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by Kelsey Riley

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As the rain fell Wednesday, the Mark Johnston-trained Raffle Prize (Ire) (Slade Power {Ire}) became the first group winner for his sire with a narrow defeat of US raider and "TDN Rising Star" Kimari (Munnings) in the G2 Queen Mary S. See TDN Europe for more. | Horsephotos

SIR WINSTON SIDELINED

GI Belmont S. hero Sir Winston (Awesome Again) will be forced to miss some time with an ankle injury.

LETTER FROM ASCOT

Even all the way at Royal Ascot, Dave Johnson finds someone whose life was changed by the late Rick Violette.

TODAY’S GRADED STAKES

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Another showcase, then, for the horsemanship of Wayne Lyster, his wife Muffy, and their sons Gray and Bryan, who nowadays share front-of-house at Ashview. They found his dam Fancy Deed (Alydeed) at the 2011 Keeneland November Sale, needing just $15,000 even though she was a half-sister to the stellar Midnight Lute (Real Quiet).

"I think it was one of those scenarios where if a mare doesn't produce anything from her first few foals, she becomes worth an absolute fraction of what she might have been before," says Gray Lyster. "But sometimes you can make an excuse for them. And in my opinion she just hadn't been bred to particularly good sires."

The Lysters sent her to a rookie son of War Front with a good buzz at the time, in The Factor. And the resulting colt made $310,000 from Wesley Ward at the 2015 September Sale.

"That's fun, from a $15,000 mare and a $15,000 stud fee," Gray accepts. "But it certainly wasn't something we were shocked by. He was a really good-looking, smooth-walking colt, who vetted well, by a sire who was selling well. I guess the only thing was that as a May colt, he wasn't small, but compared to the big, beautiful horse he is now, he still needed to mature a little bit. Wesley kind of bought him at a moment's notice and, being the sportsman he is, kept him for himself."

There was an extra dividend for the trainer, as Ward was duly sent the last foal out of the mare, who sadly colicked hours after delivering a filly by Goldencents the following March. The Lysters decided to keep her, and named her Bingwa: a nod, as the Swahili for "champion", to their collective love of the whole bush environment and culture. And, a debut scorer last year, she looked highly progressive in winning a Belmont allowance last month. Cont. p4
Lysters cont.

"Wesley's very high on her, we're all pretty darned excited to tell the truth," Gray admits. "Like with Bound for Nowhere, Wesley's not been in a big rush with her. But she'll likely take the next step up in the GIII Victory Ride S. in New York on July 5. We hope she might be a top-quality sprint filly."

Bingwa was scratched from the 2017 September Sale. "If you cut one third off a golf ball, she had a lump like that on the outside of her ankle," Gray explains. "She X-rayed clean but it was definitely an eyesore and you'd have been hard-pressed to pay a lot of money for her. But we knew it was a bit like buying a new vehicle with a big scratch down the side. It wouldn't affect how fast you could drive. So we never even took her to the sale. We said, 'You know what, we don't have the mother anymore and Bound for Nowhere looks really good. Let's keep her and race her.' And that's something we do very rarely."

Yet Bingwa can only ever be a relatively trivial blessing relative to those shared by the family after a harrowing trauma at that same September Sale. Because the day the Ashview staff moved in the weekend yearlings, Bryan checked into the University of Kentucky Hospital with a mysterious spine problem.

He was in searing agony, couldn't even stand up. "Level nine-and-a-half pain," he recalls. "Wondering how I hadn't passed out. Pain I didn't know existed."

As the doctors struggled to identify the problem, ultimately revealed to be an infection of spinal disc and bone, so they assessed the odds. The thresholds of hope were uncomfortably low. A normal life? Or just life?

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New JOB OPENINGS
A listing of career opportunities in the Thoroughbred industry

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A week previously, Bryan's wife had delivered their third child. "It was really scary for my whole family," he recalls. "The doctor told me I had a 10% chance of getting better; a 10% chance of never walking again; and then the 80% in the middle was where I'd most likely land. But afterward he told me he'd been pretty sure I was going to be in that bottom 10%."

"The first couple of weeks we didn't know if Bryan was ever going to walk again--let alone, you know, pull through," Gray admits. "It was a very, very difficult time. And while we're wondering will he ever be able to pick up his kids again, we're supposed to be shipping and showing horses at the same time."

The staff stepped up to the plate. In fact, Ashview had a spectacular sale--so much so, that the family jokes about keeping out of the way in future. More seriously, they accept the reminder that routines work for a reason.

"All of our staff took care of everything perfectly," recalls Gray. "We basically showed up when the horses went to the ring. Truly, credit to our guys, they do a great job. But you know, a nice horse sells himself as well."

And they had one of those, from the debut crop of Cairo Prince, who gave Bryan a real tonic as he lay in hospital, following the sale on his iPad.

"Really one of the few things that got me through was watching the prices some of our horses were bringing," he says. "It became one of the better sales we've ever had. And this colt in particular, bringing $320,000. A $10,000 stud fee and 100% for the home team: it was me, Gray, and dad that owned the horse. So for me, personally, it definitely lifted my spirits. I can't imagine if we'd had a poor sale on top of it all."

Gray shrugs. "I gotta tell you, it didn't matter what horses were bringing," he says. "It was pretty upsetting, the whole thing. And all while we're trying to make our harvest for the whole year. Trust me, if we had been selling worse, I'm sure it would have been more depressing. But nobody was slapping high fives."

Happily, Bryan's recovery exceeds anything his doctor has seen. As for the Cairo Prince colt, he was named Mihos by Centennial Farms and sent to Jimmy Jerkens. A 'TDN Rising Star' when breaking his maiden, he briefly entered the Classic picture when winning the Mucho Macho Man S. at Gulfstream in January, only to disappoint in the GII Holy Bull S. Though given a break since, he has recently resurfaced on the worktab.

The dam of Mihos was another bargain, an unraced daughter of Lion Heart found for just $10,000 at the Fasig-Tipton February Sale in 2014. Her half-sister Sharla Rae (Afleet Alex) subsequently won the GI Del Mar Oaks and, unsurprisingly, she has gone back to Cairo Prince this spring. Cont. p6

The Shippy-shippy shake
Midshipman’s juvenile daughter Shippy earns an 87 Beyer for her 10-length debut MSW victory at Laurel Park. That's the top two-year-old Beyer so far this year.
Lysters cont.

But the ultimate coup was the mother of Runhappy. The boys had still been in college for Johannesburg, who was very much a Wayne Lyster production. But Runhappy sealed their integration into the regime, as son of a mare Gray claimed for $5,000 at Delaware. She was later sold for $1.6 million to Stonestreet.

"The funny thing is, I don't know how many we claimed that year but it was a bunch," recalls Bryan. "And she was literally the only one we kept. I don't know if that was because we saw the light—or if maybe we just got a little lucky."

Their parents started Ashview as a house plus nine acres; it has since evolved to 350 acres plus 700 acres of alfalfa and other crops. But while the boys have assumed more responsibility, Wayne is still the fulcrum.

"He's the smartest guy out there," says Gray. "Because he knows how not to micromanage while being involved in all the big decisions. He's the foundation of everything we do. We're all on the same page, really. Because while there's a certain type of mare you like, or whatever, I think the way you raise a horse is so much more important than how they look, or what their pedigree is. I think you see that over and over again, with some really good breeders. There's a lot of different ways to do it well. But, you know, our way is kind of raise them tough and..."

"Let them be a horse," interjects Bryan.

"...Let them be themselves," agrees Gray. "That's not to say you don't need an athletic animal in front of you. But I actually think people now, compared with 10 years ago, are acknowledging that. They say: 'Wait a minute. This type of operation raises a horse like this, and they have oodles more success with the same quality of stock as a different operation.'"

And that is consistent with the trademark Ashview has developed, not particularly by design, by growing their own organic forage.

"I wouldn't say it's a prerequisite," says Bryan. "But it feels good when you know exactly where it's coming from, what you're putting in their bellies. Because there hasn't been a bunch of glyphosate sprayed all over what our horses are eating. I mean, honestly, it's no different than the way we raise our own children."

Gray feels as though people sometimes "roll their eyes" if they labour the point. "It's a little old-fashioned, rather than organic," he says. "I mean, there's a lot of good ways to raise horses. Same as there's a lot of good ways to train horses. Shug McGaughey and Wesley Ward are two great trainers who probably don't train the same way. And our way just happens to be a little more hay, oats, and water.

"But we put ourselves in that position by usually buying young mares, who don't need a lot of reproductive help, who have good feet, who can be tough outside. When we say we don't do a bunch of surgeries on our young foals, maybe it's just because we bought some nice, correct mares. And in 2019 I guess it's turned into a little bit of a brand: whether it's you going to the grocery market or the yearling sales, people want to know the history of this product and how it was produced."

To a degree that's just one dimension of the literally hands-on scale of their operation. People know that every horse presented by the Lysters has been raised, day-by-day, by men who started not just under the same roof, but with the same principles of horsemanship. Cont. p7
Lysters cont.
"When we were kids, every farm used to sell their own horses," remarks Gray. "Now there are some big consigners today that do wonderful jobs. But we want to promote ourselves as people who can say: 'We're the ones raising the product that's in front of you. Please ask us about it. We're not saying anybody else is right or wrong, but this is how we do it.'"

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Gus's entire program was built on cultivating his own families and using predominantly his homebred stallions, and thus it is no surprise Langfuhr would go on to be the linchpin of his breeding program in the 21st century. Such a strategy gave Gus Wando, the 2003 Canadian Triple Crown winner and Horse of the Year; 11-time stakes winner Mobil, GII Nijinsky S. winner Last Answer and dual Grade III and Canadian Classic winner Marlang. Gus bred Langfuhr from his own homebred mare Sweet Briar Too (Briartic), and he bred the dams of both Wando and Marlang as well. Last Answer, who won his stakes race at age seven, was the 14th and last foal out of Gus's foundation broodmare Victorious Answer (Northern Answer), who he purchased in 1976 from Windfields Farm.

Victorious Answer was Gus's first stakes winner and produced two black-type winners, and her daughters and granddaughters produced a further 14 stakes winners. Last Answer, who won his stakes race at age seven and ran 44 times, perhaps embodies everything that Gus's breeding program stands for: the belief in his own carefully nurtured families to produce tough, sound, classy athletes. Cont. p8
Schickedanz cont.

Other standouts bred and raced by Gus include the GII Monmouth Oaks winner (and Wando’s dam) Kathie’s Colleen (Woodman), 1999 Queen’s Plate winner Woodcarver (Woodman) and Canadian champion sprinter Glanmire (Briartic). He bred the only Canadian-bred winners of the Kentucky Oaks (Gal in a Ruckus, 1995) and Arlington Million (Jambalaya, 2007). Gus’s horses have earned 10 Sovereign Award trophies, and another testament to his homebred program is the fact that three of those were for Broodmare of the Year. Gus is a member of the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame and in April he received one of Canadian racing’s highest honors, the Sovereign Award of Merit. In presenting Gus with his award, Glenn Sikura of Hill ‘n’ Dale Farm said, “Gus is a true horseman. This is a man that wakes up early to look at his horses. He lives on the farm with his family. He’s a master horseman and rider. He knows a horse from every stage. There is nothing this man can’t do that’s related to a horse. “If you want the definition of a true homebred program you need look no further than at what Gus has done. The stallion he breeds to is his own stallion, and he breeds it to his mare that is out of another mare he bred and he races the offspring. Gus has been an absolute beacon for all of us.”

Gustav Schickedanz was beating the odds long before he entered the racing game. He was 15 when the Russians attacked his town in Germany in the midst of World War II in 1944 and, with his elders brothers in the army and his father ill, it was up to Gus to lead his family to safety. They all survived.

Six years later, with opportunities limited in war-torn Germany, Gus seized the opportunity to emigrate to Canada, the first country accepting German immigrants after the war.

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He arrived July 12, 1950, with the clothes on his back, a toothbrush and $3 in his pocket. He found a job the following day laying bricks for a German contractor for $1.10 an hour and as he later recalled, “I was never unemployed.”

Gus’s elder brothers Gerhard and Kurt, as well as their cousin Dani, arrived in Toronto the following year and the quartet shared an apartment and worked as stonemasons and carpenters. In 1953 they incorporated their construction company Schickedanz Brothers.

Anyone who has ever spent time around Gus could attest to his devotion to family and his loyalty, and the fact that the Schickedanzes were able to build an extremely successful business as a team and run it harmoniously for more than 60 years is a testament to those qualities. In a biography commissioned by the Schickedanzes in 2011 for family and friends, Gus explained that it was set out in the beginning that the running of Schickedanz Brothers would not be majority rule; all four had to agree on a decision to move it forward. With four stubborn German men at the helm, this admittedly led to many a late-night deliberation, but in the end they all emerged on the same page. Today, Schickedanz Brothers owns land in the Greater Toronto Area and as far afield as British Columbia, Alberta, Florida and South Carolina. Shortly after the company was founded, Gus married his wife, Ann, and they had four daughters: Lisa, Tina, Susi and Heidi.

Later, when Gus began to grow his breeding and racing operations, those same family values shone through not only in his dedication to his equine families but in his loyalty to his long-serving—and equally as loyal and hard-working—farm manager Lauri Kenny and trainer Mike Keogh. Kenny and Keogh are often described in racing circles as Gus’s “adoptive sons” and have been paramount in his racing success.

Gus, in Germany, had been on the backs of horses nearly from the time he could walk—“I believe I rode at age two and a half, bareback and barefoot,” he recalled—but his passion was set aside for his first decade in Canada to focus on building his business and his family. In 1960, he at last got back in the saddle with the purchase of a handful of Trakehner horses—this breed, originating from his homeland, would be Gus’s mount of choice for Foxhunting and carriage driving. Gus later kept a small string of Trakehners that shuttled between his farms in Ontario and South Carolina, and he rode every morning until well into his 80s. His faithful servants included the geldings Ethos and Kronprinz, and in 2006 he traveled to Germany and paid a record price at auction for Songline, a young Trakehner stallion in training who went on to be a very successful eventer.
Schickedanz cont.

In the early 1970s, Gus began buying well-bred fillies—the likes of Victorious Answer—to lay the foundation for his Thoroughbred empire. As Gus well knew himself, he also needed the right land on which to nurture his athletes. In 1976 he purchased Longleaf Plantation near Aiken, South Carolina. A few years later followed the property he would dub Schonberg Farm in Schomberg, Ontario—Schonberg meaning ‘beautiful hill’ in German.

When it came to a Thoroughbred, Gus knew what he liked: the compact, strong type as opposed to the longer and leaner, with a short back with “just enough room for a saddle,” he’d often say. He had shares in Woodman and Clever Trick that served him extremely well. His most inspired splurge, however, would prove to be on a nomination to the booked-out Danzig at a Matchmaker auction at Fasig-Tipton in 1990. Gus selected his homebred stakes-winning filly Sweet Briar Too to use the nomination for her first mating, and the result was Langfuhr.

A foal of 1992, Langfuhr was the crown jewel of Gus’s best-ever crop of foals that also included Kathie’s Colleen and My Intended, who later foaled the Canadian champion 2-year-old filly My Vintage Port. Of 20 foals born at Schonberg Farm that year, 17 started, all were winners and seven were stakes winners. The next best individual crop was perhaps the 2000 group that yielded Langfuhr’s sons Wando and Mobil, between them the winners of 18 stakes races and almost $4.4-million. It was those two sons of his prized Langfuhr that pulled Gus back from the brink after a major health scare in 2001, when he suffered a series of strokes. Gus had a Richard Stone Reeves painting of Langfuhr that hung above the fireplace in his sitting room, and he once told me that he sometimes sat for hours and just studied it. When he passed through Lexington en route to South Carolina each winter, Gus would stop and spoil Langfuhr with a giant bag of carrots—the stallion grooms at Lane’s End will tell you the horse knew the sound of Gus’s voice.

Langfuhr, the tenacious, come-from-behind sprinter who went on to beat the odds year-after-year as a sire, perhaps embodied everything Gus had endured and accomplished in his own extraordinary life, and it was plainly obvious that the consummate horseman never once took that for granted.

I met Gus in the summer of 2004 when I was 15 years old on the Woodbine backside after stopping by to see my favorite horse, Wando, on the morning of a race day. I probably bombarded him with stats about his horse, and Gus told me to come back to the barn after the race and meet his wife Ann and farm manager Lauri Kenny. Wando didn’t win that day, but when my parents brought me back to the barn, we found them in great spirits. Lauri invited me to visit Schonberg Farm, and I showed up about two weeks later. Lauri told me to give him a call if I was looking for a summer job the following year. I showed up for my first day of work the following Fourth of July and, for the next four years, was at the farm just about every moment I wasn’t in class.

There are a few things I’ll never forget about Gus. Every morning, seven days a week, he walked down to the barn in a checkered shirt, blue jeans, black boots and a riding helmet, his dog Moby at his heels. He stopped en route to his morning ride to look at each mare and foal as they were turned out. He would then head on about a mile walk down to his barn of riding horses. As Gus aged and slowed down a little, he only started his walk earlier; he never drove to his morning ride.

Gus lived on the farm from the time he purchased it and he truly knew every building, every fence line and every tree. He often got down and dirty during big projects and he’d frequently drive the tractors and pull the wagons during haying season.

I remember Lauri telling me before I started that as a boss, Gus was “tough, but fair,” and that couldn’t have been more true. He expected hard work, but if you delivered, he and Ann truly did treat you like family. When Ann took off for a drive around the farm, she’d come armed with food for whoever she saw along the way. If she forgot, she’d turn around and return with something.

Gus’s positive attitude was infectious. When asked how he was, his response was almost always, “If I was any better, I wouldn’t know what to do.” He would grab your arm and squeeze it during conversation when he was excited, and sometimes slap you on the back so hard you’d lose your breath. Many a jockey surely suffered a bruised thigh when returning aboard a winner thanks to his exuberant slaps. On the contrary, if he lost, Gus was the ultimate sportsman. “That’s horse racing,” he would say, followed by his trademark, “amen.”
Schickedanz cont.
What Gus gave me is completely immeasurable. A massive leg up and education in the racing business, yes, but more importantly, memories that will last a lifetime and a second family that I remain very close with. Gus, you were the most incredible, inspiring, irreplaceable man. Today, I’ll raise a glass of Oban (and the other half) to you and say thank you. Amen.

SIR WINSTON SIDELINED WITH MINOR INJURY

Sir Winston (Awesome Again), the winner of this year’s GI Belmont S., has been ruled out of a summer campaign due to a minor left front ankle injury. The story was originally reported by the Daily Racing Form.

“He has a minor left front ankle injury and he’s going to do some rehab at the farm. He’s back in Ocala now [at Casse’s personal training center], he’s going to be off for a little while,” said trainer Mark Casse. “I’m still hopeful we’ll be back in the fall, we’ll play it by ear. The [GI] Travers S. is not going to be an option.”

Casse mentioned the GI Pegasus World Cup S. in January as a possible long-term goal for Sir Winston.

This news comes shortly after trainer Bill Mott announced GI Kentucky Derby winner Country House (Lookin At Lucky) would be out for the remainder of the season.

FAMILIAR COURSE PLOTTED FOR ELATE

by Steve Sherack

After punching her ticket to the GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff with an impressive performance in Saturday evening’s ‘Win and You’re In’ GII Fleur de Lis H. beneath the lights at Churchill Downs, a title defense in the GII Delaware H. July 13 could be next for ‘TDN Rising Star’ Elate (Medaglia d’Oro).

“Ideally, we will run in the Delaware H. and then the [GI] Personal Ensign [at Saratoga Aug. 24] if she is doing well and takes us there,” Claiborne President Walker Hancock said.

“Obviously, she has a free entry to the Breeders’ Cup Distaff, so that will be the year-end goal as of now.”

Trained by Hall of Famer Bill Mott, the Claiborne Farm and Adele B. Dilschneider homebred faced the starter only twice in 2018, impressively capturing the 1 1/4-mile Delaware centerpiece in her seasonal debut followed by a painful second to champion Abel Tasman (Quality Road) with a career-best 105 Beyer Speed Figure in a roughly run renewal of the Personal Ensign. She was forced to sit out last year’s Distaff after popping a splint.

Elate was somewhat disappointing in a pair of prior efforts to kick off her 5-year-old campaign going 1 1/16 miles at Oaklawn, finishing second in the GII Azeri S. Mar. 16 and third in the GI Apple Blossom H. Apr. 14. The winner of both of those races Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute) added a jaw-dropping score in the GI Ogden Phipps on the GI Belmont S. undercard.

“We’re very glad to see her back in top form,” Hancock said.

“Clearly, 1 1/16 miles is too short for her, which explains her flat performances in Arkansas this spring. If the race was that far the other night, she would’ve been third again so we will keep her at nine furlongs or longer the rest of the year.”
LETTER FROM ASCOT: VIOLETTE’S INFLUENCE STILL FELT ACROSS THE POND

by Dave Johnson

There is a camaraderie at any racetrack that you seldom find in other sports or businesses—not only among the trainers who show up at an unfamiliar venue with a horse box and one or two four-legged lifelines to the sport; not only among the riders who check into a new jockey’s room with a duffel bag, a helmet, a whip and a dream.

Sometimes it doesn't work out for the unfamiliar names of trainers and jockeys. And many times they end up as regulars in any number of different roles at your favorite racetrack.

Angel Cordero, Jr. was a top rider. Now he books mounts all over the world for John Velazquez, who is riding here at Royal Ascot this week.

I remember Buddy Martens, an exercise rider in his own right, who operated the elevator for the NYRA when he gave up riding horses. And Buddy’s son, George Martens, just happened to ride the winner of the GI Belmont S. in 1981 on Summing.

So it was not that strange to have a conversation with Charlie Tipthorn in the press box at the Royal Ascot meeting Wednesday.

Charlie now works in the security department for the most famous racetrack in the world, but the conversation quickly turned to recently departed trainer Rick Violette, Jr.

Back in 1990, Charlie was an aspiring steeplechase jockey who was exercising horses here in England. In the spring, after the jump season was slowing down, times were tough and jobs were infrequent.

Charlie, at 18, lied to his parents and told them he had a job in the United States. There was no job. He took all of his savings and bought a ticket to New York. Charlie said he spent almost every penny he had on a hotel the night he arrived and a taxi to Belmont Park the next morning.

At the Belmont Park stable gate, the Pinkerton guard in charge told him he was "a mad Englishman to arrive with no job."

But, he was given a three-day pass to find work. He was "an odd bird," with English riding boots and clothes.

That is where Rick Violette changed the course of life for Charlie Tipthorn. He hired the youngster as an exercise rider.

With his first paycheck, Tipthorn bought a set of American riding gear, and settled in on the backstretch in Elmont, New York.

Charlie was devastated when I told him that Rick had passed away last October. The outpouring of respect was overwhelming. Tipthorn said that Violette was the most focused person in any backstretch to the needs of his horses, and a deep commitment to the men and women who are the backbone of racing. He called his association with Violette a miracle of his life and a teacher on being strict and determined in whatever he did.

Charlie moved back to England later that year. He worked for trainers Guy Harwood, Nicky Henderson and others. He did ride in steeplechase races here in England, but that profession was short lived, as the weight factor cut his riding days short. Nine stone (126 pounds) became impossible.

But not the influence of Rick Violette.

Not just for the more than 800 races won. Not just for the more than 32 graded stakes winners he conditioned. Not just for the humor, wit, compassion and intelligence he brought to his industry quests. And not just for his extraordinary work as president of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association.

But for all of that and more, on July 17 this year at Saratoga, the first Rick Violette Stakes for 2-year-olds with a purse of $100,000 will be presented.

Rick’s influence and example reaches much farther than the racetrack at Saratoga.
HALL OF FAMER ROMERO IN HOSPICE CARE

Jockey Randy Romero, elected to racing’s Hall of Fame in 2010, said last weekend he is in hospice care, but is at home in Lafayette, LA, where a brother is staying with him and helping with his care.

“I’m very sick but I haven’t given up,” he said by phone. Romero, 62, said doctors told him he is not strong enough to undergo the surgery necessary to remove the tumors, discovered in 2015. He said his pain is being managed and hospice is allowing him to undergo dialysis three times weekly at a facility close to his home, a procedure he has done for some 15 years.

A tainted blood transfusion following a bizarre 1983 Oaklawn Park reducing-room accident that set him ablaze and burned over 60% of his body gave him Hepatitis C, which damaged his liver and kidneys. A few years later doctors removed a diseased kidney. For several years he hoped for a rare liver and kidney transplant that for various medical reasons never materialized.

He estimates he has broken 25 bones in racing accidents and had some 30 injury-related surgeries in a 26-year career that ended in 1999 with 4,294 victories and earnings of over $75 million.

Rarely suspended and known for getting the best from fillies and mares, he won back to back GI Breeders Cup Distaffs aboard Sacahuista in 1987 and in 1988, when he got up in the final stride to win aboard Personal Ensign, allowing her to retire undefeated in 13 starts. He was the regular rider for 1989 2-year-filly champion Go For Wand, who looked on her way to victory in the 1990 Distaff, only to suffer a catastrophic injury. Romero broke seven ribs in the incident, but managed to ride another race on the day’s card.

Romero’s faith has remained strong, and before he became too ill, regularly attended Catholic Mass with his mother Joyce Romero.

“I know God is going to be with me no matter what,” he said. “And I know prayers help.”

CHURCHILL TO OPEN RACETRACK EXTENSION DOWNTOWN

On Tuesday, the Kentucky Racing Commission voted unanimously to approve Churchill Downs’s official request to lease, own and operate a “racetrack extension” at the new Louisville Thoroughbred Society in downtown Louisville, according to a post on the LTS website by one of its three founders, Gene McLean. The post says that the approval is contingent upon a final approval of an on-going background check on the three principal founders of the new club. That process is expected to be completed in the new few weeks, according to the post.

The Louisville Thoroughbred Society bills itself as a private membership club “dedicated to promoting and enhancing the horse industry in Kentucky.”

Once that due diligence is completed by the Racing Commission and staff, and final approval granted, Churchill Downs will have the ability to operate pari-mutuel wagering on simulcast racing from around the country and world at the new facility to be located at 209 East Main Street in downtown Louisville. Churchill Downs and the LTS have entered into a lease agreement to allow for the operation. Cont. p14
According to the official request to the Kentucky Racing Commission, Churchill Downs may be able to own and operate up to 12 pari-mutuel devices on the location, where members, customers, and guests will have the ability to enjoy all the amenities of horse racing and wagering on site.

“This is a tremendous step forward in all of our efforts to provide our members and guests with a premium, first-class, top-of-the-line, premium private club that is dedicated to promoting the greatest industry and sport in the Commonwealth,” said McLean, one of the three Founding Members of the LTS. The others are Mike Schnell and Dave Steinbrecher, who own and are restoring the historic property to be known as the Hughes Lofts.

“From day one, we have communicated and worked diligently with Churchill Downs on this project. And, without any question at all, we would not be in the position we are today without the considerable help, support, and confidence of the world’s most renowned and historic horse racing venue,” said McLean. “They have been amazing partners in this project. Amazing. In fact, I cannot imagine anyone being more helpful, cooperative and encouraging. This is just another example of their commitment to make this the finest horse club in the world.”

The Louisville Thoroughbred Society—which will have a state-of-the-art audio and video network at the new facility, in addition to many other amenities, including a premium Cigar Bar, outdoor patio bar and entertainment area, an indoor “library” and meeting spaces—is now expected to open for full business early in 2020.

“This is an exciting partnership with a team that is passionate about seeing horse racing thrive in Kentucky,” said Churchill Downs Racetrack President Kevin Flanery in a subsequent release. “We are pleased to provide additional opportunities for fans to wager and look forward to seeing how the product is embraced by the locals.”
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## Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT

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## Saturday, Monmouth, post time: 5:00 p.m. EDT

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# 2019 Leading Sires of 2YOs

For stallions standing in North America through Tuesday, June 18

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THURSDAY'S INSIGHTS: MILLION-DOLLAR QUALITY ROAD DEBUTS AT BELMONT

by Christie DeBernardis

3rd-BEL, $80K, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 4:07p.m.

Chad Brown unveils a $1-million KEESEP buy with a high-powered ownership group behind him in SAGAPONACK (Quality Road), who is campaigned in partnership by Peter Brant, Joseph Allen and the Coolmore contingent of Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith. Out of SW Storm Minstrel (Storm Cat), the bay colt is a full-brother to MGSW Blofeld. His second dam is MGSW Colonial Minstrel (Pleasant Colony), herself a daughter of champion Minstrella (The Minstrel). The sophomore enters off a best-of-38 half-mile breeze in :48 1/5 over Saratoga’s Oklahoma training track June 13. Christophe Clement saddles a firster with a big pedigree in Sumaya US Stable’s Golden Tapit (Tapit). Out of GSW Fun House (Prized), the $275,000 KEESEP purchase is a full-sibling to champion Untapable and a half to GISW millionaire and sire Paddy O’Prado (El Prado {Ire}). This is also the family of Grade I-winning sires Tapizar (Tapit), Pyro (Pulpit), Cuvee (Carson City) and Olympio (Naskra). TJCIS PPs

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

HOOSIER BREEDERS SOPHOMORE S., $104,700, Indiana Grand, 6-19, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45.97, my.

1--TOSS OF FATE, 119, g, 3, by Shanghai Bobby

1st Dam: Pay the Toll, by Repriced

2nd Dam: Tolltally Light, by Majestic Light

3rd Dam: Toll Fee, by Topsider

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Greenhill Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Sherri Greenhill (IN); T-Jeffrey L. Greenhill; J-Malcolm Franklin. $59,679. Lifetime Record: 6-3-3-0, $134,279. *1/2 to Aint She a Saint (Saintly Look), MSW, $497,381; Needmore Cash (Saintly Look), SW, $330,144; and Derby Express (Unbridled Express), MSW, $385,399.

2--Ace of Aces, 124, c, 3, Unbridled Express--Miss Carmelite, by Mutakddim. O/B-L.T.B. Inc & Hillerich Racing, Inc. (IN); T-Bernard S. Flint. $19,893.

3--Cap de Fuego, 119, g, 3, Morning Line--Flor de Amelia, by Cape Town. O/B-Rancho Monarca LLC (IN); T-Antonio Duran. $10,941.

Margins: 3 1/4, HF, 2. Odds: 12.20, 2.10, 8.10.

Also Ran: Twobirdsonestone, Darknstormytime, Snicker Cookie, Havenhill, Fever Temple, Comes N Threes, Out of the Blue.

Second in his state-bred main track unveiling here Sept. 21, Toss of Fate broke through next out when switched to the turf against fellow IN-breds a month later and was runner-up again in the Indiana Futurity S. on the main track Nov. 7. Completing the exacta in a dirt sprint against Indiana natives here May 19, he returned to winning ways when getting back on grass against state-bred company May 29. Overlooked at 12-1 in this main track event despite his local record, Toss of Fate tracked from third through opening splits of :24.94 and :49.43. Tipped out for a three-wide bid at the quarter pole, the dark bay sailed clear late for a decisive victory. The winner’s dam produced a Kantharos colt in 2018 and a Tom’s Ready colt earlier this year. Click for the Equibase.com chart.
Moves Like Magic, 121, f, 3, by Maclean's Music—Schefflera, by Mutakddim
1st Dam: Schefflera, by Mutakddim
2nd Dam: In the Lea, by Meadowlake
3rd Dam: Daring Doone (GB), by Daring March (GB)

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Greenhill Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Jeff & Sherri Greenhill (IN); T-Jeffrey L. Greenhill; J-Deshawn L. Parker. $60,994. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, $132,724.

Discreet Beauty, 124, f, 3, Discreetly Mine—Bella Durmiente, by Pico Central (Brz). O/B-Bruce Murphy (IN); T-Genaro Garcia. $20,331.

Fireball Baby, 124, f, 3, Noble's Promise—Bubbles and Babies, by A.P. Indy. O/B-Rigney Racing LLC (IN); T-Philip A. Bauer. $11,182.


Also Ran: The Beauty's Tale, Quiet Contender, Beentheredonethat, Vivian, Marilyn Mongo. Scratched: Royal Gem, Krunch.

Moves Like Magic graduated by five lengths in her second attempt against state-breds at Indiana Grand Oct. 30 and followed suit with a pair of local IN-bred allowance scores Apr. 16 and Apr. 26. She was second last time in another state-bred sprint May 31 and was navigating two turns for the first time as the favorite here. Breaking on top from her rail draw, Moves Like Magic dueled through an opening quarter in :23.45. Edging ahead a bit on the backstretch run, the bay kept on trying in the lane, holding off her stubborn foe Discreet Beauty to score. The winning connections also sent out Toss of Fate (Shanghai Bobby) to a victory in the colt version of this event one race prior. The winner's dam is also responsible for an unnamed juvenile filly by Unbridled Express and a yearling filly by the same sire. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

Souper Escape cruised in her maiden victory last November on the dirt at Laurel and was switched to the turf for three of her four races since then, finishing fifth in her only subsequent dirt try in the Jan. 19 Gasparilla S. The Florida-bred defeated the re-opposing Ionic (City Zip) and Gardenista (Curlin) two starts back in a Apr. 27 Laurel optional claimer on the grass and faded to 10th in the Hilltop S. on Pimilco's Black-Eyed Susan Day. Sent away as the co-second choice in this off-the-turf contest, the dark bay broke alertly and battled on the front end with Dangerous Curves (Bellamy Road) through a :23.48 opening quarter. Riding the rail, Souper Escape overtook the lead from a retreating Dangerous Curves and dueled Pat's No Fool down the lane, gamely fending off that foe to secure her first stakes win. Her dam is Grade I winner Cry and Catch Me, who sold to Live Oak for $3.5 million at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale and is the mother of an Uncle Mo yearling colt and Uncle Mo filly born this season. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
6th-Indiana Grand, $34,500, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 6-19, 3yo/up, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:42.38, gd.

MADISON’S LUNA (c, 4, Tapat--Scarlet Tango {SP}, by French Deputy), winner of last term’s Gill Hutcheson S., closed out his sophomore season with a fifth in the restricted Curalin S. over a sloppy nine panels at Saratoga in late July. Resurging 10 months later in a turf sprint at Churchill Downs May 16, he faded to fourth that day and was eighth next out in a similar test beneath the Twin Spikes June 13. Returning to the main track in this rained-off test, which was scratched down to just five runners, the 6-5 chalk was bumped at the break, but quickly recovered, giving chase from second through moderate early splits. Ranging up to take on the leader in the stretch, the gray seized command and kicked clear to score by 1 1/4 lengths.

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O-Rigney Racing, LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Philip A. Bauer.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
8th-Belmont, $85,000, Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 6-19, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.71, gd.

AMERICAN TATTOO (ARG) (c, 4, Not For Sale {Arg}--American Whisper, by Quiet American) was a Group 1 winner in his native Argentina for trainer Florentino Sant Cascia before being sent to the barn of Todd Pletcher. Making his American debut on Derby weekend at Churchill Downs, the dark bay lost all chance at the start after being badly crowded and failed to pose a threat from then onward in the only off the board finish of his career.

Stretching out here, he was hustled to the lead and narrowly controlled the pace along the inside, setting pressured fractions of :23.78 and :46.70. After turning back the challenge of MSW Twisted Tom (Creative Cause) at the top of the stretch, American Tattoo (Arg) was hard-ridden to the wire, prevailing by 1 1/4 lengths over a fast closing Dynamax Prime (Bluegrass Cat). The winner is a full-brother to Mystery Train (Arg), MG1SW-Arg, $525,054; and a half-brother to American Song (Arg) (Stripes Song), GSW, $134,396. Lifetime Record: GISW, 5-3-1-0, $96,971. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Calumet Farm & Roberto Antonio Vignati; B-La Pasion (ARG); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

4th-Indiana Grand, $35,100, Alw (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:41.11, gd.

MORE ROSES (f, 3, Uncle Mo--Flattermewithroses {SW}, by Flatter) romped by 5 3/4 lengths in an off-the-turf event over this course-and-distance on debut May 14 and was hammered down to 3-5 favoritism to repeat in this scratched down, rained-this course-and-distance on debut May 14 and was hammered down to 3-5 favoritism to repeat in this scratched down, rained-off affair. Hustling straight to the front yet again, the $380,000 FTKNOV buy set unpressured early fractions while running off the rail on a clear lead. Showing the way into the stretch, the bay cruised clear to win as she pleased by six lengths over a clear leader. Showing the way into the stretch, the bay cruised clear to win as she pleased by six lengths over a clear leader.

2nd-Belmont, $60,140, (S), Msw, 6-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (off turf), 1:12.28, gd.

FILLY DILLY (f, 3, Majesticperfection--Joyjoyjoy, by Smart Strike) overwhelmed a field of maidens in her career debut. The 8-5 shot closely tracked the early pace on the outside through opening splits of :22.67 and :46.75. Looming three-wide around the quarter-mile left to run, increasing her lead to 7 1/2 lengths at the turn, the $30,000 FTKOCTpurchase cleared her rivals with a quarter-mile left to run, increasing her lead to 7 1/2 lengths at the turn.

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2nd-Indiana Grand, $33,480, Msw, 6-19, 2yo, 5f (off turf), :59.66, gd.
DIAMONDS ENJOY (c, 2, Kitten’s Joy--Diamonds for Dixie, by Dixie Union), sent off as the slight second choice at 9-5 in this debut, stalked favored Galileo’s Rock (Red Rocks [Ire]) from off the rail in second through an opening quarter in :23.06. Guided to the fence in the stretch, the bay slipped through on the chalk’s inside late to deny him by a neck in the final strides. Diamonds Enjoy is the most recent produce out of Diamonds for Dixie. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $18,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart.
O-Pablo Trucco; B-Inversiones Ongolmo De La Florida (KY); T-Rey Hernandez.

3rd-Thistledown, $30,000, (S), Msw, 6-19, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06.66, ft.
FURTHERINSTRUCTION (g, 3, Take Charge Indy--Smart Stride, by Smart Strike), unveiled at 4-1 here, seized the early advantage and never looked back, coasting home to a 2 3/4-length success. Generally Speaking (General Quarters) was second at 17-1. The winner’s dam produced a Midshipman colt in 2018 and a Not This Time colt this term. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $17,700. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O/B-Steve M DeMaiolo (OH); T-Mike L. Rone.

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JUNE 20
Daredevil (More Than Ready), WinStar Farm, $7,500 80 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Penn National, Msw 4f, DAREDEVIL CARL, 7-2 $43,000 FTK FEB wnl; $47,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; $15,000 OBS OCT yrl

Hampton Court (Aus) (Redoute’s Choice (Aus)), Spendthrift Farm 34 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners 3-Evangeline Downs, Msw 5f, FAST VERDICT, 4-1

Palace (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, $6,000 87 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 3-Evangeline Downs, Msw 5f, GOLDEN PALACE, 6-1 $5,000 OBS OCT yrl

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, $7,500 129 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners 5-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 5f, WICKED T, 5-1 $5,500 FTK OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JUNE 20
Fed Biz (Giant’s Causeway), WinStar Farm, $10,000 187 foals of racing age/34 winners/3 black-type winners 4-Churchill Downs, Msw 5 1/2fT, FED POLICY, 20-1 $30,000 KEE SEP yrl 4-Churchill Downs, Msw 5 1/2fT, YELLEN, 4-1 $23,000 KEE SEP yrl; $60,000 KEE APR yrl

He’s Had Enough (Tapit), Woodford Thoroughbreds, $2,500 140 foals of racing age/23 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Belmont, Msw 5ft, MISS MARISSA, 12-1 $11,000 OBS OCT yrl

Verrazano (More Than Ready), Ashford Stud, $15,000 268 foals of racing age/36 winners/2 black-type winners 5-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 5f, BRIDGE DANCER, 3-1 $25,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
7th-Presque Isle Downs, $37,440, 6-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.66, ft.
REDEEM MY HEART (f, 3, Redeemed--Miss Gemstone, by Clever Trick) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, $81,260.
O-Muirfield Farm & Tim Girten; B-William E. Riddle (PA); T-Tim Girten. *$5,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT.

3rd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $24,288, 6-18, 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:39.50, sy.
MEAN BEAN (g, 7, Garnered--Distinctly Spring, by Distinctive Pro) Lifetime Record: 34-8-12-6, $207,527.
O/T-Glenn N. Harrison; B-Jessica Loy (WV).
ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Saint Kennedy, f, 3, Bullet Train (GB) -- Slewville (MSW), by Petionville. Louisiana Downs, 6-18, 5f, :59.43. B-Pope, Marc & Pope McLean Jr. (KY). *$3,500 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **1/2 to Two Charley's (Hansen) SP, $192, 370.

Hot Traffic, g, 3, Cross Traffic -- Hot Touch, by Touch Gold. Presque Isle Downs, 6-18, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.80. B-Anne L. Walsh (KY). *1/2 to Tulsa Queen (Cactus Ridge), MSW & GSP, $211,381.

Black Sapphire, f, 3, Hold Me Back -- Queen's Command, by Sir Cat. Indiana Grand, 6-18, (S), 6f, 1:12.16. B-Simon Manning (IN).

Mercy Mercy, f, 3, Mucho Macho Man -- Tiza Smarty, by Tiznow. Belmont, 6-19, 1 1/4m (off turf), 2:07.03. B-Cowboy Stables, LLC (OK). *$19,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN; $60,000 Ylg '17 FTKJUL; $95,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSMAR; $150,000 2yo '18 EASMay.

Wyman, g, 3, Neko Bay -- Princess Grand, by Grand Slam. Indiana Grand, 6-19, (S), 6f, 1:11.64. B-Larry & Charlene Whitaker (IN).

Wherewegoin, g, 3, Power Broker -- Tale, by Tale of the Cat. Indiana Grand, 6-18, (S), 6f, 1:11.32. B-Michael & Penny Lauer (IN).

Shack's Sweetie, f, 3, Shackleford -- Bumba Bumba, by Majestic Warrior. Thistledown, 6-18, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.80. B-Michael L. Winings (OH). *$15,000 Ylg '17 PEDOH.

Archipelago, c, 3, Soldat -- Navigation, by Songandaprayer. Thistledown, 6-19, 5 1/2f, 1:05.66. B-Glockenburg, LLC (FL).

Lundqvist, g, 4, Afleet Alex -- Remembered, by Sky Mesa. Belmont, 6-19, (C), 6f (off turf), 1:12.98. B-Pope McLean, Pope McLean Jr. & Marc McLean (KY). *$26,000 RNA Wlg '15 KEENOV; $95,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. **1/2 to Bowies Hero (Artie Schiller), GISW, $724,970.

Pancho's Lucky Boy, g, 6, Lookin At Lucky -- Hottamolly (SW, $157,618), by Sky Classic. Louisiana Downs, 6-19, (S), 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:48.29. B-Kara Gael Baggett & Val C. Murrell (LA). *$47,000 Ylg '14 BSCYRL.

GARNERED, Mean Bean, g, 7, o/o Distinctly Spring, by Distinctive Pro. ALW, 6-18, Mountaineer

HOLD ME BACK, Black Sapphire, f, 3, o/o Queen's Command, by Sir Cat. MSW, 6-18, Indiana Grand

KITTEN'S JOY, Diamonds Enjoy, c, 2, o/o Diamonds for Dixie, by Dixie Union. MSW, 6-19, Indiana Grand

LOOKIN AT LUCKY, Pancho's Lucky Boy, g, 6, o/o Hottamolly, by Sky Classic. MSW, 6-19, Louisiana Downs

MACLEAN'S MUSIC, Moves Like Magic, f, 3, o/o Schefflera, by Mutakddim. Hoosier Breeders Sophomore S., 6-19, Indiana Grand

MAJESTICPERFECTION, Filly Dilly, f, 3, o/o Joyjoyjoyjoy, by Smart Strike. MSW, 6-19, Belmont

MEDAGLIA D'ORO, Souper Escape, f, 3, o/o Cry and Catch Me, by Street Cry (Ire). Christiana S., 6-19, Delaware

MUCHO MACHO MAN, Mercy Mercy, f, 3, o/o Tiza Smarty, by Tiznow. MSW, 6-19, Belmont

NEKO BAY, Wyman, g, 3, o/o Princess Grand, by Grand Slam. MSW, 6-19, Indiana Grand

NOT FOR SALE (ARG), American Tattoo (Arg), c, 4, o/o American Whisper, by Quiet American. AOC, 6-19, Belmont

POWER BROKER, Wherewegoin, g, 3, o/o Tale, by Tale of the Cat. MSW, 6-19, Indiana Grand

REDEEMED, Redeem My Heart, f, 3, o/o Miss Gemstone, by Clever Trick. ALW, 6-18, Presque Isle Downs

SHACKLEFORD, Shack's Sweetie, f, 3, o/o Bumba Bumba, by Majestic Warrior. MSW, 6-18, Thistledown

SHANGHAI BOBBY, Toss of Fate, g, 3, o/o Pay the Toll, by Repriced. Hoosier Breeders Sophomore S., 6-19, Indiana Grand

SOLDAT, Archipelago, c, 3, o/o Navigation, by Songandaprayer. MSW, 6-19, Thistledown

TAKE CHARGE INDY, Furtherinstruction, g, 3, o/o Smart Stride, by Smart Strike. MSW, 6-19, Thistledown

TAPIT, Madison's Luna, c, 4, o/o Scarlet Tango, by French Deputy. AOC, 6-19, Indiana Grand

UNCLE MO, More Roses, f, 3, o/o Flattermewithroses, by Flatter. ALW, 6-19, Indiana Grand

AFLEET ALEX, Lundqvist, g, 4, o/o Remembered, by Sky Mesa. MCL, 6-19, Belmont

BULLET TRAIN (GB), Saint Kennedy, f, 3, o/o Slewville, by Petionville. MSW, 6-18, Louisiana Downs

CROSS TRAFFIC, Hot Traffic, g, 3, o/o Hot Touch, by Touch Gold.
**OCEAN OF WISDOM**

Frankie Dettori and Crystal Ocean charge through the rain to land Wednesday’s G1 Prince of Wales’s S. | Racingfotos

When it comes to Crystal Ocean (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), Sir Michael Stoute must have been in possession of a crystal ball as he charted a path towards Wednesday’s G1 Prince of Wales’s S. with Sir Evelyn de Rothschild’s ‘TDN Rising Star’. After following up his 2018 win in Newbury’s G3 Aston Park S. in workmanlike fashion May 18, the 5-year-old had been pointed to this prize by the reigning monarch of the training ranks at this meeting, but it was a challenge at the time to envisage a first Group 1 triumph resulting from that decision. With the recent extraction of Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) from the equation combining with the continuous drenching received by the hallowed venue, the stars aligned for the ultra-consistent homebred and what Stoute saw in his famed mind’s eye a month ago became reality in the Ascot gloom. The Prince of Wales’s victory earned Crystal Ocean a spot in the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf in November if connections so choose.

Using Ballydoyle’s pacemaker Hunting Horn (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) as his own, Frankie Dettori thrust the 3-1 second favourite into the lead before the two-furlong pole. Despite running around in the clear, Crystal Ocean safely held the 13-8 favourite Magical (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) en route to a 1 1/4-length verdict over the filly to gift an 80th Royal winner to his trainer.

“He’s a high-class horse and I’m delighted he’s won his Group 1,” Stoute said. “He’s a very admirable racehorse and this is a result of great team work.”

**TIGHTLY-STRUNG**

Becoming as rare a piece of work as the brand of instrument after which he is named, Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) returns to Royal Ascot on Thursday looking to join a band of staying nobles whose names have been written more than once on the G1 Gold Cup honour roll. In contrast to the fast conditions he encountered 12 months ago when outgaming Vazirabad (Fr) (Menduro {Ger}), Bjorn Nielsen’s millionaire faces a potential slog this time with rain continuing to dog Berkshire’s theatre of dreams. Like all the greats of this cherished division, the beloved chestnut is also met by a new cast a year on, as would-be marathon stars appear from all angles. They include the remorseless Dee Ex Bee (GB) (Farhh {GB}), with his humourless galloping style certain to fit Thursday’s edition, and the swashbuckling class act from the G1 Melbourne Cup in Cross Counter (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}), who would have been best served had the rain stayed away.

**IN TDN AMERICA TODAY**

ASHVIEW TO ASCOT: ANOTHER ‘A LYSTER’ CELEBRITY

The Lyster Family have bred some fast horses, including Johannesburg and Runhappy, and the breeding operation is set to be represented by Bound For Nowhere (The Factor) in Saturday’s G1 Diamond Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
Since earning ‘Rising Star’ status when breaking his maiden on his second start, Crystal Ocean had raced over this trip on four occasions, with back-to-back wins in Sandown’s G3 Gordon Richards S. alongside a six-lengths second to Cracksman (GB) (Frankel {GB}) in the G1 Champion S. at this course in October. Shortly before that, he tried to give eight pounds to Enable and was beaten a respectable 3 1/2 lengths when second in the G3 September S. over his preferred mile-and-a-half trip on Kempton’s Polytrack. That was his first outing since losing out by a neck to stablemate Poet’s Word (Ire) (Poet’s Voice {GB}) in an edition of the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. which the trainer will want to keep framed in his memory until the end of his days.

In the same way that Ryan Moore committed turning into the straight in the G2 Hardwicke S. here 12 months ago, Dettori was intent on making sure that Magical and the struggling Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) would have hard labour to undertake just to get alongside. Once Hunting Horn was dispensed with, Crystal Ocean kept putting in his top effort at his rider’s command and while Ryan Moore looked at one point poised to come and take the horse he has himself ridden on seven occasions, it was not to be this time for Ballydoyle.

“This horse is a heavyweight of the sport,” Dettori said. “He never runs a bad race. I was worried about the ground, as his best form is on firm, but he’s very tough. I got very little kickback, as I was in the first two. The rain’s on top of the ground, but it’s not very pleasant out there. I stayed wide for the fresh ground, I knew he’d stay well so I kicked early and the rest is history.”

Stoute added, “If you look at his record, it’s quite amazing. It’s great for the [Southcourt] stud to have a Group 1 horse. I thought he ran very well in the Champion S. last year. He ran better than I thought. He may be better at a mile and a half, but he’s certainly a pretty good horse at a mile and a quarter and he’s proved that today.”

Aidan O’Brien said of Magical, who had initially been due to take a summer break after her success in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup, “I’m very happy with the filly and she ran well. She might come back for the [July 27 G1] King George or maybe the [July 6 G1] Eclipse [at Sandown].”

Of Waldgeist, who was visibly floundering in the ground some way out, trainer Andre Fabre said, “It was a good run and he might come back for the King George. I was not concerned about the ground, as he has won on soft ground before.”

The recent ante-post favourite Sea of Class (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) was almost withdrawn by William Haggas due to the change in the going and was ridden with consideration by James Doyle in fifth.

The jockey said: “I think we learned a lot there today, as she clearly dislikes really deep ground like it is out there. Trying to take the positives, the filly felt great and she travelled really well. We were just a bit too far back, but the main thing is it was nice to get a run in and start her off.”

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Prince of Wales’s S. cont.

Haggas added, “I’m so angry with myself for running her and subjecting her to that awful weather and ground. As soon as I made the decision to run her, it then bucketed down with rain for an hour. It was a mistake to run her and occasionally we make them. The plan was to go to the King George, so we will see, but she could still go there.”

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain
PRINCE OF WALES’S S.-G1, £750,000, Ascot, 6-19, 4yo/up, 9f 212yT, 2:10.25, sf.
1—CRYSTAL OCEAN (GB), 126, h, 5, by Sea the Stars (Ire)
   1st Dam: Crystal Star (GB) (SW & GSP-Eng), by Mark of Esteem (Ire)
   2nd Dam: Crystal Cavern, by Be My Guest
   3rd Dam: Krisalya (GB), by Kris (GB)
   1ST GROUP 1 WIN. ‘TDN Rising Star’ O-Sir Evelyn de Rothschild; B-Southcourt Stud (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute; J-Lanfranco Dettori. £425,325. Lifetime Record: 15-8-5-2, $2,036,353. *1/2 to Hillstar (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), Hwt. 3yo-Eng at 11-14f, G1SW-Can, MGWS & G1SP-Eng, $1,221,978; Crystal Capella (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 9.5-11f & MGWS-Eng, $550,532; and Crystal Zvezda (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), SW-Eng. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.
2—Magical (Ire), 123, f, 4, Galileo (Ire)—Halfway To Heaven (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien. £161,250.
3—Waldgeist (GB), 126, h, 5, Galileo (Ire)—Waldlerche (GB), by Monsun (Ger). ‘TDN Rising Star’ O-Gestut Ammerland & Newsells Park; B-The Waldlerche Partnership (GB); T-Andre Fabre. £80,700.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3 1/4, 2. Odds: 3.00, 1.60, 4.00.
Also Ran: Hunting Horn (Ire), Sea of Class (Ire), Deirdre (Jpn), Zabeel Prince (Ire), Desert Encounter (Ire). Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Pedigree Notes:
After a dynamic 4-year-old campaign, Crystal Ocean had already trumped his high-class half-siblings Hillstar (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), winner of the G1 Canadian International, and Crystal Capella (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) who took three Group 2 races, including the Princess of Wales’s S. against the colts.
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FEED THE DIFFERENCE
Prince of Wales’ S. cont.

Now without doubt, Crystal Ocean is the best of a quartet of black-type winners produced by Southcourt’s Listed Radley S. winner and G3 Fred Darling S.-placed Crystal Star (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}), their invaluable broodmare who died producing a colt by Frankel (GB) who turned out to be the stable’s twice-winning 4-year-old Crystal King (GB). Crystal Star is kin to the Listed Aphrodite S. winner Waila (GB) (Notnowcato (GB), while the third dam Krisalya (GB) (Kris {GB}) is a half-sister to the G1 Prix d’Ispahan hero Sasuru (GB) (Most Welcome {GB}), who produced G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches victress Rose Gypsy (GB) to a mating with Cape Cross’ sire Green Desert. This is also the family of the G1 Gamely S. winner Tuscan Evening (Ire) (Oasis Dream (GB)).

WINNING TICKET

Mark Johnston is keen to liken Royal Ascot to an equine lottery and so it was fitting that Raffle Prize (Ire) (Slade Power {Ire}) collected in a renewal of the G2 Queen Mary S. blighted by yet another downpour on Wednesday.

So impressive around Chester’s tight turns when off the mark over six furlongs May 25, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum’s homebred had the early speed to lay up with Wesley Ward’s ‘TDN Rising Star’ duo of Kimari (Munnings) and Anna’s Fast (Fast Anna) on this unrelenting straight course and was always able to keep the former within reach. As it boiled down to a match between the American and North England girls, it was always going to be Raffle Prize’s extra stamina that decided the contest and the 18-1 shot slowly gained the edge inside the last half furlong. At the line, Frankie Dettori had earned a head verdict over the ultra-game Kimari, as ‘TDN Rising Star’ and 6-1 favourite Final Song (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) fared best of the Godolphin quartet a length away in third.

With all the action here coming from stalls 18 and upwards, she was ideally placed in 25 and those racing middle-to-low were always out of their ground. As Raffle Prize edged out Kimari and Final Song emerged with a late threat on the stand’s side, the Hilary Needler Trophy winner Liberty Beach (GB) (Cable Bay {Ire}) came out of the race with much credit having led home the pack racing in the centre and finished just 2 1/4 lengths behind the winner.

“People ask me ‘what’s your best chance at Royal Ascot’ and I say ‘how can you know?’ as they are all effectively maiden winners coming in here and all you can do is run your best horses and see,” Johnston commented. “She deserved be here, but we couldn’t say how good she was in relation to the others. What you can say is that Frankie is just the greatest jockey. We couldn’t have been in a better position in the race.” Cont. p5
Queen Mary S. cont.

Raffle Prize began her career with a second to the potentially smart Varian runner Daahyeh (GB) (Bated Breath (GB)) over six at Newmarket May 18 before her Chester exhibition. Taken on for the lead at that tricky venue, which Aidan O’Brien is keen to use for the accelerated education of his Derby and Oaks prospects, she brushed off that pressure before powering clear of the subsequent Hamilton winner The New Marwan (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}) by five lengths. The colt that took her on at the front had useful form beforehand and ended up 24 1/4 lengths adrift, so that was clear testament that the Johnston runner was cut from rare cloth.

Dettori revealed his plan of action afterwards. “I knew it would take a good one to beat Wesley’s, but I knew mine had run over six, so I took him on early and made it a true test of stamina and she had to give in sooner or later,” he said. “I saw her stride shortening and I knew I had his horse. I had stamina on my side and I used that card.”

Ward said of Kimari, “Frankie did me in. I was very concerned about the rain, but obviously she likes the soft so that is a good thing moving forward. You don’t know which ones like the soft, but it shows she liked it as did Lady Aurelia. If I hadn’t had the success I’ve had in the past, I would be elated, but I’m so happy and proud she has run well.”

Saeed bin Suroor said of Final Song, “The filly has done well. The jockey said six or seven furlongs could be better for her. We will find another group race for her in England or France. She likes this ground, as she won on soft. I think she needs cut in the ground. I think the trip was a bit short for her, but she ran a big race.”

Pedigree Notes:

Raffle Prize’s dam is the G3 Oak Tree S. winner Summer Fete (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), who also took the Listed Radley S. at that seven-furlong trip and was third in the G2 Celebration Mile, so there is more than hope that the winner will get further than six
furlongs. Second dam Tamarillo (GB) (Daylami {Ire}) is a half-sister to the listed-placed pair Take It To The Max (GB) (Bahamian Bounty (GB)) and Wake Up Call (GB) (Noverre), with the latter being the dam of Godolphin’s Zaman (GB) (Dutch Art (GB)). He captured the Listed Meydan Classic and was second in the G2 Vintage S., while the family also includes the GII San Clemente H. winner Up In Time (GB) (Noverre), the Listed Atalanta S. scorer and G1 Sun Chariot S. third Muscianna (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and her G2 Godolphin Mile-winning son One Man Band (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}). Also connected to the high-class sprinter Overdose (GB) (Starborough {GB}), Summer Fete’s yearling filly is by Exceed and Excel (Aus). Raffle Prize is the fitting first black-type winner for his sire, who defeated Due Diligence (War Front) in the 2014 G1 Diamond Jubilee S. before adding the G1 Darley July Cup in his next start.

FIRST STAKES WINNER FOR SIRE

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain
QUEEN MARY S.-G2, £110,000, Royal Ascot, 6-19, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:01.58, g/s.
1--RAFFLE PRIZE (IRE), 126, f, 2, by Slade Power (Ire)
   1st Dam: Summer Fete (Ire) (GSW-Eng, $125,102),
   by Pivotal (GB)
   2nd Dam: Tamarillo (GB), by Daylami (Ire)
   3rd Dam: Up And About (GB), by Barathea (Ire)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin
Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Mark Johnston;
J-Lanfranco Dettori. £62,381. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0,
$95,336. *First SW for sire (by Dutch Art {GB}). Werk Nick
Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Kimari, 126, f, 2, Munnings--Cozze Up Lady, by Cozzene.
   ($152,000 Ylg > 18 FTKJUL). ‘TDN Rising Star’ O-Ten Broeck
   Farm Inc; B-China Horse Club International Ltd (KY); T-Wesley
   Ward. £23,650.

MOVE SWIFTLY SWOOPS LATE IN THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE

Sheikh Rashid Dalmoock Al Maktoum’s Move Swiftly (GB)
(Farhh {GB}) stepped out of handicap company to run second in
Lingfield’s Nov. 1 Listed Fleur de Lys S. and made giant strides to
plunder Wednesday’s G2 Duke of Cambridge S. at Royal Ascot in
her first start of 2019.

The 9-1 chance, who prevailed in her sole juvenile start and
two of five outings last term, was steadied at the break to race
at the tail of the field as Nyaleti (Arch) set the tempo. Still last
with three furlongs remaining, she made smooth progress into
contention at the quarter-mile marker and kept on resolutely
under a drive once launching her challenge entering the final
furlong to swoop for a career high in the dying strides, denying
Rawdaa (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}) by a neck. I Can Fly (GB) (Fastnet
Rock {Aus}), who started as the 7-2 favourite despite carrying a
three-pound penalty for winning last term’s G2 Solonaway S.,
also threatened inside the final quarter mile and was best of the
rest 1 3/4 lengths adrift in third. Cont. p7
“She enjoyed the ground and we’re absolutely thrilled to bits with this filly,” beamed trainer William Haggas after securing a second winner of the week and 10th overall at Royal Ascot. “I haven’t got any specific plans for her, but she’s won here and that’s what matters. I’m very proud of what everyone [at home] has done. She’s been hard work, but is very tough and very genuine. She went off to be covered and, fortunately, didn’t take to New Approach, so she came back and this is the result.”

Daniel Tudhope became leading rider of the week with the win and added, “I didn’t want to be too far back, but I ended up being there for some reason and she did it well. She travelled nicely, she enjoyed the ground and I think she will improve again for that run. They’ve always liked her at home and she has been a decent filly. This was her first run of the year so she is bound to improve. She was just getting tired on me and I think there is more to come. I couldn’t have imagined riding three winners at the start of the week, but we are having a great week and I am riding for good people.”

Of runner-up Rawdaa, trainer Sir Michael Stoute said, “She ran very well, but we were beaten fair and square. I think a mile-and-a-quarter is her trip. We’ll have to look at the [July 12 G1] Falmouth [S over one mile at Newmarket] and see what else might be running, but I’m favouring a mile-and-a-quarter.”

Frankie Dettori added, “She ran a superb race, but the winner was just too strong. She really tried and I can’t fault her.”

Aidan O’Brien conveyed similar thoughts when reflecting on the performance of I Can Fly and said, “We weren’t expecting this type of ground, but she ran very well and I’m delighted with her run. We think she will progress as the year goes on and there’s more improvement to come. I should think the Falmouth is a possibility for her next run.”

Ryan Moore added, “She ran super carrying a penalty and I am very pleased with her.” Cont. p8
Pedigree Notes:
Move Swiftly is one of two winners and the leading performer for three-time winner Hurricane Harriet (GB) (Bertolini) and she is kin to the hitherto unraced 2-year-old colt Habit Rouge (GB) (Helmet {Aus}). Her dam is a half-sister to Listed Several S. winner Katy Nowaitee (GB) (Komaite), who in turn produced G2 Wellington Cup victor Mister Impatience (GB) (Hernando {Fr}) and GII Suwannee River S. victress Tottie (GB) (Fantastic Light), and she hails from a family featuring GSW British champion Shoot Clear (Ire) (Bay Express {Ire}) and G1 Yorkshire Oaks heroines Untold (GB) (Final Straw {GB}) and Sally Brown (GB) (Posse).

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain
DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE S.-G2, £175,000, Ascot, 6-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:42.63, sf.
1--MOVE SWIFTLY (GB), 126, f, 4, by Farhh (GB)
   1st Dam: Hurricane Harriet (GB), by Bertolini
   2nd Dam: Cold Blow (GB), by Posse
   3rd Dam: Warm Wind (GB), by Tumble Wind
   1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (30,000gns Wlg ’15 TATFOA; 70,000gns Ylg ’16 TAOCT). O-Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Mrs K E Collie (GB); T-William Haggas; J-Daniel Tudhope. £99,243. Lifetime Record: 8-4-3-1, $197,107. Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Rawdaa (GB), 126, f, 4, by Teofilo (Ire)--Lady Lahar (GB), by Fraam (GB). (280,000gns Ylg ’16 TATOCT). O-Abdullah Saeed Al Naboodah; B-Barry Walters (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute. £37,625.
3--I Can Fly (GB), 129, f, 4, by Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Madonna Dell’Orto (GB), by Montjeu (Ire). (240,000gns Ylg ’16 TAOCT). O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Rockwell Bloodstock (GB); T-Aidan O’Brien. £18,830.

Margins: NK, 1 3/4, 1. Odds: 9.00, 4.00, 3.50.
Also Ran: Veracious (GB), Di Fede (Ire), Anna Nerium (GB), Nyaleti (Ire), Red Tea (GB), Shenanigans (Ire), Indian Blessing (GB), Agrotera (Ire), Threading (Ire), Pretty Baby (Ire), Preening (GB), Hand On Heart (Ire), Bella Ragazza (GB), Dan’s Dream (GB).
Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
Mick and Janice Mariscotti’s Dashing Willoughby (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) was no match for subsequent G1 Epsom Derby fifth Sir Dragonet (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) when third in last month’s G3 Chester Vase, but stepped forward in game fashion to claim Wednesday’s G2 Queen’s Vase at Royal Ascot.

Under heavy restraint in third behind a modest pace set by Nayef Road (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) for most of the 14-furlong slog, the 6-1 chance loomed large off the home turn to launch his challenge at the quarter-mile marker and stayed on strongly under a drive to deny Barbados (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) by a half-length, despite veering right nearing the line. Nayef Road kept on gamely to finish a half-length further back in third.

The bay, who backed up a debut score over an extended mile at Wolverhampton last August to run second in Newbury’s renowned Haynes, Hanson & Clark Conditions S. the following month, closed his juvenile campaign with an eighth behind Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in Doncaster’s Oct. 27 G1 Futurity Trophy before running second once more in another conditions heat back at Newbury in his penultimate outing on seasonal return Apr. 12.

"He loves the ground, he stays well and he’s pretty classy," said winning trainer Andrew Balding after claiming a fourth Royal winner and a first in five years. "He had a little hiccup on Saturday morning and was very lame. He had a blood blister in his foot and our farrier Eugene Cullen and head lad Kevin Hunt worked through the night and, happily, he was right 24 hours later. It’s great for Mick and Janice [Mariscoti] who have been very good, loyal supporters of ours and we’re delighted. He’s got a bit of talent, we were really hopeful coming into the race and the rain certainly was in his favour. The [Sept. 14 G1] St Leger [at Doncaster] is the logical objective and it’ll be a lot tougher than this, but I think he deserves to be heading in that direction now."

Owner Mick Mariscoti added, “This is indescribable and the joy of days like today makes up for 100 days when it is not quite as good. This our first Group winner and our first Royal Ascot winner. I cannot really describe how I feel, it’s fantastic.”

Aidan O’Brien was understandably pleased with the effort of Barbados and said, “He’s by Galileo and has always looked like he would stay, so we have to be delighted with his effort. It was a great run by a 3-year-old in that ground so early in the season.”

Rider Wayne Lordan concurred and added, “He has run a big race, he tries and kept going and there is a big day in him.”

Andrea Atzeni, who set the tone aboard Nayef Road, reflected, “He was a little bit slow early on and I had to use him to get my position, but he ran a great race. I wasn’t sure about the trip, but he obviously stays very well.”

Mark Johnston praised Atzeni’s tactical nous, saying, “He was drawn quite wide and quite slowly into his stride so I thought it was a great move [by Andrea] to push round and take the lead. That initiative nearly paid off and he galloped all the way to the line. You couldn’t say he didn’t stay every yard of the trip, we’re glad we went a half-mile extra and he won’t be dropping back to a mile-and-a-quarter again.”

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Pedigree Notes:
Dashing Willoughby is the second foal and lone scorer out of a multiple-winning half-sister to G1 Prix Jean Romanet and G1 Prix de l’Opera victrix Speedy Boarding (GB) (Shamardal) and the bay is a half-brother to a yearling filly by Lope de Vega (Ire) and a colt foal by Mukhadram (GB). His Listed Warwickshire Oaks-winning second dam Dash to the Front (GB) (Diktat [GB]) is herself a half-sister to stakes-winning G1 Fillies’ Mile and G1 Yorkshire Oaks placegetter Dash to the Top (GB) (Montjeu [Ire]), who in turn produced three black-type performers headed by last month’s G1 Epsom Oaks heroine Anapurna (GB) (Frankel [GB]).

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain
QUEEN’S VASE-G2, £225,000, Ascot, 6-19, 3yo, 14f 34yT, 3:07.86, sf.
1--DASHING WILLOUGHBY (GB), 126, c, 3, by Nathaniel (Ire)
  1st Dam: Miss Dashwood (GB), by Dylan Thomas (Ire)
  2nd Dam: Dash to the Front (GB), by Diktat (GB)
  3rd Dam: Millennium Dash (GB), by Nashwan
  1ST BLACK TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (70,000gns Ylg ’17 TATOCT). O-Mick & Janice Mariscotti; B-Meon Valley Stud (GB); T-Andrew Balding; J-Oisin Murphy. £127,598. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, $190,849. Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & S-cross pedigree.
2--Barbados (Ire), 126, c, 3, Galileo (Ire)—Sumora (Ire), by Danehill. O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien. £48,375.
3--Nayef Road (Ire), 126, c, 3, Galileo (Ire)—Rose Bonheur (GB), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (100,000gns Ylg ’17 TATOCT). O-Mohamed Obaida; B-B V Sangster (IRE); T-Mark Johnston. £24,210.
Margins: HF, HF, 2HF. Odds: 6.00, 20.00, 16.00.
Also Ran: Moonlight Spirit (Ire), Eminent Authority (Ire), Harpo Marx (Ire), Almost Midnight (GB), Themaxwecan (Ire), Norway (Ire), Nate the Great (GB), Python (Fr), Western Australia (Ire), Jalmoud (GB). Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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Yeats (Ire) had similar examinations after he first caught Ascot unawares in 2006, with allcomers attempting to subsequently dethrone him to no avail. Stradivarius is no Yeats, with his style tailored more to a swift closing effort than the grinding nature of the Ballydoyle giant’s method, but a win in this particularly strong edition in these gruelling conditions would move him ever closer to his own portion of immortality. There was nothing in his return winning performance in the May 17 G2 Yorkshire Cup to suggest he had lost either enthusiasm or dexterity following his winter break and the march is on for more “Cup” glory after his high-achieving manoeuvres from here to Goodwood to York and back here again last season.

Soft-ground Gold Cups are not uncommon, with the 2016 renewal won by Order of St George (Ire) (Galileo [Ire]) and the 2012 version taken by Colour Vision (Fr) (Rainbow Quest) carried out on an easy surface, but Wednesday’s deterioration in conditions has moved this one into another dimension. There was always going to be a time when Stradivarius would have to win ugly and this is it. He did manage to capture the G2 QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup in October on soft, but that was against lesser opposition and trainer John Gosden is well aware that his flagbearer will have to raise his game.

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“If it rains a lot he is up against it," the master of Clarehaven warned. "He has that great weapon for a two-and-a-half miler in that he has a phenomenal turn of foot. If it goes soft, it blunts his turn of foot and leaves him vulnerable. It won’t be his scene if it turns into a slog on softer ground, because he has got a lot of class and that will favour the boys who have got to grind it out. I don’t see the standard being any higher--he was just very effective on good-to-firm ground last year. He is not a big horse, but he has the ability in the last two furlongs to turn it on.”

Gosden is well aware of the burden connections carry into each task that Stradivarius undertakes now that he is such a high-profile campaigner. “To a degree, I share the view he is becoming a people’s favourite," he added. “He is in the Cup races and people enjoy them and he was the champion stayer last year." Frankie Dettori will feel the pressure most, but having ridden over 60 winners here helps. “He has become the people’s favourite horse," he said. “The great thing about him is that he wears his heart on the sleeve and he never goes down without a fight and people appreciate that.”

Mark Johnston knows how epic the Gold Cup is, having conquered the great prize with Royal Rebel (GB) (Robellino) twice in 2001 and 2002 and with Double Trigger (Ire) (Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)) in 1995, and will not have been disheartened by the rain for Dee Ex Bee. “We are relishing the extra half mile, not concerned about it,” he said of Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum’s 4-year-old who had the class to be second in the May 31 G1 Epsom Oaks third.Fleeting (Ire) (Zoffany (Ire)). The William Haggas-trained Frankellina (GB) (Frankel (GB)), who was runner-up in the May 15 G3 Musidora S. and sixth in the Oaks, is met by ‘TDN Rising Star’ Star Catcher (GB) (Sea the Stars (Ire)) who was third behind the re-opposing Queen Power (Ire) (Shamardal) in the Listed Haras de Bouquetot Fillies' Trial S. at Newbury May 18.
Previews cont.

“I honestly don’t favour one over the other and that is why we are running them both,” their owner-breeder commented. “When Star Catcher was beaten at Newbury, Frankie Dettori came back and apologised because he felt he should have won; he said he should have made more use of her because she was running on again at the line, she finished full of running. She should be really suited by stepping up in trip—that is what we are hoping. Frankellina had the two quick runs in the Musidora and the Oaks, but she did a really nice piece of work the other day which is why we are keen to run her. I’d absolutely think Ascot should suit her more than Epsom, because she is a big filly.”

Royal Ascot always offers connections of runners in the Epsom Classics a temptation to come back to the races quickly, but that is not the case in the G3 Hampton Court S. where all 15 avoided the Derby. Juddmonte’s TDN Rising Stars Headman (GB) and Sangarius (GB) are both by Kingman (GB) and enter the mix with an abundance of promise. The former, who represents Roger Charlton’s stable, took the London Gold Cup H. under a stopping weight at Newbury last time May 18, while Sir Michael Stoute’s Listed Flying Scotsman S. winner Sangarius was third under a penalty behind the subsequent G1 St James’s Palace S. runner-up King of Comedy (Ire) (Kingman (GB)) in Sandown’s Listed Heron S. May 23. Khalid Abdullah’s racing manager Teddy Grimthorpe said of the latter, “His work has been solid. Sir Michael is bringing him in great shape. We have always had it on our mind that he might be a mile-and-a-quarter horse, even from when he was a 2-year-old, so this is an interesting opportunity for him.”

Of Headman, who bids to emulate his half-brother Time Test (GB) (Dubawi (Ire)) who took this off a win in the London Gold Cup in 2015, he added, “Everything he has done since that victory has pleased Roger. This was always the race in mind we had for Headman after Newbury. You never quite know how much is between them. We’ve put the pink cap on Sangarius mainly because he has listed form, which Headman hasn’t. But Headman is also by Kingman, which is important to us.” Also by Kingman is King Power Racing’s Fox Chairman (Ire), who was an eyecatcher when third behind the St James’s Palace S. hero Circus Maximus (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) in the Listed Dee S. at Chester last time May 9.

WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?
By Kelsey Riley

Runners in Thursday’s G2 Norfolk S. include the progeny of Group 1-winning dams, as well as some decent pinhooks and some bargain auction buys.

A’ALI (IRE) (Society Rock (Ire)–Motion Lass (GB), by Motivator (GB))

Maiden A’Ali was bred by Tally-Ho Stud and sold by that nursery for £35,000 to H&H Bloodstock and Star Bloodstock at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale. He was seen back at Doncaster in April where he was picked up by Stroud Coleman Bloodstock for £135,000.

AIR FORCE JET (GB) (Charm Spirit (Ire)–Wind Fire, by Distorted Humor)

Air Force Jet, like his dam, is raced by Qatar Racing. He is out of the G2 Flying Childers S. and G3 Coral Charge Sprint S. winner Wind Fire, who was also third in this race and is a granddaughter of the Grade I winner and producer Dream Supreme (Seeking the Gold).

COOL SPHERE (Orb–Faringdon Circle, by Speightstown)

Cool Sphere was picked up by Star Bloodstock for $45,000 at Keeneland September from breeder Hinkle Farms and, re-offered at the Tattersalls Craven Sale in April, he fetched 120,000gns from Cool Silk Partnership and Stroud Coleman Bloodstock.

DUBAI STATION (GB) (Brazen Beau (Aus)–Princess Guest (Ire), by Iffraaj (GB))

A maiden winner at Haydock 13 days ago, Dubai Station was bred by Hall of Fame Stud and purchased by Ahmad Al Shaikh for 30,000gns from Book 2 of Tattersalls October.

EXPRESSIONIST (IRE) (Night of Thunder (Ire)–Permission Slip (GB), by Authorized (Ire))

Expressionist was bred by Clare Castle Stud out of the stakes-placed Permission Slip and offered by them at the Goffs Orby Yearling Sale, where he made €65,000 from Rabbah. Re-offered at Craven by Houghton Bloodstock, it was Godolphin which signed the ticket at 300,000gns.

FIREFI北部 (FR) (Starspangledbanner (Aus)–Torentosa (Fr), by Oasis Dream (GB))

Firepower was bred by Soledad de Moratalla and is out of a stakes-placed half-sister to G1 Derby winner Wings of Eagles (Fr) (Pour Moi (Ire)). Bought by Emerald Bloodstock for €165,000 as an Arqana December foal, he was offered by Carmel Stud at Book 1 last year but failed to find a new home at 170,000gns.

KING NEPTUNE (War Front–Agreeable Miss, by Speightstown)

King Neptune races for the Coolmore partners and is a full-brother to the Listed European Free H. third Faydhan (War Front). The second dam is the GIII Princess S. winner Sweet and Ready (El Prado (Ire)). Cont. p13
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MAVEN (American Pharoah–Richies Party Girl, by Any Given Saturday)

Bred by trainer Wesley Ward and raced by Richard Ravin, Maven was a winner in his only start at Aqueduct on Apr. 19. He was offered at Monday’s Goffs London Sale but taken home when bidding stalled at £725,000. Maven is out of Richies Party Girl, who set a 6 1/2 furlong track record in the Listed Kentucky Downs Ladies Sprint S. and won two other listed contests.

MISTY GREY (IRE) (Dark Angel {Ire}–Chinese White {Ire}, by Dalakhani {Ire})

Misty Grey is out of the G1 Pretty Polly S. winner Chinese White, who is in turn out of the Group 3-winning Chiang Mai (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells), a half-sister to Raia (GB) (Kris {GB}), winner of the G1 Prix de Diane and dam of Invincible Spirit (Ire) and Kodiak (GB). Misty Grey was sold by breeder Skymarc Farm to trainer Mark Johnston for 72,000gns at Book 1.

MOUNT FUJI (IRE) (Dark Angel {Ire}–Shermeen {Ire}, by Desert Style {Ire})

Bred by Barronstown Stud and raced by the Coolmore partners, Mount Fuji is out of the stakes-winning Shermeen, and therefore a half-brother to the G1 Phoenix S. winner Sudirman (Henrythenavigator).

REAL APPEAL (GER) (Sidestep {Aus}–Runaway Sparkle {GB}, by Green Desert)

Real Appeal represents another good bit of a decision-making by the breeze-up wizard Con Marnane. Bought for €9,000 as an Arqana December foal, he didn’t see the sales ring again as a yearling or 2-year-old but started out this season in the silks of Marnane’s wife Theresa. He has thus far won three of four outings including the Listed Prix La Fleche on May 31, and he will race in new silks on Thursday as he was bought by Yulong Investments for £265,000 at Monday’s Goffs London Sale.

STRIVE FOR GLORY (Dialed In–Chu And You, by You and I)

Robert Cowell and owner Tom Morley came so close to a win in this race last year with another son of Dialed In in Pocket Dynamo, and the owner/trainer combination returns to try again with Strive For Glory, a $80,000 Keeneland September yearling.

SUNDAY SOVEREIGN (GB) (Equiano {Fr}–Red Sovereign {GB}, by Danzig Connection)

Sunday Sovereign, the winner of his last two, was sold by breeder Byerley Stud to Forge Stables for 12,000gns as a foal at Tattersalls December. He was pinhooked for €30,000 the following autumn at Tattersalls Ireland when bought by Howson & Houldsworth Bloodstock and Sunday Racing Club. He was acquired privately by King Power Racing after breaking his maiden on May 6.

VENTURA REBEL (GB) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}–Finalize {GB}, by Firebreak {GB})

Ventura Rebel was bred by Crossfields Bloodstock and sold for £28,000 to Federico Barberini at the Tattersalls Ireland Ascot September Yearling Sale.

EMTEN (IRE) (Bungle Inthejungle {GB}–Lucky Leigh {GB}, by Piccolo {GB})

Emten was bred by Rathasker Stud by its leading first-crop sire Bungle Inthejungle and sold by that nursery to Federico Barberini for £36,000 at the Tattersalls Ireland Ascot September Yearling Sale.
Wednesday’s Results:

FIRST STAKES WINNER FOR SIRE

WINDSOR CASTLE S.-Listed, £90,000, Ascot, 6-19, 2yo, 5fT, 1:03.05, sf.

1--SOUTHERN HILLS (IRE), 129, c, 2, by Gleneagles (Ire)
   1st Dam: Remember You (Ire) (GSP-Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire)
   2nd Dam: Miss Dela (Ire), by King’s Best
   3rd Dam: Miss Mistletoes (Ire), by The Minstrel
   1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien; J-Ryan Moore. £51,039. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $69,171. *First stakes winner/fourth winner for freshman sire (by Galileo {Ire}).

2--Platinum Star (Ire), 129, c, 2, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Toquette (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). (150,000gns Ylg >18 TAOCT).
   O-Godolphin. £19,350.

3--Glasvegas (Ire), 129, c, 2, Zebedee (GB)--Rejuvenation (Ire), by Singspiel (Ire). (£50,000 Ylg ’18 GOFSPT).
   O-Weldspec Glasgow Ltd. £9,684.

Margins: HF, HD, HD. Odds: 7.00, 8.00, 25.00.

Also Ran: Symbolize (Ire), Illusionist (Ger), Summer Sands (GB), Electric Ladyland (Ire), Taxiwala (Ire), Red Epaulette (Ire), Rayong (GB), Wheels On Fire (Fr), Bill Neigh (GB), Temple of Heaven (GB), Dylan de Vega (GB), Karak, Iffraaz (Ire), Iva Reflection (Ire), Charlemaine (Ire), Paper Star (GB), Foolish Humor, Better the Devil. Scratched: Ivatheengine (Ire), Show Me Show Me (GB), Lady Quickstep (Ire).

In his exploits, Southern Hills was picking a grand stage to provide his sire with a first black-type winner and Aidan O’Brien was keen to recommend the Gleneagles progeny after welcoming his 68th Royal Ascot scorer.

“The Gleneagles offspring are fast and they are brave, which are two massive things in a horse. That’s evident in his stock so far,” he said. “He handled the hold-up well. He’s got a good mind. They have those traits; they have pace, they are brave and they’ve got good minds. I should have thought that five or six furlongs would be his trip, because he’s got so much speed.”

Saed bin Suroor said of the second Platinum Star, who was another placed juvenile on the day for the stable, “He ran very well. He has won over six furlongs, but a stiff five would be a good trip for him. We will be looking for a group race for him, he is a class horse. The ground was a bit heavy for him today.”

Jockey Christophe Soumillon added, “I was behind the winner and came through very easily thinking I would catch him, but my horse got a bit tired.”

Southern Hills’ ground-versatile dam, who raced for David Wachman and was smart enough to finish runner-up in the six-furlong G3 Round Tower S., hails from the family of the G3 Somerville Tattersalls S. winner Governor Brown (Kingmambo) and fellow sire Hataab (Woodman). Also related to last year’s G1 Sistema S. hero Sword of Osman (NZ) (Savabeel {Aus}), Remember You has a yearling full-brother to the winner to follow.

Still a maiden entering this speed test, Southern Hills had faced a tough introduction when pitched into the Listed Marble Hill S. at The Curragh May 24 and showed why with a bold showing until fading out of contention late to be last of the five. He had run to a high standard again next time when caught close home by the G2 Norfolk S. contender Air Force Jet (GB) (Charm Spirit {Ire}) in a five-furlong maiden which the pair dominated, pulling 14 lengths clear of the third, at Navan June 1.

Having to wait while Show Me Show Me (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) broke through the stalls and was withdrawn, the chestnut who was drawn nearest the stand’s side—which again proved best at this meeting—showed speed to stay near enough to the frenetic pace. Sent to the front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, he stayed on with a professionalism to belie his inexperience to account for Godolphin’s Platinum Star as the Northern raider Glasvegas flashed home to fill the frame.
**British Report cont.**

**TOTEPOOL QUEEN CHARLOTTE FILLIES S.-Listed**, £75,000, Chelmsford City, 6-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f (AWT), 1:23.81, st.

1—**BILLESDON BROOK (GB)**, 126, f, 4, Champs Elysees (GB)—Coplow (GB), by Manduro (Ger). O-Pall Mall Partners & Mrs R. J. McCrery; B-Stowell Hill Partners (GB); T-Richard Hannon; J-Sean Levey. £42,533. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Eng, 16-5-2-3, £651,985. *1/2 to Billesdon Bess (GB) (Dick Turpin [Ire]), SW-Eng.*

2—**Crossing The Line (GB)**, 126, f, 4, Cape Cross (Ire)—Terentia (GB), by Diktat (GB). (£75,000gns Ylg ‘16 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum. £16,125.

3—**SOLAR GOLD (IRE)**, 126, f, 4, Sea the Stars (Ire)—Jessica’s Dream (Ire), by Desert Style (Ire). (€190,000 RNA Ylg ‘16 ARAUG). O-Cayton Park Stud Limited. £8,070.

Margins: 1, HF, NK. Odds: 5.00, 7.00, 4.50. **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Avoiding Royal Ascot after a series of blows to her confidence since her impressive victory in the G1 1000 Guineas last May, Billesdon Brook whose last run on the Polytrack had resulted in a six-length novice stakes win at Kempton in July 2017 was able to get back to winning ways. Only third favourite after becoming another to perform well below-par in Newbury’s G1 Lockinge S. May 18, the chestnut enjoyed cover on the rail in mid-division and was full of running in early straight. Getting the gaps to clinch the advantage with 150 yards remaining, she had first run on the unlucky Polytrack specialist Crossing the Line and that proved decisive.

Billesdon Brook, whose listed-winning half-sister Billesdon Bess sold for 800,000gns to Erdenheim Farm at the Tattersalls December Mares Sale in October, had not been disgraced after the Newmarket Classic. Fourth in the G1 Coronation S. at Royal Ascot and the G1 Nassau S. at Goodwood over a 10-furlong trip that may have stretched her, the homebred was third in the nine-furlong G2 Dahlia S. back at Newmarket May 5 before her Lockinge flop.

The dam is a half to the G3 Prix d’Aumale winner Middle Club (GB) (Fantastic Light) and Anna Nerium (GB) (Dubawi [Ire]) who this month added the G3 Princess Elizabeth S. to her prior group 3 successes in the Supreme S. and Dick Poole S. Also a half to another Dubawi of note in the stable’s classy G3 Horris Hill S. scorer Piping Rock (GB), she is a granddaughter of the influential G2 Preis der Diana-winning dual German champion Anna Paola (Ger) (Prince Ippe (Ger)). Coplow’s 3-year-old filly World’s Fair (GB) (Showcasing [GB]) has yet to race, while she also has a 2-year-old filly by Sepoy (Aus) named Bruisa (GB).

5th—Ascot, £175,000, Hcp, 6-19, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:42.36, sf. AFAAK (GB) (g, 5, Oasis Dream [GB]—Ghanaati (MG1SW-Eng, $720,406), by Giant’s Causeway) ran second off the same rating in the latest renewal of this ultra-competitive cavalry charge and was making his seasonal comeback as a first-time gelding having finished off the radar in Newmarket’s Sept. 29 Cambridgeshire H. last time. Ploughing a lone furrow just off the pace on the stands’ side half of the track after breaking prominently, the 20-1 chance cruised up to the front rank approaching the quarter-mile marker and would not be denied under a final-furlong drive to just hold the late surge of Clon Coulis (Ire) (Vale of York [Ire]) by a pixel. “He hasn’t come in his coat yet and still looks a woolly bear,” explained trainer Charlie Hills. “We were concerned about that and I suggested to Sheikh Hamdan that we could take him out because the ground had changed, but I’m glad we didn’t. We gelded him during the winter—sometimes that is the best thing for a colt—and we can now start looking for some races out of handicap company. We wanted to run him a couple of weeks ago, but he just didn’t look quite right so we backed off. I’m glad this winner is for Sheikh Hamdan, who is such a great supporter of the yard.” Jockey Jim Crowley, who now sits on a career total of six Royal winners, added, “Afaak did it well and Charlie and the team at home have done a great job with the horse. This has been his target and to come here for his first run of the year and pull it off in a big handicap is great. He was second in the race last year so it is nice to go one better. He relaxed well and it went like clockwork, but he was in front a long way out as the leaders on the stands’ side dropped away. He’s beautifully bred and hopefully there is more to come from him.” The homebred bay, half-brother to a yearling colt by Invincible Spirit (Ire) and a colt foal by Muhaarar (GB), is one of four winners out of G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Coronation S. heroine Ghanaati (Giant’s Causeway), herself kin to G1 Champion S. second and GSW sire Mawatheeq (Danzig) and stakes-winning G1 Epsom Oaks third Rumoush (Rahy), who in turn produced G3 Burj Naahar and G3 Firebreak S. victor Muntazah (GB) (Dubawi [Ire]), G3 City of York S. victress Talayeeb (GB) (Dansili [GB]) and last term’s Listed Fortune S. winner Wadilsafa (GB) (Frankel [GB]). His third dam is storied blue hen Height of Fashion (Fr) (Bustino [GB]). Lifetime Record: 15-4-2-1, $253,292. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-Charles Hills.

2nd—Chelmsford City, £6,999, Novice, 6-19, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:27.74, st. **GOVERNOR OF PUNJAB (IRE) (c, 2, Footstepsinthesand (GB)—Simla Bibi (GB), by Indian Ridge (Ire)), who was disappointing when fifth as favourite for a six-furlong Thirsk**
mam June 11, broke alertly and soon held a narrow advantage. Strongly pressed by Milltown Star (GB) (Rodric O’Connor (Ire)) in the straight, the 6-4 market-leader pulled out extra to assure close home and score in convincing fashion by 3/4 of a length. The winner is a half-brother to two useful sprinters in Ooh Aah Camara (Ire) (Danehill Dancer (Ire)), MSp-Eng & SP-Ity, and Emerald Wilderness (Ire) (Green Desert), SP-Eng, $261,652. The dam is a half to two smart runners for this stable in the Group 1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis winner Lady Jane Digby (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)) and the triple group 3 scorer and prolific pattern-race performer Gateman (GB) (Owington (GB)).

This is also the family of the exciting Pondus (GB) (Sea the Moon (Ger)) who lines up with strong credentials in Friday’s G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot. Sales history: €30,000 Wlg ‘17 GOFNOV; €27,000 Ylg ‘18 TIRSEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $5,687. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Mr Rob Ferguson; B-Mrs Joan Murphy (IRE); T-Mark Johnston.

2nd-Ripon, £6,000, Mdn, 6-19, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:00.62, sf.
PINK SANDS (IRE) (f, 2, No Nay Never—First Breeze, by Woodman), a May 20 debut second tackling this trip at Windsor last time, was sharpest away from the inside stall and led underneath the stands’ side rail from flagfall here. In command throughout, the 4-9 favourite was nudged along passing the quarter-mile marker and stretched clear under mild coaxing in the closing stages to hit the line an impressive 3 3/4 lengths ahead of Felicia Blue (GB) (Mayson {GB}). “She was out well from the gates, she did everything right and travelled very well,” said winning rider Liam Jones. “When I asked her to quicken, she lengthened away from them and won nicely. She’s relaxed, she takes everything in her stride and is very professional.” Half to the dual stakes-placed Master Speaker (IRE) (Danehill Dancer (Ire)), Pink Sands is the latest of 12 foals out of a winning half-sister to GSW sire Twilight Agenda (Devil’s Bag) and GIIl First Lady H. third Market Slide (Gulch), who in turn produced G1 Melbourne Cup hero Media Puzzle (Theatrical (Ire)) and MG1SW sire Refuse to Bend (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells). The bay also shares her MGSW second dam Grenzen (Grenfall) with GI Belmont S.-winning sire Go and Go (Ire) (Be My Guest) and GI Sant Anita Sprint Championship hero Rich tapestry (IRE) (Holy Roman Emperor (IRE)). Sales history: £40,000 Ylg ‘18 GOUKPR; 230,000gns 2yo ’19 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $6,685. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Bermuda Thoroughbred Racing Ltd; B-Lynchbages Edgeridge Ltd & Glenvale Stud (IRE); T-William Haggas.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Dandizette (Ire) (f, 2, Dandy Man (Ire)—Interlacing (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). Hamilton, 6-19, 5f 7yT, :59.83. B-L Lynch & R Sherrard (IRE). *£18,000 Ylg ’18 GOHITY. The New Marwan (GB), c, 2, Dark Angel (Ire)—Tiger Mist (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Hamilton, 6-19, 6f 6yT, 1:12.82. B-Saeed Nasser Al Romaithi (GB). *42,000gns Ylg ’18 TAOCT.

FRANCE

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Wednesday’s Results:
PRIX STORM THE STARS-HARAS DU LION-PRIX URBAN SEA-FONDS EUROPEEN DE L’ELEVAGE-Listed, €48,000, Le Lion d’Angers, 6-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 10fT, 2:12.36, g/s.

1--TRESORIERIE (FR), 123, f, 4, by Intello (Ger)—Treasure (Fr) (SW & GSP-Fr, $102,145), by Anaba. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€52,000 2yo ’17 ARQMOV; €300,000 HRA ’18 ARQARC).

O-Ecurie Vivaldi & Haras d’Amour (Fr), Palmyre (Fr), Coeur d’Amour (Fr), Hermaphrodite (Fr), by Intello (Ger)—Tresorerie (Fr), 123, f, 4, Camelot (GB)—Athenaire (Ire), by Danerich (Ger). (€27,000 Ylg ’16 ARQMOV). O-Ecurie de Montlahuc. €9,600.

3--Amazing Lips (IRE), 123, f, 4, Camelot (GB)—Athenaire (IRE), by Duke of Marmalade (IRE). (€130,000 Ylg ’16 BBAGS). O-Susumu Hayashi. €7,200.

Margins: 3/4, NK, SNK. Odds: 7.40, 4.00, 8.00. Also Ran: Spirit of Nelson (Ire), Ficelle du Houley (Fr), Sword Peinture (Ger), River on the Hills (Fr), Fierte d’Amour (Fr), Strong and Stable (Fr), Palmyre (Fr), Coeur d’Amour (Ire). Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Changing ownership for €300,000 at the Arqana Arc Sale in October three days after she had earned a second listed placing in Toulouse’s Listed Prix Panacee over 12 furlongs, Tresorrie was having her first start of the new term when seventh in a conditions race over that trip at Maisons-Laffitte Apr. 15. Slowly away, the bay was positioned against the rail towards the rear with Julien Auge using all his skill to settle her in the evening.
sunshine. Having to angle seven-wide at the top of the straight which is around 1 1/2 furlongs in length, she swooped to the front 100 metres from the line and asserted for a first black-type success.

The dam, who also produced the listed-placed Tresorier, is a half-sister to the Roys' talented 3-year-old colt King Ottokar (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) who takes part in Thursday's G3 Hampton Court S. having beaten Wednesday's G2 Queen's Vase winner Dashing Willoughby (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) Newbury in April. Treasure was a Head family creation who proved smart over sprint trips as a juvenile, winning the Listed Prix de la Valette d'Auge and finishing third in the G3 Prix d'Arenberg. A half-sister to the G3 Prix Miesque third Tibaldi {Fr} (Motivator {GB}), they were out of the G3 Prix Saint-Alary third Fantastica {Ger} (Big Shuffl), a family featuring MGISW sire Street Boss (Street Cry {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-Georg Kern (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:
7th-Le Lion d'Angers, €30,000, Cond, 6-19, 3yo, 10fT, 2:10.83, g/s.

FLAMBEUR (g, 3, Mizzen Mast--Flamena, by Kingmambo) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 7-2-2-1, €49,240. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (KY); T-Charles Laffon-Parias. *1/2 to Primero (Fr) (Cape Cross {Ire}), SP-Fr.

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WASMYA (FR) (f, 3, Toronado {Ire}--Lamorlaye {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €27,750. O/B-Al Shaqab Racing (IRE); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. *1/2 to Talbah (GB) (Style Vendome {Ire}).

1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Andre Fabre.

2nd-Maisons-Laffitte, €27,000, Mdn, 6-19, unraced 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.85, g/s.

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1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-Georg Kern (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.
7.20 Leopardstown, Mdn, €17,500, 2yo, 8fT
**ARTHUR’S KINGDOM (IRE)** (Camelot {GB}) is one of two from Ballydoyle in this six-runner affair and an intriguing newcomer as a half-brother to the triple GI Canadian International hero Joshua Tree (Ire) by Camelot’s sire Montjeu (Ire). Joining the €260,000 Goffs Orby graduate is stablemate **Toronto (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), a half-brother to Canford Cliffs (Ire) who was fifth over seven furlongs here last month, while they meet Jon Kelly’s **Hint of Stars (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}), a 115,000gns TATOCT Jessie Harrington-trained son of the G1 Preis der Diana heroine Rosenreihe (Ire) (Catcher In the Rye {Ire}).

8.30 Lingfield, Novice, £5,800, 2yo, 6f (AWT)
**CHEROKEE MIST** (City Zip) was a $500,000 Keeneland September Yearling purchase by Godolphin whose dam is a half to the multiple graded-stakes scorer and ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ Gamble’s Ghost (Ghostzapper). Charlie Appleby lines up the May-foaled chestnut colt against Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum’s similarly-unraced filly **Top Class Angel (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), a Richard Hannon-trained €240,000 Goffs Orby buy whose listed-placed dam is connected to Bungle Inthejungle (GB).

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**EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS**

**IN AUSTRALIA:**

**Future Score (Ire),** g, 4, Cape Cross (Ire)—Theola (Ire), by Kalanisi (Ire). Sandown (Hillside), 6-19, Hcp. (£27k/€31k), 2400mT, 2:36.86. B-Swordlestown Little. *€140,000 Wlg ’15 GOFNOV; £8,000 HRA ’18 TIJUN.

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**FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS**

**Thursday, June 20:**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

**American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud 162 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
14:30-ASCOT, 100K GII THE NORFOLK STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 2)5f, MAVEN

**Brazen Beau (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud 78 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner 14:30-ASCOT, 100K GII THE NORFOLK STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 2)5f, DUBAI STATION (GB)
30,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

**Fountain of Youth (Ire)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bearstone Stud 71 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners 14:10-RIPON, 6f, KILIG (GB)

**Gutaifan (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud 166 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
14:10-RIPON, 6f, COASTAL MIST (Ire)
€27,000 Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2017; €27,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018
13:50-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, HARD NUT (Ire)
€13,000 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €4,500 Goffs Sportsman’s Yearling Sale 2018; 22,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up & HIIT Sale 2019
14:10-RIPON, 6f, NATIONAL LEAGUE (Ire)
€67,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; £28,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

**Night of Thunder (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud 108 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
14:30-ASCOT, 100K GII THE NORFOLK STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 2)5f, EXPRESSIONIST (Ire)
€65,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2018; 300,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale 2019

**Outstrip (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud 106 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
20:30-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, BEAT THE BREEZE (GB)
10,477gns Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018

**Sidestep (Aus)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Fr 70 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
14:30-ASCOT, 100K GII THE NORFOLK STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 2) 5f, REAL APPEAL (Ger)
€7,500 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2017

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Crystal Ocean (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) was tabbed as a "**TDN Rising Star**"

Visit the **TDN Rising Stars** section on our website!
GROUP ENTRIES

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ARCADIA QUEEN CLAIMS EVEREST SPOT

By Bren O'Brien

Having secured a spot for his star filly Arcadia Queen (Pierro) in Australia's richest race, The Everest, Bob Peters attention now turns to getting stablemate Enticing Star (Testa Rossa) into the $14 million sprint.

The Star confirmed on Wednesday that Arcadia Queen, the last-start winner of the G1 Kingston Town Classic who recently joined the Chris Waller stable, will be its slot runner for The Everest on October 19.

She becomes the sixth horse locked in for the 12-horse field, joining Sunlight (Zoustar) (Max Whitby), In Her Time (Time Thief) (Inglis), Santa Ana Lane (Lope De Vega {Ire}) (TAB), Classique Legend (Not A Single Doubt) (Bon Ho/Carmel Size Racing) and Pierata (Pierro) (Aquis).

Owner Bob Peters told Racing NSW he was thrilled to be part of The Everest experience, having confirmed last month that Arcadia Queen and Enticing Star would head to Waller's stables.

"I think it's great, I've learned a lot about The Everest since we got involved and I found The Star people very good to deal with," Peters said. "I didn't realise the interest in the race from everywhere. When I said I was going that way instead of the Cox Plate I had every radio station on the east coast ringing me."

Peters' decision to target the 1200m Randwick sprint over the 2040m of the G1 Cox Plate was somewhat of a surprise and is being used as an example of the growing influence of The Everest.

Arcadia Queen has only had six starts, for five wins, and just one preparation, but Peters is confident she is up to the class.

"All the experts tell me she's pretty good, the offers I get to buy her tell me those people think she's pretty good, the handicappers think so, I hope they are right," he said.

"Until we won (the Kingston Town) with Perfect Reflection (More Than Ready {USA}) a three-year-old filly had never won it. In their defence not many went in it, we're the only ones silly enough to do it."

"We've won the race five times but she was definitely the one that stands out to me. Before that it was Old Comrade (Old Spice) but he didn't have the record she does and didn't win it as well as she did."

Peters said Arcadia Queen was likely to have a lead-up run into The Everest, with a strong likelihood she would go on and contest the $7.5m Golden Eagle at Rosehill.

The Star is looking to go one better than the first edition of The Everest when its slot holder Vega Magic (Lope de Vega) ran second to Redzel (Snitzel).

Meanwhile, Peters said he would now look to get Enticing Star, a last start second in the G1 Winterbottom S. into The Everest.

Waller's own slot is one of those still available, but there is no guarantee he would use it, with Waller's G1 Galaxy winner Nature Strip (Nicconi) also in the mix.