



ILLINOIS HORSEMEN BLINDSIDED BY DECISION NOT TO PURSUE GAMING AT ARLINGTON



Arlington Park | Coady

by T.D. Thornton

After working in partnership with Illinois horsemen for over a decade to finally achieve passage of expanded gaming at racetracks, Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI), the owner of Arlington International Racecourse, stunned the state's racing community Wednesday by announcing that it intentionally missed this week's deadline to apply for slot machines and table games at the track, citing the requirement of having to contribute gaming revenues to the Thoroughbred purse account as a competitive disadvantage that it did not want to undertake.

In addition, CDI said in the same press release that it would only be willing to guarantee live Thoroughbred racing at Arlington through 2021, "while longer-term alternatives are explored...including moving the racing license to another community in the Chicagoland area or elsewhere in the state."

The Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA) countered with a press release of its own that said ITHA members were "profoundly disappointed" by CDI's decision, which comes against the backdrop of CDI's 61% ownership stake in Rivers Casino Des Plaines, a gaming facility about 25 minutes southeast of Arlington that is considered the dominant casino in the region.

TDN Q & A WITH CHAD BROWN by Bill Finley

Chad Brown has steamrolled his way through the sport this year, even more so than what has become normal for the 40-year-old trainer. He has the leading candidate for Horse of the Year in **Bricks and Mortar** (Giant's Causeway), swept the four graded races on the Arlington Million Day card, including all three Grade 1s, and is running away with the Saratoga training title. The *TDN* sat down with Brown to catch up on the latest news from his stable and to get his thoughts on how and why he has become the sport's most successful trainer.

TDN: Bricks and Mortar has never raced at a mile-and-a-half and is three for three at a mile. His perfect distance appears to be a mile-and-a-quarter, but with no Breeders' Cup turf race available at that distance, which direction are you going to go in--the GI Breeders' Cup Mile or the GI Breeders' Cup Turf?

CB: I'm unsure at this point. I have not decided. He had his first piece of work back [Monday] and just went an easy half mile.

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Fighting Seabee (Summer Front) became the first stakes winner for his freshman sire with a wire-to-wire score in the GIII With Anticipation S. at Saratoga Wednesday.

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Illinois Horsemen Blindsided by Arlington

Decision (cont. from p1)

“The company evidently plans to instead abandon its commitment to racing in Illinois and focus solely on its stake in the Rivers Casino and potentially other Illinois casinos not yet developed,” the ITHA release stated. “Churchill has snubbed, not only the working men and women of Thoroughbred horse racing whose collective livelihood depends on live racing, but also all of the elected officials it has so intensely lobbied over the last decade.”

On the national level, a common reaction on social media and in racing-related internet forums was that Arlington is about to become the latest example of CDI maximizing its gaming holdings at the expense of its Thoroughbred racetrack roots.

Under CDI’s stewardship so far this century, Hollywood Park in California was sold and the land was eventually developed, and CDI now runs the former Calder Race Course in Florida as a casino while leasing out the bare-bones racing aspects of the facility to The Stronach Group to fulfill its state-mandated Thoroughbred dates requirement.

David McCaffrey, the executive director of the ITHA, told *TDN* via phone Wednesday that his organization was blindsided by the sudden switch in plans after working together with CDI for so many years to finally get the sweeping Illinois Gaming Act passed in June.

Asked if he could pose just one question to CDI’s executives about the decision not to pursue gaming at Arlington, McCaffrey did not hesitate in answering: “Do you give a damn about racing?”

The only other two Illinois Thoroughbred tracks, Hawthorne Race Course (35 miles south of Arlington) and Fairmount Park (300 miles downstate in Collinsville), have already met the racino application deadline and are moving ahead with plans for the maximum statutory allotment of gaming amenities at each venue.

R. Alex Rankin, the chairman of the board of directors for CDI, did not return a Wednesday voicemail message prior to deadline for this story requesting the opportunity to ask follow-up questions beyond what the company issued in its press release.

Bill Carstanjen, CDI’s chief executive, said in that release that “the economic terms under which Arlington would be granted a casino gaming license do not provide an acceptable financial return and we cannot responsibly proceed.”

Noting the soon-to-increase competition in the Chicago casino market (which includes CDI’s own interest in Rivers), Carstanjen added that “Arlington would enter this market with an effective tax rate that would be approximately 17.5 [to] 20% higher than the existing Chicagoland casinos due to contributions to the Thoroughbred purse account.



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“This disadvantage in a hyper-competitive gaming market, coupled with substantial licensing and reconciliation fees and new, unviable horse racing requirements in the Illinois Gaming Act, makes construction of a casino at Arlington financially untenable.”

Carstanjen continued, “Arlington will conduct horse racing in 2020 and 2021 and also will apply for a sports betting license while longer-term alternatives are explored. CDI and the team at Arlington will continue to work with legislative and community stakeholders.”

One theory reported by several Chicago-area news outlets is that CDI is using its non-application for racino licensure and the threat of closure as leverage to get the Illinois Legislature to make changes to the Gaming Act that would be more favorable to the corporation’s bottom line.

But the ITHA’s McCaffrey said that if it is CDI’s intent to get the law changed, it would have made more sense to apply for racino status first to ensure that the track had a foothold under the current statute.

“If they wanted to do that, they should have at least applied for the license and then tried to [renegotiate the law]. But the fact that they missed the deadline knowingly and completely is very telling,” McCaffrey said.

“Their silence [while Hawthorne and Fairmount were openly announcing their own racino plans] was also telling,” McCaffrey continued. “The conventional wisdom was that they were at least going to apply for the license. Whether they proceeded with it was the unknown. I’m surprised that they didn’t apply for it. Now, per the statute, they’re taken out of the equation. They’ve left themselves no option to turn the place into a racino under current law. They’ve closed the door.”

McCaffrey said the next move for Illinois horsemen is unclear. In the ITHA press release, the organization advocated for CDI to be stripped of current tax breaks and the chance at future gaming privileges.

“Churchill immediately should be denied the enormous financial advantages it enjoys by virtue of its now-annulled commitment to Illinois racing,” the ITHA release stated. “Those include Arlington’s considerable property tax break (\$2.47 million this year), the track’s recapture subsidy (\$4.47 million in 2019 alone, straight from horsemen’s purses), and the chance to apply for a sports betting license linked to Arlington (a form of gaming that will do nothing to benefit purses).”

Added McCaffrey: “I have to think that there are a lot of legislators [who are miffed] after being lobbied for 12 years by Arlington Park to get this thing passed. I have to think there are some legislators who are going to think that they’ve had the rug pulled out from under them.”



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The Chicago Sun-Times quoted both the current and former Illinois governors on their takes on CDI's announcement.

Current Gov. J.B. Pritzker said the move was “a significant reversal” on the legislation he shepherded, which he said was designed to allow “the racing industry to flourish.”

Former Gov. Jim Edgar told the *Sun-Times* that CDI should sell Arlington to another operator.

“Churchill is a business, and I think it's pretty obvious they're in the casino business. They own a big chunk of the casino down the road, and they'd rather do that.”

Regarding the possibility of a Thoroughbred racing license transfer, *Crain's Chicago Business* identified Quad City Downs, a decades-defunct harness track about 165 miles west of Chicago, as a possible target for CDI's relocating of its race meet. CDI operated that property as a simulcast center until 2015.

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WITH CHAD BROWN *(cont. from p1)*

CB: He went fine, but I haven't reached any decision yet about which direction we'll go, either stretching him out or cutting him back. I'm not sure if he will run again before the Breeders' Cup. We haven't ruled anything out yet, but I'm a couple of weeks away from deciding. Nothing is set in stone.

TDN: One of the most interesting developments over the last few years in your career has been the reintroduction of Peter Brant to racing after an absence of about 17 years. Obviously, you two have been quite successful together. How did this come together? Did he contact you? Did you reach out to him?

CB: He contacted me and I went for an interview with him and we talked quite a bit. I could tell right away that he had a vast knowledge of the game and he was very interested in what had changed and what had stayed the same. And shortly thereafter he contacted me and said he wanted to get together with me and do some business together and it's grown from there.

TDN: Did he tell you why he wanted to get back into racing after all those years?

CB: At the time that I interviewed with him, he was injured in a polo match and he indicated that he probably needed to slow down so far as the amount of his participation in polo and perhaps not play anymore at all. And so he was looking to get back in Thoroughbreds.

He wasn't quite sure at the time of how involved he'd get, but he wanted to shift back to the Thoroughbreds, just start together and to see how it went.



Bricks and Mortar | *Coady*

TDN: Having won races like the GI Champagne S., the GI Preakness S., the GI Haskell Invitational, and the GI Alabama S., you're no longer regarded as just a turf expert. However, if you look at your record, the races that are most prominently missing from your resume are races like the GI Kentucky Derby, the GI Belmont S., the GI Travers S., and the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. How important is it to you to win those kinds of races? Or are you just happy to just keep winning races no matter what surface they're on?

CB: No, our business is focused on winning the Derby and some of these other major dirt races we haven't won yet. But those things just take time. We're starting our 12th year in business. We have already won a lot of big dirt races. But we have a huge turf operation and that's something I'm not going to peel back or shift away from. I'm trying to add more dirt prospects. We've been doing that over the last few years and I think it's going to continue to evolve that way.



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TDN: You talk a lot about how highly you regard your employees, from the hot walkers to the assistant trainers. How do you attract top quality people? Also, I hear your turnover rate is very low.

CB: I have an enormous respect for our staff from every position. I've gone out of my way to constantly use the platform we've had for the last three years at the Eclipse Awards to try to thank as many people as I can and it's genuine because it's such a team effort. I think it's a two-way street when it comes to developing your teammates, co-workers and, yes, we have some of the most talented people in the country work on our horses. I see some other fellow trainers at the top with the same people working for them for a long, long period of time and I think they're fabulous as well. I see the see this with people like Bob Baffert, Bill Mott, Todd Pletcher, Shug McGaughey, Kiaran McLaughlin. I see some of the same people since I came on the racetrack still with those guys. It's no different from us. I'm very pleased with our team and it takes training them just like I train the horses, and I think they'd say they've learned quite a bit from me. I think we've made them better at their jobs, but you have to have a high learning curve and a lot of talent to receive that information and use it and get better.

Without my team and without their extraordinary skill sets, whether they came to our company with them or learned them or honed them with us, there's no way that we'd be able to have these types of seasons we've been cranking out. And, yes, we have extremely low turnover. One thing I learned from Bobby Frankel is that you should take really good care of everybody who works for you.



Chad Brown | Sarah Andrew

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TDN: What you accomplished on GI Arlington Million Day, sweeping all four graded stakes, including the three Grade I races, has to be the training feat of the year. How do you rank that among your career accomplishments?

CB: It was a really great feeling. You plan off in the distance for a big day of racing like that, which we always do for that big day of racing at Arlington. Then you see all of the planning and hard work by our team and the consistency of the horses in the morning doing what we ask them to do and then everything comes together the way it did. To win all four races was one of our greatest days as a team since we've been in business and it was extremely rewarding. I love going to Arlington and that was a special day that I'll never forget.

TDN: Because you were once his assistant, most people consider Bobby Frankel your mentor. But a lot of people seem to forget that you also worked for Shug McGaughey. You and McGaughey were the human stars last Saturday. He won the GI Runhappy Travers S. and you won five races, including two graded stakes. What did you learn from McGaughey while working for him?

CB: Shug has always been an incredibly patient trainer, especially with these young horses. I learned quite a bit just watching, observing him. When those big horses identify themselves, he's arguably one of the best managers in racing. When I worked for Shug, I just started out at the bottom as a hotwalker. I was there for some summers and a little bit full time when I got out of college. I believe the last year I worked for him was in 2001. I have great admiration for him and I was very happy to see him and Mr. Farish win the Travers. I was fortunate to work for two legendary, Hall-of-Fame trainers that did things the right way.



In Saratoga winner's circle with Peter Brant | *A Coglianesi*

TDN: I think one of the things that makes you good, and this would go for probably anybody who's successful, is your competitive nature. You won five races on Travers Day and two stakes races, but you did not win the Travers and neither of your two entrants hit the board. Do you go home on a day like that thinking what a great day I had or do you go home focused on and miffed by the fact that you were unable to win the biggest race of the day?

CB: In a constructive way, I always go home focusing on the races we didn't win and why. Not so much in a disappointed way. I think I do it in a constructive way. I've left Breeders' Cup days the last few years after winning some races and, while flying home, I'll go through the ones we didn't win and think about why. That's part of just trying to get better and being competitive. On Travers Day, there were some horses that just didn't show up. As for the Travers, that was a race that, afterward, I was trying to figure out if there was anything we could've done differently. Yes, Annals of Time (Temple City) won the [GI] Sword Dancer for us, but Ya Primo (Chi) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) was last in the same race and he's a good horse. How does that happen? So, I go back to the drawing board. There's always some post-mortem work to do.

TDN: There's still so much talk about the super trainer concept and whether or not the super trainers are bad for racing. You've become the poster child for super trainers. To those who say you are bad for the game, what is your rebuttal?

CB: It's free enterprise. I started with basically nothing, 10 horses and two clients, and I worked hard. I was lucky enough to learn from some great people and I've grown my accounts. I've attracted owners and we've grown. I'm playing by the rules. I have owners in my barn that came to me that wanted to buy five horses a year and now they might have 20 or 30. So if we're increasing commerce in the game, everybody's doing good. It's trickling down to the breeders, it's trickling down to the racetracks for betting and takeout. There are a lot of great trainers out there and it just comes down to how you structure your business, taking care of your clients and understanding what their goals are. When I go to Keeneland in a couple of weeks and go buy horses, that's all money I've raised over the years trying to do it. That's good commerce. I don't feel like our stable has gotten bigger because all the owners are running to us. There are a lot of top owners in the game that I don't have horses for and I've never had horses for. We've grown our accounts internally because our owners are having success.

There are owners who came to us years ago that weren't doing that well and then they came into our barn and, for whatever reason, we've had success and now they want to buy more horses and do more business in the game instead of leaving the game. Do you tell them, well, you finally found your trainer that you're doing well with, but you can only have so many horses with him? I don't think that's the right message to send to owners that want to spend money in the game. I think it's a fair conversation. I don't answer that in any defensive way, but I just look at it practically and I think that the larger stables and larger owners are our friends in the industry. I think a more constructive approach would be to bring them to the table saying, how can we keep everybody in business? What can we do for smaller stables, meaning owners or trainers, to help them flourish or grow their businesses? Is there something they can learn from us? Can they run their business more efficiently? Are there training techniques or business structures that they can use to do better? Should we give some subsidies to some trainers to give them a competitive advantage in the marketplace with their pricing until they get up to a certain level? I'm open to all of that, but I don't know about just handing people horses or limiting restriction of free trade. I don't think that's the right message for our industry.

TDN: Anybody who is doing well in America with grass horses is getting a lot of them from Europe, yourself included. A horse like Sistercharlie (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) comes to mind. What's the process? Is there any one particular person you use over there? What kind of horses are you looking for?

CB: We have a pretty vast network depending on what regions of the world we're looking at horses. There are a few different people in Europe we'd use depending on where they are and what their contacts are. We're buying horses in South America now, too. Sometimes it comes down to the client and who they have a relationship with. And I'll tell you one thing that's common in all areas is that it's getting harder to buy horses. There are fewer horses now racing abroad that are owned by people that are really willing to sell them or at least willing to sell them at a fair price. It's getting very competitive to buy the horses. It's an evolving market that you have to make adjustments to. We have had to go over and start buying yearlings at their sales. If we can't buy these horses when they're racing already, why don't we try to buy them unraced and bring them over because we know a lot of their blood might be a little better than our blood when it comes to turf racing.

TDN: If I could ask you to limit it to one goal and one goal only of things that you still want to achieve in horse racing, what would that be?

CB: Winning the Travers.

TDN: More so than the Kentucky Derby?

CB: By a nose. I could feel it last week with this Travers. I thought we had a good chance, especially with Highest Honors (Tapit) and Saturday I just felt really good about that horse. I just know the feeling I had when they went in the gate. The feeling I had, with my family and friends there, that was confirmation of how important that race is to me after growing up in the area and spending so much time at Saratoga since I was very young. This is something I really want to do. So if there's one race I want to win more than any other, that would be the race at the top of my list.

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Fighting Seabee became the first stakes winner for his freshman sire Summer Front (War Front) with a decisive score in the GIII With Anticipation S. at Saratoga Wednesday. A debut winner going a mile on the lawn at Ellis Park July 6, the bay colt was bet down to 5-1 from a 10-1 morning-line quote. Seizing the early advantage, the bay avoided trouble as a slow-breaking Our Country (Constitution) rushed up and attempted to push through on the fence, interfering with Tuggle (Point of Entry) and Andesite at the back of the compact bunch heading into the first turn. New York-bred Fly Fly Away (First Samurai), a half to talented turf sprinter Disco Partner (Disco Rico), pressed from a head second on the fence as Fighting Seabee walked the dog through opening splits of :24.21 and :50.50. Fly Fly Away called it quits in the lane and Field Pass took up the baton, but proved no match for the pacesetter, who had plenty left in the tank. Fighting Seabee kept on finding to hold that one at bay.

“We got lucky,” said winning rider Brian Hernandez. “Going into the first turn, we were on the lead and I heard a couple of guys holler back there but in a short field that can happen. No one really wanted to go and we all were bunched up. Luckily, we were on the right horse that was able to put us in a good position. Going into the second turn, I let him out and he picked it up just to where we were able to get moving and he was able to hold all of those other horses off. He crossed the wire with his ears up, so you got to be confident about that.”



Fighting Seabee | Sarah Andrew

Fighting Seabee became Summer Front's first winner when he graduated by two lengths at Ellis in July.

“We've had our luck with our horses breaking their maidens at Ellis earlier in the season,” said winning trainer Ken McPeck. “Of course, this horse was ready before this meet started. He won down there going two-turns and we wanted to keep him at two turns. He's been a horse that's been really easy. We've been around enough young horses over the years that the good ones

standout. He's never been outworked in the mornings and up to now in the afternoon as well. It's a good position to be in and hopefully he takes us to the [GI] Breeders' Cup [Juvenile Turf].”



Danny Ramsey welcomes Brian Hernandez and Flying Seabee back to winner's circle | Sarah Andrew

Pedigree Notes:

Runnymede Farm purchased Broke N Dixie for \$27,000 at the 2015 Keeneland November sale. Fighting Seabee is the unraced mare's only reported foal. The winner's second dam is stakes winner Blushing Dixie, who is a half-sister to multiple stakes winner Queen Greeley (Mr. Greeley). Blushing Dixie produced a filly by American Pharoah in 2018 and a colt by Cairo Prince this year.

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ROUTE TO JAPAN COULD GO THROUGH SARATOGA FOR MONGOLIAN GROOM

by Mike Kane

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – With a goal of getting to Japan and a nice pay day at Chukyo Racecourse, trainer Enebish Ganbat is at Saratoga Race Course with **Mongolian Groom** (Hightail), for Saturday's GI Woodward S.

It's an unorthodox move to be sure, shipping to upstate New York from California and paying a supplemental entry fee to run in another Grade I race two weeks after his gelding finished third in the GI Pacific Classic at Del Mar. Ah, but Ganbat is not constrained by norms. He is a trailblazer, who came to America from Mongolia in 2010 to train Thoroughbreds for his friend, businessman Ganbaatar Dagvadorj. Five years later, their Mongolian Saturday won the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint and the little-known Mongolian Stable was thrust into the international spotlight at Keeneland.

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Though Mongolian Groom has won two of 14 career starts, he has emerged from the maiden-claiming ranks into capable black type-earning graded stakes horse in California, where Ganbat is now based. He picked up a third in the GI Santa Anita H. Apr. 6, was fourth, a length from third in the GI Gold Cup at Santa Anita, second by a length to Catalina Cruiser (Union Rags) in the July 20 GII San Diego H. and was third, a neck back of runner-up Draft Pick in the Pacific Classic Aug. 17.

Pleased with the performance at Del Mar, Ganbat said that he was stunned by what he found when he started going over Mongolian Groom the morning after the Pacific Classic.

“The horse was so fresh, strong,” Ganbat said. “He looked like he was ready to run again the next day. I started looking for good races. I didn’t know this race. I was looking. ‘The Woodward? Two weeks? OK, let’s go.’”

Mongolian Groom was shipped to Saratoga Sunday, has taken up residence in trainer Chad Summers’s barn on the backside and has gone to the track every morning this week. He will be ridden by Luis Saez for the first time in the \$750,000 Woodward.

Following Mongolian Saturday’s victory in the Breeders’ Cup-- and the post-race celebration in traditional Mongolian garb-- Ganbat and Dagvadorg raced the gelding in Hong Kong and Europe, as well as in North American. A goal for Mongolian Groom this year is the G1 Champions Cup, the 1 1/8-miles dirt race at the track near Nagoya with a projected winner’s share of \$869,565. Plus the Japanese Racing Association is offering bonuses to attract international runners. Should the winner of the Woodward win the Champions Cup, he would receive an additional \$700,000.



Mongolian Groom and trainer Enebish Ganbat | Mike Kane

Ganbat, a big, affable man with an easy laugh who left an engineering job to train horses, said it was a combination of factors that encouraged him to ship to Saratoga.

“Number one was that the next day after the Pacific Classic, the horse was looking great,” he said. “The second was when I saw the Woodward on this list for the Japanese race, why not try? It’s a pity because when I decided, the nominations closed the day before. The nominations closed on the 17th and I made the decision on the 18th.”



Mongolian Groom | Mike Kane

That one day cost Mongolian Stable \$11,250 to supplement.

Ganbat purchased the horse for \$12,000 at the 2017 OBS April 2-year-old sale. It was an impulse buy, he said and had nothing to do with how the horse bred by Calumet Farm did in his public work.

“The breeze doesn’t matter. I never see them,” Ganbat said. “All these babies breeze very fast. Mostly I want to see how they are moving, the conformation, the hair, eyes, everything. I liked him. That time I didn’t come to the sale to buy a colt. We wanted to buy a few fillies for racing and in the future to become a broodmare. But when I saw him, I decided to buy him.”

It took some time for Ganbat to get a handle on what Mongolian Groom might be. He twice ran for \$30,000 on the dirt then broke his maiden on turf. However, he has been far back in his two turf races since. Ganbat says that Mongolian Groom has improved with distance and believes that adding blinkers three races ago has helped him stay focused.

For Ganbat, the Woodward could be a step on a journey to Japan.

“We couldn’t win the Santa Anita H.,” he said. “The Gold Cup we could not win. The Pacific Classic we could not win. Now we are left with this one. This is what I want. It has always been my dream to win the GI Kentucky Derby and a big race in Japan. In Japan, all the Sumo champions are Mongolians. I want to show them that trainers can do it in Japan.”



DEL MAR FALL STAKES WORTH \$1.95 MILLION

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"We think our fall meet has found a good groove now, not only in California, but with horsemen across the country," said Del Mar's executive vice president of racing Tom Robbins. "Interest in our overall schedule in general and our stakes races in particular has resonated with both our locals and major outfits as far away as New York and Kentucky. We're expecting a steady fall session with some highlight racing adding a special pizzazz to it all."

The stakes program also includes a pair of Grade II races, the \$200,000 GII Hollywood Turf Cup to be run Nov. 28 and the \$200,000 GII Seabiscuit H. to be run Nov. 30.

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MITOLE CARRYING ON THE LEGACY OF

EDWARD COX JR. *By Bill Finley*

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

When buyers looked at **Mitole** (Eskendereya), the recent winner of the GI Forego S. at Saratoga, at the 2016 Keeneland September Sale, they must have overlooked something, as he sold for just \$20,000 ([video](#)). It might have been that his sire, Eskendereya, had not yet had a chance to establish himself, and consignor Reiley McDonald of Eaton Sales admitted that the then-yearling had some minor issues. But perhaps buyers should have paid more attention to who had bred the horse, Edward Cox, Jr. After all, history had proven that if you buy something bred by Cox, you stood a very good chance of winding up with a very good horse.

Cox passed away in March and Mitole may go down as the last major star bred by him. In fact, the horse is so fast and in such good form right now, he may, in time, be regarded as the best horse Cox ever bred.

Along with the late Warner L. Jones, he co-bred Irish champion Woodman (Mr. Prospector), \$3-million earner, as well as multiple Grade I winner Marquetry and 1989 G1 Irish 2000 Guineas winner Shaadi (Danzig). He also bred and raced Classy Cathy, a winner of three Grade I races.

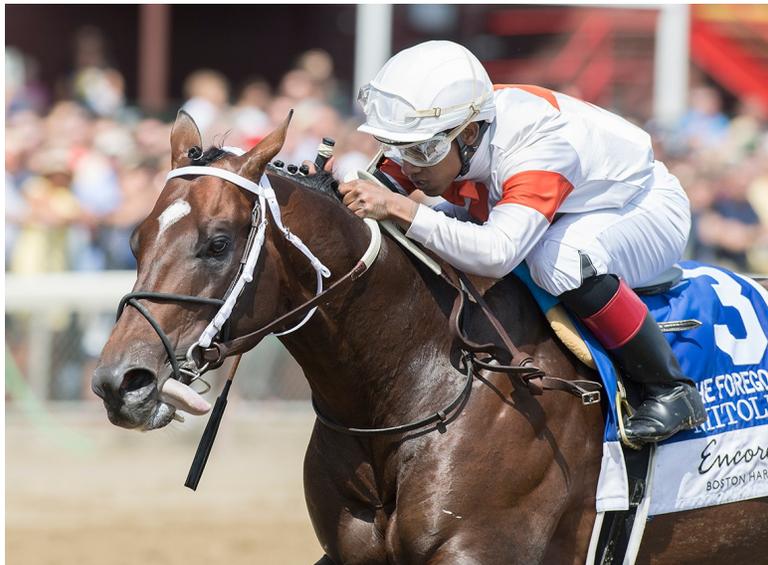
Cox, who was a commodities trader, got out of racing in 1988, but came back in 2006.

He associated with two farms, Claiborne and Hermitage. Mitole was raised at Hermitage.

"He never really told me why he got out back in the eighties or why he came back, but I think he missed the action," said Hermitage's General Manager Bill Landes. "Cox was his own man. He did the pedigrees that he liked and the stallions that he liked. Very rarely could I dissuade him or turn him one way or another. On occasion, maybe one of out of five or 10

suggestions that I gave him, he would take me up on. He really had an idea of what he liked pedigree-wise. He was very enamored with the Phipps mares and also enamored with the Windfield mares, particularly the Vice Regent mares."

"We had a great time for Ed for many years," McDonald said. "In the eighties, we sold a number of top horses for him. Then Ed stepped out of the game for a while and then came back in the mid-2000s and started to acquire mares again. We would sell the horses who were raised predominantly at Bill Landes's place, Hermitage Farm in Louisville. Claiborne started to sell the ones they raised for Ed.



Mitole winning the Forego | Sarah K Andrew

"Ed just loved the game. He liked the fun of it. He loved racing and he loved staying ahead of everyone else. He was the first to call and feel you out on a rumor he heard or to find out the nitty-gritty of any horse situation. He was just a wonderful guy. He was very good to a lot of people in the horse business."

As good as Cox was as a breeder, it also sometimes pays to be lucky, as he did his best to sell Mitole's dam, Indian Miss (Indian Charlie), a horse he both bred and

owned. She ran third in her debut in a maiden special weight race at Keeneland and then fifth at the same level at Churchill Downs. According to Landes, Indian Miss had to be retired after developing a chip in her knee and Cox tried to sell her for \$10,000. The best offer he got was \$5,000, but Cox would not accept it and decided instead to breed the mare to Eskendereya.

No one was expecting to break the bank with Mitole at the Keeneland sale, but McDonald and Landes were both surprised the colt didn't sell for more. McDonald believes that, among other things, people overreacted to what were a few minor problems the horse had. These were the notes he had compiled on the horse before the sale: "He had lucencies in both knees and an elongated sesamoid behind from old 'baby fracture'.

Physical notes: Average size, attractive, good neck shoulder and hip. Good depth and balance. Very nice colt. Athletic."

“He had whole bunch of little things wrong with him,” McDonald said. “But he was a nice physical horse. Physically, he had the frame, he had the kind of 2-year-old look that the guys all like. I don’t think there was anything major but, there were a lot of little things.”

He was bought by Chestnut Valley Farm, which sold him at the OBS April 2-Year-Old sale the following year. There, he sold for \$140,000 to his current owners, William and Corinne Heiligbrodt.

Mitole, who is trained by Steve Asmussen, broke his maiden by 10 lengths in his third start. Two starts later, he picked up his first stakes win, a nine-length tally in the Bachelor S. at Oaklawn. But it was not until the GIII Count Fleet Sprint H. at Oaklawn that he showed his star power. Facing off against Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect), a Grade I stakes winner who had won the two previous runnings of the Count Fleet, he prevailed easily, by 2 3/4 lengths. He followed that with wins in the GI Churchill Downs S. and the GI Metropolitan H., before running third in the GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H.

He was beaten 7 1/2 lengths in the Vanderbilt, so whether or not he could redeem himself in the Forego was very much a part of the story line. And that’s exactly what he did. He was in total control in the stretch, winning by three lengths.

“Ed was never one to jump up and down and scream, but he would have been quite proud in what this horse is doing,” Landes said. “He wouldn’t be bragging or boasting, but he would have been so proud.”

Hermitage has been around since 1937 and Landes has worked there since 1977. Dark Star, the only horse to beat Native Dancer, is a Hermitage product. Others include Woodman, Northern Trick and more recently, Eclipse Award winner and Keeneland September graduate West Coast (Flatter).

“This guy, Mitole, might he be the fastest horse ever to come off of Hermitage Farm,” Landes said.

That’s quite a compliment, to the horse and to his breeder.

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Bill and Corinne Heiligbrodt lead in Mitole | Adam Coglianese



Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT

WOODWARD S. PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS-GI, \$750,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mr. Buff	Friend Or Foe	Broman, Sr., Chester and Mary	Kimmel	Lezcano	118
2	Bal Harbour	First Samurai	Red Oak Stable	Pletcher	Castellano	118
3	Vino Rosso 🐾	Curlin	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
4	Mongolian Groom	Hightail	Mongolian Stable	Ganbat	Saez	118
5	Preservationist 🐾	Arch	Centennial Farms	Jerkens	Alvarado	120
6	Forewarned 🐾	Flat Out	Uriah St. Lewis	St. Lewis	Salgado	118
7	Yoshida (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	China Horse Club International Ltd., WinStar Farm Head of Plains Partners LLC	Mott	Rosario	124
8	Wooderson 🐾	Awesome Again	Let's Go Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz	118
9	Tom's d'Etat 🐾	Smart Strike	G M B Racing	Stall, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 2-Red Oak Stable, 3-John D. Gunther, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Emory A. Hamilton, 6-Preston Stables, LLC, 7-Northern Farm, 8-Heaven Trees Farm, 9-SF Bloodstock LLC

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

DEL MAR DEBUTANTE S.-GI, \$300,000, 2yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lazy Daisy 🐾	Paynter	ERJ Racing, Great Friends Stable, & Mansor, Tom	O'Neill	Bejarano	120
2	Comical 🐾	Into Mischief	ERJ Racing, Barber, Gary, Kenney, Dave, Madaket Stables LLC and Westside Racing Stable	O'Neill	Arroyo, Jr.	123
3	Pure Xena 🐾	Warrior's Reward	Jay Em Ess Stable	Koriner	Gryder	120
4	Leucothea 🐾	Midshipman	Altamira Racing Stable, Socal Seven Racing & McGoldrick, Brian	Miller	Cedillo	118
5	Bast 🐾	Uncle Mo	Baoma Corporation	Baffert	Van Dyke	118
6	Powerfulattraction 🐾	Commissioner	Exline-Border Racing LLC, Christensen, Robin, Dorfman, Steve, Hudock, Dan & Wilson, Susanna	Eurton	Talamo	118
7	Inspiressa	The Big Beast	Hronis Racing, West Point Tbrds & Sandbrook, W	Sadler	Espinoza	120
8	Stellar Sound	Tapit	Don Alberto Stable	Baffert	Smith	120

Breeders: 1-John Elder & Paynter Syndicate, 2-Susan Casner, 3-Shelby Lane Farm, 4-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 5-BlackRidge Stables LLC, 6-McDowell Farm, 7-Ocala Stud, 8-Don Alberto Corporation



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Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 1:36 p.m. EDT**PRIORRESS S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	South of France 🌿	Quality Road	Mathis Stable LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
2	Risky Mandate	Strong Mandate	Ghost Hollow Farm	Amoss	Ortiz	118
3	Break Even	Country Day	Klein Racing	Cox	Bridgmohan	122
4	Break Curfew	Into Mischief	Toby Sheets	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	118
5	Royal Charlotte 🌿	Cairo Prince	First Row Partners and Parkland Thoroughbreds	Brown	Castellano	122
6	Kept True	Yes It's True	Treadway Racing Stable	Gyarmati	Ortiz, Jr.	120

Breeders: 1-Notch Hill Farm & W. S. Farish, 2-Ghost Hollow Farms, LLC, 3-Richard Klein & Bert Klein, 4-Craig B. Singer, 5-Rhineshire Farm LLC, 6-Jeffrey Treadway

Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 5:27 p.m. EDT**GLENS FALLS S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Empressof the Nile 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Madaket Stbls, Manganaro Bstck & Masiello, Robert	Motion	Ortiz, Jr.	118
2	Fools Gold	Medaglia d'Oro	Wise Racing	Brown	Castellano	122
3	Violet Blue 🌿	Americain	Michael J. Ryan	Toner	Franco	118
4	Santa Monica (GB) 🌿	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	R Unicorn Stable	Brown	Ortiz	124
5	Mrs. Sippy	Blame	Andrew Stone	Motion	Rosario	120
6	Indy Union 🌿	Union Rags	Robert G. Hahn	Englehart	Alvarado	118
7	Lady Montdore	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Albertrani	Carmouche	120
8	Night of England (GB)	Lord of England (Ger)	Martin S. Schwartz	Brown	Saez	118
9	Get Explicit	Get Stormy	McIntyre, Eleanor and McIntyre, Neil	Minshall	Santana, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Pam Doddridge, 2-Regis Farms, LP, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-D. J. Erwin Bloodstock, 5-Andrew Stone, 6-Mt. Joy Stables, Inc. & Highclere, Inc., 7-Darley, 8-Windmill Farm Partnership Limited, 9-Modeste Racing Stable

Saturday, Del Mar, post time: 8:00 p.m. EDT**JOHN C. MABEE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Vasilika	Skipshot	All Schlaich Stables LLC, Hollendorfer, LLC, Gatto Racing, LLC and Todaro, G.	Hollendorfer	Prat	123
2	Paved 🌿	Quality Road	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Ciaglia Racing	McCarthy	Espinoza	119
3	La Force (Ger)	Power (GB)	Williford, Roberta, Williford, Ward & Winner, Charles	Gallagher	Smith	121
4	Toinette 🌿	Scat Daddy	Baca, K, Hawkins, L & N, Hudson, J & L	Drysdale	Bejarano	119
5	Ahimsa	Animal Kingdom	Three Great Sons, LLC and Hughes, Darryl	Eurton	Blanc	119
6	Ippodamia's Girl	Stormy Atlantic	George and Martha Schwary Racing LLC	Lerner	Fuentes	119
7	Juliet Foxtrot (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Cox	Van Dyke	119
8	Quebec	Into Mischief	Ackerman Racing, LLC, Bond, Catherine E., Marasa, William and Robershaw, Ritchie	Baltas	Arroyo, Jr.	119
9	Elysea's World (Ire) 🌿	Champs Elysees (GB)	Abbondanza Racing, LLC, Heider Family Stables, Madaket Stables, Dunn, C & McClanahan, J	Baltas	Talamo	119
10	Meal Ticket	Malibu Moon	Aulds, Chris, Jeong, Peter and Johnston, Keith	Chew	Desormeaux	119

Breeders: 1-Mikhail Yanakov, 2-St. George Farm, LLC, 3-Gestut Karlshof, 4-J D Stuart, P C Bance & A REnterprises, Inc., 5-Three Great Sons, LLC, 6-George Schwary, 7-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 8-Preston Madden, 9-Haras D'Haspel, 10-Glen Hill Farm

Saturday, Colonial Downs, post time: 9:00 p.m. EDT

NEW KENT COUNTY VIRGINIA DERBY-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Changi	Giant Oak	Jeanne Marie Dolan	Dolan	Mawing	118
2	Solidify	Tapizar	Braverman, Paul and Pinch, Timothy	Motion	Lynch	118
3	Jais's Solitude 	Afleet Alex	Mike Anderson Racing LLC	Kenneally	Doyle	118
4	Critical Data (Ire)	Battle of Marengo (Ire)	Runnymede Racing LLC	Valentine	Carrasco	118
5	Shootin the Breeze	Hard Spun	Alex G. Campbell, Jr.	Motion	Hamilton	118
6	Tracksmith	Street Sense	Calumet Farm	Sharp	Beschizza	120
7	Credit Swap 	Exchange Rate	Winston, Marc, Schifano, George & Auerbach, Rob	Stidham	McCarthy	118
8	English Bee	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Motion	Vargas, Jr.	120
9	Chilly in Charge	Take Charge Indy	Newtown Anner Stud	Vera	Karamanos	118

Breeders: 1-AI Ulwelling & Bill Ulwelling, 2-China Horse Club International Limited, 3-Lambholm, 4-Colin Kennedy, 5-Alex G. Campbell, Jr. Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Cobalt Investments, LLC & Godolphin, 7-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC, 8-Calumet Farm, 9-Horseshoe Valley Equine Center LLC

Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 3:15 p.m. EDT

SARANAC S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Power Player 	Distorted Humor	West, Gary and Mary	Servis	Saez	118
2	Good Governance (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118
3	Rinaldi	Posse	Bond Racing Stable	Bond	Ortiz	124
4	Global Access	Giant's Causeway	Live Oak Plantation	Trombetta	Velazquez	122
5	Tracksmith	Street Sense	Calumet Farm	Sharp	Castellano	122
6	Seismic Wave	Tapit	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Mott	Rosario	122

Breeders: 1-RanJan Racing, Inc., 2-Michael E. Wates, 3-Barry R. Ostrager, 4-Live Oak Stud, 5-Cobalt Investments, LLC & Godolphin, 6-Juddmonte Farms Inc



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Scat Daddy (2004) by Johannesburg Crops: 8	11	21	5	12	2	7	182	54	1,035,398	4,706,613
										Mr Melody	
2	English Channel (2002) by Smart Strike Crops: 9	10	18	4	9	1	2	161	62	957,108	4,840,679
										Channel Maker	
3	The Factor (2008) by War Front Crops: 4	7	16	1	6	--	1	150	48	242,500	3,120,032
										Bandua	
4	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit Crops: 12	7	11	3	6	--	--	115	30	250,199	2,179,786
										Synchrony	
5	Kitten's Joy (2001) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 11	6	11	4	9	1	3	284	80	640,200	4,992,522
										Henley's Joy	
6	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 12	6	16	4	7	1	1	138	41	493,260	3,372,205
										Cambier Parc	
7	War Front (2002) by Danzig Crops: 10	6	18	4	12	--	1	156	37	241,615	2,631,478
										Top Soliste	
8	Broken Vow (1997) by Unbridled Crops: 15	6	8	2	2	--	--	84	28	180,840	1,563,623
										Tone Broke	
9	Lemon Drop Kid (1996) by Kingmambo Crops: 16	5	6	2	2	--	--	129	41	150,500	2,085,095
										Inspector Lynley	
10	Unusual Heat (1990) by Nureyev Crops: 19	5	7	--	3	--	--	50	19	152,084	1,386,317
										Irish Heatwave	
11	Giant's Causeway (1997) by Storm Cat Crops: 16	4	11	2	9	1	1	104	34	4,523,650	6,928,305
										Bricks and Mortar	
12	Hard Spun (2004) by Danzig Crops: 9	4	10	2	2	--	--	133	38	786,190	3,419,049
										A Thread of Blue	
13	More Than Ready (1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 16	4	8	3	6	1	2	176	44	685,000	3,183,740
										Rushing Fall	
14	Temple City (2005) by Dynaformer Crops: 6	4	7	3	3	2	2	116	30	523,300	2,319,202
										Annals of Time	
15	Ghostzapper (2000) by Awesome Again Crops: 11	4	11	2	5	--	--	80	28	224,449	2,000,995
										Holy Helena	

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Indian Pride's reputation preceded her heading into Wednesday's fourth race at Saratoga and she ran to the billing, romping in frontrunning style to earn **'TDN Rising Star'** status for Brereton Jones and Chad Brown. Touting herself in the morning with an array of speedy local breezes, highlighted by a five-furlong gate move in :59 3/5 (2/13) Aug. 3, the homebred was crushed in the wagering and broke sharply as a 3-5 favorite. Showing the way through a :22.19 quarter, the bay felt light pressure from Rapido Gatta (Adios Charlie) as she threw down a :45.36 half-mile split. Soon after straightening for home though, Indian Pride made short work of her pursuer, and slammed the door past the furlong grounds before coasting home an eight-length victress in a sharp 1:09.45. Rapido Gatta just held for second.

The winner is a half to Biofuel (Stormin Fever), HotY, Ch. 2yo Filly & Ch. 3yo Filly-Can, MGSW & MGISP, \$781,091; and 'TDN Rising Star' Tu Endie Wei (Johar), Ch. 2yo Filly-Can & GSW, \$528,005. Her dam, an unraced half to GSW Dansil (Silver

Hawk), has an unraced juvenile Creative Cause colt named Imperial Presence, a yearling colt by Runhappy and a weanling Gun Runner colt. She was bred to Quality Road this spring.

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4th-Saratoga, \$90,000, Msw, 8-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.45, ft. INDIAN PRIDE, f, 3, Proud Citizen

1st Dam: Ms. Cornstalk, by Indian Charlie

2nd Dam: Upper Dancer, by Upper Nile

3rd Dam: Shell Dancer, by Court Recess

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Click for the [equineline.com catalog style pedigree](#).**

O/B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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Indian Pride wins all by herself with ears pricked | Sarah Andrew



THURSDAY INSIGHTS: BAFFERT UNVEILS EXPENSIVE QUALITY ROAD FILLY AT DEL MAR

2nd-DMR, \$61k, Msw, 2yo, f, 1m, 5:30 p.m. ET

Bob Baffert saddles **GINGHAM** (*Quality Road*) in the second event at Del Mar Thursday afternoon. The bay filly was acquired by Sarah Kelly for \$420,000 at the 2018 Keeneland September Sale. Her dam Chapel (Pulpit) is a full-sister to SW Senada (Pulpit) and a half-sister to GISP Arthur's Tale (Bernardini) and SP War Hoot (War Chant). Chapel is out of the MGSW and \$865,705 earner Owlsey (Harlan). Gingham has recorded an impressive worktab in the mornings at Del Mar, including a five-furlong breeze out of the gate in :59 3/5 (2/43) Aug. 15. She recently drilled six panels in company with the unraced \$500,000 KEESEP buy Ragtime Blues (Union Rags) in 1:13 flat (1/2) Aug. 23 ([Click here to watch XBTv video](#)). **TJCS PPs**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

GENEROUS PORTION S., \$100,351, Del Mar, 8-28, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.56, ft.

1--**BEEN STUDYING HER**, 120, f, 2, by **Fast Anna**

1st Dam: **Maddie's Odyssey** (SP, \$142,113), by **Kitten's Joy**

2nd Dam: **Personal Odyssey**, by **Lemon Drop Kid**

3rd Dam: **Double Platinum** (GB), by **Seeking the Gold**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-KMN Racing (CA); T-Jerry Hollendorfer; J-Mike E. Smith. \$57,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$77,280. *1/2 to Grecian Fire (Unusual Heat), GSW, \$408,202; and Sneaking Out (Indian Evening), SW & GSP, \$271,331. **Third SW for freshman sire (by Medaglia d'Oro).

2--**Cholula Lips**, 120, f, 2, Empire Way--Sweet Lips Pooh, by Rio Verde. (\$3,700 RNA 2yo '19 CTBAJA). O-Terry C. Lovingier & Amanda Navarro; B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA); T-Mike Harrington. \$19,000.

3--**Smiling Shirlee**, 120, f, 2, Smiling Tiger--Whobetterthanus, by Grand Slam. O-Rusty Brown, Philip Lebherz & Alan Klein; B-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC (CA); T-Jeff Bonde. \$12,000. Margins: 1 1/4, 2 1/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 8.60, 8.50, 13.00.

Also Ran: Wise Rachel, Unchain Her Heart, Bulletproof One, Vegan. Scratched: I Want One, Roses for Laura.

Been Studying Her, a first-out winner at Sacramento, sat off a speed duel and rallied to a victory in the California-bred Generous Portion S. at Del Mar, becoming the third black-type winner for her freshman sire.

Away well as a distant co-second choice as the money poured in on Bulletproof One (Idiot Proof), the homebred settled in a joint fourth behind a :22 flat quarter as the favorite went at it with Cholula Lips, and sidled up to those two past a :45.69 half. It quickly became a match race once heads pointed for home as Bulletproof One threw in the towel, and Been Studying Her found just a bit more than her rival in crunch time, edging away from Cholula Lips in the final furlong to score.

The winner's dam, already responsible for three stakes winners and one graded stakes winner from four foals to race, was bought for just \$14,500 by Kevin and Kim Nish's KMN Racing at Keeneland November in 2012. She has a yearling Indian Evening filly named Starlight Stroll and foaled a colt by Straight Fire Feb. 11 before getting a significant class hike when visiting Tapit. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



Been Studying Her | Benoit

OLG KENORA S. PRESENTED BY HBPA OF ONTARIO, C\$100,000, Woodbine, 8-28, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:08.28, ft.

1--**PINK LLOYD, 127, g, 7, Old Forester--Gladiator Queen (SP, \$128,618), by Great Gladiator.** (C\$30,000 Ylg '13 CANSEP). O-Entourage Stable; B-John Carey (ON); T-Robert P. Tiller; J-Eurico Rosa Da Silva. C\$60,000. Lifetime Record: HotY, Ch. Male Sprinter 2x & Ch. Older Horse-Can & MGSW, 26-21-1-1, \$1,231,728.

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2--**Circle of Friends, 118, g, 5, Midnight Lute--She Ain't Much, by Phone Trick.** (C\$48,000 Ylg '15 CANSEP). O-3 Sons Racing Stable Ltd.; B-Ericka Rusnak (ON); T-Robert P. Tiller. C\$20,000.

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3--**Magical Man, 118, g, 5, Mike Fox--Commendablecharity, by Commendable.** (C\$1,600 Wlg '14 CANNOV). O/T-Gail C. Hughes; B-Paradise Farms Caledon Incorporated (ON). C\$11,000.

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Margins: 5 1/4, 1 3/4, HD. Odds: 0.15, 12.80, 31.00.
 Also Ran: Hold'emforransom, Dixie's Gamble, Lokinforpursemonee.
 The inimitable Pink Lloyd made it five-for-five on the year and 21 wins in 26 starts with an easy victory in the Ontario-bred OLG Kenora S. Wednesday night at Woodbine.

Finishing his 2018 season with two rare defeats when fifth in the GIII Bold Venture S. and fourth in the restricted Overskate S., he bounced back to annex the GIII Jacques Cartier S. in his seasonal bow here May 4 and followed up with tallies in the Ontario-bred Greenwood S., GIII Vigil S. and Ontario-bred Shepperton S. last out Aug. 4. Breaking with all the money on as

expected, the chestnut hopped a bit at the start, but went forward to track Circle of Friends from second through a :22.73 quarter. Drawing on even terms passing a sharp :44.78 half, he pulled clear to another facile success down the lane. Circle of Friends held second. The victor has a yearling full-brother and his dam returned to Old Forester once more this spring. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Thursday, Saratoga, post time: 5:18 p.m. EDT

P.G. JOHNSON S., \$100,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Lucky Jingle	Tonalist	Maragh	Motion	12-1
2 Sunset Promise	Broken Vow	Saez	Maker	8-1
3 Ginseng	Tiznow	Castellano	Cox	8-1
4 Apurate	Summer Front	Velazquez	Pletcher	6-1
5 Lively Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Adorno	Velazquez	15-1
6 Crystalle	Palace Malice	Rosario	Kimmel	3-1
7 English Breeze	English Channel	Franco	Donk	5-1
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7th-Saratoga, \$90,000, Msw, 8-28, 2yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.17, fm.
JAZZIQUE (IRE) (f, 2, Kingman {GB}--Love To Dance {Ire} {GSP-Ire}), by Sadler's Wells became the first 2-year-old winner in North America for her second crop sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}) when she prevailed in the seventh race Wednesday in her career debut at the Spa. Away at 7-1 odds, the bay tracked well off of a torrid pace battle between 41-1 shot Coin the Phrase (Goldencents) and favored Nic and Zoe (Street Boss). After a sizzling first quarter in :21.27 and half-mile in :44.32, jockey Irad Ortiz went to work on Jazzique and she surged down the center of the track in tandem with Selflessly (More Than Ready), edging her stablemate for a one-two finish for the Chad Brown barn. She is the second winner out of her group-stakes placed dam, who is a half-sister to two European champions, including the outstanding European Horse of the Year Dylan Thomas (Ire) (Danehill) and champion 2-year-old filly Queen's Logic (Ire)

(Grand Logic) as well as to G1 One Thousand Guineas heroine Homecoming Queen (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC (IRE); T-Chad C. Brown.

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Jazzique (Ire) | Sarah Andrew

6th-Saratoga, \$78,000, (S), Msw, 8-28, 2yo, 6f, 1:10.78, ft. MOONACHIE (g, 2, Central Banker--Making a Point, by Freud), mentioned in this [TDN profile of Jeremiah Englehart](#) Wednesday, crushed his competition on debut at Saratoga. Showing a steady if unspectacular local worktab, highlighted by a five-furlong move in 1:01 4/5 (1/5) over the training track Aug. 9, the \$85,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic buy was backed at 21-5 and came out of the blocks running. Dictating terms through a :22.39 quarter, he remained under a good hold on the turn as his pursuers were put to drives, and he quickly shook loose in early stretch. The only question quickly became how far, and the gelding romped home 10 lengths to the good of 64-1 shot Unrelenting Force (Carpe Diem). The winner has a yearling half-sister by Bustin Stones and his dam was paired with Laoban this term. Sales History: \$33,000 RNA Ylg '18 SARAUG; \$85,000 2yo '19 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,900. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-August Dawn Farm; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC & Dean Purdom (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart.

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6th-Del Mar, \$61,351, Msw, 8-28, 2yo, 1m, 1:38.58, ft. EXPRESS TRAIN (c, 2, Union Rags--I'm a Flake, by Mineshaft), a good second on debut to 'TDN Rising Star' Eight Rings (Empire Maker), had some anxious moments as a heavy favorite down the backstretch Wednesday at Del Mar, but turned it on in the stretch to crush a field of maidens. Debuting going 5 1/2 furlongs here Aug. 4, the \$500,000 Keeneland September buy was beaten 6 1/4 lengths by the promising GI Del Mar Futurity-bound Eight Rings, while in turn finishing 9 1/4 lengths clear for the place and earning a solid 79 Beyer. Hammered down to 7-10 favoritism stretching out to two turns in this spot, the bay broke running under Mike Smith and made the pace through a :22.89 quarter. Pressed by longshot Can'tbetemall (Maclean's Music), he surrendered the lead to that rival midway down the backstretch before retaking command entering the far turn. Still pestered by his pace rival approaching the lane, Express Train found another gear once straightening toward the judges, and poured it on from there to romp by 14 1/4 lengths. Can'tbetemall held for the place. The winner's shares a second dam, MGISW November Snow (Storm Cat), with GISW and sire Morning Line (Tiznow). His dam was bred to Accelerate this season. Sales History: \$500,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$48,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-C R K Stable LLC; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-John A. Shirreffs.



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4th-Indiana Grand, \$31,000, Msw, 8-28, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.97, ft. CARPE VICTORIAM (c, 2, Carpe Diem--Paying Off {MSW, \$192,380}, by Malibu Moon) hesitated and was left behind at the start to wind up sixth in his Aug. 3 debut over this course. Given a 2-1 chance in his second career start, he chased the leaders closely in fourth position along the rail behind an opening quarter in :22.74. Under pressure from his rider around the turn, the chestnut kicked into high gear when angled into the five path late and drew away from Expected (Macho Uno) for a 1 1/2-length score, becoming the seventh winner for his freshman sire (by Giant's Causeway). Carpe Victoriam is a half-brother to Joint Custody (Outflanker), MSW, \$274,530; and to the undefeated sophomore Risky Mandate (Strong Mandate), an impressive winner of a Saratoga optional claimer July 24 for trainer Thomas Amoss. His dam foaled a colt by Hard Spun this year. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$18,910. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-Ghost Hollow Farms, LLC (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.



Carpe Victoriam | Coady Photography

6th-Indiana Grand, \$31,000, Msw, 8-28, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.70, ft. SHANGHAI NIGHTS (g, 2, Shanghai Bobby--She Shines, by Polish Numbers) faded to finish sixth after setting the pace for the first half-mile when debuting over track and trip Aug. 3 and was given a 41-5 chance in this spot. Dueling through a :22.86 quarter, the dark bay poked his head in front passing a :47 flat half and won a ding-dong stretch battle with pace foe Baudette Blizzard (Ice Box) to prevail by a nose on the wire. The victor is a half to Clare's Dowery (Jump Start), SP, \$242,275. His dam has a yearling filly by Upstart and was bred to Speightster this spring. Sales History: \$55,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0,

\$18,910. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Greg Tramontin; B-Almar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.



3rd-Presque Isle Downs, \$29,700, Msw, 8-28, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10.92, ft.

KALU (g, 3, Ghostzapper--Chilukki's Song, by Elusive Quality) graduated gamely in his career debut. The 4-1 shot trailed the field early through a :22.76 first quarter. Passing the three-eighth pole, the bay began picking horses off around the bend and swung into the lane widest of all for the stretch run. Kalu powered home, thrusting his head in front under the wire over favored Hurricane Hill (Fed Biz) in a determined effort. His dam is out of the champion 2-year-old filly Chilukki (Cherokee Run) and has produced the unraced juvenile R Lukki Song (Girolamo) and foaled a colt by Nyquist this past season. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Godolphin LLC (KY); T-Eoin G. Harty.



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, \$100,000
162 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Saratoga, \$100K P. G. Johnson S., 1 1/16mT, SWEET MELANIA, 9-5
\$600,000 KEE SEP yrl

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000
94 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Saratoga, Msw 6f, AUBREY TATE, 9-2
\$140,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$20,000 KEE SEP yrl
2-Colonial Downs, Msw 1m, LA BABIA, 6-1

Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$5,000
45 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Saratoga, Msw 6f, COURAGEOUS GIRL, 8-1

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$25,000
124 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Del Mar, Msw 1m, BRISTOL BAYOU, 7-2
\$70,000 KEE SEP yrl

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
 123 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Delaware, Msw 5 1/2f, DELANCEY'S PHILLY, 2-1
 \$1,500 FTK OCT yrl; \$35,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Danza (Street Boss), Spendthrift Farm, \$3,500
 89 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Saratoga, Msw 6f, IRISH DANZING, 4-1
 \$15,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$32,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$15,000 OBS
 OCT yrl; \$120,000 OBS APR yrl

Lea (First Samurai), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
 72 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Saratoga, Msw 6f, SURPRISE ARRIVAL, 15-1
 \$48,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl; \$22,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$24,000
 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

Majestic City (City Zip), Questroyal North, \$3,500
 32 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Saratoga, Msw 6f, E Z FOR YOU TO SAY, 12-1

Normandy Invasion (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$3,500
 52 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 7-Saratoga, Msw 6f, BELLA INVASION, 30-1
 \$4,700 KEE JAN wnl; \$15,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$9,000 EAS MAY 2yo
 7-Saratoga, Msw 6f, TOP HAT INVASION, 12-1
 \$13,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$10,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$15,000
 123 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Saratoga, \$100K P. G. Johnson S., 1 1/16mT, CRYSTALLE, 3-1
 \$85,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$220,000 OBS APR yrl
 9-Remington, Msw 5 1/2f, FOOLISH PRINCESS, 30-1
 \$19,000 KEE SEP yrl

Pimpernel (Elusive Quality), Cherokee Ridge Horse Farm, \$1,500
 3 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Evangeline Downs, Msw 4 1/2f, RISKEY TRICKEY, 6-1

Race Day (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000
 95 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Delaware, Msw 5 1/2f, CAMPY CASH, 6-1
 \$42,000 OBS OCT yrl

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 97 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
 9-Saratoga, \$100K P. G. Johnson S., 1 1/16mT, APURATE, 6-1
 \$95,000 RNA OBS APR yrl

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
 96 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Saratoga, \$100K P. G. Johnson S., 1 1/16mT, LUCKY JINGLE, 12-1
 \$65,000 KEE NOV wnl
 1-Saratoga, Msw 6f, PLAYTONE, 5-1
 \$75,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$150,000 KEE APR yrl

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
 130 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Saratoga, Msw 6f, MYAWAYA, 3-1
 \$45,000 FTK OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

Apriority (Grand Slam), Elite Thoroughbreds, \$2,000
 45 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners
 2-Evangeline Downs, Msw 4 1/2f, DOUBLE PRIORITY, 4-1
 \$1,200 ESL YRL yrl



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OLG HALTON S. PRESENTED BY TIPPERARY EQUESTRIAN,
 C\$100,000, Woodbine, 8-28, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:27.77, fm.
 1--**COOLER MIKE, 118, g, 4, Giant Gizmo--Executive Affair, by
 Bold Executive. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (C\$58,000 RNA Ylg '16
 CANSEP). O/B-Mike & Nick Nosowenko (ON); T-Nicholas
 Nosowenko; J-Luis Contreras. C\$60,000. Lifetime Record:
 16-4-4-4, \$359,449.

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2--**Full Extreme, 118, g, 4, Sligo Bay (Ire)--Victoria Bay, by
 Northern Afleet.** (C\$50,000 Ylg '16 CANSEP). O-Derek Chin;
 B-Frank Mermenstein (ON); T-Kevin Attard. C\$20,000.

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3--Pride of distinction, 118, g, 5, Milwaukee Brew--Twilight Gallop, by Victory Gallop. (C\$4,500 Ylg '15 CANSEP). O-Linda J. Theil & Harri Hosein; B-Errol Bailey (ON); T-Ronald H. Sadler. C\$11,000.

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Margins: 2 1/4, 3/4, 8 3/4. Odds: 2.35, 12.45, 27.10.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-Delaware, \$36,395, 8-28, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:41.70, ft.

EARNED IT (g, 5, Cal Nation--Star Magic, by Valley Crossing)

Lifetime Record: 35-4-5-6, \$142,186. O/T-Samuel G. Davis; B-Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr. & Country Life Farm (MD). *\$30,000 Wlg '14 EASDEC; \$2,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

7th-Indiana Grand, \$35,500, (S), 8-28, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.06, ft.

ORIENT MAGIC (g, 5, Orient--Little Shimmer, by Tavasco)

Lifetime Record: 16-2-2-1, \$65,608. O-Wayne R. French & Ruth Horton, Ruth; B/T-Wayne R. French (IN).

7th-Thistledown, \$34,200, (S), 8-28, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.44, ft.

CANDY LANE (f, 3, Twirling Candy--Tangueray Miss {SP}, by Cowboy Cal) Lifetime Record: SP, 10-3-3-1, \$91,191. O-Marion F. Gorham; B-R Gorham & Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham.

6th-Presque Isle Downs, \$31,680, 8-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:41.13, ft.

NAMARUNU (GER) (g, 4, Dabirsim {Fr}--New Design {Ire} {SP-Ire}, by Bluebird) Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-3, \$58,231. O-Lady Smith Stable, LLC & Don Sayban; B-A. Christiansen-Croy (GER); T-Teresa Connelly.

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6th-Penn National, \$31,360, 8-28, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:42.97, gd.

KICK IT DEEP (f, 3, Sky Mesa--Look Deep {SW, \$168,104}, by Petionville) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-0, \$63,726. O-Tom Coulter; B-Arrowood Farm (PA); T-Rodrigo Madrigal, Sr.

1st-Finger Lakes, \$21,650, 8-28, (C), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.01, sy.

ANIMUS (g, 4, Bernardini--A Story of Revenge {SP}, by Tale of the Cat) Lifetime Record: 21-4-5-5, \$95,165. O-Compilare Racing Stable & Meagan Early; B-David J. Lanzman Racing, Inc. & Rockingham Ranch (KY); T-Rachel Sells. *\$300,000 Ylg '16 FTSAUG.

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2nd-Finger Lakes, \$21,650, 8-28, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.25, sy.

DRAGONESS (f, 4, Street Boss--Yorksters Girl {Ire} {SP-Eng}, by Bachelor Duke) Lifetime Record: 13-4-4-2, \$54,626. O-Tage Booth; B-James Bredin (NY); T-Ortis N. Henry. *\$2,000 3yo '18 FTKFEB.

7th-Finger Lakes, \$21,000, 8-28, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.16, sy.

JADED LADY (f, 3, Shanghai Bobby--Gem's Classy Lass, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: SP, 9-2-1-1, \$81,901. O/B-Sequel Thoroughbreds LLC (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart. *\$5,000 RNA Ylg '17 SARAUG.

Sequel New York graduate

6th-Retama, \$20,000, 8-27, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24.92, ft.

POMPEYANO (g, 4, El Kingdom--Shahalie Slammer, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: 18-3-5-3, \$49,286. O/B-Jose Luis Espinoza (KY); T-Jerenesto Torrez.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

C J's Empire, f, 2, **Baryshnikov--C J's Brahms**, by Brahms. Indiana Grand, 8-27, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.75. B-Blaine Davidson (IN). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Viv, f, 2, **Commissioner--Colleague**, by Cherokee Run. Retama, 8-27, 7 1/2ft, 1:31.76. B-Stoneview Farm Inc. (KY). *\$3,000 Ylg '18 TTAMIX. **Ninth winner for freshman sire (by A.P. Indy).

Way too Sweet, f, 2, **Empire Way--Sweet Sense**, by Street Sense. Del Mar, 8-28, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06.58. B-Michael Ryan (CA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Helpfast Girl, f, 2, **Jafmil--Going Helpfast**, by Valid Belfast. Prairie Meadows, 8-27, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.84. B-Dick Clark (IA).

Maters N Taters, g, 2, **Santiva--Spousal Privilege**, by Successful Appeal. Indiana Grand, 8-28, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.57. B-Crystal Chapple DVM & Michael G Phelps (IN).

President Witt, g, 3, **Drums of Thunder--Chromedoll** (SP), by Dixieland Heat. Retama, 8-27, (S), 1mT, 1:37.20. B-Henry S. Witt (TX).

Blushing Flame, f, 3, **Fan the Flame--Soft Blush**, by Flatter. Louisiana Downs, 8-27, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:44.60. B-Marianna's Fate Inc. (AR).

Justiceinaction, f, 3, **Flashback--Prairie Prize**, by Pure Prize. Thistledown, 8-28, 6f, 1:14.62. B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (KY). *\$2,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$3,000 Ylg '17 PEDOH.

Mike's Girl, f, 3, **Scat Daddy--Salt Water Reign**, by Salt Lake. Saratoga, 8-28, (S), (C), 5 1/2ft, 1:02.83. B-Hibiscus Stable (NY). *\$160,000 Ylg '17 SARAUG.

Red Bird's Liaison, g, 4, **Liaison--Miss Nunn Finer**, by Artie Schiller. Retama, 8-27, 1mT, 1:38.08. B-Silver Meadow Farm, LC (KY). *\$1,000 Ylg '16 TTAMIX.



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Get the News, g, 4, **Tapit** -Society Pages (Ire), by Medaglia d'Oro. Woodbine, 8-28, (C), 7 1/2fT, 1:29.49. B-Mayfair Speculators Pty LTD (KY).

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Junonia, g, 5, **City Zip**--Sanibel Star, by Unbridled's Song. Presque Isle Downs, 8-27, (S), 1m (AWT), 1:38.16. B-Rodman W. Moorhead (PA). *1/2 to Star Contender (Henny Hughes), SW, \$490,390.



BARYSHNIKOV, C J's Empire, f, 2, o/o C J's Brahms, by Brahms. MSW, 8-27, Indiana Grand

BERNARDINI, Animus, g, 4, o/o A Story of Revenge, by Tale of the Cat. ALW, 8-28, Finger Lakes

CAL NATION, Earned It, g, 5, o/o Star Magic, by Valley Crossing. ALW, 8-28, Delaware

CARPE DIEM, Carpe Victoriā, c, 2, o/o Paying Off, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 8-28, Indiana Grand

CENTRAL BANKER, Moonachie, g, 2, o/o Making a Point, by Freud. MSW, 8-28, Saratoga

CITY ZIP, Junonia, g, 5, o/o Sanibel Star, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 8-27, Presque Isle Downs

COMMISSIONER, Viv, f, 2, o/o Colleague, by Cherokee Run. MSW, 8-27, Retama

DABIRSIM (FR), Namarunu (Ger), g, 4, o/o New Design (Ire), by Bluebird. ALW, 8-27, Presque Isle Downs

DRUMS OF THUNDER, President Witt, g, 3, o/o Chromedoll, by Dixieland Heat. MSW, 8-27, Retama

EL KINGDOM, Pompeyano, g, 4, o/o Shahalie Slammer, by Grand Slam. ALW, 8-27, Retama

EMPIRE WAY, Way too Sweet, f, 2, o/o Sweet Sense, by Street Sense. MCL, 8-28, Del Mar

FAN THE FLAME, Blushing Flame, f, 3, o/o Soft Blush, by Flatter. MSW, 8-27, Louisiana Downs

FAST ANNA, Been Studying Her, f, 2, o/o Maddie's Odyssey, by Kitten's Joy. Generous Portion S., 8-28, Del Mar

FLASHBACK, Justiceinaction, f, 3, o/o Prairie Prize, by Pure Prize. MSW, 8-28, Thistledown

GHOSTZAPPER, Kalu, g, 3, o/o Chilukki's Song, by Elusive Quality. MSW, 8-28, Presque Isle Downs

GIANT GIZMO, Cooler Mike, g, 4, o/o Executive Affair, by Bold Executive. OLG Halton S. Presented by Tipperary Equestrian, 8-28, Woodbine

JAFMIL, Helfast Girl, f, 2, o/o Going Helfast, by Valid Belfast. MSW, 8-27, Prairie Meadows

KINGMAN (GB), Jazzique (Ire), f, 2, o/o Love To Dance (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. MSW, 8-28, Saratoga

LIAISON, Red Bird's Liaison, g, 4, o/o Miss Nunn Finer, by Artie Schiller. MSW, 8-27, Retama

OLD FORESTER, Pink Lloyd, g, 7, o/o Gladiator Queen, by Great Gladiator. OLG Kenora S. Presented by HBPA of Ontario, 8-28, Woodbine

ORIENT, Orient Magic, g, 5, o/o Little Shimmer, by Tavasco. ALW, 8-28, Indiana Grand

PROUD CITIZEN, Indian Pride, f, 3, o/o Ms. Cornstalk, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 8-28, Saratoga

SANTIVA, Maters N Taters, g, 2, o/o Spousal Privilege, by Successful Appeal. MSW, 8-28, Indiana Grand

SCAT DADDY, Mike's Girl, f, 3, o/o Salt Water Reign, by Salt Lake. MCL, 8-28, Saratoga

SHANGHAI BOBBY, Jaded Lady, f, 3, o/o Gem's Classy Lass, by Grand Slam. ALW, 8-28, Finger Lakes

SHANGHAI BOBBY, Shanghai Nights, g, 2, o/o She Shines, by Polish Numbers. MSW, 8-28, Indiana Grand

SKY MESA, Kick It Deep, f, 3, o/o Look Deep, by Petionville. ALW, 8-28, Penn National

STREET BOSS, Dragoness, f, 4, o/o Yorksters Girl (Ire), by Bachelor Duke. ALW, 8-28, Finger Lakes

SUMMER FRONT, Fighting Seabee, c, 2, o/o Broke N Dixie, by Broken Vow. Gill With Anticipation S., 8-28, Saratoga

TWIRLING CANDY, Candy Lane, f, 3, o/o Tangueray Miss, by Cowboy Cal. ALW, 8-28, Thistledown

UNION RAGS, Express Train, c, 2, o/o I'm a Flake, by Mineshaft. MSW, 8-28, Del Mar

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COULONCES AGAIN TO THE FORE AT DONNY



The session-topping Wootton Bassett colt | Sarah Farnsworth

By Amy Lynam

DONCASTER, UK--The success of top race mare Laurens (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) has made the Goffs UK sales ground a very important place for her consignor, Anna Sundstrom of Coulonces Sales. Emotions ran high when the French-based consignor's final offering of the week, a son of Wootton Bassett (GB), became the subject of an intense bidding battle between Goffs agent Richard Ryan, Shadwell Stud's Angus Gold and Ross Doyle standing alongside Mick Flanagan. Ryan, on the phone, was finally declared successful with a bid of £280,000 and was quickly congratulated by Sundstrom.

The Swedish-born consignor later revealed that the emotional nature of the sale was increased by the fact that her mother is currently in hospital in France, and that the colt was bred by her parents. "This colt comes from a family we absolutely love, that we really believe in," she explained, adding, "He is such a lovely mover and has a brilliant attitude. He's been shown so many times and never once said no--not in the heat, not in the rain. All top racehorses share a great mind; Laurens was the same."

Despite being sold by a French-based consignor, lot 438's page resonated strongly with British buyers. Haras d'Etream resident Wootton Bassett is himself a graduate of the Goffs UK, where he was bought by Bobby O'Ryan for £46,000. [Cont. p2](#)

DUKE OF HAZZARD DONE FOR THE YEAR

Fitri Hay's progressive **Duke of Hazzard (Fr)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) made it a stakes hat trick last weekend with a win in Goodwood's G2 Celebration Mile, and trainer Paul Cole has decided that rather than take up an entry in the Sept. 8 G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, the 3-year-old colt will be put away for the year.

"I think he has had quite a busy time," Cole said. "We are now thinking of another plan, and that plan is to look at the Lockinge and Queen Anne next year. His last two races have not been run to suit him, but he has still won. On Saturday it looked like he was never going to get a run. But he has what everybody wants: he is a horse with a great turn of foot. He has had a busy time, and I don't want to prejudice his chances next year by asking too much this year."

Duke of Hazzard made seven starts this campaign, finishing third and fifth adrift of Persian King (GB) (Kingman {GB}) in the G3 Prix Fontainebleau and G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains before going unplaced in a Haydock handicap. He was fifth in Royal Ascot's G3 Jersey S. before reeling off consecutive wins in the Listed Sir Henry Cecil S., the G3 Thoroughbred S. and the Celebration Mile. [Cont. p6](#)



Duke of Hazzard (pink and green) | Racing Post

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Wootton Bassett went on to win the valuable Premier Yearling Stakes for Richard Fahey, following up in a £300,000 contest at Doncaster and achieving Group 1 glory in the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere.

The session topper's dam, meanwhile, comes from the family of Kevin Ryan's stable star Brando (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and top sprinter Reckless Abandon (GB) (Exchange Rate), who was bought at the Premier Sale for £24,000 by trainer Clive Cox.

Laurens was part of Coulonces's very first consignment at Goffs UK and, as several members of the Goffs team congratulated Sundstrom, it was clear that Coulonces is as important to Goffs UK as the sale is to the consignor.

"I love this place," Sundstrom said. "We've enjoyed selling here from day one. We're still learning what type of horse to bring, but most importantly, those we've sold have performed on the track.

"Each year, our consignment has produced a stakes horse."

Sundstrom was joined by her daughter Moa at the sale, and her protegee in fact offered her own yearling as part of their draft. Family is highly important to Sundstrom, she explained.

"Our strength has always been our family bond," she said.

"This is the first time we haven't all been together at a sale and I rely on my parents so much. They will always give me an honest answer and offer constructive criticism on how to improve our product."

Sundstrom was delighted to hear that the colt will go into training with Roger Varian, as confirmed by Richard Ryan, who said, "He's been bought for a client of mine, who is an established English owner with horses in training in both Ireland and the UK. This colt was exquisite,

probably the best colt of the day, and we thought he would particularly suit Roger Varian. He comes from a top vendor; hopefully he will be as good as Laurens."



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Across the sales ground, the general consensus was that trade was strong and suitably so, with buyers constantly complimenting the stock on offer. Strength in depth saw the final clearance rate come to 85%, on par with last year, with the average price increasing by 3% to £46,564. Goffs UK Managing Director Tony Williams said he was delighted with the sale's final results.

"We have enjoyed another very successful Premier Sale and once again we have set a new record top price, £440,000, which followed last year's £380,000 record," he said. "Every year this sale takes another stride forward, it continues to evolve and attract new people and it's something from which we take immense satisfaction.

"The sale has had an amazing year on the track and that's instilling confidence in everyone to continue to invest in it and its development. Our vendors have taken another step up and sent us some superb individuals and the buyers, who have come to us from around the world, are taking things to a new level in the ring.

"The face of this sale is changing but its heart remains firmly focused on the racehorse and it's something that people are backing and enjoying the rewards that follow. We are indebted to everyone who has supported us, we wish them the very best of luck with their purchases and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to Doncaster for the Silver Yearling Sale tomorrow."

Fast Start For Mehmas

A first crop son of Tally-Ho Stud sire Mehmas (Ire) (lot 319) was widely touted as a possible highlight of the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale after receiving a dream update when half-brother Golden Horde (Ire) (Lethal Force {Ire}) took the G2 Richmond S. and followed up with a fine third in the G1 Prix Morny.

Shadwell Stud were keen to secure the Highclere Stud-consigned bay, who also counts listed scorer Exhort (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) among his siblings, and after auctioneer Nick Nugent taunted Angus Gold with, "Don't look at me unless you are going to bid, as irresistible as that may be," Shadwell's Angus Gold conceded defeat to agent Oliver St. Lawrence.

Found outside the ring alongside Golden Horde's owner, St. Lawrence revealed that his winning bid of £260,000 was made on behalf of Fawzi Nass. "He's a nice horse with a lovely update. We were the underbidder on Golden Horde so it made us especially keen to get this colt," St. Lawrence said. "Fawzi doesn't have a trainer in mind at the moment, but may eventually train the colt himself in Dubai and hopefully win the Golden Shaheen like Krypton Factor did."

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Goffs UK cont.

It marked a tremendous result for James Cloney and Michael Nolan, who bred the expensive colt from a nomination fee of €12,500, out of a mare who was bought for 14,000gns by BBA Ireland. It was apt that Mehmas proved popular this week, with the sale known for producing talented juveniles and he one himself, the gutsy son of Acclamation taking two Group 2 contests as a 2-year-old. Placed in two Group 1's, his form remains very current, as he had lowered the colours of Blue Point when winning the G2 Richmond S. Of his 30 yearlings offered, the Tally-Ho Stud sire closed trade with an average price of over £45,000.



Lady Carolyn Warren | Sarah Farnsworth

Shadwell Stud in no way left Doncaster empty-handed, ending the sale as leading buyers of 18 yearlings for a total of £1,893,000. Their most expensive purchase on Wednesday was **lot 257**, a son of promising first-season sire Cable Bay (Ire) offered by his base of Highclere Stud for whom Angus Gold went to £175,000. It marked an impressive profit on the colt, who is the first foal out of John and Jake Warren's 7,500gns buy Bonhomie (GB) (Shamardal) who was covered in Cable Bay's second year at stud at an advertised fee of £5,000.

Lynn Lodge Stud were another to capitalise on their investments, transforming their €62,000 foal pinhook into a £170,000 yearling. **Lot 307** in question boasted a proven pedigree, even last winter, being a full-brother to dual stakes winner Extortionist (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}). Their shared sire needs no introduction, his success reaching as far as the U.S. and Hong Kong, and it is the latter where Extortionist's brother will travel to. He was bought by the Hong Kong Jockey Club, whose buying team is now made up of legendary jockey Michael Kinane and French agent Crispin de Moubray, with the former active at Doncaster.

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More of the Same For Murphy

"It's easier to find gold where you've found it before, rather than digging another hole," was how Mick Murphy reasoned with the £170,000 price tag he paid for Longview Stud's Muhaarar (GB) filly out of Fig Roll (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}) (**lot 332**). The shrewd pinhooker, who operates under Longways Stables with his wife Sarah, is hoping lightning will strike twice with his latest purchase, a half-sister to talented 2-year-old Al Raya (GB) (Siyouni {Fr}). Murphy paid £90,000 for Al Raya at the 2018 edition of the Premier Yearling Sale and resold her at the venue's breeze-up sale for £450,000.

Comparing the half-sisters Murphy said, "We were very lucky with the family last year and this filly looks like a bigger version of Al Raya. She has lovely, big, honest ears, which I like." Lot 332 comes from the second crop of Muhaarar, for whom Murphy believes the best is yet to come, explaining, "Muhaarar hasn't had the fastest start at stud, but he wasn't the most precocious himself, and this filly's family are sharp, early types."

Another hoping to emulate previous success is Steve Parkin's Clipper Logistics, whose best performer this season is Soldier's Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), successful in the Group 2 Flying Childers S. last season and second to Battaash in last week's G1 Nunthorpe S. at York.

Soldier's Call was bought by Joe Foley, who went to £150,000 for another son of Whitsbury Stud stalwart Showcasing on Wednesday, in the shape of **lot 253** from Rathbarry Stud.

The similarities don't end with the sire, according to Foley, who said, "This colt reminded me of Soldier's Call and is out of a similarly-fast mare. He comes from a great vendor in the Cashman and Woods families in County Cork and will now head to Ballyhane to be pre-trained, with a trainer to be decided in the spring."

The February-born bay was a brave 100,000gns purchase by Abbeylands Farm last winter and on his resale, Abbeylands's Franny Woods said, "He was a nice foal and I think he's been very well bought today. He's a gorgeous colt and looks an Ascot type--hopefully he'll be just that for his new owners." Woods is also a key member of the Rathbarry team, and when questioned on trade over the two days, he said, "Trade has been solid for the right horse and these days, you need a quality horse no matter what sale you bring it to."

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Mick Murphy signing for a £170,000 Muhaarar filly | Sarah Farnsworth

SESSION TOPPERS

GOFFS UK PREMIER YEARLING SALE DAY TWO

WEDNESDAY'S TOP 10 LOTS

LOT	SIRE DAM	PRICE (£)
438	c, Wootton Bassett (GB)–Miss Vendome (Ire)	280,000
	Breeder: Team Hogdala AB	
	Consignor: Coulonces Sales	
	Purchaser: Richard Ryan, Agent	

319	c, Mehmas (Ire)–Entreat (GB)	260,000
	Breeder: CN Farm Ltd	
	Consignor: Highclere Stud	
	Purchaser: Oliver St Lawrence	
257	c, Cable Bay (Ire)–Bonhomie (GB)	175,000
	Breeder: Highclere Stud	
	Consignor: Highclere Stud	
	Purchaser: Shadwell Stud	
307	c, Dandy Man (Ire)–Dream Date (Ire)	170,000
	(€62,000 wnl '18 GOFNOV)	
	Breeder: Mrs Louise Lyons	
	Consignor: Lynn Lodge Stud	
	Purchaser: Hong Kong Jockey Club	
332	f, Muhaarar (GB)–Fig Roll (GB)	170,000
	Breeder: Ed's Stud Ltd	
	Consignor: Longview Stud	
	Purchaser: Longways Stables	
253	c, Showcasing (GB)–Blue Aegean (GB)	150,000
	(100,000gns wnl '18 TATDEC)	
	Breeder: The Blue Aegean Partnership	
	Consignor: Rathbarry Stud	
	Purchaser: Joe Foley	
299	f, No Nay Never–Desert Sky (Ire)	140,000
	Breeder: Lynch Bages	
	Consignor: Oaks Farm Stables	
	Purchaser: Sean Quinn	
395	f, Siyouni (Fr)–Lady Viola (GB)	140,000
	Breeder: Mr & Mrs AE Pakenham	
	Consignor: WH Bloodstock	
	Purchaser: Church Farm/Horse Park	
425	c, Muhaarar (GB)–Melbourne Memories (GB)	130,000
	Breeder: MP & RJ Coleman	
	Consignor: Barton Stud	
	Purchaser: Shadwell Stud	
336	c, Adaay (Ire)–Flemish School (GB)	115,000
	(38,000gns wnl '18 TATDEC)	
	Breeder: Plantation Stud	
	Consignor: Grangemore Stud	
	Purchaser: Shadwell Stud	



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SESSION TOTALS	2019	2018
• Catalogued	229	236
• Number Offered	215	219
• Number Sold	183	193
• Not Sold	32	26
• Clearance Rate	85.2%	88.2%
• High Price	£280,000	£240,000
• Gross	£7,919,500	£8,860,500
• Average (% change)	£43,276 (-5.7%)	£45,909
• Median (% change)	£32,000 (-15.8%)	£38,000
CUMULATIVE	2019	2018
• Catalogued	469	501
• Number Offered	448	473
• Number Sold	398	420
• Not Sold	50	53
• Clearance Rate	88.9%	88.8%
• High Price	£440,000	£380,000
• Gross	£18,498,000	£19,066,500
• Average (% change)	£46,477 (+2.4%)	£45,396
• Median (% change)	£35,000	£35,000

NOTHING BUT NET

GOFFS UK PREMIER YEARLING SALE DAY TWO

Lot Sex Sire Dam Price (£)
304 f Exceed and Excel (Aus) Dispel (GB) 100,000

*Consigned by Whatton Manor Stud
 Purchased by Shadwell Stud*

This filly is the second foal out of Dispel (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), a half-sister to stakes winner Iromea (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) who is in turn a half-sister to Grey Lilas (Ire), winner of the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp and dam of the dual French Classic winner Golden Lilac (Ire). FAH Bloodstock scooped up this April-born filly for €30,000 at Goffs November last year.

333 c Territories (Ire) Filona (Ire) 110,000

*Consigned by Mountain View Stud
 Purchased by A.C. Elliott, Agent*

The fourth foal out of the stakes-placed Filona (Ire) (Motivator {GB}), this colt was a 45,000gns purchase by Good Will Bloodstock at Tattersalls December and thus turned a tidy profit on Wednesday. The 2-year-old out of the mare, Follia (GB) (Toronado {Ire}), has been placed since the catalogue was published.

336 c Adaay (Ire) Flemish School (GB) 115,000

*Consigned by Grangemore Stud
 Purchased by Shadwell Stud*

This second foal out of the dual winner Flemish School (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) was bought by Grangemore Stud for 38,000gns at Tattersalls last December and was one of a handful of yearlings by first-crop sire Adaay (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) to sell well at this sale.

431 c Kodi Bear (Ire) Midnight Martini (GB) 90,000

*Consigned by Aughamore Stud
 Purchased by Clive Cox Racing*

The first-crop Kodi Bears have turned some heads this week, and this one proved an excellent pinhook as well, having been bought as a short yearling from Goffs February for €25,000.



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Cole suggested the early part of the colt's season could have gone better if not for a lingering foot injury.

"He had this cavity last year; we treated it, and we thought we got away with it. He was cruising in the French 2000 Guineas, and he flattened out a little bit when he came off the bridle, and the same thing happened in the Jersey.

"I made a rather big mistake of sending him to race at Haydock, and you could say it was lucky rather than unlucky that his shoe came off, because it exposed the cavity. When horses are feeling things they can learn to pull up. So we put the blinkers on when we sorted it to help him concentrate, because he was getting a bit tired in feeling the problem before."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, August 29:

UNITED KINGDOM

Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud 78 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner 14:10-CARLISLE, 6f, BRAZEN POINT (GB) 55,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; 50,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

First-Season Sires With Runners cont.

Cappella Sansevero (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Bridge House Stud
60 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
14:10-CARLISLE, 6f, PANIC ROOM (Ire)
€21,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; £60,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Due Diligence (War Front), Whitsbury Manor Stud
85 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
15:40-CARLISLE, 7f, MISCHIEF STAR (GB)
34,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; £30,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018
14:10-CARLISLE, 6f, SLINGSHOT (GB)
£10,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Irish National Stud
87 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
14:50-FFOS LAS, 7.5f, VULCAN (Ire)
€34,000 RNA Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2018

Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
166 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners
15:40-CARLISLE, 7f, RALPHY BOY TWO (Ire)
£15,000 Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018;
£18,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze-Up Sale 2019

Hallowed Crown (Aus) (Street Sense), Kildangan Stud
77 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
15:40-CARLISLE, 7f, HOOROO (Ire)
£26,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018
15:40-CARLISLE, 7f, SIR HAVELOCK (Ire)
€4,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €16,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2018

Hot Streak (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Tweenhills Stud
79 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
14:10-CARLISLE, 6f, MAGIC TIMING (GB)
£32,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Ivawood (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), Coolmore Stud
100 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
14:50-FFOS LAS, 7.5f, GIVEN (Ire)
€1,700 RNA Goffs February Mixed Sale 2018; £2,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Make Believe (GB) (Makfi {GB}), Ballylinch Stud
87 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
13:20-FFOS LAS, 6f, JUMP THE GUN (Ire)
35,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Nunnery Stud
106 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
14:50-FFOS LAS, 7.5f, ABADIE (GB)
290,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017

The Wow Signal (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), Haras de Bouquetot
9 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
13:30-CHELMSFORD CITY, 7f, SPACE ACE (Fr)
€20,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearlings 2018



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PROMISING O'BRIEN TRAINEE RETURNS

7.25 Tipperary, Cond, €15,500, 3yo/up, 8FT

Aidan O'Brien trainee **LANCASTER HOUSE (IRE)** (**Galileo {Ire}**) goes postward returning off an eight-length debut score tackling an extended mile at Galway earlier this month and the son of MGSW GI Gamely S. runner-up Quiet Oasis (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}) faces four in this second outing. His rivals include Khalid Abdullah's prior winner **Tankerville (Kitten's Joy)**, who is a homebred son of MGSW GI Spinster S. fourth Starformer (Dynaformer), representing the Dermot Weld stable.

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BRITAIN

**Wednesday's Result:**

1st-Musselburgh, £7,100, Mdn, 8-28, 2yo, 7f 33yT, 1:30.46, g/s. COGNAC (IRE) (c, 2, Invincible Spirit {Ire})--Rose de France {Ire}, by Diktat {GB}), third on debut over this trip at Chester on Aug. 4, quickly seized the advantage. Keeping up a strong gallop throughout, the 5-2 second favourite was headed for a spell approaching the furlong pole but found extra to score by 2 1/2 lengths from Embolden (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). The winner is a full-brother to the exciting first-season sire Cable Bay (Ire), MGSW & G1SP-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$506,993, and to the Listed Curragh S. winner Indigo Balance (Ire), SW-Ire. Also a half to Sea Wolf (Ire) (Amadeus Wolf {GB}), GSW-Aus & SP-Ire, \$493,603. The second dam is the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Haydock Sprint Cup heroine Cherokee Rose (Ire) (Dancing Brave), and she is in turn the dam of the G1 Al Quoz Sprint runner-up Ahtoug (GB) (Byron {GB}), the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains third Bowman (Irish River {Fr}) and the dam of the G1 St Leger and G1 Hong Kong Vase winner Mastery (GB) (Sulamani {Ire}). Sales history: €150,000 Ylg '18 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$6,710.

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O-China Horse Club/Ballylinch Stud; B-Irish National Stud (IRE); T-Mark Johnston.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

6th-Bath & Somerset County, £5,300, 8-27, 3yo/up, 5f 160yT, 1:10.82, g/f.

WHISPER ALOUD (GB) (f, 3, Swiss Spirit {GB})--Lulla {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$11,045. O-Clipper Logistics; B-Lordship Stud (GB); T-Archie Watson. *£62,000 Ylg '17 GOUKPR. **1/2 to Mr Scaramanga (GB) (Sir Percy {GB}), GSP-Eng, \$234,884.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Run Wild (Ger), f, 2, Amaron (GB)--Rondinay (Fr), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). Kempton, 8-28, 8f (AWT), 1:38.93. B-Ralf Kredel (GER). *3rd winner for freshman sire (by Shamardal). **€160,000 Ylg '18 BBAGS. ***1/2 to Rock My Love (Ger) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ger, GSW-Ger & GSP-Fr, \$134,942; Rock My Soul (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}), MSW-Ger & GSP-Fr, \$144,166; Rock My Heart (Ger) (Sholokhov {Ire}), SW-Ger; and Rapido (Ger) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), GSP-Ger.

Romantic Vision (Ire), c, 2, Dandy Man (Ire)--Lily White Socks (Ire), by Arakan. Catterick Bridge, 8-28, 5fT, 1:01.05. B-Messrs J., R. & J. Hyland (IRE). *€11,000 Wlg '17 GOFNOV; €5,000 Ylg '18 TIRSEP; €38,000 2yo '19 TATGOR.

Gypsy Whisper (GB), f, 2, Helmet (Aus)--Secret Insider, by Elusive Quality. Lingfield, 8-28, 7fT, 1:21.34. B-Alvediston Stud & Partners (GB).

Bear Force One (GB), g, 3, Swiss Spirit (GB)--Shesha Bear (GB), by Tobougg (Ire). Kempton, 8-28, 7f (AWT), 1:26.57. B-S M Ransom (GB). *6,000gns Wlg '16 TATFOA. **1/2 to Pasaka Boy (GB) (Haafhd {GB}), SP-Eng, \$116,977.

Tornado Queen (Ire), f, 3, Tornado (Ire)--Queenofthenorth (Ire), by Halling. Catterick Bridge, 8-28, 7f 6yT, 1:29.72. B-Deerforest Stud (IRE). *€25,000 Ylg '17 GOFOR.

IRELAND

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Yulong Voice (GB), c, 2, Poet's Voice (GB)--Daraiyna (Fr), by Refuse To Bend (Ire). Bellewstown, 8-28, 7f 168yT, 1:40.24. B-The Daraiyna Syndicate (GB). *10,000gns Wlg '17 TATFOA; €25,000 Ylg '18 TIRSEP.

Phase After Phase (Ire), c, 2, Siyouni (Fr)--Pollyana (Ire) (GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$503,184), by Whipper. Bellewstown, 8-28, 5fT, :59.25. B-J Wall & E Kennedy (IRE). *€130,000 Wlg '17 GOFNOV; 200,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT.

FRANCE

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

5th-Deauville, €35,000, 8-28, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:27.24, st. ROCQUEMONT (FR) (c, 3, Anodin {Ire})--Rebecca's Filly {Fr}, by Elusive City) Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-0, €58,160. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand, Georges Duca & Laurence Samoun; B-C & S Thomas (FR); T-Christophe Escuder. *€23,000 Wlg '16 ARDEC; €60,000 Ylg '17 ARAUG.

3rd-Deauville, €34,000, 8-28, 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2fT, 1:39.18, gd. SANTURIN (FR) (c, 2, Sommerabend {GB})--Semina {Ger} {SW-Ger}, by Mamool {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €30,500. O-Stall Schloss Benrath; B-G Muller & H Klober (FR); T-Henk Grewe.

4th-Deauville, €34,000, 8-28, 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2fT, 1:33.56, gd. TEUCH CLOUD (FR) (f, 2, Le Havre {Ire})--Dont Teutch {Fr} {SW & GSP-Fr, \$106,165}, by Country Reel) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €26,000. O/B-Domaine de la Cornilliere (FR); T-Antoine de Watrigant.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Mushayyed (GB), c, 3, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Al Ishq (Fr), by Nureyev. Deauville, 8-28, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:27.80. B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (GB). *1/2 to Tamayuz (GB) (Nayef), MG1SW-Fr, \$995,266.

GERMANY



Wednesday's Results:

COOLMORE STUD BADEN-BADEN CUP-Listed, €25,000, Baden-Baden, 8-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 9fT, 1:45.32, gd.

1--**WISH YOU WELL (GER)**, 121, f, 3, **Soldier Hollow (GB)**--**Walburga (Ger)**, by **One Cool Cat**. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O/B-Gestut Hony-Hof (GER); T-Jean-Pierre Carvalho; J-Michael Cadeddu. €14,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, €27,200. *1/2 to Westfalica (Ger) (Areion {Ger}), MSP-Ger.

2--**Viva Gloria (Ger)**, 128, f, 4, Reliable Man (GB)--Vive La Reine (Ger), by Big Shuffle. O-Gestut Auenquelle. €6,500.

3--**Baccara Rose (Ger)**, 128, f, 4, Liang Kay (Ger)--Baccara of Spain (Ger), by Medicus (Ger). O-Galoppgemeinschaft Bad Harzburg. €3,000.

Margins: HF, 3/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 28.60, 4.90, 5.80.

Also Ran: Akua'rella (Ger), Best On Stage (Ger), Amatriciana (Fr), Freedom Rising (Ger), Bella Bolide (Fr), Folie de Louise (Fr), Kampina (Ger).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Salve Annetta (GB), f, 3, **Mastercraftsman (Ire)**--Salve Haya (Ire), by Peintre Celebre. Baden-Baden, 8-28, 11fT, 2:21.07. B-Gestut Hony-Hof (GB).



IN AUSTRALIA:

Meteor Light (Ire), g, 5, **Clodovil (Ire)**--Nordkappe (Ger), by High Chaparral (Ire). Sandown (Lakeside), 8-28, Hcp. (£28k/€30k), 2400mT, 2:37.93. B-Nordkappe Partnership. *€26,000 Ylg '15 GOFFEB; 26,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT.



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Thursday, Tipperary, Ireland, post time: 5.55 p.m.

COOLMORE STUD FAIRY BRIDGE S.-G3, €65,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	10	Surrounding (Ire)	Lilbourne Lad (Ire)	Foely	Halford	134
2	8	Blizzard (GB)	Medicean (GB)	Bentley	Beckett	131
3	3	Dan's Dream (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	W Lee	Channon	131
4	6	Hells Babe (GB)	Hellvelyn (GB)	Edmunds	M Appleby	131
5	12	liex Excelsa (Ire)	Excelebration (Ire)	Hayes	Stack	131
6	2	Rionach (GB)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Roche	O'Callaghan	131
7	11	WaitingfortheDay (Ire)	Elzaam (Aus)	D O'Brien	J O'Brien	131
8	1	Wisdom Mind (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Halpin	J O'Brien	131
9	5	Fire Fly (Ire)	Gelileo (Ire)	Heffernan	A O'Brien	126
10	4	I Remember You (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Lordan	A O'Brien	126
11	13	Morpho Blue (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Madden	Harrington	126
12	7	Skitter Scatter	Scat Daddy	Whelan	Oxx	126
13	9	Titanium Sky (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Orr	Weld	126



Champion 2-year-old filly Skitter Scatter returns in Thursday's G3 Fairy Bridge S. at Tipperary | *Racing Post*



CORBAN'S SUCCESSFUL AFFILIATION WITH CAMBRIDGE



Marcus Corban | TDN AusNZ

by Jo McKinnon

One of the most respected farm managers in New Zealand, Marcus Corban, has had a challenging month managing the care of now sadly deceased stallion Roaring Lion (Kitten's Joy {USA}). But that's only one chapter in a long and illustrious career for the General Manager of Cambridge Stud.

After 38 years in the engine room of the well-oiled machine that is Cambridge Stud, Marcus Corban has seen and experienced almost every high and low there is with horses.

But nothing could prepare him for the darkest day in the famed New Zealand stud's long and illustrious history last week when valuable and much loved shuttle stallion Roaring Lion died after a deadly bout of colic.

"I'm not a sook or one to show much emotion but the Roaring Lion death has blown me away," said Marcus. "Losing Zabeel I could handle because he died naturally. We tried so many things with him (Roaring Lion) that worked and then to lose him was terrible. With what he went through I cannot imagine any other horse doing what he did."

Roaring Lion fought for his life just like a lion right until the very end and his eventual passing deeply saddened the many people who were associated with him as a racehorse and stallion.

It was less than 48 hours after the tragedy when I interviewed Marcus for this story and he was busy preparing to host a stallion parade for 250 guests that afternoon.

"You can't dwell, you have to move forward," he said.

New chapter for Cambridge Stud

With the breeding season about to begin, the show must go on at the iconic thoroughbred nursery which is also in the midst of a huge redevelopment phase being led by its passionate new owners Brendan and Jo Lindsay.

"The way Brendan and Jo have handled the death of Roaring Lion has been unbelievable. Brendan gave a very emotional speech to staff which was from the heart. They have a real passion and drive to make Cambridge better."

Marcus admits to having felt nervous about his future there when they first took over the ownership from Sir Patrick Hogan in April last year.

"I found it very hard because of the unexpected, not knowing what Brendan and Jo were going to be like. Once you have been in a one-man institution like Cambridge was, I was scared and nervous about what they were going to do and how I would react to it. It's been a big change for me, it's been incredible."

Marcus now holds the key position of General Manager at Cambridge Stud. A wise appointment by the Lindsays considering the integral role he's played in its success story for close to 40 years.

Learning from the best

During that time he learned a lifetime worth of horsemanship and tricks of the trade from one of the shrewdest operators in the global breeding industry.

Sir Patrick entrusted Marcus to run Cambridge for 25 years, a big responsibility for someone who admits he still had plenty to learn when he first started out in the industry.

"I was not a natural brilliant horseman but what I have learnt from him and the systems and eye for detail is amazing. He was methodical. Seven days a week, 24 hours a day, if it had to be done, it was done."

Marcus was introduced to racing and breeding by his uncle Harry Skinner who was a trainer at Avondale. As a teenager, he helped Harry out by taking horses down to the track for him.

When Harry died, a chance meeting at his funeral set Marcus on the path to a long and successful stud farm career.

“Barney Myers was there and put me in touch with Jim Shannon and I soon started at Waikato Stud when Nelson Bunker Hunt owned it.”

From the age of 18, Marcus was working full-time at Waikato Stud and has fond memories of those days that ignited his passion working with horses.



Former Cambridge Stud owner Sir Patrick Hogan | TDN AusNZ

“Waikato was such a beautiful farm and to get up in the morning and walk around the property like that with mares and foals gave me a positive vibe about working and I have never lost that urge.”

Early on in his career Marcus made the choice to explore the international world of racing and breeding and had a stint working in Ireland and also spent time working at Gainesway Farm in the US which he particularly enjoyed.

“I loved America. Over there I buddied up with the likes of Peter Orton, Tim Ferriss, Paul Shanahan and Hubie de Burgh. I made very good contacts with guys that have been friends ever since. That was a really good stepping stone for me.”

Back home Marcus also worked for a period at Field House Stud under David Benjamin, whom he described as a “real go-getter”. During that time he always kept a close eye on what was going on over at Cambridge.

The job of a lifetime

“Cambridge was next to us and in those days it was like an army camp. I thought 'this guy is going to go somewhere'.

“They were the first farm to have uniforms and one of the first farms to have an entertainment area. Patrick was a real showman.”

Eventually, a local blacksmith by the name of Laurie Lynch helped set up a meeting between Marcus and Sir Patrick which led to the opportunity of a lifetime.

“I drove out to Cambridge and he said you can start on this day and the rest is history.”

Together Marcus and Sir Patrick took Cambridge to unprecedented heights with one of their proudest achievements being the only stud farm in history to top the Magic Millions Yearling Sale, Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale and New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale all in the same year.

They also shared the heady days with champion stallions Sir Tristram (Ire) and his son Zabeel (NZ). Marcus got to know both horses like the back of his hand.

“Zabeel was an incredible animal. He had his ups and downs and I remember he kicked out at the end of a breeding season and cut his flexor tendon. He lived in a box for six weeks. A lot of stallions wouldn't get over that and he also had fertility issues that we fixed with treatment. He also had laminitis in his 20s and for an older stallion to show the guts and determination he had was amazing.”

He isn't so warm in his words to describe Sir Tristram, a horse that taught him plenty about the challenging and the dangerous side of managing certain stallions.

“He was a grumpy old coot. You couldn't be in a box with him. You could never trust him and had to catch him over a gate. If he had been anywhere else people would probably not have coped but we worked out systems on how to handle it so that he couldn't get us.

“You needed to take your time. He took bits of skin off people. He got me once, but at the end of the day it wasn't life-threatening.”

Marcus worked alongside Sir Patrick every single day and during the journey developed his own unique strengths as a horseman.

“I love foaling mares and in the end, I was one of only a few that he would let foal his mares. I did have a good knack for foaling I learned myself, however a lot of the systems--like how you manage a sick foal--were very much instilled by the way he ran things.”

To this day, it's still his favourite part of the job.

“When they are born and sitting on the ground and the mares are there, that is what I love. Then the foal gets up and wanders around--it gives purpose to what you have done for the past year. Seeing them in good health gives you really good job satisfaction.”

One horse he foaled down that would go on to become a champion racehorse and stallion was Octagonal (Zabeel) (NZ).

"He was a real cruiser. He was one of those horses, he was so relaxed. I always remember him for in those days Eight Carat was the queen of the farm because Patrick had paid so much for her from Robert Sangster. He had a great attitude.

"Then I remember when the Inghams looked at him at the sales. They never gave much away, but I remember old Jack loved him."

Mentoring young talent

While many famous horses have been linked to Cambridge Stud, many well-known people have also spent time inside the gates there too. Such was the respect for the farm and its leaders that anyone serious about furthering their career would go there to work at some stage.

Marcus says mentoring young racing talent has always been a great passion of his.

"I love mentoring young people, Patrick did that with me when I first started. I have always been big on that. I have had some great people that have come through such as James Cummings, Mike Fleming, Vicky Leonard and Antony Thompson. I get a lot out of seeing these people go on and be successful."

Mike Fleming credits the guidance of Marcus to making the move to Cambridge Stud, which eventually led to taking an opportunity in the Hunter Valley and establishing Bhima Thoroughbreds.

"If it wasn't for Marcus I wouldn't have gone to Cambridge Stud in the first place," said Fleming. "What I learned from Marcus in those four years allowed me to develop the horsemanship skills and management experience to set up on my own.

"Marcus is a wonderful judge of a horse and a very gifted horseman. If I was ever in trouble with a foaling, there is no other person in the world I would want in the paddock with me—he's a genius when it comes to thinking clearly in a stressful situation."

TDN AusNZ's Vicky Leonard also credits Marcus for having a major role in shaping her career.

"Marcus was my first boss in the industry and the person who opened my eyes to the amazing career opportunities available globally," Leonard recalls. "He encouraged me to think big and gain experience from the best in the world.

"Marcus has been a wonderful mentor and friend for well over a decade now, and is still someone I rely on for honest feedback and advice. I know he has had this impact on the careers of many in the industry."

A survivor in a tough and ruthless industry, Marcus passes on the advice he has heeded himself to anyone that asks for it.

"I tell them to always look to see who is going to be the next big person in the industry and that's how I chose Patrick. You have got to open your mind and see who is doing things.

"Look forward, don't look back, and strive for perfection and look to the farms that are going to go ahead like Arrowfield, Newgate, Coolmore, Yulong and Woodside. There are plenty of opportunities if you want to target them."

But above all that, Marcus says passion and a love of the horse is the key to success and they were the endearing qualities that shone through in the way that he handled recent events with Roaring Lion.

"If you don't have that passion, well, you can't be successful. I'm there all the time. I am not a workaholic but I don't miss much and make sure the horse gets the best of everything," he said.



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