SANTA ANITA GRANTED FLEX DATES; LOS AL LOSES SEPTEMBER MEET IN 2020

By T.D. Thornton

After three years of negotiated stability in the Southern California race dates calendar, significant changes are on the horizon for 2020.

Not all parties are happy with the proposed schedule, which has an emphasis on fewer racing dates and was only partially approved on Thursday by the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) at its monthly meeting.

Santa Anita Park’s 2020 winter/spring meet will still occupy roughly the same block of December-June dates. But the CHRB voted unanimously on Thursday to allow the track to carve out a three-week (12 racing programs) “flex dates” break of no racing if track management encounters severe or potentially horse-harmful weather like it did this year.

At the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, the 2020 summer meet will still mirror its traditional July-September season. But once that meet is finished, a major switch is that instead of the SoCal circuit going to Los Alamitos—which in 2015 took over the Los Angeles County Fair dates that for decades had been run at now-defunct Fairplex Park—the CHRB approved a plan that calls for racing instead to move directly to Santa Anita, then pick up at Del Mar Oct. 28-Dec. 1. Cont. p3

ENGLISH MINISTER HITTING HIS PEAK...AT AGE 9 By Bill Finley

Trainer Michael Trombetta doesn’t understand it either.

Some horses don’t develop and run their best until they are five or maybe six. But it seems beyond the realm of possibility that a horse would find their best form at nine, which is exactly what has happened with the recent Maryland-bred stakes winner English Minister (English Channel).

“It’s the million-dollar question,” the trainer said. “What he’s doing, there’s no doubt it’s very unusual. I can’t explain it.”

English Minister won the Aug. 17 Find S. at Laurel for Maryland-breds. It was his first stakes win and he ran a 90 Beyer Speed Figure. In his previous start, he won an optional claimer at Laurel by three lengths, earning a 95 Beyer, tying the best number of his career. After starting his career with a four-for-50 record, he has now won four straight races. Cont. p5

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ZARO SINGING A NEW SONG

Owner Jerry Zaro figures to be among the most vocal during Friday's Albany S., cheering on his homebred Blindwillie McTell (Posse).
California Dates Allocation for 2020 cont.

In theory, no Los Alamitos in September means a reduction in the amount of opportunities lesser-caliber horses have to compete on the SoCal circuit. But the tradeoff, as framed by proponents of the newly revised calendar, is that the flexibility that allows for fewer racing dates overall will be a plus for the California racing industry in light of safety and horse population concerns.

The higher-profile tracks--Santa Anita and Del Mar--both got the date plans they jointly proposed in conjunction with the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC).

But officials from both Los Alamitos Race Course and the California Thoroughbred Trainers (CTT) claimed they were left out of some stages of the planning process that involved private meetings among those other stakeholders.

They also expressed dismay and frustration that they only found out about the proposed 2020 schedule when it was posted online by the CHRB about 48 hours prior to Thursday’s meeting.

As a result, the CHRB split its Thursday vote, acting only upon the Santa Anita and Del Mar portions of the SoCal calendar. Voting on the remaining four weeks that had been allocated in that proposal to Los Alamitos (June 24 to July 7 and Dec. 2-15) was moved to the agenda for the September CHRB meeting.

It was not immediately clear in the aftermath of Thursday’s vote what might change over the course of the next month to give Los Alamitos a schedule that more closely resembles its 2019 dates allocation, which is what track officials told the CHRB that they wanted.

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CHRB spokesperson Mike Marten explained to TDN via phone after the meeting that it is his belief that the board has “no plans to revisit” the vanished Los Alamitos block of September dates that the board awarded to Santa Anita.

“We do have a specific concern about racing three additional weeks at Santa Anita immediately upon the close of Del Mar,” said Alan Balch, executive director of the CTT. “We’re talking about changing the calendar and [losing] the opportunity for a different level of horses [to race]. That’s serious.”

Jack Liebau, vice president of Los Alamitos, pointed out that his track’s traditional September meet also has value to the state’s industry because it pulls in horses from tracks like Turf Paradise and Emerald Downs that often remain to compete at the larger tracks on the California circuit.

Much of the discussion focused on Santa Anita’s mid-meet break. It would be an option, but not a requirement, for Santa Anita, and its necessity and duration will be entirely dependent upon then-current circumstances. If requested by track management, the break would require approval from either the CHRB’s chairman or executive director to go into effect. If no break is deemed to be needed, Santa Anita could race without interruption.

CHRB Vice Chair Madeline Auerbach said that when the 2020 proposal with fewer racing dates was first floated at a dates committee meeting earlier this month, the logic of a less-is-more approach appealed to her.

“What we talked about was the fact that we would have less racing days at Santa Anita, and the reason that nobody put in a specific time [for the mid-meet break] is because we’re trying to be sensitive to the weather situation [as it relates to] the safety
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of the horses and the riders,” Auerbach said. “We put in what we like to call “flex dates,” so that they would be racing less days, more amenable to taking days off in between to satisfy not only weather conditions, but conditions around the horse population.

“We were very cognizant of the need for the industry to recognize that we have fewer horses available,” Auerbach continued. “We all have come through a very difficult period.... Rather than [leaving it up to the CHRB to mandate safety-related closures] we have given Santa Anita the ability to do it themselves. And if they can’t do it or won’t do it, we can.”

Greg Avioli, president and chief executive officer the TOC, explained why his organization supported the 2020 concept.

“The thing that we like the most about this calendar is it’s less racing,” Avioli said. “The reality is we continue to be down significantly in the horse population from previous years. We do not believe it’s in the best interest of the sport, the horsemen, or the horses to continue to race every week of the year, so the calendar [that was proposed by Santa Anita, Del Mar, and the TOC] has three weeks less of racing for Santa Anita in their winter/spring meet and also has Del Mar starting effectively two weeks later.”

Del Mar president Josh Rubinstein said “from Del Mar’s perspective, the calendar that we’re requesting is based on breaks. We’re requesting a 13-day break prior to our summer meet, and we believe that’s the only way we’ll be able to run five days a week and pay out what we’re estimating to be $500,000 a day in purses.”

Aidan Butler, acting executive director of California racing operations for The Stronach Group, which owns Santa Anita, said, “This is a safe calendar. As safe as we can [have it be] at the moment. Horse racing has been through a terrible time. We need to run less. Change is tough. People get frustrated. But the most important thing now is the health, the safety, and the welfare of the horse and rider.”

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“He’s always been a classy individual,” Trombetta said. “We’ve had him for several years now, since he was a 2-year-old. He came out running good this year and training well. He gets the winters off. Maybe his vacation, combined with being fresh, and maybe he found some of his old spirit. He’s running hard.”

Though he rarely won, English Minister, who is owned by his breeder Bob Meyerhoff, was one of those horses who did just enough to keep giving himself another chance. Through his 8-year-old season, he had earned $427,615 and had hit the board in three stakes for Maryland-breds.
English Minister cont.

“The owner never got frustrated,” Trombetta said. “He’s very patient. Even if he was a little slow to win, he always made more than enough to pay his expenses, so everybody was fine with him.”

English Minister was zero-for-9 in 2018, but Trombetta said it was a lost season because it was a particularly rainy year and it seemed that every time he entered the veteran, the race either came off the turf or the turf was soft, which he does not like. Desperate for a spot, he even ran him in a claiming race, a $50,000 claimer at Belmont in October. But there were no takers. That was his last start of the year before he was given his annual winter break.

Trombetta said that over the winter and when the horse returned to serious training this spring, he really didn’t notice anything different about him.

“There was nothing terribly out of the normal with him,” he said. “He always acts and trains well. He always shows up. He might have had a hard time finding the winner’s circle in some of those races, but he always comes running and puts in a good effort.”

The year started in typical fashion for English Minister. He ran in a “non-winners of two other than-optimal claimer” allowance at Laurel and finished an even fourth. His Beyer number was a 77, one point higher than in his final start as an 8-year-old. His next two races were in allowance races at Presque Isle, where he won both, but his best Beyer number of the two was an 81.

He then stepped up into tougher allowance company at Laurel and won the grass race by 2 1/4 lengths, earning a 95 Beyer. It tied his highest Beyer, which had come in a Feb. 13, 2016 allowance race at Gulfstream, where he was fourth. It was also a sharp departure from the numbers in the 70’s and 80’s he had been consistently running since his 7-year-old season.

Knowing how well his horse was doing, Trombetta pointed for the $75,000 Find S. for Maryland-breds and went into the race with confidence. The reward was a maiden stakes win at age nine.

“It was a very important race for me to win with him,” he said. “I had it on my radar for some time because I thought it was a race where he had a good chance of winning. To pull it off was really exciting.”

Trombetta is so confident that English Minister can maintain his current form that he’s shopping for an open-company stakes race.

“There are only so many Maryland-bred turf races left out there,” he said. “We’re running a little short on the calendar. It’s almost September, so we only have a couple more months on the turf, so there aren’t a lot of options out there for him.”

The race he is considering is the Sept. 21 Baltimore/Washington International Turf Cup.
ZARO SINGING A NEW SONG THANKS TO BLINDWILLIE MCTELL

By Christie DeBernardis

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.–The owner’s lounge at Aqueduct was practically shaking on a chilly Sunday in December as Jerry Zaro rooted for his homebred Blindwillie McTell (Posse) with everything he had. “C’mon, Willie,” he yelled repeatedly, practically driving the gelding across the finish line himself to a maiden win in the NYSS The Great White Way S. He was overcome with emotion, his eyes glassy, as he hugged his trainer Linda Rice and his wife Lucy. That turned to jubilance in the winner’s circle as he greeted his colt, patting his neck with enthusiastic praise as he told the bay how much he loved him.

But, as all of us in racing know, the sport is full of the highest highs and the lowest lows and Zaro has experienced both. It took one of those lows, a career-ending injury to Zaro’s mare Bold Child (Flatter), to give him the high he experienced that December day thanks to her son Blindwillie McTell, who has added two more stakes wins to his resume since. The attorney hopes to experience another high Friday when Blindwillie McTell runs in Saratoga’s Albany S. as part of New York-Bred Showcase Day, which offers six stakes worth $1.5 million in purses.

Zaro first got into racing through friends in 2000 and it was love at first sight. A few years later, a Flatter filly named Bold Child would take his passion and participation in the game to a new level.

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Jerry Zaro cont.

“I was fascinated by the game, smitten from the very first minute,” Zaro said. “I tried to learn as fast as I could. It is a process. I am still learning daily. I knew absolutely nothing at that time. One of the nice people in racing, Tim Hills, a trainer at Monmouth Park who had a box next to mine, called me one day and said he had a terrific filly at Timonium in Maryland and asked if I wanted to participate and I said yes. That was Bold Child. She was immediately a star on the racetrack. She broke her maiden in her first start and then we put her in the Sorority S. and she finished second.”

Bold Child was given a breather after that race in September 2007 and returned to the races at Monmouth Park in May of 2008, which would end up being her final start.

“In her comeback race [eight months later], she was injured by another horse,” Zaro said, his tone somber as he explained the incident. “The front hoof of that horse cut her rear suspensory. She was a big closer, and around the far turn, where she usually made her move, she just hung. Jockey Stewart Elliott jumped off just past the wire and I knew something was wrong. I ran back to the barn area and the first thing I heard the vet say was, ‘She will never run again.’ It was heartbreaking for Tim, for me. I decided I wanted to spend whatever it was to keep her alive. We did and I turned her into a broodmare.”

Though Zaro lived and primarily raced in New Jersey at the time, he took Bold Child to New York to partake in the state’s lucrative breeding program. He even used New York stallions to make his homebreds eligible for the NYSS races.

“I’ll tell you, it’s fantastic,” Zaro said of the New York-bred incentives. “I was originally in Monmouth County, right by Monmouth Park. I saw the purses there and then the purses in New York. When Willie won his races, all these checks started to come in and I said, ‘By God, this is amazing.’ Not only do you get a 30% check as the breeder, but if you are also the owner you get a 20% check, so you get a 50% bonus if, like I am, you own and breed. It’s a great program. I also think the New York circuit is the premiere circuit in the country and we have to do all we can to protect it and enhance it.”

Bold Child proved to be pretty talented in the breeding department as well, producing five winners from five foals to race.

“As each foal dropped, they were better and better,” Zaro said. “I combined my two loves, racing and Bob Dylan. I named every single one of my horses after a Bob Dylan character, lyric or song title. They all won, at least one race.”

Bold Child’s fourth foal Duquesne Whistle (Posse) had everyone who worked with him along the way singing his praises and he proved them right when he made it to the racetrack. Zaro had big dreams for his colt, but two summers ago, right here at Saratoga, a sudden illness took all of those dreams away.

“We finally got something really good when I moved to Linda [Rice], a horse named Duquesne Whistle,” said Zaro. “I had been following Linda. I was fascinated by the idea that way before women were getting the much more equal status they deserved, Linda was winning a training title at Saratoga.”

The New Jersey resident continued, “He was an absolutely magnificent specimen and he was doing great. He broke his maiden and won his A-other-than. We had him at Saratoga [in 2017] and in 36 hours he went from being a perfect specimen to being dead. It was devastating to me and I gave Bold Child away as a nurse mare. I said, ‘I can’t bear this.’ It was crushing.”

About a year and half later, Duquesne Whistle’s full-brother Blindwillie McTell came along and revived his owner’s dreams and passion for the game in a big way.

“Everybody who had worked with him had said, ‘He will be useful, but he is no Duquesne Whistle,’” said Zaro. “We ran him [on debut] on a horribly rainy day [in November at Aqueduct] and he finished second to Le General and, for a time, Le General was getting all of the New York headlines because he was just amazing.”

He continued, "Linda said, ‘You know, that was a hell of a run.’ Next thing you know, Linda says she is entering him in a $150,000 New York Stallion Series stake, the Great White Way. I said, ‘Linda, he didn’t even break maiden yet and you’re putting him in a stakes race?’ I had never run in a stakes race [with a homebred]. She said, ‘Yes, I think he can be competitive here.’"

Rice was right. Blindwillie McTell splashed clear in the stretch to take The Great White Way S. by 2 1/2 lengths (video).

“The track was soup and he just crushed the field,” Zaro said. “It was my first stakes victory and it was just the most thrilling thing.”

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Jerry Zaro cont.

Lost in the thrill of the win, it was a remark from Rice that reminded Zaro he had given away the golden goose that provided him with this great moment. He only had two more of Bold Child’s progeny left in the now-2-year-old Blackjack Davey (Posse) and the yearling colt Thunderbird Cafe (Freud).

“In the winner’s circle, Linda said, ‘Now we really have to think about who we are going to breed the mare back to,’” Zaro said. “I just turned white. I called the people I had given Bold Child to and they couldn’t have been nicer. They said, ‘Sure, we get it.’ They gave her back and she is now in foal to Laoban.”

He added, “We have a yearling on the ground by Freud because they moved Posse out of the country. If Blackjack Davey, who is a full-brother to Blindwillie McTell runs well, we will go to a Kentucky stallion next year. Everybody who has worked with Blackjack Davey has said he may even be better than Willie.”

Blindwillie McTell captured the NY-bred Rego Park S. in his next start at Aqueduct Jan. 13 and was second in the NYSS Times Square S. in Ozone Park Apr. 20. The gelding returned to winning ways in a salty renewal of the Empire-bred Mike Lee S. going seven panels at Belmont May 27 (video) and was most recently fourth when stretched to 1 1/16 miles in the New York Derby at Finger Lakes July 24. The biggest question facing the bay colt Friday is distance as he navigates nine furlongs for the first time.

“In January, Linda put him in the Rego Park S.,” Zaro said. “He won that race and in his next start, he finished second. He avenged that loss by winning the Mike Lee S. at seven furlongs and beat the only two horses that had ever beaten him. Then we brought him up to Finger Lakes and he finished not a bad fourth. We have no conditions left, so we have nowhere to go, but the Albany. We have to try this mile and an eighth and try to give him the best chance.”

Win, lose or draw Friday, Zaro will surely be rooting on his beloved “Willie” with everything he’s got and will be waiting for him after with a big pat and smile.

SPA NOTEBOOK: JERKENS RUNNERS GEARING UP FOR NEXT APPEARANCES

A pair of graded winners from the barn of trainer Jimmy Jerkens have taken to the Oklahoma training track over the past few days as they ready for a return to stakes company in the final two weeks of the meet at Saratoga.

Tuning up for his upcoming start in the GI Woodward S. Aug. 31, Centennial Farms’ GII Suburban H. hero Preservationist (Arch) went three-quarters of a mile in 1:13.30 Thursday morning.

“He went in 1:13 and galloped out in [1:]26 and change. It was good,” Jerkens said. “We’re probably going to run in the Woodward, God willing. He’s 6 years old now and with these Grade Is, you’ve got to see if they can do it.”

A veteran of just nine career runs, the $485,000 Keeneland September purchase defeated Catholic Boy (More Than Ready) by an authoritative 4 1/2 lengths in the Suburban, but he weakened to finish fourth to ‘TDN Rising Star’ McKinzie (Street Sense) after setting a strong pace in the GI Whitney S. when last spotted Aug. 3.

“I didn’t agree with the tactics used, but what are you going to do? He took a shot and it didn’t work out, but we’ll see,” Jerkens said. Cont. p10
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The conditioner also confirmed that **Green Light Go** (Hard Spun), last-out winner of the Aug. 10 GII Saratoga Special S., would make his next start in the GI Runhappy Hopeful S. Sept. 2. Jerkens had contemplated waiting for the GI Champagne S. at Belmont Oct. 5.

"We’re probably going to run in it," Jerkens said. "We might as well. He’s doing good. It keeps him on a schedule. I think two months is a long time to sit on one and then run a mile. It doesn’t seem to make much sense. The proof will be in the pudding. We’ll see how he does."

Green Light Go returned to the worktab for the first time since winning the Special this past Tuesday, working an easy half-mile in :50.48 at Oklahoma.

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**CHURCHILL ANNOUNCES ‘ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY’ SCHEDULE**

Officials at Churchill Downs have released the schedule for the ‘Road to the Kentucky Derby, Presented by Woodford Reserve,’ which is set to kick off with the running of the GIII Iroquois S. at the home of the Derby Sept. 14. The ‘Road to the Kentucky Derby’ features a series of 35 races that award a sliding scale of points to the top four finishers.

The total number of points-earning races remain the same as last year. The Iroquois kicks off the 19-race “Prep Season,” featuring races at distances at a minimum of a mile between September and February. Each of these “Prep Season” races is worth 10-4-2-1 to the first four home.

Sixteen races comprise the “Championship Series” events, most offering 50-20-10-5 to the top four finishers. The most meaningful of these final Derby preps carry a 100-40-20-10 scale, including the GII Louisiana Derby, G2 UAE Derby, GII Florida Derby, GII Wood Memorial S., GII Toyota Blue Grass S., GI Santa Anita Derby and GI Arkansas Derby.

In addition to the primary ‘Road to the Kentucky Derby’ series, there are feeder series in Europe (seven races) and Japan (four races) that award the top points-getter an automatic berth in the Derby.

A similar series remains in place to qualify for the GI Kentucky Oaks. There will be 30 races along the ‘Road to the Kentucky Oaks’--15 ‘Prep Season’ races, beginning with the GII Pocahontas S. at Churchill Sept. 14--and 15 ‘Championship Series’ races.

Click [here](#) for the various schedules.
RUDULPH, BERNIER TO JOIN TVG TEAM

TVG’s Morning Line program will feature the return of host Ken Rudulph and the addition of handicapper Matt Bernier. The in-studio program starts the network’s domestic racing coverage from the East Coast on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Rudulph was a part of the original broadcast team when TVG debuted in 1999. In 2011, he left the network to become the host of “Good Morning Sacramento” in his hometown.

“I have never met or spoken to Matt Bernier in my life but I am super excited to work with him,” Rudulph said. “He’s really smart and has a unique and very valuable take on each race. He always finds things that no one else can see, illuminating them in a way that’s highly intellectual but not pretentious.”

Bernier comes to TVG while currently serving as a handicapper and reporter for NBC’s horse racing coverage, and in the past served in a similar role for Daily Racing Form.

“I’m excited to be joining TVG as we head into the Breeders’ Cup, one of the most action-packed times in the racing calendar, and to partner with a pro like Ken,” Bernier said. “TVG is the industry leader in providing quality analysis, and I look forward to bringing my handicapping work to the TVG audience.”

Workers Escorted Away in Border Services’ Raid at Vancouver Horse Racing Track

Several people were removed from a Vancouver horse racing track this week as part of an investigation by the Canada Border Services Agency. The Canadian Press

Feinstein Staff, Atkins Visit Del Mar Amid Safety Concerns

Following a spate of horse deaths in Santa Anita over the last year, state Sen. President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) and a team from U.S. Rep. Dianne Feinstein’s office made separate visits to the Del Mar Fairgrounds over the past few weeks to learn more about safety measures officials there now have in place. Luke Harold, Del Mar Times
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### Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 3:35 p.m. EDT

**WOODFORD RESERVE BALLSTON SPA S.-GII**, $400,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

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1-Charles Muth & Patrick Murphy, 2-Beatrice Patterson & Vicky Schowe, 3-Stone Farm & Joseph W. Sutton, 4-Haymarket Farm LLC, 5-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Red Oak Stable, 7-Rick Rader, 8-H. Allen Poindexter, 9-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & SilverFern Farm, LLC

### Saturday, Del Mar, post time: 9:00 p.m. EDT

**PAT O'BRIEN S.-GII**, $200,000, 3yo/up, 7f

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### Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 5:28 p.m. EDT
**PLAY THE KING S.-GII, C$175,000, 3yo/up, 7f**

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**Breeders:** 1-Sam-Son Farm, 2-Adena Springs, 3-Box Arrow Farm, 4-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-Miller Racing LLC

### Sunday, Woodbine, post time: 4:57 p.m. EDT
**SEAWAY S.-GIII, C$125,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (AWT)**

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## 2019 Leading Active Dirt Sires

for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, Aug. 21

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FRIDAY INSIGHTS: PRICEY HONOR CODE COLT DEBUTS AT ELLIS
5th-ELP, $50k, Msw, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 5:42 p.m. ET
A field of nine promising juveniles lines up in the fifth event at the Pea Patch Friday afternoon. West Point Thoroughbreds and Robert Masiello teamed up to purchase CALVARY CHARGE (Honor Code) as a yearling for $375,000 at last year’s Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Sale. The bay is a son of a budding freshman sire (by A.P. Indy) and his dam is a half-sister to four stakes winners, including GISW Adieu (El Corredor) and GSW Direct Line (Tiznow).
Palace Coup (Bernardini) is out of the Canadian champion 3-year-old filly Eye of the Sphynx (Smart Strike), who has proven to be a successful broodmare for Sam-Son Farm, producing Canadian champion 3-year-old colt and Queen’s Plate victor Eye of the Leopard (A.P. Indy), MSW & MGSP Hotep (A.P. Indy) and MGSW & GISP Deceptive Vision (A.P. Indy). Fun in the Desert (Distorted Humor), a half-sister to Palace Coup, is the dam of ‘TDN Rising Star’ Desert Ride (Candy Ride [Arg]), the heroine of the June 8 Woodbine Oaks and Aug. 10 Wonder Where S.
Trainer Steve Asmussen sends out the coupled entry of Life On the Road (Street Sense) and Jungle Runner (Candy Ride [Arg]). Life On the Road will be making his debut for Phoenix Thoroughbreds. The $450,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase springs from the family of MGISW Marlin (Sword Dance [Ire]), GISW and sire Stormello (Stormy Atlantic) and GSW and sire The Pamplemousse (Kafawain). Jungle Runner, a homebred for Calumet Farm, will be seeking to rebound from his sixth place debut finish July 27 over this oval.

WINSTON C ROMPS IN N.Y. TURF WRITERS
by Don Clippinger
Saratoga Race Course is special ground for Hudson River Farms owner Edward P. Swyer. The Albany, N.Y., area developer lives in Saratoga Springs, and he loves to run his horses at the town’s historic racetrack.
He came close to the winner’s circle last year when Iranistan (Einstein [Brz]) finished second in the GI A. P. Smithwick Memorial Hurdle S. and third in Saratoga’s steeplechase showcase, the GI New York Turf Writers Cup Hurdle H.
This year has been better, much better. On July 25, Swyer went to the winner's circle after his Winston C (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle [Ire]), cruised to a 3 1/2-length victory in the Smithwick. He was sufficiently confident going into Thursday’s New York Turf Writers that he took several friends with him into the paddock before the race.
Bringing along a gaggle of friends can be an embarrassing disaster, but not this time. Winston C, trained by Jonathan Sheppard and ridden by Thomas Garner, duplicated his victory in the 2 1/16-mile Smithwick and widened his winning margin to 8 3/4 lengths in the 2 3/8-mile New York Turf Writers.
“Saratoga is special, and winning a race at Saratoga is very special,” Swyer said. “That photo, with my friends in the winner’s circle, was very special.”
Swyer had acquired Winston C in the spring after he was shopped to the Sheppard team by Garner and his bloodstock partner, Noel Fehily, a now-retired jockey who had spotted the five-year-old when riding him to a maiden victory at Wincanton in January. When he bought Winston C, Swyer was thinking that maybe this would be his Saratoga horse.

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Winston C had finished third in his first U.S. start, a novice stakes in Nashville in May, before the Sheppard crew in Pennsylvania applied the spit and polish to him for the Smithwick. He looked terrific for the Smithwick and perhaps more muscled when he went onto the yielding inner turf course for the New York Turf Writers.

Swyer had reason for confidence. Even though Winston C was conceding at least eight pounds to more experienced competitors, he had beaten all seven of them in the Smithwick and was pulling away from them at the line. Saratoga’s bettors liked him a lot, too, almost at 1-2, and he paid $3.10 to win.

Unlike the Smithwick, Winston C was closer to the early pace, roughly six lengths behind Buttonwood Farm’s pacesetting All the Way Jose (Senor Swinger), bred and trained by Sheppard.

“They [Winston C and Garner] were just a tad closer earlier this time,” Sheppard said. “It was probably a little slower pace, and he was able to have some closer contact with the leaders.”

Garner tipped Winston C to the outside on the final run down the backstretch and allowed his smooth-jumping mount to draw closer to the leaders as the field jumped the final fence.

Harold A. “Sonny” Via’s Hinterland (Fr) (Poliglote {GB}), who had been third in the Smithwick for trainer Jack Fisher, struck to the lead a few strides past the last fence with Winston C to his outside. The 5-year-old’s superior speed kicked in on the far turn, and Winston C swept past Hinterland approaching the stretch.

As Hinterland tired, Riverdee Stable’s Gibralfaro (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and Belisarius (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) hooked up early in the lane. Neither would call it quits, and they were still going at each other as they flashed by the finish line. Fisher-trained Gibralfaro never allowed Belisarius to get past him and prevailed by a nose.

The New York Turf Writers’ $90,000 first-place purse raised his National Steeplechase Association earnings to $190,000 from three Stateside starts. Swyer indicated that his ultimate goal for Winston C is the $450,000 GI Grand National at the Far Hills Races in New Jersey Oct. 19.

The Grand National competition may be supplemented with European talent, as it usually is, but Garner believes Winston C has a shot. “He’s such an honest, classy little horse,” he said. “I think there is a lot more to come from him. He’s still improving.”

Thursday, Saratoga

NEW YORK TURF WRITERS CUP H., (NB) $150,000, Saratoga, 8-22, 4yo/up, 2 3/8mT, 4:38.16, yl.

1--WINSTON C (IRE), 154, g, 5, Rip Van Winkle (Ire)--Pitrizza (Ire), by Machiavellian. (80,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA; 55,000gns Ylg '15 TAOC; 30,000gns 4yo '18 TATFEB).
O-Hudson River Farms; B-Patrick F. Kelly (IRE); T-Jonathan E. Sheppard; J-Thomas Garner. $90,000. Lifetime Record: 20-7-1-6, $277,893. *1/2 to Vilasol (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}), GSP-Ire, $239,861.

2--Gibralfaro (Ire), 144, g, 7, Dalakhani (Ire)--Ronda (GB), by Bluebird. (€12,000 RNA Ylg '13 AR13; €28,000 5yo '17 TATIAS).
O-Riverdee Stable; B-Sarl Darpat France (IRE); T-Jack O. Fisher. $27,000.

3--Belisarius (Ire), 142, g, 8, Montjeu (Ire)--Lasting Chance, by American Chance. O-Brous Stable LLC, Gary Barber & Wachtel Stable; B-Lynch Bages Ltd & Camas Park Stud (IRE); T-Kate Dalton. $15,000.

Margins: 8 3/4, NO, 11. Odds: 0.55, 5.80, 15.00.
Also Ran: Hinterland (Fr), All the Way Jose, Modern (GB), No Wunder (GB), Peppay Le Pugh (Ire). Scratched: Portrade (Ire).

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:
RISKAVERSE S., $100,600, Saratoga, 8-22, (C), 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.31, yl.

1--CATCH A BID, 118, f, 3, by Real Solution
   1st Dam: Elusive Champagne, by Elusive Quality
   2nd Dam: Belong to Sea, by Belong to Me
   3rd Dam: Windansea, by Conquistador Cielo
   1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. ($30,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT). O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. $55,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $122,900.

2--Dalika (Ger), 120, f, 3, Pastorius (Ger)--Drawn To Run (Ire), by Hurricane Run (Ire). O-Bal Mar Equine, LLC; B-Gestut Ammerland (GER); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr. $20,000.

3--Xanthique, 118, f, 3, Into Mischief--Qualia, by Saarland.
   O-VinLaur Racing Stables, LLC; B-Marc Keller (KY); T-Thomas Morley. $12,600.

Margins: HD, 1HF, NO. Odds: 0.90, 20.40, 13.70.
Also Ran: New and Improved, Hotsy Totsy (Ire), All Quality. Scratched: Ironic, Varena, Peaceful, Queen of Beas.

Catch a Bid blazed home an eye-catching 4 1/2-length winner in her June 6 Belmont debut, clocking a sharp 1:33.33 for the turf mile. Facing winners for the first time here in a tough July 14 optional claimer, she ran valiantly when dropping a neck decision to Varenka (Ghostzapper), who recently captured last Saturday's GII Lake Placid S. With new rider Irad Ortiz Jr. aboard, the $30,000 Fasig-Tipton October Sale bargain purchase was made the favorite in this short six-horse field. Catch a Bid settled along the rail far off the pace in fifth position early as Dalika galloped comfortably up front on an uncontested lead. Pulling a bit on rider Irad Ortiz down the backstretch, the bay advanced on the pacesetters skimming the hedge around the turn and was forced to wait for an opening at the top of the stretch. Angled sharply into the two-path at the eighth pole, Catch a Bid stormed to the wire and overtook a stubborn Dalika in the final strides.

“I trained her sire [Real Solution] as well, so this is really special,” said trainer Chad Brown. “It’s neat to see a mini Real Solution march around the barn. She’s a real honest horse and ran well in all three of her first starts. This was Irad’s [Ortiz, Jr.’s] first time on her and he filled in and did a terrific job. She was always in very close striking distance and luckily, she was in close proximity when she turned for home. I still think she’s a bit of a miler. I’ll probably look at a race like the [$200,000] Pebbles next [Sept. 14]. The runner-up gave a game effort.”

Catch a Bid is the second winner for her dam, who has a yearling colt by Kitten’s Joy and foaled a filly this season by Dialed In. Elusive Champagne was bred to Flintshire this term. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

HARRY F. BRUBAKER S., $89,201, Del Mar, 8-21, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.51, ft.

1--TWO THIRTY FIVE, 119, g, 5, Stay Thirsty--A Footstep Away, by Giant’s Causeway. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. ($55,000 RNA Wlg '14 KEENOV; $47,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKJUL; $40,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN). O-Richard Baltas, Tom Mansor, Tammi Nielsen & Kim Rasmussen; B-A Footstep Away Syndicate (KY); T-Richard Baltas; J-Abel Cedillo. $53,310. Lifetime Record: 18-5-2-4, $200,415.

2--Leading Score, 123, h, 5, Midnight Lute--Shameful, by Flying Chevron. O-Patti & Hal J. Earnhardt III; B-Hal J. Earnhardt (KY); T-Bob Baffert. $17,770.

3--Line Judge, 121, h, 5, Spring At Last--Reigning Dynasty, by Thunder Gulch. ($55,000 Ylg '15 KEESSEP). O-Ken Shaw & Tom Kagele; B-Mr. & Mrs. Richard S. Kaster (KY); T-Peter Miller. $10,662.

Margins: NO, 1 1/4, 2HF. Odds: 6.40, 4.50, 1.80.
Also Ran: Isotherm, Dr. Dorr, Lombo.

Two Thirty Five recorded three victories last year for trainer Richard Baltas after being claimed for $25,000 from Sal Gonzalez. Cont. p4
Sidelined for seven months following a fifth in the Bull Dog H. at Fresno Oct. 14, he returned to the races to grab third in a May 24 Santa Anita optional claimer before completing the trifecta next out when failing to catch the re-opposing Leading Score here July 24. The second-longest shot on the board in this six-horse contest, he settled in mid-pack in the three path outside his rivals as Leading Score and Lombo duked it out through splits of :23.20 and :47.03. Roused by jockey Abel Cedillo around the turn, the dark bay rallied four wide determinedly down the lane, narrowly edging Leading Score in a photo on the wire. Two Thirty Five hails from the family of champion 2-year-old filly Halfbridled (Unbridled) and MGStS and millionaire Lu Ravi (A.P. Indy). His dam has the unraced juvenile Mozu Aunt Mo (Uncle Mo) and a yearling filly by Uncle Mo. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:
6th-Del Mar, $73,432, Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 8-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23.74, ft.
QAHIRA (f, 3, Cairo Prince--Motel Lass, by Bates Motel), named a ‘TDN Rising Star’ after a debut score at this oval last November, was off the board at 3-10 stretching out to a mile Jan. 11 at Santa Anita and again out of the trifecta in the slop there Mar. 2. Back on track with an optional claiming tally July 7 at Los Alamitos, the bay was sent off at 23-10 here and sat last of five behind a :22.59 quarter. Splitting horses to move up into third nearing the turn, she set upon favored Mo See Cal (Uncle Mo) three-eighths from home, took over from that rival outside the furlong grounds and edged clear to a 2 1/4-length success. Mo See Cal held for second. The victress is a half to Stormin’ Lyon (Storm Boot), SW, $176,858. Sales History: $130,000 Ylg ‘17 FTKOCT; $375,000 2yo ’18 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, $103,560. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Baoma Corporation; B-Nekia Farm & Hunter Valley Farm (KY); T-Bob Baffert.

5th-Delaware, $36,270, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($65,000), 8-22, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:03.30, ft.
LEBDA (c, 2, Raison d’Etat--Lenders Way {MSP, $248,513}, by Hook and Ladder), bought for just $1,000 as a Fasig-Tipton Midlantic October yearling, finished second by a half-length at 21-1 behind next-out G3 Prix du Bois hero Maven (American Pharoah) debuting Apr. 19 at Aqueduct and graduated at a much shorter price May 4 at Laurel. Backed down to 11-10 off the layoff here, the dark bay stalked from second through a sizzling :21.36 quarter and took over midway around the turn. Skipping clear into the lane, he faced no anxious moments from there, coasting home an impressive 11-length winner. My Runner Runner (Tizway) got up late for second at 30-1. The victor’s dam produced a colt by Keen Ice this season before being bred to Cloud Computing. Sales History: $1,000 Ylg ‘18 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $64,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Joseph E. Besecker; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
6th-Saratoga, $90,000, Msw, 8-22, 2yo, 1 1/8m, 1:50.70, ft.
ENFORCEABLE (c, 2, Tapit--Justwhistledixie {MGSW & GISP, $449,427}, by Dixie Union) finished second debuting in the Churchill slop May 2 and dropped a spot there May 31 before running fifth over the local lawn July 13. Made an 11-1 chalk as part of an entry here, the gray broke a beat slowly and settled in sixth behind fractions of :24.21 and :49.16. Advancing between rivals at the tail end of the backstretch, he moved three wide in tandem with Mo and Go (Uncle Mo) past the five-sixteenths pole and wore that rival down at the end of a long stretch battle to prevail by three-quarters of a length. The winner is a full-brother to Mohaymen, MGSW, $998,417 and Kingly, GSW, $242,200, and a half to New Year’s Day (Street Cry {Ire}), GISW, $1,154,000. His dual graded stakes-winning dam is responsible for a yearling Pioneerof the Nile colt and foaled a filly by Arrogate May 11 before visiting Quality Road. Sales History: $775,000 RNA Ylg ’18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, $82,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-John C. Oxley; B-Clearsky Farms (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.
7th-Saratoga, $78,000, (S), Msw, 8-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (off turf), 1:23.93, ft.

**NASTY AFFAIR** (f, 3, Liaison—Just a Bella, by Cryptoclearance) was away slowly and ran greenly in her first career start to end up in fifth place at the Spa July 28. When this contest was taken off the turf, the $95,000 EASOCT17 purchase drew into the field and was made the narrow 7-2 favorite. The dark bay completely missed the break and fell a dozen lengths off the leaders early and was still trailing the field following a :44.95 half-mile. Given the cue around the bend, Nasty Affair wove her way between horses and surged powerfully down the center of the track, collaring The Great Johanna (Teuflesberg) by a nose in the shadow of the wire. She is a half-sister to Broadway Bay (Flower Alley), SP, $520,457, and Hollywood Cat (Courageous Cat), SP, $156,587. Her dam has a yearling filly by Effinex and a colt by Alpha born this season. Sales History: $95,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $46,020.

O-F. Jack Liebau, Sr.; B-Tracy Egan (NY); T-Linda Rice.

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5th-Del Mar, $62,404, (S), Msw, 8-22, 2yo, 1mT, 1:37.05, fm.

**LEMON KING** (c, 2, Kitten’s Joy—Beside Still Water, by Lemon Drop Kid) flashed speed in a gate breeze over the local main track Aug. 2, going a half-mile in :47 4/5 (3/53), and was made a narrow 12-5 favorite. Away well, the homebred took back to sit fifth behind a scorching :22.19 quarter. Pulling a bit down the backstretch, he was nudged on to go while three wide past the five-sixteenths pole, struck the front in deep stretch and repelled game frontrunner Fly the Sky (Boisterous) to prevail by a half-length. The winner has a yearling Mr. Big half-brother named Big Well and his dam produced a filly by the same sire this term before returning to him once more. Sales History: $135,000 RNA Ylg ’18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $36,600.

O/B-George Krikorian (CA); T-Tim Yakteen.
Trailing the field early behind moderate early fractions of :23.25 and :48.36, the 5-1 shot was tipped three wide into the lane, strode to the front at the three-sixteenths pole and cruised home by 4 1/4 lengths under a hand ride over Pink Scatillac (Scat Daddy). Carressa is the first winner out of her multiple stakes-winning dam, who produced the unraced juvenile and $150,716 Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale acquisition Rawwani (American Pharoah) and a yearling colt by California Chrome. Sales History: $125,000 Ylg ’17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $37,302. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Mercedes Stables LLC, West Point Thoroughbreds, Scott Dilworth, Dorothy & David Ingordo & Steve F. Mooney; B-Michael C Stinson (KY); T-John A. Shirreffs.

8th-Gulfstream, $40,200, Msw, 8-22, 2yo, 7f (off turf), 1:24.97, sy.

KING THEO (c, 2, More Than Ready--Unicorn Girl, by A. P. Five Hundred) faded to fourth sprinting five furlongs in his June 9 career unveiling here. After a brief freshening, the chestnut returned here and paraded to post at odds of 5-1 in his second start. Breaking sharply, he pressured the early leader from the outside through a :23.02 first quarter. Striking the front with a half-mile to run, the chestnut responded willingly to his rider’s steady encouragement at the top of the lane, splashing home a 8 1/4-length winner over favored Causalistic (Tonalist). King Theo is a half-brother to the yearling colt Jackie’s Warrior (Maclean’s Music) and a filly born this year by Candy Ride (Arg). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $26,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-J & J Stables (KY); T-Carlo Vaccarezza.

1st-Evangeline Downs, $23,240, Msw, 8-22, 2yo, 5f (off turf), :58.86, ft.

SCOTTY G (g, 2, Violence--Financial Crisis, by Broken Vow), given a 37-5 chance in this debut, broke sharply from his rail draw and showed the way through a :22.52 quarter. Shaking away from odds-on My Ty Fu Peg (Fusaichi Pegasus) on the latter half of the bend, he kept finding in the final furlong to roll home a 5 1/2-length victor. Mom Said Yes (Animal Kingdom) completed the exacta. The winner’s dam is a half to GI5W Undrafted (Purim). Sales History: $45,000 Wlg ’17 KEENOV; $5,000 Ylg ’18 OBSOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $13,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/T-Scott Gelner; B-Silver Springs Stud, LLC (KY).

5th-Retama, $18,000, (S), Msw, 8-21, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12.47, ft.

MISS YACHTY (f, 2, Mr. Besilu--Sunset Sail, by Petionville) was bet down as the 7-5 favorite in her career debut. Breaking alertly, she perched off the flank of Sweet Tomato Pie (Al Tomatoes) early before poking a head in front of that rival after a quarter in :22.60. Shaking off her challengers rolling into the stretch, the gray coasted to the wire for the easiest of scores as she finished 17 1/4 lengths clear of stablemate Airline Drive (Constitution). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $10,680. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Red Lane Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (TX); T-Danny Pish.

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, $100,000
162 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Del Mar, Msw 5fT, PHAST PHAROAH, 4-1
$120,000 KEE SEP yrl; $120,000 RNA OBS MAR yrl; $175,000 FTS ANA 2yo

Amira’s Prince (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), Pleasant Acres Stallions, $2,500
33 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Monmouth, Msw 5fT, MIGHTY FROSTY, 10-1
$120,000 KEE SEP yrl; $120,000 RNA OBS MAR yrl; $175,000 FTS ANA 2yo

Bahamian Squall (Gone West), Double Diamond Farm, $5,000
31 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, Msw 5 1/2f, ROSALDA, 12-1
$1,200 OBS OCT yrl; $16,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, $15,000
94 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, Msw 5 1/2f, BELLADONNIA, 3-5
$60,000 OBS WIN wnl; $125,000 KEE SEP yrl
8-Saratoga, $200K Funny Cide S., 6 1/2f, BULL OF BAYERN, 12-1
$180,000 KEE NOV wnl; $250,000 FTS AUG yrl
1-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2fT, MOANA’S TALE, 9-2
$92,000 KEE NOV wnl; $135,000 SAR AUG yrl
7-Del Mar, Msw 5fT, SOCCER DAD, 7-2
$260,000 KEE SEP yrl

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The Big Beast (Yes It's True), Ocala Stud Farm, $6,000
69 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, Msw 5 1/2f, BIG AFFAIR, 3-1
$90,000 OBS APR yrl
7-Timonium, Msw 4f, PAPPAROXY, 7-2
$32,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, $7,500
111 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Saratoga, $200K Seeking the Ante S., 6 1/2f, FIERCE LADY, 1-1
$52,000 KEE JAN wnl; $75,000 KEE SEP yrl; $170,000 RNA OBS MAR yrl; $725,000 RNA FTK HRA 2yo
7-Saratoga, $200K Seeking the Ante S., 6 1/2f, MY ITALIAN RABBI, 2-1
$47,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl; $60,000 OBS WIN wnl; $160,000 SAR AUG yrl
4-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2f, TRUE GRACE, 5-1

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, $15,000
123 foals of racing age/8 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Del Mar, Msw 5fT, STRONGCONSTITUTION, 9-2
$57,000 KEE SEP yrl; $220,000 OBS APR yrl

Danza (Street Boss), Spendthrift Farm, $3,500
88 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Ellis, Msw 6 1/2f, STREET DANZA, 8-1
$10,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl

Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, $7,500
83 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2f, SOLAR FIRE, 12-1
$5,000 EAS OCT yrl

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, $40,000
111 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Ellis, Msw 6 1/2f, CAVALRY CHARGE, 5-2
$375,000 FTS AUG yrl
7-Del Mar, Msw 5fT, MAGICALLY HONORED, 15-1
$200,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Imagining (Giant's Causeway), Anchor & Hope Farm, $7,500
54 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Monmouth, Msw 5fT, YOURINDENIAL, 15-1
$2,000 EAS OCT yrl

Majestic City (City Zip), Questroyal North, $3,500
32 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2f, DEEPLY ANALYTICAL, 5-2
$17,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl; $100,000 SAR AUG yrl; $270,000 OBS MAR yrl
7-Saratoga, $200K Seeking the Ante S., 6 1/2f, WHARF CAT, 20-1

Palace (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, $6,000
87 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Evangeline Downs, Msw 6f, TENSAS WEEZY, 5-2
$7,000 ESL YRL yrl; $10,000 TTA APR yrl

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, $7,500
122 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Saratoga, $200K Funny Cide S., 6 1/2f, SKY OF HOOK, 4-1
4-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2f, A WICKED WILDCAT, 15-1
$3,500 KEE SEP yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

Boisterous (Distorted Humor), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, $5,000
86 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Del Mar, Msw 5fT, READY FOR A FIGHT, 20-1
7-Del Mar, Msw 5fT, UNSTOPPABLE GUY, 20-1

Central Banker (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, $7,500
135 foals of racing age/35 winners/3 black-type winners
10-Saratoga, $250K Albany S., 1 1/8m, BANKIT, 7-2
$85,000 SAR AUG yrl; $260,000 OBS MAR yrl
1-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2f, DESBORDES, 8-1
$95,000 SAR AUG yrl
4-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2f, KAMPAL, 12-1
$3,400 RNA EAS OCT yrl
3-Saratoga, $200K Fleet Indian S., 1 1/8m, NEWLY MINTED, 6-5
$110,000 OBS APR yrl

Cross Traffic (Unbridled's Song), Spendthrift Farm, $25,000
162 foals of racing age/37 winners/6 black-type winners
4-Ellis, Msw 5 1/2f, DIXIELAND TRAFFIC, 15-1
$3,000 KEE SEP yrl

Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, $10,000
187 foals of racing age/41 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2f, SCILLY CAY, 5-2
Flashback (Tapit), Diamond B Farm, $3,500
176 foals of racing age/29 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Saratoga, $200K Funny Cide S., 6 1/2f, NO LIME, 15-1
$22,000 KEE JAN wnl; $30,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno), Adena Springs, $10,000
122 foals of racing age/28 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Saratoga, $200K Funny Cide S., 6 1/2f, CITY MAN, 3-1
$20,000 FTN MIX wnl; $185,000 OBS APR yrl

Revolutionary (War Pass), WinStar Farm, $5,000
149 foals of racing age/34 winners/3 black-type winners
3-Saratoga, $200K Fleet Indian S., 1 1/8m, MAIDEN BEAUTY, 8-1
$15,000 FTN MIX wnl; $40,000 OBS APR yrl

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5th-NII, ¥13,400,000 (S$126k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1200mT
SAIMON HAROLD (c, 2, Maclean’s Music--Cocoa Cowgirl, by Cowboy Cal), a $13K purchase as a yearling out of last year’s Fasig-Tipton October sale, matured into a $60K juvenile after breezing an eighth of a mile in :10 flat for this year’s OBS March Sale. The April foal, who has attracted the services of top jockey Mirco Demuro, descends from the family of Grade II-winning 2-year-old Dance Master (Gone West). B-Dream Walkin’ Farms Inc (KY)

Sunday, August 25, 2019

11th-SAP, Keeneland Cup-G3, ¥77.3m ($726k), 3yo/up, 1200mT
ASTER PEGASUS (c, 3, Giant’s Causeway--R Heat Lightning, by Trippi), a Group 3 winner last season (video, gate 6), has found his best form at three in his last two appearances, finishing a nose second in listed company in May ahead of a runner-up effort in the G3 Hakodate Sprint S. when last seen June 16 (video, SC 11). Aster Pegasus, a $150K KEESEP acquisition, is out of the 2010 GI Spinaway S. winner, who cost Stonestreet $1.6 million at KEENOV in 2013. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY)

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GRAZIE DUO (JPN) (f, 2, Tonalist--City Wells, by City Zip) is the first foal from his dam, third for Shel Evans in the 2015 Gill Ontario Colleen S. before selling for $140K with this foal in utero at KEENOV in 2016. Hailing from the family of Evans’s GI Pattison Canadian International S. upsetter Marsh Side (Gone West), Grazie Duo is the first Japanese runner for this Classic-winning stallion. City Wells is the dam of a yearling colt by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) and a filly foal by Drefong. B-Okada Bokujo

5th-NII, ¥13,400,000 (S$126k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1200mT
SAIMON HAROLD (c, 2, Maclean’s Music--Cocoa Cowgirl, by Cowboy Cal), a $13K purchase as a yearling out of last year’s Fasig-Tipton October sale, matured into a $60K juvenile after breezing an eighth of a mile in :10 flat for this year’s OBS March Sale. The April foal, who has attracted the services of top jockey Mirco Demuro, descends from the family of Grade II-winning 2-year-old Dance Master (Gone West). B-Dream Walkin’ Farms Inc (KY)

Sunday, August 25, 2019

11th-SAP, Keeneland Cup-G3, ¥77.3m ($726k), 3yo/up, 1200mT
ASTER PEGASUS (c, 3, Giant’s Causeway--R Heat Lightning, by Trippi), a Group 3 winner last season (video, gate 6), has found his best form at three in his last two appearances, finishing a nose second in listed company in May ahead of a runner-up effort in the G3 Hakodate Sprint S. when last seen June 16 (video, SC 11). Aster Pegasus, a $150K KEESEP acquisition, is out of the 2010 GI Spinaway S. winner, who cost Stonestreet $1.6 million at KEENOV in 2013. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY)

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TODAY’S FEATURED VIDEO REPLAYS

Fasig-Tipton October graduate Catch a Bid (Real Solution) earns her first stakes win in the Riskaverse S.
ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-Saratoga, $92,000, 8-22, (NW1SX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/16mT, 1:56.61, yl.

BEAU BELLE (f, 4, Giant’s Causeway--Binya {Ger} {GSW-US, MSW & GSP-Fr, $176,855}, by Royal Solo {Ire})

Lifetime Record: 16-2-6-3, $222,165. O-Mark T. Anderson; B-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC (KY); T-Thomas Albertrani. *$55,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; $70,000 RNA 2yo '17 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Be Perfect (Street Cry {Ire}), SP-Eng, $223,178.

10th-Gulfstream, $41,000, (NW1SX)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 8-22, 3yo, 5ft, :56.01, fm.

GOLDEN DECISION (h, 5, Skipshot--On the Bus {MSW, $333,718}, by Ghazi) Lifetime Record: 34-5-6-3, $127,670. O-David R. Lengel & Walder Racing; B-Mikhail Yanakov (KY); T-Peter R. Walder.

3rd-Albuquerque, $25,000, (S), 8-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.75, ft.

BEAUTIFUL BOUNTY (f, 3, Harris--Trapper's Bounty, by Trapper) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-2, $46,393. O/T-Kamil Ozhan; B-Miguel L Gallegos (NM).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

High On Gin, f, 2, Fury Kapcori--Holiday Ashley, by The Cliff’s Edge. Evangeline Downs, 8-21, 5f (off turf), :59.50. B-Deborah A Silveira (FL). *$7,500 RNA Ylg '18 OBSOCT; $7,500 2yo '19 OBSOPN. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Nucky, c, 2, Ghostzapper--Lady Ten (GSW, $249,014), by Rock Hard Ten. Del Mar, 8-21, (C), 6f, 1:10.89. B-William Warren (CA). *$130,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESAP.

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Flash Hands, f, 3, *Flashpoint*--L'Avenue (SP, $117,873), by Old Forester. Evangeline Downs, 8-22, 5f (off turf), :58.94. B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (LA). *$11,000 2yo '18 EASMAY.

**Dark Storm**, g, 3, *Flatter*--Banded (SP, $153,721), by Bandini. Saratoga, 8-22, (C), 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:49.41. B-Cobra Farm Inc. (KY). *$125,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG; $40,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.


**Insane Maclean**, f, 3, *Maclean's Music*--Point Spread, by Point Given. Canterbury, 8-22, 5 1/2f, 1:05.77. B-Pinnacle Farms Bloodstock LLC (NY). *$60,000 Ylg '17 SARAUG; $40,000 2yo '18 EASMAY. **1/2 to Sportswriter (Maybry's Boy), MSW, $377,093.

**Lons Shackleford**, c, 3, *Shackleford*--Kivi Khan, by Sky Mesa. Retama, 8-21, 5 1/2f, 1:06.54. B-Sheltowee Farm & My Meadowview LLC (KY). *$5,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; $16,000 Ylg '17 FTFTUR. **Won by 11 1/4 lengths.


**Confidently**, f, 3, *War Front*--Playa Maya (MSP), by Arch. Presque Isle Downs, 8-22, 6f (AWT), 1:10.84. B-Playa Maya Syndicate (KY). *$1,250,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV. **Full to Could It Be Love, G1SP-Ire & GSP-Eng, $163,827; 1/2 to Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie), Ch. 2yo Colt & MGISW, $1,606,000.
Wicked Title (inside) wins a three-way stretch duel to become the sixth winner for Wicked Strong

RIP VAN WINKLE (IRE), Winston C (Ire), g, 5, o/o Pitrizza (Ire), by Machiavellian. GI New York Turf Writers Cup H., 8-22, Saratoga

SHACKLEFORD, Lons Shackleford, c, 3, o/o Kivi Khan, by Sky Mesa. MSW, 8-21, Retama

SKIPSHOT, Golden Decision, h, 5, o/o On the Bus, by Ghazi. AOC, 8-22, Gulfstream

STAY THIRSTY, Two Thirty Five, g, 5, o/o A Footstep Away, by Giant's Causeway. Harry F. Brubaker S., 8-21, Del Mar

STAY THIRSTY, When I Do, g, 3, o/o Stormy Antics, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 8-21, Evangeline

TAPIT, Enforceable, c, 2, o/o Justwhistledixie, by Dixie Union. MSW, 8-22, Saratoga

TEMPLE CITY, Another Mystery, c, 3, o/o Ioya Two, by Lord At War (Arg). ALW, 8-22, Arlington

TEMPLE CITY, Templuna, f, 3, o/o Lily Luna, by Saarland. MSW, 8-22, Arlington

THE FACTOR, Frio Factor, g, 5, o/o Jacaranda Jane (Saf), by Joshua Dancer. ALW, 8-22, Penn National

UNCLE MO, Carressa, f, 3, o/o Iplaytricks, by Desert God. MSW, 8-22, Del Mar

VIOLENCE, Scotty G, g, 2, o/o Financial Crisis, by Broken Vow. MSW, 8-22, Evangeline

WAR FRONT, Confidently, f, 3, o/o Playa Maya, by Arch. MSW, 8-22, Presque Isle Downs

WICKED STRONG, Wicked Title, f, 2, o/o Shesacurlinmytoes, by Curlin. MSW, 8-22, Saratoga

ZEBEDEE (GB), Boa Nova (Ire), g, 3, o/o Jebel Musa (Ire), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). AOC, 8-21, Del Mar
TEN UP FOR ENABLE

Keeping it simple in Thursday’s G1 Darley Yorkshire Oaks, a “Win And You’re In” for the GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf at Santa Anita Park in November, an emotional Frankie Dettori steered Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) to an all-the-way 10th victory at the top level to reward her abundant followers with the perfect send-off in her native country. There will be one more, far greater task for her to complete to eclipse Frankel (GB) in terms of numbers in this category in the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe, but Magical (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) is certainly no slouch and this performance was as convincing as any of the preceding ones. Putting the pressure on from the outset, she drew the reserves from stablemate Lah Ti Dar (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) before shaking off her Ballydoyle rival from two out for a 2 3/4-length success, with a further 10 of those back to a tamed Lah Ti Dar in third.

“It’s embarrassing crying on TV, but I was crying with happiness,” Dettori said after his 14th Group 1 win of 2018. “She felt great and she’s had a great send-off in front of the English people. The temptation in the past on her has always been to kick a bit too soon, but today I thought I’d let Ryan come to me before I kicked. I was always in control.”

Having already secured her place among the Zenyattas, the Treves, the Miesques and Allez Frances of the world, Enable is now going after the ultimate accolade available as the heroine of three Arcs. Cont. p2

NUNTHORPE HEADLINES FRIDAY BONANZA

After two heady days at York’s Ebor festival, Friday’s card is arguably the best of the four over the week with the G1 Coolmore Nunthorpe S. taking centre stage. In a fascinating encounter between Shadwell’s Battaash (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and the sponsors’ Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), with last year’s runner-up Mabs Cross (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) thrown into the mix, this renewal of the ultimate flat speed test stands up to some of the recent gems the Knavesmire faithful has witnessed. In 2017, Battaash did everything wrong in the preliminaries before finishing fourth and whereas his behaviour was vastly different when coming back 12 months ago, the result was the same.

Angus Gold remains unconvinced that there is a York hoodoo hanging over the operation’s star. “I see no reason why York wouldn’t suit him,” he said. “I can’t have the theory that he doesn’t act on the track. It’s not a track like Epsom, which some horses can’t take. There’s no reason why he shouldn’t handle it.” Cont. p5

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

‘FLEX DATES’ GRANTED FOR SANTA ANITA

Among the major changes to the Southern California circuit, Santa Anita was granted ‘flex dates’. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
G1 Yorkshire Oaks Cont.

After Wednesday’s showing from one of her main opponents at ParisLongchamp, Japan (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the ball was in her court to re-establish her dominion in the middle-distance division and this typically dynamic display did just that. Making all in this en route to the Arc in 2017, there was never a question for connections to take her back with just two serious opponents lined up.

“We discussed it and as she was drawn one, there was no point complicating it and disappointing her,” Gosden revealed. “Magical came to her, but she found a lot in the last 400 metres. She built her own fractions and I think she was impressive in the last two furlongs.”

Dettori added, “In fairness we wanted an exercise canter, but Magical made a race of it because she’s very solid and if you gauge her performance through Magical it was amazing. This year we’ve had a better preparation for the Arc, but we’ve still got seven weeks so it will be sleepless nights until then. It’s amazing, because she had a hard race in the King George and she was a bit tense today because of the crowd, but in the race she was fantastic. She has a great presence and a massive engine. I love her. I’ve never ridden a horse like her in my life. To have her longevity is incredible. Golden Horn was a great horse, but I only had him for a year.”

There is an argument that she could have made all in most of her great triumphs, demonstrating her adaptability and having been held up worse than mid-division throughout the early stages of the July 27 G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. she is also unusually tactically versatile. With two Arcs, two King Georges, two Yorkshire Oaks, an English and Irish Oaks, an Eclipse and a Breeders’ Cup Turf to her tally she has set a standard that is unlikely to be matched again. In that respect, she is in the same bracket as Frankel albeit still some notches below that standout in terms of freakish athletic ability.

Gosden gave some insight into what makes Enable special afterwards. “You have to have power, strength and heart, but she combines that with great mentality like Nadal, Federer and Djokovic. You have to have that,” he said. “She’s got an amazing mind and is such a competitor. She gets frustrated when she’s not racing or training and hated that downtime after her surgery.” Of her final test, he added, “This was a nice stepping stone to the Arc, but I’m very aware of the 3-year-old colts—we saw a nice one win here yesterday in Japan and Jean-Claude [Rouget] has a nice horse [Sottsass] who won the Prix du Jockey Club—I thought he looked exceptional. She’s got tough competition from the 3-year-old boys and there’s always going to be a sneaky 3-year-old filly in there, that’s for sure. She’s already won a Breeders’ Cup, so to go out there again on fast ground after the Arc, I don’t think that would be fair. Prince Khalid has always been a huge supporter of the Breeders’ Cup, but I just think that is asking too much—she’s given her all.”

Aidan O’Brien paid tribute to the winner, saying, “She’s unbelievable,” before praising Magical. “She ran very well, it was her first run back and we are delighted with her. She has a lot of options and we’ll see how she is when we bring her back. She could go to Leopardstown or something like that.”  

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**ENABLE’S GROUP 1 VICTORIES**

**Bungle IntheJungle**

**LIVING IN THE PAST** becomes a new star for her sire making all to win the Group 2 Lowther Stakes at York yesterday.

_Congratulations to Team Clipper Logistics, Joe Foley, trainer Karl Burke, and breeders Patrick & Ann Marie Burns._

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Pedigree Notes

Enable’s pedigree has been analysed several times over by now, with her listed-winning and group-placed dam Concentric (GB) (Sadler’s Wells) now entering Juddmonte folklore as so many others have done before her. A half to the G2 Prix de Pomone runner-up Contribution (GB) (Champs Elysees (GB)) and this year’s G3 Musidora S. runner-up Entitle (GB) (Dansili (GB)), she is a granddaughter of the G3 Prix de Royaumont winner Apogee (GB) (Shirley Heights (GB)). A half to the G2 Grand Prix de Chantilly scorer and G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud runner-up Daring Miss (GB) (Sadler’s Wells), Apogee produced the G2 Prix de Royallieu winner and G1 Prix de Diane runner-up Dance Routine (GB) also by Sadler’s Wells and the G3 Prix Thomas Bryon winner Apsis (GB) by his son Barathea (Ire).

Dance Routine produced the multiple Group and Grade I hero and dual Arc runner-up Flintshire (GB) (Dansili (GB)) and is also the second dam of the GII Baltimore/Washington International Turf Cup scorer Projected (GB) (Showcasing (GB)) and this year’s G2 Prix Eugene Adam and G2 Prix Guillaume d’Ornano scorer Headman (GB) (Kingman (GB)). Concentric’s unraced 2-year-old filly by Frankel (GB) is named Portrush (GB), while she has a yearling colt by Sea the Stars (Ire) and a 2019 full-brother to Enable.

Thursday, York, Britain

DARLEY YORKSHIRE OAKS-G1, £425,000, York, 8-22, 3yo/up, f, 11f 188yT, 2:29.90, gd.

1--ENABLE (GB), 133, m, 5, by Nathaniel (Ire)
   1st Dam: Concentric (GB) (SW & GSP-Fr, $117,776), by Sadler’s Wells
   2nd Dam: Apogee (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB)
   3rd Dam: Bourbon Girl, by Ile de Bourbon
   O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden; J-Lanfranco Dettori. £241,018. Lifetime Record: Hwt. 3yo-Eur at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Mare-Eur at 11-14f, MG1SW-Fr, G1SW-Ire & GISW-US, 14-13-0-1, $12,408,314. *1/2 to Contribution (GB) (Champs Elysees (GB)), MGSP-Fr; and Entitle (GB) (Dansli (GB)), GSP-Eng. Werk Nick Rating: F. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Magical (Ire), 133, f, 4, by Galileo (Ire)
   1st Dam: Halfway To Heaven (Ire), by Pivotal (GB)
   2nd Dam: Cassandra Go (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire)
   3rd Dam: Rahaam, by Secreto
   O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien. £91,375.

IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

HIGH HOPES FOR GODOLPHIN TRIO

James Cummings gives an update on three promising Eurobreds as the Australian spring begins. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.
3--Lah Ti Dar (GB), 133, f, 4, Dubawi (Ire)
   1st Dam: Dar Re Mi (GB), by Singspiel (Ire)
   2nd Dam: Darara (Ire), by Top Ville (Ire)
   3rd Dam: Delsy (Fr) (Abdos (Fr)

‘TDN Rising Star’. O-Lord Lloyd-Webber; B-Watership Down Stud (GB); T-John Gosden. £45,730.
Margins: 2 3/4, 10, 1HF. Odds: 0.25, 4.00, 11.00.
Also Ran: South Sea Pearl (Ire).

Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Clipper Logistics’ Living in the Past (Ire) {Bungle Inthejungle (GB)} finished a close third tackling six furlongs in Ascot’s July 27 G3 Princess Margaret S. and made the leap forward to secure Thursday’s G2 Sky Bet Lowther S. over the same trip at York. The bay, who had run third in a June 19 five-furlong contest at Ripon on debut before shedding maiden status going another five at Beverley July 5, was away sharply from the outside gate and seized early command. Unflustered on the front end until stoked up with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 12-1 chance poached a decisive advantage entering the final eighth and was driven out to hold the late rush of G3 Molecomb S. victress Liberty Beach (GB) (Cable Bay {Ire}) by 3/4-of-a-length for a personal best.

“I was underbidder on her at the sales and it’s always great when a plan comes off,” joked trainer Karl Burke after claiming a first success in the contest. “Frankie [Dettori] rode her at Ascot and said the soft ground beat her there so I was confident of turning the tables on [eventual fourth] Under the Stars. Whether we were good enough to beat John [Quinn]’s horse [Liberty Beach] was the question, but we stayed on very well.” Looking to the future, he added, “She’s a lovely filly, but still raw and very much on the leg so she’ll only strengthen over the winter. She’s an exciting filly for next year and might have one more run this year. If she does, the obvious place is the [Sept. 28 G1] Cheveley Park [S. at Newmarket]. She’s high class and I could see her getting another furlong next year, but whether she gets a mile only time will tell.” Cont. p5
G2 Sky Bet Lowther S. Cont.
Reflecting on runner-up Liberty Beach’s first attempt beyond five furlongs, trainer John Quinn said, “She ran really well and we’re as pleased as we can be with second. The Cheveley Park will be her next run.”

Pedigree Notes
Living in the Past, full-sister to a yearling filly, is the second surviving foal and one of two winners produced by a half-sister to G3 Cornwallis S. runner-up Outer Space (GB) (Acclamation (GB)) and to the dam of Listed Committed S. victor The Broghie Man (GB) (Cityscape (GB)) and Listed Prix Herod third Gloves Lynch (GB) (Mukhadram (GB)). Her second dam Venoge (Ire) (Green Desert) is an unraced half-sister to GSW GI E.P. Taylor S. third Moment in Time (Ire) (Tiger Hill (Ire)) out of GIII Vinery Matchmaker S. victress Horatia (Ire) (Machiavellian). The latter, in turn, is a half-sister to five black-type performers headed by MGSW dual G1 Ascot Gold Cup runner-up Opinion Poll (Ire) (Halling).

Thursday, York, Britain
SKY BET LOWTHER S.-G2, £237,750, York, 8-22, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:10.74, gd.
1--LIVING IN THE PAST (IRE), 126, f, 2, by Bungle Intethejungle (GB)
   1st Dam: Ayr Missile (GB), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB)
   2nd Dam: Venoge (Ire), by Green Desert
   3rd Dam: Horatia (Ire), by Machiavellian
   1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (£65,000 Ylg ’18 GOFSPT). O-Clipper Logistics; B-Newlands House Stud & Mrs A M Burns (IRE); T-Karl Burke; J-Daniel Tudhope. £134,828.
   Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, $177,915. Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Liberty Beach (GB), 126, f, 2, Cable Bay (Ire)--Flirtinaskirt (GB), by Avonbridge (GB). (£16,000 RNA Ylg ‘18 TASAYG). O/B-Phillip Wilkins (GB); T-John Quinn. £51,116.
3--Good Vibes (GB), 126, f, 2, Due Diligence--Satsuma (GB), by Compton Place (GB). (£35,000 Ylg ‘18 GOUKPR). O-Paul & Clare Rooney; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-David Evans. £25,582.
Margins: 3/4, 1, HD. Odds: 12.00, 1.85, 20.00.
Also Ran: Under the Stars (Ire), Wejdan (Fr), Precious Moments (Ire), Celtic Beauty (Ire), Nasaiym, Flippa the Strippa (Ire), Moon of Love (Ire). Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Friday Group Previews Cont. from p1
Bringing up a treble of wins in Goodwood’s G2 King George S. last time Aug. 2, Battaash was described as a more settled, mature individual after that and the fact that he is drawn in one should be of no concern. Of the six times he has been drawn on the extremes in black-type company, he has won five with the other being the latest edition of the G1 King’s Stand S. where Houtzen (Aus) (I Am Invincible (Aus)) stumbled alongside him and took him out of the race from the outset. Cont. p6
**Friday Group Previews Cont.**

“He was very good at Goodwood again,” Gold added. “He’s very quick and tries to burn them off in the early part of a race, but he’s not always going to win. It’s a very high-class race. Ten Sovereigns is a very good horse and there are plenty of other good ones in there. It will just be interesting to see how he gets on.”

‘**TDN Rising Star**’ Ten Sovereigns comes here with stamina assured, having finished a close-up fifth in the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 4 before reverting to six to be a below-par fourth in the G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot June 21 and take the G1 July Cup by storm at Newmarket last time July 13. Like the stable’s former sprinting luminaries Stravinsky and Mozart (Ire), he is attempting to follow up over this slick five after that stiff six-furlong examination. Aidan O’Brien is unconcerned about the shortening up. “We’ve no doubt about speed, he has loads of it, he shows that in his work and the clock shows that as well,” he commented. “We felt he learned a lot at Ascot in the 3-year-old race and felt he’d progressed into the July Cup. That would have made him faster and sharper again and we were very happy with him. He’s in good form and seems to have come out of his last race really well.”

Mabs Cross was denied by the narrowest of margins by Alpha Delphini (GB) (Captain Gerrard {Ire}) here last year before winning the G1 Prix de l’Abbaye at ParisLongchamp in October. Third behind Battaash in the G2 Temple S. at Haydock May 25 and fourth in the King’s Stand at Royal Ascot June 18, David Armstrong’s 5-year-old is nevertheless the one of the front trio who is proven on the track.

“He’s gone in a bit under the radar this year, but obviously Ten Sovereigns and Battaash are going there in great form having won their last races,” trainer Michael Dods commented. “She’s got a score to settle after last year, being beaten a nose. Battaash just looks more relaxed to me this year. I watched him closely at Haydock and Ascot and on the TV at Goodwood and he’s definitely more relaxed than in the past. Ten Sovereigns was very impressive in the July Cup, so it will be interesting.”

On the supporting card is the G2 Weatherbys Hamilton Lonsdale Cup, but as it hosts Bjorn Nielsen’s Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) it becomes practically the headline race as the finance department of the sponsors prepare to write out a second £1-million cheque. If there were any remaining doubts that he is practically unbeatable after the June 18 G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot, they were resoundingly silenced with another high-class display in the G1 Goodwood Cup last time July 30. He had the measure of the re-opposing Dee Ex Bee (GB) (Farhh {GB}) on both occasions and seems to have more in hand than the three pounds he is forced to give away here.

Trainer John Gosden is happy with where the 5-year-old is at present. “The old boy is fine, it’s a good field with Dee Ex Bee in there again so it will be a proper race—we know it’s not going to be easy for him,” he said. “He did struggle in it last year, no doubt about that. It is quite a lot of races [making up the million bonus], but they are spaced well and he has already been to York once this year for the Yorkshire Cup. He’s a scrambler, though, the kind of guy who you’d want on your side in a barroom brawl, he’d be right there with you until the end.” **Cont. p7**
Friday Group Previews Cont.

Dee Ex Bee is another who likes to roll up his sleeves and trainer Mark Johnston is unafraid that another beating could be on the cards. “Where else do you go, what can you do, we’ve got to take him on again as that is what racing is about,” he said, while Dermot Weld saddles Moyglare Stud’s Falcon Eight (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) who remains an unknown quantity. Successful under Frankie in the Listed Esher S. over two miles at Sandown July 6, the homebred full-brother to Thursday’s Listed Galtres S. winner Search For a Song (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and half to Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Custom Cut (Ire) (Notnowcato {GB}) and Sapphire (Ire) (Medicean {GB}) is in deep.

“He is the most incredibly lazy horse, he’s probably the most laid-back horse you’ve ever seen,” Fiona Craig, breeding adviser to owners Moyglare Stud Farm, said. “I’m sure if you let him gallop along at the back, he’d pull up and stand and eat grass! Stradivarius is one of the best stayers we’ve seen in several years and Dee Ex Bee is as tough as they come. With our horse I think it’s a question of how fast he’s learning compared to the ability that we think he has. Pat Smullen has done an awful lot of work with him at home, teaching him to race, and any success he has will be largely down to him.”

In the G2 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Gimcrack S., Richard Hannon will be hoping that TDN Rising Star Threat (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) can bury the disappointment of his defeat by Golden Horde (Ire) (Lethal Force {Ire}) in the G2 Richmond S. at Goodwood Aug. 1. Also runner-up in the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot June 18, Cheveley Park Stud’s colour-bearer sets a clear standard. The stud’s managing director Chris Richardson said, “He’s been consistent so far. He ran a blinder at Royal Ascot and then ran a very good race at Goodwood. He seems to keep progressing and we’re glad we avoided the Prix Morny last weekend. In due course we hope he’ll get further, but for now we’re happy to stick to six furlongs and we’re hoping he’ll go close.”

Earle Mack and Les Boyer’s unbeaten Malotru (GB) (Casamento {Ire}) faces a stiff task in the Gimcrack, but he was authoritative in success in the G3 Premio Primi Passi at the San Siro June 23 and warrants respect, while TDN Rising Stars Repartee (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and Pistoletto (War Front) will be dangerous if able to put recent defeats behind them. The former, who sports Sheikh Mohammed Obaida Al Maktoum’s silks, was a disappointing fourth in the Listed Rose Bowl S. over this six-furlong trip at Newbury July 19, while Pistoletto was sixth when the 9-4 favourite for the G3 Anglesey S. over slightly further at The Curragh on his return from a break July 20.

Friday is an important day for the 2-year-olds as after the Gimcrack The Curragh stage the G2 Debutante S. and G2 Futurity S. In both, Aidan O’Brien looks to have strong claims with the impressive July 25 G3 Silver Flash S. winner Love (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) heading a four-pronged attack on the Debutante and the July 25 G3 Tyros S. scorer Armory (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) also topping a quality quartet from Rosegreen in the Futurity. Love had the Niarchos Family’s Alpine Star (Ire) (Sea the Moon {Ger}) back in third when breaking her maiden at Leopardstown July 11, but that half-sister to Alpha Centauri (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) was subsequently impressive over this seven-furlong trip at the Galway festival Aug. 2.

Alpine Star’s trainer Jessie Harrington also saddles Stonestreet Stables’ TDN Rising Star Windracer (Ire) (Showcasing {GB}), who beat Love by a neck on debut over this course and distance June 27 before finishing last of eight in her wake in the Silver Flash. Cont. p8
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“We had a complete disaster with her at Leopardstown,” she said. “I think maybe the ground was a bit too firm for her, but we’ve always thought a whole lot of her and the ground will be lovely there tomorrow evening.” Of Alpine Star, she added, “We were delighted with her at Galway—it was a natural progression. They are two very nice fillies. They’ve never worked together, so we’ll just have to see.” In a fascinating encounter, Ger Lyons saddles a duo for Newtown Anner Stud Farm, with the July 20 G3 Anglesey S. third Soul Search (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) having finished in between Love and Alpine Star previously in that Leopardstown maiden.

Armory appears to be Ballydoyle’s leading 2-year-old colt at present, but he meets more competition than when a five-length winner of the Tyros and one of his rivals is Sammy Hon Kit Ma’s Roman Turbo (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}). Unbeaten after his first serious test in the Anglesey, he steps up in trip but trainer Mick Halford is hoping for a bold show. “He is undefeated, won twice at the track and is inching up in trip—the step will definitely suit him,” he commented. “He’s been training really well, so we are happy to put him in there. The only thing I am a bit worried about is the ground. He is a beautiful-moving horse, so I would not be confident of him handling if it was soft.”

Simon Kwok’s Justifier (Ire) (Free Eagle {Ire}) is also two-for-two, having beaten the subsequent G3 Acomb S. runner-up Harpocrates (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in the Listed Coolmore Caravaggio S. over 7 1/2 furlongs on heavy ground at Tipperary. He helps to make up a fascinating line-up to this year’s Futurity, with impressive maiden winners Iberia (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Geometrical (Ire) (Dawn Approach {Ire})—joined by ‘TDN Rising Star’ Lope Y Fernandez (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) who was runner-up and third behind Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal) in the Listed Chesham S. at Royal Ascot June 22 and G2 Vintage S. at Goodwood July 30, respectively. (Return to p1)

SETBACK FOR PAT SMULLEN

A health setback means that Pat Smullen will not be able to take his place in the race named in his honour on Longines Irish Champions Weekend.

The former nine-time Irish champion jockey was set to line up against nine of his retired weighing-room colleagues—all champions in their own right—for the race at The Curragh on Sept. 15 which will be raising funds for Cancer Trials Ireland. “Unfortunately I’ve had a setback with my health and have to undergo chemotherapy. On advice from my medical team I am unable to ride in the Champions Race for Cancer Trials Ireland. I was bitterly disappointed not to be able to take part in this very special race—I was really looking forward to riding against such a brilliant group of champions, especially at The Curragh,” said Smullen, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in March 2018 and announced his retirement from the saddle in May this year. “I’ve spoken to Horse Racing Ireland who are helping me with the fundraising activity over Longines Irish Champions Weekend and I am more determined than ever that the fundraising activity goes ahead as pancreatic cancer needs more awareness now than ever before.”

Since the beginning of the Flat season, Smullen has been writing a weekly column for TDN and this will resume once his treatment has been completed.

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Setback for Pat Smullen Cont.

"We have greatly enjoyed Pat Smullen bringing his authoritative take to the season's action as a valued member of our editorial team," said TDN's European Editor Emma Berry. "We all wish Pat the very best during his treatment and recovery and look forward to his return when he is ready."

First-Season Sires With Runners

Friday, Aug. 23:

**UNITED KINGDOM**

**Anjaal (GB)** (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), Rathasker Stud
- 149 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
- 17:45-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, ELPHEBA (Ire), 25,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018
- 17:35-GOODWOOD, 8f, GREAT FENGSHUI (Ire), 38,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; 78,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2
- 13:45-FFOS LAS, 7.5f, MAC MCCARTHY (GB), 6,500 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018

**Brazen Beau (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
- 78 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
- 15:00-YORK, 225K GII THE AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI GIMCRACK STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 2), 55,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; 28,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2
- 13:45-FFOS LAS, 7.5f, CHROMIUM (GB), £6,500 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018

**Cable Bay (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Highclere Stud
- 114 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
- 13:45-FFOS LAS, 7.5f, CHROMIUM (GB), £6,500 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018

**Gleneagles (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
- 110 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners
- 16:15-YORK, 7f, CABOT CLIFFS (Ire), 55,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2
- 10,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

**Gultaifan (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
- 166 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners
- 18:20-SALISBURY, 8f, FANTOM FORCE (Ire), £40,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

**Hot Streak (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}), Tweehills Stud
- 79 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
- 15:15-NEWMARKET, 7f, ROBERT WALPOLE (GB), £40,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018
- 18:05-GOODWOOD, 7f, QAADDIM (Ire), £56,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; 200,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

**Ivawood (Ire)** (Zebedee {GB}), Coolmore Stud
- 100 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
- 13:45-FFOS LAS, 7.5f, LEXINGTON QUEST (Ire), £32,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

**Muhaarar (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Nunnery Stud
- 106 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
- 15:00-YORK, 225K GII THE AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI GIMCRACK STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 2), 140,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 1
- 14:15-FFOS LAS, 7.5f, SLAVONIC DANCE (Ire), £95,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 1
Galiway is looking for his third winner at Deauville on Friday. Haras de Colleville

Night of Thunder (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
108 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
18:50-SALISBURY, 30K THE LONGINES IRISH CHAMPIONS WEEKEND EBF STONEHENGE STAKES (CLASS 1) (Listed Race) 8f,
MAN OF THE NIGHT (Fr)
€350,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling 2018
16:15-YORK, 7f, MOLATHAM (GB)
160,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

FRANCE
Fulbright (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Kildangan Stud
37 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-DEAUVILLE, 1600m, CARRIBEAN BAY (Ire)
€2,000 Goffs Open Yearling Sale 2018; €15,000 Osarus 2yo Breeze-Up Sale, La Teste 2019

Galiway (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de Colleville
31 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner
1-DEAUVILLE, 1600m, WANAWAY (Fr)

Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
110 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners
2-DEAUVILLE, 1600m, L’AIGLE (Ire)
€135,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €120,000 RNA Arqana Deauville August Yearling 2018

2.05 Newmarket, Novice, £8,000, 2yo, f, 7fT
FASHION ROYALTY (GB) (War Front) lines up for her owner-breeder Andrew Rosen and is a full-sister to the G2 Vintage S.

3.15 Newmarket, Novice, £8,000, 2yo, c/g, 7fT
PRINCE IMPERIAL (Frankel {GB}) represents Khalid Abdullah and Sir Michael Stoute who enjoyed success in this 12 months ago with a newcomer who would go on to notoriety in Sangarius (GB) (Kingman {GB}). Out of the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner Proportional (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}), whose ill-fated daughter Contingent (GB) by Frankel was successful on her juvenile debut, the March-foaled bay has Tom Queally in the saddle as he meets nine opponents including a trio from Godolphin. Among them is the Charlie Appleby-trained Never Alone (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), a half-brother to the G1 1000 Guineas heroine Legatissimo (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) who cost 1.2million gns at the Tattersalls October Book 1 Sale.

4.15 York, Mdn, £70,000, 2yo, 7fT
MOLATHAM (GB) (Night of Thunder {Ire}) is sure to start a warm order for his “Convivial Maiden” which is the richest race of its kind in Europe and which has played host to the likes of Stravinsky in the past. A neck second to Thursday's electric winner Mums Tipple (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) at Ascot last month, Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum’s chestnut is a full-brother to the smart Persuasion (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) from the family of the sire Evasive (GB).

5.10 Curragh, Mdn, €17,500, 2yo, 7fT
VICTORY ROAD (IRE) (Frankel {GB}) is one of a fascinating trio of Ballydoyle newcomers and is closely related to the Listed Queen’s Vase winner and G1 Racing Post Trophy runner-up Aloft (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and a half to the contrasting fast group winner Beauty Bright (Ire) (Danehill) who is responsible for the stable’s G2 Futurity S. protagonist Iberia (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). The February-foaled bay is joined by fellow Rosegreen representative Monument Valley (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), a half-brother to Main Sequence (Aldebaran) who carries the Niarchos colours, while also in the line-up is the Jessie Harrington-trained Aesop (Ire) (Make Believe {GB}), a half-brother to Youmzain (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}) and Creachadoir (Ire) (King’s Best).

5.40 Curragh, Mdn, €17,500, 2yo, 8fT
AMHRAN NA BHFIANN (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}) cost Coolmore 1.3million gns at the Tattersalls October Book 1 Sale by virtue of the fact that he is a full-brother to the G1 Epsom Oaks heroine Was (Ire) from the family of New Approach (Ire). Cont. p11
**Observations: 5.40 Curragh Cont.**

Wayne Lordan is on Ballydoyle’s January-foaled bay, as Ryan Moore has opted for the Leopardstown maiden runner-up Cabot Hills (Ire) *(Gleneagles {Ire})*, a son of Peeping Fawn (Danehill) while they encounter the Jessie Harrington-trained Gold Maze (GB) *(Golden Horn {GB})*, who at 550,000gns was his sire’s top-priced colt from his first crop.

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**BRITAIN**

Friday, Salisbury, post time: 6.50 p.m.

**LONGINES IRISH CHAMPIONS WEEKEND EBF STONEHENGE S.-**

**Listed, £30,000, 2yo, 8fT**

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**Thursday’s Results:**

**BRITISH EBF & SIR HENRY CECIL GALTRES S.-**

Listed, £70,000, York, 8-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 11f 188yT, 2:30.30, gd.

1-- SEARCH FOR A SONG (IRE), 124, f, 3, Galileo (Ire)--Polished Gem (Ire) (Broodmare of the Year-Ire), by Danehill. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/8-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd (IRE); T-Dermot Weld; J-Oisin Murphy. £39,697. Lifetime Record: SP-Ire, 4-2-1-0, $90,516. *Full to Falcon Eight (Ire), SW-Eng & GSP-Ire; and 1/2 to Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Hwt. Older Horse-Eur at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Eng, GSW & G1SP-Ire, $926,416; Sapphire (Ire) (Medicean {GB}), Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 11-14f, MGSW & G1SP-Ire, GSW-Eng, $518,947; Custom Cut (Ire) (Notnowcato {GB}), Hwt. Older Horse-Ire at 7-9.5f, MGSW-Eng & Ire, $951,925; and Valac (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), GSW-Aus, $202,021.

2-- VIVIONN (GB), 124, f, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Giants Play, by Giant’s Causeway. (500,000gns RNA Ylg >17 TATOCT). O-Cheveley Park Stud. £15,050.

3-- SPIRIT OF APPIN (GB), 133, f, 4, Champs Elysees (GB)--Oshionga (GB), by Barathea (Ire). O-James Stewart. £7,532.

Margins: 1 3/4, HD, 3 1/4. Odds: 3.00, 5.50, 20.00.

Also Ran: Hameem (GB), Bella Vita (GB), Tautuke (GB), Shambolic (Ire), Frankellina (GB), Naqaawa (Ire), Frosty (Ire). Scratched: Dance Legend (GB).

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Introducing herself with a four-length maiden win over 10 furlongs at Fairyhouse May 30, Search For a Song ran second in the Listed Naas Oaks Trial over that trip June 26 before continuing her fast upward progression when fourth in the G1 Irish Oaks at The Curragh July 20. Kept wide by Oisin Murphy when keen initially, the chestnut settled in third after the first turn and after taking over from Spirit of Appin with two furlongs remaining asserted to register a first black-type success.

“I thought she’d run a bit free and he did well to get her behind,” trainer Dermot Weld commented. “She’s a lovely staying filly who is very inexperienced and being drawn wide didn’t help. We’ll see how she comes out of this and discuss her options with the owner, but she has several Group 1 entries and will really come into her own next year as a 4-year-old. She has a long stride and I know her family very well and know that they get better with age.”

Representing the proven cross of Galileo-Danehill, Search For a Song becomes the sixth individual black-type winner for Polished Gem, whose Listed Esher S.-winning son also by Galileo Falcon Eight (Ire) runs in Saturday’s G2 Lonsdale Cup. Also responsible for the G1 Prince of Wales’s S.-winning sire Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), the seven-times group-winning Custom Cut (Ire) (Nonowcato {GB}) and the G2 British Champions Fillies & Mares S. scorer Sapphire (Ire) (Medicean {GB}), Polished Gem is a full-sister to the GI Matriarch S heroine Dress To Thrill (IRE). They are out of the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Trusted Partner (Affirmed), while the third dam Talking Picture (Speak John) annexed the GI Matron S. and GI Spinaway S. before producing five black-type winners including Trusted Partner’s group-winning full-sister Easy To Copy. Her descendants are headed by the G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 Sydney Cup hero Gallante (Ire) (Montjeu {GB}). Polished Gem also has the unraced 2-year-old filly Amma Grace (Ire) also by Galileo and a yearling colt by the same sire. Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
2nd-York, 300,000, Cond, 8-22, 2yo, 6fT, 1:09.32, gd.
MUMS TIPPLE (IRE) (c, 2, Footstepsinsand (GB)--Columone Cross (Ire), by Xaar (GB)), who incurred a five-pound impost for winning his July 26 debut over this distance at Ascot when seen for the only time previously, was the well-backed 7-2 favourite for this £300,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling S. and duly delivered in breathtaking fashion. Holding sway after a sharp getaway, he was last off the bridie when surging clear of toiling rivals approaching the final furlong and extended his advantage under urging in the closing stages to hit the line a scarcely believable 11 lengths ahead of Listed Dragon S. third Rayong (GB) (Mayson {GB}). Ryan Moore’s celebrations were somewhat tempered after the jockey was hit with a two-day suspension for using his whip “when clearly winning inside the final furlong.”

“We thought he was a very nice horse when we took him to Ascot and that was an unbelievable day because Martin Hughes bought him for his mother-in-law and mother,” explained trainer Richard Hannon after adding to his 2016 and 2017 victories of Stormy Clouds (Ire) (Sir Prancealot {Ire}) and Tangled (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}) “There was a bit of pressure on that day, but I’d imagine Martin was taken aback by that performance as I haven’t seen a horse surprise me like that for a couple of years. He looked like a man amongst boys in the paddock and I’m not sure what strength in depth there was to the race. He is one of the nicest horses we’ve had in terms of the way he moves and the way he behaves is a little bit different. His stallion is very capable of getting one and he just does his thing at home, but the good ones do that. To me he looks like he’ll still improve, not that he’d have to. I nearly put him in the [Oct. 6 G1 Prix Jean-Luc] Lagardare, but I’m not sure what else he’s in and I don’t know where we will see him next. We’ll sleep on it.” Mums Tippel is the latest of four foals and lone scorer out of a half-sister to stakes-winning G3 Prix Thomas Bryon runner-up Gwaithir (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and four-time winner of G2 Prix Chloe- Valor after scoring on debut over 10 furlongs at Cork May 10, winning dam, who also produced the listed-placed Track Record (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) and the dual G3 Fairy Bridge S. scorer Tested (GB) (Selkirk), MGSW-Ire, $226,972. This is the family of the operation’s classy Trade Fair (GB) (Zafonic) and, more importantly, the GI Woodbine Mile, GI Just a Game S., GI Santa Monica H. and GI Matriarch S. heroine Ventura (Chester House) whose daughter Fount (GB) (Frankel {GB}) captured last week’s G3 Prix de Lieurey. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $4,706. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

6th-York, 70,000, Hcp, 8-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:21.95, gd.
EXCELLENT TIMES (GB) (f, 4, Excelebration (Ire)--Al Janadeirya {GB}, by Oasis Dream (GB)) Lifetime Record: 19-3-5-4, $93,940. O/B-Times of Wigan Ltd (GB); T-Tim Easterby. *1/2 to Antonella (GB) (Dream Ahead), Ch. 3yo Filly-Spa, Ch. Older Mare-Spa, Ch. Grass Mare-Spa, 2x Ch. Female Sprinter-Spa & SP-Fr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Lexington Rebel (Fr), c, 2, Dabisim (Fr)--Silent Sunday (Ire) (SW-Fr, $128,002), by Testa Rossa (Aus). Chepstow, 8-22, 5f 16yT, 1:00.16. B-Erich Schmid (FR). *€35,000 Ylg ‘18 AROYRG; €95,000 2yo ‘19 ARQMA.

Thursday’s Results:
Killarney, 15,500, Cond, 8-22, 3yo/up, 11f 50yT, 2:29.03, sf.
LOVEISTHEHIGHERLAW (GB) (f, 3, Kodiak (GB)--Sweet Stream {Ity}) {Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 14f+, G1SW-Fr, GSW-Eng & G1SP-Ity, $621,897}, by Shantou), who was acquired by Team Valor after scoring on debut over 10 furlongs at Cork May 10, raced in fourth early. Sent up to tackle Blenheim Palace (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) approaching the final two furlongs, the bay got the better of that rival from the furlong pole to score by a neck.

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**Surrey Thunder**

The dam, who captured the G1 Prix Vermeille and G2 Park Hill S., has produced Tidespring (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}), Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 14f+, GSP-Ger & SP-Fr, and the listed-placed Sweet Dream (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Her 2-year-old colt Fishable (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) has yet to race. Sales history: 100,000gns Wlg >16 TATFOA; 110,000gns RNA Ylg >17 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $19,138. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O-Team Valor International LLC; B-Britannia Thoroughbreds & The Hon R J Arculli (GB); T-Paddy Twomey.

**HANDICAP RESULT:**

Killarney, €55,500, 8-22, 3yo/up, 14fT, 3:09.95, sf.
DAVIDS CHARM (IRE) (g, 8, Milan {GB}--Have More {GB}, by Haafhd {GB}) Lifetime Record: 23-5-2-3, $193,591. O-T A O'Brien Partnership; B-Grange Stud (IRE); T-J J Walsh. *€9,000 Wlg >11 GODEH; €70,000 3yo '14 TAIRDE.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Dawn of the West (Ire), f, 3, Dawn Approach (Ire)--Creese (GB), by Halling. Killarney, 8-22, 11f 50yT, 2:32.73. B-Sean Flannery (IRE). *

**FOURTH ANNUAL AU-DELA DES PISTES**

Au-Dela des Pistes’s Retrained Racehorse Day will take place at Deauville Racecourse for the fourth consecutive year, with the support of Al Shaqab Racing and the Association Francaise des Courtiers and in partnership with France Galop, the charity announced on Thursday. A Parade of Champions will take place featuring exclusively Group or Grade 1/I winners including G1 Dubai World Cup heros African Story (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and Prince Bishop (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), as well as Solow (GB)(Singspiel {Ire}), with members of the public allowed to visit with their champions throughout the day. There will also be a Horse-Ball, where retrained racehorses from Haras de Boscherville will demonstrate a retraining structure integrated with the ADDP network and a dressage demo by Clara Loiseau, who will also perform show jumping for the crowds.
KINANE & DE MOUBRAY APPOINTED TO HKJC NH SALES TEAM

Mick Kinane and Crispin de Moubray have been appointed to lead the Hong Kong Jockey Club Northern Hemisphere sales team, the HKJC announced on Thursday. The pair were in action at the Arqana August Yearling Sale in Deauville, where they acquired four colts on behalf of the club. All of the young stock purchased by the duo for the HKJC will later on be reoffered at the Hong Kong International Sale.

Previously a 13-time Irish champion jockey who retired in 2009, Kinane scored major victories in the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe, G1 Melbourne Cup, G1 Japan Cup, G1 Belmont S. and G1 English Derby, as well as four wins in the Hong Kong International Races. De Moubray, a bloodstock agent for almost 30 years, has already been a part of the HKJC buying team for several years.
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**COOLMORE NUNTHORPE S.-G1**, £400,000, 2yo/up, 5fT

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HIGH HOPES FOR GODOLPHIN TRIO

by Bren O’Brien

While Godolphin produces plenty of its own Australian-bred stars, including a frightening depth of 3-year-olds headed into the spring, trainer James Cummings continues to benefit from the racing operation’s global reach. In recent years, a succession of European-bred imports have prospered in the Godolphin blue on Australian shores.

The likes of Hartnell (GB) (Authorized {Ire}) and Contributer (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) led the way, winning Group 1 races in Australia, and have been followed by the likes of Avilius (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and Best Of Days (GB) (Azamour {Ire}), who have claimed top-flight success in the past 12 months.

That pair return to racing in Saturday’s G1 Winx S., with much expected of Avilius particularly this campaign, having won eight of his 11 starts in Australia, including his dual Group 1 successes at the end of his autumn campaign in the G1 Ranvet S. and the G1 Tancred S. Avilius’ European background was notably different to the majority of Godolphin’s other imports in that he had come through the French stables of Andre Fabre. Having elevated himself from a listed winner and Group 2 placegetter (albeit behind Cracksman {GB}) to a Group 1 winner in Australia, it is little wonder that Cummings went back to Fabre when looking for the next influx of imported Group 1 aspirants.

Avilius Still on the Up

Cummings is well practiced keeping a lid on these imports, having managed expectations with Avilius during the spectacular start to his Australian career 12 months ago. Cont. p2
High Hopes for Godolphin Trio Cont. from p1

He graduated from a benchmark race via four consecutive wins, to finish fourth in a G1 Cox Plate before enduring a horrid run of luck in the G1 Melbourne Cup.

His rebound off that experience in his autumn campaign was impressive. He won his first two races of that campaign in stakes company at Caulfield, and while the G1 Australian Cup didn’t go to plan, when impacted by an ulcerated eye, he returned to his best in his subsequent two Group 1 wins.

“It’s a pleasure to have him back in training after going out on a high,” Cummings said.

This preparation has progressed without incident, as he was given a soft trial back in July followed by a sterner test when winning his most recent trial at Rosehill.

“His preliminaries have just been perfect. We saw a glimpse of how that’s been unfolding in his Rosehill trial,” Cummings said.

Cummings is still trying to keep a lid on Avilius, despite him being already considered one of the favourites for the G1 Cox Plate later in the spring and a clear favourite on Saturday.

“By my estimation and without getting too carried away, he will run a nice race,” he said. “But the effort he put in last season will be hard to replicate. He’ll be matching it with better horses every start, there’s nowhere to hide. He showed great character last spring and autumn.”

He may be the highest-rated horse in the race (118) and boast a perfect two wins from two first-up starts in Australia, but Cummings is not sold on Saturday being an easy task for the 6-year-old.

“The pressure of a G1 return at 1400m is a bit different.” he said. "It’s one thing to expect him to run a nice race and sail home in a Group 3 like he’s done previously, but it’s another thing to saddle up in a Group 1. It’s another dimension, it’s about how he copes. He’ll be closely dissected and analysed."

Better Days

As he did on this day at Randwick last year when on his Australian debut, Best Of Days resumes in a 1400m race, albeit at Group 1 level, rather than in benchmark class. A Group 2 winner for Hugo Palmer in England, he also progressed quickly through his classes in Australia, winning the G1 Kennedy Mile at just his sixth run in the country. The autumn went awry when he refused to jump in the G1 Futurity S. and he then bled at a subsequent trial, but Cummings is hopeful all that is behind him.

“His autumn schedule was thrown off track. Since resuming work, he has pleased us. I’ve got to be optimistic and expect our patience to be rewarded with a positive effort," he said.