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GRASPING THE BATON

Four years after Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) lit up Goodwood's slopes,  **"TDN Rising Star"**  **Kingman (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) produced a performance that went some way to approaching that type of brilliance in the G1 QIPCO Sussex S. to keep the Juddmonte standard flying high. Set up as a match between him and **Tornado (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), the feature of the Glorious meeting turned into a



Kingman pulls clear of Tornado
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three-horse sprint for slightly more than a quarter mile and it was Khalid Abdullah's latest homebred sensation who had the superior dash to that rival and the surprise of the race, **Darwin** (Big Brown). Rushing from last to first under a confident James Doyle, the 2-5 favorite cracked that pair

with two violent last-furlong splits to secure a length verdict over Tornado, with Darwin battling on to be just a head behind in third. "He's a wonderful racehorse and they probably played into his hands, as we passed the two pole trotting like in the velodrome in cycling," Doyle explained. "The turn of gear he's got is unbelievable--we've gone from going as slow as you can go to as fast as you can go in a horse race and he just drops down a gear and powers. Once I got him organized, it was game over. It was almost push-button--when you ask him, it's electrifying and he has a cruising speed and turn of foot I haven't experienced before." **Cont. p2**

ONE FOR THE HIGHLIGHT REEL

Sent off the hot favorite despite sweating up and wasting abundant energy before the start, **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire})--who had been so impressive when winning by 12 lengths over a mile at Gowran Park at the start of the month--showed his class to take yesterday's G2 Vintage S. with real authority. **Tupi (Ire)** (Tamayuz {GB}) and **Round Key (GB)** (Mount Nelson {GB}) were second and third, respectively. "He's a traveler," trainer Aidan O'Brien said. "Some Galileos can be very classy and sharp and he'll do it for you. He was a very impressive



Highland Reel
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winner of his maiden and shows lots of speed, so this race fell really nicely for him. He has a lot of natural energy and we didn't know whether to keep him for the G1 Phoenix S. over six furlongs or come here--he was showing that type of pace. He's a very high cruiser and went past the line very strongly." **Cont. p5**

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NINE LINE UP FOR WHITNEY

A total of nine runners were assembled yesterday for Saturday's GI Whitney H. The Saratoga feature offers a \$1.5-million purse this year and an automatic berth into the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. Dogwood Stable's GI Metropolitan H. winner **Palace Malice** (Curlin), even-money on Eric Donovan's morning line, drew ideally in gate five. Willis Horton and Three Chimneys Farm's **Will Take Charge** (Unbridled's Song) was dealt the dreaded one hole. "I hate to have an upset stomach this early in the morning," Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas said. "Not good. I never really have much luck on the rail in any big race, not really in [a race] of this magnitude." In his last afternoon appearance at the Spa, Will Take Charge upended the 2013 GI Travers S., finishing three spots ahead of troubled-trip Palace Malice. The remainder of the field, from inside to out, is **Prayer for Relief** (Jump Start), **Moreno** (Ghoszapper), **Itsmyluckyday** (Lawyer Ron), **Departing** (War Front), **Romansh** (Bernardini), **Golden Ticket** (Speightstown) and **Last Gunfighter** (First Samurai). **Field p10**

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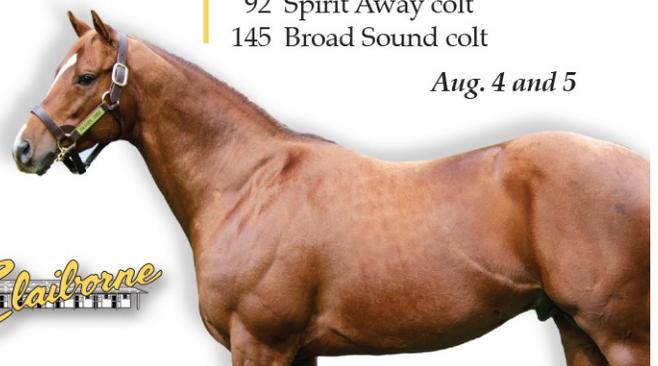
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Meriebelle Makes FTSAUG Debut



Tapit--Rote filly at Keeneland November
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Jessica Martini profiles John Moores and Charles Noell's up-and-coming Merriebelle Stables, which will offer a Tapit filly at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Selected Yearlings sale Monday.

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European Previews

It's a fairly busy day of group racing in Europe Thursday, headlined by the G2 Goodwood Cup, which features the likes of **Brown Panther (GB)** (Shirocco {Ger}) and **Estimate (Ire)** (Monsun {Ger}).

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Stronach Appoints Safety Director

The Stronach Group announced yesterday that it has appointed Dr. Robert O'Neil to the new position of Equine Health and Safety Director, Florida. The role is part of an initiative aimed at industry-wide cooperation towards improving safety and integrity.

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TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

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| 7:20a | Prix de Psyche-G3, DVL | ----- | ----- |
| 9:35a | Richmond S.-G2, GWD | Brisnet.com PPs | ----- |
| 10:10a | Goodwood Cup-G2, GWD | Brisnet.com PPs | ----- |
| 10:45a | Lillie Langtry S.-G3, GWD | Brisnet.com PPs | ----- |
| 1:25p | Oslo Cup-G3, OVR | ----- | ----- |
| 2:15p | Polar Cup-G3, OVR | ----- | ----- |



Wednesday, Goodwood, Britain

QIPCO SUSSEX S.-G1, £300,000, GWD, 7-30, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:41.75, gd/fm.

1--**KINGMAN (GB)**, 126, c, 3, by **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Zenda (GB)** (G1SW-Fr, GISP-US, G1SP-Eng, \$406,560), by **Zamindar**

2nd Dam: **Hope (Ire)**, by **Dancing Brave**

3rd Dam: **Bahamian (Ire)**, by **Mill Reef**

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden; J-James Doyle; £170,130. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Ire, 7-6-1-0, £685,133. *1/2 to Remote (GB) (Dansili {GB}), GSW-Eng. **Werk Nick**

Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Toronado (Ire)**, 134, c, 4, **High Chaparral (Ire)**--Wana

Doo, by Grand Slam. (€40,000 wnlg '10 ARQDEC; €55,000 yrl '11 ARQAUG). O-AI Shaqab Racing; B-Paul Nataf (IRE); T-Richard Hannon; £64,500.

3--**Darwin**, 134, c, 4, **Big Brown**--Cool Ghoul, by Silver

Ghost. (\$220,000 yrl '11 FTSAUG; \$1,300,000 2yo '12 FTFMAR). O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Lansdon Robbins & Tom Hansen (PA); T-Aidan O'Brien; £32,280.

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Also Ran: Outstrip (GB). Scratched: War Command.

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After showing such brilliance on an easy surface early in his career, any fears that Kingman would be unable to withstand fast ground were brushed aside by his fine effort at Newmarket in the May 3 G1 2000 Guineas, where he was denied late on by Night of Thunder (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) with his jockey possibly having committed too early. Some greats have been beaten in that Classic, such as the outstanding miler Kris (GB)--who went on to demonstrate what an aberration his Newmarket eclipse was--and Kingman has since put his reversal firmly behind under more calculating tactics. Held up in The Curragh's G1 Irish 2000 Guineas three weeks later, he brought his dramatic acceleration to bear on over-matched rivals there before swooping hawk-like on opposition at the end of the G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot last time June 17. That was another contest staged on ground quicker than ideal for the imposing bay, and connections wanted to ensure safe conditions prevailed at Goodwood as they put their beau ideal at center stage once again. **Cont. p4**



Kingman and trainer John Gosden after the Sussex
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Sussex S. cont.

After watering was carried out by the course management Tuesday night, the green light was given and the only discussion pre-race concerned the tactical nuances of the contest. Joseph O'Brien settled who would lead by committing ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Darwin, but the pace was tepid and Richard Hughes opted to stick close to the Ballydoyle challenger with Toronado while James Doyle watched on with Kingman. As the crawl became the inevitable sprint, Toronado gained a slight edge over Darwin, but never truly threatened to leave that rival behind. As Toronado struggled to shrug off the long-time leader, it was soon clear that Kingman held all the aces. Despite taking a few strides to pick up, when the surge came it was as irresistible as it had been at the Royal meeting, and with a penultimate split of 10.23 seconds he was able to readily subdue the warring duo.

"I went out in the St James's Palace thinking I knew what would happen and in two strides it all flip-flopped and changed, so I didn't know what would happen here," James Doyle said. "He is a pleasure to ride and I wasn't concerned, but he is still learning and it was effectively a 2 1/2-furlong race. He'd have no problem traveling up easily in a top sprint and has all the attributes to get you out of trouble." Trainer John Gosden is firmly of the opinion that Kingman, a son of the 2002 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Zenda (GB) (Zamindar) who hails from the immediate family of 1993 G1 Irish Oaks victress Wemyss Bight (GB) (Dancing Brave), champion Oasis Dream (GB) and multiple Grade I winner Beat Hollow (GB), could win any of the major speed races. Gosden added, "It was a very tactical affair and a clever ploy from the first two, as this is a switchback, downhill track and he took a furlong and a half to get rolling, but luckily his class shone through. He was under hands and heels and it was like we would work him at home. I knew I should have run him in the July Cup with Gregorian nearly getting second, as he's like Oasis Dream--he has that speed. He has improved and got wiser and stronger and grown this year."

Gosden noted that Kingman has the attributes to train on should he remain racing next year. "He has great shoulders and midline on him, so although he's three, he's as good as a 4-year-old. You want to train these horses forever and he has a great constitution and great mind on him, so that is not a problem regarding him staying in training."

The owner-breeder's Racing Manager Teddy Grimthorpe also said, "John [Gosden] has always said he could win a July Cup, so they played into our hands. We didn't know what to expect, as Richard Hughes rides this track so well, but when



Kingman

Racing Post

Kingman finds his stride and starts to quicken, it's pretty impressive. We thought the most important thing was to let the 3-year-old meet the older generation, and Prince Khalid is a great lover of the Sussex S.

Grimthorpe touched on Kingman's targets for the future. "There is a possibility of him going to the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois [at Deauville Aug. 17], but the end game is the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. [at Ascot Oct. 18]. That is an important race for him and how he gets there is up to John. We certainly haven't had any discussions about next year. The most important thing is to get this year under the belt. We're incredibly lucky to have such a horse of this caliber, and he excites people as well. When you see that turn of foot, it gets the blood rushing and we all want to see more of it. It's a question of doing the right thing for the horse--whether he is in good enough shape to go on another year and if it makes sense. Prince Khalid will decide."

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Harry Herbert, racing advisor to Toronado's owners, Al Shaqab Racing, was far from downcast. "It was always going to be a muddling affair and the way it panned out, it was probably the only way we were likely to beat Kingman," he explained. "For a moment, I thought it looked like we would as we quickened off a slow pace and got away going down the hill. Hughesie told me he's never been as fast in a final furlong in a Group 1 race than that, and I don't think he's lost anything in defeat. He'll be retiring to stud at the end of the season and Olympic Glory (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}) will go for the Jacques le Marois, so we'll have to see where Toronado goes as there aren't a whole lot of options. There is the Queen Elizabeth II, but that is probably where the winner is headed as well. As I said after Telescope was beaten on Saturday, we have been beaten by a fantastic horse."

Aidan O'Brien said of the third, "We knew that Darwin loves fast ground and he never gets it. This is what he wants and we're delighted with the way he ran. Kingman is a very smart horse and the way he picked up you'd have to be very impressed."



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Wednesday, Goodwood, Britain

VEUVE CLICQUOT VINTAGE S.-G2, £80,000, GWD, 7-30, 2yo, 7fT, 1:26.81, gd/fm.

1--#**@HIGHLAND REEL (IRE)**, 127, c, 2, by [Galileo \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: Hveger (Aus) (MG1SP-Aus), by Danehill

2nd Dam: Circles of Gold (Aus), by Marscay (Aus)

3rd Dam: Olympic Aim (NZ), by Zamazaan (Fr)

(460,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT). O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Hveger Syndicate (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Joseph O'Brien; £45,368.

Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, £55,906. * 1/2 to

Valdemoro (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}),

MG1SP-Aus, \$337,006. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**

Triple Plus. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Tupi (Ire)**, 127, c, 2, Tamayuz (GB)--Carioca (Ire), by Rakti (GB). (100,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT). O-Michael

Kerr-Dineen & Martin Hughes; B-Kabansk Ltd & Rathbarry Stud (IRE); T-Richard Hannon; £17,200.

3--**Room Key (GB)**, 127, c, 2, Mount Nelson (GB)--Saturday Girl (GB), by Peintre Celebre. (12,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT). O-The Picnic Partnership; B-R J C

Wilmot-Smith (GB); T-Eve Johnson Houghton;

£8,608.

Margins: 2 1/4, 3/4, 1. Odds: 0.91, 6.50, 20.00.

Also Ran: Ahlan Emarati (Ire), Pallister (GB), Chadic

(GB), Faithful Creek (Ire), Dr No (GB). [Click for the](#)

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Vintage S. cont.

Racing exuberantly early and given a nudge by Chadic (GB) (Echo of Light {GB}), the blaze-faced bay soon settled into an even rhythm in fourth under Joseph O'Brien. Surging to the lead approaching the furlong pole, he quickly asserted and was comfortably on top of Tupi at the line to provide Ireland with a first winner of this prestigious race.

Highland Reel's second dam is the G1 Australian Oaks heroine Circles of Gold (Aus) (Marscay {Aus}), the dam of multiple Group 1 winners Elvstroem (Aus) (Danehill) and Haradasun (Aus) (Fusaichi Pegasus). World champion sprinter Starspangledbanner (Aus) appears under the third dam.

Wednesday, Goodwood, Britain

NEPTUNE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT GORDON S.-G3, £80,000, GWD, 7-30, 3yo, 12fT, 2:33.08, gd/fm.

1--**@SNOW SKY (GB)**, 127, c, 3, by [Nayef](#)

1st Dam: **Winter Silence (GB) (SP-Fr)**, by **Dansili (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Hunt the Sun (GB)**, by **Rainbow Quest**

3rd Dam: **Suntrap**, by **Roberto**

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute; J-James Doyle; £45,368.

Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, £120,627. **Werk Nick**

Rating: **A+**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Windshear (GB)**, 127, c, 3, [Hurricane Run \(Ire\)](#)--Portal

(GB), by **Hernando (Fr)**. (25,000gns wIng '11

TATDEC; €95,000 yrl '12 ARQAUG). O-Michael

Daniels; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Richard

Hannon; £17,200.

3--**Somewhat**, 127, c, 3, [Dynaformer](#)--Sometime (Ire),

by **Royal Academy**. (\$190,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP).

O-Sheikh Majid bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-B P

Walden Jr, P W Madden & G McDonald (KY); T-Mark

Johnston; £8,608.

Margins: NK, HD, 1. Odds: 4.50, 6.50, 3.50.

Also Ran: **Cloudscape (Ire)**, **Scotland (Ger)**,

Observational (GB), **Red Galileo (GB)**. Scratched: **Ayrad**

(Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result](#) or the [brisnet.com](#)

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Gordon S. cont.

As far as early impressions go, Snow Sky's third juvenile start proved a lasting one as he sailed to an 11-length maiden win on heavy ground at Salisbury in early October before flopping when eighth in the G1 Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster just over three weeks later. Returning to be runner-up to Western Hymn (GB)



Snow Sky
Racing Post

(High Chaparral {Ire}) in a 10-furlong conditions event at Newbury Apr. 11, the homebred beat the subsequent dual group winner Hartnell (GB) (Authorized {Ire}) in convincing fashion in the May 10 Listed Lingfield Derby Trial before a setback ruled him out of a tilt at the

Epsom Classic itself. Building on a subsequent fourth in Royal Ascot's G2 King Edward VII S. June 20, the bay booked a potential St Leger tilt with a battling success in this recognized prep for the Sept. 13 Doncaster feature. Anchored with only two behind early, Snow Sky was wound up wide at the top of the straight by James Doyle as the longtime leader, Somewhat, tried to slip away. After mastering that rival approaching the furlong marker, he ran around in front but found the line ahead of the strong-finishing Windshear, who denied Somewhat the silver medal by a head.

"The big crowd didn't help and he got a little bit warm and on his toes, but when we got away from the hustle and bustle I was happy," Doyle said. "At Royal Ascot I probably rode him too handy, as he was a little bit too fresh and ran with the choke out. I was keen to get him relaxed early, as he was when he won the Lingfield Derby, and as he stays so well I wanted to let him use his stride at the top of the straight. He floated to the front and I probably got there a touch too soon, as he's still a bit babyish and lost concentration, but he battled well when he needed to."

Doyle praised his charge's versatility, adding, "He won his maiden on bottomless ground, but slopped through it as it was not holding in any way, and he is such a good mover who flicks his toe that this fast ground is no problem."

Snow Sky is out of a half-sister to the Group/Grade 1 winners Polish Summer (GB) (Polish Precedent) and Meteor Storm (GB) (Bigstone {Ire}).





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IN THE PANTHER'S LAIR

After recording a career-best in last year's G2 Goodwood Cup, **Brown Panther (GB)** (Shirocco {Ger}) returns to the Sussex Downs to attempt back-to-back renewals and join the likes of multiple winners Le Moss (Ire), Double Trigger (Ire) and Yeats (Ire). Fading into fourth in the G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot June 19 before finishing runner-up in the 14-furlong G2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil at Longchamp July 13, Michael Owen's homebred would provide a poignant close to a week in which his dam, Treble Heights (Ire) (Unfuwain), died. "We are very happy with Brown Panther and I think that he has produced his best ever set of results this season," trainer Dascombe told *PA Sport*. "It was a massive thrill to win the Goodwood Cup last year. It's the oldest group race in the country and a fantastic race to win. Brown Panther was second in France earlier this month, but I think that racing over there doesn't really suit him as he doesn't have that turn of foot that the French horses do. His weight is now exactly the same as it was before that run and he seems to be taking his races better than ever these days."



Brown Panther
Racing Post

Ahead of Brown Panther in the Ascot feature was The Queen's **Estimate (Ire)** (Monsun {Ger}), who went down by a neck to Leading Light (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) as she bravely bid for back-to-back renewals on her first run of the season. With that effort marred by the subsequent discovery of a positive test for morphine thought to be from contaminated feed, connections are keen for some positive news. John Warren, The Queen's bloodstock and racing advisor, told *PA Sport*, "We're heading into this race assuming she can only improve for having had a run in the Gold Cup. That was a fantastic performance and we hope she can run another good race. Sir Michael has been absolutely delighted with her since Ascot and she has done everything he has wanted her to--she came out of it in such good form having run such a race." Stoute noted that he does not have any ground concerns. "I don't think she'll have any issues with the track--we don't see that as being a problem. The ground should be nice and quick, which is just what she relishes. We're going there hoping she runs another great race."

Saeed bin Suroor saddles a trio, including last year's runner-up **Ahzeemah (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and **Cavalryman (GB)** (Halling), whose confidence is high following his win in the 12-furlong G2 Princess of Wales's S. at Newmarket July 10. **Cont. p9**

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Goodwood Cup cont.

“Cavalryman started the year in really good heart in Dubai and won well last time out at Newmarket,” he commented. “He was sixth in this race last year, but returns to Goodwood in better form. Racing over two miles will be no problem and he is in good order, although it looks a tough race.” Suroor noted that Ahzeemah could bounce back from recent below-par efforts. “Ahzeemah has been a little disappointing this year, but he didn’t stay 2 1/2 miles at Royal Ascot. Usually, he improves with his racing and has been working nicely recently. He’s ready to go again and I’m hoping for a better run over a distance that suits him.”

Thursday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 3:10 p.m.

ARTEMIS GOODWOOD CUP-G2, £120,000, 3yo/up, 16fT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|----|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | 3 | Ahzeemah (Ire) | Dubawi (Ire) | Bentley | bin Suroor |
| 2 | 7 | Angel Gabriel (Ire) | Hurricane Run (Ire) | Hanagan | Fahey |
| 3 | 1 | Brass Ring (GB) | Rail Link (GB) | Doyle | Gosden |
| 4 | 9 | Brown Panther (GB) | Shirocco (Ger) | Kingscote | Dascombe |
| 5 | 10 | Cavalryman (GB) | Halling | Fallon | bin Suroor |
| 6 | 6 | Excellent Result (Ire) | Shamardal | Spencer | bin Suroor |
| 7 | 8 | Forgotten Voice (Ire) | Danehill Dancer (Ire) | Hughes | Henderson |
| 8 | 2 | Whiplash Willie (GB) | Phoenix Reach (Ire) | Fortune | Balding |
| 9 | 4 | Estimate (Ire) | Monsun (Ger) | Moore | Stoute |
| 10 | 5 | Moment in Time (Ire) | Tiger Hill (Ire) | Lane | Simcock |

All carry 134 pounds bar Estimate & Moment in Time, 131.

SOLID

Richard Hughes has labeled **Ivawood (Ire)** (Zebedee {GB}) his banker of the Glorious Goodwood meeting, and the unbeaten star of the Richard Hannon stable puts his lofty reputation on the line again in today’s G2 Qatar Bloodstock Richmond S. at Glorious Goodwood. Saddled with a three-pound penalty as a result of his emphatic win in the G2 July S. over this



Ivawood

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trip at Newmarket July 10, the bay bids to provide the yard with a fifth renewal since 2008. “Ivawood has been compared with Toronado and we have seen the similarities at home--he is certainly high up in our pecking order of 2-year-olds,” his trainer commented. “He won the July S. at Newmarket

impressively and he’ll be even better on this drier ground, as he has so much natural speed.”

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Re-opposing from the July S. is Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum’s runner-up **Jungle Cat (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}), who has 2 3/4 lengths to find with Ivawood. Previously third in the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot June 17, he is a tough character who is bound to be in the shake-up again.

Of the more unexposed types, Christopher Wright and Emily Asprey’s **Moonraker (GB)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) is interesting coming off a maiden win over five furlongs at Ascot May 10. On that occasion, he had the subsequent Listed Windsor Castle S. third Mubtaghaa (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) back in second, but the fact that that rival went on to finish eighth behind Ivawood in the July suggests he has to improve markedly to trouble the favorite.

Thursday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 2:35 p.m.

QATAR BLOODSTOCK RICHMOND S.-G2, £80,000, 2yo, c/g, 6fT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|----|---------------------|------------------------|---------|--------------|
| 1 | 5 | Ivawood (Ire) | Zebedee (GB) | Hughes | Hannon |
| 2 | 7 | Ahlan Emarati (Ire) | Holy Rmn Emperor (Ire) | Spencer | P Chpple-Hym |
| 3 | 4 | Doc Charm (GB) | Hellvelyn (GB) | Eaves | Dalgleish |
| 4 | 6 | Fox Trotter (Ire) | Bushranger (Ire) | Fortune | Meehan |
| 5 | 8 | Jungle Cat (Ire) | Iffraaj (GB) | Fanning | Johnston |
| 6 | 2 | Louie de Palma (GB) | Pastoral Pursuits (GB) | Hanagan | Cox |
| 7 | 1 | Moonraker (GB) | Starspngledbnnr (Aus) | Moore | Channon |
| 8 | 9 | Sixty (Ire) | Iffraaj (GB) | Dobbs | Hannon |
| 9 | 3 | Surewecan (GB) | Royal Applause (GB) | Norton | Johnston |

All carry 126 pounds bar Ivawood, 129.

LILLIE’S LOT

Today’s G3 Lillie Langtry S. at Goodwood offers a real mix of distaffers, with the proven extreme stayer **Missunited (Ire)** (Golan {Ire}) taking on last year’s G1 Epsom Oaks heroine **Talent (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}). Whereas the latter has generally failed to build on her Classic exploits of last term, Vanessa Hutch’s Missunited has gone from strength to strength and was in the thick of the action in the G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot June 19. Only beaten a neck and a short head by Leading Light (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and Estimate (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}) there, she was battling back at the close of the 2 1/2-mile showpiece after attempting to make all. Previously, she had won over this trip in Leopardstown’s Listed Saval Beg S. June 6 and she will be a tough nut to crack if allowed freedom on the front end. Talent also had Leading Light just ahead when runner-up in the G1 St Leger at Doncaster in September, and looked in need of further when third in Haydock’s G2 Lancashire Oaks over 1 1/2 miles last time July 5. **Cont. p10**

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Lillie Langtry S. cont.

One who is totally unexposed and could spoil the party is Normandie Stud's **Stella Bellissima (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}), who beat the subsequent wide-margin winner Gwafa (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}) in impressive style on debut over 12 furlongs at Newbury July 3. "Anyone can see that she's got a massive task on official figures, being over 30 pounds behind the highest-rated," jockey William Buick said. "But the boss, John Gosden, has an amazing record with lightly raced fillies and can turn them inside out. This filly is bred to appreciate a stamina test, coming from a great bottom line, and is a half-sister to Duncan and Samuel by the influential Sea the Stars. I can see her thriving over a mile and six [furlongs] and while I know it's a tall order, I'm sure this is a filly that will be making her mark during the second half of the season."

Thursday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 3:45 p.m.

STERLING INSURANCE LILLIE LANGTRY S.-G3, £60,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 14fT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|----|-------------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------|
| 1 | 3 | Baroness Daniela (GB) | Tiger Hill (Ire) | Doyle | Pantall |
| 2 | 1 | Beacon Lady (GB) | Haafhd (GB) | Queally | Knight |
| 3 | 4 | Missunited (Ire) | Golan (Ire) | Crowley | Winters |
| 4 | 5 | Nymphaea (Ire) | Dylan Thomas (Ire) | de Vries | Schiergen |
| 5 | 7 | Talent (GB) | New Approach (Ire) | Hughes | Beckett |
| 6 | 10 | Waila (GB) | Notnowcato (GB) | Moore | Stoute |
| 7 | 9 | Arabian Comet (Ire) | Dubawi (Ire) | Fanning | Haggas |
| 8 | 8 | Groovejet (GB) | Cockney Rebel (Ire) | Norton | P Chapple-Hym |
| 9 | 2 | Honor Bound (GB) | Authorized (Ire) | Probert | Beckett |
| 10 | 6 | Stella Bellissima (Ire) | Sea the Stars (Ire) | Buick | Gosden |

All carry 132 bar Arabian Comet, Groovejet, Honor Bound & Stella Bellissima, 118.

Thursday, Deauville, France, post time: 2:20 p.m.

PRIX DE PSYCHE-G3, €80,000, 3yo, f, 10fT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|----|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | 4 | Be My Gal (GB) | Galileo (Ire) | Dettori | Charlton |
| 2 | 7 | Anahita (Fr) | Turtle Bowl (Ire) | Soumillon | Rouget |
| 3 | 6 | No Wind No Rain (GB) | Green Tune | Guyon | de Nicolay |
| 4 | 2 | Hualapai (Ire) | High Chaparral (Ire) | Breux | A Botti |
| 5 | 5 | Bocaiuva (Ire) | Teofilo (Ire) | Lemaire | Chappet |
| 6 | 3 | Hug and a Kiss | Thewayyouare | Boudot | Fabre |
| 7 | 1 | Royalmania (GB) | Elusive Quality | Peslier | Head |

All carry 123 pounds.

Thursday, Orevoll, Norway, post time: 7:25 p.m.

WABA GRUPPEN OSLO CUP-G3, Nkr600,000, 3yo/up, 12fT

| SC | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1 | Without Fear (Fr) | Refuse to Bend (Ire) | Schistl | Petersen |
| 2 | Lindenthaler (Ger) | Azamour (Ire) | de Azeredo | F Reuterskiold |
| 3 | Energia El Gigante (Brz) | Point Given | de Oliveira | Borges |
| 4 | Fearless Hunter (Ger) | Alhaarth (Ire) | Dobbs | Haugen |
| 5 | Diamant (Ger) | Zamindar | J E Neuroth | W Neuroth |
| 6 | Manchester (Fr) | Domedriver (Ire) | Havlin | Petersen |
| 7 | Bank of Burden (K) | Hawk Wing | Graberg | Petersen |

All carry 130 pounds bar Without Fear & Bank of Burden, 132.



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For more information contact Joe Bacigalupo, director of government relations and membership development, (859) 422-2677 or visit www.SupportHorseRacing.org.

Thursday, Orevoll, Norway, post time: 8:15 p.m.

POLAR CUP-G3, Nkr500,000, 3yo/up, 6f 187yT

| SC | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1 | Ragazzo (Nor) | Academy Award (Ire) | Johansen | Hansen |
| 2 | Giform | War Pass | de Azeredo | F Reuterskiold |
| 3 | Ikc Dragon Heart (K) | Lion Heart | Karlsson | J Reuterskiold |
| 4 | Govinda (K) | Pulpit | Santos | Larsen |
| 5 | Easy Road (GB) | Compton Place (GB) | Chaves | Erichsen |
| 6 | Proud Possibility (K) | Tale of the Cat | Schistl | Petersen |
| 7 | Energia Dust (Brz) | Amigoni (Ire) | de Oliveira | Borges |
| 8 | Over the Ocean (K) | Rockport Harbor | Graberg | Petersen |
| 9 | Liber (GB) | Ishiguru | Wilson | Olsen |
| 10 | Silver Ocean (K) | Silver Train | Havlin | Petersen |
| 11 | Hansinger (Ire) | Namid (GB) | Pilroth | Erichsen |
| 12 | Avon Pearl (GB) | Avonbridge (GB) | Dobbs | Haugen |

All carry 130 pounds bar Ragazzo & Avon Pearl, 134.

Whitney Handicap

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Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 5:46 p.m. EDT

WHITNEY H.-GI, \$1,500,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|-----------------------|------------------|------------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Will Take Charge (K) | Unbridled's Song | Saez | Lukas | 124 |
| 2 | Prayer for Relief (K) | Jump Start | Rosario | Romans | 117 |
| 3 | Moreno (K) | Ghostzapper | Alvarado | Guillot | 117 |
| 4 | Itsmyluckyday (K) | Lawyer Ron | Lopez | Plesa Jr. | 119 |
| 5 | Palace Malice (K) | Curlin | Velazquez | Pletcher | 124 |
| 6 | Departing | War Front | Albarado | Stall Jr. | 121 |
| 7 | Romansh | Bernardini | J Ortiz | Albertrani | 119 |
| 8 | Golden Ticket (K) | Speightstown | Leparoux | McPeck | 117 |
| 9 | Last Gunfighter | First Samurai | Castellano | Brown | 121 |



Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 5:14 p.m. EDT

TEST S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 7f

| PP HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|-----|
| 1 Princess Violet | Officer | Ortiz | Hushion | 116 |
| 2 Fiftyshadesofgold | My Golden Song | Albarado | Calhoun | 118 |
| 3 Sweet Whiskey | Old Fashioned | Velazquez | Pletcher | 118 |
| 4 Thank You Marylou (K) | Birdstone | Maragh | Maker | 116 |
| 5 Southern Honey (K) | Colonel John | Leparoux | Arnold II | 118 |
| 6 Street Story (K) | Street Cry (Ire) | Rosario | Asmussen | 118 |
| 7 Sweet Reason (K) | Street Sense | I Ortiz | Gyarmati | 122 |
| 8 Little Alexis (K) | Mr. Greeley | Lezcano | Green | 116 |
| 9 Tea Time | Pulpit | Saez | Matz | 116 |
| 10 Red Velvet | City Zip | Lopez | Pletcher | 116 |
| 11 Bird Maker | Empire Maker | Bridgmohan | Wilkes | 116 |
| 12 Miss Behaviour | Jump Start | Castellano | Schoenthal | 116 |

Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 4:42 p.m. EDT

ALFRED G. VANDERBILT H.-GI, \$350,000, 3yo/up, 6f

| PP HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----|
| 1 Palace | City Zip | Velasquez | Rice | 119 |
| 2 Falling Sky (K) | Lion Heart | Prado | Weaver | 116 |
| 3 Lemon Drop Dream (K) | Lemon Drop Kid | Bridgmohan | Asmussen | 115 |
| 4 Bahamian Squall | Gone West | Saez | Fawkes | 117 |
| 5 Happy My Way | Wilko | Bravo | Orseno | 117 |
| 6 Capo Bastone (K) | Street Boss | Velazquez | Pletcher | 115 |
| 7 Vyjack Into | Mischief | I Ortiz | Rodriguez | 115 |
| 8 Bakken (K) | Distorted Humor | Castellano | Brown | 115 |

Clement L. Hirsch Handicap

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Saturday, Del Mar, post time: 8:30 p.m. EDT

CLEMENT L. HIRSCH S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT)

| PP HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------|-----|
| 1 Fiftyshadesofhay (K) | Pulpit | Garcia | Baffert | 121 |
| 2 Iotapa | Afleet Alex | Talamo | Sadler | 123 |
| 3 Broken Sword (K) | Broken Vow | Bejarano | Hollendorfer | 119 |
| 4 Doinghardtimeagain | Ministers Wild Cat | Smith | Hollendorfer | 119 |
| 5 More Chocolate (K) | Malibu Moon | Espinosa | Sadler | 119 |
| 6 Parranda | English Channel | Trujillo | Hollendorfer | 121 |
| 7 Legacy (K) | Sightseeing | Baze | Sadler | 119 |

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STRONACH GROUP APPOINTS EQUINE HEALTH AND SAFETY DIRECTOR

The Stronach Group has appointed Dr. Robert O'Neil, DVM to the newly created position of Equine Health and Safety Director, Florida, it was announced yesterday. "The Stronach Group has decided to start with Gulfstream Park as the model for creating a framework for ensuring the highest level of integrity in our industry," the operator of both Gulfstream and racing at Calder Race Course said in a release. "Dr. O'Neil's responsibilities will focus on the development and implementation of improved policies and protocols at our racing facilities in Florida." Stronach Group founder and Chairman Frank Stronach offered, "We will be very transparent and we hope to have input from the Equine Health and Safety Advisory Board as well as other racetracks. After we have fine-tuned the model, we will work with other racetracks to have a uniform high standard of health and safety programs for the benefit of all stakeholders within our industry." Stronach placed specific emphasis on collaboration between all members of the industry in an effort to improve overall safety and integrity. "One of our main goals is to collaborate with other industry stakeholders--tracks, breeders, horsemen and regulators--to create a structure of the highest standards with respect to the integrity of our sport and the safety of our athletes, both equine and human," he said. Dr. O'Neil has served on the Florida Board of Veterinary Medicine since 1993, having been appointed by four different Florida governors. Licensed in 10 states, he has been practicing veterinary medicine since 1975. "I look forward to implementing these important industry reforms," said Dr. O'Neil. "I feel privileged to have the opportunity to work with The Stronach Group, who are true leaders in our industry."

MORPHINE INVESTIGATION NEARING END

The British Horseracing Authority's investigation into a handful of positive morphine tests in recent weeks is drawing to a close, BHA Chief Executive Paul Bittar revealed.

Seven horses across Britain, and with various trainers, returned positive tests for morphine in what is believed to be a case of contaminated feed, although the source has yet to be officially confirmed. The most high-profile horse involved in the case is The Queen's 5-year-old mare **Estimate (Ire)** (Monsoon {Ger}), who tested positive following her second-place finish in the G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot June 19. **Cont. p12**

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|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Zenyatta | Street Cry (IRE) | Machiavellian | Mr. Prospector |
| Dark Bay or Brown Mare | | Helen Street (GB) | Cou de Foele |
| Foaled 2004 | | Kris S. | Troy (GB) |
| | Vertigineux (1985) | For The Flag | Waterway (FR) |
| | | | Robert |
| | | | Sharp Queen |
| | | | "Cal" |
| | | | In The Offing |

By STREET CRY (IRE) (1988), black type winner, \$943,674. Sire of 5 crops, 428 foals, 287 starters, 41 black type winners, 180 winners, \$27,852,071. Sire of 9 producing daughters, 10 foals, 1 winner, including Tevyn Song (to 2, 2010, \$20,228).

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VERTIGINEUX, by Kris S. Broodmare Of The Year: 2 wins at 4, \$60,480, in NAUS. Dam of 5 foals to race, 4 winners.

ZENYATTA (f, by Street Cry (IRE)), Champion, see records.

BALANCE (f, by Thunder Gulch), 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$1,048,491, in US. Won Santa Anita Oaks (G1), Santa Margarita Invitational Hcp (G1), Las Virgenes S. (G1), La Canada S. (G2), Sharp Cat S. (J) (HCL, \$10,000), 2nd Hollywood Starlet S. (G1), Vanity Invitational Handicap (G1), 3rd Ashland S. (G1), La Brea S. (G1), Clement L. Hirsch Handicap (G2), Milady Breeders' Cup Handicap (G2), Hidden Light S. (OR) (OSA, \$8,000).



Morphine Investigation cont.

"At this stage all our information points towards a feed contamination, as has been reported," Bittar told *Channel 4*. "I'm not sure that we have been quiet through this because we broke with our normal protocol to advise about this before the horses were named, which is slightly unusual for us. We were conscious of the high-profile nature, particularly Estimate, and the fact there were multiple horses involved."

Bittar continued, "It is fair to ask could we have done more to explain the difference between doping and medication issues, but we get caught between being the regulator and making sure that we play out the whole investigation and not ruling out any potential reason for the positive. While everything is pointing towards feed contamination, as the regulator we are forced to play that out right through the investigation."

CDI RELEASES SECOND-QUARTER NUMBERS

Churchill Downs, Inc. released its second-quarter business results yesterday, which showed a 7% increase in net revenues to \$303.7 million and record earnings during GI Kentucky Derby and GI Kentucky Oaks week. "Our second-quarter results were solid considering the soft regional gaming market with record net revenues up 7%, and record Adjusted EBITDA up 12% over second-quarter 2013," said CDI Chairman and CEO Robert Evans. "2014 Oaks and Derby week Adjusted EBITDA increased \$8.8 million over 2013 to a new record, with broad based gains in premium tickets and admissions, pari-mutuel wagering, media rights, food and beverage, and merchandise. In addition, TwinSpires' handle continued to outperform U.S. Thoroughbred handle trends despite our 2013 departure from Texas. Finally, in late June, we completed the repurchase of 691,000 shares of stock for \$61.6 million."

SO. HEM. DUTY FOR JUDDMONTE SIRES

British-based Juddmonte stallions **Oasis Dream (GB)**, **Dansili (GB)** and **Frankel (GB)** will be made available to cover limited books on Southern Hemisphere time this year. Dansili is the sire of dual Australian Group 1 winner Foreteller (GB), and he will stand for £60,000. Oasis Dream had stakes winners Ominous (GB) and Opinion (Ire) to his credit in Australia last year, and he will be offered for £50,000. Frankel (GB), whose first foals have already proven extremely popular at sales across the globe, covered 21 mares on Southern Hemisphere time last year and will stand this year for £100,000.



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RACETRACK ROUND-UP

AUSTRALIA PREPARING FOR RETURN

Dual Derby hero **Australia (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) is back in full work in preparation for the second half of his sophomore season, according to trainer Aidan O'Brien. Off since his G1 Irish Derby score June 28--which



Australia
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followed a June 7 G1 Investec Derby victory--Australia's possible targets include the G1 Juddmonte International at York Aug. 20 and the G1 Irish Champion S. at Leopardstown Sept. 13.

"He's back in full work and everything has gone according to plan." said O'Brien. "The boys [owners John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Teo Ah King] have their eyes on a couple of races--York and Leopardstown--and they will decide nearer the time whether they go to York and Leopardstown or just York or just Leopardstown."



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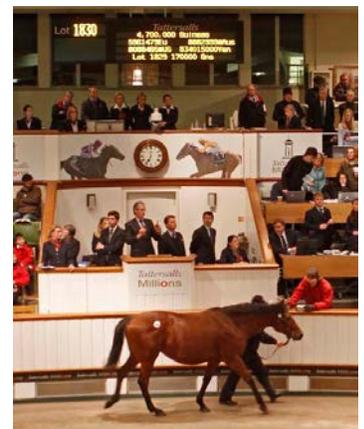
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MERRIEBELLE MAKES ITS F-T DEBUT AT SPA

by *Jessica Martini*

John Moores and Charles Noell's Merriebelle Stables, which, in just two years of operation, has already been represented in the sale's ring by the record-setting broodmare Immortal Verse (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), will be looking to add to its auction success when it makes its first foray into Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga Selected Yearlings Sale next Monday. The operation, through the Bluegrass Thoroughbred Services' consignment, will offer a filly by Tapit ([hip 69](#)) during the first session of the two-day auction.

Moores--former owner of the San Diego Padres baseball team--and Noell are longtime business partners, creating and building new software companies. The two men dabbled in horse racing for several years before deciding to get more involved in the industry. **Cont. p13**



Immortal Verse
Tattersalls



Merriebelle cont.

“Mr. Noell has always had a passion for horses,” explained Merriebelle General Manager Gary Murray. “He’s an avid fox hunter. He’s had horses for a long time, mainly steeplechasers. He’s always been involved to a smaller degree, but he was quite keen to get more involved in the game. So he expressed an interest to go to Ireland to buy a farm, which we did about a year and a half ago.”

That initial farm was the 120-acre Ardraccan Stud in Navan, Co. Meath. Merriebelle also acquired Chanteclair



John Moores

Farm and the former Stonewall Farm in Midway, Kentucky, but the fledgling breeding operation really made headlines with the purchase of the bloodstock of Ireland’s legendary Kilfrush Stud last July.

“Basically, we came together to look at Kilfrush Stud, to look at the property, but we didn’t end up having a go on the property,” Murray recalled. “Instead we purchased all the Kilfrush bloodstock interests privately.”

The highlight of the 30 horses acquired was two-time Group 1 winner Immortal Verse. The 5-year-old mare was soon making headlines herself when selling for a European record 4.7-million guineas at last year’s Tattersalls December sale.

“We bought her privately with the intention of keeping her,” Murray commented. “But then the market took off and we thought we had something quite special. So we offered her for resale at Newmarket and she broke the European record--which is something that we’re very proud of and we wish her new connections the very best of luck with her in the future.”

That same willingness to strike while the iron is hot led Merriebelle to enter its Tapit yearling in the Saratoga sale. The gray filly was purchased by Merriebelle at Keeneland last November for \$550,000.

“The original intention maybe wasn’t to sell her,” Murray admitted. “We bought a couple [foals] and said ‘We’ll just see what happens.’ And then Tapit--he needs no introduction from me--he is a super sire. It’s absolutely incredible what he’s achieved this year. So we think the market might want her. We bought her right, we feel. So we’re just going to give it a go and test the market Monday evening and hopefully it will pay off.”

Despite its early auction success, the main focus of Merriebelle Stable will be breeding to race.



Charles Noell

“Ultimately, we do want to get to the races, but with the farms we have a lot of overhead. We have bills to pay, just like any other business,” Murray said.

“Primarily we’ll be looking to race the fillies and selling some colts along the way. So we will be offering some for sale, we will race some. We plan on being big supporters of Fasig-Tipton in general and the Saratoga sale is obviously one of the highlight sales of the year.”

Merriebelle currently has 15 broodmares in Kentucky and some 10 in Europe.

“We generally try to focus on breeding top-class fillies and are basically looking to develop a broodmare band over the next while,” Murray said. “It’s going to take time. We do feel like we’re a little bit ahead of the game in Europe with the purchase of



Tapit-Rote filly at Keeneland November
Keeneland photo

the Kilfrush stock because there were seven or eight good mares in there. We want to keep the focus on real quality. We have some lovely young mares who hail from the great Kilfrush Stud family, so we have quite a few close relatives of Immortal Verse.”

“We have Immortal Verse’s mother, Side of Paradise, who is in foal to Pivotal,” he continued. “We are very excited about having a full-sibling to Immortal Verse next year.”

Currently, Merriebelle has about six horses in training in the U.S.

“We haven’t had an awful lot of action on the track in America to date, but hopefully that will change in not too long,” Murray said. “We have quite a few yearlings and hopefully they will be showing up well in the coming years.”

While Merriebelle isn’t a household name at the track just yet, its colors will be familiar.

“We kept the Chanteclair name, we run our horses in the Chanteclair colors, which is nice,” Murray said.

The Chanteclair colors of the late Saud bin Khaled were carried by champion Royal Delta before the owner’s death.

In Europe, Merriebelle has interests in two potential broodmares.

“What we’ve done this year to build our broodmare band, we have bought an interest in a filly called Tiggy Wiggy (Ire) (Kodiac {Ire}), who is with Richard Hannon,” Murray revealed. “She is probably the fastest filly in England, for sure, and arguably Europe. She was second in the [G2] Queen Mary and just won the sales race in Newbury about 10 days ago. She goes for a Group 2 next and will possibly run in the [G1] Cheveley Park, but ultimately the decision is up to Richard Hannon. We’re very, very excited about her. She’s a wonderful filly and she’s ferociously fast.” **Cont. p14**



Merriebelle cont.

Murray continued, "We also have a share in a mare called Pale Mimosa (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}), who is with Dermot Weld. We bought an interest from Dr. Ronan Lambe, who was very kind and he let us buy into her. She won the Challenge S. in Leopardstown not so long ago and she goes for the Ebor Handicap in York in a couple of weeks. She is a beautiful staying mare with a nice pedigree. She's a beautiful-looking mare."

An Irish native, Murray has been involved with Merriebelle since its inception. After serving stints at Juddmonte, Castleton Lyons and Ashford Stud in Kentucky before relocating to Maryland with his wife Elizabeth, daughter of the late legendary trainer Tom Voss.

"I've known Mr. Noell for some time," Murray explained of his connection to Merriebelle. "Tom [Voss] trained for Charlie for many years. So that is how the connection came about."

"We live on the Voss family farm in Maryland and my wife has taken over the training duties from her late father," Murray said. "We actually have a horse for Merriebelle called Paris Vegas (Maria's Mon) that Tom trained and, thankfully, the owners have let us continue to train him. He'll run in the Lure S. this Saturday at Saratoga."

Keeping track of Merriebelle's international interests is a team effort, according to Murray.

"We have Mick Flanagan overseeing the development of Ardracran, we have Pat Hayes, who is the farm manager at Chanteclair, and he is assisted by Sandy Stuart, who does wonderful work," Murray said. "And Peter Bance is our senior advisor. He has been friends with Mr. Noell for a very long time. So we have a great team in place, we all work together and we're all striving to make this thing work."

The team's next test comes Monday at Saratoga and Murray is going into the sale with plenty of confidence in Merriebelle's offering. The yearling is out of Rote (Tiznow), a half-sister to Grade I winner Magnificent Song (Unbridled's Song) and to group placed Great Barrier Reef (Mr. Greeley) and Park Avenue (Mr. Greeley).

"She was a smashing filly foal," Murray said. "She was very correct and well-balanced. And she is exactly the same as a yearling. She's never given us a minute's problem on the farm. She's a very straightforward filly with beautiful quality, a great temperament and she walks very well. She's vetted fine, thankfully, and we'll see what the market says on Monday night, but we're very excited about her selling prospects."

The Saratoga sale gets underway at 7 p.m. Monday evening in the Humphrey S. Finney Pavilion.

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CUATRO DE SIETE: A DAY AT PALERMO

by *Lucas Marquardt*

Hipodromo Argentino de Palermo had a decidedly provincial feel Monday evening as the diminishing winter sun and the lights of rush hour traffic on nearby Avenue Dorrego covered the racecourse in a strange purple and yellow glow.



Palermo as the sun goes down

I had just arrived at Palermo, one of the two main tracks in Buenos Aires and in Argentina, having taken the Subte (subway) nine stops from Recoleta. I walked a half-mile from the stop to the track, and was glad I had, earlier in the day, bought the black hooded sweatshirt I was now wearing. Winter in Buenos Aires was slightly more wintry than I expected. No snow or anything (2006 was the last time), but it was very raw and, on Monday, the temperatures were in the mid-40s.



The main grandstand

Just like in the States, weather like this attracts a more dedicated crowd, and it was mostly old, gray-haired porteños that lined that small paddock, crowded around the circular betting kiosks, and filled the cafe/restaurant that sat on the third floor of a small grandstand near the clubhouse turn. There were families, too, though, and even with my limited Spanish I could understand the mothers' tired admonitions-- "Bájese la baranda, por favor" (Get off the railing, please), etc. **Cont. p15**

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Writers Up cont.

A thousand people at this end of the track, maybe? I don't know. There was a larger, main grandstand



A horse in the saddling enclosure

farther down, where the slot machines are, but I wanted to stay near the saddling enclosure and paddock and never ventured beyond the winner's circle, which separated the two areas.

I'm in Argentina not for Thoroughbred racing, but because my girlfriend has landed a plum, two-week gig teaching poetry for a

low-residency program based in the U.S.

It's been a blast. There have been trips to La Recoleta Cemetery, where Evita and thousands of other notables are buried, including Carlos Pellegrini, an influential 19th-century president whose name now graces Latin America's biggest race, held each December at San Isidro--Buenos Aires's other racetrack. There have been trips to The Pampas, the fertile plains that extend westward from Buenos Aires that are home to Argentina's renowned beef industry and, at one time, to the rugged gauchos that minded the cattle. There's been Malbec and ceviche, empanadas and pisco sours (the national drinks of Peru and Chile, but not Argentina); and, one night, a lot of Fernet and Coca-Cola (the national drink of Argentina). Also, there have been tours of political graffiti and architecture (Buenos Aires has not one but two Brutalist buildings, in case you're asked).

On this day, there wasn't much to do, though, and I was just hoping for a few winners. But there was a problem: the form was impenetrable to an outsider. It was a mix of numbers, letters and lingo, all unfamiliar. Each past performance "line" was represented by a small box that included limited information: no speed figures, no internal fractions, no detailed race conditions. The pedigree line seemed to note the damsire, but not the sire. There were comment lines, but my Spanish isn't nearly that good.

Race 5: As the horses left the paddock, on their toes in the cool air, a 3-year-old Catcher in the Rye (Ire) filly named Jazz Catch (Arg) looked best. Why not? I waited for a teller.

"Cien pesos... win... tres," I said, tilting upwards, as if asking a question. The patient teller smiled and handed me a ticket. When I

returned a few minutes later, Jazz Catch on her way to the winner's circle, she exclaimed, "Muy bien!" like a first-grade teacher to a young student. The horse was the 3-2 second choice. Still, I felt proud.



The Palermo paddock

The next race, I went on looks again and hit once more, this time at 6-1. The following race, I improved to three-for-three thanks to Frau Holy (Arg), another 3-2 price who was sired by Holy Ground, whose name I thought the name sounded familiar. He is a stakes-winning Saint Ballado half to Barbaro, it turns out.

"Muy bien!" the teller said each time I handed back a ticket.

I was thrown a curve before the next, Carrera 8, as a short, squat man with a salt-and-pepper beard and a large bandage beneath his right eye tried to strike up a conversation as we watched the horses exit the paddock. "Lo siento," I said. "No habla Espanol."

He pointed to his form. He had circled the 1 and the 13. I showed him my form--the 4 and the 13. He nodded. He then drew his fingers into a circle, and made a completely unfamiliar, yet utterly disturbing, gesture with his hand and mouth as he looked out at the track. I was quiet for a second. I wasn't sure if he was trying to proposition me, or maybe he was impugning the reputation of a local jockey. "Gracias," I finally said, and slunk off.

A few minutes later, as I was waiting to collect on the 13-4 exacta (5-2 over 9-1, good for a \$110 payout), the squat man appeared again and gave me

a big pat on the shoulder. "Muy bien!" he said. I moved down the apron a little.

From there, overconfidence took over. Four-for-four became four-for-five, then four-for-six. The last bet I made was all Hail Mary, the sort that, as you walk away from the window, you know you're going to lose. I did.

Still, I had earned enough for cab fare back to Recoleta and dinner that night, and as we drove past the parks and monuments that line the eastern edge of the city, I thought that, yes, it was very good.



A winning ticket



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Lance O'Sullivan and his Matamata training partner Andrew Scott are playing a guessing game with Pure Champion (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}). **Racing And Sports**

 **Saratoga**

Yesterday's Results:

CORONATION CUP S., \$100,000, SAR, 7-30, 3yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:02, gd.

1--**#STARS ABOVE ME (GB)**, 115, f, 3, by [Exceed and Excel \(Aus\)](#)

1st Dam: **Kalinova (Ire)**, by **Red Ransom**

2nd Dam: **Kalinka (Ire)**, by **Soviet Star**

3rd Dam: **Tralthee**, by **Tromos (GB)**

O/B-Elite Racing Club (GB); T-H Graham Motion; J-Irad Ortiz Jr. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$83,821.

2--**Scatcapade**, 117, f, 3, [Scat Daddy](#)--Concorde Escapade, by Wild Escapade. O-Patricia A Generazio. \$20,000.

3--**Burn Control**, 117, f, 3, Bernstein--Essential Fear (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). (\$12,000 yrl '12 KEESEP; \$14,000 RNA 2yo '13 OBSJUN; \$40,000 HRA '14 OBSJAN). O-Kathleen Demasi & Matt Nestor. \$10,000.

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Margins: 2 1/4, 1HF, HD. Odds: 2.25, 2.95, 7.80.

Stars Above Me making her first North American start off a third-place effort in a Newmarket handicap June 21, was supported as the favorite here. The bay rated just behind the dueling leaders down the back stretch under a tight hold. She was still under a hold with nowhere to run at the top of the lane, but dove to the rail in the final furlong where she blew past the leader en route to a decisive victory. "I was surprised she overcame [the trouble she had], but she really did it very easily," winning conditioner Graham Motion commented. "It was very impressive. You always wonder if they're going to overcome [not having a place to run in the stretch], but she did it well. For her European style, it didn't work out so badly. I didn't know if [Irad Ortiz Jr.] had horse, but it turned out he had plenty." The winner's dam is a half to European champion Soviet Song (Ire) (Marju {Ire}). [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

8th-SAR, \$85,000, Alw, NW1\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

LA MADRINA (f, 3, [Tapit](#)--Enchanted Rock, by Giant's Causeway) earned  **"TDN Rising Star"**  status when she romped by 6 1/4-lengths on debut at Gulfstream Mar. 29 despite a bad break and wide trip. The blue-blooded filly was third next out behind fellow 'Rising Star' Ultimate Shopper (Yes It's True) in a fully-loaded seven-panel Belmont allowance May 17. Settling back off the pace in eighth, the even-money favorite skimmed the rail through a quarter in :22.80 and half in :46.25. Tipped out for a bid in the stretch, La Madrinda surged clear late for a half-length success over Predicate (Congrats). The eighth race was delayed for almost an hour after Lavendar Road (First Defence), a vet scratch at the gate in race seven, collapsed on the horse path between the paddock and the track due to heat exhaustion. The winner is a half to Verrazano (More Than Ready), MGISW-US & MG1SP-Eng, \$1,877,983; and El Padrino (Pulpit), GSW, \$326,770. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$88,100. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O/B-Emory A Hamilton (KY). T-Claude R McGaughey III.

3rd-SAR, \$85,000, Alw, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft. WILLET (m, 6, [Jump Start--Katina K, by Distinctive Pro](#)), fourth in last term's GII Go For Wand H., closed last season with a 5 1/4-length romp in Aqueduct's state-bred Touch of Love S. Dec. 6. The bay was second to GII Distaff H. winner La Verdad (Yes It's True) last time in Belmont's state-bred Dancin Renee S. July 3 and was heavily favored at 1-2 to go one better here. Quickly away from the stalls, Willet was taken back to track from fifth through speedy splits of :22.56 and :45.53. Kicking into gear in the backstretch, the bay seized control at the top of the stretch and skipped clear to score by four lengths. Dancin Renee third-place finisher Risky Rachel (Limehouse) was second. Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 17-8-6-1, \$565,900. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-James Iselin, Charlotte Assoulin & Eli Gindi.

B-Michael T Martin (NY). T-James H Iselin.

10th-SAR, \$83,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36 2/5, gd. CANDIR (c, 3, [Candy Ride {Arg}](#)--Maya, by Capote)

finished fourth in his Santa Anita unveiling May 4 and was fifth next out in a seven-furlong event on the Belmont main track June 28 for previous trainer John Shireffs. Sent off at 4-1 in this turf debut for Chad Brown, the chestnut stalked the leading trio from a close up fifth through an opening quarter in :23.51. Closed in between horses in the lane, Candir powered clear from the middle of the pack when a hole opened in the final furlong to win by 2 1/2 lengths. Uptown Joe (War Front) was the runner-up. The winner is a half to Al Khali (Medaglia d'Oro), MGSW & MGISP, \$1,010,169; and Moe Man (Yes It's True), SW, \$306,533. Candir hails from the same deep female family as fellow Emory Hamilton homebred La Madrinda (Tapit), winner of race eight. Sales history: \$360,000 yrl '12 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$55,410.

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O-Justice Family Racing. B-Emory A Hamilton (KY).

T-Chad C Brown.

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5th-SAR, \$73,000, Msw, (S), 2yo, f, 5f, :58 2/5, ft.

+ **NONNA JO (f, 2, [Majestic Warrior--Spenny, by Menifee](#))**, dispatched as the 3-1 second-choice, broke on top, but was quickly overtaken by favored Myfourchix (Henny Hughes) and had to settle for a stalking second through a zippy quarter in :22.15. The pair drew even in the stretch, but Nonna Jo was going the best of the two and shook free late for a 1 1/2-length graduation. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$43,800. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Lianna Stables Inc. B-Vincent A Vivolo Jr (NY).

T-Neal Terracciano.





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6th-SAR, Msw, (S), 2yo, 5f, post time: 3:06 p.m.

Scorecard Harry ([First Defence](#)) is bred to win early and has much speed in his pedigree. He worked well from the gate for a good barn July 23. A very nice colt.

Persuasive Devil (Closing Argument) is bred up and down to win early--all Successful Appeal with a fast look to him. Went [:10 flat](#) for this year's OBSAPR sale and brought \$60K, showed tons of speed in his July 3 debut at Belmont and got a little tired, should be much fitter this time around. Good luck to Len Green, always want your accountant to be happy.

Bullheaded Boy was a very racy first-crop son of 2009 GI Whitney H. winner Bullsbay (Tiznow) when I looked at him this time last year in the NY-bred Sale at Fasig Tipton here in Saratoga. He had a very good look to him and brought \$40K at the sale, bought by Justin Casse and was sold by Casse Sales to one of their big clients Gary Barber at OBS June for \$115k. They must have liked him a lot, but I thought he could have done better at the preview--he went [:21 3/5](#), but seemed to run out of steam late. He has really picked up his training here at Saratoga under Pletcher's tutelage. Worked very well in [:59 2/5](#) out of the gate with Johnny Velasquez in the saddle July 25. He is bred to win early and can carry speed down the line maybe a little longer than a mile.

Saratoga Heater ([Temple City](#)) is by a first-year sire who was trained in Southern California by Carla Gaines, who I watched train all of his career. He was bit frustrating, as he was a wonderful worker, but really hit his strides as long-distance type--winning the GIII Cougar II H. (12 furlongs Poly), 2nd in the 1 1/2-mile GI Hollywood Turf Cup and third in the 11-furlong GII Del Mar H. [turf]. Temple City was a compact, more on the Danzig side than Dynaformer. His stamps his babies with his look and they are stamped with his work ethic. I always thought Temple City was the kind of horse that carried his little lunch pale to work with him everyday. His son 'Heater exits the OBS April sale where he breezed in [:10 2/5](#) after lunch hour when the track is a little bit 'stickier.' Trained well here with a nice looking filly for Al Stall Jr. and his rider Brian Hernandez was on board. He showed some gas. Will pay close attention to the Temple City babies and see how precocious they are, and especially if they bring their own lunch to work, you know they mean business.

Watergate (Any Given Saturday) was a Saratoga August purchase for \$52K by consignor Steve Venosa. He was obviously meant for the sale, but they must have liked him a lot, and I have been seeing why in the morning. He is a very nice horse. Good look, well balanced and quick. His last gate work was very good, and he almost got the taste of racing when two works back July 7 he got hooked in with another team after coming out of the gate in a set of three. He is not a lighter frame like some Any Given Saturdays. He has definitely caught my eye in the morning for George Weaver. FOLLQW [Brisnet.com PPs](#)

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Minorette (Smart Strike), 5fT (tr), 1:00.87, 1/29
Prayer For Relief (Jump Start), 4f, :50.02, 54/87
Strapping Groom (Johannesburg), 4f, :54, 87/87
Sweet Reason (Street Sense), 3f, :36.57, 4/16
Tapiture (Tapit), 3f (tr), :38, 10/17
Twilight Eclipse (Purim), 5f, 1:02.88, 27/30
Xcellence (Fr) (Champs Elysees {GB}), 5fT (tr), 1:00.87, 1/29

Eastern U.S.**Yesterday's Results:**

7th-DEL, \$36,587, Msw, 2yo, f, 5f, :58 1/5, ft.
COMFORTER (f, 2, **Nobiz Like Shobiz--Shepherd's Girl, by Rod and Staff**), second on debut at this track and trip July 9, was dispatched as the 3-1 second choice to improve here. Dueling for the early lead, the bay asserted her dominance just after stopping the clock at [:21.81](#) for the first quarter and cruised clear in the lane to graduate by an effortless nine lengths. First timer Amizzen Grace (Yes It's True) was the runner-up. Sales history: \$16,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$28,000. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O-Romar LLC. B-Jim Plemmons (IN). T-Scott A Lake.

1st-PID, \$30,650, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y (AWT), 1:42 2/5, ft.

SERENE MELODY (f, 4, [Street Cry {Ire}](#)--**Serena's Song {Ch. 3yo filly, MGISW, \$3,283,388}**, by Rahy) made seven prior attempts in California for previous conditioner John Shireffs, most recently finishing third in a one-mile turf test at Santa Anita June 15. Supported at 3-5 in this East Coast debut for Charlie LoPresti, the bay kept tabs on the leaders from a close up third while running just off the rail. Moving up to challenge on the backstretch, Serene Melody poked her nose in front entering the bend and opened up on the field in the stretch to don cap and gown by five lengths. She's Sassy (Eurosilver) completed the exacta. The regally bred winner is a half to Grand Reward (Storm Cat), GSW-US & MGSP-Eng & Ire, \$548,995; Sophisticat (Storm Cat), G1SW-Eng & G1SP-Ire & Fr, \$444,231; Schramsberg (Storm Cat), GSW, \$394,626; Harlington (Unbridled), GSW, \$370,000; Serena's Tune (Mr. Prospector), MSW, \$337,260; and Arbitrate (Deputy Minister), SP, \$195,390. The bay is also from the same female family as half-brothers Honor Code (A.P. Indy)--winner of the GII Remsen S.--and MGSW Noble Tune (Unbridled's Song). Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-3, \$56,650. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**
O/B-The Robert and Beverly Lewis Trust (KY).
T-Charles LoPresti.

4th-PID, \$28,910, Msw, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:12 2/5, ft.
+ **HOT TIN ROOF** (c, 2, [More Than Ready](#)--**Kulik Cat, by Giant's Causeway**), who ran without Lasix, avoided some trouble at the gate, but did not look comfortable as he chased the field from a few lengths back in fifth through the first quarter. Kicking into gear on the backstretch, the 6-5 chalk closed in on the field and came charging four-wide down the stretch to secure a 1 1/2-length victory over Cooper's Crescent (R. Cooper). Retaliate (Sweet Return {GB}) finished third, but was disqualified and placed last for interference at the gate. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,400. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**
O/B-Stonestreet Stables (KY). T-H Graham Motion.



Del Mar

Yesterday's Results:

GRADUATION S., \$100,000, DMR, 7-30, (S), 2yo, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04 2/5, ft.
 1--**WAKE UP NICK, 122, c, 2, Cindago--Storm Hearted, by Lion Hearted.** (\$35,000 2yo '14 BESMAR). O-Reddam Racing LLC; B-Lee & Susan Searing (CA); T-Doug F O'Neill; J-Mario Gutierrez. \$57,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$165,600.
 2--**Atta' Boy Woody, 120, c, 2, Atticus--Royal Woodman, by Woodman.** O-Mr & Mrs Larry D Williams. \$19,000.
 3--**Global Magician, 120, g, 2, Globalize--Shebang (Ire), by Trans Island (GB).** O-Wachtel Stable & Gary Barber. \$12,000.

Margins: 4 1/4, 1, 3 1/4. Odds: 0.70, 2.70, 6.20.
 Wake Up Nick opened his account with a 9 1/2-length romp as the 1-2 chalk going 4 1/2 panels against state-breds at Santa Anita May 1. A winner of the open 5 1/2-furlong Santa Anita Juvenile S. June 22 over next-out stakes scorer Story to Tell (Bluegrass Cat), he was heavily favored to keep that streak alive in this return to restricted company. Away well from the outside post in this six-horse affair, the chestnut chased three deep through an opening quarter in :21.68. He put a nose in front through a :45.42 half, and sailed clear of his competition to justify short odds. Atta' Boy Woody came from way out of it to be second. Dual Classic winner California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) scored his first black-type success in this event last year. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).



Wake Up Nick gets some love from trainer Doug O'Neill
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2nd-DMR, \$75,500, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:37 1/5, ft.
 + **WEST RIDING (f, 3, Tapit--Arradoul, by Dixieland Band)** was hammered into heavy 4-5 favoritism while displaying a typical speedy Baffert worktab. Quick from the gate, the dark bay pressed the leader from second through a sensible half-mile in :47.70 and drew even with that foe turning for home. The Juddmonte Farms representative assumed command in early stretch and steadily kicked clear to earn her diploma by three lengths. Iconic Spirit (Bernstein) got up for second. West Riding hails from the family of MGSW millionaire Fit For a Queen (Fit to Fight). Sales history: \$290,000 RNA wlng '11 KEENOV; \$280,000 yrl '12 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$45,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).
 O-Juddmonte Farms. B-Greenwood Lodge Farm Inc (KY). T-Bob Baffert.

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6th-DMR, \$76,250, Msw, 2yo, 1mT, 1:36, fm.
DALLAS SKYLINE (c, 2, Scat Daddy--Bella Bliss, by Jump Start) had a buzz about him leading up to this unveiling, and was backed all the way down to 5-2 from a 12-1 morning line. Away well enough, the \$160,000 KEESEP yearling bided his time just off the pace and out in the clear early. Inching closer approaching the home straight while four deep, the bay came to even terms with pacesetter Nakamoto (Temple City) at the head of the lane as rider Kent Desormeaux gave a confident peek back. Dallas Skyline soon overtook the pacesetter, and kicked away to score by 1 1/2 lengths. Nakamoto was just edged by his paternal sibling Papacoolpapacool for second. The winner was also a \$245,000 FTFMAR RNA. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$45,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).
 O-James L & Ywachetta H Driver. B-Joe Mulholland Sr (KY). T-Cody Autrey.

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

7:40p 4th-DMR, \$75K, Msw, 2yo, 1mT
HR/TVG Diamond 100 Racing Club LLC's \$625,000 BARMAR juvenile purchase **AWESOME DIAMOND (IRE) (Galileo {Ire})** makes her career bow for trainer Patrick Biancone in this spot. The chestnut--who breezed a furlong in :10 2/5 at the sale--is the daughter of MGSW millionaire Adoration (Honor Grades), victress of the 2003 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff. [Brisnet.com PPs](#)

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Trainer Tom Amoss notched the 3,000th win of his career Wednesday with Infinity of Humor (Got the Last Laugh) in Indiana Grand's second race. "I remember my first win very well," said Amoss. "It was in 1987 and the filly's name was Prize Dream at Sportsman's Park in Chicago, which is now defunct, but I'm still here." He added, "This is a group accomplishment. Without a great staff, great owners and most importantly great athletes to train, it never would have happened and that is not lost on me." Amoss won three more races on the card after that score.

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CDI Purchases Interest in Saratoga Harness:

Edited Press Release

Saratoga Harness Racing, Inc. (SHRI) and Churchill Downs Incorporated (CDI) announced yesterday they have executed a binding term sheet and are close to finalizing a five-year management contract wherein CDI will manage Saratoga Casino and Raceway in Saratoga Springs, NY and Saratoga Casino Black Hawk in Black Hawk, CO. Once finalized, the management contract will become effective as soon as CDI obtains necessary licenses and approvals in New York and Colorado. Should CDI and SHRI be successful in their joint bid to build Capital View Casino & Resort, a proposed destination resort casino in East Greenbush, NY, CDI will also manage that facility. A binding term sheet for such management agreement was included with CDI and SHRI's New York casino license application that was submitted on June 30. SHRI and CDI have also signed a binding term sheet and begun negotiations on a stock purchase agreement wherein CDI will purchase 25% of economic and voting interests of SHRI. In addition to its flagship Saratoga Casino and Raceway in Saratoga Springs, NY, SHRI owns a controlling interest in Saratoga Casino Black Hawk in Black Hawk, CO; a 50% interest in a joint venture with Delaware North Companies to manage the Gideon Putnam Hotel and Resort in Saratoga Springs, NY and a minority interest in Ellis Park. SHRI, together with its partner Rush Street Gaming, filed a second application for a New York casino in Newburgh, NY in the Hudson Valley-Catskills Region. "We are very excited about the expansion of our relationship with Churchill Downs," said James D. Featherstonhaugh, Secretary and Chief Legal Officer of SHRI. "We look forward to a long and successful partnership between two iconic names in the racing and gaming world." Bill Carstanjen, President and Chief Operating Officer of Churchill Downs, added, "We are proud to take an ownership interest in Saratoga Harness Racing Inc., which shares with us a passion for offering premier racing and gaming entertainment. We are excited to expand our operations into New York and Colorado and hope to become more involved in the Capitol Region if we are fortunate enough to be awarded a license to build and operate Capital View Casino & Resort."

TCA Thoroughbred Marketplace Announced:

Edited Press Release

Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) and Retired Racehorse Project (RRP) have teamed up to create the TCA Thoroughbred Marketplace on October 4 and 5 at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Maryland. The event is built into the RRP's second annual Thoroughbred Makeover, a national gathering of the farms, organizations and individuals who transition racehorses into second careers. The weekend includes educational seminars, demonstrations and the America's Most Wanted Thoroughbred Contest.

"The bridges to second careers for these horses include nonprofit placement organizations, professional trainers, amateur trainers, and direct sales from racing owners and breeders," says RRP founder Steuart Pittman. "This Marketplace invites participation from all of these and will attract a large pool of horse shoppers. If it succeeds we have created a model worth replicating." Visit RetiredRacehorseProject.org for more information.

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Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/

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BULLSBAY (Tiznow), Northview, \$3K, 23/0/0

6-SAR, Msw, 5f, +Bullheaded Boy, \$115K OBS OPN 2yo, 2-1

GRACE UPON GRACE (Rio Verde), Lovacres Ranch, \$2K, 13/0/0

4-DMR, Msw, 1mT, Gracie Jean, 20-1

HARLEM ROCKER (Macho Uno), McMahan of Saratoga NY, \$4K, 10/0/0

10-AP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Rock My Dreams, \$40K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

HOLD ME BACK (Giant's Causeway), Winstar, \$6K, 78/3/0

6-SAR, Msw, 5f, +Black Tide, \$50K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1

MAJESTICPERFECTION (Harlan's Holiday), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 79/3/0

10-AP, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Raining Diamonds, \$60K OBS AUG yrl, 9-2

STREET MAGICIAN (Street Cry {Ire}), Heritage Stallions, \$3K, 38/0/0

2-DEL, Msw, 7 1/2fT, Wolftrap, \$7K EAS SEP yrl, 8-1

SUNDARBAN (A.P. Indy), Milky Way Farm, \$3K, 18/0/0

4-DMR, Msw, 1mT, Happy Deisy, 20-1

TEMPLE CITY (Dynaformer), Spendthrift Farm, \$5K, 88/1/0

6-SAR, Msw, 5f, +Saratoga Heater, \$100K OBS APR 2yo, 3-1

First/second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, July 31

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2010 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/

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COWBOY CAL (Giant's Causeway), Pin Oak, \$8K, 127/27/1

2-DEL, Msw, 7 1/2fT, +Cowboy Nekia, \$2K EAS DEC wnl, 12-1

PARADING (Pulpit), Claiborne, \$4K, 100/18/0

10-AP, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Wonforthemoneyhon, 4-1

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Yesterday's Results:

1st-LEI, £6,000, Mdn, 2yo, f, 5f 218yT, 1:10.79, gd/fm. STROLL PATROL (GB) (f, 2, Mount Nelson {GB}--Maid for Winning, by Gone West), third on debut over seven furlongs in a decent maiden at Newmarket July 12, was sent off the 2-1 pick and raced towards the fore early. Wearing down Primrose Valley (GB) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}) passing the furlong pole, the 5,500gns TATDEC yearling drew away to score by 2 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £4,843. [VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com.](#) O-P M Racing. B-Boyce Bloodstock & Mrs C E Percival (GB). T-Philip McBride.

3rd-SAN, £6,000, Mdn, 2yo, 7f 16yT, 1:31.65, gd/fm. LATHARNACH (c, 2, Iffraaj {GB}--Firth of Lorne {Ire} {SW & G1SP-Fr, MGSP-US, \$163,202}, by Danehill) stayed on into fourth after a slow start on his racecourse bow in a hot seven-furlong maiden at Newmarket July 11, which has already thrown up a subsequent ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ in Basateen (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}). Latharnach subsequently started as the well-supported 8-15 favorite here. Stalking the leader Tom Hark (Fr) (Makfi {GB}) throughout, the homebred was cajoled upsides passing the quarter pole and, after gaining the advantage soon after, drew away to score by 2 1/2 lengths. "That Newmarket maiden is obviously working out well, so we were confident tonight," trainer Charlie Appleby commented. "He has a great attitude and I think he's going to be a genuine miler from a very talented family. He's a big horse, so we'll see how he comes out of this." The winner is a half-brother to Etive (Elusive Quality), SW-Ger & MSP-Fr, \$126,655; and to Falls of Lora (Ire) (Street Cry {Ire}), GSW-UAE & SW-Eng, \$243,897. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £4,362. O-Godolphin. B-Darley. T-Charlie Appleby.

DBS Silver Catalogue Online:

The catalogue for DBS's inaugural Silver Yearling Sales is now available online. The Silver Yearling Sales will take place Aug. 28, the day after the two-day DBS Premier Sale at Doncaster, and has been designed to replicate the Goffs Sportman's Sales, which follows the day after Goffs' Orby, that company's premier yearling sale. "The Silver Sales is a new concept for DBS and one about which we are very excited," said DBS Managing Director Henry Beeby. "The Goffs Sportsman's Sale has been a success, as it capitalizes on the fact that buyers are already at the sales and we are hopeful that the Silver Sales can follow that example, as buyers will already be in Doncaster for the Premier Sales over the two days prior." Beeby continued, "Our goal was to assemble a limited, handpicked catalogue of commercial yearlings, and I think we have achieved exactly that." The sale has attracted 137 yearlings, which will all be eligible for the £300,000 2015 Premier Yearling Stakes at York. To view the catalogue, visit www.dbsauctions.com.

Warwick to Ditch Flat Racing:

Warwick Racecourse in Britain will stage only jumps racing from 2015 onwards, Jockey Club Racecourses has announced.

Ian Renton, the Jockey Club Racecourses regional director responsible for Warwick, said, "Warwick can now benefit from a clear identity and, in the coming years, significant investment as a top-quality small jumps course. I have every confidence it will succeed because we are building on Warwick's existing strengths, which has been underlined by the industry's support for jumps racing through the consultation we have carried out over the last few months. It's not a decision we've taken lightly but I feel we have left no stone unturned to ensure this is the right move for British racing in the long term. It's time for Warwick not just to survive, but thrive."

Owner Banned Seven Years:

British racehorse owner William Hinge has been banned from racing for seven years by the British Horseracing Authority after being found guilty of conspiracies to commit corrupt or fraudulent practices related to laying horses. Unlicensed individuals Keith Young and David Vivash were also banned for seven and five years, respectively.

Ireland

Yesterday's Results:

8th-GAL, €14,000, Mdn, 3yo/up, 8f 100yT, 1:49.43, gd. + BROOCH (f, 3, Empire Maker--Daring Diva {GB} {SW-Fr}, by Dansili {GB}), hammered into 4-9 favoritism, dwelt from the gates but soon recovered to track the leading duo. Sent to the front at the top of the straight, the homebred forged a clear lead and was geared down late to score by 9 1/2 lengths from Duchess Andorra (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}). The winner is a half-sister to Caponata (Selkirk), MSW & MGSP-Ire, \$162,131. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €9,660. [VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com.](#) O-Khalid Abdullah. B-Juddmonte Farms Inc. T-D. Weld.

Tuesday Night's Result:

7th-GAL, €16,000, Mdn, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:27.03, gd. ANTIQUE PLATINUM (IRE) (f, 3, Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}--Summer Trysting, by Alleged), who was a debut fourth over this trip at Naas June 2, was fitted with a visor and stalked the early leaders. Ridden entering the straight, the 2-5 crowd's choice gained the lead despite veering right with 150 yards remaining and stayed on to best Henson (GB) (Excellent Art {GB}) by two lengths. The winner is a full-sister to Designs on Rome (Ire), G1SW-HK, G1SP-Ire, \$3,271,028; a three-parts sister to Simple Exchange (Ire) (Danehill), GSW-US, SW & GSP-Ire, SW-Eng, GSP-Ger, \$306,505; and a half-sister to Sights on Gold (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), MGSW-Eng, SW & MGSP-Ire, G1SP-HK, GSP-UAE, \$743,989. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €11,540. [VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com.](#) O/B-Moyglare Stud Farm (IRE). T-Dermot Weld.



OBSERVATIONS

on today's European racing scene

12.15 Deauville, Debutantes, €25,000, 2yo, c/g, 6fT

ATTENTIF (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) is a son of the 1997 G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Prix de la Foret heroine Occupandiste (Ire) (Kaldoun {Fr}), who has produced some very smart performers including the group winner and Classic-placed Impressionnante (GB) (Danehill) and Group 1-placed Mondialiste (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Freddy Head unleashes the Wertheimers' homebred against Al Shaqab Racing's **Rayyan (Henrythenavigator)**, a Francis-Henri Graffard-trained full-brother to last year's G1 Phoenix S. and G2 Railway S. scorer Sudirman.

1.15 Deauville, Debutantes, €25,000, 2yo, f, 6fT

ROSE ET OR (IRE) (Iffraaj {GB}) is introduced by Andre Fabre at this opener of Deauville's month-long festival and is a half-sister to the 2007 G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner Coquerelle (Ire) (Zamindar). The Moussac Family's bay encounters Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Rafaadah (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB})**, a Jean-Claude Rouget-trained daughter of the high-class Joanna (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), who was successful three times in pattern-race company and placed as many times at the top level.

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STAKES RESULTS:

JOSE CELSO BARBOSA S., \$25,850, CMR, 7-27, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m, 2:06 3/5, ft.

1--**@COROZALENO, 121, g, 5, by Don't Get Mad**

1st Dam: **Flaming Bay, by Prospect Bay**

2nd Dam: **Flaming Reason, by Limit to Reason**

3rd Dam: **French Wind, by Menetrier**

(\$1,000 RNA yrl '10 KEEJAN). O-Jose Cibuco Otero Virella; B-Katherine A Penn (KY); T-Jose A Reyes; J-Edwin Castro. \$15,950. Lifetime Record: 35-11-10-7, \$151,513.

2--**Joe Pike, 121, c, 3, Benny the Bull--Allofeverything, by Dove Hunt.** (\$7,500 yrl '12 OBSAUG). O-Bebo Yomar Racing; B-Joanna Reisler (FL); T-Eduardo Falcon. \$5,500.

3--**Bull Account, 117, c, 3, Benny the Bull--Take Into Account, by Top Account.** (\$3,700 yrl '12 OBSAUG; \$5,000 HRA '13 OBSJAN). O-Establo Orion; B-Richard & Linda Thompson (FL); T-Javier Gonzalez. \$2,750.

Margins: NK, 7, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.55, 0.75, 28.75. Also Ran: Tejedor.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

1st-DMR, \$85,780, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:12 4/5, fm.

BIG JOHN B (g, 5, Hard Spun--Baldomera {MSW & MGSP, \$313,390}, by Doneraile Court) Lifetime Record: 27-10-5-3, \$338,805. O-Michael House. B-BryLynn Farm Inc (FL). T-Philip D'Amato. *\$30,000 2yo '11 OBSJUN. *1/2 to Circle Unbroken (Broken Vow), GSW, \$126,991.

6th-DEL, \$37,375, NW2L, 3yo, f, 1m70yT, 1:41 2/5, fm. BUTTERCUP BAY (f, 3, Bluegrass Cat--Marwood {MSW & GSP, \$354,355}, by Marlin) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$47,600. O-LW XXI, LLC. B-Casner Racing LP (KY). T-Arnaud Delacour. *\$7,000 wlng '11 KEENOV. **1/2 to Ready Signal (More Than Ready), MSW, \$247,365.

7th-IND, \$36,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, sy. DANCE PROUDLY (g, 4, Quick Action--Lady Newton, by Conscience Clear) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-0, \$58,241. O/B-Vicki & James Riddle (IN). T-J. Riddle.

2nd-PID, \$30,300, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:37 3/5, ft.

SO KITTEN (g, 3, Kitten's Joy--Sobee, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime Record: 8-2-4-0, \$55,039. O-Burkholder Stables LLC. B-George Strawbridge Jr (PA). T-Maria Bowersock.

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3rd-PID, \$29,850, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:38 3/5, ft.

KINGDOM'S CROWN (f, 4, Wildcat Heir--Garopaba, by River Special) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, \$53,400. O-Alma & Roy Lomas H. B-The Big Stable (FL). T-Norman R Pointer. *1/2 to Fastus Cactus (Cactus Ridge), GSP, \$271,227.

4th-TDN, \$22,500, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft. HISTORICAL FACT (m, 5, Seize the Day--Historical, by Pecos River) Lifetime Record: 23-11-5-0, \$103,368. O-Morlona Racing LLC. B-Harry D Burns (FL). T-Nabu Morales.

8th-MNR, \$22,200, 7-29, NW2L, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft. DELIVER (f, 3, Article of Faith--B. 'n W. Delivery, by Dr. Caton) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-1, \$89,686. O-Tommy Short & William Simcoe. B-James & Amy Elliott (IN). T-Tommy Short. *\$1,600 yrl '12 INDOCT; \$48,000 RNA HRA '13 FTKJU2.

7th-TDN, \$21,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38 4/5, ft. ALEXANDER THEGREAT (g, 5, Cat Thief--Daddy's Petunia, by Run Softly) Lifetime Record: 42-2-7-6, \$93,085. O-David Downard. B-Robert C Cartwright (KY). T-Jeffrey A Radosevich.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Furrfield Storm, g, 2, Deputy Storm--Ptichka, by Quiet American.** CTX, 7-30, (S), 4 1/2f, :53 1/5. B-Michael S Furr (WV).

+ **Tip Top Lady, f, 2, Marino Marini--Sharoana (SW), by Lord Carson.** SRX, 7-30, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05. B-George Schmitt (CA). *\$13,000 yrl '13 CTNAUG.

Miracles Yankee, f, 2, Yankee Gentleman--Expect Miracles, by Valid Expectations. EVD, 7-30, 5fT, :57 2/5. B-James Ronald Magnon (LA).

Stellar Sea, g, 3, Bob and John--Star Serenade, by Catrail. SRX, 7-30, 6f, 1:11. B-Bill Bowman & Speech Partnership (KY).



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Fran's Flatter, g, 3, **Flatter**--Fran's Glory, by Friendly Lover. IND, 7-30, (S), 6f, 1:11. B-Francis Tinkle (IN).

Other Cheek, c, 3, **Smart Strike**--Nice Nelly (MSP), by Seattle Slew. PEN, 7-30, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 4/5. B-Mr & Mrs M Roy Jackson (KY).

Delayed Engagement, g, 3, **Where's the Ring**--Norbrook, by Montbrook. WOX, 7-30, (S), 5f (AWT), :58 4/5. B-Edenvale Stable (ON).

Carnival Kid, f, 4, **Broken Vow**--Majority Whip (MSP, \$230,418), by Gulch. TDN, 7-30, 6f, 1:12. B-Daniel J Burke (KY). *\$32,000 yrl '11 KEESEP.

Delaware Devil, c, 4, **Delaware Township**--Poppins Popper, by Whatever For. PID, 7-30, (S), 6f (AWT), 1:10 3/5. B-Alison E Farwell Jr (PA).

Brandini, f, 4, **E Dubai**--Mystical Lady, by Behrens. SAR, 7-30, (S), (C), 1 1/8m, 1:55 3/5. B-Song Hill Thoroughbreds LLC (NY). *1/2 to Turkish Prize (Prized), MSW, \$636,880; and Walk That Walk (Skywalker), GISP, \$262,730.

I Got to Do It All, g, 4, **Luftikus**--Like Down Town, by Roy. MNR, 7-30, (S), 5f (off turf), 1:01 2/5. B-John Allen Casey (WV). *1/2 to Down Town Allen (Windsor Castle), MSW, \$872,667.

6th-GWD, £17,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 9fT, 1:54.17, gd/fm. **MAGIQUE (IRE)** (f, 4, **Jeremy--Misskinta {Ire}**, by **Desert Sun {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 17-3-5-1, £23,378. O-Yvonne Jacques. B-Mrs Cherry Faeste (IRE). T-Jeremy Nosedá. *€38,000 yrl '11 GOFSP. **1/2 to Grandeur (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}), MGSW & MGISP-US, MSW & MGSP-Eng, \$882,568.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Speedy Move (Ire), c, 2, **Iffraaj (GB)**--Beautiful Filly (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). LEI, 7-30, 5f 218yT, 1:11 4/5. B-Darley Stud Management Co Ltd (Rabbah) (IRE).

Royal Razalma (Ire), f, 2, **Lope de Vega (Ire)**--Twiggy's Sister (Ire) (SP-Ire), by Flying Spur (Aus). GWD, 7-30, 6fT, 1:11.18. B-Eileen Farrelly (IRE). *24,000gns wlng '12 TATDEC; 15,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT. **10th winner for freshman sire (by Shamardal).

Savannah Beau (GB), f, 2, **Major Cadeaux (GB)**--Mancunian Way (GB), by Green Desert. RED, 7-30, 6fT, 1:12.94. B-P Scholes (GB).

+ **Ribblehead**, c, 3, **Arch**--Moolakaya (Fr), by Alzao. RED, 7-30, 7fT, 1:24.58. B-Machmer Hall & Haymarket Farm (KY). *\$7,000 yrl '12 KEESEP; €40,000 RNA 2yo '13 ARQMAY.

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Whitey O'Gwaun (Ire), g, 3, **Dalakhani (Ire)**--Angel of the Gwaun (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. GAL, 7-30, 12fT, 2:47.60. B-Abergwaun Farms. *110,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT. **1/2 to Cosmo Meadow (Ire) (King's Best), GSW-Jpn, \$1,569,342; Beauty O' Gwaun (Ire) (Rainbow Quest), GSW-Ire, \$115,777; and Angelonmyshoulder (GB) (King's Best), MSP-US, \$272,679.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

HANDICAP RESULTS:

7th-GAL, €30,000, 3yo, 8f 100yT, 1:49.60, gd. **SOPHIE'S WORLD (IRE)** (f, 3, **Captain Rio {GB}**--**Nirvavita {Fr} {MSP-Fr}**, by **Highest Honor {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-0, €43,505. O/T-Kevin O'Donnell. B-Roger A Ryan (IRE). *€5,500 RNA yrl '12 TATIRE; €6,750 yrl '12 TATFLT.

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