POSITIVES AND UNCERTAINTY AS DEL MAR OPENING DAY LOOMS

by Dan Ross

David Jerkens, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club racing secretary, is a man with two tales to tell as Opening Day at Del Mar looms just days away.

On the one hand are all the positives to highlight, like the additions they’ve made to their “Ship & Win” program, the automatic check for new imports increased to $2,500, and the first-race purse bonus raised to 40%. The Del Mar turf course, said Jerkens, is the “best in the country.” That, and the main track “performed great last year,” he said. “So, our surfaces I’m very confident in.”

The nominations which closed Friday for a number of major stake races were also “very encouraging,” said Jerkens. “Our numbers are right where they were a year ago. That’s very good news.”

Nevertheless, there’s no escaping the hovering specter of events at Santa Anita this year, and the laser-focused scrutiny the state’s racing industry is currently under.

One area the sport has been impacted is field sizes. Just look at Santa Anita, reduced to racing three days a week. Or to Los Alamitos, where the threat of small field sizes meant the facility proved unable to maintain its four-day race-week.

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KIRWAN ON RIGHT ‘SIDE’ OF SANFORD WIN

by Jessica Martini

Peter Kirwan, who previously bred and consigned horses under his Glenmalure Farm banner, has turned his attention to buying horses and the Irishman was part of the team which enjoyed graded stakes success at Saratoga when By Your Side (Constitution) came home first in Saturday’s GIII Sanford S.

“I do a lot of work for [trainer] Eddie Kenneally,” Kirwan said. “We have a pinhooking partnership together and then he has clients. So I short-list for him and then he goes around with his clients to pick them out from my short list.”

Kirwan short-listed the bay colt from the first crop of Constitution at the 2018 Keeneland September sale, where the yearling sold for $240,000 to Brad Anderson.

Asked about his initial impressions of the youngster, Kirwan said, “When you go to September, you see a lot of horses. The good ones walk out and they just out-show themselves all the time. He was one of those.” Cont. p6

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GAME WINNER ON TRACK FOR TRAVERS

Last year’s champion juvenile Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg}) is on track for this year’s G1 Runhappy Travers S. following his comeback win in Saturday’s GIII Los Alamitos Derby.

THIRD VIGIL FOR PINK LLOYD

Pink Lloyd (Old Forrester) continued his quest for another Canadian sprint championship with his third straight win in the GIII Vigil S. at Woodbine Sunday.

STRONG OPENING WEEKEND AT SPA

The all-sources handle generated by Saratoga’s earlier opening weekend increased from the corresponding 2018 later-opening four days.
Positives and Uncertainty as Del Mar Opening Day Looms (cont. from p1)

The horse population in Southern California is down around 10 to 15%, admitted Jerkens, adding that this deficit is seen at facilities like San Luis Rey Downs and Los Alamitos.

San Luis Rey general manager Kevin Habell confirmed that the facility has between 30 and 50 fewer horses than is typical for this time of year.

That said, come Opening Day, the backstretch inventory at Del Mar is expected to total around 1900 horses “or so,” said Jerkens—the maximum amount currently permitted on the grounds. This will, of course, include horses formerly trained by Jerry Hollendorfer who will now race under his assistant, Dan Ward.

Though Del Mar can accommodate as many as 2100 horses, track management decided to reduce horse numbers at the facility in recent years to ease traffic during morning training. It’s no surprise, then, that Jerkens described as a “primary goal” of Del Mar the need to “stabilize” the existing horse population. “When racing was suspended in March, various trainers sent strings to Kentucky and elsewhere,” said Jerkens. “Part of our responsibility and goal during that period was to try to reach out to those individuals [and say], ‘Del Mar is running this summer. We want you back.’ And we were able to accomplish that.”

One of those trainers is Doug O’Neill, who sent horses to Oaklawn and Keeneland in the spring. He told the TDN that he’ll bring three horses back from New York Wednesday. Not that O’Neill had a significant presence out-of-state this year.

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“I had spoken with [The Stronach Group COO] Tim Ritvo before the meet started, promised that I would be a full-time supporter of Santa Anita,” O’Neill said. “I wanted to stick to that promise, and we ran a lot of horses there.”

On the flip side of the same coin, Peter Miller told The San Diego Tribune that he has moved a third of his 75 horses to Kentucky.

Digging down into particulars, the current Southern California horse population is threadbare in a few important areas, explained Jerkens, including 2-year-olds.

“Things that happen in March and April influence July and August,” he explained. “When there was uncertainty at Santa Anita in March and April, traditionally that’s when owners back East send 2-year-olds to California trainers.”

On top of that, where out-of-state trainers might have fortified the numbers, not so this year. Yes, Del Mar has seen an increased presence from Northern California trainers, said Jerkens. “And we do have a few trainers from back East, James DiVito, and a few trainers from the northwest,” he added.

Nevertheless, the “perception” of California racing in light of recent events has made out-of-state recruitment “very challenging,” Jerkens said. Some of the horsemen he spoke with voiced confusion about some of the reforms instituted in recent months, Jerkens added. This includes tightened medication policies and proposed changes to use of the whip.

“That was a big issue,” said Jerkens, about the whip issue. “I had one trainer say, ‘Do they even allow the riding crop anymore?’ Of course, it’s not true, but it’s that negative perception.”

Del Mar, however, is still aiming to race five days a week.

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THREE STAKES WINNERS / TWO NEW GRADED STAKES WINNERS IN 9 DAYS FOR KITTEN’S JOY ... THE GREEN MACHINE

LESS THAN A WEEK AFTER HENLEY’S JOY’S WIN IN THE $1,000,000 BELMONT DERBY (G1), FARAWAY KITTEN CAPTURES HIS FIRST GRADED VICTORY IN THE GRADE 3 AMERICAN DERBY. THE NEXT DAY, KARAMA WINS THE $100,000 STORMY BLUES STAKES AT LAUREL.

WHEN THE BIG MONEY IS ON THE LINE ... SO IS A KITTEN’S JOY.
“The industry relies on us to fill five days a week,” said Jerkens. To do that, Del Mar may reduce the number of races throughout its 36-day meet.

“I like to call it four-and-a-half days-a-week, where we may reduce four races a week on average,” said Jerkens, emphasizing how his approach to the problem is “fluid.”

The average field size at Del Mar last year was a noteworthy 8.7. When asked whether he’ll use that number as a benchmark for shaping the program this year, Jerkens replied in the affirmative.

“We’re going to have to be as resourceful as possible,” he said, adding that he’ll utilize data analytics to better understand the horse population, as well as “good old-fashioned communication” with the trainers.

The white noise currently surrounding the industry, however, is welfare, welfare, welfare. Last year, Del Mar’s fatality rate was 0.79 catastrophic injuries per 1,000 starts—less than half the national average for deaths (1.68). The facility recently announced what safety measures it will implement this year, to build upon the work done previously.

The recently instituted five-person entry review panel, of course, is a new addition to the landscape. Some horsemen, however, have voiced—though not on the record—frustration with the panel, arguing that it sometimes unfairly targets horses that shouldn’t be prevented from racing. California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) equine medical director Rick Arthur describes that reaction as “uninformed.” “If [horses] should have run, they would not have been removed by the panel,” he said.

Arthur described the panel, and the trainers’ response to it, as a work in progress—something reflected in the stats. According to CHRB numbers, there were 38 scratches and denied entries for the final six programs at Santa Anita, compared with nine panel rejections of entries for the Los Alamitos programs.
As a “work in progress,” further modifications have been made to the way the panel will operate at Del Mar, Arthur said. At Santa Anita and Los Alamitos, the panel met and reviewed horses before entries were taken. At Del Mar, “the panel will meet after entries are taken,” said Arthur. “We think this will be a more efficient way to do it for everyone,” he added. “It was very cumbersome for the racing office and the panel the way we were doing it.”

Veterinary members of the panel along with additional attending veterinarians, said Arthur, will also be looking “more and more” at horses after entry and before their usual pre-race examinations, as well as at horses identified for extra scrutiny by the veterinarians monitoring morning training. On top of that, additional veterinary and secretarial staff will be employed to “make sure we can get the information we need to make sure only horses that are suitable and fit to race are allowed to race,” said Arthur.

“We think we have personnel that will allow us to do what, frankly, what we’ve always wanted to do, but, never had the backing to get that done previously,” he added.

Another new addition to the Del Mar program is a stakeholder advisory committee that will meet once a week to discuss things like safety practices, daily operations and the state of the track surfaces. The committee will include trainer Jim Cassidy, Del Mar track superintendent Dennis Moore, and Del Mar’s executive vice president for racing and industry relations Tom Robbins.

“Again, it’s about keeping that open communication and open dialogue between horsemen, management and track superintendent,” he said, about the purpose of the committee. It’s also one of the factors that Jerkens gives for entering into the meet with what is probably best described as a sense of cautious optimism.

“I still think we’re grateful and appreciative of those who are participating this summer,” he said. “And honestly, we still should have a successful meet.”

Kirwan on Right ‘Side’ of Sanford Win
(cont. from p1)

“He was a big, strong, good-looking horse with a lot of class,” Kirwan recalled of By Your Side. “And he was correct. He had all the right angles that I look for.”

By Your Side just got his nose in front on the line to win his debut at Churchill Downs June 14 and was the 7-5 favorite when he drew away to a three-length victory in the Sanford (video). Anderson doubled up on stakes wins later in the day when the Kenneally-trained Parlor (Lonhro {Aus}) won the Glasgow S. at Delaware Park. Cont. p7
“You hope they live up to their looks and apparently all the way through he looked like that,” Kirwan said of By Your Side’s early success at the races. “He went to Eddie Woods to be broken and he never had a problem with him. He shipped him up in April to Eddie Kenneally and he has done nothing wrong since. When you see him gallop on the track, he just floats over the ground.”

By Your Side exited his Sanford win in good shape and his future assignments could include the Sept. 2 GI Runhappy Hopeful S., according to Kenneally.

“He’s doing really well and came out of the race perfectly,” Kenneally told the NYRA publicity department Sunday. “He came out of it as good as you can expect a horse to come out of a race. He had a hard enough race, but I’m really happy with how he came back, and he looks fantastic this morning.

Kenneally continued, “We’ll certainly be looking at the Hopeful. We’ll give him some time before we have to run back again. It’s kind of open right now. We’ll just play it by ear.”

As for Kirwan, who sold Glenmalure Farm last year, he is looking forward to the challenge of seeking out other future graded stakes winner at the upcoming yearling sales.

“I’m concentrating on buying for people now--I’m trying to build up a client base,” he said. “We tried to buy two for another client [at the July sale], but we didn’t get to buy, so we’ll wait for [Keeneland] September.”

Of the challenges inherent in working the two-week September sale, Kirwan said, “It’s a lot of work, but it’s fun. And there are more opportunities. In July and the select sales, people have a lot of time, whereas in September, people don’t have so much time. So sometimes horses fall through the cracks. And we try to pick out those.”
GAME WINNER ON TRACK FOR TRAVERS

Gary and Mary West’s Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg}) exited his effortless win in Saturday’s four-horse GIII Los Alamitos Derby in fine shape and remains on target for the Aug. 24 GI Runhappy Travers S.

“We were lucky the race even ran, but he’s been really well,” trainer Bob Baffert said of Game Winner’s Los Alamitos Derby effort. “I expected a big race out of him and a real positive race. He went along there with the blinkers and when [Joel Rosario] asked him to go, he took off that last eighth of a mile. He got something out of it and we’re happy with that. We did the same thing with West Coast and took the same route.”

The Wests and Baffert teamed up with West Coast (Flatter) to win the Travers two years ago en route to earning the 3-year-old championship.

Game Winner capped an unbeaten championship 2-year-old season with a win in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile. He was second in both the Mar. 16 GII Rebel S. and Apr. 6 GI Santa Anita Derby and had been off since finishing sixth in the GI Kentucky Derby.

Another Baffert trainee with a Saratoga assignment is McKinzie (Street Sense), who is expected to start in the Aug. 3 GI Whitney S. The 4-year-old was a troubled second in the June 8 GI Runhappy Metropolitan H. last time out.

“He just had a little tough spin there on the inside, but we put that behind us. It’s on to Cincinnati, as Belichick would say,” Baffert quipped. “I was always really high on him as a 2-year-old. He was immature, but now he’s starting to put it together. I don’t think distance will be a problem. He just has to be ridden the right way and I think that [jockey] Mike [Smith] has him figured out now.”

In other Saratoga news, GI Kentucky Oaks winner Serengeti Empress (Alternation) worked four furlongs in :47.69 (9/90) over the main track Sunday in preparation for the Aug. 3 GI Longines Test S.

“Serengeti Empress had a very good workout today,” trainer Tom Amoss said. “It was her first time over the Saratoga course. We went right after the break, which is a very busy time and there was a lot of traffic throughout her workout. She handled it fine and she was a pro when it comes to that, so I was very happy with how she did.”

Serengeti Empress was most recently second behind Guarana (Ghostzapper) in the June 8 GI Acorn S. at Belmont Park.
Sunday, Woodbine
VIGIL S.–GIII, C$146,000, Woodbine, 7-14, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:08.68, ft.

1–PINK LLOYD, 127, g, 7, by Old Forester
1st Dam: Gladiator Queen (MSP, $128,618), by Great Gladiator
2nd Dam: Ascot Sarah, by Ascot Knight
3rd Dam: Sarawilha, by Sir Ivor
(C$30,000 Ylg ’13 CANSEP). O-Entourage Stable; B-John Carey (ON); T-Robert P. Tiller; J-Eurico Rosa Da Silva. C$90,000.
Lifetime Record: Horse of the Year, 2x Ch. Male Sprinter & Ch. Older Horse-Can, 24-19-1-1, $1,140,906. Werk Nick Rating: A.
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2–Sable Island, 118, g, 4, Stormy Atlantic--Marigold Miss (Ire), by Marju (Ire). O/B-Box Arrow Farm (ON); T-Gordon C. Colbourne. C$30,000.

3–Wyatt’s Town, 122, c, 4, Speightstown–Natural Rush, by Indian Charlie. ($240,000 Ylg ’16 KEESEP). O-Henley Thoroughbreds Ltd. & Newtop Stables; B-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables (KY); T-Norman McKnight. C$13,750.

Margins: 4HF, NO, 2. Odds: 0.70, 7.25, 8.30.
Also Ran: Marten Lake, Eskiminzin, Dixie’s Gamble, Circle of Friends. Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCIS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Two-time Canadian sprint champion Pink Lloyd continued his pursuit of another championship season, taking a third straight renewal of the GIII Vigil S. Sunday at Woodbine. The veteran gelding broke alertly from his rail post, but allowed the pacesetters to go on as he settled into a stalking third. Unhurried as Sable Island and Wyatt’s Town went head-to-head through fractions of 22:36 and :44.51, Pink Lloyd ranged up three wide at the top of the stretch and easily overtook the leaders before striding clear to an effortless victory.

“I was just sitting behind the speed and he was running so different today, like way more relaxed than usual,” said winning jockey Eurico Rosa Da Silva. “And when I asked him, I’ve never felt an explosion [like that]. I’ve been riding for 30 years. This horse just explodes turning for home. When I ask him, he responds so fast. He’s an unbelievable horse.”

In addition to his two sprint championships, Pink Lloyd was named Canada’s Horse of the Year and champion older horse in 2017. The consistent chestnut ended 2018 with a pair of uncharacteristic off-the-board finishes, but he is now three-for-three in 2019. He opened the season with a win in the May 4 GIII Jacques Cartier S. and he added the June 1 Greenwood S. last time out.

“He’s the greatest sprinter there ever was in Canada,” said winning trainer Bob Tiller. “I’ve been doing this for 50 years, I’ve been around here for a little bit. He might just win Horse of the Year again this year, it’s very possible. And you know, he’s never been better. I don’t want to shoot off my mouth because as soon as you open your mouth, you end up eating your words, but he’s never been better. Eurico rode him terrifically today. He’s a monster. He’s more relaxed than he’s ever been. We’ve made some adjustments with him this year and it’s working so far. I thank the good Lord. He’s a wonderful animal and I will never forget him.”

Pedigree Notes:
Pink Lloyd’s 2-year-old half-brother Ari Gold Speedwagn (Souper Speedy), a $51,493 CTHS yearling purchase, now has two wins in four starts after winning a 1 1/16-mile optional claimer in his route debut at Woodbine June 23. On the day his older brother would win his third Vigil S., the juvenile worked a bullet five furlongs in :59.40 (1/30) at Woodbine.

Gladiator Queen produced a full-brother to the champion in 2018.

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Pink Lloyd (Old Forester) wins his third straight GIII Vigil S. at Woodbine Sunday.
STRONG OPENING WEEKEND AT SPA

Saratoga’s opening weekend, which began Thursday and concluded Sunday, produced an all-sources handle of $73,441,101, up from the 2018 opening weekend all-sources total of $71,671,188. The 2018 opening weekend was from Friday, July 20 to Monday, July 23. Total paid attendance for opening weekend of the 2019 season was 105,690, nearly matching the 109,395 for the first four days of the 2018 season.

“We’d like to thank our fans, horsemen and the community for embracing the earlier-than-usual start to the season. Saratoga has certainly once again demonstrated its widespread popularity,” said NYRA CEO and President Dave O’Rourke. “From the thrill of opening day to welcoming our first guests to the 1863 Club, it has been an exciting four days filled with special events and activities, including a memorable visit from National Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Mariano Rivera. We look forward to continuing to provide fans with world-class Thoroughbred racing and entertainment for the next 36 days.”

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

CORONATION CUP S., $100,000, Saratoga, 7-14, 3yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.59, fm.

1--BREAK EVEN, 123, f, 3, by Country Day
   1st Dam: Exotic Wager, by Saint Ballado
   2nd Dam: Right Chanel, by Valid Appeal
   3rd Dam: General Chanel, by General Holme
   O-Klein Racing; B-Richard & Bert Klein (KY); T-Brad H. Cox;
   J-Shaun Bridgmohan. $55,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-6-0-0,
   $424,900.

2--Eyeinthesky, 120, f, 3, Sky Mesa--Ruliontome, by Lion Heart. ($22,000 Ylg '17 OBSOCT). O-Gary Barber; B-Rusty Kindratw
   (FL); T-Mark E. Casse. $20,000.

3--Bohemian Bourbon, 118, f, 3, Midshipman--Irene Adler, by
   Bernardini. ($85,000 2yo ‘18 OBSOPN). O-Bourbon Lane Stable
   (J. Hill, M. McMahon); B-Fedai Kahraman (KY); T-Ian R. Wilkes.
   $12,000.

Margins: 1, 1HF, NO. Odds: 1.10, 4.80, 7.70.

Also Ran: Midnight Fantasy, My Galina, Lyrical Lady. Scratched:
   Abyssinian, I'llhandalthecash, A Bit of Both.

The brilliantly fast and undefeated Break Even had never been
seriously threatened in five tries on the dirt, and showed that
her impressive speed could translate to the turf, too, with
another jaw-dropping display Sunday. A five-length romper in a
rained-off Fair Grounds heat on New Year’s Day that produced
four other next-out winners, the Klein homebred cleared her
first-level allowance condition later that month before
resurfacing to run away with Oaklawn’s Purple Martin S.
Mar. 30. She made the grade and handled seven furlongs just
fine when taking Churchill GII Eight Belles S. by 5 1/2 lengths on
GI Kentucky Oaks day May 3, and had last been seen holding on
in Belmont’s June 9 Jersey Girl S.
Coronation Cup S. cont.
Emerging with the early advantage without exerting much effort, the dark bay sped away to post a lightning-fast opening quarter of :21.03. She got the half in :43.50 while still just cruising along, and was kept to task late by Shaun Bridgmohan to keep finding up front. The winner has a yearling full-brother.

“She does it easy. It’s not a run-off. She’s very relaxed,” said owner Richard Klein. “We’ve had a lot of nice horses, but this may be the nicest we’ve ever had. To start six-for-six; she’s been at five different racetracks; she’s been on the turf, slop, dirt, seven-eighths, three-quarters, five and a half [furlongs]. She’ll do whatever you ask her to do... We’re going to definitely look at the [Aug. 31 GII] Prioress and there’s a turf sprint here at the end of the meet. I just want to take care of her, and we just want her to be happy. She’ll tell us when she’s ready to run.”

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FIRST STAKES WINNER FOR FRESHMAN SIRE

**TEXAS THOROUGHBRED FUTURITY, $109,167, Lone Star, 7-14, 2yo, f, 1 1/16, 1:06.15, ft.**

1--GEE SHE SPARKLES, 119, f, 2, by Race Day
   1st Dam: Pata Fresca, by Indian Charlie
   2nd Dam: Music Mistress, by Drone
   3rd Dam: Garden Music, by Western Sky II
   (8,500 Ylg ‘18 TTMIX). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-GFB Racing LLC & Danny Pish; B-Inside Move (TX); J-Danny Sorenson. $65,501. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0, $79,301.

2--Top Hat Charmer, 119, f, 2, Algorithms--Holiday Babe, by Harlan’s Holiday. ($6,000 Ylg ‘18 FTKOCT; $16,000 2yo ‘19 TTAAPR). O-Top Hat Thoroughbreds; B-Moreau Bloodstock International, Inc. (KY); T-Matt Hebert. $21,833.

3--Viv, 119, f, 2, Commissioner--Colleague, by Cherokee Run. ($3,000 Ylg ‘18 TTMIX). O-Tom Thurman; B-Stoneneview Farm Inc. (KY); J-T-Robert L. Esqueda. $10,917.

Margins: 5 1/4, 1HF, 3HF. Odds: 4.90, 9.30, 83.40.

Also Ran: Why Now, Fionnbharr, Summerring, Ying Yue, Ten Oaks Miss, Sexyama, Freudian Finish, Tide Storm. Scratched: No Mas Tequila.

Gee She Sparkles dominated a field of maidens in her June 15 debut over this surface, and became the first black-type winner for her first-crop sire (by Tapit) Sunday evening. Breaking from the far outside, jockey Danny Sorenson quickly angled the gray over and she obtained a stalking position behind the leaders through a :22.41 and :46.35 early pace.

Coaxed three-wide around the turn, she drew on even terms with the leader at the top of the lane and kicked away handily to remain undefeated. Top Hat Charmer ran on willingly for second. Gee She Sparkles has a yearling half-brother by Too Much Bling. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

**STORMY BLUES S., $100,000, Laurel, 7-14, 3yo, f, 5 1/2F, 1:02.59, fm.**

1--KARAMA, 118, f, 3, by Kitten’s Joy
   1st Dam: Safarjal (Ire), by Marju (Ire)
   2nd Dam: Wijdan, by Mr. Prospector
   3rd Dam: Height of Fashion (Fr), by Bustino (GB)
   ‘TDN Rising Star’ 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Shadwell Stable; B-Shadwell Farm, LLC. (KY); T-Michael V. Pino; J-Mychel J. Sanchez. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, $117,300.

2--Change of Control, 122, f, 3, Fed Biz--America’s Blossom, by Quiet American. ($27,000 Wlg ’16 KEENOV; $95,000 Ylg ’17 OBSOCT). O-Roddy Harrison; B-John O’Meara (KY); T-Michelle Lovell. $20,000.

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3--Introduced, 118, f, 3, El Padrino--Stuttgart, by Cherokee Run. ($30,000 Ylg ’17 EASOCT; $310,000 2yo ’18 OBSMAR). O-Colts Neck Stables LLC; B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC (MD); T-Jorge Duarte, Jr. $10,000.

**Broken, Trained & Sold by Julie Davies**

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Margins: 1 3/4, NO, 3HF. Odds: 4.80, 2.70, 1.20.

Also Ran: Why Now, Fionnbharr, Summering, Ying Yue, Ten Oaks Miss, Sexyama, Freudian Finish, Tide Storm. Scratched: Ellanation, Never Enough Time.

Stakes-placed both dirt sprinting and turf routing, speedy ‘TDN Rising Star’ Karama seemed to find her future in a grassy dash Sunday. A head-turning 4 1/2/length debut winner going seven panels on the Gulfstream main track Feb. 16, the homebred was more or less cut off at the start in the same track and trip’s Game Face S. Apr. 20, but did well to be second that day. She nearly made all before settling for runner-up in Monmouth’s Boiling Springs S. around two turns on the turf May 25, but was seventh under similar conditions in that venue’s Open Mind S. June 30. Speeding to the lead from her rail draw here, the chestnut tugged herself well clear of her competition around the bend. Still in complete control heading for home, she never faced a significant challenge as she streaked under the line an impressive victress. “She’s always showed ability,” winning trainer Michael Pino said. “I was very disappointed with her last race, but she checked out good and I figured she might want one turn. A lot of horses will go first time long and the second time will tell the tale. She just wants one turn.” Cont. p3
Stormy Blues S. cont.

Karama has a 2-year-old half-sister named Nawafeth (The Factor) who was sent to the U.A.E., a yearling half-sister by More Than Ready and a foal half-brother by Tamarkuz. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

MY FRENCHMEN S., $78,000, Monmouth, 7-14, 3yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.82, fm.

1--ARCHIDUST, 117, c, 3, by Verrazano
   1st Dam: Chilling Effect (SP, $196,433), by Gold Fever
   2nd Dam: Exclusia North, by The Minstrel
   3rd Dam: Exclusiva, by Exclusive Native
   ($85,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; $85,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $300,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Gelfenstein Farm & Albert Crawford & Michelle Crawford; B-Wolverton Mountain Farm LLC (KY); T-Jorge Navarro; J-Angel Suarez. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, $107,800.

2--Credit Swap, 117, c, 3, Exchange Rate--Fantastic Shirl, by Fantastic Light. ($110,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $130,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR). O-Marc Winston, George T. Schifano and Rob Auerbach; B-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Michael Stidham. $15,000.

3--Skole, 116, g, 3, Oasis Dream (GB)--Athenian (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). O/B-Green Lantern Stables, LLC (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour. $7,500.

Margins: 2 3/4, 3HF, 1HF. Odds: 3.90, 3.00, 4.20.

Also Ran: Quarky, Invigorous, Successful Zip, Strictly the Best, Narcissistic. Scratched: Fully Loaded, Releasethethunder.

Making his turf debut in Sunday’s My Frenchman S., Archidust handled the task like a seasoned pro, strolling home an easy 2 3/4-length winner. Settled in midpack early behind Quarky (The Factor) and Invigorous (Congrats), the handsome chestnut took to the outside of Skole as the leaders turned for home, overtook the leaders midstretch and was clear of closing Credit Swap at the wire. Skole held on for third while favored Invigorous faded to fifth.

“We were definitely excited to get him on the turf,” said winning rider Angel Suarez. “He’s good on the dirt but we felt he would move way up on the turf. The race set up perfectly for us. There were plenty of speed horses that probably felt they had a good shot, so at 5 1/2 furlongs, they had to send. I was pretty much just hunting them. I really think a lot of Skole. I had him inside of me and I was watching him the whole time. Once he made his move, I made mine. My horse was much the best.”

Archidust, who brought $85,000 as a weanling at the Keeneland November sale in 2016, sold for the same price at the next season’s Keeneland September sale. After working an eighth in :10 flat (video), the colt realized a $300,000 final bid at last season’s OBS March sale. Chilling Effect is also responsible for a yearling filly by Not This Time and was bred back to First Samurai. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
TWIXT S., $75,000, Laurel, 7-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22.03, ft.
1--LATE NIGHT POW WOW, 125, f, 4, Fiber Sonde--Holy Pow Wow, by Indian Charlie. O-Breeze Easy, LLC; B-John McKee (WV); T-Javier Contreras; J-Fredy Peltroche. $45,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 14-12-1-1, $694,400.

2--Shimmering Aspen, 125, m, 5, Malibu Moon--Aspenglow, by Lion Hearted. (W200,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT). O-Hillwood Stable LLC; B-Nancy L. Terhune, Ernest Frohboese & Candyland Farm (KY); T-Rodney Jenkins. $15,000.

3--Caireen, 125, m, 5, First Dude--Expect Nothing, by A. P Jet. ($30,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN). O-Heider Family Stables LLC, Madaket Stables LLC & Michael E. Kisber; B-Best A Luck Farm LLC (FL); T-H. Graham Motion. $7,500.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.50, 5.40, 4.00.

Also Ran: Stormologist, Alter Moon, Crimson Frost, Victory Rally, So Innocent. Scratched: Regal Retort, Yorkiepoo Princess.

A veritable win machine, Late Night Pow Wow accounted for eight wins out of nine starts in 2018, including a victory in the GIII Charles Town Oaks in September. She came into this a perfect three-for-three over the Laurel dirt, including her most recent score in the Feb. 16 GIII Barbara Fritchie S. Late Night Pow Wow was sent off the well-supported favorite to add another to the win column here. Quickly to the front, she was prompted by Stormologist (Gemologist) through opening fractions of :23.31 and :46.08. Asked for more turning for home, she spurted clear in the stretch and kept up the tempo to post a comfortable victory over Shimmering Aspen with Caireen back in third.

“What can we say about the girl?” said Javier Contreras. “She makes my job easy, loves the track and we expected a result like this today. She’s so game and came up to the race so good. It was slow fractions [:23.31 seconds for the opening quarter-mile, 46.08 for the half-mile] for these types of horses.”

Concern S., $75,000, Laurel, 7-14, 3yo, 7f, 1:22.21, ft.
1--LEXITONIAN, 122, c, 3, by Speightstown
1st Dam: Riviera Romper, by Tapit
2nd Dam: Swap Fliparoo, by Exchange Rate
3rd Dam: Fliparoo, by Buckaroo
O/B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Jack Sisterson; J-Sheldon Russell. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, $219,010.

2--Royal Urn, 118, c, 3, Kantharos--Born to Royalty, by King of Kings (Ire). O/B-John Bowers Jr (NJ); T-Michelle Nihei. $15,000.

3--Mind Control, 122, c, 3, Stay Thirsty--Feel That Fire, by Lightnin N Thunder. O-Red Oak Stable (Brunetti) and Madaket Stables, LLC; B-Red Oak Stable (KY); T-Gregory D. Sacco. $7,500.

Margins: NK, NO, 3/4. Odds: 18.60, 54.90, 0.40.

Also Ran: Mount Travers, Captain Von Trapp, Gnarly Mo, Compound It. Scratched: Tappin Cat, Fact of War, Still Dreaming, Follow the Dog.

A winner first out for trainer Todd Pletcher last year, Lexitonian finished off the board in a pair of Grade III starts for the trainer before joining the string of Jack Sisterson for his 2019 season. Fifth in a seven-furlong optional claimer at Churchill May 4, he bounced back to take the six-furlong GIII Chick Lang S. at Pimlico May 18 before failing to show up when a well-beaten 10th in the GI Woody Stephens S. June 8. Breaking in good order from his outer draw, Lexitonian soon settled in a close-up third as Compound It (Super Saver) and Captain Von Trapp (Trappe Shot) led through a crisp opening quarter in :22.63, with GI Hopeful S. winner Mind Control farther back in fourth. Lexitonian and Captain Von Trapp soon overtook Compound It, who retreated rapidly from there, while carving out a half in :45.35. Turning for home, the leading pair continued to slug it out as the horde closed from behind, led by Mind Control who was desperately looking for running room just behind the leaders and Royal Urn, who had closed with purpose after a poor start. In the stretch, Lexitonian battled gamely along the inside of Captain Von Trapp and Royal Urn, as Mind Control finally found a sliver of daylight between rivals. In the end, however, Lexitonian held off Royal Urn, who managed to hold a nose advantage over Mind Control.

Carrying Lexitonian in utero, Riviera Romper sold for $310,000 at the Keeneland November sale in 2015. The daughter of GI Darley Test S. heroine Swap Fliparoo (Exchange Rate) later foaled a colt by Oxbow in 2017 followed by fillies by Animal Kingdom and Raison d’Etat in subsequent seasons.
Point of Entry born this year. (Elusive Quality), a yearling full-brother, and a half-sister by Missmizz has an unraced juvenile half-sister named M Fast wasn’t able to win, so to get the win today was super.”

Both had trouble on the turn. She did the same kind of erratic stuff last time but she was able to win. This time it didn’t work out so well for her. My horse has run so well in a few stakes and on company this time, the bay broke hesitantly, but quickly caught up with the field, biding her time near the back of the pack as the leaders traversed through slow early fractions of :24.76 and :49.04. Cont. p6
Varenka cont.
Varenka picked off horses effortlessly around the turn while being floated five wide before unleashing a powerful rally down the middle of the lane, driving past favored Catch a Bid (Real Solution) in the final strides to score by a neck. The victress is a full-sister to Lift Up, SW & GSP, $239,221 and a half-sister to Dynamic Holiday (Harlan’s Holiday), GSW, $267,126; Appealing Cat (Successful Appeal), SW & MGSP, $266,453; and Cat Park (Tale of the Cat), GSP, $184,913. Her dam has an unraced juvenile filly by Union Rags named Cat Rags. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 7-2-2-2, $203,100. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O/B-George Strawbridge (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.

Fetching | Sarah K Andrew

6th-Saratoga, $80,000, (S), Alw, 7-14, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.47, fm.
FETCHING (f, 3, Afleet Alex—Limoncella {MSP}, by Lemon Drop Kid) kicked on convincingly to break her maiden going seven grassy panels downstate May 25, and was third from far back there when stretched out to 1 1/16 miles June 14. Co-favored at 5-2 getting more ground to work with, the bay saved all the ground from just off the pace early before being asked to quicken heading for home. Spinning widest into the lane, she hit another gear in midstretch and kicked on to collar stubborn longshot Hit a Provisional (Northern Afleet) by a nose. The winner is out of a half-sister to GISP Nan (Yield), who is the dam of her graded stakes-winning stablemate Power Gal (Jpn) (Empire Maker); and to the stakes-placed dam of Grade I-winning grasser Gabriel Charles (Sea Hero). Sales history: $35,000 Ylg ’17 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, $86,020. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O/Tina Casse, Linda Bonnycastle & Sharleen McMartin; B-My Meadowview LLC (NY); T-Mark E. Casse.

Whoa Nellie | Sarah K Andrew

6th-Ellis, $51,750, Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 7-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.59, ft.
WHOA NELLIE (f, 3, Orb—Allegheny Angel, by Medaglia d’Oro) was an impressive first-out winner last November at Churchill Downs. After failing to fire in an Apr. 19 Oaklawn optional claimer, she rebounded with a gusty score in a Churchill allowance. In her prior start, the bay completed the trifecta in a June 22 optional claimer over a sloppy Louisville oval. Stepping up against older fillies here as the only sophomore in the field, the $220,000 KEESEP buy was bumped hard following the break and quickly fell back off the pace. Jockey Calvin Borel brought the bay four wide after a half-mile in :46.22. She picked off horses around the turn under little urging and seized command in the final furlong, surging to the wire two lengths in front of Rahway (Eskendereya). Hailing from the family of Grade I winner Awesome Humor (Distorted Humor), Whoa Nellie is a half-sister to the unraced juvenile colt Cowtown (Tonalist) and a newborn Street Boss colt. Sales history: $220,000 Ylg ‘17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, $136,930. Click for the Equibase.com chart.
O-Fox Hill Farms, Inc.; B-Doug & Felicia Branham (KY); T-J. Larry Jones.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

1st-Saratoga, $90,000, Msw, 7-14, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.87 fm  
SWEET MELANIA (f, 2, American Pharoah--Sweet N Discreet  
(SW & GSP, $366,447), Discreet Cat) became the fifth winner  
for her freshman sire (by Pioneerof the Nile) when she exploded  
down the lane to take the opener at the Spa. In her previous  
start, the chestnut checked in third as the favorite sprinting over  
the dirt in a June 1 Monmouth maiden special event. Making her  
turf debut here, the $600,000 KEESEP purchase tracked the  
pacesetter in second through a leisurely early pace of :25.61 and  
:52.15 before striking the front at the quarter pole. Sweet  
Melania streaked to the wire under jockey Jose Ortiz to secure  
the win by 1 1/4 lengths over first-time starter Morning Gold  
(Morning Line). She is out of the graded stakes-placed mare  
Sweet N Discreet, who is a full-sister to graded stakes winner  
Discreet Dancer and a half to graded stakes victor Travelin Man  
(Trippi). Sweet N Discreet produced a filly by Carpe Diem born  
this past season. Sales history: $600,000 Ylg'18 KEESEP. Lifetime  
Record: 3-1-0-2. Click for the  
Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.  
O-Robert & Lawana Low. B-St. Elias Stables LLC (KY). T-Todd  
Pletcher.

4th-Saratoga, $78,000, (S), Msw, 7-14, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.02, ft.  
BANK ON SHEA (c, 2, Central Banker--Miss Moultree, by Uncle  
Mo), a :10 flat breezer at this year’s OBS April sale, took some  
tote attention to be off as the 5-2 second choice. The  
diminutive, low-to-the-ground type showed good early speed to  
track the pace from third along the fence, but was shuffled back  
slightly around the bend. Tipped out for clear sailing at the head  
of the lane, he responded willingly to Irad Ortiz, Jr.’s  
encouragement to mow down fellow firster and OBS April grad  
Blame the Cake (Blame) by 3/4 of a length. It was another five  
lengths back to Macho Boy (Mucho Macho Man) in third. The  
winner has a yearling full-sister--his unraced dam sold for just  
$2,200 carrying that filly in 2017. Sales history: $110,000 2yo '19  
OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $42,900. Click for the  
Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.  
O-Shea D Boy’s Stable; B-Scott W. Pierce (NY); T-Jason Servis.

3rd-Saratoga, $78,000, (S), Msw, 7-14, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.51,  
fm.  
CALL ME HARRY (g, 3, Street Sense--Call Me Swift, by  
Bernardini), dismissed at more than 15-1 invading for this debut  
from Monmouth, showed good early speed to chase the pace  
from second through splits of :21.59 and :44.54. He took a few  
strides to level off at the top of the lane, but once he switched  
leads, he took off and ran up the score to 3 3/4 lengths. Wild  
William (Freud) nailed the pacesetter for second. The winner is  
half to unraced 2-year-old Pacquiao (Normandy Invasion) and a  
foal colt by Micromanage. His dam is half to the Irish highweight  
dam of MGSW A P. Warrior (A.P. Indy).  
Cont. p8
Call Me Harry cont.

Further down his page are the likes of champions Northernette, Storm Bird, Pas de Response and Green Tune. Sales history: $14,000 RNA Ylg '17 SARAUG; $39,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $42,900. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Newtown Anner Stud (NY); T-Kelsey Danner.

Nikki Beach (f, 3, Distorted Humor--Leah’s Secret {MGSW, $1,158,805}, by Tiger Ridge) was forced wide around the turn in her debut at Churchill June 16 and ran encouragingly to a third-place finish. Given a 5-1 chance here in her second lifetime start, she broke sharply, and immediately took control of the pace. After setting splits of :22.57 and :45.86 while remaining unchallenged, the $410,000 KEESEP purchase cut the corner and cruised through the lane under steady encouragement. Nikki Beach hit the wire a widening seven-lengths in front of Proudly Pacific. She is the fourth winner produced by her multiple graded stakes winning dam, Leah’s Secret, who is the dam of this year’s GIII Westchester S. victor Nicodemus (Candy Ride {Arg}). Leah’s Secret has recently produced the unraced juvenile Divestiture (Pioneerof the Nile) and a colt by Exaggerator born this past season. Sales history: $410,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $39,500. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O/B-Clearsky Farms (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

Green Destiny (f, 2, Super Saver--Defy Gravity {SW, $171,240}, by Bandini), fifth in her career debut going a furlong shorter at Churchill Downs June 21, was given a 6-1 chance while adding the extra yardage. Up to prompt American Legend (American Pharoah) through an initial quarter mile in :22.41, she poked her head in front through a half in :46.15, but her determined foe battled back and regained a narrow advantage. With the pair straightening away in the stretch in tandem, Green Destiny inched away late to graduate by 3/4 of a length. Defy Gravity, a half sister to Grade I winner Callback (Street Sense), produced a filly by Into Mischief in 2018, followed by a filly by Uncle Mo this term. Defy Gravity is a granddaughter of Supercharger (A.P. Indy), a sister to Grade I winner Girolamo and the dam of GI Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $32,850. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O-AMG Equine LLC; B-William Prieto (FL); T-Jorge Navarro.
6th-Monmouth, $43,250, Msw, 7-14, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.88, ft. 

HIZAAM (c, 4, Bernardini—Patti O’Rahy, by Rahy) finished a close third behind then-stablemate Fullness of Time (Flatter) in a quick local heat June 1, and was 3-5 here with the 80 Beyer Speed Figure he earned last out making him look like a major standout. Perched three wide attending the pace early, he took over heading for home and cruised away with ease to don cap and gown by 10 3/4 lengths. Longshot Zieg (Bodemeister) was another 10 lengths clear of the third finisher. The winner’s dam, who is a half to MGISW Untapable (Tapit) and GISW Paddy O’Prado (El Prado {Ire}), produced a Malibu Moon colt last year. Sales history: $360,000 Wlg ’15 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, $39,020. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. 
O-Shadwell Stable; B-Darley & Lester Kwok & Dr. Naoya Yoshida (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

4th-Prairie Meadows, $41,701, (S), Msw, 7-14, 2yo, 5f, 1:00.08, ft. 

POLLY’S BROTHER (g, 2, Commissioner—High Speed Ali, by Allen’s Prospect) became the fifth winner for his freshman sire (by A.P. Indy) when he scored a wire to wire victory in his career debut. The 4-1 shot broke alertly and vied for the early lead hustling a :22.45 opening quarter. Shaking off his rival around the turn, the dark bay opened up a clear lead in the stretch and held the closing Heza Wild Ride (Sidney’s Candy) at bay for a one-length tally. Polly’s Brother is a half to Here Comes Polly (Evansville Slew), SW, $200,369 and has a yearling full sister. Sales history: $33,000 RNA Ylg ’18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $24,750. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. 
O-Timothy E. Martin & Thomas D. Lepic; B-Scott Pierce (IA); T-Timothy E. Martin.

4th-Los Alamitos, $40,351, Msw, 7-14, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:03.25, ft. 

EDELMAN (g, 2, Uncaptured—Wagner’s Music, by Concerto) showed very little when last of six behind the pricey Schrodinger (Justin Phillip) on debut here June 30, and was dismissed at 25-1 with no obvious reason to expect marked improvement. Away sharply from his outside draw to chase the pace, the dark bay poked a head in front approaching the long stretch as odds-on We’re Still Here (Union Rags) revved up outside. Pacesetting Silent Fury (Violence) also dug in, but Edelman found another gear once he switched leads and powered away to a 1 3/4-length graduation. We’re Still Here took second over Silent Fury. Sales history: $35,000 Ylg ’18 OBSWIN; $130,000 Ylg ’18 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $24,351. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. 
O-Rockingham Ranch; B-Mary A. Hohensee (FL); T-Peter Miller.

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, JULY 15

Majestic City (City Zip), Questroyal North, $3,500 
32 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 
1-Finger Lakes, Msw 5f, WHARF CAT, 9-5

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, $7,500 
129 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners 
1-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 1m, WICKED COURAGE, 6-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, JULY 15

Central Banker (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, $7,500 
135 foals of racing age/34 winners/3 black-type winners 
5-Parx Racing, Msw 4 1/2f, STASH MY MONEY, 10-1 $40,000 OBS APR yrl

Flashback (Tapit), Diamond B Farm, $3,500 
176 foals of racing age/24 winners/0 black-type winners 
6-Thistledown, Msw 5 1/2f, JUSTICEINACTION, 8-1 $2,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; $3,000 PED OH yrl

Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song), Three Chimneys Farm, $30,000 
207 foals of racing age/30 winners/1 black-type winner 
5-Parx Racing, Msw 4 1/2f, OTIS OTIS OTIS, 10-1 $90,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; $40,000 OBS APR yrl
IN ITALY:
Daritai, c, 4, Dublin–Desafinado, by Pulpit. Varese, 7-13, Hcp. (£19,800), 2300mT. O-Scuderia Fert; B-Anstu Farm (NY); T-Gianluca Verricelli. *1,200 Ylg '16 KEEJAN; $13,000 Ylg '16 OBSAUG.

STAKES RESULTS:
BEN'S CAT S., $75,000, Laurel, 7-14, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.65, fm.
1--GHOUL'S NIGHT OUT, 121, m, 5, Ghostzapper--Amie's Legend (SW), by Not For Love. ($42,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT; $150,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Men Grille Racing; B-Two Legends Farm & Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC (MD); T-Hamilton A. Smith; J-Jorge A. Vargas, Jr. $45,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 23-5-7-3, $238,481.

JAMEELEA S., $75,000, Laurel, 7-14, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.65, fm.
1--GHOUL'S NIGHT OUT, 121, m, 5, Ghostzapper--Amie's Legend (SW), by Not For Love. ($42,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT; $150,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Men Grille Racing; B-Two Legends Farm & Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC (MD); T-Hamilton A. Smith; J-Jorge A. Vargas, Jr. $45,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 23-5-7-3, $238,481.

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2--A Great Time, 121, m, 5, Street Magician–Short Time, by Clever Trick. O/B-Larry Johnson (MD); T-Michael J. Trombetta. $15,000.

3--Fear No Evil, 121, m, 5, Line of David–True Sensation, by Itaka. O-Hickory Plains; B-Randy L. & Alyse L. Cohen (MD); T-Thomas Albertrani. $7,500.

Margins: 1HF, HF, HD. Odds: 3.20, 0.80, 11.80.

JR MALOUFF H., (NB) $55,000, Albuquerque, 7-13, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:21.57, ft.
1--BOKEELIA ISLAND, 119, h, 7, Medaglia d'Oro–Matlacha Pass, by Seeking the Gold. ($10,000 RNA 6yo '18 FTKHRA). O-Cindy Evans Perez & Vanessa Evans; B-Phipps Stable (KY); T-Justin R. Evans; J-Miguel A. Perez. $33,000. Lifetime Record: 17-5-3-2, $162,140. *1/2 to Pine Island (Arch), MGISW, $666,800; Point of Entry (Dynaformer), MGISW, $2,494,490; Sail Ahoy (Bernardini), GSP, $182,059.

2--Pendleton, 123, g, 5, Giant's Causeway–Distorted Passion, by Distorted Humor. ($600,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; $15,000 4yo '18 KEEJAN). O-William & Susan Tomasic; B-Aaron & Marie Jones (KY); T-Justin R. Evans. $11,000.

3--Oh So Regal, 120, h, 5, Sidney's Candy–Oh So Nice, by Smart Strike. ($70,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; $18,000 2yo '16 KEENOV). O-Judge Lanier Racing; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Miguel L. Hernandez. $5,500.

Margins: NK, 1HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 19.00, 4.90, 0.50.

VALOR FARM S., $50,000, Lone Star, 7-14, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.66, ft.
1--SHE'S OUR FASTEST, 123, f, 4, Maclean's Music–Keep Kell, by Two Punch. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-R. Larry Johnson (MD); T-Michael J. Trombetta; J-Alex Cintron. $30,000. Lifetime Record: 19-6-5-3, $238,110.

2--Love You Much, 121, g, 5, Not For Love–Runaway Pearl, by Runaway Groom. ($15,000 2yo '16 EASJAN). O-Warwick Stable; B-Earl Barnhart (MD); T-A. Ferris Allen, III. $7,500. Margins: 1HF, HF, HD. Odds: 3.20, 0.80, 11.80.

3--Shes Our Fastest, 123, f, 4, Maclean's Music–Keep Kell, by Two Punch. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-R. Larry Johnson (MD); T-Michael J. Trombetta; J-Alex Cintron. $30,000. Lifetime Record: 19-6-5-3, $238,110.

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3--Oh So Regal, 120, h, 5, Sidney's Candy–Oh So Nice, by Smart Strike. ($70,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; $18,000 2yo '16 KEENOV). O-Judge Lanier Racing; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Miguel L. Hernandez. $5,500.

Margins: 3/4, 3 1/4, 2HF. Odds: 5.40, 0.30, 29.10.

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Valencia S., $50,000, Lone Star, 7-14, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.66, ft.

1--SHE'S OUR FASTEST, 123, f, 4, Maclean's Music–Keep Kell, by Two Punch. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-R. Larry Johnson (MD); T-Michael J. Trombetta; J-Alex Cintron. $30,000. Lifetime Record: 19-6-5-3, $238,110.

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Margins: 3/4, 3 1/4, 2HF. Odds: 5.40, 0.30, 29.10.
2--Brave Daisey, 118, f, 4, Hidden Blessing--Brave Vixen, by Formal Gold. O/B-Peter Varga (TX); T-Tina Rena Hurley. $10,000.

3--Eurodevilwoman, 118, m, 6, Euroears--The Devil Is Mine, by Devil His Due. ($3,000 2yo '15 TEXAPR). O-M and M Racing (Mike Sisk); B-Michael Ray Neatherlin (TX); T-Karl Broberg. $5,500.


ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-Woodbine, C$74,836, 7-14, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:22.24, ft.
OLYMPIC RUNNER (g, 3, Gio Ponti--Nadadora, by Carson City) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, $72,455. O-Gary Barber; B-Eutrophia Farm LTD (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. *$27,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; $180,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **1/2 to Sammy Mandeville (Rock Hard Ten), MGSP, $246,697.

4th-Monmouth, $60,375, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 7-14, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.04, ft.
PNUTBUTTER SPECIAL (g, 3, Jump Start--Limited Series, by Deerhound) Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-0, $101,320. O-Chick Ridge LLC; B-Emma V. Krohn (NJ); T-Carlos J. Milian.

9th-Ellis, $48,630, 7-14, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.02, fm.
ELGAR (c, 4, Stroll--Fergie's Folly, by Down the Aisle) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-2, $58,760. O/B-Charles H. Deters (KY); T-William I. Mott. *1/2 to Rachel's Temper (Flatter), SW, $401,655.

5th-Charles Town, $24,500, 7-13, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26.89, ft.
C R CASE'S LEGACY (f, 3, Fiber Sonde--Cedar Runs Case {MSP, $167,449}, by In Case) Lifetime Record: 11-5-4-0, $97,540. O-Cleil W. Albrite, Jr.; B-Cleil W. Albrite (WV); T-Timothy C. Grams.

11th-Canterbury, $32,000, 7-14, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.27, ft.
DICEY (f, 3, Flat Out--Broken Blues, by Broken Vow) Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-2, $106,178. O-Patrick E. Swan & Jay Lewis; B-Bradley Wayne Purcell (KY); T-Timothy C. Servis. *$27,000 Ylg '17 OKCYRL.

8th-Penn National, $31,600, (S), 7-13, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.75, ft.
HALF TON OF FUN (g, 6, Andiron--Good Night Babe, by Clash by Night) Lifetime Record: 43-4-13-10, $107,998. O-Five C's Stable; B-Xanthus Farms Inc. (PA); T-Patricia Farro. *$15,000 Ylg '14 EASSEP.

3rd-Presque Isle Downs, $30,225, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 7-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.91, ft.
FIRST DEAL (c, 3, Turbo Compressor--Afleet Memories, by Afleet Alex) Lifetime Record: 7-4-2-1, $83,905. O-De Mora, Julian, Jr. & JN Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Teamwork Racing Co. (FL); T-Jorge Navarro. *$17,000 2yo '18 OBSOPN.

5th-Canterbury, $34,000, (C)/Opt. Clm ($35,000), 7-14, 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:28.63, fm.
MAJESTIC PRIDE (h, 7, Artie Schiller--Blush On Cue, by Theatrical (Ire)) Lifetime Record: SW, 33-11-7-6, $375,535. O-Hugh H. Robertson, Jeff Ryan & Gary Chanen; B-St. George Farm, LLC (KY); T-Mclean Robertson. *$42,000 Ylg '13 KEENSEP. **1/2 to Brooks House (Mizzen Mast), GSP, $205,168.

8th-Charles Town, $24,000, 7-13, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :51.10, ft.
LAST PRINT (c, 4, Fiber Sonde--Bootprints, by Richter Scale) Lifetime Record: 8-5-2-1, $84,080. O/B/T-Javier Contreras (WV).

5th-Canterbury, $24,000, 7-14, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26.89, ft.
C R CASE'S LEGACY (f, 3, Fiber Sonde--Cedar Runs Case {MSP, $167,449}, by In Case) Lifetime Record: 11-5-4-0, $97,540. O-Cleil W. Albrite, Jr.; B-Cleil W. Albrite (WV); T-Timothy C. Grams.

7th-Chelsea, $24,000, 7-13, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :51.10, ft.
KITTEN A GETTIN (g, 4, English Channel--Kitten's Kitten, by Kitten's Joy) Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-1, $48,667. O-CJ Thoroughbreds; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Mindy J. Willis.
ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Turntheclocktozero, g, 2, Harbor the Gold--Emmy's Storm, by Stormy Atlantic. Emerald Downs, 7-14, 5 1/2f, 1:04.31. B-Bar C Racing Stables, Inc. (WA). *$32,000 Ylg '18 WASSEP. **1/2 to Street Vision (Street Sense), SP, $218,246.

A Royal Ace, f, 2, Tenga Cat--Foxy Faith, by A. P Jet. Los Alamitos, 7-14, (S), (C), 5f, :59.65. B-Grant Truman (CA). *$32,000 Ylg '18 WASSEP. **1/2 to Street Vision (Street Sense), SP, $218,246.

Destined for Gold, f, 3, Dominus--Pic Me for Gold, by Aljabr. Indiana Grand, 7-13, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.24. B-Johnson's Thoroughbred Farm (IN). *$4,500 RNA Ylg '17 FTKOCT. **1ST-TIME STARTER.


Sir Seamus, g, 3, Handsome Mike--Gold Diggin Dixie, by Dixie Union. Monmouth, 7-14, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:42.12. B-Live Oak Stud (FL). *1/2 to Souper Echo (Macho Uno), SP, $176,584.

Meet Cute, g, 3, Liaison--Mrs. Monty, by Henny Hughes. Woodbine, 7-14, 6f (AWT), 1:11.23. B-Frank Di Giulio (ON).

Game Day Decision, g, 3, Tale of the Cat--Camryn's Gem, by Unbridled's Song. Prairie Meadows, 7-14, 6f, 1:11.22. B-George Prusssin (KY). *$47,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

Miss Monk, f, 4, Blame--Moyne Abbey, by Charismatic. Monmouth, 7-14, 6f, 1:11.22. B-George Prusssin (KY). *$47,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

True Regards, g, 4, Congrats--Common Truth, by Bertrando. Sacramento, 7-14, 5 1/2f, 1:05.45. B-Curtis C. & Lila L. Lanning LLC (CA).
GHOSTZAPPER, Ghoul's Night Out, m, 5, o/o Amie's Legend, by Not For Love. Jameela S., 7-14, Laurel
GHOSTZAPPER, Varenka, f, 3, o/o Dynamic Cat, by Dynaformer. AOC, 7-14, Saratoga
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, Souper Courage, g, 3, o/o Seasoned Warrior, by Majestic Warrior. MCL, 7-14, Monmouth
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, Zamzam, f, 3, o/o Dontbeshy I'll Buy, by Cherokee Run. MSW, 7-14, Lone Star
GIO PONTI, Olympic Runner, g, 3, o/o Nadadora, by Carson City. ALW, 7-14, Woodbine
HANDSOME MIKE, Sir Seamus, g, 3, o/o Gold Diggin Dixie, by Dixie Union. MCL, 7-14, Gulfstream
HARBOR THE GOLD, Turntheclocktozero, g, 2, o/o Emmy's Storm, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 7-14, Emerald Downs
HARD SPUN, Hard Belle, c, 3, o/o Bourbon Belle, by Storm Boot. AOC, 7-14, Gulfstream
INTO MISCHIEF, On Probation, m, 5, o/o Chinchilla, by Rubiano. AOC, 7-14, Arlington
JUMP START, Pnutbutter Special, g, 3, o/o Limited Series, by Deerhound. AOC, 7-14, Monmouth
KITTEN'S JOY, Karama, f, 3, o/o Safarjal (Ire), by Marju (Ire). Stormy Blues S., 7-14, Laurel
LIAISON, Meet Cute, g, 3, o/o Mrs. Monty, by Henny Hughes. MSW, 7-14, Woodbine
MACLEAN'S MUSIC, Oldies But Goodies, g, 4, o/o Keeper Kell, by Two Punch. Ben's Cat S., 7-14, Laurel
MEDAGLIA D'ORO, Bokeelia Island, h, 7, o/o Matlacha Pass, by Seeking the Gold. JR Malouff H., 7-13, Albuquerque
MIZZEN MAST, Missmizz, f, 3, o/o Slimiss (GB), by Dansili (GB). Blue Sparkler S., 7-14, Monmouth
OLD FORESTER, Pink Lloyd, g, 7, o/o Gladiator Queen, by Great Gladiators. GII Vigil S., 7-14, Woodbine
ORATORY, Shes Our Fastest, f, 4, o/o Dawali, by Festival of Light. Valor Farm S., 7-14, Lone Star
ORB, Whoa Nellie, f, 3, o/o Allegheny Angel, by Medaglia d'Oro. AOC, 7-14, Ellis
PROUD CITIZEN, Catchacougar, f, 2, o/o Shesacougar, by Five Star Day. Spaghetti Mouse S., 7-14, Hastings
RACE DAY, Gee She Sparkles, f, 2, o/o Pata Fresca, by Indian Charlie. Texas Thoroughbred Futurity, 7-14, Lone Star
SPEGHTSTOWN, Lexitonian, c, 3, o/o Riviera Romper, by Tapit. Concern S., 7-14, Laurel
STREET SENSE, Call Me Harry, g, 3, o/o Call Me Swift, by Bernardini. MSW, 7-14, Saratoga
STROLL, Elgar, c, 4, o/o Fergie's Folly, by Down the Aisle. ALW, 7-14, Ellis
SUPER SAVER, Green Destiny, f, 2, o/o Defy Gravity, by Bandini. MSW, 7-14, Ellis

**TALE OF THE CAT**
Game Day Decision, g, 3, o/o Camryn's Gem, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 7-14, Prairie Meadows
**TENGA CAT**, A Royal Ace, f, 2, o/o Foxy Faith, by A. P Jet. MCL, 7-14, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred
**TURBO COMPRESSOR**, First Deal, c, 3, o/o Afleet Memories, by Afleet Alex. AOC, 7-14, Monmouth
**UNCAPPED**, Capture the Genie, f, 2, o/o Signora Gina, by Belong to Me. MSW, 7-14, Gulfstream
**UNCAPPED**, Edelman, g, 2, o/o Wagner's Music, by Concerto. MSW, 7-14, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred
**UNCAPPED**, Winnager, f, 3, o/o Sassy Harper, by Bob and John. MSW, 7-14, Canterbury
**VERRAZANO**, Archidust, c, 3, o/o Chilling Effect, by Gold Fever. My Frenchmen S., 7-14, Monmouth
JAPAN MASTERS
GRAND PRIX TEST

Aidan O'Brien's middle-distance colts had carried all before them in the G1 Epsom and Irish Derbys and on Sunday evening it was the turn of Japan (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) to continue the relentless momentum in the G1 Juddmonte Grand Prix de Paris. While the impressive G2 King Edward VII S. winner will have to have plenty more in the tank to repeat this success over the same distance in ParisLongchamp's October showcase event, there was a suggestion that the 1-2 favourite was going through the motions as he imposed a half-length defeat on the frustrating Slalom (Fr) (Intello {Ger}).

“He’s a really beautiful horse—a beautiful mover who is well-balanced and has a good mind,” jockey Ryan Moore said after completing the kind of weekend Group 1 double that propels riders of his ilk to greater success. “He did what he had to do today and is a lovely horse moving forward. I didn't have to get too serious with him, just give him a couple of little flicks to keep his mind on the job.”

While Japan's time of 2:27.07 was highly respectable, it was some way off the monstrous 2:24.30 registered by the stable's Scorpion (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) in the race's inaugural running over this trip in 2005. Always travelling within himself in a share of third as Western Australia (Ire) (Australia {GB}) gave him the requisite target up ahead with the hooded Jalmoud (GB) (New Approach (Ire)) sitting second, the handsome bay was cajoled into action before the final turn.

Siyarafina Retired to Stud

G1SW Siyarafina (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}–Siyenica {Fr}, by Azamour {Ire}) has been retired to the paddocks trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre told Jour de Galop on Sunday. A homebred for His Highness The Aga Khan, the bay earned 'TDN Rising Star' status on debut at Saint-Cloud in April and made it two on the bounce in a ParisLongchamp conditions test on Apr. 22. The daughter of French SW & MGSP Siyenica had a length to spare over her rivals when saluting in the May 26 G1 Prix Saint Alary as the short-priced chalk. She most recently finished sixth while favoured in the June 16 G1 Prix de Diane and retires with a mark of 4-3-0-0 and $193,824 in earnings.

"Siyarafina will enter stud," trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre told Jour de Galop. “There are several small [physical] issues. She is a filly who has great breeding value. She is a Group 1 winner and we prefer not to take [any further] risks." Cont. p8

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

POSITIVES & UNCERTAINTY AS DEL MAR OPENER LOOMS

Dan Ross interviews Del Mar Thoroughbred Club racing secretary David Jerkens in advance of Del Mar’s opening day. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
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As asked the question once straightened for home, his response was to put a length and a half into the chronically slow-starting Slalom with 300 metres remaining. Out of reach and reportedly idling as that Wertheimer homebred got going, he failed to romp away as he had at the Royal meeting and the seemingly-exposed Godolphin pair of Jalmoud and Roman Candle (GB) (Le Havre (Ire)) clung on to be only a further 3/4 of a length and a neck away at the finish.

It may be that Japan is an undemonstrative colt, showing such little sparkle when getting up late to break his maiden over seven furlongs on heavy ground at Listowel's harvest festival in September that Donnacha O'Brien opted not to ride him in the G2 Beresford S. With Moore on Mount Everest (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and O'Brien on Sovereign (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Japan had traded as the outsider of the trio in that Naas contest but pulled it out of the bag for Seamie Heffernan. Widely regarded as the yard's number one Derby prospect until his spring setback, Japan was the only stable representative to fail to win a recognised trial for the blue riband as he managed only fourth in the G2 Dante S. at York May 16. Friendless for the June 1 Epsom Classic, he produced a barnstorming effort at 20-1 there and without Wayne Lordan losing his stick late might have fared better than third.

Aidan O'Brien was applying his customary forensic analysis in the immediate aftermath of another high-profile Ballydoyle triumph in France. “He's a horse who will idle in front and never win by far and he only did at Ascot because the pace was very strong and the field came back to him,” he explained. “He's like that at home—he never does too much. We thought there might be a slow pace here and so we had to ride him handy, which is not ideal as when he gets there he waits a little bit. We have rushed him a little bit race-to-race this year, from the Dante to the Derby and then Ascot, so we were thinking of a little break. We're delighted to get this and we'll maybe look at the [Sept. 14 G1 Irish] Champion [at Leopardstown] or something like that around that time and give him an Arc prep.”

**Pedigree Notes**

Japan is a full-brother to Secret Gesture (GB), who was second in the 2013 G1 Epsom Oaks and G1 Preis Der Diana and was disqualified from first place in the 2015 GI Beverly D. S. Retiring with a G2 Middleton S. the best she could offer, there was a suggestion that she was capable of greater things and that same sentiment applied to another full-sibling Sir Isaac Newton (GB). Having cost 3.6 million gns at Tattersalls October—almost three times the sum paid for Japan—he took The Curragh's G3 International S. and Royal Ascot's Listed Wolferton S.CONT. p3
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He was also fourth in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. and G1 Juddmonte International, but it has been reported that Aidan O’Brien always held him in higher esteem than he showed on the track.

The listed-winning dam Shastye (Ire) (Danehill), whose 2-year-old full-brother to Japan named Mogul (GB) was a 3.4million gns hit at the latest Tattersalls October Book 1 Sale and is also housed at Ballydoyle, is a half-sister to the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe hero Sagamix (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) and the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud-winning sire Sagacity (Fr) (Highest Honor {Fr}).

Also a half to the dams of the G1 Prix d’Ispahan winner Sageburg (Ire) (Johannesburg) and G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner Sagawara (GB) (Shamardal), she is out of the G2 Prix de Royallieu winner and G1 Gran Premio di Milano runner-up Saganeca (Sagace {Fr}). Shastye also has a filly foal by Galileo waiting in the wings.

Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France

JUDDMONTE GRAND PRIX DE PARIS-G1, €600,000, ParisLongchamp, 7-14, 3yo, c/f, 12fT, 2:27.07, g/s.

1--JAPAN (GB), 128, c, 3, by Galileo (Ire)

1st Dam: Shastye (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Danehill
2nd Dam: Saganeca, by Sagace (Fr)
3rd Dam: Haglette, by Hagley

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. (1,300,000gns Ylg ’17 TAOCT). O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Newsells Park Stud (GB); T-Aidan O’Brien; J-Ryan Moore. €342,840. Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-Eng, GSW-Ire, 7-4-0-1, €766,526. *Full to Secret Gesture (GB), GSW & MG1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr & Ger, GISP-US, $746,427; and 1/2 to Sir Isaac Newton (GB), GSW-Ire, SW-Eng & GSP-Aus, $403,231; and Maurus (GB) (Medicean {GB}), SW & MGSP-Aus, $403,286. Werk Nick Rating: A+++.

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2--Slalom (Fr), 128, c, 3, Intello (Ger)--Zagzig (GB), by Selkirk. O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (FR); T-Andre Fabre. €137,160.

3--Jalmoud (GB), 128, c, 3, New Approach (Ire)--Dancing Rain (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby. €68,580.

Margins: HF, 3/4, NK. Odds: 0.50, 6.60, 7.00.

Also Ran: Roman Candle (GB), Soft Light (Fr), In Favour (GB), Kasaman (Fr), Western Australia (Ire). Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
FINDING A WAY

While Sunday’s G2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil marked a first group success for the admirable 6-year-old Way To Paris (GB) (Champs Elysees (GB)), it also featured a lengthy stewards inquiry which highlighted a shift in the French stewards’ officiating. Bumping Call the Wind (GB) (Frankel (GB)) who in turn nudged Marmelo (GB) (Duke of Marmalade (Ire)) on his outer as he was extricated from a pocket passing two out, the winner battled to a nose verdict over last year’s winner Marmelo before the objection was announced. There have been far less infringements which have prompted demotions in the past, so the decision to allow the 11-2 shot Way To Paris to keep the race is a reflection of how the country has now moved in line with the British model.

For trainer Andrea Marcialis, the sole French-trained success in a stakes race on the card represented a personal landmark. “It is a great moment for all of us, it’s my first Group 2 win and the horse’s first group win,” he said. “He’s a horse who has shown a liking for longer distances and loves it here.”

Fittingly, the well-named winner who was formerly a smart performer in Italy has taken a shine to France’s capital and was just 1 1/2 lengths off Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo (Ire)) when runner-up in the G3 Prix d’Hedouville last May. His last two outings had come at this venue as he was sent over the staying trip of almost two miles, finishing runner-up to Holdthasigreen (Fr) (Hold That Tiger) in the Apr. 28 G3 Prix de Barbeville and to Called To the Bar (Ire) (Henrythenavigator) in the May 26 G2 Prix Vicomtesse Vigier.

Enjoying the fast surface tracking the animator Holdthasigreen who was to have one of his rare bad days, the grey muscled his way out from behind that rival and to the front in early straight and found the line in time as Marmelo whittled down his advantage inch by inch.

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Pedigree Notes

Marcialis is looking at a return to this track for the Sept. 8 G3 Prix Gladiateur. “He will have a long break now and come back again for a prep like the Gladiateur, after which I would imagine the [Oct. 6 G1 Prix du] Cadran will be his target,” he commented. Way To Paris is the last living foal bred out of the G2 Premio Lydia Tesio winner Grey Way (Cozzene), whose previous best was the dual G1 Premio Presidente della Repubblica hero Distant Way (Distant View). Also responsible for the G3 Premio Ambrosiano winner Cima De Pluie (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), she hails from the family of the triple Grade I-winning Redattore (Brz) (Roi Normand). This is the dam line of Intriguing (Swaps), producer of the champion Numbered Account (Buckpasser) who is herself the dam of the GI Beldame S. heroine and multiple stakes-producing Dance Number (Northern Dancer) and the sire Private Account.

Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France
PRIX MAURICE DE NIEUIL-G2, €130,000, ParisLongchamp, 7-14, 4yo/up, 14fT, 3:00.29, g/s.
1--WAY TO PARIS (GB), 126, h, 6, by Champs Elysees (GB)
1st Dam: Grey Way (Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 9 1/2-11f, GSW-Ity & GSP-US, $195,033), by Cozzene
2nd Dam: Northern Naiad (Fr), by Nureyev
3rd Dam: Fascinating Trick, by Buckpasser
1ST GROUP WIN. (50,000gns Ylg > 14 TATOCT). O-Paolo Ferrario; B-Grundy Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Andrea Marcialis; J-Cristian Demuro. €74,100. Lifetime Record: MSW & MGSP-Ity, 26-5-7-4, €369,190. *1/2 to Distant Way (Distant View), Hwt. Older Horse-Ity at 9 1/2-11f, MG1SW-Ity, $1,192,161, & to Cima De Pluie (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), GSW-Ity, $197,979.
Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: F.

2--Marmelo (GB), 126, h, 6, Duke of Marmalade (Ire)--Capriolla (GB), by In the Wings (GB). O-The Fairy Story Partnership & Aziz Kheir; B-Deepwood Farm Stud (GB); T-Hugh Morrison. €28,600.

3--Ligne d’Or (GB), 122, f, 4, Dansili (GB)--Louve Nationale (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). O-Ballymore Thoroughbred Ltd; B-Dayton Investments Ltd (GB); T-Andre Fabre. €13,650.
Margins: NO, 4, SNK. Odds: 5.70, 1.70, 14.00.
Also Ran: Call the Wind (GB), Holdthasigreen (Fr), Shahnaza (Fr).
Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

SURROUNDING ON TOP IN THE BROWNSTOWN

Surrounding (Ire) (Lilbourne Lad {Ire}), who registered black-type scores in last term’s Listed Cooley S. and the May 19 Listed Owenstown Stud S. at Naas, went postward as the 2-1 favourite for Sunday’s G3 Irish Stallion Farms EBF Brownstown S. at Fairyhouse returning off a third in Leopardstown’s June 6 Listed Glencairn S. and a short-head second in a June 28 Curragh handicap last time. Breaking well to stalk the pace in a close-up second from the outset, she loomed large passing the quarter-mile marker and was driven out once seizing control with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining to assert by a length from Perfection (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) for a career high.

“I got there too soon on her and she’s only doing what she has to, but she’s a model of consistency” said winning rider Ronan Whelan. “When she gets to the front you can feel her half-park underneath you and I wouldn’t be surprised if she had a little bit left there too. The weight caught her out at The Curragh and it’s a lot of weight in those handicaps. You never know what you’re up against in them, but in the likes of these races they’re solid and what you see is what you get. She’s a filly on the up and I wouldn’t be surprised if a better race might suit her better because they might go harder and take her into it easier.”

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**Pedigree Notes**

Surrounding is one of two winners and the leading performer produced by Roundabout Girl (Ire) (Doubletour), whose own dam Concepta’s Choice (Ire) (Brave Invader) is a granddaughter of prolific producer Greek Train (Blue Train {Ire}). The latter’s descendants include G1 Premio Presidente della Repubblica-winning sire Shamsan (GB) (Fortino II {Fr}), MGSW G2 Prix du Gros-Chene victor Surprise Offer (GB) (Superlative {Ire}), G3 Premio Primi Passi-winning sire Manooftheyear (GB) (Sayf El Arab), Listed Premio Divino Amore winner Portogallo (El Gallo {Ire}) and fellow stakes winner Michaelis (Ire) (Our Babu {Ire}).

**Sunday, Fairyhouse, Ireland**

**IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF BROWNSTOWN S.-G3, €75,000, Fairyhouse, 7-14, 3yo/up, f, 7fT, 1:27.72, gd.**

1--**SURROUNDING (IRE), 134, m, 6, by Lilbourne Lad (Ire)**

1st Dam: Roundabout Girl (Ire), by Doubletour
2nd Dam: Concepta’s Choice (Ire), by Brave Invader
3rd Dam: Half Dollar Luck, by Polly’s Jet

1ST GROUP WIN. O/B-P E I Newell (IRE); T-Michael Halford; J-Ronan Whelan. €44,250. Lifetime Record: 22-7-5-4, $274,332. Werk Nick Rating: D+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Perfection (GB), 134, f, 4, Dutch Art (GB)--Cantal (GB), by Pivotal (GB). O/B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-David O’Meara. €15,000.**

3--**Indian Blessing (GB), 134, m, 5, Sepoy (Aus)--Alpen Glen (GB), by Halling. (€95,000 Ylg ’15 ARAUG; €170,000 2yo ‘16 ARQ MAY). O-P K Siu; B-Jocelyn Targett (GB); T-Ed Walker. €7,500.**

Margins: 1, HF, HF. Odds: 2.00, 4.00, 4.00.

Also Ran: I Remember You (Ire), Heavenly Holly (Ire), Fire Fly (Ire), Gossamer Wings, Black Magic Woman (Ire). Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
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The winners of these races are listed in upper-case bold lettering in sales catalogues which stands out again the non-bold font on the page, hence the "black-type" moniker. Those that finish second and third in them earn lower-case bold lettering. This system was a game changer at the time of its creation given that researching race records was a notably laborious task back then, particularly when it came to international racing. However, the internet has transformed how everyone in racing researches pedigrees and race records, raising the standards of information that can be sought out in every aspect of the pursuit. Yet, the black-type system has remained pretty much unchanged during this data revolution.

While the current system is adequate, there is no denying that it has shortcomings and flaws. Black-type should aspire to be an internationally-recognised seal of approval of a horse's form having reached a certain level. However, everyone knows that not all black-type is equal.

I have access to a database of every black-type race in the world that lists the average Timeform rating of the first, second and third home in the last five renewals. This database quickly sorts the wheat from the chaff in terms of what races and indeed what countries tend to overperform and underperform within each grade. The gaps between the best and worst in each category tend to be substantial, yet the black-type system considers them all to be equal.

Another shortcoming of the black-type system that is particularly relevant to British racing is that the programme book there consists of a multitude of high-class but non-black-type handicaps. These handicaps regularly offer far more prize money than most stakes races and horses that run in them will only have their handicap marks raised for being involved in the finish, whereas their mark could suffer for finishing close to higher-rated rivals in a stakes races without necessarily having gone close or earned significant prize money. This has led to a situation where a substantial number of stakes-class colts and geldings rarely contest stakes races in Britain, as valuable handicaps are a much more attractive option for them. With many of these horses being officially rated well over 100 and very much deserving of black-type, they find themselves in a blind sport of the current system.

That situation contrasts with the other end of the scale of the system whereby horses can gain black-type despite running to a lower level than should warrant such status. There are countless examples of horses sneaking into the placings in small-field or below-standard black-type races, but perhaps the best example to give to illustrate the point is an extreme one. Meohmy was a 24-race maiden that was officially rated just 46, yet she finished a well-held third in a three-runner listed race at Lingfield back in 2009. She was promptly retired to stud with her name lit up in lower-case black-type. While that is clearly an exceptional case, the scope for undeserved black-type being dished out by the current system should be clear for all to see.

All told, it surely isn't right that the cataloguing standards on which so much emphasis is placed in the world of racing and bloodstock are so basic? The sport has advanced immeasurably since the 1970s and an overhaul in this areas is long overdue. The solution is an obvious one. Cont. p8
Blake Op/Ed Cont.

Rather than using a binary system based on placings in stakes races, black-type should only be given to horses that have achieved a specific level of rating.

While not every racing nation puts as much emphasis on ratings as they do in Great Britain and Ireland, they are unquestionably the best way to rank and categorise horses based on their level of form. What are the most appropriate thresholds for each age group can be debated, but in the case of 3-year-olds or older for example, only awarding lower-case black-type to those that achieved an official rating of at least 100 and upper-case Black-Type to those that reached 110 would make catalogue pages a far better guide to actual merit.

The mechanisms to process this kind of information are already in place. The majority of major racing nations already have rating-based quality-control systems that dictate what races earn and retain black-type status. As well as that, the official handicappers of the racing world already pool their data together to produce the World’s Best Racehorses Rankings on 10 separate occasions each year. While it would take an expansion of these processes to include lower-rated horses, the hard part of getting all the racing nations down at the same table and operating on the same system has already been done. Expansion of that system is the natural progression of it.

Indeed, if a rating-based black-type system was adapted, there would be scope there to retrofit historical results to bring past results up to the same standard of scrutiny, as centrally-assessed international ratings have been compiled by the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities for well over 20 years in most major racing nations and as far back as 1977 in Britain, Ireland and France.

While on the subject of updating outdated systems, wouldn’t sales catalogues be far more useful if they carried details of each horse’s peak rating and what trip that rating was achieved over? One can only imagine how many thousands of hours are spent by bloodstock professionals marking up their catalogues with this basic information or indeed paying for pre-marked catalogues from the various commercial entities that produce them. If they can be readily produced by the commercial market, why isn’t there more of a push for this level of information to become standard in all catalogues?

Space may be at a premium on catalogue pages, but a peak rating and what distance it was achieved over would only take up a few characters. In many cases, this information would be far more pertinent than other details regularly listed in catalogues such as prize money earned or the names of the races won.

One suspects that the first sales company to integrate higher-quality data into their catalogues will gain a lot of kudos in the bloodstock world for doing so. Given how competitive that particular sector is, the biggest surprise is that one of them hasn’t already taken the leap.

All told, there is great scope for both the black-type system and cataloguing standards to be modernised, refined and improved for the benefit of all stakeholders. The means to make the suggested changes are already there, it will just take those with the power to implement them to show the forward-looking will to do so.

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**FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS**

**SUSSEX TARGETED BY VERACIOUS**

Sir Michael Stoute has confirmed the G1 Qatar Sussex S. at Goodwood on July 31 as the next objective for his G1 Falmouth S. heroine **Veracious (GB)** (Frankel {GB}). The Cheveley Park homebred secured the Group 1 success she has long promised at Newmarket on Friday--making every yard of the running under a tremendous ride from Oisin Murphy. Goodwood’s G1 Nassau S., in which she finished third last year, was mooted as a potential target in the immediate aftermath. However, speaking on Racing TV’s *Luck On Sunday* programme, Stoute revealed he is leaning towards letting his filly take on the boys over a mile.

"She had no travel and got a lovely ride. She’s come out of the race well," said the trainer. "She’ll probably now go for the Sussex. She ran a big race at Goodwood in the Nassau last year. I was delighted for Cheveley Park--they deserve to be winning races like that."

The master of Freemason Lodge also provided an update on stable star **Crystal Ocean (GB)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}). An authoritative winner of the G1 Prince of Wales’s S. at Royal Ascot last month, the 5-year-old is reportedly firmly on course for a mouth-watering clash with John Gosden’s dual Arc heroine **Enable (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) in the July 27 G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S.

Stoute added, "We’ll go for the King George. John’s filly is a machine, and she’s going to be very hard to beat, but we’ll have a go."

**FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS**

**July 15:**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

**Cable Bay (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Highclere Stud
114 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
18:00-WINDSOR, 6f, MODERN BRITISH ART (Ire)
€14,000 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; 72,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up & HIT Sale 2019

**Due Diligence** (War Front), Whitsbury Manor Stud
85 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
14:50-RIPON, 5f, ICE SKATE (GB)
£10,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

**French Navy (GB)** (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
43 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
18:10-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, PADDY ELLIOTT (Ire)
13,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; £9,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

**FRANCE**

**Sidestep (Aus)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Fr
70 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
2-VICHY, 1400m, GOLD STEP (Fr)
2-VICHY, 1400m, LINDY LOU (Fr)
Unforgettable became Muhaarar’s second winner at Fairyhouse for GI Kentucky Derby-winning owner John Oxley and trainer Joseph O’Brien.

She was just half speeding from a furlong-and-a-half down and then I gave her a flick and she puts her ears back. Ours really do take a big jump from the first run to second run and hopefully that’s not the end of her. I’ve no doubt she will get seven furlongs, but she’s showing lots of speed and there is no need to go there yet.” Unforgettable also becomes the third scorer produced by a winning half-sister to GSW multiple Scandinavian champion Alyshakeys (Den) (Sendawar (Ire)) and the bay is kin to MGSW sire Libranno (GB) (Librettist), G3 Prix de Cabourg runner-up Al Muthana (Fr) (Pastoral Pursuits (GB)) and a 2019 colt by Churchill (Ire). Sales history: 425,000gns Ylg ’18 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $11,683. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-John C Oxley; B-Lynch Bages, Camas Park & Arkle Bloodstock (IRE); T-Joseph O’Brien.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Super Treat (Ire), c, 3, Tamayuz (GB)—Soviet Treat (Ire), by Ashkalani (Ire). Fairyhouse, 7-14, 7fT, 1:29.25. B-James J Monaghan (IRE). *45,000gns RNA 2yo ‘18 TATHIT.
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**PRIX MADAME JEAN COUTURIE-Listed**, €55,000, 3yo, f, 10fT

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### Sunday’s Results:

**PRIX ROLAND DE CHAMBURE-Listed**, €60,000, ParisLongchamp, 7-14, 2yo, 7fT, 1:21.61, g/s.

1—**WELL OF WISDOM (GB)**, 128, c, 2, by *Oasis Dream (GB)*
   1st Dam: Alessandria (GB), by *Sunday Silence*
   2nd Dam: Tereshkova, by Mr. Prospector
   3rd Dam: Lypatia (Fr), by Lyphard

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby; J-Mickael Barzalona.

Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, €30,000. *1/2 to Saint Baudolino (Ire) (Pivotal (GB)), MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, $191,935, SW & MGSP-Fr, $887,380, to Army Bulletin (Ire) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)), SW & MGSP-Fr, $166,717, & to Avilius (GB) (Pivotal (GB)), MG15W-Aus, SW & MGSP-Fr, $1,721,258.

2—**Helter Skelter (Fr)**, 128, c, 2, Wootton Bassett (GB)—Winna Chope (Fr), by Soave (Ger). ($200,000 Ylg ‘18 KESESEP). O-Ecuries Serge Stempien & Jean-Claude Rouget; B-L Jamault (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. i 12,000.

3—**Saqqara King**, 128, c, 2, American Pharoah—Joyful Victory, by Tapit. ($200,000 Ylg ‘18 KESESEP). O-Godolphin; B-Aaron & Marie Jones Llc (KY); T-Charlie Appleby. 27,500.

Margins: NK, 5, 1 1/4. Odds: 5.50, 2.00, 1.40.

Also Ran: Mowaeva (Fr), Commander (Fr).

possessing the speed to get off the mark over five furlongs on debut at Newmarket’s Craven meeting Apr. 18, Well of Wisdom was sent off favourite for Newbury’s well-contested Olympic Glory Conditions S. over six a month later and lost out by a short head and a nose in a melee with Temple of Heaven (GB) (Iffraaj (GB)) and Fort Myers (War Front). Beaten just over four lengths when ninth in the G2 Coventry S. also at the latter trip at Royal Ascot June 18, he was sent straight to the front by Mickael Barzalona and ridden almost as a pacemaker for stablemate Saqqara King. Despite leaving a perfect gap up the inner for that 7-5 favourite turning for home, he was able to maintain the power and leave him behind as Helter Skelter was delivered with an impressive burst to cut the margin.

“He didn’t run badly in the Coventry, which was a hot race and he had two very solid runs beforehand,” Appleby said. “There was not that much for him in England and although it was my first intention to bring only the other one here he was doing well and had to come too. He won nicely and could step up to a mile now, so the [Aug. 17 Listed] Criterium du FEE at Deauville is probably next. I was a little bit disappointed with Saqqa King, but he ran like he already needs a mile.”

The winner is a half-brother to three classy individuals to have also raced in the royal blue in Saint Baudolino, who captured the G2 Prix Guillaume d’Ornano and G3 Prix de Guiche and was placed in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Grand Prix de Paris, the Listed Prix de Suresnes scorer and G2 Prix Eugene Adam runner-up Army Bulletin and Avilius who also took the Suresnes and placed in the Eugene Adam before winning the G1 Tancred S. and G1 Ranvet S. in Australia. The second dam is the G3 Prix de Cabourg scorer and G1 Moyglare Stud S. runner-up Tereshkova who is a full-sister to the G1 Middle Park S.-winning sire Lycius. Alessandria’s yearling colt is by Dubawi (Ire), while she also has a filly foal by Siyouni (Fr). Click for the *Racing Post* result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

**PRIX DE THIBERVILLE-Listed**, €55,000, ParisLongchamp, 7-14, 3yo, f, 12fT, 2:34.82, g/s.

1—**STAR TERMS (GB)**, 126, f, 3, by *Sea the Stars (Ire)*
   1st Dam: Best Terms (GB) (MGSW-Eng, $191,935), by *Exceed and Excel (Aus)*
   2nd Dam: Sharp Terms (GB), by Kris (GB)

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3—**By Charter (GB)**, by Shirley Heights (GB)

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Robert Barnett; B-W & R Barnett Ltd (GB); T-Richard Hannon; J-Ryan Moore. €27,500. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr & GSP-Eng, 11-3-3-1, €131,229.
2--Ebony (Fr), 126, f, 3, Le Havre (Ire)--Ennaya (Fr), by Nayef. (€160,000 Ylg ‘17 ARAUG). O-Denford Stud; B-E Puerari, Mme A Gravereaux, Oceanic Bloodstock Inc & Mme P Ades-Hazan (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €11,000.

3–Palomba (Ire), 126, f, 3, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Australienne (Ire), by Monsun (Ger). O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (IRE); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias. €8,250.

Margins: 1 1/4, NO, 3/4. Odds: 1.40, 1.70, 12.00.

Also Ran: Blissful Beauty (Fr), Psara (GB), Princesses Mathilde (GB), Dynamic Kitty.

Star Terms, who descends from the brilliant Time Charter (Ire), had been at ParisLongchamp before when just two short necks away from winning the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac on Arc day. Also runner-up in the G2 May Hill S. at Doncaster, she had returned with a game fourth in the G3 Fred Darling S. shortened up to seven furlongs at Newbury Apr. 13. Only 11th in the G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket May 5, the homebred had run fourth in Newbury’s Listed Haras de Bouquetot Fillies’ Trial over a mile and a quarter May 18 and second to the potentially high-class Antonia de Vega (Ire) (Lope de Vega [Ire]) in the Listed Abingdon S. back over that track and trip June 13.

Up further in distance here, the daughter of the diminutive G2 Lowther S. and G2 Queen Mary S. winner Best Terms was ridden as if stamina was assured by Ryan Moore situated second to the early pace in second. Thrust to the lead with over two furlongs to race, the chestnut readily asserted for a deserved first black-type success. “That was maybe not the strongest listed race in the world, but it’s a job well done,” owner-breeder Robert Barnett’s representative Will Edmeades said. “She’s been messed around a bit as we discovered what was her best trip and we thought it was worth a try at a mile and a half. She is in control there and that was the plan. The ground could get too fast in England and so we could have a look at the [G3] Prix Minerve at Deauville Aug. 11.”

Best Terms, a rare sprinter for this generally stout family, is also responsible for the Listed Prix Solitude winner Fresh Terms (GB) (New Approach [Ire]). Her dam Sharp Terms (GB) (Kris {GB}) is kin to three black-type winners including the G2 Lonsdale Cup scorer First Charter (GB) (Polish Precedent) and the G2 Prix Hocquart runner-up and G1 Deutsches Derby third Anton Chekhov (GB) (Montjeu [Ire]). The aforementioned Time Charter was successful four times at the highest level, including the Epsom Oaks and King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S., before producing the G2 Jockey Club S. winner Time Allowed (GB) (Sadler’s Wells) and the G2 Jockey Club S.-winning sire Zinaad (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}). Best Terms’s unraced 2-year-old colt by Galileo (Ire) was a 525,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 purchase by King Power Racing now named Chairman Power (GB).

She also has a yearling colt by Dark Angel (Ire). Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

3rd-ParisLongchamp, €35,000, Cond, 7-14, 3yo, 8fT, 1:37.95, g/s.

SHENDAM (FR) (c, 2, Charm Spirit {Ire}--Shemaka {GB} {Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 14f+, MGSw-Fr, $294,379}, by Dalakhani {Ire}), who had been disappointing of late and was reverting in trip having been third in a 10-furlong conditions event at Chantilly June 21, was positioned on the rail tracking the leader throughout the early stages. Sent to the front passing the 300-metre marker, the 13-2 shot surged clear for an emphatic return to form as the 4 1/2-length winner from Katdar (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}). “He’s a good horse, but it’s taken me a little bit too long to find the right distance for him,” trainer Mikel Delzangles said.

“He had looked an easy winner last time until the last furlong. Fast ground didn’t bother him and he will go to Deauville for a stakes race next.” The winner is the first colt produced by the smart dam, who took the G3 Prix de Lutece and G3 Prix Allez France and was runner-up in the G2 Prix de Pomone, G2 Prix Chaudenay and G2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil. She is a daughter of the G1 Prix de Diane heroine Shemaka (Ire) (Nishapour {Fr}), whose descendants include the G1 Grand Prix de Paris winner Shaeel (Fr) (Dalakhani {Ire}), the G1 Prix du Jockey Club runner-up Shamkiyr (Fr) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) and the G2 Prix Eugene Adam-winning sire Shimaan (Fr) (Rainbow Quest) and G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere third Shediak (Fr) (Selkirk). Also linked to the sires Shakapour (Ire), Sharannpour (Ire) and Shahrastani, her unraced 2-year-old filly is by Siyouni (Fr), while she also has a colt foal by Kingman (GB). Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, €42,690. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-His Highness The Aga Khan; B-S A Aga Khan (FR); T-Mikel Delzangles.
ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Jack the Ripper (Fr), c, 2, Dabirsim (Fr)--Trombe (Fr) (MSP-Fr), by Bering (GB).** Senonnes-Pouance, 7-14, 6f 165yT, time: n/a. B-Elevage de Kezeg & Mme Felicia Laslau (FR). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

**To Fly Free (GB), f, 2, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Telling Stories (Fr), by Canford Cliffs (Ire).** Senonnes-Pouance, 7-14, 6f 165yT, time: n/a. B-Mme Waltraut Spanner (GB). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Testa (Ire), f, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Tecla (Ire), by Whipper.** Le Touquet, 7-14, 6 1/2fT, 1:20.80. B-Ecurie La Vallee Martigny (IRE). *1ST-TIME STARTER.


**Red Quercus (Fr), c, 3, Rip Van Winkle (Ire)--Redglow (Ire), by Fasliyev.** Senonnes-Pouance, 7-14, 10 1/2fT, time: n/a. B-Daniel Chassagneux, Mlle Clelia Chassagneux & Ecurie Loire Cheval Associes (FR). *€7,000 Ylg ’17 OSLATE.

Sunday’s Results:

**BBAG DIANA-TRIAL-Listed, €25,000, Mulheim, 7-14, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:04.31, gd.**

1--**ISMENE (GER), 125, f, 3, by Tertullian**

1st Dam: Imagery (Ger) (SW & GSP-Ger), by Monsun (Ger)

2nd Dam: I Go Bye (Ger), by Don’t Forget Me (Ire)

3rd Dam: Ilana (Ger), by Windwurf (Ger)

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Gestut Schlenderhan; B-Stall Ullmann (GER); T-Jean-Pierre Carvalho; J-Filip Minarik. €14,000.

Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, *€23,225. *1/2 to Instigator (Ger) (Nayef), MSP-Fr & SP-Ger.

2--**Naida (Ger), 125, f, 3, Reliable Man (GB)--Nacella (Ger), by Banyumanik ( Ire). O-Gestut Niederrhein. €6,500.

3--**In Memory (Ire), 125, f, 3, Reliable Man (GB)--Iojo, by Giant’s Causeway. O-Stall Memory.


Also Ran: Best On Stage (Ger), Barbados (Fr), Diajaka (Ger), Diamanta (Ger), Quantum Joy (Ger), Ghislaine (GB), Pietraia (Ger), Linaria (Ger).

Ismene, who collected minor prizes in her first three outings, graduated over a mile at Cologne Apr. 24 before running third upped one furlong in Baden-Baden’s June 1 Listed Kronimus Diana-Trial last time and punched her ticket to the main event with a career high in this stepping stone to Dusseldorf’s Aug. 4 G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks). Breaking well from an outer gate to track the pace in second after the initial exchanges, she was pushed along to close once into the home straight and kept on resolutely under a late drive to deny long-time leader Naida (Ger) (Reliable Man (GB)) in the dying strides.

Ismene becomes the first stakes scorer for stakes-winning G3 Baden Racing Stuten-Preis third Imagery (Ger) (Monsun (Ger)) and the homebred bay is kin to three-time stakes placegetter Instigator (Ger) (Nayef), an unraced 2-year-old colt by Soldier Hollow (GB) and a yearling colt by Tertullian. Imagery is herself a full-sister to G3 Bavarian Classic hero Imonso (Ger) as well as being kin to G3 Badener Meile victor and G1 Gran Criterium runner-up Idealist (Ger) (Tiger Hill {Ire}) and Listed Preis des Casino Baden-Baden winner Idolino (Ger) (Tertullian). Ismene’s second dam I Go Bye (Ger) (Don’t Forget Me (Ire)) is a half to G3 Hessen-Pokal scorer Imperioso (Ger) (Royal Academy), Listed Langer Hamburger winner Ibiano (Gunner B (GB)) and to the dam of three black-type winners headed by G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis victor Intendant (Ger) (Lando {Ger}).
Sunday’s Results:

**ZAWAWI CUP-Listed**, SKr1,000,000, Jagersro, 7-14, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.80, gd.

1--I KIRK (SWE), 132, g, 5, Eishin Dunkirk--I Could, by Johannesburg. O-Hastgruppen i Lund AB; B-Loberods Hastklinik AB (SWE); T-Susanne Berneklint; J-Oliver Wilson. SKr600,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Swe, 17-12-2-0, SKr2,972,602.

2--**Kashgar (Swe)**, 132, h, 5, Eishin Dunkirk--Angels’ Share (Swe), by Most Welcome (GB). O-Stall Akerkullen & Nina Hedenlund. SKr200,000.

3--**Basie (Swe)**, 132, g, 5, Zaahid (Ire)--Easy Way (Swe), by Medecis (GB). O-Max Racing. Skr100,000.

Margins: 2HF, HF, HF. Odds: 0.20, 15.30, 30.65.

Also Ran: Land’s End (Den), Breakdancer (Fr), Brownie (Fr), IKC Fiction. Scratched: Ousden House (GB).

**IN UNITED STATES:**

**Juliet Foxtrot (GB)**, f, 4, Dansili (GB)--Kilo Alpha (GB) (SW-Fr), by King’s Best. Arlington Park, 7-13, GII Modesty H. ($150k), 1 3/16mT, 1:54.00. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB). *1/2 to Alpha Bravo (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)), GSP-Fr.

**Capla Temptress (Ire)**, f, 4, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Mrs Beeton (Ire), by Dansili (GB). Delaware Park, 7-13, Just a Kiss S. ($100,250), 1 1/16mT, 1:44.35. B-Pier House Stud (Ire). *€26,000 Ylg ’16 GOFORB. **GISW-NA & GSP-Eng.

**Veneer of Charm (Ire)**, g, 5, Fast Company (Ire)--Nova Tor (Ire), by Trans Island (GB). Delaware Park, 7-13, Alw (NW1X) ($36,395), 1 1/16mT, 1:45.35. B-P. Burns (Ire). *€85,000 Ylg ’15 GOFORB; 16,000gns 3yo ’17 TATAHI. **Full to Devonshire (Ire) (Fast Company (Ire)), Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 7-9 1/2f, GSW-Ire, $222,648; and a 1/2 to Hurryupharriet (Ire) (Camacho (GB)), SW-Eng.

**Sistercharlie (Ire)**, m, 5, Myboycharlie (Ire)--Starlet’s Sister, by Galileo (Ire). Saratoga Race Course, 7-13, GI Diana S. ($500k), 1 1/8mT, 1:47.93. B-Ecurie des Monceaux (Ire). *€12,000 Ylg ’15 AR15. **Ch. Female Turf Horse-US, GSW & G1SP-Fr. ***1/2 to My Sister Nat (Fr) (Acclamation (GB)), GSW-Fr, $104,972; and Sottsass (Fr) (Siyouni (Fr)), G1SW-Fr, $1,011,199.

**IN HONG KONG:**

**More Than This (GB)**, g, 3, Dutch Art (GB)--Striving (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Sha Tin, 7-14, Hcp. (£140k/€156k), 1400mT, 1:21.90. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd. *Full to Preening (GB), MSP-Eng. **40,000gns Ylg ’17 TATOCT. **GISW-NA & GSP-Eng.

**HONG KONG SEASON ENDS WITH INCREASES**

The Hong Kong 2018/2019 season once again ended with increases in several betting categories. Turnover for the finale was HK$1.966 billion, a new record for the card, which caused overall betting turnover to rise by 0.4% to HK$124,819 million from HK$124,282 million, which equates to just over £12.7 billion. Sunday’s attendance was 51,000 bringing the seasonal total to 2.21 million, a rise of 3.3%. Commingling also increased to HK$18,823 million (+13.5%) from HK$16,577 million, or around £1.9 billion, with gross margin rising by 1% to HK$5.54 billion.

“The major growth driver was definitely commingling, which showed fantastic results and increased by 13%,” said Hong Kong Jockey Club Chief Executive Officer Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges. “But what counts is the gross margin, and, in the circumstances of a challenging environment we are very satisfied that we have seen that increase by 1% to HK$5.54 billion.”

The HKJC also had reason to celebrate the performance of Conghua Racecourse, which opened in August of 2018.
Hong Kong Cont.

A total of 78 winners were prepared at the new training centre, winning 109 races between them. The first raceday at the facility was conducted in March.

“Conghua has far exceeded our expectations,” Mr. Engelbrecht-Bresges said. “For the future growth of Hong Kong racing, Conghua is very important. Opening up a facility is one thing but filling it with life and getting acceptance from trainers and owners for such a huge new project is something we knew would be very challenging. This project gives us plenty of opportunities and we have to thank our owners and trainers for making this vision come true and embracing it.

“Our commitment to world-class racing is demonstrated by a significant prize money increase to HK$1.3 billion next season. If you look at average prize money we have the highest in the world and we want to keep that status in order to incentivise owners to bring top class horses here and also to maintain our contributions to the community through tax, employment and last but not least our charity contributions.”

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Q&A WITH BRAD SPICER

TDNAusNZ caught up with Brad Spicer in the latest installment of Five Minutes With. Spicer Thoroughbreds was established by Brad in 2005 as a professional bloodstock business.

TDNAusNZ: Where are you from and what is your earliest racing memory?

BS: I was born in Williamstown Victoria and grew up in Werribee just down the road from the local racecourse. My earliest memory is attending the Werribee Cup every year from grade prep as the whole town had a public holiday. The crowds were so big back then and it saddens me to see where the great Melbourne Cup feeder race is now.

TDNAusNZ: Can you tell us a bit about the work you do, and what you love most about your job?

BS: I run a bloodstock company called Spicer Thoroughbreds, buying yearlings and imports, striving for that next Group 1 winner. Trying to win that elusive Melbourne Cup, hopefully we can get there soon. The best part of my job is doing the yearling sales and trying to find that next big winner, the satisfaction you gain from taking them from the sales all the way through to a Group 1 win is something else! Especially when you can celebrate with loyal clients/friends.

TDNAusNZ: Which is your favourite racehorse of all time? Why?

BS: Starspangledbanner (Choisir), he was the horse that put us on the map and really elevated the business in the public's eye. He was essentially World Champion Sprinter of his year winning Champion Australian Sprinter and also in Europe on the back of his Golden Jubilee win and July Cup!

TDNAusNZ: Which racehorse, ever, do you think was the best type?

BS: Lonhro was an exceptionally good looking horse, very striking and he raced up to those looks. You could do your hair in his coat that's how shiny it was, he was always presented well on race days.

TDNAusNZ: Was there a first season sire that jumped out at you at the sales this year?

BS: I suppose it was Press Statement as I purchased two of them, both fillies, very athletic types.

TDNAusNZ: What was your favourite weanling, yearling or mare purchase this year?

BS: I love all of our purchases as I find if you can’t fall in love with them at the sales then it’s hard to get your clients warm on them!
Q&A w/Brad Spicer Cont. from p1

BS: But if I have to single one out, it would be the Press Statement x Incredulous (Keep The Faith) filly as she had some walk on her, I don’t think I saw a better walking filly all sales season. We had an arm wrestle in the ring and fortunately enough it was the one time I was able to beat a very good judge in Angus Gold! Time will tell, but the signs are great early.

TDNAusNZ: What stallion do you consider to be ‘under the radar’ and why?

BS: Choisir seems to go under the radar year in year out, he produces group horses every season and his sales ring prices are really attainable for us as that racetrack success doesn’t seem to flow over into the sales ring. Of course, his son in Starspangledbanner is the same due to poor numbers early on, but his stats now are comparable with your top class stallions right around the globe.

TDNAusNZ: If you were an Everest slotholder, who would you pick?

BS: Santa Ana Lane (Lope de Vega {Ire}), he has a great turn of foot and seems to be getting better with age, I’m not certain we have seen the best of him yet.

TDNAusNZ: What positive change would you like to see in the industry?

BS: I think we could throw the gates open and not charge entrance fees (to racetracks), that way we might be able to boost on course patrons, which would in turn grow our sport. Second, would be to run all the states under one banner, the same rules and a more collaborative approach rather than the war we see now between Victoria and NSW. The third, would be to have the Sydney and Melbourne races broadcast on the one TV channel, the powers that be don’t realise what damage they have done as both states are splintered because of it.

TDNAusNZ: If you weren’t in this industry what would you do?

BS: I always wanted to be a Park Ranger growing up, so I would imagine I’d be working with animals in some shape or form.

IN HONG KONG:

Defining Moment, g, 4, Good Journey (USA)—Bella Bellucci, by Flying Spur. Sha Tin, 7-14, Hcp. ($167k), 1800mT, 1:48.19. B-J Kelton (SA). *Formerly Mussoorie Magic. **1/2 to Tidy Prophet (Keep the Faith), SP-Aus, $249,280. ***$50,000 Ylg ‘16 MGMMAR. VIDEO

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