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NTRA: CALI RACING UP TO \$116M IMPACT ON KY



NTRA CEO Alex Waldrop | *Thorostride*

by Lucas Marquardt

Think the local industry can easily shrug off the loss of California racing? Think again. That was one of the key takeaways during Tuesday evening's June membership meeting of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers' Club. The KTFMC invited executives from the National Thoroughbred Racing Association to review the response to the current crisis in California and to explain the NTRA's role in addressing this and similar issues. The five-strong panel also included Dr. Steve Vickner, an economist and faculty member of the University of Louisville's Equine Industry Program.

It was Vickner who noted California's impact on the equine industry. In total, the U.S. equine industry generates \$122 billion in economic activity each year. Of that, \$8.3 billion originates in California. Kentucky, by contrast, generates \$2.7 billion. Those figures include all equine activity and isn't limited to the Thoroughbred industry. But Thoroughbreds are a big slice of the pie. Later, it was pointed out that California tracks generate \$3.1 billion in handle, or about 28% of the total 2018 U.S. handle of \$11.2 billion.

Vickner stressed the interdependency between California and Kentucky racing. He estimated that Fasig-Tipton and Keeneland sold \$56 million worth of horses to California interests in 2018. Another \$2 million was generated for Kentucky in direct economic impact via food, travel and lodging. **Cont. p3**

THURSDAY BREEDERS' CUP MEETING: YEA OR NEIGH ON 2019 RELOCATION?

News Analysis, by T.D. Thornton

A Breeders' Cup Ltd. board meeting scheduled for Thursday in Lexington, Kentucky could decide whether or not this year's Nov. 1-2 event will be moved from Santa Anita Park in response to the track's 30-horse fatality crisis.

The tension surrounding any potential decision to relocate the two-day championships is high, but the organization has a long-standing policy of not publicly discussing the board's agenda prior to the meeting.

Earlier this week, the *TDN* attempted to reach Fred W. Hertrich III, the chairman of the Breeders' Cup board, to confirm whether moving the championships is actually an official agenda item or if the issue might instead surface in some form of speculative discussion.

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JOSH STEVENS HAS MOMENTUM ON HIS SIDE

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Just 32 and a bloodstock agent for fewer than six years, Josh Stevens is still trying to make a name for himself and still trying to build up his base of clients. Responsible for a pair of graded stakes winning sophomores this season, he's someone to keep an eye on at the upcoming yearling sales.

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“And that \$58 million is like a rock thrown into a pond, and the ripple [generates] indirect effects,” said Vickner. The total impact? Between \$87 and \$116 million. “So if California buyers didn’t buy [those horses], the way we’d feel it here in Kentucky would be the \$87 to \$116 million—not the \$58 million. You have to consider the upstream impact on supply chains and the spending effects on the individuals who make their living in this industry.”

How likely is the death of California racing? Even just a few months ago, a permanent cessation might have seemed absurd. But 30 equine deaths at Santa Anita this winter and spring, and the national outrage that ensued, has changed the landscape. That was hammered home time and again Tuesday night.



Santa Anita | Horsephotos

NTRA COO Keith Chamblin pointed to the fates of SeaWorld’s orca shows and the Ringling Bros. circus as potential harbingers. Just last year, Florida banned dog racing via ballot initiative. Chamblin said he recently conducted an informal test. He googled “SeaWorld Orca Whales” and “Circus Animal Abuse 2016” and got a combined 43,900 news links and 111,600 video links. He then googled “Santa Anita Horse Deaths 2019,” and got 93,300 news links and 110,000 video links.

“That’s 30% more,” Chamblin said. “It gives you a sense of what we’re dealing with. What role is the NTRA playing during the crisis, and what are we trying to tell our fellow members to do? In a word: act. We can’t talk our way out of this crisis.”

Chamblin did say the NTRA is currently working on a Crisis Management Tool Kit for the industry. This will eventually include media training, a website resource center, a social media plan, fact sheets/white paper, outbound messaging, spokespeople and a post-crisis review process.

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“Portions are in the works and the rest is more in the formative stages,” Chamblin said afterward. “This is an NTRA Board priority, but it will take time and continually evolve.”

The night largely focused on what’s already been done to promote equine safety. Steve Koch, executive director of the NTRA’s Safety & Integrity Alliance, spoke about measures taken to improve equine and human safety in the wake of the Eight Belles and Barbaro breakdowns over a decade ago. They include formation of the Alliance itself, as well as the launch of the Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory, the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance and the Equine Injury Database. He also noted the continued work of the Racing Testing and Medication Consortium.

Koch said he expects some of the changes California has made this year to eventually become industry standards elsewhere. California is now holding workouts to the same regulatory standards as races, including pre-work examination by a regulatory veterinarian, medication and substance enforcement and risk profiling.

“There are a number of things in play that look simple on a slide, but are pretty significant new territory if you’ve spent much time at the racetrack,” said Koch.

NTRA CEO Alex Waldrop was on hand and introduced the panel.

“If it was not clear before, it should be clear to all of us in racing that horse fatalities are the number one threat to our industry,” he said. “We can let nothing deter us from searching out and eradicating every potential risk. It’s not simply a public-relations challenge. It’s a challenge to do everything we can to prevent horse injuries and fatalities in both the mornings and afternoon. We’ve done a lot, but we must do more. Only action will silence our critics.”

Waldrop fielded questions from the audience, and many of his answers ended with an admission of the NTRA’s limitations. The idea of a central governing authority was raised several times. That would require states to relinquish power, he explained.

“And I can’t stress enough how difficult it is to convince states to give up their autonomy,” Waldrop said. “I wish it weren’t the case.”

The NTRA’s role in shaping and delivering messages in times of crisis was also raised. When asked, Waldrop said the company has hired several crisis-management firms. “But to be fair, the firestorm that we’ve faced has overwhelmed even the best efforts,” he said. “When you look at the volume of material—most of which is on television—that is a new thing for our industry. We have entities that have one point of content, and they push it out over hundreds of their media outlets. It’s a whole new landscape. And then you have social media, which is as decentralized as it gets. It’s a huge challenge. We’re just beginning to understand what we’re facing.” **Cont. p5**

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Waldrop offered an anecdote about the difficulty in shaping the narrative. “We are being proactive,” he said. “The challenge is that the editors make the decision on what ends up on the cutting-room floor. And frankly, bad stories sell. The day after the [Kentucky] Derby DQ, we finally got on the CBS Evening News. We spent about 45 minutes during our shoot talking about the problems facing racing. [In the broadcast] I wound up getting three seconds: my response to a tweet from Donald Trump.”

The KTFMC event, which attracted an estimated 175 people, was held in the Seattle Slew room at Fasig-Tipton.

Thursday Breeders’ Cup Meeting (cont. from p1)

In reply, the Breeders’ Cup sent the *TDN* the following statement via email:

“Breeders’ Cup host site matters are internal and when we have something to announce, we will.”

So in the absence of any official guidance from the Breeders’ Cup, what are the possible options the board might be considering and the pros and cons of each?

The tepid morning-line favorite could be that the board will make no change, and will give Santa Anita a vote of confidence by standing firm behind that site selection.

The upside with staying at Santa Anita is that it avoids the logistical nightmare of moving the massive event on relatively short notice. It also sends the message the board won’t be swayed by alarmist public pressure.

Yet is also means that both the Breeders’ Cup and Santa Anita would have to deal with throngs of anti-racing demonstrators who have picketed and protested outside the track over the past five months.

If the board chose to do so, it could attempt to parlay a stand-pat decision into a “show of strength” public relations message that bolsters the industry as a whole by highlighting the safety and welfare protocols that have been rolled out in California over the past several months.

The obvious risk to that plan is that if there is an equine injury or fatality that plays out on national TV at such a controversial location, the sport can expect a firestorm of negative blowback.

There is also the very real threat that opting out of Santa Anita would be a major systemic blow to all Thoroughbred racing in California, accelerating the state’s already precarious downward spiral of product quality and related betting handle hemorrhage.

Moving the Breeders’ Cup to Churchill Downs is the most talked-about alternative within the industry. Churchill’s ease at accommodating major racing events is a huge plus.

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Yet while a Breeders' Cup in horse-centric Kentucky is sure to offer a more friendly landing spot, it will also lure its own share of protesters, even though the event would be geographically removed from California's epicenter of turmoil.

But Churchill's own safety record merits consideration. The *Louisville Courier-Journal* reported earlier this year that the home of the GI Kentucky Derby lost 43 Thoroughbreds to racing injuries between 2016 and this March, "a 2.42 per 1,000-start average that was 50% higher than the national average during the same three-year span."



Breeders' Cup 2018 at Churchill Downs | Matt Wooley

And there is also this flip side to consider: The Breeders' Cup board might want to relocate to Churchill Downs, but does the management of the publicly traded gambling corporation even want to be the entity that would be in the glare of the anti-racing spotlight?

How about another venue then? Keeneland Race Course's 2015 hosting was widely considered a success, and the championships at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club went over well in 2017. But those two tracks are already slated to be hosts in 2020 and 2021, respectively.

Could an outlier track be in the mix as a relocation candidate?

Arlington Park has both a world-class turf course and a synthetic main-track racing surface, which might help to deflect some of the dirt-track concerns related to safety. And a larger city like Chicago might make for more convenient reshuffling in terms of obtaining the necessary hotel rooms and event space the host site requires. Arlington hosted the 2002 Breeders' Cup, but that was five years before it switched from a dirt main track to a synthetic one.

Woodbine Racetrack was the Breeders' Cup host in 1996. It has a 1 1/2-mile turf course, a brand-new inner turf course, and a synthetic main track that was first installed in 2006 (and updated with a different composition 10 years later).

Its metro Toronto location also checks the "large city" box regarding being able to handle hosting amenities. But Canada's weather in early November? That's dicey.

Belmont Park, a four-time host, has not held a Breeders' Cup since 2005 and did not submit a bid for the latest round of hosting that extends through 2021. The New York Racing Association has expressed interest in hosting the event if and when Belmont is upgraded, but it appears out of the loop for emergency hosting. The grandstand and clubhouse are not heated, there is a huge hockey arena construction project happening adjacent to the paddock, and New York hotel rooms are scarce because that weekend conflicts with the New York City Marathon.

The management of Laurel Park has expressed a desire over the past several years in hosting a Breeders' Cup for the first time. But Laurel and Santa Anita share common ownership by The Stronach Group (TSG), and it's likely that the board would be leery of shifting from one TSG track to another. It's also a long shot that TSG would welcome hosting the event at Laurel the same year it was jilted at Santa Anita.

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BLOODSTOCK AGENT STEVENS HAS MOMENTUM ON HIS SIDE *by Bill Finley*

Just 32 and a bloodstock agent for fewer than six years, Josh Stevens is still trying to make a name for himself and still trying to build up his base of clients. It's been a learning process and not always easy, but along the way he has learned firsthand that the way you make it in this business is by establishing a track record. Buy horses--particularly relatively inexpensive ones--that turn out to be successful, and people will notice.

That's why Stevens will go into yearling sales season as a person to watch. He's got a few more clients and a few more dollars to spend and, now, a resume highlighted by some rather impressive recent achievements. At the 2017 Keeneland September sale, he bought Mr. Money (Goldencents) for a new client, Chester Thomas's Allied Racing LLC, for \$130,000. A few months later, he plucked By My Standards (Goldencents) out of the OBS April 2018 Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training for the same client for \$150,000.

By My Standards has so far won the GII Louisiana Derby, which got him into the field for the GI Kentucky Derby, where he finished 12th. Mr. Money is among the hottest 3-year-olds in the sport and could show up next in the GI Haskell Invitational after winning the GIII Pat Day Mile S. and the GIII Matt Winn S. in succession.

Not only have they won important races, they have proven that Stevens is not a one-hit wonder or someone who just got lucky when buying Divisidero (Kitten's Joy) for \$250,000 at the 2013 Keeneland September Sale for clients Gunpowder Farms.

The now 7-year-old has earned \$1,484,539 and is a two-time winner of the GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic.

“Josh has a good eye for a horse and he’s conservative when it comes to spending other people’s money,” Thomas said. “He’ll say, ‘If you don’t get this one, that’s okay; we’ll get the next one.’ Josh is trying to buy a horse who is going to develop into an elite, top-notch athlete.”

Stevens graduated from Louisville, where he studied in the Equine Industry program. After graduation, he went to work at Margaux Farm, where he served in various roles, and then left to form his own management and consulting firm, J. Stevens Bloodstock. Thanks to a connection he had made with trainer Buff Bradley, Tom Keithley’s Gunpowder Farms was among his first clients and Divisidero was among the first horses he purchased.

Stevens said he was proud of the fact that Keithley was new to the business, and he understands how important it is for newcomers to get off to a fast start. Unless they have either unlimited patience and/or unlimited money to spend, a new owner can come and go very quickly if they don’t have any initial success.

“I had seen the industry go through the recession, which caused a real need to attract new owners into the business,” he said.

“These people need to be successful. The sport actually does get plenty of new owners, but a lot struggle and swiftly leave the business. My idea has always been to cultivate new owners and new owners doesn’t just mean new to the business. That can also be owners who want a fresh start or want to do something different than what they’ve done in the past. Gunpowder was a brand new owner. Basically, within three years they were

running in Grade 1s on Derby Day [with Divisidero].”

Thomas was also a new owner, at least when it comes to aiming high and being able to spend at the major racing sales. He had owned horses before, but only a few claimers here and there that he owned in partnerships with others.

What has impressed Thomas most about Stevens is how he concentrates on finding an athlete and prioritizes that over the horse’s pedigree.

“When Josh first gets to a sale, he doesn’t look at the

page at all,” Thomas said. “He goes to each barn and marks down the hip number. He looks them over and evaluates the physicals of the horse. Then he makes a short list. He’s looking at everything that he can a day or two ahead of time and he cuts the list down to a certain number of horses. Only then does he look at the pedigree page and I think that’s more so he gets a better understanding of what the horse might cost.”



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Stevens admits that when he started, he had little choice but to downplay a horse's pedigree. If a horse was by Tapit or Medaglia d'Oro and was checking all the right boxes when it comes to the physicals, his clients were not going to spend the type of money it would take to wind up being the winning bidder.

"I never had the money early on to buy the big pedigrees, so we had to make our pedigrees," Stevens said. "My theory is you always want to buy the best horse by a stallion. What you don't want to do is buy at the bottom when it comes to the very top sires."

So while he will always look for the athlete first and worry about the pedigree second, Stevens is also trying to be among the first to jump on the bandwagon of a sire that might be flying under the radar. It is not a coincidence that Mr. Money and By My Standards are both from the first crop of Goldencents.

"I had really liked Goldencents when he was a racehorse and I had been on the Into Mischief bandwagon from day one," Stevens said. "He was a horse that did it the blue-collar way. I thought Goldencents was going to have to do it the same way and it looks like that's exactly what is going to happen."

Stevens will be put to the test shortly as he says he plans to be active at the July 9 Fasig-Tipton July Sale. He said he particularly likes that sale because it is not overly difficult to find a top prospect there for a reasonable amount of money, particularly if you are looking for horses that will win early on in their careers. He also knows that whether it be at the July Sale, or any other yearling sale this season, he will need to continue to find horses that go on to prove themselves on the racetrack. He's still at the point in his career where his reputation is developing and his primary clients are not going to spend \$1 million for a horse.

"As you grow as a bloodstock agent you are always looking for that one guy who will go after that big horse if you see it," he said. "I've seen plenty of horses over the years at sales that I was sure were going to turn out to be great horses and most of them did. But I didn't have an owner who could afford that kind of a horse. I know I'm capable of finding a horse in the \$150,000 range that can go out there and beat these seven-figure horses. Like any bloodstock agent, I'd love to have a client or two that will spend what it takes to buy a horse high up on the list of sales toppers. I would love the challenges involved with that."

That may take some more time and some more success stories.

"What I have to do is keep working and prove myself over and over again that I can do this," Stevens said. "In time, your work speaks for itself."

FASIG-TIPTON JULY HORA CATALOGUE ONLINE

Fasig-Tipton has **catalogued 168 entries** at the initial stage for the July Horses of All Ages Sale scheduled for Monday, July 8, at 4 p.m. The HORA takes place one day ahead of the company's July Yearling Sale beginning the following morning at 10 a.m. Sales officials will continue to approve entries up until sale time.

"The popularity of this sale with both buyers and sellers has generated our largest catalogue to date," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "We expect to catalogue several more entries prior to the sale, so we encourage all prospective buyers to stay up-to-date as the sale grows."



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"This is one of our most popular sales with buyers, and for good reason," Browning continued. "Since we first held this sale in 2013, graduates have made more than 6,200 starts, earned close to \$35 million, and notched nearly 70 stakes wins."

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KEENELAND TO OFFER NEARLY \$5.7M IN STAKES PURSES FOR FALL MEET



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Highlighted by the prestigious FallStars Weekend, which includes 10 Breeders' Cup Challenge races, Keeneland will offer a record \$5.675 million in stakes purses for its fall meet scheduled for Oct. 4 through Oct. 26 at the historic Lexington oval.

Five of the track's fall Grade I races take place on opening weekend, with a Breeders' Cup Mile berth on the line in the \$1-million GI Shadwell Turf Mile Oct. 5. Top-level racing kicks off on opening day with the running of the \$400,000 GI Darley Alcibiades S. for sophomore fillies, while the male counterpart, the \$500,000 GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity, is scheduled for Oct. 5. Turf distaffers feature in the \$400,000 GI First Lady S. the same afternoon, while the GI Juddmonte Spinster S. will be held Oct. 6. Other Breeders' Cup 'Win and You're In' heats include the GII Stoll Keenon Ogden Phoenix S. Oct. 4 (Sprint); the GII Thoroughbred Club of America S. Oct. 5 (F/M Sprint); and the GIII Dixiana Bourbon S. (Juvenile Turf) and Indian Summer S. (Juvenile Turf Sprint) Oct. 6. The GII JP Morgan Chase Jessamine S. (Juvenile Fillies Turf) is the final Breeders' Cup Challenge race and is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 9.

Three-year-old turf fillies will be in focus for the sixth of the track's Grade I affairs, the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S., a nine-furlong race scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 12.

The Buffalo Trace Oct. 11 Franklin County S. and the GIII Sycamore S. Oct. 17 will see their purses hiked by \$50,000 to \$150,000.

The GII Lexus Raven Run S., which last year was won by subsequent GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint winner Shamrock Rose (First Dude), highlights the live racing program Saturday, Oct. 19.

NBC will cover four Breeders' Cup Challenge races on Fall Stars Weekend at Keeneland as part of its 2019 "Breeders' Cup Challenge Series: Win and You're In, presented by America's Best Racing."

On Saturday, Oct. 5, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. ET, the Shadwell Turf Mile and Breeders' Futurity will air. On Sunday, Oct. 6, NBC will broadcast the Spinster S. and Bourbon S. from 4:30-6 p.m.

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STROKE SCARE FOR MCINGVALE

After experiencing stroke symptoms, Jim McIngvale spent the night in a Houston, Texas hospital, where he streamed about his experience on Facebook Live.

McIngvale was taken to the hospital with tingling in his face and arms, and a slight slurring of speech.

He spent 23 minutes on Facebook, updating friends and well-wishers about his condition.

"Hi, Mattress Mack here," he said, "and I'm currently at St. Luke's Hospital-Texas Medical Center, having a tingling in my arm and my leg and my face which indicates a mini-stroke, so I'm here getting checked out. I'll be here for the next day. I feel fine. A lot of people asked me where I was and I'm here at Texas Medical Center-St. Luke's Hospital getting checked out to make sure I don't have any stroke or any heart attack symptoms. I'm getting great treatment here at St. Luke's. My friend, (Texas heart surgeon) Dr. Bud Frazier, got me in in a hurry. My friend who runs the mobile stroke unit that we helped finance many years ago is going to come over and check on me also. I'm in good hands. I will be out of the store for the next 24 hours, as I undergo several MRIs and carotid artery tests. Hopefully everything will be good. I would like to encourage anybody out there who experiences the symptoms--face, arm, speech--to fast get to a doctor and make sure you don't have a stroke. That's why I'm here. I'll be here for the next 24 hours getting all these tests."

Ever the salesman, Mack concluded his stream by encouraging people to come out to Gallery Furniture. "The best way you can cheer me up is to go to Gallery Furniture and buy some of our furniture, as we get ready for our Fourth of July supersale," he said.

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CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL GRANTING CHRB ADDITIONAL POWER

California Governor Gavin Newsom signed **SB 469** into law Wednesday, authorizing the California Horse Racing Board to take immediate action on race meet licenses if horse or rider safety is determined to be at risk. The bill had been unanimously approved by the state's legislature Monday.

"Business as usual has resulted in too many horse deaths," said Newsom. "I applaud the legislature for taking action to expand the authority of the CHRB to cancel or move race meets when animal and human safety are at risk. This problem demands deeper partnership between the CHRB and track officials. I call on racetracks around the state to hold themselves to the higher screening standards recently adopted at Santa Anita. This model can save horses' lives."

Previously, short of an allegation of an actual rule violation, the CHRB was limited in its ability to take action against a licensee to limit, place conditions on or suspend a racing license. The CHRB had requested that Santa Anita suspend the final seven days of the meeting earlier this month, but officials of the track denied the request.

Also Wednesday, Newsom announced the appointment of Gregory Ferraro to the CHRB. Ferraro, 73, of San Francisco, was the director of the University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine Center for Equine Health from 1997 to 2014 and was owner and chief executive officer of Gregory L. Ferraro DVM, LLC from 1972 to 1997.

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NYRA ANNOUNCES NATIONWIDE LATE PICK 5

The New York Racing Association announced the Late Pick 5 will become available to all horseplayers beginning July 3 at Belmont Park and continuing through the remainder of 2019.

Previously offered as the NYRA Bets Late Pick 5 and available exclusively to NYRA Bets customers, New York on-track bettors, and those betting within a New York simulcasting facility, the Late Pick 5 will now be available to all wagering platforms.

"We are pleased to respond to the popular demand of horseplayers and open the Late Pick 5 to horse racing fans across the country," said Tony Allevato, President of NYRA Bets and Executive Producer for NYRA TV. "An exciting summer of racing will be that much more interesting with the late pick 5 on the wagering menu every day at Belmont and Saratoga."

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DEL MAR PARTNERS WITH RUNHAPPY/MCINGVALE IN TWO-YEAR DEAL

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and James McIngvale, the owner of champion and stallion Runhappy (Super Saver), have entered into a two-year agreement to showcase the horse to Del Mar horsemen and fans and bring about possible lucrative returns tied to his offspring.

For the next two seasons, Del Mar has renamed its opening and closing day stakes races as part of the arrangement. The popular Oceanside S. now becomes the Runhappy Oceanside S. and the GI Del Mar Futurity S. will be called instead the Runhappy Del Mar Futurity S.

"Del Mar is proud to partner with Jim McIngvale and Runhappy, who we believe might be one of the bright, young stallions in our country," said Josh Rubinstein, Del Mar's president and chief operating officer. "We especially appreciate his support of California racing."

Runhappy was America's Eclipse Award winning sprinter in 2015. He was a perfect seven-for-seven in sprint races during his career, including a victory at Keeneland in the 2015 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint S. He entered the stud in 2017 at Claiborne Farm in Kentucky at a \$25,000 fee.

His first crop of runners are currently yearlings and will come to the races in 2020, which is when the Del Mar/Runhappy partnership could take on extra value for local horsemen. McIngvale has agreed to enhance the winner's share of any open maiden special weight race at Del Mar captured that summer by a son or daughter of Runhappy by \$100,000.

McIngvale **will offer** the same \$100,000 bonus to any of Runhappy's offspring who win an unrestricted maiden race at Saratoga in 2020.

"If someone can win our \$100,000 bonus, that's a lot of money and it will hopefully help the breeders and consignors selling the Runhappy yearlings at the upcoming yearling sales and also help put more money into the pockets of the owners and trainers," McIngvale **previously told** TDN's Bill Finley June 7. "It's a tough business and most all of us in horse racing need ways to make more money."

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WOODBINE DEBUTS INNER TURF COURSE FRIDAY

Woodbine will run the first race over its new seven-furlong inner turf course Friday afternoon, the day before the Toronto track hosts the historic Queen's Plate.

"Opening our new state-of-the-art inner turf course during the Queen's Plate Festival is the perfect compliment to this event's rich history," said Jim Lawson, CEO of Woodbine Entertainment. "It's a demonstration of our commitment to growing the sport of horse racing towards a future that is as bright and proud as the 159 years that have preceded it."

The transformation of the former seven-eighths-mile Standardbred track into a second Thoroughbred turf course began in the spring last year. Horses have been galloping, breezing and working over the new course in the weeks leading up to Friday's opening and Woodbine conducted timed trial races, including participation by the track and gate crews, broadcast team, AGCO stewards as well as security and emergency personnel.

"The safety of the horses and participants is a top priority for Woodbine and the new inner turf course has undergone thorough inspection by our racing executives and track specialists as well as a third-party laboratory to be deemed safe and ready for racing," said Jonathan Zammit, VP of Thoroughbred Racing Operations. "Woodbine is excited to celebrate the opening of the new inner turf course as we endeavour to become the premier turf racing destination in North America. Our team has worked tirelessly to bring our vision to life and we look forward to elevating our world-class racing product to a new level."

Once both the new course and the track's E.P. Taylor turf course are fully operational, Woodbine will look to card five to six racing opportunities every race day through the 2019 meet. The new inner turf course will host this year's GIII Ontario Colleen S. (July 20), Eternal Search (Aug. 14), Vice Regent (Sept. 7) and Ontario Damsel (Sept. 22), plus two new five-furlong stakes for 2-year-olds Sept. 15: the Ontario Racing S. and the filly companion Woodbine Cares S.

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KRONE JUNIOR JOCKEY CAMP TO BE HELD IN JULY

Julie Krone, the first woman inducted into the Horse Racing Hall of Fame, will host the first annual Julie Krone Junior Jockey Camp July 22-26 in association with Long Shadows Charitable Foundation. The camp is for underprivileged youth ages 12-17 and will take place at Long Shadows Farm near Cambridge, N.Y.

"I am proud and excited to launch our Junior Jockey Camp," said Krone. "It will be so rewarding to share my experiences with a motivated group of young campers at the beautiful Long Shadows facility. I can't think of a better way for young people

to learn about our beautiful sport, and perhaps go on to work at a farm, a training center, or even the racetrack."

The Junior Jockey Camp's curriculum will include horsemanship, horse health and safety, and horse racing. Krone will serve as the head camp instructor and will be joined by Tabitha Morgan, the Long Shadows Farm manager.



Julie Krone | Adam Coglianese

Campers, who will be sponsored by business and private donations, will be selected from local communities based on financial need and from written essays submitted along with their camp application. Long Shadows Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating horses.

For more information about the Julie Krone Junior Jockey Camp, or to sponsor a student, visit www.juniorjockeycamp.com. Krone can also be reached at (760) 470-3442 and Morgan at (760) 889-6633.

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HANCOCK, FARMERS TO BE HONORED AT EQUINE ADVOCATES GALA

Equine Advocates will host its 18th annual Saratoga gala Aug. 1 at the Canfield Casino in Saratoga Springs, with Staci Hancock and Carol and Tracy Farmer its 2019 award recipients. Hancock, who owns Stone Farm with her husband, Arthur B. Hancock III, will receive this year's humanitarian Safe Home Equine Protection Award as a co-founder and the managing member of the Water Hay Oats Alliance (WHOA).

Carol and Tracy Farmer, original founders of the Kentucky Equine Humane Center, will be honored with the 2019 Ellen and Herbert Moelis Equine Savior Award.

Terry Finley, CEO of West Point Thoroughbreds and last year's Safe Home Equine Protection Award honoree, will chair this year's gala.

“Staci Hancock and the Farmers epitomize the best and most honorable aspects of our industry which include their immense compassion for horses,” said Finley. “It takes courage and tenacity to speak out and do the right thing, especially when some people consider ‘the right thing’ to be controversial. It’s not. Staci, Carol and Tracy have been steadfast in their views of what is needed to help improve the lives of Thoroughbreds. They are determined to do all they can to effect positive change for the horses and for those of us who work within the industry by elevating fairness and creating a level playing field. These aspects are essential for the survival of our sport, which also include confidence with the public that we are operating in an honest and ethical fashion.”

Tickets to the gala are \$250 per person. For more information, call (518) 392-0175 or email events@equineadvocates.org. The evening will feature silent and live auctions, with a cocktail hour followed by a sit-down gourmet dinner.

Founded in 1996, Equine Advocates is a national, non-profit equine protection organization, horse rescue and sanctuary.

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“THE TRAVERS” BOOK RECEPTION AT MUSEUM

Authors Brien Bouyea and Michael Veitch will debut their new book, “The Travers: 150 Years of Saratoga’s Greatest Race,” at a public reception July 10 at the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is free to attend. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. The Museum will also have an accompanying Travers exhibit, *The Midsummer Derby: 150 Years of the Travers Stakes*, in the von Stade Gallery.

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Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 4:51 p.m. EDT

HIGHLANDER S.-GI, C\$300,000, 3yo/up, 6fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Extravagant Kid	Kiss the Kid	DARRS, Inc.	Walsh	Hernandez	119
2	Caribou Club	City Zip	Glen Hill Farm	Proctor	Van Dyke	123
3	El Tormenta	Stormy Atlantic	Sam-Son Farm	Cox	Contreras	123
4	Souper Smart	Super Saver	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Da Silva	117
5	Detroit Steel (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Philip D. Budhoo	Abraham	Stein	117
6	Tricks to Doo	Into Mischief	Lael Stable	Delacour	Alvarado	117
7	Wet Your Whistle	Stroll	David W. Palmer	Trombetta	Cintron	117
8	White Flag	War Front	Robert S. Evans	Clement	Castellano	119
9	Yorkton	Speightstown	Chiefswood Stable	Simon	Campbell	121

Breeders: 1-Vicino Racing Stable, 2-Glen Hill Farm, 3-Sam-Son Farm, 4-T. F. VanMeter & Ken A. Meng, 5-Sahara Group, 6-D. C. Goff, 7-E. H. Lane III, 8-R. S. Evans, 9-Chiefswood Stables Limited

Saturday, Belmont, post time: 5:18 p.m. EDT

MOTHER GOOSE S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dunbar Road	Quality Road	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Ortiz	121
2	Classic Fit	Bernardini	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Lezcano	121
3	Safta	Dialed In	Nice Guys Stables, Hornstock, Steve, Del Russo, Margarita and Bick, Jack	Magner	Rosario	121
4	Jeltrin	Tapizar	Alexis Delgado	Delgado	Reyes	121
5	Cassies Dreamer	Flatter	Pressman, Hayward R. and Turf Stable Racing	Tagg	Franco	121
6	Wings of Dawn	Medaglia d'Oro	John C. Oxley	Casse	Davis	121

Breeders: 1-Jeffery J. Drown, 2-Godolphin, 3-Tony Lacy & Kathie Maybee, 4-C. Kidder, N. Cole, J. K. Griggs & Linda Griggs, 5-Santucket Stables & Indian Creek, 6-Aaron & Marie Jones LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT

PRINCESS ROONEY S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Razorback Lady	Overdriven	Patrick L. Biancone Racing LLC	Biancone	Leparoux	118
2	Trenchtown Cat	Discreet Cat	Smith, D, Span Investments & DeBenedicty, G	Crichton	Vasquez	119
3	Royal Asscher	Tale of Ekati	OGMA Investments, LLC	Delgado	Zayas	118
4	Saguaro Row	Union Rags	Newtown Anner Stud and Breen, Mark D.	Stidham	Jimenez	118
5	Reagan's Rose	With Distinction	Flying Finish Farm	Miller	Camacho	118
6	Stormy Embrace	Circular Quay	Matalona Thoroughbreds, LLC	O'Connell	Garcia	122
7	Weekend Mischief	Into Mischief	Arindel	Alvarado	Jaramillo	120

Breeders: 1-McDowell Farm, 2-Winchester Farm, 3-Marty Johnson & L. William Johnson, 4-Mark Breen, 5-R. C. Van Voorhees, 6-Matalona Thoroughbreds, LLC, 7-Arindel



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Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 2:53 p.m. EDT**KING EDWARD S.-GII, C\$175,000, 3yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Vanish 🐾	Algorithms	Eight Star Racing Stables Inc.	Armata	Kimura	117
2	Synchrony	Tapit	Pin Oak Stable	Stidham	Castellano	123
3	Say the Word	More Than Ready	Sam-Son Farm	Motion	Alvarado	117
4	Savage Battle	War Front	Team Block	Nosowenko	Hernandez	117
5	Mr Ritz (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Earle I. Mack LLC	Carroll	Da Silva	119
6	Curlin's Honor	Curlin	Oxley, John C. and Breeze Easy, LLC	Casse	Prat	119
7	Emmaus (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	M and J Thoroughbreds & Riverside Bloodstock	Murphy	Moran	117
8	Rose's Vision	Artie Schiller	Chiefswood Stable	Simon	Boulanger	117

Breeders: 1-Hope Stock Farm, 2-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 3-Sam-Son Farm, 4-Team Block, 5-E. I. Mack, 6-Miller Racing LLC, 7-Kilcarn Stud, 8-Chiefswood Stables Limited

Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 4:18 p.m. EDT**DANCE SMARTLY S.-GII, C\$175,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Holy Helena	Ghostzapper	Stronach Stables	Jerkens	Castellano	122
2	Art of Almost	Dansili (GB)	Seitz, F, Kelly, J, Ward, D & Folkerth, T	Attfield	Kimura	111
3	Empressof the Nile 🐾	Pioneerof the Nile	Madaket Stables, Manganaro & Masiello, Robert	Motion	Van Dyke	116
4	Starship Jubilee 🐾	Indy Wind	Blue Heaven Farm	Attard	Contreras	122
5	Get Explicit	Get Stormy	Modeste Racing Stable	Minshall	Husbands	116
6	Cartabianca (Fr)	Vision d'Etat (Fr)	Triton Stable	Attfield	Garcia	116
7	Lift Up	Ghostzapper	Augustin Stable	Dickinson	Cintron	116
8	Rock my Love (Ger)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Augustin Stable	Thomas	Prat	116

Breeders: 1-Adena Springs, 2-Fred Seitz, Dr. Ted Folkerth, J.R. WardStables & Jon Kelly, 3-Pam Doddridge, 4-William P. Sorren, 5-Modeste Racing Stable, 6-Mr. Thierry De La Heronniere, 7-George Strawbridge Jr., 8-Ralf Kredel

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 6:02 p.m. EDT**SMILE SPRINT S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Proforma	Munnings	DARRS, Inc.	Stidham	Jimenez	120
2	Diamond Oops 🐾	Lookin At Lucky	Diamond 100 Racing Club, Dunne, A & Patrick L. Biancone LLC	Biancone	Leparoux	122
3	Jalen Journey	With Distinction	Commonwealth Stable	O'Connell	Saez	118
4	Cautious Giant 🐾	Giant's Causeway	Moshe Mark	Barboza, Jr.	Jaramillo	120
5	Garter and Tie	Brooks 'n Down	Jacks or Better Farm, Inc.	Nicks	Sanchez	119
6	Royal Squeeze	Wildcat Heir	Imaginary Stables and Ellis, Glenn	Dobles	Rendon	120
7	Fast Pass 🐾	Successful Appeal	Paradise Farms Corp. and Walder Racing	Walder	Vasquez	122

Breeders: 1-Reggie Beeson & Tim Beeson, 2-Kin Hui Racing Stables LLC, 3-Dennis Foster & Edward Pendray, 4-Grousemont Farm, 5-Jacks or Better Farm Inc., 6-Gary Aiken, 7-John T. L. Jones Jr. & Walmac Farm LLC

Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 5:59 p.m. EDT**BASHFORD MANOR S.-GIII, \$125,000, 2yo, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Phantom Boss	Shackleford	Bada Beng Racing, Tom Beckerle, Terry Lovingier	Periban	Bejarano	120
2	Snell Yeah	Graydar	Amanda Navarro	Ennis	Saez	118
3	Alec and Arthur 🐾	Successful Appeal	St. Simon Place, LLC and Stephens, Scott A.	Hancock	Gaffalione	122
4	Rookie Salsa	Two Step Salsa	Hat Creek Racing	O'Dwyer	Suarez	122
5	Finnick the Fierce	Dialed In	Designated Hitters Racing, LLC	Hernandez	Lezcano	120
6	Silent Malice	Palace Malice	Monge, Arnaldo and Hernandez, Rey	Byrne	Landeros	118
7	Jamming Cameron 🐾	Oxbow	Chuck and Maribeth Sandford LLC	Short	Court	120
8	Verb 🐾	Dialed In	Tommy C. Short	Desormeaux	Graham	118
9	Two Last Words	Commissioner	Calumet Farm	Glyshaw	Lanerie	120
10	Rowdy Yates	Morning Line	Deann Baer	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	120
			L and N Racing LLC			

Breeders: 1-Terry C. Lovingier, 2-St. Simon Place, Betsy T. Wells & Scott Stephens, 3-Brookdale Thoroughbreds LLC, 4-Mikhail Yanakov Olympia Star, LLC, 5-Paige Jillian Blu Sky Stables, 6-Millennium Farms, 7-Calumet Farm, 8-Cave Brook Farm, 9-Deann Baer & Greg Baer DVM, 10-Tracy Rene Strachan

Saturday, Arlington, post time: 6:15 p.m. EDT

CHICAGO H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7F

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Student Body 🌿	Colonel John	Gary Broad	Davis	Doyle	117
2	My Mertie	Magna Graduate	Oak Rock Racing, Biondo, T. & Cherrywood Racing Stables II	Boyce	Marquez, Jr.	118
3	Hotshot Anna 🌿	Trappe Shot	Hugh H. Robertson	Robertson	Valdivia, Jr.	123
4	Heavenly Hill	City Zip	Living The Dream Racing, LLP	Hartman	Kennedy	115
5	Tough Irma K	Stormy Atlantic	Crystal Racing Enterprises and Contreras Stable	Contreras	Bridgmohan	114
6	Excessivespending 🌿	Shackleford	Joey Keith Davis	Hartman	Murrill	119
7	Always Believe 🌿	Archarcharch	Lauer, Penny S. and High Top Stable	Lauer	Cotto, Jr.	115
8	Annathela 🌿	Elusive Quality	Baum, Michael and Reiko	Arnold, II	Perez	117
9	Babybluesbdancing 🌿	Sky Mesa	Lizabeth Gore	Gulick	Felix	115

Breeders: 1-C. Kidder, N. Cole, J. K. Griggs & Linda Griggs, 2-Barr Three LLC, 3-Paul Tackett, 4-Donamire Farm, 5-Off The Hook Partners LLC & Farm III Enterprises LLC, 6-BMWZ Stables, 7-Springland Farm, 8-Reiko Baum & Michael Baum, 9-RNB Racing LLC

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INSIDE THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

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HUNTER O'RILEY PROVES THAT PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF

By Bill Finley

"Inside the Winner's Circle, Presented by Keeneland" is a series showcasing graduates of the Keeneland September sale who have gone on to achieve success on racing's biggest stages.

Hunter O'Riley (Tiz Wonderful) has now won at the sport's highest level, in a Grade I race. The veteran gelding, a \$120,000 purchase at the 2014 Keeneland September sale, captured the GI United Nations on June 22 at Monmouth. It was his second graded stakes win, his fifth win overall and it raised his career earnings to \$620,293. While he should have a lot of racing left in him, those are the types of numbers and accomplishments whereby his career can already be considered a major success.

It's just that his path to the United Nations winner's circle was one filled with fits and starts and guided by a team that refused to give up on their horse.

Hunter O'Riley is owned by Sean Shay and Mike Ryan, who were, along with two others, involved in a pinhooking partnership that bought several prospects at the 2014 Keeneland sale. Ryan is among the best in the business when it comes to pinhooking and his plan was to turn around and sell Hunter O'Riley the next year at a 2 year-old sale and, hopefully, collect a nice return on his original investment.

Ryan doesn't make many mistakes, but in this case he did, at least when it came to the original plan of trying to sell Hunter O'Riley as a 2-year-old. As he would later find out, he wound up with a horse that had no early speed and would do his best running in marathon races on the grass. That's not exactly the type of horse people are looking for at 2 year-old sales.

Hunter O'Riley was entered in a 2-year-old sale and, right away, Ryan knew he was in trouble.

"He didn't have enough speed to do what you need to do at a 2-year-old sale," Ryan said. "When he breezed, he just wasn't quick. He breezed in '11' and you just can't sell a horse that goes in '11.'"

Knowing they were looking at a sure loss if they allowed the horse to sell, the partnership started to unravel. Ryan didn't want to let the horse go, but couldn't convince everyone that they should give Hunter O'Riley a chance to prove himself on

the racetrack. So Ryan bought back his own horse, paying \$50,000, effectively buying out the other owners. Only Shay stayed in.

"I have all the confidence in the world in Mike," Shay said. "He and Niall Brennan (who works closely with Ryan in many aspects of his business) are world-renowned. They are at the top of their game and I am a relative

beginner when it comes to the game. Mike knows what he is doing. Everybody I talk to in the industry knows him and no one has a bad thing to say about him. When Mike asked if I wanted to stay in, it was a no-brainer. At \$50,000, the price was right."

At the outset, it had appeared that Shay and Ryan had made a good bet. Hunter O'Riley broke his maiden in his third career start before finishing seventh in the GI Remsen in 2015. He didn't return to the races until the following June and, at first, he didn't live up to the promise he had shown at two. He seemed to be one of those horses who fell somewhere in the middle of the pack when it comes to quality. He was too good to be a claimer but not good enough to be a stakes horse, at least a high-level stakes horse. He went 1 for 7 in 2016, the lone win coming in an allowance race at Belmont.

It was a case of more of the same in 2017, but, finally, the horse started to show the ability Ryan always believed he had in



Hunter O'Riley Wins the UN | Equi-Photo

him. He shined in the summer of 2017, winning the GII Bowling Green and then losing by just 1 1/4 lengths in the GI Sword Dancer at Saratoga when finishing fourth.

In his final start in 2017, he finished ninth in the GIII Red Smith, but Ryan, Shay and trainer Jimmy Toner believed that they had a horse that had finally hit his best stride. They were convinced he was going to have a big year in 2018. It did not work out that way.

The horse raced just once in 2018, in the GII Elkhorn at Keeneland. Not only did he finish ninth, he strained a ligament in the race and would miss the rest of the year.

He entered the United Nations having not won a race in 23 months and off a six-race losing streak. During the streak, he didn't finish among the top three in any of his races. It was a frustrating time for all involved and Shay and Ryan said it was made even worse by an on-going pattern where their jockeys would not follow instructions.

"He doesn't have any stamina limitations, but he's not a quick horse," Ryan said. "We learned he's one of those horses who walks out of the gate and gallops along behind the field. If you let him do that, just drop your hands on him and let there be a loop in the reins, he'll just gallop around there and he'll be 20 lengths behind them. He'll make a nice run from the five eighths to the wire, but winds up getting beat 3, 4, 5 lengths while still making up 15 lengths on the field."

For the United Nations, Toner and the owners picked jockey Paco Lopez and he was given specific instructions: whatever you have to do, get this horse into the race early.

"Paco Lopez was down to ride him and he's a good gate rider, an aggressive rider," Ryan said. "This horse needs to be put in the bridle leaving the gate. He needs a couple of little taps on the shoulder to get his attention, get his mind on things. You have to put him in the bridle and make him carry you. Don't let him drop back 20 lengths and be passive and then expect he'll make it all up when they're going three-quarters in 1:16, 1:17. You're not going to run them down."

Lopez got the message. Though his mount was seventh in the early going of the mile-and-three-eighths turf race, he was never more than four lengths behind the leaders. At the top of the stretch, he was third, just 1 1/2-lengths behind. From there, he got past Zulu Alpha (Street Cry {Ire}) to win by a neck.

"Paco rode him to perfection because he was never more than four lengths off the lead," Ryan said. "We finally got a jockey to listen to us."

It was a big day for Ryan, who acted as the advisor for Jim Rupp at the 2017 Keeneland September Sale

where Rupp purchased Owendale (Into Mischief) for \$200,000. Five minutes after the United Nations was completed, Owendale won the GIII Ohio Derby, a \$500,000 race.

"It was an awfully good afternoon for us," Ryan said.

Finally, there doesn't appear to be anything standing in the way for the 6 year-old gelding. He is healthy and the team has apparently found the perfect jockey, an aggressive rider who understands you have little to no chance if you drop 15 lengths behind in a marathon grass race, the type of race where the pace is almost always extremely slow.

"I'm just so happy that he won, a Grade I at that," Shay said. "Well go to Saratoga now (for the GII Bowling Green) and, who knows, I think we might have a horse for the (GI) Breeders' Cup Turf."

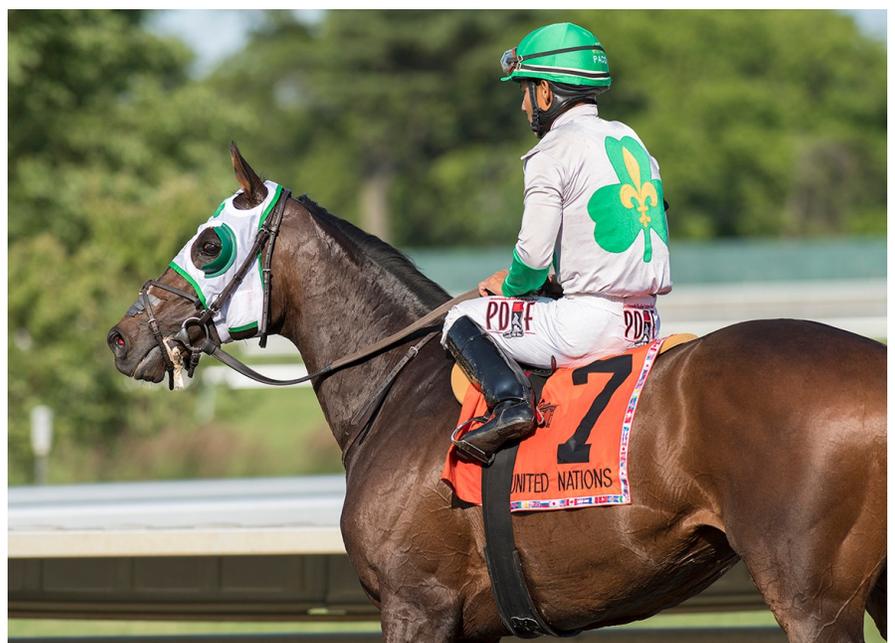
Ryan said the GIII Calumet Cup, now worth \$1 million, at Kentucky Downs is another target.

Ryan knows, and has experienced firsthand with this horse, that things don't always work out as planned when it comes to race horses. But he also knows that he has a sound horse, that a change in tactics when it comes to his running style appears to have made a major difference and that quality horses who prefer long distance races on the grass are perfectly capable of competing at a top level even when they are 8 or 9 years-old.

"Look at what horses like John's Call and even John Henry did during the latter stages of their careers," Ryan pointed out.

Way back when he bought the horse in 2014 at Keeneland, Ryan believed in Hunter O'Riley, believed that this was a horse with the potential to earn a lot of money, and now his expectations have been met. It just took a while.

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Paco Lopez and Hunter O'Riley after the UN | Sarah K. Andrew

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1	English Channel <i>(2002) by Smart Strike</i>	7	14	2	7	1	2	124	39	892,108	3,149,825
	<i>Crops: 9</i>			<i>Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: \$30,000</i>						<i>Channel Maker</i>	
2	Scat Daddy <i>(2004) by Johannesburg</i>	7	13	4	8	1	3	152	33	1,035,398	3,151,599
	<i>Crops: 8</i>			<i>Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>						<i>Mr Melody</i>	
3	Medaglia d'Oro <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire)</i>	4	12	2	5	--	--	116	29	267,393	2,112,781
	<i>Crops: 12</i>			<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$200,000</i>						<i>Golden Sixty (AUS)</i>	
4	The Factor <i>(2008) by War Front</i>	3	12	--	6	--	--	115	32	176,290	1,936,379
	<i>Crops: 4</i>			<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>						<i>Zuar</i>	
5	War Front <i>(2002) by Danzig</i>	5	11	4	7	--	--	131	31	218,101	1,796,041
	<i>Crops: 10</i>			<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$250,000</i>						<i>Blitzkrieg</i>	
6	Giant's Causeway <i>(1997) by Storm Cat</i>	3	10	1	6	1	1	86	21	3,941,650	5,548,776
	<i>Crops: 16</i>			<i>Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>						<i>Bricks and Mortar</i>	
7	Kitten's Joy <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire)</i>	4	9	2	5	--	1	219	57	576,975	2,993,488
	<i>Crops: 11</i>			<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$75,000</i>						<i>Catapult</i>	
8	Hard Spun <i>(2004) by Danzig</i>	3	7	2	2	--	--	104	25	251,190	2,041,982
	<i>Crops: 9</i>			<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>A Thread of Blue</i>	
9	Speightstown <i>(1998) by Gone West</i>	2	7	1	4	--	1	84	13	586,791	1,610,578
	<i>Crops: 12</i>			<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>						<i>Mozu Superflare</i>	
10	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit</i>	5	7	2	5	--	--	84	16	170,000	1,347,474
	<i>Crops: 12</i>			<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$225,000</i>						<i>Synchrony</i>	
11	Stormy Atlantic <i>(1994) by Storm Cat</i>	4	6	2	4	--	1	54	13	233,400	1,156,912
	<i>Crops: 18</i>			<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$10,000</i>						<i>Stormy Liberal</i>	
12	Ghostzapper <i>(2000) by Awesome Again</i>	1	6	1	3	--	--	57	18	128,210	1,013,861
	<i>Crops: 11</i>			<i>Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: \$85,000</i>						<i>Holy Helena</i>	
13	Unusual Heat <i>(1990) by Nureyev</i>	3	6	--	1	--	--	47	12	147,092	847,765
	<i>Crops: 19</i>			<i>Stands: Harris Farms USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>						<i>Irish Heatwave</i>	
14	Curlin <i>(2004) by Smart Strike</i>	2	6	--	3	--	--	92	12	103,500	827,495
	<i>Crops: 8</i>			<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$175,000</i>						<i>Chaos Theory</i>	
15	More Than Ready <i>(1997) by Southern Halo</i>	3	5	3	4	1	1	138	28	585,000	2,292,317
	<i>Crops: 16</i>			<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>						<i>Rushing Fall</i>	

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CHURCHILL DEBUT WINNERS GIVE AMOSS STRONG SEGUE INTO SUMMER



Tom Amoss | Horsephotos

by Joe Bianca

A high-percentage trainer who holds his own at some of the most competitive meets in America, Tom Amoss is nevertheless known mainly for his work with blue-collar claiming types, not the precocious juveniles and sophomores that get racing fans excited for the future. That perception likely changed some with a GI Kentucky Oaks victory this spring, and it may shift further after a weekend in which the Amoss barn unveiled two potential stars to promising first-out victories at Churchill Downs.

First up in the Saturday finale under the Twin Spires was Ghost Hollow Farm's **Risky Mandate** (Strong Mandate). Her morning-line price of 5-1 chopped nearly in half by post time, the 3-year-old dark bay filly ran to the money, settling professionally off the speed, taking dirt and sweeping to the lead mostly on her own power past the eighth pole before drawing away to win wrapped up by 6 1/4 lengths.

"It was a fun race because there were a lot of expectations there, and she clearly lived up to it, if not maybe a little more," Amoss said.

Heading into her debut, Risky Mandate showed a sharp but intermittent worktab, with 11 breezes on the page that went all the way back to April of 2018. Amoss said his filly was ready to make her debut as a 2-year-old in June when it was discovered she had White Line Disease, an affliction that physically eats away at a horse's foot.

"When you take the shoe off, the foot is decaying and crumbles, almost like ash," Amoss described. "It's a fungal disease and you have to kill it, and by the time we had done all that, she really had half a foot."

That effectively put an end to Risky Mandate's juvenile season, a harsh disappointment for her connections, given what she'd shown and the company she'd kept in the mornings.

"We thought very highly of her," Amoss said. "She was a workmate of [Oaks winner] Serengeti Empress (Alternation)'s and they were a lot alike in what they were showing. But the old saying is either you wait on your horse or he's going to *make* you wait on him, and when they make you wait on them, it's going to take a lot longer than that. The owners did the right thing and took care of their horse, brought her back, and fortunately in her 3-year-old year she prepared just like she did in her 2-year-old year."

Kevin and Tammy Jones's nascent Ghost Hollow Farm bought Risky Mandate's dam, the aptly named Paying Off (Malibu Moon), for \$60,000 at Keeneland November in 2015. They have a small, boutique farm and breeding operation in the Lexington area and bring two to five yearlings to race every year, while selling some commercially as well.

"This one's not for sale," Amoss said with a laugh. "People have been calling all week, there have been like 20 calls."

Amoss added that Risky Mandate, who earned an 80 Beyer Speed Figure for her effort, will ship up to Saratoga and target a first-level allowance, with eyes toward stretching out and running in stakes later in the year.

Then in Sunday's second race at Churchill, Amoss saddled BCWT Ltd.'s **Long Weekend** (Majesticperfection). Heavily supported herself--down to 8-5 favoritism from a 7-2 morning line--the bay also won by a wide margin. Well, technically, at least. **Cont. p2**



Long Weekend (inside) and the riderless Dennis' Moment hit the wire together | Coady Photography

Churchill Debut Winners Give Amoss Strong Segue Into Summer cont.



Long Weekend and Dennis' Moment | *Coady Photography*

About a furlong into the race, Dennis' Moment (Tiznow), highly touted pre-race by trainer Dale Romans, clipped heels along the rail and stumbled, unseating jockey Robby Albarado. Long Weekend, meanwhile, had made a break for it and arrived at the top of the stretch in full control. Dennis' Moment, who briefly looked as though he'd drop back in the field, rallied riderless into the lane and started to get to Long Weekend in deep stretch, essentially drawing on even terms as the pair crossed the wire.

"I've been beaten every kind of way you can get beaten in a race through my career, so I'm like, 'This will be a new one if this horse causes us a problem,'" Amoss said. "I felt terrible for Dale; we're friends and we compared notes on our two horses and that's not the way I wanted to win. Fortunately, the horse will be back and get another chance to do it."

Bought for \$225,000 at OBS April after breezing a quarter-mile in :20 3/5, Long Weekend will also ship up to the Spa with designs on running in either the GIII Sanford S. July 13 or the GII Saratoga Special S. Aug. 10.

"I've got to give the credit to Lauren Carlisle, who bought him at the 2-year-old in training sale," Amoss said. "She picked him out and gave him a real high grade and said, 'This is a can't miss,' and she was right."

BCWT is the ownership name of the Webber family, who Amoss trained for in the 1990s and 2000s and whose patriarch Temple Webber died in 2014.

"This is my first horse to have for their family since he passed away," Amoss said. "It's a group that's his wife and their kids. Very exciting."

Thanks to last weekend, Amoss, who also works as a co-host on NYRA's live broadcasts at Saratoga, will have a few more reasons to look forward to heading up north this summer.

"It's exciting for me," he said. "I'm not used to having a weekend where I have two promising horses do something like that."

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**THURSDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:
PRICEY TAPIT FILLY LOOKS TO REMAIN PERFECT**

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5th-CD, \$97K, Opt. Clm. (\$75K), 3yo, f, 1m, 6:56p.m.

Gainesway and Phoenix Thoroughbred's **DEMIMONDAINE (Tapit)** looks to take her record to two-for-two beneath the Twin Spires Thursday, following a debut victory at this venue May 25. The \$675,000 FTSAUG buy is out of GSW Colonial Flag (Pleasant Tap), who is a half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf victress Shared Account (Pleasantly Perfect). **TJCIS PPs**

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

7th-Belmont, \$66,000, (S), Alw, 6-26, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:08.15, fm.

SADIE LADY (f, 3, Freud--Zucca, by Read the Footnotes) opened her account with a victory sprinting against NY-breds over the local main track in September, but was off the board in her next two attempts on dirt against state-breds in the Oct. 20 Maid of the Mist S. and the Nov. 23 Key Cents S. Fourth in her first try on turf against fellow Empire-breds in Elmont May 9, she was third after setting the pace in a course-and-distance test for native New Yorkers June 1. Hammered down to even-money despite failing as the chalk in her last two starts, the dark bay gunned right to the lead from post nine, but was sandwiched by rivals, who pushed her through a :22.33 opening quarter and :44.80 half-mile. Edging clear of those foes at the top of the lane, she was confronted by a new set of pursuers, but kept on finding to register a half-length success. Summer Squeeze (Broken Vow) filled the place spot. Sadie Lady is the first foal out of Zucca, whose only produce since is a 2019 colt by Tapiture. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$87,530. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Dennis Narlinger; B-JMJ Racing Stables, LLC (NY); T-Arnaud Delacour.

7th-Delaware, \$36,500, Alw, 6-26, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.36, fm.

IONIC (f, 3, City Zip--Incredulous {Fr}, by Indian Ridge {Ire}) graduated on debut at Tampa going this distance Mar. 31 and missed by a nose next out in a grassy optional claimer at Laurel Apr. 27. Favored at 8-5 in this spot, the chestnut seized the early advantage and walked the dog through pedestrian early splits. Showing the way into the lane, the homebred easily extended clear under Daniel Centeno to win by 2 3/4 lengths. Gardenista (Curlin) completed the exacta. The winner is a half to Sir Gerry (Carson City), GSW, \$365,458. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$41,820. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Catherine Wills (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour.

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

1st-Belmont, \$62,000, (S), Msw, 6-26, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.63, fm.

GRADED ON A CURVE (g, 3, Noble Mission {GB}--Sarah's Pleasure, by Street Cry {Ire}) settled for third in his debut last summer at Saratoga after a rough start in which he was slammed out of the gate. A month later, the \$80,000 SARAUG purchase ran on gamely to be second in dead-heat, beaten only 1 1/4 lengths. The newly turned gelding was sidelined for the rest of the year and returned here as the 5-2 chalk. Under a patient ride from jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr., the bay rated kindly in midpack along the rail as the leaders clocked early splits of :24.44 and :48.53. Angled five-wide into the turn, Graded On a Curve was set to a stiff drive down the lane, stretching to the wire with long strides to edge Jimmy Jazz (English Channel) by a neck at the wire. He is a half-brother to the unraced juvenile filly My Sassy Sarah (Summer Front) and a filly by Summer Front born this season. Sales history: \$80,000 Ylg '17 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$53,020. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Larry Goichman (NY); T-Chad Brown.

THINK INDIAN CREEK

6th-Belmont, \$57,660, (S), Msw, 6-26, 2yo, 5f, :58.28, ft.

BULL OF BAYERN (c, 2, Bayern--Holy Dazzle {SP}, by Holy Bull) checked in fourth on debut against fellow Empire-breds over this track-and-trip May 31 and was favored at 8-5 to improve with the addition of blinkers in this second go. Breaking on top from his rail draw in a field scratched down to four, the dark bay was hounded through an opening quarter in :22.12. Shaking free of his foes in the lane, he rolled clear under a hand ride from Luis Saez to don cap and gown by 6 1/4 lengths and become the second winner for his freshman sire (by Offlee Wild). First timer Assault Breaker (Street Boss) was best of the rest in second. The winner's dam produced a Speightster colt in 2018 and a Runhappy filly in 2019. Sales history: \$180,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$250,000 Ylg '18 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$37,820. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$40,000
 111 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, HONORABLE MEMORY, 6-1

Race Day (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000
 95 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 1-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, JOSIE, 2-1
 \$80,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$170,000 OBS MAR yrl
 1-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, LIL MISS HOT MESS, 5-1
 \$67,000 FTK OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Goldcents (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000
 256 foals of racing age/59 winners/5 black-type winners
 1-Lone Star, Msw 5f, GOLDEN HEAT, 9-2
 \$12,000 RNA ESL YRL yrl; \$14,000 RNA TTA APR yrl

He's Had Enough (Tapit), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$2,500
 140 foals of racing age/24 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Delaware, Msw 1m, QUEENS WORLD, 8-1
 \$6,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

Moro Tap (Tapit), Double Infinity Ranch, \$3,500
 51 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Lone Star, Msw 5f, MORO APPEAL, 5-1
 \$13,500 RNA TTA MIX yrl; \$10,500 TTA APR yrl

No Nay Never (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Stud, \$100,000
 221 foals of racing age/48 winners/10 black-type winners
 9-Belmont, Msw 6f, NAY LADY NAY (Ire), 7-2
 €44,000 GOF NOV wnl; \$210,000 OBS MAR yrl



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-Belmont, \$82,000, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 6-26,
 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.07, fm.

DISCRETIONARY MARQ (g, 5, Discreet Cat--To Marquet {MSW & GSP, \$198,236}, by Marquetry) Lifetime Record: 13-5-3-0, \$249,250. O/B-Patricia Generazio (NY); T-Robert N. Falcone, Jr. *Full to Discreet Marq, GISW, \$1,268,972; and Too Discreet, MSW, \$199,800; and a half to Marquet Cat (Cat Thief), SP, \$387,081; and Marquet Madness (Pico Central {Brz}), SP, \$226,994.

2nd-Belmont, \$67,900, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 6-26,
 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.96, ft.

SICILIA MIKE (g, 5, Girolamo--Song of Broadway, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 39-3-14-8, \$357,358. O-Yellow Moon Stable, John Novello & Richard Kwiecinski; B-Linda Rice & Antonio Miuccio (NY); T-Gary Sciacca. *\$7,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN.

4th-Indiana Grand, \$45,000, (S), 6-26, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.83, fm.

ARISTOMACHES (g, 9, Wando--Part Magic {MSP}, by Clear Course) Lifetime Record: 30-7-5-5, \$238,387. O-Alese Dunn; B-Ledgerwood Farms (IN); T-Stephen D. Dunn.

5th-Indiana Grand, \$34,500, (S), 6-26, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.48, ft.

WHEREWEGOIN (g, 3, Power Broker--Tale, by Tale of the Cat) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$48,565. O-Penny S. Lauer; B-Michael & Penny Lauer (IN); T-Michael E. Lauer.

7th-Indiana Grand, \$34,500, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 6-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.28, fm.

KOOL KATE (m, 5, General Quarters--Pearl My Girl, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 16-9-4-0, \$181,542. O-John Wallace & Anthony Granitz; B-K.C. Yanez & Charles Sigrist (IL); T-Anthony J. Granitz.

6th-Thistledown, \$34,200, (S), 6-26, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.04, ft.

VERISSIMO (g, 3, Vertiformer--Blue as the Nile, by Spunky Rascal) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-3-2-1, \$77,863. O/B-Richard C. Spicer & William D. Spitler (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich.

3rd-Indiana Grand, \$32,500, 6-26, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.74, ft. **AUGIE (c, 4, Twirling Candy--Sweetest Sound, by Smart Strike)** Lifetime Record: 13-2-5-3, \$98,535. O-Southwest Racing Stables and Lewis, Steve H.; B-Whisper Hill Farm (KY); T-Genaro Garcia. *\$1,500 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$70,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR.

7th-Thistledown, \$27,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 6-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:44.16, ft. **RACINROSEMARY (m, 6, Eskendereya--Himymnameissarah {SP}, by Saarland)** Lifetime Record: 40-8-6-4, \$112,644. O-Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC; B-Ibrahim Rachid (KY); T-Anthony F. Rini. *\$30,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bustin Boss, c, 3, **Bustin Stones--Mommie's the Boss**, by Holy Bull. Finger Lakes, 6-26, 6f, 1:12.51. B-Patricia Generazio (NY).

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Mission Statement, g, 3, **Mission Impazible--Jehan**, by Forest Wildcat. Finger Lakes, 6-26, 6f, 1:13.29. B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY).

Susans Funnybone, g, 4, **D' Funnybone--Two Susans**, by Purge. Finger Lakes, 6-26, 6f, 1:11.74. B-Sugar Maple Farm & H. Lewis Rapaport (NY).

Whiskey Is My Wine, g, 4, **Declaration of War--Sky Garden** (GB), by Acclamation (GB). Belmont, 6-26, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:40.35. B-Claiborne Farm (KY). *\$150,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$45,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$80,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR.

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He's a Warrior, g, 4, **Desert Warrior--Candyanna**, by Candy Ride (Arg). Indiana Grand, 6-26, (S), 1m, 1:39.68. B-Larry Robbins (IN).

Breakfast Pond, f, 4, **The Factor--Clear Pond {GSP}**, by Dynaformer. Indiana Grand, 6-25, 7 1/2fT, 1:32.27. B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller, Vicki Oliver & G. Watts Humphrey III (KY). *1/2 to Clear the Mine (Mineshaft), SP, \$265,702.

Baritone, g, 4, **Uncle Mo--Sweet Symphony** (GISW, \$646,776), by A.P. Indy. Thistledown, 6-26, 6f, 1:13.82. B-Kinsman Farm (KY). *\$160,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP.

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My First Gal, m, 5, **First Samurai--Chargirl**, by Indian Charlie. Belmont, 6-26, (S), (C), 6fT, 1:09.22. B-John N. Lauriello (NY). *\$7,200 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$19,000 RNA 3yo '17 OBSWIN; \$3,200 3yo '17 KEENOV.

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BAYERN, Bull of Bayern, c, 2, o/o Holy Dazzle, by Holy Bull. MSW, 6-26, Belmont

BUSTIN STONES, Bustin Boss, c, 3, o/o Mommie's the Boss, by Holy Bull. MSW, 6-26, Finger Lakes

CITY ZIP, Ionic, f, 3, o/o Incredulous (Fr), by Indian Ridge (Ire). ALW, 6-26, Delaware

D' FUNNYBONE, Susans Funnybone, g, 4, o/o Two Susans, by Purge. MSW, 6-26, Finger Lakes

DECLARATION OF WAR, Whiskey Is My Wine, g, 4, o/o Sky Garden (GB), by Acclamation (GB). MCL, 6-26, Belmont

DESERT WARRIOR, He's a Warrior, g, 4, o/o Candyanna, by Candy Ride (Arg). MSW, 6-26, Indiana Grand

DISCREET CAT, Discretionary Marq, g, 5, o/o To Marquet, by Marquetry. AOC, 6-26, Belmont

ESKENDEREYA, Racinrosemary, m, 6, o/o Himynameissarah, by Saarland. AOC, 6-26, Thistledown

FIRST SAMURAI, My First Gal, m, 5, o/o Chargirl, by Indian Charlie. MCL, 6-26, Belmont

FREUD, Sadie Lady, f, 3, o/o Zucca, by Read the Footnotes. ALW, 6-26, Belmont

GENERAL QUARTERS, Kool Kate, m, 5, o/o Pearl My Girl, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 6-26, Indiana Grand

GIROLAMO, Sicilia Mike, g, 5, o/o Song of Broadway, by Tiznow. AOC, 6-26, Belmont

MISSION IMPAZIBLE, Mission Statement, g, 3, o/o Jehan, by Forest Wildcat. MSW, 6-26, Finger Lakes

NOBLE MISSION (GB), Graded On a Curve, g, 3, o/o Sarah's Pleasure, by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 6-26, Belmont



Noble Mission was represented by a new winner at Belmont Wednesday in Graded on a Curve | Lane's End

POWER BROKER, Wherewegoin, g, 3, o/o Tale, by Tale of the Cat. ALW, 6-26, Indiana Grand

THE FACTOR, Breakfast Pond, f, 4, o/o Clear Pond, by Dynaformer. MSW, 6-25, Indiana Grand

TWIRLING CANDY, Augie, c, 4, o/o Sweetest Sound, by Smart Strike. ALW, 6-26, Indiana Grand

UNCLE MO, Baritone, g, 4, o/o Sweet Symphony, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 6-26, Thistledown

VERTIFORMER, Verissimo, g, 3, o/o Blue as the Nile, by Spunky Rascal. ALW, 6-26, Thistledown

WANDO, Aristomaches, g, 9, o/o Part Magic, by Clear Course. ALW, 6-26, Indiana Grand



City Zip had a winner at Delaware Wednesday in Ionic | Tony Leonard

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GRAFFARD EYEING NASSAU FOR CHANNEL



Channel (left) winning the Prix de Diane | Scoop Dyga

Francis-Henri Graffard is certainly having a season to remember and things could get even better for the trainer as he begins to plot the next course for his Classic winner **Channel (Ire)** (Nathaniel {Ire}). The filly came out best in a tight finish to claim the G1 Prix de Diane Longines at Chantilly and Graffard is giving serious thought to aiming the Samuel De Barros owned filly at the G1 Qatar Nassau S. at Glorious Goodwood Aug 1. "Channel is in very good form and the Nassau S. is a possible target," Graffard said. "We are keeping all our options open with her at the moment but the options are probably the Nassau or the Prix Jacques Le Marois [at Deauville]. If she continues to be fit and well in the coming weeks, then the Nassau could definitely be an aim. I would love to have a runner at Goodwood. It is a place I like very much and I think the track will suit her," he added. Graffard has won two of the most important races for 3-year-old fillies in the European calendar this season courtesy of Channel and last week's G1 Coronation S. winner **Watch Me (Fr)** (Olympic Glory {Ire}), with the pair having gone through the sales ring for a combined total of €100,000. "Channel was very impressive in the Prix de Diane and it was very special to win that race before Watch Me's victory at Royal Ascot," he reflected.

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MUHAARAR GETS FIRST WINNER AT BATH

Four-time Group 1-winning sprinter Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) was represented by his first winner when **Raheeq (GB)** ran out a 4 1/2-length winner of a Bath novice event Wednesday afternoon.

The subject of significant support on debut, the homebred was sent away as the 11-8 favourite and raced freely out wide without cover two lengths off the early pace. Sent to the front passing the two-furlong pole, she stayed on strongly to account for **Allez Sophia (Ire)** (Kingman {GB}) by a commanding margin.

In doing so, Raheeq becomes the first winner for her first-season sire (by Oasis Dream {GB}), winner in succession of the G1 Commonwealth Cup, G1 Darley July Cup, G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 QIPCO British Champions Sprint.

The listed-winning dam, who was also runner-up in the G1 Moyglare Stud S., produced as her first foal the Listed Rockingham S. scorer Mushir (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), SW-Eng & SP-UAE, \$171,335. A half-sister to the G2 Diadem S.-winning sire Haatef (Danzig) and his G3 Athasi S.-winning full-sister Walayef, she has a yearling filly by Kingman (GB).

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Muhaarar and Ron Lott | Emma Berry photo

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In other Goodwood news the track has confirmed it has extended a sponsorship deal with the Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club (QREC) which sees the Qatar name being the principal sponsor of Glorious Goodwood until 2024 at least. The five-day festival has benefitted from lucrative prize-money since the association came about and the extension was agreed on Tuesday following a meeting with Goodwood owner the Duke of Richmond and QREC chairman Issa bin Mohammed Al Mohammadi.

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Mare Of The Moment is a new TDN feature that looks to highlight the success of a broodmare and give her and her owner recognition for those achievements. In association with the Irish National Stud the mare will receive a personalised headcollar and this month Lucky Clio (Ire) (Key Of luck {USA}) is the recipient of Mare Of The Moment.

The start of the flat season is driven forward by Classic hopes and Royal Ascot dreams. When TDN interviewed Matthew Houldsworth after Phoenix of Spain (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) had a racecourse gallop on Newmarket's Rowley Mile we were only getting half the story of the hopes that rested on the three-year-old colt's shoulders. **Cont. p3**



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For while the story of his owners, Tony Weschler and Ann Plummer, was enough to have you in his corner heading into the Irish 1000 Guineas, it was the stories that emerged after that really cemented him as true Classic winner.

Phoenix Of Spain is out of the Key Of Luck mare Lucky Clío who is owned by the Faeste family. Mrs Cherry Faeste is down as the official breeder of Phoenix Of Spain and although Mrs Faeste was able to see the grey colt win twice as a 2-year-old, she sadly passed away before he was second in the G2 Champagne S. The story of how Lucky Clío came to be part of the Faeste broodmare band is also heartwarming given that bloodstock agent Cathy Grassick applied the knowledge she had learned from her late father, Brian Grassick, to purchase the mare on behalf of Cherry from right under his nose.

Although Lucky Clío is now the dam of a Classic winner, she is also the dam of other stakes horses including Kingsdesire (Ire) (King's Best) and Lucky Beggar (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}) and has a 2-year-old full brother to Phoenix Of Spain who was withdrawn from the Arqana May Breeze-Up Sale as well as a yearling colt by Awtaad (Ire), who looks to re-enter the sale ring later this year after selling as a foal to Tally Ho Stud. Congratulations to the Faeste family and to Lucky Clío for her breeding achievements and on being Mare Of The Moment.



Lucky Clío

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BLUE POINT HEADS CARTIER STANDINGS

The recently retired **Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal) has shot to the head of the rankings for the Cartier Horse of the Year title. The soon to be Darley stallion's Royal Ascot exploits where he landed a famous G1 King's Stand S. and G1 Diamond Jubilee S. double has seen the 5-year-old amass 106 points, a total also aided by Blue Point's win in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan earlier in the year. However given he can no longer add to his tally Blue Point will do well to maintain his position at the head of the table until the end of the year. The Aidan O'Brien trained pair of fillies **Hermosa (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Magical (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), both beaten favourites at Ascot, have still time to improve on their 96 and 80 points while Sir Michael Stoute's **Crystal Ocean (GB)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), who has 64 points, could also have a say if he continues his rapid ascent to the upper echelons.

NEXT STOP JULY CUP FOR BRANDO

After a recent confidence boosting win in a conditions race at Hamilton, Kevin Ryan's admirable sprinter **Brando (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) will bid to go one better than last year's second in the G1 Darley July Cup at Newmarket two weeks from this Saturday. Angie Bailey's 7-year-old skipped Royal Ascot on purpose and having operated so effectively on the July course in particular, connections were keen to give Brando the best opportunity of adding another Group 1 to his CV after running so well in the last two editions of the Newmarket feature. "It was always the plan to run Brando in the July Cup so it's all systems go," said Adam Ryan, son and assistant to his father Kevin. "We were never going to take him to Royal Ascot--it's quite hard for these

sprinters to be at their best for both Ascot and the July Cup and he's got such good form at the two Newmarket tracks that it made sense to take him there as a fresh horse. For some reason he enjoys running downhill. We can't put our finger on it, but he loves both Newmarket courses," he added. Victory at Newmarket would push Brando's earnings past the £1-million mark and he has been a remarkable horse for connections, this being his sixth season of competitive action. "Brando's been placed in the July Cup twice before so if he were to win it this time it would be fantastic for us and would live long in the memory. He's a total gentleman at home and a bit of a yard favourite. He's an absolute saint and everyone loves him. He's got form on all sorts of ground. As he gets older maybe he prefers a bit of juice in the ground but I wouldn't be worried about fast ground – the main thing with him is to have a truly-run race and you'll certainly get that at Group 1 level," Ryan said.

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GOODWOOD NEXT FOR DEE EX BEE

Progressive stayer **Dee Ex Bee (GB)** (Farhh {GB}) could have another crack at dethroning the champ **Stradivarius (GB)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) in the G1 Qatar Goodwood Cup next month. The Mark Johnston trained 4-year-old finished a game second to Bjorn Nielsen's brilliant stayer in the G1 Ascot Gold Cup last week and despite being under no pretensions over the potential task of reversing the placings, connections are keen to let the horse take his chance. Tackling two and a half miles for the first time Dee Ex Bee appeared to relish the trip at Ascot and according to his trainer's son Charlie Johnston, the horse has taken the race well. "Dee Ex Bee has come out of the Gold Cup well and, although we are no longer in the running for the WH Stayers' Million, the Qatar Goodwood Cup looks a fairly obvious next target," he said.

"It was a great run in defeat and again he showed what a fantastic attitude he has, coming from looking like he would finish third or fourth at the furlong marker to getting back up for second in the final stride. The winner is a true champion who has shown now over the last 18 months that regardless of what conditions are thrown at him, he finds a way to win. And on that particular day, Frankie [Dettori] at one stage seemed almost invincible." The Johnstons are keen to find an angle where they can eke out any improvement in Dee Ex Bee and being less forceful is one option they are considering. "Going forward, we are thinking that it is probably not ideal for our horse to make his own running. Having something to aim at might help him, as he enjoys a battle. We came off second-best and are under no illusions that the winner will start favourite again, but we are looking forward to having another crack at him," he added.

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Charlie Johnston | *Racing Post*

GOOD UPTAKE FOR FOAL NOTIFICATION

Horse Racing Ireland has expressed its satisfaction over a 75% compliance rate in the 30-day thoroughbred foal notification system which was introduced in Ireland for the 2019 foaling season. The 30-day notification system requires breeders to notify Weatherbys of the birth of a foal within 30 days of birth, done through the submission of the blood sample and markings which are taken by the attending vet when the foal is microchipped. "There is a worldwide acceptance for the need for whole-of-life traceability of horses, said HRI spokesperson, John Osborne. "This allows for assurance on both the care and welfare of horses, as well as the certainty that all racehorses can be proven to be 'clean' in the anti-doping sense." It was this consensus that led to the main industry bodies, including Goffs and Tattersalls, coming together to introduce this system which is administered on behalf of the industry by Weatherbys. Osborne continued, "It is this small change in procedure that will improve our traceability of the horse. We are creating systems which will eventually allow for a robust chain of responsibility to be known. In achieving this goal we can assure the standards of care are highest, ensuring that our horses can compete in all territories where these procedures are required. We are in discussions with the Department of Agriculture, updating on progress and assessing ways to make the process stronger. The signatories of the original agreement remain strongly supportive of this initiative and we are grateful to the breeders for helping us achieve such strong compliance in year one."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, June 27:

UNITED KINGDOM:

Cable Bay (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Highclere Stud
114 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
14:10-NEWMARKET, 6f, FLASH HENRY (GB)
21,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2
14:10-NEWMARKET, 6f, TOMFRE (GB)
572gns RNA Tattersalls Ireland Ascot December Sale 2018

Due Diligence (War Front), Whitsbury Manor Stud
85 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
14:00-NOTTINGHAM, 6f, BE PREPARED (GB)
9,524gns Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018;
40,000gns Tattersalls Ireland Ascot 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2019

G Force (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
8 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
14:00-NOTTINGHAM, 6f, CONTRACT KID (Ire)
€6,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; £18,000 RNA Goffs UK
Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
166 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
18:25-LEICESTER, 7f, ITKAANN (Ire)
€95,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; 75,000gns Tattersalls
October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2
18:35-HAMILTON PARK, 6f, ONE HART (Ire)
€48,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; £50,000 Goffs UK
Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Hot Streak (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Tweenhills Stud
79 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
18:35-HAMILTON PARK, 6f, MAGIC TIMING (GB)
£32,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018
14:00-NOTTINGHAM, 6f, RED HOTTIE (GB)
50,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; 34,000gns
Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up & HIT Sale 2019

FRANCE:

Anjaal (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), Rathasker Stud
148 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
1-MAR.BORELY, 1200m, ASK ME NOT (Ire)
5,500gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; €2,000
Goffs Open Yearling Sale 2018

Evasive's First (Fr) (Evasive {GB}),
7 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-MAR.BORELY, 1200m, PISTE NOIRE (Fr)

Sidestep (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Fr
70 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
2-MAR.BORELY, 1200m, GOLD STEP (Fr)

BRITAIN



Wednesday's Results:

BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF ETERNAL S.-Listed, £40,000,
Carlisle, 6-26, 3yo, f, 6f 195yT, 1:25.95, g/f.

1--**TAPISSERIE (GB), 126, f, 3, by Le Havre (Ire)**

1st Dam: Miss Work of Art (GB) (SW & GSP-Eng,
\$170,621), by Dutch Art (GB)

2nd Dam: Lacework (GB), by Pivotal (GB)

3rd Dam: Entwine (GB), by Primo Dominie (GB)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (130,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT). O-Isa
Salman; B-Newsells Park Stud (GB); T-William Haggas; J-Paul
Hanagan. £22,684. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$37,870.

2--**Cava (Ire), 126, f, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Royal Fizz (Ire), by**
Royal Academy. O-H R D McCalmont & Hamish McCalmont.
£8,600.

3--**Viadera (GB), 126, f, 3, Bated Breath (GB)--Sacred Shield**
(GB), by Beat Hollow (GB). O-Khalid Abdullah. £4,304.
Margins: 1 1/4, 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 5.00, 12.00, 1.85.

Also Ran: Impulsion (Ire), Chapelli (GB), Come On Leicester (Ire),
Sunday Star (GB), Summer Daydream (Ire), Neon Sea (Fr),
Concello (Ire), Astrologer (GB). Scratched: Modern Millie (GB).

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Tapisserie, who ran second in six-furlong starts at Doncaster
on debut Apr. 24 and at Lingfield May next time 11, graduated
when upped to seven furlongs at Salisbury in her third start last
time June 11 and maintained an upward trajectory with a career
high on stakes bow here. Off the pace at the tail of the field
through halfway, she made headway under pressure in the
straight to challenge wide entering the final furlong and ran on
strongly for continued urging in the closing stages to asser
superiority.

Tapisserie is one of two scorers and the leading performer out
of stakes-winning G3 Firth of Clyde S. second Miss Work of Art
(GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), herself a half to G3 Musidora S. runner-up
Romantic Settings (GB) (Mount Nelson {GB}) produced by a full-
sister to GSW multiple Scandinavian champion Entangle (GB)
(Pivotal {GB}), who in turn is the dam of Listed English Channel S.
victor Dalarna (K One King). The chesnut is kin to an unraced 2-
year-old colt by Equiano (Fr) and a 2019 filly by Showcasing
(GB).

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2nd-Kempton, £9,000, Novice, 6-26, 2yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:27.37, st/sl.

WREN (GB) (f, 2, Raven's Pass--Magical Romance {Ire} {G1SW-Eng}, by Baratheia {Ire}), a 10-1 shot on this racecourse bow, was on edge in the preliminaries but professional once the gates opened tracking the leading duo. Drawing alongside Daily Times (GB) (Gleneagles {Ire}) 50 yards from the line, the 8-1 shot asserted to score by a neck. Godolphin's newcomer Queen of the Sea (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), the 400,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 half-sister to the G3 Prix Thomas Bryon winner Sacred Life (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}), was an encouraging third, three lengths away. In winning here on debut, Wren emulates her half-sister Love Magic (GB) (Dansili {GB}) who went on to produce this month's G1 Prix de Diane hero Channel (Ire) (Nathaniel {Ire}). The G1 Cheveley Park S.-winning dam, whose best progeny is the dual stakes-winning and G2 Zipping Classic runner-up Tall Ship (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), MSW & GSP-Aus, \$314,518, is a half-sister to the G1 English, Irish and Yorkshire Oaks heroine Alexandrova (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and her G1 Epsom Derby-placed full-brother Masterofthehorse (Ire). Also connected to the G1 Melbourne Cup hero Rekindling (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}), the dam has a yearling filly by Siyouni (Fr) named Elvic (GB) and a filly foal by Nathaniel (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,418. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Exors of the Late Lady Rothschild; B-Kincorth Investments Inc (GB); T-Roger Charlton.

3rd-Kempton, £9,000, Novice, 6-26, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:13.35, st/sl.

AUSSIE SHOWSTOPPER (FR) (g, 2, Showcasing {GB}--Aristotelicienne {Ire}, by Acclamation {GB}), a 12-1 shot on this debut, was fast away to race in a close-up second on the fence before finding himself in front ahead of the home turn. Kicking clear approaching the furlong pole, the bay held on as Great Ambassador (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) closed in late and had a nose to spare at the line. The dam, who also has a yearling colt by Siyouni (Fr), is a half to the all-weather listed winner Ceremonial Jade (UAE) (Jade Robbery) and a granddaughter of the G1 1000 Guineas runner-up Kerrera (Ire) (Diesis {GB}) whose Firth of Lorne (Ire) (Danehill) was also second in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches. Sales history: £45,000 Ylg '18 GOUKPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,418. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Mr Peter Cook; B-S.A.R.L. EDS Stud Ltd (FR); T-Richard Hughes.

1st-Salisbury, £7,900, Mdn, 6-26, 2yo, 6f 213yT, 1:26.87, g/f.

POSITIVE (GB) (c, 2, Dutch Art {GB}--Osipova {GB}, by Makfi {GB}) chased the leaders in fifth and eased into third at halfway in this debut. Carried left when launching his bid passing the two

pole, the well-backed 6-4 favourite seized control approaching the final eighth and lengthened clear in the closing stages to hit the line five lengths ahead of Hexagon (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}). Full to a yearling filly and half to a 2019 filly by Ulysses (Ire), he is the first foal and winner produced by a dual-winning half-sister to G3 Sovereign S. victor Zonderland (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}). The bay's third dam is MG1SW European champion Russian Rhythm (Kingmambo). Sales history: 55,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,512. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-A D Spence; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Clive Cox.

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

4th-Bath & Somerset County, £7,400, Novice, 6-26, 2yo, f, 5f 160yT, 1:09.97, gd.

RAHEEQ (GB) (f, 2, Muhaarar {GB}--Shimah {Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ire, SW & G1SP-Ire}, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,942. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (GB); T-Roger Varian. *First winner for first-crop sire (by Oasis Dream {GB}). **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Auckland Lodge (Ire), f, 2, Dandy Man (Ire)--Proud Maria (Ire), by Medicean (GB). Carlisle, 6-26, 5fT, 1:01.64. B-R Galway (IRE). *€10,000 Ylg '18 GOYRL; £20,000 2yo '19 GOFBRE.

Keep Busy (Ire), f, 2, Night of Thunder (Ire)--Look Busy (Ire) (GSW-Eng & Ire, SP-Ger, \$524,059), by Danetime (Ire). Carlisle, 6-26, 5f 193yT, 1:14.51. B-Hackcanter Ltd & P Gleeson (IRE). *Fifth winner for freshman sire (by Dubawi {Ire}). **34,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT. ***1/2 to Looks A Million (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), SP-Fr.

Milltown Star (GB), c, 2, Roderic O'Connor (Ire)--Hail Shower (Ire), by Red Clubs (Ire). Salisbury, 6-26, 6fT, 1:14.13. B-Hunscote Stud (GB). *€2,000 RNA Ylg '18 TIRSEP.

Monaafasah (Ire), f, 3, Cape Cross (Ire)--Salhood8a (Ire), by Nayef. Bath & Somerset County, 6-26, 11f 137yT, 2:31.27. B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE).

Gifts of Gold (Ire), g, 4, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Sanna Bay (Ire), by Refuse To Bend (Ire). Salisbury, 6-26, 9f 201yT, 2:07.58. B-Paul Hyland (IRE). *€280,000 Wlg '15 GOFNOV. **1/2 to Dusky Queen (Ire) (Shamardal), SW-Eng, \$157,962; and Achnaha (Ire) (Haatef), MGSP-US & GSP-Ire, \$260,106.

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Following on from the August Yearling Sale Arqana have also released the catalogue for the V.2 Yearling Sale which takes place immediately after the August Sale Aug. 20. 150 yearlings have been catalogued in the sale that has unearthed Classic winners such as **Teppal (Fr)** (Camacho {GB}) and **Olmedo (Fr)** (Declaration Of War), both graduates of the 2016 auction. There is a mix of proven and exciting young stallions represented in the sale with yearlings on offer by Siyouni (Fr), No Nay Never, Starspangledbanner (Aus), Bated Breath (GB), Olympic Glory (Ire) and Wootton Bassett (GB) among others. The catalogue is online and can be accessed [here](#).

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IRELAND



STRONG START TO DERBY SALE

The two-day Tattersalls Ireland Derby Sale got off to a flying start on Wednesday when a French-bred son of Al Namix (Fr) held sway when selling for €190,000. The 3-year-old gelding, offered by Sluggara Farm as **lot 73** was knocked down to Kevin and Anna Ross on behalf of owner Chris Jones. "He is a gorgeous individual, we had to push the boat out a bit, but he is our pick of the sale," said Ross. "I have not had much to do with progeny by Al Namix before but he obviously gets class horses. The first runner out of the mare is useful which gives a lot of confidence too. He will go to Chris's farm to be broken in and pre-trained, I don't know what the plan will be then," Ross added. Thirteen six figure lots throughout the day contributed to an aggregate of €9,003,000, an average of €52,343 and a median of €45,000. A healthy 82% clearance rate was achieved when 172 of the 209 offered changed hands. Mags O'Toole was responsible for buying the second highest price horse when giving €180,000 for **lot 57**. The son of Milan (GB) was offered by Roxborough Stud, while British based bloodstock agent Aiden Murphy combined with his trainer son Oliver to acquire **lots 91** and **146** for €170,000 and €165,000 respectively. The action continues at Tattersalls Ireland from 10.30a.m. on Thursday.

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The Kildare Derby Festival hosted a Meet The Legends night at the Silken Thomas, Kildare Town on Tuesday night. Proceeds from the event will go to the Injured Jockeys Fund and the Trainers Benevolent Fund. Pictured (from left to right): Jim Kavanagh, John Oxx, Seamie Heffernan, Christy Roche, Pat Smullen, Dermot Weld, Johnny Murtagh, and Dessie Scahill | *Martin Connelly*

Wednesday's Results:

IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF NAAS OAKS TRIAL-Listed, €75,000, Naas, 6-26, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:11.97, gd.

1--**TRETHIAS (GB), 126, f, 3, by Invincible Spirit (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Evita (GB), by Selkirk**

2nd Dam: **Darara (Ire), by Top Ville (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Delsy (Fr), by Abdos (Fr)**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. (400,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT).

O-Stonethorn Stud Farms Limited; B-Watership Down Stud (GB); T-Jessica Harrington; J-Shane Foley. €44,250. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 7-2-0-1, \$77,638. *1/2 to Moohaarib (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), SW-Eng.

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2--**Search For A Song (Ire), 126, f, 3, Galileo (Ire)**--Polished Gem (Ire), by Danehill. O/B-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd. (IRE); T-Dermot Weld. €14,250.

3--**Chablis (Ire), 126, f, 3, Galileo (Ire)**--Vadawina (Ire), by Unfuwain. (1,550,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT). O-Mrs John Magnier & John C Oxley; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. €6,750.

Margins: 2 3/4, 5HF, 3/4. Odds: 5.50, 2.00, 4.50.

Also Ran: Goddess, Flowering Peach (Ire), Elleanthus (Ire), Operatic Export (Ire), Hamariyna (Ire), Dean Street Doll (Ire). Scratched: Cnoc An Oir (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result.**

Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Impressive when accounting for Pink Dogwood (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) by 2 3/4 lengths in a mile maiden at The Curragh in August, Trethias ran fourth in the Listed Ingabelle S. over seven furlongs on Leopardstown's Irish Champions card and in the G3

Weld Park S. at that trip later in September. Returning to be seventh in the Listed Salsabil S. at Navan trying this distance Apr. 28, the bay improved to be third in the G3 Derrinstown Stud 1000 Guineas Trial back at a mile May 12 and enhanced her profile with this command performance. Always happy tracking the pace set by Search For a Song, she was committed with two furlongs to race and stayed on strongly to register a dynamic first black-type success.

With the Irish Oaks Trial in safe keeping, Trethias is heading to the main event at The Curragh July 20 according to trainer Jessie Harrington. “She relaxed and did everything right today. Today is the first time she’s put everything together,” she commented. “She got no run in Navan at all and everything went wrong and then the last day probably things just didn’t go right either. She had a good break since her last run and we’ll head now to the Oaks.” Watership Down’s Evita has already produced a black-type winner in Moohaarib, who took the Listed Paradise S. She is out of that stud’s G1 Prix Vermeille-winning foundation mare Darara, whose group 1-class male progeny Diaghilev (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells), Dariyoun (Shahrestani) and Rewilding (GB) (Tiger Hill {Ire}) are joined by Dar Re Mi (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}).

The three-times group 1-winning Dar Re Mi has herself become a font of high-class individuals headed by last year’s champion juvenile Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) with his full-sisters, the G1 St Leger runner-up Lah Ti Dar (GB) and G3 Musidora S. winner and G1 Prix de l’Opera-placed So Mi Dar (GB), adding significant ballast. Evita’s 2-year-old filly by Muhaarar (GB) sold for 370,000gns to Blandford Bloodstock at the Tattersalls October Book 1 Sale and is named Peronista (Ire), while she also has a filly foal by Australia (GB).

Naas, €16,500, Mdn, 6-26, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:10.79, gd.

A NEW DAWN (IRE) (f, 2, Zoffany {Ire}--Simply A Star {Ire} {MSP-Ire}, by Giant’s Causeway), backed into 6-4 favouritism following her second to Cayenne Pepper (Ire) (Australia {GB}) in a Leopardstown maiden over seven furlongs June 6, raced near the early pace. Narrowly in front two furlongs from home, the chestnut had In the Present (Karakontie {Jpn}) for company from there but asserted in the final yards to prevail by a head. Holy Roman Empress (Ire) (American Pharoah), the daughter of the G1 Phoenix S. winner Damson (Ire) (Entrepreneur {GB}) and half to Requito (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), faded to 12th after pursuing the early pace. The winner’s dam was a useful sprinter who is a daughter of the G3 Blue Wind S. runner-up Cherry Hinton (GB) (Green Desert). Out of the great Urban Sea (Miswaki), she in turn is responsible for last year’s G1 Belmont Oaks Invitational scorer Athena (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) and the G1 Irish Oaks heroine Bracelet (Ire) by Camelot’s sire Montjeu (Ire). Also a half to the G2 Rockfel S. winner Wading (Ire), another Montjeu who threw

last year’s winner of that race, Just Wonderful (Dansili {GB}), Simply a Star’s yearling colt is by Camelot. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$15,696. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Joseph O’Brien.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Count d’Orsay (Ire), g, 3, Dandy Man (Ire)--Deira, by Green Desert. Naas, 6-26, 5fT, 58:98. B-Corrin Stud (IRE). *€40,000 RNA Ylg ‘17 TIRSEP; 30,000gns Ylg ‘17 TATDEY; 15,000gns RNA 2yo ‘18 TATAHI.

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

5.45 Curragh, Mdn, €17,500, 2yo, f, 7fT

ENNISTYMON (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}) is introduced by Aidan O’Brien in the maiden the stable took with future group 1 winners Alice Springs (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Happily (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in recent times. Out of Evie Stockwell’s useful Lahinch (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}), the January-foaled bay is a half to the pattern-race winners The Bogberry (Hawk Wing) and Liscanna (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells). She has to overcome an experience deficit against stablemate and likely favourite **Love (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})**, a half-sister to the dual group scorer Lucky Kristale (GB) (Lucky Story) who was fourth on debut at Leopardstown earlier this month, while she also encounters another newcomer of note in the Niarchos Family’s **Innervisions (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire})**. A Willie McCreery-trained daughter of the G1 Matron S. heroine Fiesolana (Ire) (Aussie Rules), she is a half to the promising 3-year-old stablemate Up Helly Aa (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

6.15 Curragh, Mdn, €17,500, 2yo, c/g, 7fT

HONG KONG (American Pharoah) makes his debut a month after being withdrawn from an intended intro at York. The \$1-million highest-priced short yearling at Keeneland January in 2018, a half-brother to Caravaggio (Scat Daddy), is in deep taking on two experienced stablemates and a clutch of intriguing fellow newcomers. In the maiden in which Ballydoyle always run one of their key juveniles and have won with the likes of Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Roderic O’Connor (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and in which Australia (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) was second six years ago, there are some fascinating runners from rival stables including Juddmonte’s **Radetsky (Speightstown)**, a Dermot Weld-trained first foal out of the G2 Ridgewood Pearl S. scorer Brooch (Empire Maker).



Hong Kong selling at Keeneland January in 2018 | Keeneland photo

6.25 Leicester, Novice, €8,900, 2yo, 7fT

LAW OF PEACE (GB) (Shamardal) is the first foal out of Godolphin's G1 Fillies' Mile and G2 May Hill S. winner Certify (Elusive Quality) who debuts for Charlie Appleby. He will have to be smart to contend with the Newbury maiden winner **Mottrib (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire})**, Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's Roger Varian-trained relative of the classy Italians Crackerjack King (Ire) (Shamardal) and Jakkalberry (Ire) (Storming Home {GB}).

6.35 Hamilton, Mdn, £8,400, 2yo, 6f 6yT

ALWAATN SOUND (IRE) (Shamardal) is the latest progeny out of the G2 Diadem S. and G2 Lowther S. winner and G1 Prix de l'Abbaye runner-up Lady of the Desert (Rahy) who produced the winner of the 2016 renewal of the latter contest in Queen Kindly (GB) (Frankel {GB}). Also a grandson of the G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine Queen's Logic (Ire) (Grand Lodge) from the family of Dylan Thomas (Ire), the February-foaled bay represents owner-breeder Jaber Abdullah and the Kevin Ryan stable.

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Wednesday's Results:

TEIO SHO-Listed, ¥102,000,000 (£746,987/€832,530/US\$947,467), Ohi, 6-26, 3yo/up, 2000m, 2:04.4, my.

1--**OMEGA PERFUME (JPN)**, 126, c, 4, Swept Overboard--**Omega Fragrance (Jpn)**, by **Gold Allure (Jpn)**. (¥16,200,000 2yo '17 CHI2YO). O-Reiko Hara; B-Shadai Farm; T-Shogo Yasuda; J-Damian Lane; ¥60,000,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Jpn, 12-6-2-2, ¥281,417,000.

2--**Chuwa Wizard (Jpn)**, 126, c, 4, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--**Chuwa Blossom (Jpn)**, by Durandal. O-Shinobu Nakanishi. ¥21,000,000.

3--**Nonkono Yume (Jpn)**, g, 7, Twining--Nonko (Jpn), by Agnes Tachyon (Jpn). O-Chizu Yoshida. ¥12,000,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, HD, 3. Odds: 2.40, 2.10, 52.50.

Also Ran: Mitsuba (Jpn), Mogiana Flavor (Jpn), Inti (Jpn), Sound True (Jpn), Riccardo (Jpn), All Blush (Jpn), Sabuno Kurohyo (Jpn), Superstition (Jpn), Great Pearl (Jpn), Apollo Kentucky, Stern Glanz (Jpn). **VIDEO**



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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Magic Wand (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	D O'Brien	A O'Brien	136
2	2	Who's Steph (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Keane	Lyons	136
3	7	Wild Illusion (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	J Doyle	C Appleby	136
4	5	Worth Waiting (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Dettori	Lanigan	136
5	4	Happen	War Front	Heffernan	A O'Brien	124
6	3	Iridessa (Ire)	Ruler of the World (Ire)	Lordan	J O'Brien	124
7	1	Pink Dogwood (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Moore	A O'Brien	124

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THE RISE OF THE ONLINE AUCTION



**Set Goals recently sold for a record \$321,000
at Inglis's June Online Auction**

by Bren O'Brien

The emergence of dedicated online Thoroughbred auctions in recent years has brought significant change to the selling and buying landscape across Australia and New Zealand.

Bringing the age-old experience of selling a horse through a sales ring into the digital age has presented its fair share of challenges, but the growth of these platforms, in particular the quality of stock they are offering, is an example of the resonance they are having in the marketplace.

The early stages of the online bloodstock sales experience were very much akin to that of the classified, with horses at the lower end of the market posted for sale at a set price.

However, in the past three years, as two of the biggest bloodstock companies in this region, Inglis and New Zealand Bloodstock sensed an opportunity to offer an online auction experience, the nature of what is on offer has changed significantly.

Nick Melmeth is the Business Manager of Inglis Digital and oversees their monthly auctions as well as the day-to-day operation of Bloodstock.com.au, Inglis' ongoing trading platform.

For Inglis, the monthly auctions have assumed the space which used to be occupied by the mixed sales dotted throughout the calendar. The growth in the popularity of those online auctions, which are usually scheduled to run towards the end of each month, has been a tremendous success story.

"A lot of this was driven by (Inglis Managing Director) Mark Webster. Having bought Bloodstock.com.au, a classified thoroughbred site back in 2011, it got to the position where it was clear there were external competitors looking at this space and we felt there was an opportunity there," he told *TDN AusNZ*.

"When the Newmarket complex was closed, we didn't have a ring to sell in, so we decided to give it a try back in May 2017.

"It was pretty humble, we had good numbers, but due to the fact it was our first ever and it was free entry, it hit about 30 per cent clearance rate and turnover was \$285,000 in total, so it was pretty modest."

Fast forward two years and the auctions are delivering turnover about \$1 million a month, with a peak of \$1.75 million in January.

The NZ solution...

New Zealand Bloodstock had already begun offering regular online auctions through the gavelhouse.com platform some 12 months earlier.

gavelhouse.com General Manager Haylie Martin explains that the New Zealand market needs trading to ensure there is fluidity.

The previous classified approach didn't provide the dynamic environment to ensure that the market could keep moving, but a simulation of the auction environment in the online context allowed for this to happen.

"It gave putting a horse up for sale a bit more urgency and finality rather than just being put on a site where it could potentially sit there forever," she said.

"The market in New Zealand has been contracted for some time, although we are seeing some recent changes that are giving everyone hope. That sense of urgency and giving people a chance to trade in and out of horses a lot more quickly was the way it needed to go.

"We launched as an auction site in April 2016 and are already in the fourth winter with some really obvious cyclical patterns now evident in supply and demand." **Cont. p2**

Online Auctions cont.

The advantages from a vendors' point of view is obviously cost. In an online environment, there is no transportation or staffing costs. Lowering the barrier of entry to an auction sale has led to a lot more horses being offered for sale.

Bringing new product to the market...

As Martin points out, one of the interesting impacts in New Zealand has been the access to horses that may have never made it through a Karaka sales ring.

"There are a lot more horses in remote areas around the country that we have had the opportunity to sell that might not have ever justified being put on a truck and taken to Karaka, while it's also proven a great tool to expose quality fillies off the track to a big market and get a good result quickly," she said.

"Why not have a crack and chuck it on gavelhouse.com' is something we often hear. We are finding those horses who may have just sat in the paddocks of farmers who may have had two or three broodmares on dairy, sheep or beef farms, and may have just stayed were they were, are more likely to be offered for sale."

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Removing the wait...

One of the great advantages to the auction format that Melmeth sees is the immediacy of it. The dynamic nature of the online environment means it can be far more responsive to the marketplace than the traditional sales calendar.

"If you've got a partnership that needs to be dissolved or a horse that just needs to be moved on, there is no time period to wait," he said.

"The alternative is that you wait, which costs you more agistment, and then take it to a sale, where you have to have transport to get it to a sale, then pay staff and entry and commissions. Ours is a lower price point, in that the entry fee and commission are lower than most sales would be.

"The convenience is there. We open on a Friday and close on the last Wednesday of the month. Horses might still race on the Saturday or Wednesday for their old owners and be sold by Wednesday night.

"People don't have to take their horse out of work from stables or anything, and if it doesn't sell, they haven't suffered the inconvenience, and that cost has been kept to a minimum."

Both Inglis Digital and gavelhouse.com have the advantage of being attached to brands with strong reputations. That allows them to lean on Inglis or NZB for auxiliary, admin or marketing functions.

Melmeth feels that also gives the buying bench confidence that they are no worse off than if they had gone to a sales complex and put their hand up for a bid.

"I suppose it's built its own growth in that regard. It's seen as a genuine platform for selling thoroughbreds, rather than what it used to be considered as, where online selling was at the lower end."

Continuing to increase the quality...

He sees the key to Inglis Digital's continued growth to be in the quality of what is on offer. Lots have sold up to \$210,000 earlier in the year. The June Online Auction, which closed on Wednesday, featured Set Goals, a blueblood Snitzel filly from the family of Shantha's Choice (Canny Lad) offered by Arrowfield Stud. She sold for a record \$321,000 to Cannon Hayes Stud.

"She was the perfect product offering to see if we can generate that interest and we can go back to the market and say 'See what we can do, you can support us with that type of horse'," he said.

"We are only playing with a certain size pie, so relying on growth of numbers won't sustain our growth. But if you grow the quality of it and the focus of it, that's where you can see things continue to develop."

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Set Goals

Getting the vendors involved...

The big vendors are certainly seeing the advantages, and recently Arrowfield sold its entire 2019 weanling draft of 24 through Inglis Digital's Scone Online Thoroughbred Sale.

Waikato Stud did the same thing through gavelhouse.com earlier this month, offering its 26-strong draft with an average of just over \$9000 and a top price of \$47,500.

"When you have innovative farms like Waikato Stud, who do such a good job of presenting their horses online, offering a whole draft, people really stop and take notice. It was not just a success from the sale side of things, they were also getting people onto the farm for parades while offering the chance to see the stallions, entertain them and generally showcasing why they're so good at what they do," Martin said.

"A few of the other farms have seen that exercise as a really good way of getting in front of clients, especially with the timing going into the breeding season and it's potentially something we may see more of down the track."

Melmeth agrees these types of specialised sales are an opportunity moving forward.

Both Inglis Digital and gavelhouse.com are very much focused on continually improving their platform to make them as easy as possible for their users, while providing additional information. The opportunities for vendors to add additional information, such as x-rays, photos and videos are increasing with every iteration.

All of this is done with the end-user in mind, keeping the technology simple and straightforward for any potential buyer.

"That's been one of the biggest challenges is educating that generation and being patient and holding their hands," Martin said. "It can be daunting. But we've got a 98-year-old in Sydney who buys horses off the site and doesn't have problems. He's the poster child for a lot of the people who tell us they find it too hard!"

The future...

Both are also committed to continuing to innovate in the future, but in different ways, reflective of their respective markets.

Inglis' immediate focus is continuing to expand the quality of the auction catalogues while ensuring it is reaching as broad an audience as possible.

"You think about the old traditional Mixed Sale, it would be capped by the amount of people who could physically get to the sale. What the online auction is providing us with is a much broader bench of buyer. We have people enquiring from Hong Kong and Singapore. Perth has been a big supporter, those people wouldn't have been at a mixed sale and that's what can generate better results," Melmeth said.

International expansion is also on the cards at gavelhouse.com, although more so in how it leverages the platform. Already moving into offering a Standardbred product itself, it also plans to offer a 'white label' solution to other jurisdictions to utilise.

"The beauty of it is, because we have created it ourselves and it is specialised and bespoke, we can offer it as a white-label type product to other parties and we are working with a couple of other countries at the moment who are looking to do that," she said.

"We can manage the system in almost a licensing type of agreement. That's probably where we foresee the most development."



IN HONG KONG:

Gentle Breeze, g, 4, **Foxwedge**--Marjorie (G1SP-Aus), by Langfuhr (Can). Happy Valley, 6-26, Hcp. (\$169k), 1000mT, :56.39. B-H Field & James Harron Bloodstock Pty Ltd (NSW). *\$95,000 Ylg '16 INGFEF. **VIDEO**

True Grit, g, 4, **Wanted**--Sedoso, by Viscount. Happy Valley, 6-26, Hcp. (\$253k), 1650mT, 1:38.82. B-Victorian Stallion Partnership (Vic). *1/2 to Depot Beach (Stratum), SW-Mac. **\$14,000 RNA Wlg '15 INGJUN; \$38,000 Ylg '16 INGVBS; \$20,000 RNA 2yo '16 INGRTR. **VIDEO**

Saul's Special, g, 5, **Charge Forward**--Cortina Gal, by Flying Spur. Happy Valley, 6-26, Hcp. (\$358k), 1000mT, :56.41. B-Oakland Park Stud (WA). *SW & MGSP-Aus. **\$160,000 Ylg '15 MGCFEB. **VIDEO**

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