RICCIO, ORTIZ RIDE FATE, HARD WORK TO THE TOP OF THE GAME

By Joe Bianca

Growing up the son of a successful racehorse owner has its perks. Days hanging around the backstretch, getting to know and experience the animals up close, seeing firsthand the fast-paced roller coaster that is a racing life. But also attached to the deal is the heft of living in your father’s shadow within the game, particularly if you happen to share his name.

Jimmy Riccio, Jr., beginning with a push from dad, taking off from one chance encounter and soaring via a lot of elbow grease and teamwork, has achieved his own dream and established an independent legacy for himself and his client, a young man who has broken out of an elder’s shadow in his own right.

“I actually loved racing pretty much my entire life,” Riccio said in between fielding calls while sitting on a bench at the east end of the Belmont grandstand. “My dad’s been an owner and I used to follow his horses and go to the track and root for them. One summer when I was still in college, my dad came up with a brainstorm, and he’s the reason I became an agent. It was his idea.

Riccio, Sr. had a string of runners at Monmouth Park and he approached Nick Santagata, a regular in New Jersey and the mid-Atlantic who racked up over 4,000 wins in his 30-year career, in that summer of 1997.

“Nick needed an agent, so my dad said, ‘Why don’t you take my son? He has a huge passion for the game. I think he’d be good. I have a bunch of horses and you could ride those,’” Riccio recalled. “I started out doing it while I was still in college, but once I did it, I knew, this is what I wanted to do.” Cont. p3

BREEDERS’ CUP BULLETIN: SATURDAY, OCT. 20

• GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff contender Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) breezed a sharp five furlongs in 1:00.20 (3/44) at Churchill Downs with regular rider Florent Geroux in the irons. Working in company with Dazzling Gem (Misremembered) (1:01.40), the leading sophomore filly clicked off splits of :12.80, :24.60, :36.40 and :48.60 and galloped out six furlongs in 1:13.40. “It was a fantastic breeze,” trainer Brad Cox said. “We got a little bit of rain overnight so the track was a little slow but she worked fantastic over it. She started a few lengths behind the work mate and finished up strong in front of him and galloped out well. We’ll probably come back next week to work a half-mile prior to the Distaff.” Cox also worked GI Breeders’ Cup F/M Sprint contender Golden Mischief (Into Mischief), who went a half-mile in :50.60 (56/70), and GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint possible Will Call (Country Day), who covered the same distance in :49.80 (38/70). Cont. p5

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Riccio even threatened to quit college and become an agent full-time, but his parents insisted he finish his degree. Once that was done, he jumped in with both feet and picked up the book of emergent apprentice Julian Pimentel in 2001. It didn’t take long for Riccio to make a national impact alongside the young Colombian. The pair compiled 145 wins and over $4 million in earnings that year, which led to an Eclipse Award nomination for Outstanding Apprentice Jockey, with the top honor ultimately going to Jeremy Rose.

Riccio established himself in the business thanks in large part to that whirlwind first-year of accomplishment. While doing well enough over the next decade, he saw nothing close to what he was about to embark on when sitting by the training track at Belmont one morning in the fall of 2012.

Jose Ortiz, like Jimmy Riccio, grew up in a horse racing family. His grandfather and uncle were both jockeys in Puerto Rico, and he and his brother Irad’s most memorable Christmas gift was a pony from their father when Irad was five and Jose was four. They learned to care for the pony as kids, connecting them inextricably with horses and facilitating their dreams of becoming the family’s next generation of riders.

After completing training at Puerto Rico’s state-run Escuela Vocacional Hipica jockey school, Irad Ortiz, Jr. made the leap to America in 2011 and caught on almost immediately as a bug rider on the New York Racing Association circuit. Meanwhile, Jose continued his training and waited for his opportunity while keeping close watch on Irad’s early success.

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“It was great, I was very proud of him,” he said. “Not just that he left Puerto Rico, but that he came to New York, to the Mecca of racing and was doing okay, so I was a proud brother. I was in the jockey school and it was great to, at lunchtime, turn on the TV and watch him win a couple of races.”

After honing his craft at Camarero in Puerto Rico, Jose Ortiz got on a plane to the United States in March of 2012 and rode a handful of winners at Parx before following in his brother’s footsteps to the NYRA circuit. Business was chugging along for the apprentice, but he had yet to truly break through in the ultra-competitive colony and was agent-less by that October.

Sitting in his car, Jimmy Riccio saw Jose Ortiz pull up next to him. There was no one else around, so the two of them started talking. Riccio had heard Ortiz was looking for an agent and seized the opportunity.

“I gave him a pitch as to why I thought me and him would be a great team,” Riccio recalled. “He listened to me and said he would run it by his brother, Irad. A little while later, they called me. We met, and they discussed what my plans would be, and would I stay with him after he lost his bug. And I told him, ‘Look, I think we’re going to do great,’ and told him what I thought we could do, and it’s worked.”

That’s quite an understatement. After spending a few years as the lesser-known Ortiz brother, Jose broke out in 2016, earning his first Saratoga riding title and finishing third in the voting for the Eclipse for champion jockey. A year later, he reached the top of the mountain, ringing up over $27 million in earnings, capturing his first Classic aboard Tapwrit (Tapit) in the GI Belmont S. and taking home the top rider award at the Eclipse ceremony this January. In an emotional speech, he thanked both his brother and his agent for getting him to the pinnacle of racing.

“I never thought it would be this fast and in our wildest dreams to do what we’ve done,” Riccio said. “He’s just a special person. When he gave that speech and thanked me at the Eclipses, it brought a tear to my eye. He’s someone who means a lot to me, more than just a business relationship. He’s become part of the family. We hang out a lot. He’s friends with my dad, they’re buddies. We love his daughter and his wife. And my family, my wife and kids, they all just click, and it’s a special thing.”

Riccio points to one recent example to demonstrate the quality of person Ortiz is.

Monmouth Park hosted a charity basketball game to raise money for children with special needs, and Riccio called to see if his client and friend would be interested.

“I asked Jose to come on a Monday from [Belmont], which can take three hours in traffic,” he said. “He didn’t blink an eye, said, ‘I’ll be there.’ He showed up, he played, he had the time of his life.”

That enthusiasm and positivity makes Riccio feel a more paternal joy for Ortiz’s success than he would for a regular client. Cont. p5
**Riccio, Ortiz cont.**

“This isn’t like working,” Riccio said. “I feel like I just want the best for him, you know? And of course, we’re making money along the way, which is always good, but there’s more than that. I just enjoy seeing him succeed and that smile. You see it, when he smiles, when he wins and he’s petting that horse, that’s just Jose. It’s sincere.”

Who knows what would have happened to each of their careers had Jimmy Riccio and Jose Ortiz not happened upon each other that fateful morning on the Belmont backstretch? Perhaps they would have found similar success elsewhere, but likely not. And Riccio thanks his lucky stars every day for that chance encounter, the one that’s taken the son of a successful owner and the 25-year-old from Puerto Rico to unimaginable heights.

“It was just unbelievable that he pulled up right next to me when I was hoping to talk to him,” Riccio reflected. “I feel like someone helped me out, you know? Just, someone was looking out for me.”

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**BC Bulletins: Saturday, Oct. 20 cont. from p1**

With owner Robert Baron in from New York for the work, GI H. Allen Jerkens S. victor Promises Fulfilled (Shackleford) took to the track following Churchill’s second renovation break at 9 a.m. and covered a half-mile in :48 flat (4/70). The sophomore, who bested his elders last time in the GII Phoenix S., went in splits of :11.60 and :35.60 with a five-panel gallop out in 1:00.60. Cont. p6

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BC Bulletins - Promises Fulfilled cont.

• “It was a great work after his last start,” conditioner Dale Romans said. “We’re going to pre-enter both the [GI Breeders’ Cup] Sprint and [the GI Breeders’ Cup] Dirt Mile, but I’d lean to run him in the Sprint. We still have a shot to be sprint champion with this horse and, even if we won the Dirt Mile, we may not be champion.” Promises Fulfilled was not originally nominated to the Breeders’ Cup, but Baron will pay the supplemental fee to make the colt eligible. Stablemate and Dirt Mile contender Seven Trumpets (Morning Line) was next up, breezing five furlongs in 1:00.20 (3/44).

• GI Woodford S. victor Buccero (Kantharos) continued his preparations for the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint Saturday morning, working a half-mile in :48.60 (12/70) at Churchill under jockey Fernando De La Cruz. “I was very pleased with how he worked this morning,” said trainer Tim Glyshaw, who will be celebrating his 50th birthday on Breeders’ Cup Saturday Nov. 3. “It’ll be exciting running him out of his own backyard on Breeders’ Cup Day. We may gallop him over the turf once or twice when it opens Breeders’ Cup week, but he trains well over the dirt so it doesn’t really have too much of an impact one way or another.”

• ‘TDN Rising Star’ Mia Mischief (Into Mischief) was also on the Churchill worktab, preparing for a possible tilt in the GI BC F/M Sprint with a five-furlong move in 1:00.80 (6/44).

• Limousine Liberal (Successful Appeal) breezed five panels in 1:00.40 (7/30), covering the final quarter in :22.40, at Keeneland Saturday morning under exercise rider Freddy Torres. “It got a little messed up at the start [with two other horses in front of him], but he finished good,” trainer Ben Colebrook said. “It’s fine. This will be the gelding’s third trip the World Championships, having finished 11th in the 2015 GI BC Sprint and fourth in the 2016 renewal of that event. He will be pre-entered in both the Sprint and the Dirt Mile.

• The Ken McPeek-trained duo of GI Breeders’ Futurity S. runner-up Signalman (General Quarters) (GI BC Juvenile) and Gilli Dixiana Bourbon S. third-place finisher Salvator Mundi (Artie Schiller) (GI BC Juvenile Turf) worked in company at Keeneland Saturday following the renovation break. The juvenile colts covered five furlongs in 1:00.20 (2/30) and galloped out in 1:13.40 (video). “This was another maintenance breeze,” said McPeek, who added he would ship his crew to Churchill Oct. 29 or 30. “At this point, [my Breeders’ Cup horses] will have their final works here. They’ll either work Friday or Saturday next week, depending on the weather.”

• GI Breeders’ Cup F/M Turf contender Mom’s On Strike (First Dude) worked a half-mile in :49.60 (43/60) under trainer Joe Sharp at Keeneland Saturday (video).

• On the West Coast, likely GI Breeders’ Cup Classic favorite Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky) put in his penultimate work for the World Championships, covering five panels in :59.80 (8/40) at Santa Anita under assistant trainer Juan Levy (video). “He went very well,” said trainer John Sadler. “I had him in a minute flat, but we’re splitting hairs there. He had another nice gallop out. I had him out [seven furlongs] in [1:26].” He added, “[Bob Baffert] clocked him, too. He was standing right next to me and he said, ‘I don’t like it,’ so I felt good. Accelerate will have one more work here, either Friday or Saturday next week, and he ships Sunday [Oct. 28].”

• GI BC F/M Sprint runner Sky Diamonds (First Dude) was also on the Santa Anita worktab, going a half-mile in :48.20 (3/8) on the training track Saturday (video). “She came out of her victory in the [GIII] LA Woman S. very, very well,” said trainer Bill Spawr. “She’ll work again next Saturday, then ship Tuesday to Kentucky.”

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GISW SHARP AZTECA TO STAND AT THREE CHIMNEYS

GI Cigar Mile victor Sharp Azteca (Freud—So Sharp, by Saint Liam) will take up stud duty at Three Chimneys Farm for a 2019 fee of $10,000 LFSN. The 5-year-old’s retirement was announced in September, concluding his career with a record of 17-8-5-1 and earnings of $2,406,740.

“Sharp Azteca was brilliantly fast, and when you watch his races, you will see speed, toughness and tenacity, all three of which are elements we like in a stallion prospect,” said Three Chimneys Chairman Goncalo Torrealba. “We believe that Sharp Azteca can be another offshoot branch of the Storm Cat line through Giant Causeway’s full-brother Freud, similar to what Harlan, Harlan’s Holiday and Into Mischief did.”

Scoring his first black-type victory in the 2016 GIII Pat Day Mile, Sharp Azteca finished second to Mind Your Biscuits (Posse) in that year’s GI Malibu S. Kicking off 2017 with a win in the GII Gulfstream Park H., he was second in last year’s GI Met Mile and won both the GII Monmouth Cup S. and GII Kelso H. before just missing to Battle of Midway (Smart Strike) in the GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile. The dark bay would not be deterred and ran back in the Cigar Mile, where he finally secured the elusive Grade I win he had just missed on three previous occasions.

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BC Bulletins cont.

- Rounding out the Santa Anita Breeders’ Cup workers were City of Light (Quality Road) (Classic/Dirt Mile), a best-of-40 five furlongs in :59 flat (video) in company with The Lieutenant (Street Sense) (:59.60); Liam the Charmer (Smart Strike) (Turf) and Paved (Quality Road), five panels in company 1:01.40 (21/40) (video); Vibrance (Violence) (Juvenile Fillies), five panels in 1:00.40 (11/40); and Gunmetal Gray (Exchange Rate), a best-of-11 six furlongs in 1:13.40 (video).

- A pair of Grade I-winning colts prepped for the BC Juvenile Saturday with GI Champagne S. victor Complexity (Maclean’s Music) working at Belmont and GI Hopeful S. upsetter Mind Control (Stay Thirst) breezing at his Monmouth Park base. Undefeated ‘TDN Rising Star’ Complexity covered a half-mile in :49.32 (16/49) over the Elmont main track for trainer Chad Brown (video). Conditioned by Greg Sacco, Mind Control went six furlongs in 1:13.80 (2/3) over the Oceanport oval.

- Also on the Belmont worktab were BC Distaff-bound Wow Cat (Chi) (Lookin at Lucky), who worked a half-mile in company with Pacific Wind (Curlin) in :49.32 (16/49) (video); and world-record setting turf sprinter Disco Partner (Disco Rico) (BC Turf Sprint), who went four furlongs in :51.55 on the dirt (49/49) (video).
Two Year Old Surge of Pride wins the $250,000 Maid of the Mist Stakes

On the heels of Buccero’s win at Keeneland in the Grade 2 Woodford Stakes, Grey Fox Stable and Chester and Mary Broman’s Surge of Pride became the newest Stakes winner for her sire with a decisive victory at Belmont.
Sharp Azteca to Three Chimneys cont.

“When you see Sharp Azteca, he’s absolutely striking,” said Three Chimneys’ Doug Cauthen. “He is big and powerful and is a true conformation stallion. He was a top-class miler who ran superbly in every jurisdiction he competed at Churchill, Belmont, in the Breeders’ Cup at Del Mar, and in Dubai [finishing third in the 2017 G2 Godolphin Mile], it didn’t matter. He was simply a runner and offers breeders a great value opportunity. Sharp Azteca is the kind that can get them a great looking sales horse and a proper racehorse down the road.”

Saturday, Keeneland
LEXUS RAVEN RUN S.-GII, $250,000, Keeneland, 10-20, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:22.98, ft.
1—SHAMROCK ROSE, 118, f, 3, by First Dude
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   2nd Dam: Great Lady Slew, by Seattle Slew
   3rd Dam: Great Lady Sharon, by Alydar
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2—Blamed, 118, f, 3, by Blame—Salsa Star, by Giant’s Causeway.
($77,000 RNA Ylg ’16 KEESEP). O-Cleber J Massey; B-Sagamore
Farm (MD); T-William I Mott. $50,000.

3—Take Charge Paula, 118, f, 3, by Take Charge Indy—Perfect Paula,
by Songandaprayer. ($40,000 Wlg ’15 KEENOV; $47,000 RNA
Ylg ’16 KEESEP; $50,000 2yo ’17 OBSMAR). O-Peter Deutsch;
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Shamrock Rose pulled off the upset in the GII Lexus Raven Run S., scoring her first graded victory in Keeneland’s Saturday feature. Breaking sharply from post 12, the 18-1 shot raced two-wide in mid-pack as Blamed blazed through opening splits of :22.27 and :44.83. Ranging up four wide turning for home, the $120,000 OBSAPR buy looked Blamed in the eye in mid-stretch for just a moment before confidently striding clear to win by 2 1/2 lengths. Blamed held second over a gutsy Take Charge Paula, who made an astounding late rally to hit the board. Rushing up into contention early, Take Charge Paula checked hard off heels in the first quarter, plummeting back towards the rear of the field, but made a strong late bid down the center of the track to round out the trifecta.

“Her last two races have been awesome,” said David Carroll, assistant to trainer Mark Casse. “She was full of confidence. She came to us [at Keeneland] in great shape. It was a great call by Mark and the Conrads [owners Manfred and Penny Conrad]—they are terrific owners, and we’re so happy for them—to try this spot. It might have seemed ambitious, but when the filly’s doing awesome ... She just trained unbelievably well.”

He continued, “I told Tyler [Gaffalione] to just enjoy the ride. She’s sitting on a big race. Whether that was good enough to win, we’d have to wait and see. It was.”

Shamrock Rose broke her maiden on debut in the Ontario Debutante S. on the Woodbine synthetic last September and was sixth behind Queen’s Plate winner Wonder Gadot (Medaglia d’Oro) in last term’s GIII Mazarine S. Off the board in her next two starts, she came running late to be second in the Cicada S. sprinting on the Aqueduct main track in March and was third in the Weber City Miss S. going 1 1/16 miles on the dirt at Laurel a month later. Romping by 10 1/4 lengths when returned to a synthetic surface at Presque Isle for the state-bred Malvern Rose S. Aug. 5, the sophomore wired the field for a 4 1/2-length success in the La Lorgnette S. going two turns on the Woodbine synthetic oval last time Sept. 8. Cont. p9
CASTELLANO STEALS THE SHOW ON EMPIRE SHOWCASE DAY

Belmont hosted an 11-race all New York-bred card Saturday with eight stakes races worth a total of $1.75 million. While the Empire-breds certainly put on a show, it was Hall of Fame rider Javier Castellano who stole the spotlight, winning three races and scoring his 5,000th win in the process aboard Runaway Lute (Midnight Lute) in the Hudson H. He also piloted Mohawk S. victor Offering Plan (Spring at Last) and Ticonderoga S. heroine Fifty Five (Get Stormy).

"I'm thankful to all the owners and trainers who have helped me get to this point, as well as my wonderful wife. She supports me, as well as my kids, it's not an easy job," said Castellano. "I've had a successful career--four Eclipse Awards, being a Hall of Fame inductee--but I don't feel that I'm toward the end. I still have goals, number one is to win the Kentucky Derby. I'm very proud to be in the company I am with 5,000 winners."

Favored Pat On the Back (Congrats) won the day's feature race, the $300,000 Empire Classic H., by 1 1/2 lengths over a late rallying Can You Diggit (Tiznow). Four-time stakes winner Bonita Bianca (Curlin), victress of the Maid of the Mist S. on this card as a juvenile in 2016, romped in the female feature, the $250,000 Empire Distaff H., finishing six lengths clear of a late-rallying Split Time (Take Charge Indy).

The Linda Rice-trained Surge of Pride (Kantharos) took to the dirt with aplomb, charging home to a 15-1 upset in the Maid of the Mist S. for 2-year-old fillies. Steve Asmussen pupil Bankit became the second stakes winner for his freshman sire Central Banker with a 5 3/4-length score in the juvenile colts race, the Sleepy Hollow S.

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Empire Showcase Day cont.

Chester and Mary Broman’s four-time graded stakes victress Highway Star (Girolamo) rounded out the day’s stakes winners with a narrow success in a strong renewal of the Iroquois S. The Bromans are also the breeders and part owners of Surge of Pride.

“When I go home tonight, I'll be looking at the calendar for when this date is next year,” said Michael Dubb, part-owner of Bonita Bianca and Offering Plan. “It’s the greatest day. There’s probably more New York people here today than any other day. The track is busy. It’s one of the best betting cards. It’s really nice to see all of our New York brethren who work so hard come out and have the opportunity to compete.”

MARYLAND MILLION DAY HANDLE UP 30%

The total handle for Saturday’s Jim McKay Maryland Million Day at Laurel Park was $5,704 million, a 30.3% increase from last year and the largest MD Million Day handle since 2007.

Hall of Fame rider Edgar Prado became the winningest jockey in Maryland Million history with his victory aboard Saratoga Bob (Friesan Fire) in the $150,000 Maryland Million Classic, which was his 18th Maryland Million score. Other Maryland Million Day highlights include Crabcakes (Great Notion) successful title defense in the Million Distaff and My Sistersledge (Etched)’s repeat victory in the Million Ladies S.

“We couldn’t have asked for a better day,” said Sal Sinatra, President and General Manager of the Maryland Jockey Club. “The weather was great, the racing was great, and field size was up. We want to thank all the fans and the Maryland breeders and owners and the horsemen for supporting such a great day.

It was also great to see so many people enjoying the Clubhouse Festival throughout the day and evening, our new sportsbook, and all the renovations taking place at Laurel Park that are being led by The Stronach Group and Belinda Stronach.”

JURY DUTY DELIVERS IN GRAND NATIONAL

By Don Clippinger

The Irish came to Far Hills, N.J., they liked what they found in many ways, and they conquered.

Sideways Syndicate’s Jury Duty (Ire) (Well Chosen {GB}), the heavily favored vanguard of an unprecedented Irish invasion, took command on the final turn of America’s richest steeplechase race and rolled clear to a 3 1/4-length victory Saturday.

Owner/trainer Emmet Mullins’s Tornado Watch (Ire) (Selkirk) launched a big move on Far Hills’ final turn to finish second and complete an Irish exacta. Two American contenders, Buttonwood Farm’s All the Way Jose (Senor Swinger) and Harold A. "Sonny" Via’s Hinterland (Fr) (Poliglote {GB}) ran a distant third and fourth, respectively in a field of nine.

Trained by Gordon Elliott, who has made American jump racing a profitable adjunct of his successful Irish stable, Jury Duty went off as the 13-to-10 favorite and ran the Grand National’s 2 5/8 miles in 5:14.80. The jury was out on the verdict for some time as the Far Hills stewards examined a late change of lanes by Jury Duty leaving the final turn. Tornado Watch’s jockey, David Mullins, claimed foul after tapping the brakes after Jury Duty came over in front of him, but the original order of finish was left unchanged.

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NORTH LIGHT (IRE)

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Robbie Power, who shipped in with a squad of overseas jockeys for the Far Hills card, gave Jury Duty a tactical ride, keeping the 7-year-old outside and quiet while in the second flight behind a pace set first by Elliott-trained Clarcam (Fr) (Califet (Fr)) and then by Bruton Street-US’s outsider Jaleo (Ger) (New Approach {Ire}), who shipped in from England for trainer Ben Pauling.

Jury Duty and Power powered past the fading speed on the final turn as Tornado Watch, All the Way Jose, and Hinterland launched their bids. The American contenders failed to make a lasting impression, but Mullins switched Tornado Watch to the inside and was in striking range.

Bending into the stretch, Jury Duty switched to the inside, and Mullins took up on Tornado Watch. Both riders continued to ride over the final fence and to the wire, with Jury Duty widening his advantage to the finish line.

Jury Duty arrived in the U.S. with solid credentials, including a third behind Clarcam in the €250,000 thetote.com Galway Plate Steeplechase in early August.

Saturday, Far Hills

**GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE S.-GI (Stp), (NB), $450,000, Far Hills, 10-20, 4yo/up, 2 5/8mT, 5:14.20, yl.**

1--JURY DUTY (IRE), 156, g, 7, Well Chosen (GB)--Swan Heart (Ire), by Broken Hearted (Ire). (£20,000 RNA 4yo ’15 DONSPR). O-Sideways Syndicate; B-T. Carroll (IRE); T-Gordon Elliott; J-Robbie Power. $270,000. Lifetime Record: 22-5-6-6, $474,005.

2--Tornado Watch (Ire), 156, g, 9, Selkirk--Pattimech, by Nureyev. (£9,000 RNA Ylg ’10 GOFORB; €18,500 RNA 2yo ’11 TIAPR; £14,000 8yo ’17 GUKSEP). O/T-Emmet Mullins; B-Airlie Stud (IRE). $81,000.

3--All the Way Jose, 156, g, 8, Senor Swinger--Maternity Leave, by Northern Baby. O-Buttonwood Farm; B/T-Jonathan Sheppard (PA). $45,000.

Margins: 3 1/4, 10, 7. Odds: 1.30, 10.80, 7.80.

Also Ran: Hinterland (Fr), Jaleo (Ger), Days of Heaven (Fr), Hammersly Lake (Fr), Clarcam (Fr), Dawalan (Fr).

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### Sunday, Belmont, post time: 5:18 p.m. EDT

**ATHENIA S.-GIII**, $200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

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### Sunday, Keeneland, post time: 4:57 p.m. EDT

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**Breeders:** 1-Dennis Crooks & Terry Young, 2-Bernard McCormack & Karen McCormack, 3-Mr. & Mrs. William L. Pape, 4-Horse Breeding Company, 5-William D. Graham, 6-Tracy Farmer, 7-George Strawbridge Jr., 8-China Horse Club International Limited
INTO MISCHIEF COLT AIRS AT PARX TO BECOME A ‘RISING STAR’

Maximus Mischief | Equi-Photo

Cash Is King LLC & LC Racing’s Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief—Reina Maria, by Songandaprayer) proved that his 8 3/4-length debut romp with an 82 Beyer Speed Figure Sept. 29 was no fluke, breezing home to remain perfect in two career appearances at Parx while becoming a ‘TDN Rising Star.’

Favored at a nickel on the dollar in a scratched-down field of three, the bay raced a bit awkwardly through the opening couple of furlongs, his head cocked to the right, but fleet enough to establish an early lead while chased along by Absentee (Fed Biz), himself a good-looking first-out winner at Parx Sept. 22. Bowling along well within himself around the turn, he was held together into the stretch, then widened at will while just being shown the whip by Frankie Pennington and scampered in by six lengths.

A $165,000 Keeneland November weanling purchase, Maximus Mischief was led out unsold on his next two trips through the ring, first when bidding stalled at $170,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale last year and at $245,000 at this year’s Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale. Entered back for the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training in May, he drilled an eighth of a mile in a very racy-looking :10 1/5 and was hammered down for $340,000. The winner’s dam, a half-sister to the ill-fated GSW Secret Compass (Discreet Cat), is also represented by a Flatter filly of 2017. She was most recently bred to Lord Nelson.

4th-Parx Racing, $43,884, Alw, 10-20, (NW1X), 2yo, 7f, 1:25.22, ft.
MAXIMUS MISCHIEF, c, 2, by Into Mischief
1st Dam: Reina Maria, by Songandaprayer
2nd Dam: Maria’s Pride, by Maria’s Mon
3rd Dam: Venting the Blues, by Cure the Blues
Sales history: $165,000 Wlg ’16 KEENOV; $170,000 RNA Ylg ’17 FTSAUG; $245,000 RNA 2yo ’18 FTFMAR; $340,000 2yo ’18 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $54,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart, the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Cash is King LLC & LC Racing LLC; B-Martha Jane Mulholland (KY); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
EMPIRE CLASSIC H., $314,850, Belmont, 10-20, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49.76, ft.
1--PAT ON THE BACK, 124, c, 4, Congrats--Accomplished, by Awesome Again. ($70,000 Ylg ’15 SARAUG). O-Harold Lerner LLC, AWC Stables & Nehoc Stables; B-Sugar Maple Farm (NY); T-Jeremiah C Englehart; J-Dylan Davis. $173,250. Lifetime Record: 21-6-4-4, $727,532.

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Nephew selling at KEENOV with Select Sales - HIP #1333

2--Can You Diggit, 120, c, 4, Tiznow--Mineralogist, by Mineshaft. O/B-Chester Sr & Mary R Broman (NY); T-James A Jerkens. $63,000.
It’s time to take your place on the world stage, pre-entry for the 2018 Breeders’ Cup World Championships closes at noon on Monday, October 22. For your copy of the Horsemen’s Information Guide, visit members.breederscup.com, call or e-mail the Breeders’ Cup Racing department below.

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3--Mr. Buff, 119, g, 4, Friend Or Foe--Speightful Affair, by Speightstown. O/B-Chester Sr & Mary R Broman (NY); T-John C Kimmel. $38,700.
Margins: 1HF, 1, NK. Odds: 2.25, 5.20, 10.00.
Also Ran: Wine Not, Control Group, Blugrascat’s Smile, Sea Foam, Hit It Once More, Evaluator, Calculated Risker. Scratched: Twisted Tom.

Pat On the Back has developed into a reliable horse over a distance of ground and earned his biggest payday to date in Saturday’s Empire Classic H. at Belmont Park.

The chestnut was away neatly from his outside alley and secured a good stalking spot from third as second favorite Sea Foam (Medaglia d’Oro) set a reasonable pace from Mr. Buff.

Nursed along by Dylan Davis leaving the half-mile pole, the 9-4 chalk crept into contention three wide into the stretch, came calling for the lead at the furlong grounds and inched away to score comfortably.

A three-time stakes winner while under the care of Ken McPeek for the first 17 starts of his career, Pat On the Back was nosed out of the win in the May 28 Commentator S. by ‘TDN Rising Star’ and MGISW Diversify (Bellamy Road) before besting Wine Not (First Dude) in the Saginaw S. July 13. He was exiting a narrow defeat at the hands of Can You Diggit in the Aug. 20 Evan Shipman S. at Saratoga.

Pat On the Back is the last listed produce for his dam.

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Joebabe is a spectacular, big, beautiful bay, retired from the track unraced. Joebabe was pointed toward foxhunting as a second career, but he craves the structure of arena work. He has received extensive classical dressage training, and could go right into shows with an experienced amateur. He is sound to jump, so hunters may also be an avenue for him. Joebabe has an excellent personality with no vices. He’s a solid, remarkable horse. PPE welcomed. Apply at www.safeharborsanctuary.org. An in-person meeting is required of all adopters. Adoption fee is $3,500.

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SLEEPY HOLLOW S., $250,000, Belmont, 10-20, (S), 2yo, 1m, 1:37.69, ft.

1--BANKIT, 120, c, 2, by Central Banker  
   1st Dam: Sister in Arms, by Colonel John  
   2nd Dam: Quiet Down, by Quiet American  
   3rd Dam: Sue Warner, by Forli  
   ($85,000 Ylg '17 SARAUG; $260,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.  
   O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC & Willis Horton Racing LLC; B-Hidden Brook Farm, LLC & Blue Devil Racing (NY); T-Steve Asmussen; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. $137,500.  
   Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, $242,750. *2nd stakes winner for freshman sire (by Speightstown).

2--Bustin Hoffman, 120, c, 2, Bustin Stones--Wallingford, by Cat Thief. O-John A. Witte, Sr. & Darlene Bilinski; B-Dr. Jerry Bilinski & John A Witte (NY); T-Ollie L. Figgins, III. $50,000.

3--Strive for a Cure, 120, c, 2, Goldencents--Hitch Village, by Old Trieste. ($62,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT; $9,000 2yo '18 EASMAY).  
   O-Louis J. Ulman; B-Bloom Racing Stable (NY); T-Dale Capuano. $30,000.

Margins: 5 3/4, 1 1/4, 1. Odds: 5.20, 21.50, 15.00.  
Also Ran: Riken, Market Bubble, Dugout, Pipes, True Gold, Poppy's Destiny, La Fuerza, Analyzetisandthat, Albie.  
Scratched: Scotty Brown, Just Right, Dashing Dan, Bustin to Be Loved.

Employing different tactics while adding some more distance this time around, he raced in eighth through an opening quarter in a sharp :22.88. The bay raced behind a wall of horses entering the far turn, swung out three deep as they straightened for home and took off from there to win for fun.  
"I was pretty confident he would get the one-mile distance today," Toby Sheets, assistant to winning trainer Steve Asmussen, said. "We changed the way he gallops in the morning. We worked him in company behind horses after his last race, and the way he looked, we were confident he was going to run well today."

The winner’s dam, also represented by an Awesome Again colt of 2017 and an Animal Kingdom filly of this year, was bred back to Hard Spun.  
Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

MAID OF THE MIST S., $250,000, Belmont, 10-20, (S), 2yo, f, 1m, 1:38.05, ft.

1--SURGE OF PRIDE, 120, f, 2, by Kantharos  
   1st Dam: Solar Surge, by Bernardini  
   2nd Dam: Unbridled Star, by Unbridled  
   3rd Dam: Crystal Vous, by Crystal Water  
   ($47,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSAPR). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.  
   O-Grey Fox Stable & Chester & Mary Broman Sr., B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-Linda Rice; J-Junior Alvarado. $137,500. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $184,750.

2--Elegant Zip, 120, f, 2, Run Away and Hide--Elegant Finish, by Speightstown. ($30,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTKOCT).  
   O-David G. Donk, Sean Carney, Michael J. McMahon, and Copper Beech Stables LLC; B-Spruce Lane Farm, et al (NY); T-David G. Donk. $50,000.

3--Kept True, 120, f, 2, Yes It's True--Well Kept, by Henny Hughes.  
   O-Treadway Racing Stable; B-Jeffrey Treadway (NY); T-Leah Gyarmati. $30,000.

Bankit | Horsephotos
Margins: 1 1/4, 2, 3/4. Odds: 15.60, 4.90, 9.10.
Also Ran: Maiden Beauty, Cartwheelin Lulu, Time Warp, Sadie Lady, L. A. Page, Short Pour, Galadriel’s Light, Shelley Ann. Scratched: She’s Trouble.

Surge of Pride was making her dirt debut after two lifetime outings on the turf. She opened her career Aug. 27 on the Spa’s lawn, taking a 5 1/2-furlong maiden special weight with aplomb, then came back in the Sept. 22 Selima S. going six furlongs at Laurel. She settled for fourth in that six-furlong event over a yielding course.

Stretching out the first time here and running against fellow New York-breds, she was parked by rider Junior Alvarado on the inside rail and the two got shuffled back to the last tier. In no hurry until the stretch, they took an abrupt right-hand turn to get around a wall of horses. From the inside to the five-path in an instant, Surge of Pride then surged to the front and left no doubt who was best on the day.

“I had to swing outside and hope she would give me what I was expecting, and she did at the end to win the race,” said Alvarado. “The whole way I was pretty confident. It was just a matter of time if I could get into the clear to let her run. Once we got clear, she finished pretty nicely at the end.”

Surge of Pride is the first foal out of her unraced dam, Solar Surge, who also has a yearling colt by Emcee and a weanling colt by Gemologist. Solar Surge is a half-sister to the dam of MGSW/MGISP Highway Star (Girolamo). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

EMPIRE DISTAFF H., $250,000, Belmont, 10-20, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:43.18, ft.
1--BONITA BIANCA, 118, f, 4, Curlin--Friendly Michelle (GISW, $404,544), by Artax. ($97,000 2yo '16 OBSMARK). O-Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables LLC & Michael Imperio; B-Dormellito Stud (NY); T-Jason Servis; J-Jose Lezcano. $137,500. Lifetime Record: GSW, 16-7-3-5, $661,288. Ticonderoga S. Switching to the turf and stretching to nine furlongs in Belmont’s Sept. 23 John Hettinger S. resulted in the worst finish of her career, an eighth-place finish. Breaking from the extreme outside in this return to dirt, she tracked the pace, had no trouble, and emerged on top coming out of the turn. From there, she simply extended her advantage, putting on a six-length show.

“She’ll go long. She’ll go short. She loves Belmont Park,” said co-owner Michael Dubb. “It was all in her favor today. She had a favorable post position and everything was to her inside, so it was all good. At a mile and a sixteenth down the chute at Belmont, she’s really comfortable running outside, and that’s her comfort zone and she was there today.”

Dam Friendly Michelle won the GI Prioress S. and Gill La Troienne S., as well as placed in the GI Las Virgenes S. and Acorn S., all more than a decade ago. She was sold at the 2006 KEENOV sale for $1.15 million in foal to A.P. Indy and again at the same sale in 2013 for $42,000 carrying Bonita Bianca, who turned out to be her first stakes winner. Friendly Michelle has a yearling colt by Paynter and was bred to Ghostzapper for next term. She is a half-sister to the dam of MGSW Kathmanblu (Bluegrass Cat). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

TICONDEROGA S., $208,400, Belmont, 10-20, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.21, gd.
1--FIFTY FIVE, 121, f, 4, Get Stormy--Soave (SP), by Brahms. ($24,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT). O-Peter M. Brant; B-Empire Equines, LLC (NY); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Javier Castellano. $115,500. Lifetime Record: GSW, 16-7-3-5, $661,288. Hidden Brook Raised

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2--La Moneda, 123, m, 5, Freud--Jade Palace, by Jade Hunter. O/B-Patricia L. Moseley (NY); T-Thomas Morley. $42,000.
3--Conquest Hardcandy, 117, f, 4, Candy Ride (Arg)--Dade Babe, by Cicinnron Secret. ($100,000 Ylg '15 FTDAR). O-Alfonso Cammarota; B-The New Hill Farm LLC (NY); T-James T. Ryerson. $24,000.
The ultra-consistent Fifty Five validated odds-on favoritism in Saturday's Ticonderoga S. at Belmont, successfully defending her title after besting older state-bred distaffers as a sophomore 12 months back. Taken in hand early by Javier Castellano, Fifty Five was allowed to lob along at the tail of the field, which was covered by about four lengths for the journey up the backstretch. Sitting in the slipstream of the well-backed La Moneda into and around the turn, the favorite was steered out into the four path on the swing for home, drew upsides of La Moneda and swept past en route to a deceptively easy victory.

"Now, I'll speak with [owner] Peter [Brant] and see what he wants to do," winning trainer Chad Brown said. "Going into this race, we were thinking about shutting her down for this year and just pointing to next year with some New York-bred and some open company stuff."

Winner of the 2017 GIII Florida Oaks while trained for her breeder by Tom Bush, the bay was second to stablemate New Money Honey (Medaglia d'Oro) in the GII Wonder Again S. and third in the GII Lake George S. before annexing this race as the favorite last season. She led home a Peter Brant/Chad Brown exacta when besting MGSW & MGISP Quidura (GB) (Dubawi [Ire]) in a July allowance at Belmont, was beaten a neck into third by La Moneda in the Aug. 24 Yaddo S. at the Spa and rebounded with a two-length success in the John Hettinger S. at this track Sept. 23.

The winner is a half-sister to SW Love Co (Not For Love) and from the family of the popular NY-bred Raffie’s Majesty (Cormorant).
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IROQUOIS S., $156,525, Belmont, 10-20, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.08, ft.

1--HIGHWAY STAR, 119, m, 5, Girolamo--Stolen Star (MSP, $210,544), by Cat Thief. O/B-Chester Sr & Mary R Broman (NY); T-Rodrigo A Ubillo; J-David Cohen. $86,625. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 21-9-5-2, $1,244,625.

2--Satisfy, 121, f, 4, Candy Ride (Arg)--Averymerrymoment, by Distorted Humor. O-Dream Maker Racing; B-Mia Gallo, Mary Kopley, Michael Newton & Elizabeth Weese (NY); T-William I. Mott. $31,500.

3--Pauseforthecause, 117, f, 3, Giant's Causeway--Spritely, by Touch Gold. O/B-Chester Sr & Mary Broman (NY); T-Kiaran P. McLaughlin. $18,900.

Margins: NK, 3/4, 3HF. Odds: 2.40, 3.15, 6.80.

Also Ran: Filibustin, Picco Uno, Holiday Disguise, Palladian Bridge, Royal Inheritance. Scratched: I Still Miss You, Frosty Margarita.

HIGHWAY STAR, 119, m, 5, Girolamo--Stolen Star (MSP, $210,544), by Cat Thief. O/B-Chester Sr & Mary R Broman (NY); T-Rodrigo A Ubillo; J-David Cohen. $86,625. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 21-9-5-2, $1,244,625.

Allowed to find her stride early on, the Broman homebred was guided down onto the fence and steadily made ground into midfield by the time they’d reached the turn. Traveling exceptionally well nearing the stretch, she was committed to a rails run, but was in very tight a furlong from home. But continuing on undaunted, she kept on courageously and outfought Satisfy for a sixth career black-type success.

Eleventh to fellow Bromian colorbearer Bar of Gold (Medaglia d’Oro) in last year’s GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Sprint, the chestnut finished runner-up in the GI Ruffian S., the Critical Eye S. and GIll Bed of Roses S. in succession earlier this term and was only sixth in defense of her Gallant Bloom title when last seen first off a three-month layoff Sept. 23.

“She was probably waiting for the competition, because you could see her ears were pricked,” winning trainer Rodrigo Ubillo said. “She's a cool horse.”

Out of a half-sister to the Bromans’ Empire Classic S. winner Friend or Foe (Friends Lake) and to SW Star Grazing (Sky Mesa), Highway Star is kin to a yearling colt by Forty Tales. Stolen Star was most recently bred to another A.P. Indy-line stallion in the form of Malibu Moon.

Winless in seven starts since taking the GII Gallant Bloom H. 13 months ago, Highway Star was given a daring ride by David Cohen, but proved equal to the task in Saturday’s Iroquois S. at Belmont.

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Dixie Moon, runner-up in last term’s GI Natalma S. and winner of this year’s Woodbine Oaks over the synthetic June 9, trailed home the field facing males in the Queen’s Plate June 30. She was second-best as the 1-5 chalk in the Wonder Where S. Aug. 12 and was a well-beaten sixth as the heavy chalk once again in the Ontario Damsel S. last time Sept. 29.

Adding blinkers here, the chestnut chased on the outside in second behind the pacesetting favorite Avie’s Mineshaft, reached even terms under confident handling at the top of the stretch and fought on bravely down the lane to get the money.

“Catherine [Day Phillips] decided to put blinkers on her and, I can tell you, from the beginning to the end, she was very focused,” winning jockey Eurico Rosa Da Silva said. “She’s a wonderful horse.”

The winner’s dam had a colt by Hard Spun in 2017 and a filly by Malibu Moon this year. She was bred back to Curlin. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

MARYLAND MILLION LASSIE S., $101,995, Laurel, 10-20, (C), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.73, ft.

1--MY STAR POTENTIAL, 119, f, 2, by Tritap
   1st Dam: Cheers Darling, by Cuvee
   2nd Dam: Bragadocious, by Salem Drive
   3rd Dam: Jenny D., by Regal Embrace

*1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. ($50,000 2yo ‘18 EASMAY). O-Euro Stable; B-Cary Frommer (MD); T-Claudio A Gonzalez; J-Jomar Torres. $55,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $90,135. *First SW for freshman sire (by Tapit).

2--Belial, 119, f, 2, Tritap--Perverse, by Distorted Humor.
   ($25,000 Ylg ‘17 EASOCT; $25,000 2yo ‘18 OBSAPR). O-Lynch Racing LLC & Norah B Stable LLC; B-Dr & Mrs Thomas Bowman & Dr Brooke Bowman (MD); T-Cathal A Lynch. $20,000.

3--Miss Philly Dilly, 114, f, 2, Tritap--My Rib, by Partner’s Hero.
   ($21,000 Ylg ‘17 EASOCT; $62,000 2yo ‘18 EASMAY). O-Delancey Stable LLC & Angelinos Racing LLC; B-Dr & Mrs Thomas Bowman & Dr. Brooke Bowman (MD); T-Benjamin W Perkins Jr. $10,000.

Margins: 1HF, NK, NK. Odds: 2.30, 11.80, 1.90.

Also Ran: Knock Out Kid, Zig, Little Cat Gee, Who U Gonna Call, Barbsgray Lion, Better Yet, Knitted Gloves, Little Miss Raelyn, Yours to Keep. Scratched: Destiny Over Fate.

A 3/4-length debut winner at the Timonium fair meeting Sept. 2, My Star Potential missed by a nose in an Oct. 1 Parx allowance and was the second favorite and one of five in the race for his now-deceased first-crop sire.

Not the best away, My Star Potential mustered at the fence and took up the running prior to the half-mile marker. With Jomar Torres taking a confident look behind nearing the entrance to the straight, the gray filly went further clear in upper stretch and was tiring noticeably in the final stages, but held sway with a minimum of fuss. Belial and favored Miss Philly Dilly rounded out a Tritap trifecta. Cheers Darling produced a colt by Bourbon Courage in 2017. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

CALIFORNIA FLAG H., $100,000, Santa Anita, 10-20, (S), 3yo/up, 5fT, :55.11, fm.

1--BRANDOTHEBARTENDER, 120, g, 5, Tribal Rule--Frysland, by Stravinsky. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Flawless Racing, Brian Flanagan & Michael Jarvis; B-John R Haagsma & Wesley Ward (CA); T-Craig Dollase; J-Joseph Talamo. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 21-5-3-2, $296,301. *1/2 to Lost Bus (Bring the Heat), GSW, $412,818.

2--Richard’s Boy, 127, g, 6, Idiot Proof--Marissa’s Joy, by Cee’s Tizzy. O-Rockingham Ranch; B-Harold & Pamela Tillema (CA); T-Peter Miller. $20,000.

3--Eddie Haskell, 122, g, 5, Square Eddie--Teresa Ann, by Boston Harbor. O-Philip J Wood & Jim Hailey; B-Reddam Racing LLC (CA); T-Mark Glatt. $12,000.

Margins: 1, 3/4, 4HF. Odds: 7.20, 0.30, 2.50.

Also Ran: Mason B, P Club. Scratched: Tribalist.

Brandothebartender came charging hard with a late run to peg back prohibitive favorite and defending race champion Richard’s Boy in the California Flag H., a race intended as a prep for the latter for the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint.

Richard’s Boy, exiting a victory in the Green Flash H. at Del Mar Aug. 17, hit the ground running, but was forced into an opening quarter-mile in :20.94 surrounded by Eddie Haskell to his outside and Mason B (Stormin Fever) to the inner. Cont. p8
Richard’s Boy got the half in a testing :43.22 and carried the field into the final furlong, but Brandothebartender was just finding his best stride and raced over the top for the upset.

Claimed for $40,000 by his current connections out of a victory over five panels at Del Mar Aug. 1, Brandothebartender was fourth in an Aug. 30 optional claimer at the seaside oval before improving by one spot in a down-the-hill optional tagger just six days prior.

Despite the defeat, trainer Peter Miller plans on sending Richard’s Boy to Churchill for the Turf Sprint, in which he was narrowly defeated by stablemate Stormy Liberal (Stormy Atlantic) last year.

“When you’ve got horses from Los Al coming over, sending for their life, you’re going to get that [kind of pace], but that’s horse racing,” the conditioner said. “We’ll just train him up to the Breeders’ Cup. This will set him up good. He’s fit now. He’s ready.”

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:
1st-Woodbine, C$46,360, Ocl (C)/Opt. Clm ($30,524), 10-20, 3yo/up, 6 1/2 ft, 1:16.07, fm.

DIXIE’S GAMBLE (c, 3, Gamble’s Exchange--Mt. Dixie, by Mt. Livermore) defeated $40,000 maiden/optional claimers by three lengths going seven synthetic panels June 9 and made it back-to-back scores with a 1 1/4-length success in his most recent appearance July 6. Switching to the grass here as a 7-2 chance, the homebred settled centerfield while hugging the rail throughout. Bid time behind the leaders while looking for a way through in upper stretch, he was finally pulled out three wide and into the clear at the eighth pole and outfought Adios Muchacho (Adios Charlie) by a head. The winner is a maternal grandson of MGSW Double Sixes (Gone West), the dam of MSW & GSP Misty Sixes (Summer Squall). Mt. Dixie was most recently covered by this owner’s Ami’s Holiday. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, $62,661. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Ivan Dalos; B-Tall Oaks Farm (ON); T-Josie Carroll.

3-QUICK AND AGGRESSIVE, 104, f, 2 (Le Serpent D’Oro--Quick and Easy, by Tiznow) shipping from Pimlico to Churchill, was forwardly placed throughout while shaking out a clear lead in the stretch. The 5-2 shot held firm to the wire and took the 6 1/4-length decision in :56.20.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
2nd-Woodbine, C$84,793, Msw, 10-20, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:09.99, ft.

CORDUROY ROAD (g, 2, Souper Speedy--Noir Velours (SP, $191,915), by Tunerup) was working bullets at Woodbine since late July and concluded his preparations with a best-of-28, four-furlong move in :46 3/5 Oct. 8. The 9-2 shot vied for early command, began to shake clear as they straightened for home and had 1 1/4 lengths over The Boss Factor (The Factor) on the line. Corduroy Road is a half-brother to Velvet Snow (Subordination), MSW, $374,579. Cont. p9
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He becomes the sixth winner for his freshman sire (Indian Charlie). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $41,803. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O/B-Frank Di Giulio (ON); T-Robert P. Tiller.

3rd-Woodbine, C$72,280, Msw, 10-20, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:23.04, fm. WESTERN CURL (f, 2, Curlin—Quinte West, by First Samurai), bet in half from a morning line of 4-1, took flight in the final eighth of a mile and pulled away to post an impressive debut victory. The January foal landed close to the front from gate four as longshot Tallulah Darling (Atreides) went winging on the front end. Claiming that rival at will approaching the ultimate furlong, the favorite lugged in toward the rail, but was full of run as she went on to post a 3 1/2-length decision from market rival Art of Almost (Dansili [GB]). Tallulah Darling held well for third. The winner’s dam, a $525,000 Keeneland September yearling, is out of Aldebaran Light (Seattle Slew), making her a half-sister to GISW Eskendereya (Giant’s Causeway) and European Group 1-winning sprinter Balmont (Stravinsky). The winner’s dam, also represented by a Lemon Drop Kid filly of 2017 and a Quality Road filly of this year, was bred back to Candy Ride (Arg).
Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $33,424. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O/B-Chiefswood Stable (ON); T-Mark E. Casse.

4th-Keeneland, $67,000, Msw, 10-20, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45.82, ft. SYNTHESIS (r, 2, First Samurai—Trust in Hope, by Bernardini) placed twice in his first three starts in California, then finished a distant third to ‘TDN Rising Star’ Instagrand (Into Mischief) in the GII Best Pal S. at Del Mar Aug. 11. Never really a factor from a double-digit draw when two-turning for the first time in the GIII Iroquois S. at Churchill Sept. 15, he was the 11-10 chalk to a double-digit draw when two-turning for the first time in the GII Best Pal S. at Del Mar Aug. 11. Never really a factor from
10th-Keeneland, $66,924, Msw, 10-20, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:48.14, yl.
HARD LEGACY (f, 2, Hard Spun—Stone Legacy (GISW, $225,651), by Birdstone), unveiled here at 11-1, settled on the rail just off the pace. She moved up steadily, found running room coming out of the turn, and kicked clear in the stretch to win by seven lengths over Cosmic Code (Into Mischief). The homebred’s dam was second in the 2009 GI Kentucky Oaks and hails from the family of GISW Catinca (Storm Cat). The mare has a yearling colt by Mr Speaker, a weanling colt by Graydar, and has been bred back to Bird Song. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $40,200. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O/B-Marylou Whitney Stables LLC (KY); T-Norm W. Casse.

1st-Belmont, $62,000, (S), Msw, 10-20, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:10.82, ft.
THORNY TALE (g, 2, Forty Tales--Spirit of Rose (SP), by City Zip) capped his worktab with a solid half-mile workout from the gate in :49 2/5 (3/33) Oct. 13 and took solid tote action at odds of 5-1. Showing some of that good early speed from a wide gate, the chestnut chased the early pace from third while racing in the three path. Able to sustain a run deep on the turn, Thorny Tale drew on more or less even terms at the quarter pole and edged away in the final furlong to best favored Tapit Tango (Tapizar) by three solid lengths.
Cont. p10
The winner has a yearling half-brother by Central Banker, while his dam was returned to that stallion earlier this year. Sales history: $10,000 Wlg '16 FTNMIX; $21,000 Ylg '17 OBSOCT. Lifetime Record: 1:1-0-0, $34,100. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Commonwealth Stable & Randy Bradshaw; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds LLC & Spruce Lane Farm (NY); T-George Weaver.

9th-Santa Anita, $51,380, Msw, 10-20, 2yo, 6 1/2fT, 1:12.89, fm.

VANTASTIC (c, 2, Dialed In--Lemon Secretary, by Lemon Drop Kid) debuted on dirt as an 8-1 chance at Los Alamitos Sept. 20 and gave game chase to finish four lengths behind ‘TDN Rising Star’ Mucho Gusto (Mucho Macho Man). Sent out the second betting choice at 29-10, the Florida-bred was quarter-horsed away from gate five by Tyler Conner, and was able to establish the early lead, getting the opening quarter mile in :21.64. Traveling strongly across the dirt crossing, Vantastic found an extra gear and kicked home to score by 1 1/4 lengths. First-time starter Bob and Jackie (Twirling Candy) was a good second. The winner’s dam is a daughter of Sadler’s Secretary (Sadler’s Wells), a full-sister to GISW and Canadian champion Perfect Soul (Ire), and is represented by a yearling colt by Verrazano. She was most recently bred to Anchor Down. Sales history: $45,000 RNA Ylg ’17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $38,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Ciaglia Racing LLC, Sharon Alesia & Paul Van Doren; B-David Berman (FL); T-Peter Eurton.

7th-Santa Anita, $51,035, Msw, 10-20, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.75, fm.

POSH HOLLY (IRE) (f, 2, Morpheus {GB}--Holly’s Kid, by Pulpit), sixth against males to kick off her career at The Curragh this past May, was third against her peers at Leopardstown June 7 in her final run for trainer Emmet Mullins. Ambitiously spotted for her U.S. debut in the Juvenile Turf S. at Del Mar Sept. 3, the dark bay ran on nicely to be fourth behind ‘TDN Rising Star’ Summering (War Front). Back in against maidens as the 2-1 second choice, Posh Holly landed in fifth spot early on and raced in the clear down the back. Stoked up leaving the three-eighths by Geovanni Franco, she spun wide for the drive and accelerated nicely to score by 1 3/4 lengths. Ask the Customer (Bodemeister) finished with gusto for second. The winner is the fourth for her freshman sire, an Oasis Dream (GB), half-brother to Frankel (GB). A half-sister to Force (GB) (Raven’s Pass), SW & GSP-US, $153,815, Posh Holly is out of a full-sister to 2007 GI Del Mar Oaks winner Rutherienne and GSW Ruthenia. Posh Holly’s yearling half-sister by Gutaifan (Ire) fetched €16,000 at this year’s Tattersalls Ireland sale. Sales history: €19,000 RNA Wlg ’16 TATFBR; €15,000 Ylg ’17 GOFSPT; €24,000 RNA 2yo ’18 TATABR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, $37,876. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Roaring Lion, c, 3, Kitten’s Joy. See “Group Results”.

Flavius, c, 3, War Front. See “Ireland”.

First-crop starters to watch: Sunday, October 21

Alpha (Bernardini), Sequel Stallions New York, $8,500
44 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-Belmont, Msw 6fT, SALOON GIRL, 4-1
$3,000 FTN MIX wnl

Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
120 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Woodbine, Msw 6f, PRINCESS FABIANA, 4-1
$3,000 FTN MIX

Central Banker (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, $7,500
74 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winner
4-Belmont, Msw 6fT, NIKO’S DREAM, 7-2
$32,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl
Clubhouse Ride  (Candy Ride {Arg]), Harris Farms, $2,500
16 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 5 1/2f, MOON HOUSE, 15-1

Flashback  (Tapit), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, $7,500
105 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Woodbine, $125K GIII Grey S., 1 1/16m, TRIPWIRE, 8-1
$75,000 FTK JUL yrl

Goldencents  (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, $15,000
121 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Woodbine, Msw 6f, I'LL TAKE THE GOLD, 8-1
$1,000 RNA E '18 KEE JAN
7-Santa Anita, $70K Sunny Slope S., 6 1/2f, SEVEN SCENTS, 8-5
$38,000 KEE NOV wnl; $70,000 KEE SEP yrl; $40,000 BAR APR 2yo

Noble Mission (GB)  (Galileo {Ire}), Lane's End Farm, $25,000
112 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Keeneland, Msw 1 1/16mT, DIPLOME, 4-1
3-Keeneland, Msw 1 1/16mT, NOBLE NEBRASKAN, 5-2
$110,000 KEE SEP yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SUNDAY, OCT. 21

Data Link  (War Front), Claiborne Farm, $7,500
186 foals of racing age/42 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Woodbine, $125K GIII Grey S., 1 1/16m, GRIMGRINN' GHOST, 20-1
$3,200 KEE JAN yrl; $27,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $19,000 RNA I '18 KEE JAN

Indian Evening  (Indian Charlie), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds
36 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 5 1/2f, TIVAN, 8-1

Richard's Kid  (Lemon Drop Kid), Rancho San Miguel, $3,000
39 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Santa Anita, $70K Sunny Slope S., 6 1/2f, RICKEY B, 6-1

Take Charge Indy  (A.P. Indy), Kor, $20,000
207 foals of racing age/76 winners/6 black-type winners
8-Woodbine, $125K GIII Grey S., 1 1/16m, JAMMIN STILL, 4-1
$87,000 KEE SEP yrl

Ultimate Eagle  (Mizzen Mast), Special T Thoroughbreds, $3,500
63 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 5 1/2f, NO NAME FRED, 8-1

Violence  (Medaglia d'Oro), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, $15,000
249 foals of racing age/88 winners/11 black-type winners
2-Laurel, Msw 1mT, RUMORS OF VIOLENCE, 6-1
$45,000 KEE SEP yrl; $80,000 EAS MAY 2yo

STAKES RESULTS:

OKLAHOMA CLASSICS CUP S., $175,000, Remington, 10-19, (S),
3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.05, sy.
1--SHOTGUN KOWBOY, 124, g, 6, Kodiak Kowboy--Shotgun Jane, by Siphon (Brz). O/B-T-C. R. Trout (OK); J-David Cabrera. $105,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 31-13-5-5, $1,372,501.
*1/2 to Euro K Shotgun (Euroears), MSW, $204,227.
2--Rowdy the Warrior, 124, g, 4, Warrior's Reward--Lovely Sage, by Gentlemen (Arg). O/B-Robert H. Zoellner (OK); T-Donnie K. Von Hemel. $35,000.

MARYLAND MILLION CLASSIC S., $153,000, Laurel, 10-20, (C),
3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:51.28, ft.
1--SARATOGA BOB, 119, g, 4, Friesan Fire--Lucky Dance, by Kafwain. ($13,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.
O-Wayne Harrison, Robert Manfuso & K. M. Voss; B-Robert T. Manfuso & Katharine M. Voss (MD); T-Katharine M. Voss; J-Edgar S. Prado. $82,500. Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-2, $177,215.
*1/2 to Kaitain (Kitalpha), MSP, $229,413.

2--Dothat Dance, 119, g, 5, Louis Quatorze--Guess the Dance, by Austin Powers (Ire). O-Richard A. Brooks, Jr.; B-Chandley Farm LLC (KY); T-Noah Abramson. $30,000.

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3--Clubman, 119, g, 4, Not For Love--Otherwise Perfect, by Lemon Drop Kid. ($75,000 2yo '16 EASMAY). O-Gladys Martinez; B-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas & Quin Bowman & Rebecca Davis (MD); T-Jonathan Maldonado. $15,000.

HUDSON H., $150,900, Belmont, 10-20, (S), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15.70, ft.

1--RUNAWAY LUTE, 117, c, 4, Midnight Lute--Nikki Tootsie, by Waquoit. ($77,000 Ylg '15 SARAUG). O-Harold Lerner LLC & Nehoc Stables; B-Windylea Farm (NY); T-Gary C. Contessa; J-Javier Castellano. $82,500. Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-2, $276,805. *1/2 to Judy Soda (Personal Flag), MSW, $395,56.

2--Gold for the King, 121, g, 4, Posse--Gold for the Queen, by Gold Token. O/B-Francis Paolangeli (NY); T-Charlton Baker. $30,000.

3--Celtic Chaos, 122, h, 5, Dublin--Let Joy Reign, by Awesome Again. ($55,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR). O-Zilla Racing Stables; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (NY); T-Brad H. Cox. $18,000. Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 2 3/4. Odds: 5.70, 2.15, 4.80.

OKLAHOMA CLASSICS DISTAFF S., $145,000, Remington, 10-19, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:42.39, sy.

1--SYDNEY FREEMAN, 115, f, 3, Tizway--Peach Brew (GSW, $320,322), by Milwaukee Brew. ($80,000 2yo '17 TTAAPR). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Robert H. Zoellner (OK); T-Donnie K. Von Hemel; J-Ramon A. Vazquez. $87,000. Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-2, $224,865.

2--Master's Bouquet, 118, m, 5, Foreign Policy--Shhh Hush Hush, by Real Quiet. O/B-Paul T. Pogue (OK); T-William R. Pogue. $29,000.


OKLAHOMA CLASSICS DISTAFF TURF S., $130,000, Remington, 10-19, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.21, sy.

1--CHARLIE WEBB, 119, g, 8, Artie Schiller--Dance's Lyph, by King Lyph. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Billy D. Taylor; B-David S. Taylor (OK); T-Kenneth Nolen; J-Richard E. Eramia. $78,000. Lifetime Record: 26-4-7-4, $253,756. *1/2 to Scrappy Roo (Roo Art), GSW, $410,594; Hollye Lynne (Uncle Abbie), MSW, $222,820.

2--Pacifica Typhoon, 121, g, 5, Don't Get Mad--My Stormy Elaine, by Stormy Atlantic. ($4,500 Ylg '14 OKCYRL). O-Carol J. Nelson; B-Claro O. Brewster (OK); T-Veronica Griggs. $26,000.

3--Perfect to Please, 119, m, 5, Mr. Nightlinger--My Comrade, by Dixie Union. ($13,500 Ylg '14 OKLSUM). O-Elada D. Kirk; B-John E. & Barbara R. Smicklas Living Trusts (OK); T-Veronica Griggs. $14,300. Margins: 1 1/4, 3HF, NK. Odds: 3.40, 5.30, 2.30.

OKLAHOMA CLASSICS DISTAFF SPRINT S., $130,000, Remington, 10-19, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.20, sy.

1--WELDER, 124, g, 5, The Visualiser--Dance Softly, by Tiznow. O-Ra-Max Farms LLC; B-Center Hills Farm (OK); T-Theresa Sue Luneack; J-David Cabrera. $78,000. Lifetime Record: 22-14-4-2, $593,151.

2--Shannon C, 119, g, 3, Latent Heat--Miranda Diane, by Fistfite. O/B-B & S Racing (OK); T-Scott E. Young. $26,000.

3--Mr. N, 120, g, 5, Mr. Nightlinger--My Comrade, by Dixie Union. ($13,500 Ylg '14 OKCYRL). O-Henry S. Witt, Jr.; B-Cres Rans LLC (OK); T-Terry Eoff. $14,300. Margins: 4 3/4, 4HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.10, 7.10, 6.20.

OKLAHOMA CLASSICS DISTAFF SPRINT S., $130,000, Remington, 10-19, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.20, sy.

1--THREE CHORDS, 118, f, 3, Euroears--Carter's Chord, by Cactus Ridge. O/B-Dream Walkin' Farms, Inc. (OK); T-Kennedy Nolen; J-Richard E. Eramia. $78,000. Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, $188,098.

2--Okie Diva, 123, f, 4, Chitoz--Dana Okie, by Prospector's Music. O/B-Richter Family Trust (OK); T-Donnie K. Von Hemel. $26,000.

MARYLAND MILLION LADIES S., $126,250, Laurel, 10-20, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:55.74, yl.
2--My Vixen, 119, m, 6, La Reine's Terms--Intriguing Story, by Not For Love. O/B-Mary Slade (VA); T-Gary Capuano. $25,000.
3--Magician's Vanity, 119, m, 6, Street Magician--So Vain, by Not For Love. O/B-R. Larry Johnson (VA); T-Michael J. Trombetta. $12,500. Margins: NK, 1 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 0.60, 69.80, 6.60.

MARYLAND MILLION TURF S., $126,250, Laurel, 10-20, (C), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:38.64, yl.
1--TALK SHOW MAN, 119, g, 8, Great Notion--Mark Me Special, by Haymaker. O/B-Michael J Harrison (MD); T-Hamilton A Smith; J-Jevian Toledo. $68,750. Lifetime Record: 36-8-2-7, $453,306. *Full to Just Jack, SW, $204,853.
2--Phlash Phelps, 119, g, 7, Great Notion--Love Me Twice, by Not For Love. ($85,000 Ylg '12 EASSEP). O-Hillwood Stable LLC; B-Carol Ann Kaye (MD); T-Rodney Jenkins. $25,000.
3--Grandiflora, 119, g, 7, Scipion--With Flora, by With Approval. O-Richard F Blue Jr et al; B-Richard Blue (MD); T-Ann W Merryman. $12,500. Margins: NK, 1 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 0.60, 69.80, 6.60.
MARYLAND MILLION SPRINT H., $97,000, Laurel, 10-20, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.08, ft.
1--LEWISFIELD, 126, g, 4, Great Notion--Smart Crowd, by Crowd Pleaser. O/B-Linda L. Zang (MD); T-Jeff C. Runco; J-Jevian Toledo. $55,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 13-6-3-2, $295,467.

2--Greatbullsoffire, 116, c, 4, Bullsbay--Great Hostess, by Great Notion. (50,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT). O/Kathleen Willier; B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC (MD); T-Hamilton A. Smith. $20,000.
3--Stolen Love, 118, g, 8, Not For Love--Thief in Style, by Cat Thief. (5,000 Ylg '11 EASSEP). O-Edward Maher; B-Classic Thoroughbred XII (MD); T-Edward Maher. $10,000.

Margins: 8 3/4, 1HF, 1. Odds: 0.20, 10.40, 22.50.

MARYLAND MILLION DISTAFF H., $97,000, Laurel, 10-20, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22.85, ft.
1--CRABCAKES, 123, f, 4, Great Notion--Aunt Elaine, by Charismatic. O/B-Karen Clark (MD); T-Kelly Lynn Deiter; J-Jose R. Betancourt. $55,000. Lifetime Record: 15-9-4-1, $418,532.
2--My Magician, 118, m, 6, Street Magician--My Rib, by Partner's Hero. (17,000 Ylg '13 EASSEP). O-Euro Stable; B-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman & Brooke C. Bowman & R. Larry Johnson (MD); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. $20,000.
3--Anna's Bandit, 120, f, 4, Great Notion--Onearmedbandit, by No Armistice. O-No Guts No Glory Farm; B-John Robb (WV); T-John J. Robb. $10,000.

Margins: HF, 2HF, 2HF. Odds: 0.40, 7.10, 4.20.

MARYLAND MILLION AND/OR REGISTERED MARYLAND BRED H., (NB) $61,176, Laurel, 10-20, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:55.41, yl.
1--UNBRIDLED ESCAPE, 118, m, 5, Unbridled Mate--Precious Tax, by Black Tie Affair (Ire). O/B-Karen Clark (MD); T-Kelly Lynn Deiter; J-Jose R. Betancourt. $33,000. Lifetime Record: 35-6-2-7, $114,604.
2--Capucine, 114, m, 5, Courageous Cat--Enter Stage Left, by Lucky Lionel. O-Silhouette LLC; B-Edmund T. Mudge (MD); T-Milan Milosevic. $12,000.
3--Eyerish Inspired, 116, m, 5, Paddy O'Prado--Kinlin, by Unbridled. (36,000 Ylg '14 EASSEP; $8,500 3yo '16 EASJAN). O-Shirley Dullea; B-Dark Hollow Farm (MD); T-William H. Wolfendale III. $6,000.

Margins: 10, 3 1/4, NO. Odds: 11.00, 6.90, 37.90.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
12th-Woodbine, C$85,140, 10-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:22.39, ft. MAGICAL MAN (g, 4, Mike Fox--Commendablecharity, by Commendable) Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-0, $106,613. O/T-Gail C. Hughes; B-Paradise Farms Caledon Incorporated (ON). *C$1,600 Wlg '14 CANNOV.

8th-Keeneland, $67,308, 10-20, (NW2$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT, 2:37.00, yl. LA MANTA GRIS (f, 4, Lemon Drop Kid--Quiero Ganar, by Lasting Approval) Lifetime Record: MSP, 16-3-2-4, $204,612. O/Blackstone River Stable; B-Nursery Place & Hendrickson (KY); T-George R. Arnold, II. *$40,000 Ylg '15 KEESSEP; $130,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR.

11th-Belmont, $67,247, (S), 10-20, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m (off turf), 1:24.08, ft. NEWPORT BREEZE (f, 3, Majestic Warrior--Coy Cat (MSW, $247,755), by Hold That Tiger) Lifetime Record: MSP, 10-2-1-2, $152,240. O-E Exline-Border Racing LLC & Steven Gail Johnson; B-Crossed Sabres Farm (NY); T-George Weaver. *$50,000 Ylg '16 SARAUG; $100,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR.

6th-Keeneland, $64,433, 10-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.62, yl. MISTER MAESTRO (g, 6, Bernstein--Winter's Quest, by Coronado's Quest) Lifetime Record: 13-7-2-1, $104,185. O-Patricia's Hope LLC; B-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate (KY); T-Michael A Tomlinson. *$30,000 Ylg '13 KEEJAN. *Full to Aripeka, GISP, $317,190.

2nd-Santa Anita, $51,345, (S), (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($16,000), 10-20, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.04, fm. SAVE GROUND (c, 4, Square Eddie--Tangle {Ire} {GISP, $302,263}, by Bob Back) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-3, $120,176. O/B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Ben D. A. Cecil.
5th-Delta Downs, $42,000, (S), 10-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5f, :59.13, ft.
**CALIMOR** (c, 3, Calibrachoa--Dandy's Sunshine, by Premiership)
Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-4, $81,490. O-Norman Stables, LLC; B-J. Adcock (LA); T-Lonnie Briley. *$20,000 Ylg '16 OBSAUG. **Fuse It (Lite the Fuse), MSW, $509,475; Smitty's Sunshine (Seeking a Home), MSW, $532,219.

9th-Gulfstream West, $41,400, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($16,000), 10-20, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.69, ft.
**BELLE TAPISSERIE** (c, 3, Tapizar--Se Bella, by Forestry)
Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, $81,752. O-Thoroughbred Champions Training Center LLC; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY); T-Jaime Mejia. *$47,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN.

7th-Delaware, $37,185, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($16,000), 10-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.79, ft.
**JUSTA SCOCH** (f, 4, Jump Start--Free Strike, by Smart Strike)
Lifetime Record: 14-4-4-0, $128,246. O/B-Donald C. Wilson (MD); T-Carl Doran. *1/2 to Escrow Kid (City Place), MSP, $561,749.

9th-Delaware, $36,375, Opt. Clm ($16,000), 10-20, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:40.92, ft.
**ARCH OF THE DIVER** (g, 4, Arch--Buy the Barrel (GSW, $339,740), by E Dubai)
Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, $50,960. O-West Point Thoroughbreds & John Haines; B-Hinkle Farms (KY); T-H Graham Motion. *$230,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; $300,000 2yo '16 FTFMAR. **1/2 to Mise En Rose (War Front), MGSP-Eng.

3rd-Charles Town, $24,000, (S), 10-19, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.76, ft.
**FLASHY DRAGON GIRL** (f, 3, Flashy Bull--Green Dragon, by Norffective)
Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, $37,000. O-G L M Stables; B-Randy Rentz (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**
- **Scottish Man**, g, 2, Charitable Man--Scottish Punch, by My Boy Adam. Charles Town, 10-19, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:22.31. B-James W. Casey (WV). *1/2 to Scottish Denis (Denis of Cork), SW, $156,993.
- **Frosted Grace**, c, 2, Mark Valeski--Class (MSW & GSP), by Thunder Gulch. Gulfstream West, 10-20, 7f, 1:24.36. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY). *$14,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; $10,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **1/2 to Stag Nation (Running Stag), SP, $224,398. ***Sixth winner for freshman sire (by Proud Citizen).
- **Natealyze**, c, 2, Overanalyze--My Sweet Emily, by Roman Ruler. Delta Downs, 10-20, (S), 7f, 1:29.84. B-J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA). *$24,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT.
- **Empressive Cat**, f, 2, Peppered Cat--Edamame (SP, $193,687), by Bold Executive. Golden Gate Fields, 10-20, (S), 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.56. B-Neale Jensen (CA). *$14,000 Ylg '17 NCAUG. **1ST-TIME STARTER.
- **Beyondelle**, f, 3, Biondetti--Bandelle, by Elusive Quality. Finger Lakes, 10-20, 5 1/2f, 1:06.77. B-GoldMark Farm (FL). *$25,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.
- **Tims Hope**, g, 3, El Medwar--Titillating, by Exploit. Hawthorne, 10-20, (S), 6f, 1:10.74. B-Sharon Kirby (IL).
- **Sir Majesty**, g, 3, Stormy's Majesty--Hasta Lavista, by Great Notion. Charles Town, 10-20, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.02. B-Maurice Casey (WV).
- **Whiskey Business**, g, 5, Spanish Steps--She's a Mugs (SW, $111,253), by Doneraile Court. Indiana Grand, 10-20, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:49.55. B-Tianna Richardville (IN).
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ALGORITHMS, Taylor's Spirit, f, 2, o/o Spirit Rising, by Dehere. My Trusty Cat S., 10-19, Delta Downs
ARCH, Arch of the Diver, g, 4, o/o Buy the Barrel, by E Dubai. AOC, 10-20, Delaware
ARTIE SCHILLER, Charlie Webb, g, 8, o/o Dance's Lyph, by King Lyph. OKC Turf Classic S., 10-19, Remington
AWESOME PATRIOT, Channing Road, f, 2, o/o Lumina, by Devil's Bag. Maryland Million Nursery S., 10-19, Charles Town
BANDBOX, Follow the Dog, c, 2, o/o Two's Cozy, by Cozzene. Maryland Million Nursery S., 10-20, Laurel
BERNSTEIN, Mister Maestro, g, 6, o/o Winter's Quest, by Coronado's Quest. ALW, 10-20, Keeneland
BIONDETTI, Beyondelle, f, 3, o/o Bandelle, by Elusive Quality. MSW, 10-20, Finger Lakes
BRING THE HEAT, Brittey On Blades, m, 5, o/o Harper N Abbey, by Outflanker. AOC, 10-20, Hawthorne
CAIRO PRINCE, Silent Surprise, f, 2, o/o Silent Joy, by Kitten's Joy. MSW, 10-20, Keeneland
CALIBRACHOA, Calimor, c, 3, o/o Dandy's Sunshine, by Premiership. ALW, 10-19, Delta Downs
CENTRAL BANKER, Bankit, c, 2, o/o Sister in Arms, by Colonel John. Sleepy Hollow S., 10-20, Belmont
CONGRATS, Pat On the Back, c, 4, o/o Accomplished, by Awesome Again. Empire Classic H., 10-20, Belmont
CURLIN, Bonita Bianca, f, 4, o/o Friendly Michelle, by Artax. Empire Distaff H., 10-20, Belmont

CURLIN, Dixie Moon, f, 3, o/o Dixie Chicken, by Rahy. Carotene S., 10-20, Woodbine
CURLIN, Western Curl, f, 2, o/o Quinte West, by First Samurai. MSW, 10-20, Woodbine
DIALED IN, Vantastic, c, 2, o/o Lemon Secretary, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 10-20, Santa Anita
EL MEDWAR, Tims Hope, g, 3, o/o Titillating, by Exploit. MSW, 10-20, Hawthorne
ETCHED, My Sistersledge, f, 4, o/o Blushing Bride, by Miesque's Son. Maryland Million Ladies S., 10-20, Laurel
EUROEARS, Three Chords, f, 3, o/o Carter's Chord, by Cactus Ridge. Oklahoma Classics Distaff Sprint S., 10-19, Remington
FIRST DUDE, Shamrock Rose, f, 3, o/o Slew's Quality, by Elusive Quality. GII Lexus Run Fun S., 10-20, Keeneland
FIRST SAMURAI, Synthesis, r, 2, o/o Trust in Hope, by Bernardini. MSW, 10-20, Keeneland
FLASHY BULL, Flashy Dragon Girl, f, 3, o/o Green Dragon, by Norquestor. ALW, 10-19, Charles Town
FORTY TALES, Thorny Tale, g, 2, o/o Spirit of Rose, by City Zip. MSW, 10-20, Belmont
FRIESAN FIRE, Saratoga Bob, g, 4, o/o Lucky Dance, by Kafwain. Maryland Million Classic S., 10-20, Laurel
GAMBLE'S EXCHANGE, Dixie's Gamble, c, 3, o/o Mt. Dixie, by Mt. Livermore. OCL, 10-20, Woodbine
GET STORMY, Fifty Five, f, 4, o/o Soave, by Brahms. Ticonderoga S., 10-20, Belmont
GIROLAMO, Highway Star, m, 5, o/o Stolen Star, by Cat Thief. Iroquois S., 10-20, Belmont
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GREAT NOTION, Lewisfield, g, 4, o/o Smart Crowd, by Crowd Pleaser. Maryland Million Sprint H., 10-20, Laurel
GREAT NOTION, Talk Show Man, g, 8, o/o Mark Me Special, by Haymaker. Maryland Million Turf S., 10-20, Laurel
HARD SPUN, Hard Legacy, f, 2, o/o Stone Legacy, by Birdstone. MSW, 10-20, Keeneland
INTO MISCHIEF, Maximus Mischief, c, 2, o/o Reina Maria, by Songandaprayer. ALW, 10-20, Park Racing
JUMP START, Justa Scoch, f, 4, o/o Free Strike, by Smart Strike. AOC, 10-20, Delaware
KANTHAROS, Surge of Pride, f, 2, o/o Solar Surge, by Bernardini. Maid of the Mist S., 10-20, Belmont
KODIAK KOWBOY, Shotgun Kowboy, g, 6, o/o Shotgun Jane, by Siphon (Brz). Oklahoma Classics Cup S., 10-19, Remington
LEMON DROP KID, La Manta Gris, f, 4, o/o Quiero Ganar, by Lasting Approval. ALW, 10-20, Keeneland
MACLEAN'S MUSIC, Paula Andrea, f, 2, o/o Like a Star, by Rock Hard Ten. MSW, 10-20, Gulfstream West
MAJESTIC WARRIOR, Newport Breeze, f, 3, o/o Coy Cat, by Hold
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That Tiger. ALW, 10-20, Belmont
MARK VALESKI, Frosted Grace, c, 2, o/o Class, by Thunder Gulch. MSW, 10-20, Gulfstream West
MEDALLIST, Hashtag Selfie, f, 4, o/o Level With Me, by Rock Slide. Maryland Million and/or Registered Maryland-Bred Distaff Starter H., 10-20, Laurel
MIDNIGHT LUTE, Runaway Lute, c, 4, o/o Nikki Tootsie, by Waquoit. Hudson H., 10-20, Belmont
MIDSHIPMAN, Alltlev vodka, g, 5, o/o Stand by the Phone, by Phone Trick. ALW, 10-20, Indiana Grand
MIKE FOX, Magical Man, g, 4, o/o Commendablecharity, by Commendable. ALW, 10-20, Woodbine
MISTER LUCKY CAT, Starling, c, 2, o/o Star Watch, by In Excess (Ire). Oklahoma Classics Juvenile S., 10-19, Remington
MORPHEUS (GB), Posh Holly (Ire), f, 2, o/o Holly’s Kid, by Pulpit. MSW, 10-20, Santa Anita
OVERANALYZE, Nataleyze, c, 2, o/o My Sweet Emily, by Roman Ruler. MSW, 10-20, Delta Downs
PEPPERED CAT, Empressive Cat, f, 2, o/o Edamame, by Bold Executive. MSW, 10-20, Golden Gate
PIONEEROFTHE NILE, Barin, g, 4, o/o Barynya, by Broad Brush. Maryland Million and/or Registered Maryland-Bred Turf Starter H., 10-20, Laurel
PRIVATE VOW, Pacific Pink, m, 6, o/o Truly Romantic, by Robyn Dancer. Magnolia S., 10-19, Delta Downs
PURE PRIZE, T Sizzle, g, 7, o/o Wood Not, by Kissin Kris. Maryland Million and/or Registered Maryland Bred Starter H., 10-20, Laurel
SAVE BIG MONEY, She’s Shiney, f, 2, o/o Swiss Blend, by Swiss Yodeler. Oklahoma Classics Lassie S., 10-19, Remington
SMART BID, Kosciuszko, c, 2, o/o Sunshine Stormy, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 10-20, Belmont
SOUPER SPEEDY, Corduroy Road, g, 2, o/o Noir Velours, by Tunerup. MSW, 10-20, Woodbine

SPANISH STEPS, Whiskey Business, g, 5, o/o She’s a Mugs, by Doneraile Court. MSW, 10-20, Indiana Grand
SPRING AT LAST, Offering Plan, h, 6, o/o Rosalie Road, by Street Cry (Ire). Mohawk S., 10-20, Belmont
SQUARE EDDIE, Save Ground, c, 4, o/o Tangle (Ire), by Bob Back. AOC, 10-20, Santa Anita
STORMY’S MAJESTY, Sir Majesty, g, 3, o/o Hasta Lavista, by Great Notion. MSW, 10-20, Charles Town
TAPIZAR, Belle Tapisserie, c, 3, o/o Se Bella, by Forestry. AOC, 10-20, Gulfstream West
THE VISUALISER, Welder, g, 5, o/o Dance Softly, by Tiznow. Oklahoma Classics Sprint S., 10-19, Remington
TIZWAY, Sydney Freeman, f, 3, o/o Peach Brew, by Milwaukee Brew. Oklahoma Classics Distaff S., 10-19, Remington
TRIBAL RULE, Brandothebartender, g, 5, o/o Fryland, by Strawinsky. California Flag H., 10-20, Santa Anita
TRIPTAP, My Star Potential, f, 2, o/o Cheers Darling, by Cuvee. Maryland Million Lassie S., 10-20, Laurel
UNBRIDLED MATE, Unbridled Escape, m, 5, o/o Precious Tax, by Black Tie Affair (Ire). Maryland Million and/or Registered Maryland Bred H., 10-20, Laurel
VRONSKY, Leonilla, f, 3, o/o Tribal Feathers, by Tribal Rule. MSW, 10-20, Golden Gate
WELL CHOSEN (GB), Jury Duty (Ire), g, 7, o/o Swan Heart (Ire), by Broken Hearted (Ire). GI Grand National Hurdle S., 10-20, Far Hills

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LION HEARTED

If toughness is transmitted genetically, Roaring Lion (Kitten’s Joy) had it all from the beginning with his rock-hard sire combining with the gallant ill-fated Vionnet (Street Sense) and the results of that ensemble was in evidence on Saturday in the culmination of Ascot’s G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. Made to labour on ground that blunts his greatest weapon, Qatar Racing’s redoubtable grey who had carried all before him since early July showed the other side of his character as he toughed out a fourth-straight win in a prestige event. Having to race without cover throughout, the 2-1 favourite was kept within hailing distance of the leaders by Oisin Murphy and after grinding his way past Century Dream (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) with 150 yards remaining held out from Ballydoyle’s 3-year-old filly I Can Fly (GB) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) by a neck, with a half-length back to Century Dream in third. Cont. p5

A CASE OF DEJA VU IN THE CHAMPION

It was seven lengths 12 months ago and while the winning margin was slightly less on Saturday, the manner of the performance from Anthony Oppenheimer’s Cracksman (GB) (Frankel {GB}) was practically identical as he dominated the feature G1 QIPCO Champion S. for a second time. Finally granted the rainfall he craves at the beginning of the week, racing’s most vivid reminder of the unparalleled racing prowess of his sire strode to the line in a relative victory lap with Crystal Ocean (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) struggling six lengths behind in his wake. Capping a memorable afternoon for John Gosden, the 5-6 favourite needed restraint rather than urging from Frankie Dettori in contrast to when last seen at the Royal meeting and after surging to the fore at the top of the straight allowed his rider time to raise his whip in salute.

“He’s shown what he is, a high-class horse—when he’s in the zone, he’s very good and he’s Frankel’s best son,” commented his trainer after completing a trio of wins in four of the main races on the day. “He won the Ganay in explosive style and I don’t think he was quite the same after going down the hill at that pace at Longchamp—things were bothering him. He still managed to win at Epsom and run well in the Prince of Wales’s when he wasn’t with us mentally and he’s a mighty impressive horse. Cont. p2

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1st Dam

MISTY FOR ME (IRE), 2008, by Galileo.  
CHAMPION, CLASSIC WINNER, MULTIPLE G1 WINNER.  
4 wins in 7 starts at 2 and 3, 492,975 euro in Ireland, hwt at 2, hwt at 3. Irish One Thousand Guineas [G1], Moyglare Stud S. [G1], Pretty Polly S. [G1], winner in 1 start at 2 in France, hwt at 2, Total Prix Marcel Boussac-Criterium des Pouliches [G1]; Total $1,124,364. Dam of 4 foals of racing age, including a 2-year-old of 2018, three to race, ALL GROUP WINNERS.


2014 – ROLY POLY (f. by War Front) MULTIPLE G1 WINNER, CLASSIC-PLACED.  
3 wins to 3, Kingdom of Bahrain Sun Chariot S. [G1], Tattersalls Falmouth S. [G1], Prix Rothschild [G1], 2nd Tattersalls Irish One Thousand Guineas [G1]. Total $939,537.

2015 – U S NAVY FLAG (c. by War Front) CHAMPION, MULTIPLE G1 WINNER, CLASSIC-PLACED.  
3 wins in 6 starts to 3, 2018, hwt colt at 2 on English Free H., Darley Dewhurst S. [G1], Darley July Cup [G1], Juddmonte Middle Park [G1], 2nd Tattersalls Irish Two Thousand Guineas [G1]. Total $1,128,302.

2016 – IT WAS MAGIC (f. by War Front)  
2017 – Colt by War Front  
2018 – Filly by War Front  
2019 – In foal to War Front on a May 11, 2018 cover date
2nd Dam

**BUTTERFLY COVE**, by Storm Cat.
Unraced. Dam of--

**MISTY FOR ME (IRE)** (f. by Galileo)
**CHAMPION, CLASSIC WINNER, MULTIPLE G1 WINNER.**

**BALLYDOYLE (IRE)** (f. by Galileo)
**CHAMPION, CLASSIC WINNER, MULTIPLE G1 WINNER.**
Hwt, Total Prix Marcel Boussac [G1], Criterium des Pouliches [G1]; Debutante [G2], etc. Total: $538,223.

**TWIRL (IRE)** (f. by Galileo)
**STAKES WINNER, GRADED STAKES-PLACED**

3rd Dam

**MR. P’s PRINCESS**, by Mr. Prospector.
Unraced. Dam of--

**FASLIYEV** (c. by Nureyev)
**EUROPEAN CHAMPION, MULTIPLE G1 WINNER.**

4th Dam

**ANNE CAMPBELL**, by Never Bend. Dam of--

**MENIFEE** (c. by Harlan)
**MULTIPLE G1 WINNER, CLASSIC-PLACED.**
Haskell Invitational [G1], Toyota Blue Grass Stakes [G1], 2nd Kentucky Derby [G1], Preakness Stakes [G1], Sire.

**DESERT WINE** (c. by Damascus)
**MULTIPLE G1 WINNER, CLASSIC-PLACED.**
Hollywood Gold Cup [G1], Californian Stakes [G1], Charles H. Strub Stakes [G1], 2nd Kentucky Derby [G1], Preakness Stakes [G1], Sire.

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G1 QIPCO Champion S. Cont. from p1

He continued, “I’ve had a lot of luck using blinkers--the great Secretariat and Northern Dancer raced in them--and sometimes they are needed to focus their minds. He had those semi-blinkers on and he’s been showing me at home that he was ready to do that. Full marks to the staff at home, who work so hard to get them to hold their form deep into the season.”

The Cracksman that was on show during the British flat season’s most high-octane afternoon was that which first showed flower in last August’s G2 Great Voltigeur S. at York and which achieved full bloom when proving a crowd-pleaser here a year back. Able to truly let down and flourish on easy going, he was getting back to basics having possibly stretched himself out of his comfort zone with a swashbuckling performance on slick ground in the G1 Prix Ganay at ParisLongchamp on Apr. 29. His two efforts in the June 1 G1 Coronation Cup and June 20 G1 Prince of Wales’s S. had led to genuine misgivings about his developing unprofessional demeanour, but he had excuses for both anti-climactic runs. Reported to have hit his head in the stalls at Epsom, a track he is patently unsuited to, he was led astray by the presence of fillies and mares before the Royal contest where the dried summer turf meant he was unable to gallop freely. It was his reluctance before the start at Royal Ascot that caused most alarm, but all that is history now as he put matters to rights before embarking on a stud career that will be a fascinating new chapter in the Frankel saga.

Until Saturday, this year had been as much about what Cracksman has missed out on rather than what he had obtained. Oppenheimer, with his DeBeers family’s link with the King George, must have been desperate to run in the midsummer showpiece, having passed it over last July due to the colt’s immaturity. However, the summer storm that afflicted the 2017 edition failed to materialise this time and he had to swerve it once again. Whatever losses were incurred there, they have been more than made up for in this race for the past two seasons. He could have led from the outset here, giving Frankie all the signals that he was on his mettle even in the preliminaries but he was held back in fourth with the stable’s Maverick Wave (Elusive Quality) leading out up ahead.

With only one or two brief lapses, most notably in Swinley Bottom when he momentarily lost his action on the heavy ground, the overall effort was as near to the smoothness of 12 months ago as is possible. William Buick on Crystal Ocean was holed up on the inside for a period before the home straight and Dettori seized the day at that juncture, asking for that familiar surge reminiscent of Frankel himself. Delivered direct from the genetic material of what must be considered the single greatest performer in at least the modern history of flat turf racing, it was immediately decisive and led to the first back-to-back winner of this prize since Twice Over (GB) (Observatory). There is that Sir Henry Cecil link again. Cracksman is also the first consecutive winner since the race was switched to Ascot where the fulfilment of a life’s work of that late great master of Warren Place was played out six years ago.

Dettori had cut a glum figure at the Royal meeting, but the ebullience that has marked his career and will characterise his enduring legacy was back again. “That is the old Cracksman back,” he said. “He felt fantastic. What a horse he is--I love him dearly.” Cont. p3
G1 QIPCO Champion S. Cont.

Dettori said, “Full credit to the owners and John for being patient. They were not tempted to run on firm ground and got the reward today. He did it on his own. The blinkers worked and he was concentrating. I kept him away from Rhododendron, the filly, and even in the first bit of the race I knew. It came good for me at the three-furlong pole and I knew we were in business.”

Of the contrast with his Prince of Wales’s performance, his rider added, “He was very lethargic in the summer–like one of those ponies of your kids’; you have to drag it everywhere. Cool weather, autumn, a bit of rain and he was back to his best today. I was able to put him where I wanted him. Usually he makes my life difficult but today I had a beautiful position. As the race developed, the more and more he came on the bridle, and turning for home he actually couldn’t wait to go. When he accelerated--not many horses can do it--I was able really to enjoy the scream of the crowds in the final furlong and raise my arm in the last 100 yards. Full credit to the Gosden stable and the trainer himself–he’s a genius to me and for me the things he has done are amazing. All our horses performed to their very best and it’s been an amazing day.”

If last year’s edition of this tells us anything, it is that a good horse can suffer a great reversal and still make it to the top and Crystal Ocean’s connections will take heart from that fact that he was beaten just under the distance Poet’s Word (Ire) (Poet’s Voice {GB}) was last year. Jockey William Buick said, “Crystal Ocean ran a great second, but Cracksman won very impressively today and he looked the same Cracksman he was last year. I was in a little bit of a tricky spot coming into the straight, but it opened up for me and he ran a good race. He’s very effective over a mile and a half as well.”

Surprise of the race was the 66-1 shot Subway Dancer (Ire) (Shamardal), who was just 3/4 of a length away in third for the Czech Republic trainer Zdeno Koplik and brother Radek who steered the gelding. Ingrid Koplikova, the trainer’s daughter, said, “That is a shock for me, but very good for my family. He ran a very nice race and we are all so happy. He is a very classy horse and he loved this ground. My father bought the horse before he had run and he has progressed. After the last race, my father decided to run here, because it would be a dream for him, for my uncle and all the family. My father has 28 horses in his yard, but this is the best one and the only one that could attempt a race like this. It is a dream to come to Ascot. I have never been here, but it is the best racecourse in the world.”

Pedigree Notes...

After a season of fluctuating fortunes for both Cracksman and Enable, it is testament not only to their superior class but also to the handling of their campaigns that the Arc-Champion double-double was pulled off. Cont. p4
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It looked much more likely in 2017 than it did in 2018, even as recently as midsummer, but both he and his brilliant contemporary still managed it. The greatest shame of their era was that they never met, with circumstances conspiring against the eventuality. That is impossible now that Cracksman departs this scene, but his swansong only further empowers his owner-breeder’s regenerated bloodlines. His listed-winning dam Rhadegunda (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), who also produced the G3 Solario S. winner Fantastic Moon (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), is a granddaughter of the G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Sussex S. heroine On the House (Be My Guest). This family was always able to throw up a genuine top-class individual in the past, with the G1 Coronation S. heroine Rebecca Sharp (GB) (Machiavellian) one of the most notable before the G1 Epsom Derby, G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe and G1 Eclipse S. hero Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) arrived to give new gravitas to it three years ago. Whether it contains one who can eventually unearth that King George winner remains to be seen. Perhaps it will be Rhadegunda’s foal full-sister to Cracksman. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

Saturday, Ascot, Britain
QIPCO CHAMPION S.–G1, £1,300,000, Ascot, 10-20, 3yo/up, 9f 212yT, 2:08.79, sf.
1--CRACKSMAN (GB), 131, c, 4, by Frankel (GB)
1st Dam: Rhadegunda (GB) (SW-Fr), by Pivotal (GB)
2nd Dam: St Radegund (GB), by Green Desert
3rd Dam: On The House, by Be My Guest

2--Crystal Ocean (GB), 131, c, 4, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Crystal Star (GB), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). O-Sir Evelyn de Rothschild; B-Southcourt Stud (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute. £279,500.
3--Subway Dancer (Ire), 131, g, 6, Shamardal--Sub Rose (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). (€60,000 RNA Ylg ‘13 AR13; €3,000 3yo ‘15 DEANOV; €110,000 RNA 5yo ‘17 ARARC). O-Bonanza; B-SCEA Haras de Saint Pair (IRE); T-Zdeno Koplik. £139,880.
Margins: 6, 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 0.80, 2.75, 66.00.
Also Ran: Capri (Ire), Rhododendron (Ire), Verbal Dexterity (Ire), Monarchs Glen (GB), Maverick Wave. Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
“His owners are very game and brave to come here, as they had everything to lose and nothing to gain,” trainer John Gosden said. “He’s proven his class and had the guts to get there, as I think he hated every second of running on that ground. He found that soft ground too deep, you could tell by his action, but he has a lot of heart and got the job done. He’s got so much bigger and stronger with all the races I’ve thrown at him and would have won by five if the ground had been good-to-firm.”

“I told Sheikh Fahad that he wouldn’t win the Craven,” Gosden revealed after this race, harking back to the dark days of the non-existent British spring when all Roaring Lion was interested in was showing his lighter side to all around him. Few colts can have their intent honed in the manner that he has and come back each time wanting more, but from Craven to Guineas to Dante to Derby he was just offloading his excess baggage and concentrating more and more on the task of becoming a ruthless Thoroughbred machine. When it came to the Eclipse on the first Saturday of July, he had to overcome a horror trip trapped wide throughout but still managed to break down his Racing Post Trophy conqueror Saxon Warrior (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) with his most professional display yet. By the time he had thrashed that rival and the King George hero Poet’s Word (Ire) (Poet’s Voice {GB}) in the Juddmonte International at York Aug. 22, Roaring Lion had truly cast aside all boyish tendencies and another dynamic run in the Sept. 15 Irish Champion left him with little to prove on turf.

This added that extra dimension, proving a resilience to fight to the death when the workload was demanding against a soft-ground specialist like Century Dream and a filly on the up from Ballydoyle. As they came into line inside the last 100 yards, it was nip-and-tuck but Roaring Lion had the final say as if he had come here a fresh horse and not one who had been on the go since April. The last point to prove seems to concern the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic and there is some of the Giant’s Causeway and the Sakhee about this high-class turfiste. His owner believes that could be his final posting.

“This eclipsed York, without a shadow of a doubt,” Sheikh Fahad commented. “In fairness to him, he owes us nothing and has done us proud all year long, winning every race he could have won next year. The Breeders’ Cup is under consideration, but I’ll talk with my brothers and John. If he does, he might go for the Classic--that is the most likely on the dirt. I want to see his sons and daughters racing and his retirement wasn’t an easy decision for me, but we all agreed on it. Trying to upgrade our breeding operation is the most important part of the long game and he’s going to help with that.” Cont. p6
G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. Cont.

Roaring Lion’s aforementioned dam Vionnet, who was third in the G1 Rodeo Drive S., was euthanized at Rood and Riddle in February after developing laminitis when six-months pregnant. Only one week away from foaling, she broke her hock in the Rood & Riddle clinic and her More than Ready filly was born but could not sustain life as her lungs were too weak. Breeder Jan Vandebos Naify was on hand to witness this moment of glory and Sheikh Fahad revealed that there had been emotional scenes.

“Jan loves this horse—she was in tears and the horse knows her too. He saw her in the paddock, I swear, and it was if he was saying “mother’s here!”” Qatar Racing’s leader also revealed that the operation’s G1 Sussex S. hero Lightning Spear (GB) (Pivotal (GB)), who was seventh, is Breeders’ Cup-bound. “Soft ground didn’t suit and as long as they don’t get rain then he’s off to the Breeders’ Cup Mile and then to stud,” he added.

Gosden is wary of the Classic challenge and said, “He’s American-bred and while I think he’ll act on the dirt on pedigree, the problem with the dirt is the kickback. They go hard and do :22-and-change throw dirt in the face of those behind and they lose their rhythm and breathing. We’ll see how tomorrow and next week is the pre-entry stage. It comes up a bit quick, but we’ll see.”

Ballydoyle were encouraged by the effort of I Can Fly, who was building on a win in the G2 Boomerang S. and a fourth in the G1 Sun Chariot S. and who was making up for the withdrawal of the stable’s main hope Happily (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) who had been second in the latter contest. Withdrawn after becoming upset in the stalls, she was led back unscathed. I Can Fly’s rider Donnacha O’Brien said, “She’s run a cracker. Everything went smooth and I’m delighted with her--there are no excuses. She has shown big improvement today and run really well.”

Century Dream’s trainer Simon Crisford commented, “I thought at the furlong pole we were going to win--my heart was beating like you can’t imagine. We freshened him up after the Arlington Million, hoping that this race would cut up and that it would be desperate ground. It didn’t cut up, but he has run with great, great aplomb. I think we will prepare him for the Duty Free in Dubai--I think a mile and one round Meydan would suit him very well. He’s getting better as he gets older; he’s just such a super horse and a great flag-bearer for the stable.”

Pedigree Notes...

Vionnet was one of five stakes performers out of the GIII Las Cienegas H. and GII Senator Ken Maddy H. winner Cambiocorsa (Avenue of Flags), headed the GII Royal Heroine Mile S. winner Schiaparelli (Ghostzapper) and the GII John C. Mabee S. winner Moulin de Mougin (Curlin). Cambiocorsa is a full-sister to California Flag, who was successful in the Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint and three times in the GIII Morvich H. Vionnet’s 2-year-old colt Fran the Man (Medaglia d’Oro) was unsold at $265,000 as a Keeneland November foal, but the following year was bought by Spendthrift Farm for $550,000. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.
Saturday, Ascot, Britain

**QUEEN ELIZABETH II S.-G1**, £1,156,250, Ascot, 10-20, 3yo/up, 8f, 1:42.48, sf.

1—**ROARING LION**, 127, c, 3, by **Kitten's Joy**

1st Dam: Vionnet (GISP-US, £175,140), by Street Sense
2nd Dam: Cambiocorsa, by Avenue of Flags
3rd Dam: Ultrafleet, by Afleet

($160,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP). O-Qatar Racing Ltd; B-Ran Jan Racing Inc (KY); T-John Gosden; J-Oisin Murphy. £655,709.

Lifetime Record: G1SW-Ire, 12-8-1-2, $3,575,197. **Werk Nick Rating:** A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

**US BRED KYPBRED**

2—I Can Fly (GB), 124, f, 3, Fastnet Rock (Aus)—Madonna

Dell’Orto (GB), by Montjeu (Ire). (240,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT). O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Rockwell Bloodstock (GB); T-Aidan O’Brien. £248,594.

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3—**Century Dream (Ire)**, 130, c, 4, Cape Cross (Ire)—Salacia (Ire),

by Echo of Light (GB). O-Abdulla Belhabb; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Simon Crisford. £124,413.

Margins: NK, HF, 3/4. Odds: 2.00, 33.00, 25.00.

Also Ran: Stormy Antarctic (GB), Recoletos (Fr), Lord Glitters (Fr), Lightning Spear (GB), Laurens (Fr), Romanised (Ire), Hey Gaman (GB), Beat The Bank (GB), Addeybb (Ire), Gabriel (Ire).


**QUICK SANDS**

Off the board in three Group 1 outings since registering a half-length second in Royal Ascot’s June 22 G1 Commonwealth Cup, The Cool Silk Partnership’s **Sands of Mali (Fr)** (Panis) returned to the scene of that effort and caused a 28-1 shock in Saturday’s G1 QIPCO British Champions Sprint. The bay was sharpest into stride and secured immediate control of the straight six-furlong dash. Nudged along passing the quarter-mile marker, he would not relent and kept on strongly under a final-furlong drive to withstand the persistent threat of **Harry Angel (Ire)** (Dark Angel [Ire]) by a length. **Donjuan Triumphant (Ire)** (Dream Ahead) emerged from the pack to finish best of the rest, 1 1/4 lengths back in third.

“He just got nailed at the Royal Meeting and things went pear-shaped after that,” admitted trainer Richard Fahey. “He’s always worked like a nice horse at home and today he’s proven that he is. He’s had a few goes at Group 1s and today it’s come good so I’m delighted. I felt he ran okay at Haydock last time, but today was where we thought he should be. What they should be and what they actually do are quite different sometimes. It’s great for the owners [Cool Silk Partnership], and for [agent] Matt Coleman, who buys all their horses.”

Jockey Paul Hanagan added, “We’ve always thought a lot of him, today he showed everyone what we’ve always believed and I quite enjoyed that. I was never headed and couldn’t believe how well I was going with two furlongs to go. I knew he would handle the ground and just loved the way he picked up again when Harry Angel came to challenge him. I can’t put into words what it means to win for Richard [Fahey]. He’s never left my side and has always been there for me so I owe him a lot.”

Godolphin’s Harry Angel yoyo’d in and out of the stalls during the loading process, but was away on terms to hound the eventual winner throughout. However, he was unable to reel in this term’s G3 Prix Sigy and G2 Sandy Lane S. victor and went down bravely attempting to end his course hoodoo, which now reads zero-from-six. “He’s run an absolute blinder and I’m very pleased with him as he’s shown his true level today,” said trainer Clive Cox. “It’s been a frustrating year because he’s been a better horse at home all year. To bring him here and show everyone else what we’ve been seeing—that he’s a proper, proper Group 1 horse—I’m very proud of the performance. It’s good to sign the season off with him like this. He’s a horse who has a change of gear as well, but fair play to Richard [Fahey]. It’s his day today and it is well deserved. There’s always a moment of worry with Harry because he knows what’s coming the other side [of the gate] and he likes to get on with it. He’s equipped himself in the best possible way and I will be looking forward to seeing his stock when he goes to stud.”

Jockey Adam Kirby added, “He’s a superstar and, of course, I’m proud of him. It’s a shame to get beat, but nice to end things on a high. He’s been a great horse and the ground here just blunted his gear-change so I feel a bit sorry for him.” **Cont. p8**
G1 QIPCO British Champions Sprint S. Cont.

He added, “He probably gets a little claustrophobic in the stalls, but one thing I will say is well done to Clive Cox and all involved with the horse. They have always done a remarkable job with him. He owes us nothing, he’s been a fantastic sprinter and a pleasure to deal with.”

Pedigree Notes...

Sands of Mali, half-brother to the winning 2-year-old filly Flawless Jewel (Fr) (Kheleyf) and the yearling colt Kherizzi (Fr) (Kheleyf), is one of two winners and the leading performer produced by an unraced daughter of Listed Grand Criterium de Bordeaux and Listed Prix La Sorellina placegetter Kapi Creek (Fr) (Sicyos). Kapi Creek is herself the best representative of Listed Prix Belle de Nuit third Kirigane (Fr) (Vitiges {Fr}), who in turn is a half-sister to Mexico (Fr), from a family which includes MG1SW dual Argentinian champion distaffer Miss Terrible (Arg) (Numerous).  

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Saturday, Ascot, Britain

QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SPRINT S.-G1, £632,500, Ascot, 10-20, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:14.21, sf.

1--SANDS OF MALI (FR), 127, c, 3, by Panis

1st Dam: Kadiania (Fr), by Indian Rocket (GB)
2nd Dam: Kapi Creek (Fr), by Sicyos
3rd Dam: Kirigane (Fr), by Vitiges (Fr)

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. (€20,000 Ylg ‘16 OSLATE; £75,000 2yo ‘17 TATABR). O-The Cool Silk Partnership; B-Simon Urizzi (FR); T-Richard Fahey; J-Paul Hanagan. £358,691. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 12-5-1-0, $908,130. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Harry Angel (Ire), 128, c, 4, Dark Angel (Ire)--Beatrix Potter (Ire), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). (£44,000 Ylg ‘15 DNPRM). O-Godolphin; B-CBS Bloodstock (IRE); T-Clive Cox. £135,988.

3--Donjuan Triumphant (Ire), 128, h, 5, Dream Ahead--Mathuna (Ire), by Tagula (Ire). (€58,000 Wlg ‘13 GOFNOV; €50,000 RNA Ylg ‘14 GOFORB; 30,000gns 2yo ‘15 TATBRE). O-King Power Racing Co Ltd; B-Patrick Cosgrove & Dream Ahead Syndicate (IRE); T-Andrew Balding. £68,057. 

Margins: 1, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 28.00, 4.00, 16.00.

Also Ran: Brando (GB), Sir Dancealot (Ire), Projection (GB), The Tin Man (GB), Tasleet (GB), Limato (Ire), Son of Rest (GB), Librisa Breeze (GB), Speak In Colours (GB), Dream of Dreams (Ire), Bacchus (GB). Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

THAT OLD ROSEGREEN MAGIC

Aidan O’Brien entered this Champions Day with his least convincing cast in some time, but Magical (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) made sure the outfit went home with something major as she registered an impressive display in the G1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares S. Not disgraced when 10th in the Arc 13 days ago, the 5-1 shot travelled with ease throughout before swooping on the even-money favourite Lah Ti Dar (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) passing the two-furlong pole and readily asserted for a length verdict over Coronet (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), with Lah Ti Dar 3/4 of a length away in third.

“We really fancied her for the Oaks, but she had a little setback then and when she ran in the Arc Wayne [Lordan] rode her and loved her,” the Ballydoyle trainer said. “She had been working lovely and Ryan was always going to take his time on her and she relaxed lovely. The lads will decide what’s next, but the Breeders’ Cup is a possibility.”

Magical had put herself at the forefront of the Ballydoyle juvenile fillies when winning the G2 Debutante S. under Donnacha last August, but she had to give best by a short head to Happily (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) after Ryan Moore jumped ship with O’Brien junior again the beneficiary. Fourth in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac at Chantilly and G1 Fillies’ Mile at Newmarket the following month, the bay was again in that position on her return in the G3 Prix de la Grotte at ParisLongchamp Apr. 15. Due to start favourite for the June 1 G1 Epsom Oaks, she picked up an issue shortly beforehand and was next seen taking The Curragh’s G2 Kilboy Estate S. over nine furlongs July 22. Fourth in the G1 Matron S. over an inadequate mile at Leopardstown Sept. 15, she was one of the better closers in the Arc where she was beaten just over five lengths in total.

Cruising throughout this contest under perfect cover against the rail in contrast to the wide-running Lah Ti Dar, Magical was always going to pick up that rival once the gap opened at the top of the straight. Cont. p9
G1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares S. Cont.

She had to truly see out the mile and a half as the proven stayer Coronet bore down late.

“We had a very nice trip through the race and the ground made a big difference to her,” Moore explained. “She was a very good 2-year-old but never quite managed to win one of these even though she had run a lot of good races. She had a wide draw in the Arc, but showed she gets a mile and a half there and with a bit of cut in the ground here she showed she is a high-class filly.”

John Gosden’s momentum was only temporarily halted in this race, but in saddling both the second and third it could hardly be called a setback. He said of Coronet, “She was forced wide by the draw, she got a clear run and ran an absolute blinder but full credit to the winner. The other filly [Lah Ti Dar] ran a super race, but as you can see from looking at her, she’s big and rather unfurnished and is a next-year filly when she’ll be bigger and stronger. She will be put away until next year, while Coronet is going to Italy—assuming she comes out of this race in good order—for the [G1] Premio Lydia Tesio [at the Capennelle Nov. 4].”

Lah Ti Dar’s owner-breeder Lady Lloyd Webber added, “I thought she might win it at one stage, but we haven’t seen half of her yet. Just wait until next year, as all of that family make better 4-year-olds. Her mother Dar Re Mi was placed in a couple of Group 1s as a 3-year-old, but she didn’t win one, but at four she won the Pretty Polly S. and the Yorkshire Oaks, and then at five she won the Dubai Sheema Classic. Lah Ti Dar and her brother Too Darn Hot will both winter with John, as they are too valuable to come home to Watership Down. Too Darn Hot is a completely different type and too exciting to talk about, but the whole thing has been just fantastic.”

Pedigree Notes...

Magical just continued the fairytale for her dam’s bloodlines, with the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas, G1 Nassau S. and G1 Sun Chariot S. heroine Halfway To Heaven (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) also responsible for Galileo’s triple Group 1-winning Rhododendron (Ire) and the G3 International S. scorer Flying the Flag (Ire). With a yearling filly by that sire to follow, she is out of the triple group-winning sprinter and G1 July Cup runner-up Cassandra Go (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) whose other black-type winners are the G3 Abernant S. and G3 Sandown Sprint S. winner Tickled Pink (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and the G3 Summer S. winner Theann (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}). Cont. p10
G1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares S. Cont.

She in turn threw the GI First Lady S. and GI Rodeo S. heroine Photo Call (Ire) from a mating with Galileo, and this year’s G2 Richmond S. scorer Land Force (Ire) (No Nay Never). Cassandra Go is kin to the G3 Coventry S.-winning and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas-placed late successful sire Verglas (Ire) (Highest Honor (Fr)) from an amazing family which was also recently updated by the G3 Gordon S. winner Cross Counter (GB) (Teofilo (Ire)). Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

Saturday, Ascot, Britain
QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS FILLIES & MARES S.—G1, £600,000, Ascot, 10-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 11f 211yT, 2:33.28, sf.
1—MAGICAL (IRE), 125, f, 3, by Galileo (Ire)
1st Dam: Halfway To Heaven (Ire) (MG1SW-Eng, G1SW-Ire & G1SP-Fr, $941,139), by Pivotal (GB)
2nd Dam: Cassandra Go (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire)
3rd Dam: Rahaaam, by Secretro
1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien; J-Ryan Moore. £340,260. Lifetime Record: MGSW-Ire & G1SP-Fr, $786,506. *Full to Rhododendron (Ire), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ire, MG1SW-Eng, G1SW-Ire & G1SP-Fr, $1,741,071; and Flying The Flag (Ire), GSW-Ire & GSP-SAF, $195,702. Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2—Coronet (GB), 131, f, 4, Dubawi (Ire)—Approach (GB), by Darshaan (GB). ‘TDN Rising Star’. O/B-Denford Stud Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden. £129,000.

3—Lah Ti Dar (GB), 125, f, 3, Dubawi (Ire)—Dar Re Mi (GB), by Singspiel (Ire). ‘TDN Rising Star’. O-Lord Lloyd-Webber; B-Watership Down Stud (GB); T-John Gosden. £64,560. Margins: 1, 3/4, 3HF. Odds: 5.00, 6.00, 1.00.
Also Ran: Kitesurf (GB), Hydrangea (Ire), God Given (GB), Broadway (Ire), Pilaster (GB), Sizzling (Ire), Flattering (Ire), Bye Bye Baby (Ire). Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

FIDDLER ON THE HOOF

Having earned a £1-million bonanza for connections in York’s Aug. 24 G2 Lonsdale Cup last time, Bjorn Nielsen’s Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea the Stars (Ire)) was sent to the well once more and concluded a perfect 2018 with victory in Saturday’s G2 QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup at Ascot. Settled third along the fence for most of the stamina-sapping test, the even-money favourite benefitted from Frankie Dettori’s guile when sneaking up the inside of the pacemaking Flag of Honour (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) off the home turn and kept on relentlessly under a drive once seizing control soon after to gamely deny Thomas Hobson (GB) (Halling) a passing opportunity. Officials did not call an enquiry, but gave a cursory glance to the end proceedings before confirming a 1 1/2-length verdict with Sir Erec (Ire) (Camelot (GB)) one length adrift in third. The homebred chestnut has enjoyed a banner campaign and annexed York’s May 18 G2 Yorkshire Cup, Royal Ascot’s June 21 Gold Cup, Glorious Goodwood’s July 31 Goodwood Cup and the bonus-sealing success in the Lonsdale last time, becoming the first Gold Cup hero to go through the same season unbeaten since Pardallo (Fr) (Pardal (Fr)) in 1968.

“He saw that glimpse on the bend, he dived for it and Ryan [Moore] tried to shut it, but he was too late,” said John Gosden. “It was a very clever ride and he would have been put back in his box if he’d tried to come round them. He’s a great horse, a fabulous horse, who didn’t like that ground, but what a clever ride to take that one opportunity. We committed sooner than we wanted on ground he didn’t like, but it was jockeyship at its highest level. He benefitted from the break [since his last race] and I wouldn’t have come here unless he was in great order. [Owner-breeder] Bjorn [Nielsen] and I had a long talk after I walked the course and it was touch and go whether or not we ran him.”

Looking ahead to a similar campaign next year, Britain’s champion trainer added, “He won’t run until May, when he will reappear in the Sagaro here at Ascot or the Yorkshire Cup, and then we will try to win the Weatherbys Hamilton Million [bonus series] once again.”

Reflecting on the most cunning of rides, Dettori explained, “I had to shield him and then I was in the lap of the gods trying to get a run, but when Flag of Honour didn’t turn very well [into the straight] I thought I might not get another chance to get out of that pocket. For him, I went far too soon, but I had to take the commitment.” Cont. p11
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“In fairness, he answered every call and I wouldn’t have done it if I didn’t have that much horse. I had so much horse that I was able to take the gap in a split second before Ryan [Moore] realised. He’s been a model of consistency and deserved to be crowned champion stayer. What a season it has been for him. It isn’t his ideal ground, but he’s been so fresh at home after two months off and you can’t beat a day like this at Ascot. We rolled the dice and I’m glad it came off. He is all heart.”

Trainer Willie Mullins, who saddled the exacta in last week’s £500,000 Cesarewitch H. at Newmarket, once again raided the prize-money pot of another notable marathon after Thomas Hobson’s patient approach yielded dividends in the straight, running on from rear to give Stradivarius a late fright. “Oisin [Murphy] gave him a super ride and stuck to his plan which nearly came off,” commented Mullins. “It did appear to me to be a slow-run race, but we had one plan and stuck to it. We were hoping to be in Melbourne [for the Melbourne Cup], but we have all next year to look forward to with this horse in these type of races. I doubt he’ll run over hurdles again and we’ll probably put him away until next year. We maybe need to avoid Stradivarius and not just next season, but forever.”

Pedigree Notes...

Stradivarius is the best performer for the dual stakes-placed Private Life (Fr) (Bering (GB)) and he is kin to three black-type performers headed by G3 Furstenberg-Rennen and G3 Bavarian Classic-winning German highweight Persian Storm (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}). His second dam Poughkeepsie (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells), who is also the ancestress of G1 Melbourne Cup and G1 Grosster Preis von Berlin-winning sire Protectionist (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), is a daughter of MG1SW British Horse of the Year and dual champion Pawneese (Ire) (Carvin II), who in turn is a half-sister to Petroleuse (Ire) (Habitat), herself the granddam of MG1SW sire Peintre Celebre (Nureyev). Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. 

**Coral Beach Comes Good In The Killavullan**

There are no surprises left to be unveiled by Aidan O’Brien and the fact that Coral Beach (Ire) (Zoffany (Ire)) who had won once from 12 starts was able to carry off Saturday’s G3 Killavullan S. at Leopardstown was met with little consternation. Campaigned between five furlongs and a mile, the bay had managed to get off the mark at the 11th attempt in an extended six-furlong maiden at Cork 10 days prior to this breakthrough, with a run in between when fifth in the Listed Staffordstown Stud S. at Navan for good measure. Held up in rear early by Michael Hussey, the 16-1 shot moved menacingly through the pack to overhaul her stablemate and long-time leader Old Glory (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) passing the furlong pole and secure a length success from Guaranated (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) who denied Old Glory the runner-up spot by a head.

“She has plenty of ability, but she needs things to go right and they did today,” the winning rider said. “She travelled really well to the furlong pole and when I went there, I think I got there a bit early. She’s got her head in front now and she knows what to do. There is improvement in her, I hope. You have to ride her a bit early. She’s got her head in front now and she knows what to do. There is improvement in her, I hope. You have to ride her with a bit of confidence. Seamie told me to ride her down the inside and don’t come off the inside, so I stuck to that.”

**Pedigree Notes...**

Coral Beach, a minor purchase by M V Magnier at just 90,000gns at Tattersalls October, is out of the unraced Abbasharjah (Ger) (Tiger Hill {Ire}) whose previous best was Amona (Ire) (Aussie Rules) who placed four times at group level including when third in the G1 Preis der Diana. Cont. p12
G3 Killavullan S. Cont.

She is a full-sister to the dual group-winning Abbashiva (Ger), as well as a half to the G3 Benazet-Rennen and G3 Silberne Peitsche scorer Abbadjinn (Ger) (Big Shuffle). Their respective dam Abba (Ger) (Goofalik) is a full-sister to the G2 Grosser Muller Brot-Preis winner and G1 Deutsches Derby runner-up Acambaro (Ger) and is connected to the G2 Yomiuri Milers Cup scorer Kluger (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}). This is also the family of the G3 Silberne Peitsche winner Artistica (Ger) (Areion {Ger}).

Abbasharjah = yearling filly by Australia (GB) was snapped up by Oliver St Lawrence for just 22,000gns on Tuesday at the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 2, while she also has a filly foal by The Gurkha (Ire).

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Saturday, Leopardstown, Ireland

KILLAVULLAN S.-G3, €60,000, Leopardstown, 10-20, 2yo, 7fT, 1:28.89, g/y.

1--CORAL BEACH (IRE), 126, f, 2, by Zoffany (Ire)

1st Dam: Abbasharjah (Ger), by Tiger Hill (Ire)

2nd Dam: Abba (Ger), by Goofalik

3rd Dam: Astica (Ger), by Surumu (Ger)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (85,000gns Wlg '16 TATFOA; 90,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT). O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & susan Magnier; B-Joseph Herron (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien. €52,400. Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-4, $69,668. *1/2 to Amona (Ire) (Aussie Rules), G1SP-Ger. Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Guaranteed (IRE), 129, c, 2, Teo filo (Ire)--Gearanai, by Tocce. O-Mrs J S Bolger & Rectory Road Holdings Ltd; B/T-Jim Bolger (IRE). €11,400.

3--Old Glory (IRE), 129, c, 2, Frankel (GB)--Belesta (GB), by Xaar (GB). 'TDN Rising Star'. (€1,600,000 Ylg '17 GOFOR). O-Zayat Stables LLC, Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Rockhart Trading Ltd. (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien. €5,400. Margins: 1, HD, NK. Odds: 16.00, 12.00, 2.00.

Also Ran: Could Be King (GB), No Needs Never (Ire), Breaking Story (Ire), Angelic Light (Ire), Copia Verborum (Ire), Klute (Ire), Gee Rex (Ire).

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PEACE OUT

Sunday’s European action features Baden-Baden’s G3 Ittlingen Preis der Winterkonigin, where Markus Klug’s stable dominates again. Stall Turffighter’s Peace of Paris (Ger) (Helmet {Aus}) looks to build on her encouraging third in the G3 Zukunftsrennen over seven furlongs here Sept. 2 and is joined by Gestut Rottgen’s Sept. 30 Listed Winterkonigen-Trial first and second Akrbie (Ger) (Reliable Man {GB}) and Sharoka (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) and Gestut Park Wiedingen’s promising Hannover maiden scorer Whispering Angel (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}). Klug has six in total, but chief opposition could come in the form of Rennstall Gestut Hachtsee’s Hoppegarten scorer Ivanka (Ger) (Dabirsim {Fr}) from the Andreas Wohler stable. At Chantilly, the G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris again suffers from its proximity to the Arc meeting and next week’s G1 Prix Royal-Oak and offers only low-quality fare for its status. It could offer an ideal opportunity for the June 3 G2 Grand Prix de Chantilly third and Arc 11th Way To Paris (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}) to gain a career-best success.

ROARING LION TO STAND AT TWEENHILLS IN 2019

Qatar Racing’s MG1SW Roaring Lion (Kitten’s Joy–Vionnet, by Street Sense), who won Saturday’s G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. at Ascot on British Champions Day, will stand at Tweenhills in 2019. The John Gosden trainee, who was winning his fourth Group 1 in a row after the Coral Eclipse, Juddmonte International S., and QIPCO Irish Champions S., will be joined by fellow Group 1 winner and Qatar Racing colorbearer Lightning Spear (GB) (Pivotal {GB}–Atlantic Destiny {Ire}, by Royal Academy) at Tweenhills next year. Cont. p13
Roaring Lion to Stand at Tweenhills Cont.

“Roaring Lion has been the horse of a lifetime for us; he has exceeded our expectations whilst cementing his status as the best 3-year-old colt in Europe after winning four Group 1s this season,” said Sheikh Fahad Al Thani, Chairman of Qatar Racing. “My brothers and I are incredibly passionate about horse racing and to have a horse like him has been a truly magnificent experience. His victories at Sandown and York were incredible and then to follow it up in Ireland was an amazing feeling. We always knew how good he could be, we just hoped he would prove it. He did that at York and has been incredible ever since.”

Bred by Ranjan Racing, Inc. in Kentucky, the grey was famously purchased by Qatar Racing’s bloodstock and racing manager David Redvers for only $160,000 out of the 2016 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. Off the mark for Gosden at first asking last August, the colt made it two on the bounce trying Kempton’s all-weather and saluted in the G2 Juddmonte Royal Lodge S. last September. Facing off against Saxon Warrior (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in Doncaster’s G1 Racing Post Trophy S., he found that rival a neck too good that day and was sent to winter quarters. Third in the G3 Craven S. resuming this term and a close fifth to old rival Saxon Warrior in the G1 2000 Guineas in May, he rolled to a 4 1/2-length victory in the G2 Dante S. at York and was a solid third to his Craven conqueror Masar (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) in the G1 Epsom Derby upped to 1 1/2 miles. It was the last time Roaring Lion would taste defeat this season, as his four Group 1 victories followed. A Breeders’ Cup start will be decided later, depending on how the colt comes through Saturday’s effort and his record currently stands at 12-8-1-2 and $3,575,197 in earnings.

Said Gosden, “He stands over a lot of ground, has a great head and outlook, great neck and shoulder, and wonderful depth. He has all the attributes of a top-class middle-distance horse but with this tremendous turn of foot. It is very important in a stallion that they can take their racing. We started in February, have been hard at it since then, and he is still showing all the right signs and credentials.”

Out of the GI Rodeo Drive S. third Vionnet, Roaring Lion’s second dam is the two-time Grade III winner Cambiocorsa (Avenue of Flags), a full-sister to MGSW and Breeders’ Cup Sprint victor California Flag (Avenue of Flags). She in turn produced Grade II winners Moulin de Mougin (Curlin) and Schiaparelli (Ghostzapper), as well as SW & GSP Bronson (Medaglia d’Oro) and MSW Alexis Tangier (Tiznow).

“We’ve loved Roaring Lion since we first set eyes on him back in September 2016,” said Redvers. “I’m a big fan of his sire Kitten’s Joy and Roaring Lion was easily the best looking and best moving colt we’d seen by him.”

A fee will be announced later.

RECORD TURNOVER AGAIN AT TATTERSALLS

A fortnight of selling at Park Paddocks at the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale came to a close on Saturday morning with an abbreviated Book 4 session that saw 179,100gns added to the October Sale kitty. That haul was accumulated by 46 yearlings sold from 103 offered (a clearance rate of just 55%).

With the number of offerings well over double the equivalent session last year, the average and median both dropped steeply, respectively down 16% (3,142gns) and 38% (2,000gns). The top price on Saturday was the 16,000gns laid out by Howson and Houldsworth Bloodstock for a Mayson (GB) colt from Redgate Bloodstock (lot 2064). Cont. p14
This was the tail end, however, of an overall strong two weeks of trade, which returned a record aggregate (162,731,400gns) for the seventh straight year. The clearance rate wound up at 82% for a total 1,552 yearlings sold, and the average and median both largely held steady: the former was 104,853gns, down 3%, and the latter was 48,000gns, up 7%.

Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony said, “More than 160-million guineas has been spent at this year’s Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, which is not only unprecedented, but also a record sum for the seventh consecutive year. The figures are mighty impressive, and the single most important contributory factor to this record-breaking sequence is the professionalism and dedication of the consignors, one and all, who bring yearlings of outstanding quality to the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale every year.”

“The Tattersalls October Yearling Sale is Europe’s premier yearling sale because of the consignors. They bring the best yearlings from Britain, Ireland, France and further afield to the October Yearling Sale and year-after-year these yearlings go on to achieve great things on the racecourse. Books 1, 2 and 3 have all produced Group 1 and Royal Ascot winners in 2018, purchased for as little as 10,000gns and that is why buyers at all levels of the market and from all over the world hold the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale in such high esteem.”

“There have been highlights and success stories at all levels of the market, from the 3.5-million guineas Book 1 headliner to the 135,000 guineas sale-topping pinhooking triumph in Book 3, but above all we should recognise and applaud the collective dedication and hard work of every individual who has contributed to a seventh consecutive record breaking Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.”

THE QUEEN HONOURED WITH LONGINES LADIES AWARD

The Longines Ladies Award was presented to Her Majesty The Queen during a private ceremony at QIPCO British Champions Day at Ascot Racecourse on Saturday. Now in its sixth year and judged by Ingmar De Vos, President of the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI), Louis Romanet, Chairman of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) and Nathalie Belinguier, Former President of the International Federation of Gentleman and Lady Riders (FEGENTRI), the Longines Ladies Awards celebrate women who have consistently performed at the highest level and made significant contribution to the equestrian industry through their work.

As the patron of the Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association and a prominent owner/breeder, The Queen has a keen and highly knowledgeable interest in the equestrian world, and she frequently attends equestrian events, among them the G1 Epsom Derby and Royal Ascot. Cont. p15
The Queen Honoured With Longines Ladies Award Cont.

Twice a champion owner in Britain, The Queen’s horses have carried the royal colours to victory in over 1,600 races, with her filly Estimate (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}) winning both the G1 Gold Cup and the G3 Longines Sagaro S. In 2018, Call To Mind (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) captured the GII Belmont Cup Invitational S. at Belmont Park Stateside.

“In the light of a long list of remarkable achievements, it is a great honour for Longines to present the 2018 Longines Ladies Award to Her Majesty The Queen, as a celebration of Her Majesty’s passion for horses and exceptional commitment to the equine cause,” said Juan-Carlos Capelli, Vice President and Head of International Marketing of Longines. “This strong dedication to equestrian sports runs in the family, as we were delighted to bestow the same award on The Queen’s daughter, HRH The Princess Royal, in 2016.”

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018:

FRANCE:
Anodin (Ire) (Anabaa), Haras du Quesnay
102 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
4-CHANTILLY, 1400m, INATTENDU (Fr)
€14,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2017

Lucayan (Fr) (Turtle Bowl {Ire}), Haras de Saint Vincent
22 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-AUCH, 2000m, CORPS ACCORDS (Spa)

Mukhadram (GB) (Shamardal), Nunnery Stud
92 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
4-CHANTILLY, 1400m, SHAWAF (GB)

Olympic Glory (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}), Haras de Bouquetot
119 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
4-CHANTILLY, 1400m, ZAMHARER (GB)

Robin Du Nord (Fr) (Voix Du Nord {Fr}), Haras des Chataigniers
4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-LYON PARILLY, 2000m, PERFECT ROSE (Fr)

Rosendhal (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}),
5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-LYON PARILLY, 2000m, LYCAN (Fr)

Sea The Moon (Ger) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), Lanwades Stud
115 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners
4-CHANTILLY, 1400m, CARTES (GB)
48,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2

Top Trip (GB) (Dubai Destination), Haras de la Hetraie
27 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-LE PIN AU HARAS, 2000m, MEANN (Fr)

Toronado (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot
121 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
1-CHANTILLY, 1400m, ARBEQUINA (Ire)
€44,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2017

IRELAND

Alhebayeb (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Tara Stud
128 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
1-NAAS, 6f, IMPOSING SUPREME (Ire)
€15,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017
3-NAAS, 6f, LORD RAPSCALLION (Ire)
€10,500 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2017; 35,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 3
4-NAAS, 7f, TOSEN SHAUNA (Ire)
€26,000 Goresbridge Flat Breeze-Up Sale 2018
1-NAAS, 6f, TRUEBA (Ire)
36,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; €75,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2017

Australia (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
126 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
2-NAAS, 6f, I REMEMBER YOU (Ire)
4-NAAS, 7f, MUNEES GEMINI (Ire)
€62,000 Goffs Sportman’s Yearling Sale 2017
First-Season Sires With Runners Cont.

**Battle of Marengo (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), Ballyhane Stud
67 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
4-NAAS, 7f, LADY MARENGO (Ire)
€5,800 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €3,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017

**Bungle Inthejungle (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Rathasker Stud
95 foals of racing age/24 winners/2 black-type winners
2-NAAS, 6f, MISS JABEAM (Ire)
€5,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016

**Charm Spirit (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Haras de Bonneval
105 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
3-NAAS, 6f, ARCHAEOLOGY (GB)
33,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016
3-NAAS, 6f, CHICAGO MAY (Ire)
€27,000 Goffs Sportman’s Yearling Sale 2017; 78,000gns RNA Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale 2018
3-NAAS, 6f, WILL BE KING (Ire)
€30,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; 28,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2; €11,000 Goresbridge Flat Breeze-Up Sale 2018; €75,000 RNA Goffs UK Sept HIT Sale 2018

**Gale Force Ten (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Irish National Stud
98 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
2-NAAS, 6f, GALTEE MIST (Ire)
€19,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017; €10,000 Goresbridge Flat Breeze-Up Sale 2018

**Morphus (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
108 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
1-NAAS, 6f, MORPH (Ire)
€6,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €8,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017

**Mukhadram (GB)** (Shamardal), Nunnery Stud
92 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
2-NAAS, 6f, WHIRLYGIG (GB)
31,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; €200,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2017

**No Nay Never** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Stud
89 foals of racing age/26 winners/6 black-type winners
4-NAAS, 7f, HAMMERSMITH (Ire)
€35,000 Goffs Sportman’s Yearling Sale 2017
3-NAAS, 6f, NORTH WIND (Ire)
2-NAAS, 6f, NO SLOUCH (Ire)

**Toronado (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot
121 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
1-NAAS, 6f, BEN ALEXANDER (GB)
20,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 3
3-NAAS, 6f, YOLO AGAIN (Ire)
€15,000 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €25,000 Goffs Sportman’s Yearling Sale 2017; €85,000 RNA Goffs London Sale 2018

Saturday’s Results:
6th-Ascot, **£250,000**, 10-20, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:43.50, sf.
SHARJA BRIDGE (GB) (c, 4, Oasis Dream {GB}--Quetena {Ger} {SP-Ity}, by Acatenango {Ger}), who was coming off a seventh in the Cambridgeshire H. at Newmarket Sept. 29, was anchored in rear throughout the early stages of this Balmoral H. which is now a regular feature of Champions Day. Left with much to do approaching the last two furlongs, the 8-1 shot found a head of steam to cut through the pack and overhaul Escobar (Ire) (Famous Name {GB}) close home for a 3/4-of-a-length success. “Sharja Bridge is a very talented horse and I have always thought a lot of him,” trainer Roger Varian said. “He has run some good races in defeat this year and got in all sorts of trouble today, but came good at the end. He is lightly-raced and is probably maturing now.” The winner is a full-brother to the G1 Premio Presidente Repubblica-winning sire Querari (Ger), Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 9 1/2-11f, G1SW-Ity & GSW-Ger, $270,397, and a half to the GII Woodford Reserve Ballston Spa S. and GII Canadian S. winner and GI Diana S. runner-up Quidura (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), MGSW & MGISP-US, $742,788, and the talented G3 Bavarian Classic winner Quasillo (Ger) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), Hwt. 3yo-Ger at 9 1/2-11f. The second dam is the G2 German 1000 Guineas heroine Quebrada (Ire) (Devil’s Bag) whose progeny list is headed by three black-type winners, most notably the G3 Prix de Psyche winner Quilanga (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}). Quebrada is the leading runner for the GI Yellow Ribbon S. heroine Queen To Conquer (King’s Bishop), who is an ancestress of the G1 Preis der Diana winner Silvester Lady (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). Quebrada also has an as-yet unraced 3-year-old filly by Dansili (GB) named Queimada (Ger), a 2-year-old filly by Soldier Hollow (GB) named Quipara (GB) and a colt foal by Maxios (GB).

Sales history: 500,000gns Ylg > 15 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-1, $231,136. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (GB); T-Roger Varian.
2nd-Catterick Bridge, £10,400, Cond, 10-20, 2yo, f, 7f 6yT, 1:28.28, sf.

ICE GALA (GB) (f, 2, Invincible Spirit {Ire})--Ice Palace (GB) (SW-Eng), by Polar Falcon), a last-out fourth over this trip at Newbury Sept. 21, went to the front after the initial exchanges {SW-Eng}, by Polar Falcon)

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O/B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-William Haggas.

4th-Wolverhampton, £5,800, Novice, 10-20, 2yo, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:48.52, st.

GLOBAL HERO (GB) (c, 2, Dubawi {Ire})--Rehn’s Nest {Ire} {GSW & G1SP-Ire, $157,083}, by Authorized (Ire), who was second over seven furlongs at Leicester Sept. 24, was held up in mid-division early. Staying on to lead in the last 75 yards, the 8-13 favourite asserted to score by a neck from Oliveto (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}). The dam was a classy performer for Jim Bolger, winning the G3 Park Express S. and finishing second in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas. With a yearling colt by Oasis Dream (GB) and a foal full-brother to come, she hails from the family of the G1 Phoenix S. winner Eva Luna (Ire) (Double Schwartz {Ire}) and the G1 Criterium International hero Loch Garman (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}).

Sales history: 320,000gns Ylg ‘17 TATMC. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $48,251. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Godolphin; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Catterick Bridge, £5,400, Cond, 10-20, 2yo, 5f 212yT, 1:16.09, sf.

SYLVIA’S MOTHER (GB) (f, 2, Foxwedge (Aus))--Majorst Song (GB), by Royal Applause (GB)) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, $12,150. O-Morgan, Beard & Wellbelove; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-Joseph Tuite. *20,000gns Ylg ‘17 TATMC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Motajaasid (Ire), g, 3, Harbour Watch (Ire)--Cape Joy (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). Wolverhampton, 10-20, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.27. B-Powerstown Stud Ltd (IRE). *€120,000 Wlg ’15 GOFA NOV; 30,000gns HRA ‘18 TATJUL.

Saturday’s Results:

TRIGO S.-Listed, €47,500, Leopardstown, 10-20, 3yo/up, 10fT, 2:09.30, g/y.

1--FLAVIUS, 129, c, 3, by War Front

1st Dam: Starformer (MGSW-US & GSP-Fr, $543,126), by Dynaformer

2nd Dam: Etoile Montante, by Miswaki

3rd Dam: Willstar, by Nureyev

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Dermot Weld; J-Declan McDonogh. €28,025. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $48,251.

2--Flight Risk (Ire). 133, g, 7, Teofilo (Ire)--Raghida (Ire), by Nordic. O-Mrs J S Bolger. £9,500.

3--Success Days (Ire). 133, h, 6, Jeremy--Malaica (Fr), by Roi Gironde (Ire). O-Robert Ng. £4,750.

Margins: HF, 4, 3/4. Odds: 2.25, 8.00, 4.00.

Also Ran: Zorion (GB), Insignia of Rank (Ire), North Face (Ire), Hand On Heart (Ire). Scratched: Riven Light (Ire), Still Standing (Ire).

Flavius, who was an Oct. 28 winner going seven furlongs at this track in a one-start juvenile campaign last year, posted an Aug. 30 short-head second at Tipperary in his only subsequent start and was steadied to race off the tempo in fifth after breaking to the fore in this black-type bow. Easing closer on the bridle in the straight, he was stoked up to pounce on Flight Risk with 150 yards remaining and edged ahead under urging from there to claim a career high with something in hand.

“He’s a 520-kilogram horse and it was only his second run of the year,” said trainer Dermot Weld. “He was cantering throughout the race and just got a little bit tired going to the line. He’s a lovely horse to look forward to next year at group level. We’ve had a few problems getting him right and he has the potential to go all the way to the top. He could be a [G1] Tattersalls Gold Cup horse. He has a lot of pace and I love him.

He’s a smashing horse.”

Rider Declan McDonogh added, “He’s a real physical specimen, he was so relaxed all the way and I’d say there is a nice bit of improvement in him. You would have to be delighted with that on just his third run against some seasoned horses.”

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**Listed Trigo S. Cont.**

Flavius is the first foal produced by MGSW GII New York S. victress Starformer (Dynaformer), herself the best performer out of G1 Prix de la Foret heroine Etoile Montante (Miswaki), who in turn is the leading light for Willstar (Nureyev). The latter is a full-sister to Listed Prix Melisande victress Viviana, herself the dam of MGSW siblings Sightseek (Distant View) and Tates Creek (Rahy). Willstar is also kin to GII Tidal H. victress Revasser (Riverman) and to stakes-winning GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up Hometown Queen (Pleasant Colony). Starformer, who was bred to Kitten’s Joy this year, has also produced the hitherto unraced 2-year-old colt Tankerville (Kitten’s Joy), a yearling colt by War Front and a filly foal by Tapit. **Click for the Racing Post result.**

**Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1st-Leopardstown, €17,500, Mdn, 10-20, 2yo, f, 8fT, 1:46.27, g/y. LIGHTNING AMBER (IRE) (f, 2, Dutch Art (GB)—Amber Romance (IRE), by Bahamian Bounty (GB)), who hit the board in her first three starts before running seventh of eight in The Curragh’s Sept. 1 G3 Flame of Tara S. last time, broke well from an outer gate and raced in second for most of this one. Looming large once into the straight, the 6-1 chance was shaken up for her challenge with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and driven out in the closing stages to prevail by a neck from Heliac (GB) (Champs Elysees (GB)). “She is a very genuine filly and she got a very good ride from Declan [McDonogh],” said trainer Dermot Weld. “It’s not easy from a 17 draw and the plan was to get out and get over. She’s tough and hopefully will make into a stakes filly next year. She was immature early in the year and is just filling into that big frame now.” Half-sister to a yearling filly by Lethal Force (Ire), she is the second foal and scorer produced by a winning half-sister to G1 Prince of Wales’s S.—winning sire Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral (Ire)), MGSW Irish highweight Custom Cut (Ire) (Notnowcato (GB)), G2 British Champions Fillies & Mares S.—winning G1 Pretty Polly S. runner-up Sapphire (Ire) (Medican (GB)) and G3 Loughbrown S. third Falcon Eight (Ire) (Galileo winning G1 Pretty Polly S. runner-up Sapphire (Ire) (Medican (GB)).

**Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd (IRE); T-Dermot Weld.

**O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-Dermot Weld.**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Cockalorum (IRE), g, 3, Cape Cross (IRE)—Opinionated (Ire), by Dubai Destination. Leopardstown, 10-20, 9fT, 1:58.03. B-Jim Bradley (IRE). €60,000gns Wlg ‘15 TATFOA.**

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**Sunday, Chantilly, post time: 4:25 p.m.**

**PRIX DE SAINT-CYR-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, f, 7fT**

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**FRANCE**

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Saturday’s Result:
1st-Le Croise-Laroche, €16,000, Mdn, 10-20, 2yo, 9fT, 1:54.00, gd.

IN FAVOUR (GB) (c, 2, Frankel {GB}–Popular {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}), second last time over 10 furlongs at Compiègne Oct. 4, sported headgear and showed the benefit by gaining a close-up pitch from his wide draw. Tackling the long-time leader Ballet Red (Fr) (Rio de la Plata) before the final turn, the 4-5 favourite surged clear to register a 2 1/2-length success. The dam, who was a minor winner for Sir Henry Cecil, is a full-sister to the stable’s illustrious multiple group and Grade I heroine Midday (GB), as well as being a half to the G3 Nell Gwyn S. scorer and G1 Nassau S. third Hot Snap (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and this year’s G2 Ribblesdale S. third Sun Maiden (GB), also by Frankel. The sire is also responsible for Midday’s Listed Height of Fashion S.-winning and G2 Ribblesdale S.-placed Mori (GB), while Midday has also thrown the G3 Sandown Classic Trial scorer Midterm (GB) (Galileo {Ire}). Popular’s yearling colt is by Dark Angel {Ire}, while she also has a colt foal by Lope de Vega (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, €18,340. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms (GB); T-Andre Fabre.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

IN UNITED STATES:
Colonia (Fr), f, 3, Champs Elysees (GB)–Clara Luna (Ire), by Muhtathir (GB). Keeneland, 10-19, Gill Pin Oak Valley View S. ($150k), 1 1/16mT, 1:45.98, fm. B-Haras d’Etremham & Gestut Zur Kuste Ag (Fr). *€14,000 RNA Ylg ’16 ARROYRG; €17,000 RNA 2yo ’17 ARJUN.

IN AUSTRALIA:
Euro-Bred Winners Cont.

Mask of Time, c, 4, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Mission Secrete (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Caulfield, 10-20, Coongy Cup-G3 (£82k/€93k), 2000mT, 2:07.07. B-Dayton Investments (Breeding) Limited. *1ST GROUP WIN. **Won in dead heat. ***SW-Fr.

Exoteric (GB), g, 5, Champs Elysees (GB)--Short Dance (MSW & GSP-Eng), by Hennessy. Randwick, 10-20, Tatts Cup-Listed (£76k/€87k), 2400mT, 2:32.47. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd. *180,000gns HRA ‘16 TATHIT.

Kellstorm (Ire), h, 5, Galileo (Ire)--Another Storm, by Gone West. Morphettville, 10-20, Hcp. (£25k/€28k), 2600mT, 2:46.35. B-Paget Bloodstock. *1/2 to Asperity (War Chant), GSW-Fr, GSP-Eng, $245,483; Sehoy (Menifee), SW-Swe, $144,199; Angel Terrace (Ghostzapper), GSW, $298,848; full to Order of St George (Ire), Hwt. 3yo-Eur & Ire at 14f+, 2x Hwt. Older Horse-Eur, Eng & Ire at 14f+, MG1SW-Ire, G1SW-Eng, GSP-Fr, $2,821,488. **GSP-Aus. ***875,000gns Ylg ’16 INGMAR.

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Best Solution (near) holds off Homesman to take the Caulfield Cup

By Paul Vettise

Saeed Bin Suroor is edging closer to realising his Australian dream of scooping the Melbourne pool of Group 1 features. The Newmarket trainer has been chasing the gems of the spring carnival for close on two decades and, apart from the shock G1 Caulfield Cup victory of All The Good (IRE) (Dieses {GB}) 10 years ago, he’s come up frustratingly short.

This time around, Bin Suroor has found the line easier to cross with Benbatl (GB) (Dubawi {IRE}) kick-starting the charge with victory in the G1 Caulfield S., as he bids to dethrone Winx (Street Cry {IRE}) of her Cox Plate crown next weekend.

And on Saturday, he produced Best Solution (IRE) (Kodiac {GB}), who found all the answers for owner Sheikh Mohammed to down Homesman (USA) (War Front {USA}) in a driving finish in the G1 Stella Artois Caulfield Cup.

The willing 5-year-old overcame a torrid run with a performance that puts him right to the forefront of G1 Melbourne Cup discussions.

“He won two Group 1s in Europe and he's run a brilliant race, a great result,” Bin Suroor said. “The horse has run very well and it’s a dream for us to win two Group 1s here; it’s great. He’s a tough horse and Sheikh Mohammed tries to send his best horses here.”

Best Solution had to overcome a wide barrier and instructions to Irish rider Pat Cosgrave were clear and concise.

“I said you need to be somewhere handy, he went early and the horse won well,” Bin Suroor said.

Best Solution had to work hard early to be with the pace and race in the leading quartet.

When The Taj Mahal (IRE) (Galileo {IRE}) was set alight from midfield by James McDonald to go to the front 600 metres from home, Cosgrave made his move.

He urged the 5-year-old to the front on the turn and the top weight held the strongest of gallops under his top weight of 57.5kg to repel the challenge of Homesman, who was in receipt of 4 1/2 kilos.

The Cliffs of Moher (IRE) (Galileo {IRE}) came on gamely for third ahead of Duretto (GB) (Manduro {GER}) and The Taj Mahal wilted to be the next home.

“I can't believe it, all credit to the horse,” Cosgrave said. “We had a bad draw and a bad trip. I went early and he came to be beaten, but he was too tough.

“I had to work hard to get up there and I was five-deep on the first bend. I thought I had used too much petrol to get there. Caulfield is a great place and to have two big winners here is dreamland. It’s just crazy and shows anything is possible.”
CAULFIELD IS A GREAT PLACE AND TO HAVE TWO BIG WINNERS HERE IS A DREAMLAND. IT'S JUST CRAZY AND SHOWS HOW ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.

Pat Cosgrave

Saturday, Caulfield, Australia

CAULFIELD CUP-G1, A$5,150,000, MRC, 10-20, Open Handicap, 2400mT, 2:33.72, Soft.

1--BEST SOLUTION (IRE), 57.5, c, 4, by Kodiak (GB)
   1st Dam: Al Andalya (USA), by Kingmambo (USA)
   2nd Dam: Kushnarenkovo (GB), by Sadler’s Wells (USA)
   3rd Dam: Eva Luna (USA), by Alleged (USA)
   (£32,000 Wlg 2014 Tatts December Foals Sale; £90,000 Ylg 2015 Tatts October Yearling Sale (Book 2)) O-Godolphin Management Co Ltd; B-C. & M. McCracken; T-Saeed Bin Suroor; J-Pat Cosgrave; A$3,150,000. Lifetime Record: MG1SW-Ger, MGSW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, SP-Tur, 22-9-2-3, A$4,431,455. Werk Nick Rating: C+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Homesman (USA), 53.0, g, 4, War Front (USA)--My Annette (USA), by Red Ransom (USA). O-N C Williams, Mr & Mrs L J Williams, A L & B A Green, B N Singer, P Mehrten, J & Mrs F Ingham, M Gudinski, V Sammartino, G T Ryan, Mrs V Ryan, P N Jacobsen, Heffernan Bloodstock (M); B-Joseph Allen LLC; T-Liam Howley; J-B Melham; A$700,000.

3--The Cliffsofmoher (IRE), 56.5, c, 4, Galileo (Ire)--Wave (IRE), by Dansili (GB). O-N C Williams, Mrs & Mrs L J Williams & Coolmore (Mgr: T V Magnier); B-Wave Syndicate; T-A O’Brien; J-J Bowman; A$350,000.

Margins: 0.1 len, 1.9 len, 2.9 len.

Also Ran: Duretto (GB), The Taj Mahal (IRE), Kings Will Dream (IRE), Youngstar, Gallic Chieftain (FR), Vengeur Masque (IRE), Ventura Storm (IRE), Red Verdon (USA), Sound Check (GER), Chestnut Coat (JPN), Sole Impact (JPN), Ace High, Night’s Watch (NZ), Mighty Boss, Jon Snow (NZ).

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