective on both surfaces; his two Grade I winners thus far in 2019 are of course the American dirt 3-year-olds War of Will and Omaha Beach, and he has exciting 2- and 3-year-olds like Happen, Munitions and Etoile in Ireland and France. War Front has sired 12 Grade I winners in the U.S. and seven Group 1 winners in Europe in all.

Air Force Blue is War Front’s third-highest earner and his most accomplished 2-year-old. A May 1 foal, Air Force Blue was a first-out winner at The Curragh on May 24, 2015, and was second to just the seasoned Buratino (Ire) (Exceed and Excel (Aus)) in the G2 Coventry S. three weeks later. Air Force Blue wouldn’t be beaten again at two, taking the G1 Phoenix S., G1 National S. and G1 Dewhurst S. It was the first time since 2001 that that triple had been completed, and Air Force Blue wrapped up his juvenile campaign with a Timeform rating of 128p–better than the 126 achieved at two by both Frankel (GB) and Too Darn Hot (GB).

“From the very beginning, Aidan O’Brien was very, very, very high on the horse,” recalled Coolmore’s Adrian Wallace. “He was a three-time Group 1 winner at two and the highest-rated 2-year-old that Aidan O’Brien has ever trained, which puts him in pretty rarefied air when you consider how many good 2-year-olds Aidan O’Brien has trained.”

“He’s a horse that really ticks a lot of boxes and offers breeders a War Front with a lot of speed, a lot of precocity, and he’s a very, very good-looking horse.”

Wallace describes Air Force Blue as “a War Front with a lot of leg,” and he said he is passing his strong body and athleticism onto his progeny. Indeed, Air Force Blue’s first-crop foals, bred on a $25,000 stud fee, averaged over $85,000 at last year’s foal sales.

“It was very gratifying to see how well they were received as foals,” Wallace said. “The market took to them very well. Only 20 of them went through the sales as foals. Sixteen out of 20 sold for an average of just over $85,000. And six of them brought over $100,000, so I think the market judged them well. I think we’ll see a good sample again in September and in the next couple of months.”
A New Force Among The Stallion Ranks cont.

Coolmore and Ballydoyle have been one of War Front’s biggest supporters at stud, and Wallace said that support has extended to Air Force Blue, and that the blue chip operation has supported the horse with its own mares.

“He’s a horse we’ve latched onto ourselves,” Wallace said. “We’ve supported him heavily from the very beginning. We will continue to support him, and we’ll be looking at all his stock in the coming sales.”

AKRIBIE TAKES AIM AT DIANA

Markus Klug dominated Hoppegarten’s G2 Diana-Trial on Sunday with four of the first five home headed by Akribie (Ger) (Reliable Man {GB}), who put her stamp on this prestigious prep for the Aug. 4 Dusseldorf Classic. Second to stablemate Whispering Angel (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}) in the G3 Preis der Winterkonigin at Baden-Baden in October, the grey had been fifth in Cologne’s G3 Schwarzwald-Rennen on her return over a mile on Apr. 22 but made strides under forcing tactics to claim the yard’s bragging rights. Sent straight to the front by Adrie de Vries who was convinced that this extra stamina test would suit, the 5-1 shot kicked in the straight to decide the contest and had two lengths to spare over the stable’s Satomi (Ger) (Teofilo {Ire}) easing down at the line.

Akribie, who also captured the Listed Winterkonigin-Trial at Dusseldorf as a juvenile, is the first foal out of Aussicht (Ger) Haafhd {GB}), a daughter of the G3 Hamburger Stutenpreis winner Anna Thea (Ire) (Turfkonig {Ger}). The latter, whose leading performer is the five-times group winner and G2 German 2000 Guineas runner-up Aspectus (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}), is also the ancestress of another Hamburger Stutenpreis winner in Anna Katharina (Ger) (Kallisto {Ger}) and last year’s G3 Prix Lutece scorer Jackfinbar (Fr) (Whipper). Anna Thea’s dam is a half-sister to the G2 Preis der Diana heroine and blue hen Anna Paola (Ger) (Prince Ippi {Ger}), whose multiple Group 1-winning descendants include last year’s G1 1000 Guineas heroine Billesdon Brook (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}). Aussicht’s unraced 2-year-old filly by Kallisto (Ger) is named Aktion (GB), while she also has a yearling colt by Sepoy (Aus) named Absinth (Fr) and a 2019 full-brother to Akribie.
Sunday, Hoppegarten, Germany
DIANA-TRIAL-G2, €70,000, Hoppegarten, 6-9, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:00.15, gd.

1--AKRIBIE (GER), 128, f, 3, by Reliable Man (GB)
   1st Dam: Aussicht (Ger), by Haafhd (GB)
   2nd Dam: Anna Thea (Ire), by Turfkonig (Ger)
   3rd Dam: Anstandige (Ger), by Star Appeal (Ire)
1ST GROUP WIN. O/B-Gestut Rottgen (GER); T-Markus Klug; J-Adrie de Vries.
   40,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, 82,000.
Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A++.  

2--Satomi (Ger), 128, f, 3, Teofilo (Ire)--Swordhalf (GB), by Haafhd (GB).
   (€130,000 Ylg '17 BBASEP). O-Stall Helena; B-Gestut Wittekindshof (GER); T-Markus Klug.
   €15,500. 

3--Stex (Ire), 128, f, 3, Lord of England (Ger)--Sun Society (Ger), by Law Society.
   O-Rennstall Gebruder Barth; B-Gunther Barth (IRE); T-Roland Dzubasz.
   8,000. Margins: 2, 1HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 5.00, 19.90, 20.30.
Also Ran: Anna Pivola (Ger), Whispering Angel (Ger), Shining Pass (Ger), Global Cloud (Ger), Guardian Fay (Ire).
Scratched: Barbados (Fr), Donjah (Ger). Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

Saturday, San Siro, Italy
PREMIO CARLO VITTADINI-G3, €80,300, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.80.

1--ANDA MUCHACHO (IRE), 132, h, 5, by Helmet (Aus)
   1st Dam: Montefino (Ire), by Shamardal
   2nd Dam: Monturani (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire)
   3rd Dam: Mezzogiorno, by Unfuwain
   (18,000gns yr ‘15 TATOCT; €26,000 2yo ‘16 GORMAY)
   O-Scuderia Incolinx & Diego Romeo; B-Thomas Hassett; T-Nicolo Simondi. Lifetime Record: Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 7 to 9.5f & 9.5 to 11f, Hwt. Older Horse- Ity at 7 to 9.5f, 12-9-1-2. Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. 

2–Out Of Time (Ity), 119, c, 3, Sakhee’s Secret (GB)–Calma Apparente (GB), by Rainbow Quest. O-Scuderia Del Giglio Sardo Sr; B-Rz Del Velino Sr; T-A Botti.

3–Fulminix (Ity), 130, c, 4, Blu Air Force (Ire)–Miss Manouche (Ire), by Peintre Celebre. O-San Rossores Team Ass Di Prom Sociale; B-Soc Ag Al Deni Srl; T-Endo Botti.
   Margins: NK, SNK, SHD. Odds: 0.90, 1.40, 15.60.
   Also Ran: Time To Choose (GB), Aspettatempi (Ity), Wait Forever (Ire), Fortissimo (Ger). Click for the Racing Post result. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

DERBY DREAMS ON THE LINE
Bank Holiday Monday sees some black-type action in France and Germany, with the chief attraction being at Cologne where the G2 Union-Rennen separates the wheat from the chaff as far as the Deutsches Derby is concerned. Hedge Baumgarten Holschbach’s Django Freeman (Ger) (Campanologist) bids to follow up his success in the May 1 G3 Bavarian Classic at Munich, with Gestut Ittlingen’s Laccario (Ger) (Scal {GB}) there to test his merit to the full after an impressive win in Dusseldorf’s Listed Derby-Trial on May 26. Gestut Ravensberg’s Winterfuchs (Ger) (Campanologist) captured the G3 Dr. Busch-Memorial over 8 1/2 furlongs at Krefeld on Apr. 28 and has stamina to prove over this 11-furlong trip, but his pedigree suggests it will suit.

At ParisLongchamp, the Listed Prix Volterra sees Lady Bamford’s G3 Prix Imprudence runner-up Suphala (Fr) (Frankel {GB}) back in action after finishing ninth in the G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches over this course and distance on May 12. She is tackled by Haras Voltaire’s unbeaten Alzire (Fr) (Shamardal), while in the feature G3 La Coupe sees Godolphin’s Feb. 21 G3 Dubai Millennium S. scorer Spotify (Fr) (Redoute’s Choice {Aus}) reappear in Europe. Andre Fabre puts Ballymore Thoroughbred Ltd’s G3 Prix de Flore winner Ligne d’Or (GB) (Dansili {GB}) in against the colts, which may be significant.
FIRST-SEASON SIRES
WITH RUNNERS

Monday, June 10:

UNITED KINGDOM

Anjaal (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), Rathasker Stud
148 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
18:15-WINDSOR, 5f, FORGETFUL AGENT (GB)
15,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

Cable Bay (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Highclere Stud
114 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
14:30-LEICESTER, 6f, FLASH HENRY (GB)
21,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

Cappella Sansevero (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Bridge House Stud
60 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
18:05-PONTEFRACT, 6f, CALIPPO (Ire)
€10,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze-Up Sale 2019

Due Diligence (War Front), Whitsbury Manor Stud
85 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
18:15-WINDSOR, 5f, DILIGENT DEB (Ire)
€55,000 Tattersalls Ireland Goosesbridge Breeze Up Sale 2019

Fountain of Youth (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bearstone Stud
71 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
14:30-LEICESTER, 6f, EBONY ADAMS (GB)
3,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3

Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Irish National Stud
87 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
18:05-PONTEFRACT, 6f, HOLLYWOOD WALTZ (GB)
1,500gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 4

Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
166 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
2-ROSCOMMON, 7.25f, FORMYBOYS (Ire)
22,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; €18,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Make Believe (GB) (Makfi {GB}), Ballylinch Stud
87 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
2-ROSCOMMON, 7.25f, BIGZ BELIEF (Ire)
€8,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Hot Streak (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Tweenhills Stud
79 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
18:05-PONTEFRACT, 6f, ROYAL LIGHTNING (GB)
9,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3

Night of Thunder (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
107 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
14:30-LEICESTER, 6f, FLIGHT OF THUNDER (Ire)
€17,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2018

FRANCE

Evasive's First (Fr) (Evasive {GB}),
7 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-SALON PROVENCE, 1100m, LA FRIPOUILLE (Fr)
€3,000 Arqana Deauville Autumn Mixed Sale 2018

IRELAND

Anjaal (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), Rathasker Stud
148 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
2-ROSCOMMON, 7.25f, AMELIA JANE (Ire)
€15,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

French Navy (GB) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
43 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-ROSCOMMON, 7.25f, WHATSALLTHABOUT (Ire)
€8,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2018

Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
166 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
2-ROSCOMMON, 7.25f, FORMYBOYS (Ire)
22,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; €18,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
106 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
2-ROSCOMMON, 7.25f, GUNMETAL JACK (Ire)
€10,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €23,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018
OBSERVATIONS
on the European racing scene

2.00 Paris Longchamp, Mdn, €30,000, 3yo, c/g, 8fT
Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani’s once-raced FERID (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)) is a son of G1 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf and G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches heroine Flotilla (Fr) (Mizzen Mast) and comes back for the Mikel D’Alzanles stable after running second over nine furlongs at Dieppe last month. Herald Bloodstock’s Indian Pacific (Fr) (Exceed and Excel (Aus)) once again lines up in opposition, having finished third in that newcomers’ event, and he is a gelded half-brother to G1 Prix Jean Romanet and G1 Premio Lydia Tesio victress Odeliz (Ire) (Falco) and stakes-winning ‘TDN Rising Star’ Pamplemousse (Ire) (Siyouni (Fr)).

6.15 Windsor, Cond, £7,400, 2yo, 5f 21yT
Ed Walker trainee DARK SILVER (IRE) (Dark Angel (Ire)) is out of a GSP half-sister to G1 Haydock Sprint Cup victress Pipalong (Ire) (Pips Pride (GB)). The €240,000 Goffs Orby yearling’s year-older full-brother Came From The Dark (Ire), himself a 480,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 yearling, graduated at Haydock on Saturday and the bay is confronted by eight in this debut. His rivals include Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum’s once-raced Eton College (Ire) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)), who is a half-brother to last month’s G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches heroine Castle Lady (Ire) (Shamardal) returning off a seventh over six furlongs at this track last week.

Sunday’s Result:
6th-Goodwood, £10,000, Novice, 6-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 197yT, 2:09.89, g/s.
LITIGIOUS (GB) (f, 3, Lawman (Fr)–Field of Miracles (Ire) (GSP-Eng), by Galileo (Ire)), a 7-1 shot on debut, missed the break and languished in rear throughout the early stages. Moving through to take the lead with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the homebred powered clear despite showing greenness to score by six lengths from stablemate Merry Vale (GB) (Intello (Ger)). The dam, who was runner-up in the G2 Ribblesdale S., is a full-sister to the dual-listed winner Camden Highland (Ire) out of a full-sister to the G1 Del Mar Oaks and GI E.P. Taylor S. heroine Arravale. Already responsible for the recent Chester Cup hero Making Miracles (GB) (Pivotal (GB)), she has an unraced 2-year-old filly Piazza Navona (GB) (Dutch Art (GB)) and a yearling full-brother to Making Miracles. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $8,240. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O/B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden.

FRANCE

Monday, Paris Longchamp, post time: 2.35 p.m.
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PRIX VOLTERRA-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, f, 8fT

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Sunday’s Result:
3rd-Hoppegarten, €5,100, Cond, 6-9, 3yo, 11fT, 2:16.42, gd.
WHIZZ KID (GER) (c, 3, Teofilo (Ire)–Wurfspiel (Ger), by Lomitas (GB)), third on debut at Mulheim on May 18, was slowly away from the stalls but quickly recovered to slot into mid-division against the rail. Switched out to begin his challenge at the top of the straight, the 7-5 favourite seized the advantage 300 metres from the post and stayed on strongly to win by five lengths from Molly Filius (Ger) (Campanologist). The listed-placed dam has proven a font of class acts, with her best performer being the GI Man o’ War S. and GI Mac Diarmida S.
hero Wake Forest (Ger) (Sir Percy {GB}) and her daughters Wildfahrte (Ger) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}) and Wiwilia (GB) (Konigstiger {Ger}) throwing smart types in their own right. The former, who was third in the G3 Preis der Winterkonigin, produced three black-type performers headed by the dual listed scorer and group-placed Wildpark (Ger) (Shamardal), while Wiwilia who was a Swiss champion is the dam of last year’s G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner Wonderment (Ire) (Camelot {GB}). Wurfspiel is kin to the G2 Deutsches St Leger heroine Wurftaube (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}) and the triple group-winning Wurfscheibe (Ger) (Tiger Hill {Ire}), with the former boasting descendants such as the triple Group 1-winning Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), the G1 St Leger hero Masked Marvel (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) and the G1 Deutsches Derby winner Waldpark (Ger) (Dubawai {Ire}). Wurfspiel also has a colt foal by Maxios (GB).

**CONDITIONS RESULT:**

4th-Hoppegarten, 52,000, 6-9, 3yo, 8fT, 1:37.15, gd.

**CLIFFS ART (IRE) (c, 3, Canford Cliffs {Ire}--Saldenart {Ger} {SW-Ger}, by Areion {Ger})**

Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, 58,600.

O-Stall Memory; B-M Haller (IRE); T-S Richter. 

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Contessa (Ger), f, 3, Areion (Ger)--Caesarina (GB), by Hernando (Fr). Hoppegarten, 6-9, 8ft, 1:41.29. B-Gestut Evershorst (GER). *Full to Cabarita (Ger), GSP-Ger; and Caesarion (Ger), SP-Ger.

**SUNDAY’S RESULTS:**

PREMIO GRAN D’ITALIA-TATTERSALLS-Listed, €44,000, 3yo, c, 2400mT, 2:29.10.

1–CHESTNUT HONEY (IRE), 123, c, 3, No Nay Never–Ardea Brave (Ire), by Chester House. 1ST STAKES WIN. (€30,000 yrl ‘17 GOFFEB; €34,000 yrl ‘17 TATSEP) O-Scuderie Effevi SRL; B-Camogue Stud Ltd; T-A Botti. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1. *1/2 to Captain Joy (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), MSP-Ire, $176,911.

2–Full Of Lying (Ire), 123, c, 3, Casamento (Ire)–Querida (GB), by Rainbow Quest. O-Dioscuri Srl; B-Razza Del Velino; T-A Botti.

3–Jighen (Ire), 123, c, 3, Teofilo (Ire)–Pocket A Pound (Ire), by Azamour (Ire). (€12,000 wnl ‘16 GOFNOV) O-Scuderie Effevi SRL; B-Finanza Locale Consulting; T-A Botti.

Margins: SNK, 2 3/4, 6. Odds: 3.95, 8.44, 3.95.

PREMIO ESTATE - MEMORIAL ARTURO BRAMBILLA-Listed, €42,900, 3yo, 1600mT, 1:37.90.

1–PENSIERO D’AMORE (IRE), 123, c, 3, Zoffany (Ire)–Ira Brevis Furor (Ire), by King’s Best. 1ST STAKES WIN. O/B-Scuderia Effevi SRL; T-A Botti. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ity, 8-3-3-1.

2–Keep And Love (Ire), 123, c, 3, Lope de Vega (Ire)–Whipclara (Ire), by Whipper. O-Scuderie New Age Srl; B-Scuderie Effevi Srl; T-A Botti.

3–Zoman (Ity), 123, c, 3, Rajsaman (Fr)–Zobenigo (Ire), by Orpen. O-Scuderie Ludovica Di Soccini Gianpiro; B-Le Ginestre Ss Societa Agricola; T-Grizzetti Galoppo SRL.

Margins: 4, 3/4, 2. Odds: 1.36, 1.36, 18.11.

Click for the SNAI Chart and Video.

IN SINGAPORE:

Silent Force (Ire), g, 4, Oasis Dream (GB)–Priceless Jewel (GB), by Selkirk. Kranji, 6-9, Hcp. (29k/32k), 1200mT, 1:10.25. B-Bjorn Nielsen. 

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Sunday, Hanshin, Japan
MERMAID S.-G3, ¥68,810,000, Hanshin, 6-9, 3yo/up, f, 2000mT, 2:00.30, fm.
1--SOLACE (JPN), 112, f, 4, Orfevre (Jpn)
   1st Dam: Laragh (GISW-US, $581,877), by Tapit
   2nd Dam: Rose of Summer, by El Prado (Ire)
   3rd Dam: Cherokee Crossing, by Cherokee Colony
1ST STAKES WIN.
   O-Teruya Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm; T-Masayuki Nishimura; J-Fuma Matsuwaka; ¥36,567,000.
   Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-3. Werk Nick Rating: C. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.
2--Red Landini (Jpn), 112, f, 4, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Red Medousa, by Mr. Greeley. O-Tokyo Horse Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥14,162,000.
3--Scarlet Color (Jpn), 117, f, 4, Victoire Pisa (Jpn)--Ventus (Jpn), by War Emblem. O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills; ¥9,081,000.
   Margins: NO, 3/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 13.20, 25.80, 9.60. Click for the JRA chart and video or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

Sunday, Tokyo, Japan
EPSOM CUP-G3, ¥78,010,000, Tokyo, 6-9, 3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:49.10, gd.
1--LEYENDA (JPN), 123, c, 4, by King Kamehameha (Jpn)
   1st Dam: La Dorada (Jpn), by Symboli Kris S
   2nd Dam: Lady Blond, by Seeking the Gold
   3rd Dam: Wind in Her Hair (Ire), by Alzao
1ST STAKES WIN.
   O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; T-Kazuzo Fujisawa; J-Christophe Lemaire; ¥41,497,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 8-4-1-0. *Full to Rey de Oro (Jpn), Ch. 3yo Colt & Older Horse & MG1SW-Jpn, $7,652,951; 1/2 to Tizona (Jpn) (Daiwa Major (Jpn)), SW-Jpn, $710,294. Werk Nick Rating: D+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.
2--Salacia (Jpn), 119, f, 4, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Salomina (Ger), by Lomitas (GB). O-Silk Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥16,142,000.
3--So Glittering (Jpn), 126, h, 5, Stay Gold (Jpn)--So Magic (Jpn), by Symboli Kris S. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; ¥10,071,000.
   Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 7.60, 13.30, 2.80. Click for the JRA chart and video or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

SILVER BOWL S. (1ST LEG SINGAPORE 4YO CHALLENGE), S$175,000 (€100,924/£113,316/A$183,672/US$128,496), Kranji, 6-9, 4yo, 1400mT, 1:22, gd.
1--WHAT'S NEW (NZ), 122, f, 4, Casino Prince (Aus)--Pussycat Dream (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). *1ST STAKES WIN.
   O-Tarnpirr Stable; B-Greenwich Stud Pty Ltd; T-Cliff Brown; J-Raquel Clark; S$104,125. Lifetime Record: 15-5-4-3, S$337,641.
2--Sacred Croix (NZ), 126, g, 4, Savabeel (Aus)--Croix du Sud (NZ), by Howbaddouwantit. (NZ$260,000 Ylg >16 NZBJAN).
   O-Raffles Racing Stable. S$37,188.
3--Eye Guy (Aus), 126, g, 4, Bradbury's Luck (Aus)--Lacada Point (Aus), by Giant's Causeway. (A$15,000 Ylg '16 MGCFAEB). O-Joe Giovanni Sarjeet Singh. S$18,813.
   Margins: 1, NK, NK. Winner's Odds: 78.60. Click for the Singapore Turf Club chart. VIDEO.

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AUSTRALIAN SPRINTERS AND ROYAL ASCOT

Op-Ed by Emma Berry

As the countdown to this year’s Royal Ascot begins in earnest, the front page of Wednesday’s Racing Post in Britain carried the headline, ‘Where have the Aussie Stars gone?’

It’s not a question that needs to be asked in reverse when it comes to the Melbourne Cup. The European quest for the Cup remains strong and though it’s perhaps a sweeping generalisation to declare that the Australians are good at sprinting and the Europeans at staying, certainly the successful raiders from the south who have come to Ascot have dominated the speed contests. Choisir was the audacious trail-blazer, grabbing not one but two victories in one week in a manner which meant that his compatriots would always be paid their due respects at Royal Ascot. Takeover Target became a regular visitor, so much so that his trainer Joe Janiak was greeted as a local in the Waggon & Horses in Newmarket High Street, and the inexpensively-bought star nearly pulled off a ‘Choisir Take Two’ when winning the King’s Stand S. and finishing third in the Golden Jubilee in 2006. The tale of the Aussie battler—both equine and human—gave great context to a race meeting which can sometimes get swept away on pomp and circumstance.

The next Australian winner, the Lee Freedman-trained Miss Andretti, won a King’s Stand, which featured a particularly rich Australian challenge with Magnus and Takeover Target finishing third and fourth, and Bentley Biscuit farther down the field.

Since then we’ve seen, among others, Scenic Blast, Nicconi, Star Witness, Ortensia, Hinchinbrook, Brazen Beau and, of course, the great Black Caviar. The latter’s dramatic Diamond Jubilee victory of 2012 will live long in the memory for many reasons, but especially for the look of wonderment on the face of Her Majesty the Queen as she made a special trip to the winner’s circle to greet the mare. Britain’s most famous horsewoman and racing fan quite obviously appreciated that for once she wasn’t the star of the show at her own racecourse.

From my home in the centre of Newmarket, I’ve been fortunate over the last 16 years to have most of these international visitors as my temporary neighbours, stabled just around the corner at Abington Place. Takeover Target always returned to the same stable, and Janiak was quite happy for people to wander in to pay their respects to the gentle gelding as he was led out for a pick of grass in the afternoon. Black Caviar had her own bouncer to walk alongside her on the way out to the gallops, such was the interest in her arrival in the UK, but all the Australian competitors we have been so lucky to have among us all these summers have added more than a sprinkle of extra interest to a thriving training centre.

Following a blank year in 2017, Redkirk Warrior (GB) effectively returned home last year to the heath on which he was trained as a young horse by William Haggas. And this year we have had a longer-term visitor than most in Houtzen, who arrived in March.

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It is very clear that the meeting does not have the same lure it once had for Australian challengers. Certainly the extraordinary prize-money on offer in The Everest, which is more than 15 times greater than the pot for the King’s Stand Stakes, will have played its part in adjusting the programmes of the top sprinters. Possibly more worrying on the home front, for Victorians at least, is that the recent announcement of significant prize-money boosts for the sequence of races now being promoted as the Everest Carnival will also doubtless have an impact on Melbourne’s traditional Spring Carnival.

A few major international operations will have an eye on the financial side of things farther down the line with regard to establishing a lucrative shuttle stallion, and it is worth noting that Aidan O’Brien has twice won the Diamond Jubilee S. with Australian-bred sprinters, Starspangledbanner and Merchant Navy. Few syndicates or smaller individual owners would be able to overlook the extravagant riches of the new carnival in Sydney but, leaving aside prize-money and the obvious fact that Britain, despite its great racing heritage, is very much the poor relation in world racing, another issue worth considering is the increasing profile of the European-bred sprinter.

However contentious the Longines World Racehorse Ranking may be in some quarters, it is worth noting that in 2017, two Irish-bred sprinters Harry Angel (Ire) and Battasha (Ire)—both sons of Dark Angel (Ire) and bred by Paul and Marie McCartan—were the top-rated sprinters on marks of 125 and 123 respectively, with Chautauqua just behind them on 122. Battasha was level with Australia’s Trappeze Artist last year on 123, just a pound behind Roy H (USA) and one ahead of Harry Angel, Redzel and Santa Ana Lane, while back in 2016, Chautauqua shared top billing on 122 with Limato (Ire), while Mecca’s Angel (Ire) was rated 121. Perhaps the competition in the Ascot sprints is not as soft as it once was.

While Europe is still seen as the source of good stayers, there are plenty of people on this side of the world shaking their heads at the way in which middle-distance stallions are overlooked at the sales and are therefore increasingly shunned by breeders. The concern has become so great that in 2015 the TBA published a report into the demise of the stayer and has subsequently worked with the British Horseracing Authority in trying to boost the opportunities and prize-money for the staying-bred horse in a bid to lure breeders back to these bloodlines. It is a worthy project and one which has the full backing of this correspondent, both in the written word and as a small hobby breeder with a dream of a big Cup win. That said, there is a very real fear that the commercial breeding juggernaut is careering so determinedly towards the pursuit of speed lines that any attempts to encourage a change of course will ultimately prove futile.

There’s no doubt that all major Thoroughbred breeding nations should be striving for diversity in the gene pool to maintain a varied and interesting racing programme. For the time being, the European domination of the Melbourne Cup looks set to continue and, while doubtless irksome to some domestic participants, it adds a vital element of international interest to the centrepiece of a carnival which looks set to have a fight on its hands to remain the lead player in an increasingly crowded spring programme.

I love cheering home a British-trained runner in the Cup, just as much as I love seeing Aussie sprinters strut their stuff at Ascot. This year’s royal meeting will of course feature Houtzen, as well as New Zealand’s best sprinter, the Australian-bred Enzo’s Lad, though neither occupies such a prominent place in the betting as some of their predecessors have done. It’s fair to say that, with the introduction of The Everest, Royal Ascot now has a mountain to climb in trying to attract Australia’s best sprinters.