



CHATLOS LOOKS TO BREAK HIS SARATOGA MAIDEN IN THE ALLEN JERKENS



Rowayton | Sarah Andrew

by Christie DeBernardis

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.--Don Chatlos, a former assistant to Jerry Hollendorfer, has had a handful of starters at Saratoga since going out on his own as a private trainer for Larry Best's OXO Equine in late June, but he has yet to get off the duck. The conditioner hopes that will change Saturday when **Rowayton** (Into Mischief) lines up for the GI H. Allen Jerkens Memorial S. on a loaded GI Runhappy Travers S. day card.

"We haven't made a lot of noise in the win column, but our horses have had decent outings and should have good showings in their next outings," said Chatlos, who has a second and two fourths from three starts this meet.

One of the fourth-place finishes belongs to Rowayton, who filled that spot behind Travers-bound Highest Honors (Tapit) in the nine-panel Curlin S. at the Spa July 26.

"He is doing well," Chatlos said. "The cut back to seven-eighths is more in his wheel house. Obviously, [GI Amsterdam S. winner] Shancelot (Shanghai Bobby) is going to be a tough customer there. Wading into Grade I waters in Saratoga, you know it is going to be very deep."

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TACITUS FAVORED IN 12-HORSE TRAVERS

Juddmonte Farms' **Tacitus** (Tapit), seemingly on the precipice of top-level success all spring, will break from post six and was installed the 5-2 morning-line favorite for Saturday's GI Runhappy Travers S. during the post position draw for the Midsummer Derby held Tuesday evening in downtown Saratoga.

"We're in the middle and you can get a good trip from that post or a bad trip from that post," trainer Bill Mott said of Tacitus's draw. "We're hoping for the good trip."

Tacitus stumbled badly and appeared to lose all chance at the start of the July 27 GI Jim Dandy S., but ran a gritty race to be second, beaten just 3/4 lengths by **Tax** (Arch).

"As badly as he stumbled in the Jim Dandy, he really could have done some damage," Mott said. "If he would have reached up and grabbed a quarter or he could have grabbed himself badly, but I'm glad he didn't do a somersault in that race or do some damage. He has come back very good and is training well."

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At 93, standup comedy legend Shecky Greene, whose equine namesake won an Eclipse Award, is still playing the ponies.

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Chatlos Looks to Break Saratoga Maiden in Jerkens (cont. from p1)

Rowayton finished third in the Gill Dwyer S. July 6 to another Travers contender in Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}) when running under Chatlos's name for the first time. Prior to that, the bay colt was an impressive allowance winner at Belmont June 6, while still running under the name of Chatlos's former employer Hollendorfer.

"The plan was to come here for Mr. [Larry] Best of OXO Equine, starting at Belmont," said Chatlos, who arrived in New York in May with eight horses owned by Best and, at the time, trained by Hollendorfer. "We were kind of trying to follow the path that [Bobby] Frankel set, where you come east from May to October-ish and then back to California from October through April. The kind of horses Mr. Best has, the races are back here,

especially if you have a 3-year-old in the summertime. Del Mar is more grass. The dirt races are back here. It was just something that they wanted to try then, obviously, June 22 came and it changed everything."



Don Chatlos & Singletary | Horsephotos

June 22 was the day NYRA announced that they would no longer be accepting entries from Hollendorfer at any of their racetracks. A week prior, the Hall of Fame conditioner had been banned from Stronach racetracks after four of his horses were fatally injured during the tumultuous Santa Anita winter meet. NYRA had initially said they would welcome Hollendorfer with open arms, but reversed that ruling June 22. Following that change, Best announced he would retain

Chatlos as his private trainer to continue overseeing his New York string, which would then follow the circuit to Saratoga.

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Four of Saratoga's Grade 1 stakes running this weekend have been won by Maryland-breds.



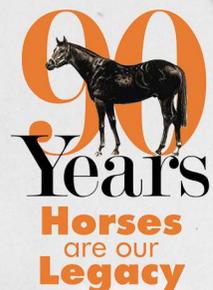
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“Working for Jerry, it is such a strong program and I had been there 4 1/2 years already, so it was a smooth transition in that sense,” Chatlos said. “The emotions and everything of a Hall of Famer being out and the tailspin that it put us in was a whole different story. Mr. Best asked me to do a job, so I had to put all that aside. Saratoga is the toughest racing in the country for the summertime. I had to focus. I had to get it together, so that is what I did. I said, ‘You have a job to do. Just go do your job.’”

Born in the industry as the son of a trainer, Chatlos worked for several of California’s top names, such as John Sadler and Ron Ellis, and had a solo career for five years from 2002 to 2007, during which he won the 2004 GI Breeders’ Cup Mile with Singletary. When his business began to dwindle, he returned to his hometown of Chicago to work for his uncle for a few years and joined the Hollendorfer barn in 2015.

“My business dried up,” Chatlos said. “I just didn’t have the stock in California to be competitive. I found myself at a crossroads. I didn’t really have a job. I didn’t really have a direction. I was thinking, ‘How am I going to get myself going?’”

He continued, “I decided to go home to Chicago where I got myself started. Those mom and pop stables in Chicago where they are grooming the horses and riding them themselves, it really got the love back for me. You can get a little Hollywood in Southern California.

“I had a chance to go with Jerry in 2015 and I had always planned to go back to Southern California. I was with him for 4 1/2 years until this crazy summer of 2019 happened.”

Chatlos is adjusting as well as can be expected after being thrown into the deep end of both the Saratoga competition and restarting his solo career on the opposite side of the country.

“The toughest adjustment for me has been the help situation,” said Chatlos. “The big barns have the good help locked down. They have been there for years. If we were in Southern California, with the kind of horses I have, I would have that. That has been the toughest adjustment, trying to get people from California to come out here and see what kind of horses these are. I have some people from here and I brought some people in from Southern California. When we do this trip next year, it will be a bit better planned and my help situation will definitely be better.”

At this time of year, Chatlos would normally be at Del Mar in San Diego, which some refer to as the Saratoga of the west. When asked how his summer at the Spa compares with his typical SoCal summer, Chatlos had a hard time comparing them.

“They are two different places,” he said. “That is the argument that goes back and forth, especially with social media, ‘What is better? Saratoga or Del Mar?’ The weather at Del Mar can’t be beat.” *Cont. p5*

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Chatlos continued, "It is nice being here for the whole summer and not just an in and out trip, plus the history of this place and the racing, obviously. The only other place you see a program lined up with Chad Brown, Todd Pletcher, Steve Asmussen, Shug McGaughey and Bill Mott is the Breeders' Cup. That is what you face. So, if you are competitive at all and want to face the best, this is the place to be. Larry Best has afforded me the ability to train some really good horses who could be competitive."

Chatlos added, "It is exciting. Where they put me next to Mott and McGaughey on the rail of the Oklahoma track is such a great spot. We have been lucky with the weather as well, besides the one Saturday they canceled because it was too hot."

Chatlos's horses seem to be enjoying their time in New York as well.

"I had some older horses that really loved Belmont Park," the conditioner said. "They did really well there and they are doing well here. The training style is a little different here, not the fast works you see in Southern California, and the horses I have right now really seem to like it. We will go back to Belmont until about the middle of October. If we have something for the Breeders' Cup, we may head back a bit earlier."

Despite the upheaval he underwent in late June, Chatlos has taken the many big changes in his career in stride with an upbeat and positive attitude. He will keep on swinging in hopes of getting off the mark in his second solo career and securing that first win here at Saratoga, whether it be in Saturday's Grade I test or an upcoming race.

"To get a win period here would be unbelievable," Chatlos said. "Definitely, a bucket list kind of thing. A Grade I? I can't even think that far ahead yet. That would be really unbelievable."

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Tacitus Favored in Travers *(cont. from p1)*

Tacitus, winner of the GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby and GII Wood Memorial S. earlier this year, closed well to be fourth (promoted to third) in the GI Kentucky Derby and was an unlucky runner-up after a wide trip in the GI Belmont S. After his misfortune in the Jim Dandy, Mott is ready to see his charge excel in the Travers.

"He's run well enough," Mott said. "I think we're just looking for that breakout race and for him to have his day in the sun. Hopefully the Travers will be that day."

Tacitus will be adding blinkers for Saturday's 1 1/4-mile race. "We've actually added some blinkers to his last couple of works and I thought they helped him focus a little bit," Mott said.

W.S. Farish's **Code of Honor** (Noble Mission {GB}) was made the second choice at 4-1 and drew post two, while the other horses in single digits are Rupp Racing's **Owendale** (Into Mischief), who pulled the rail at 6-1, Michael Lund Petersen's **Mucho Gusto** (Mucho Macho Man), also 6-1 from post seven, and Jim Dandy winner **Tax** (Arch), at 6-1 from the far outside.

Colorful trainer Danny Gargan admitted he wasn't happy with Tax's outside draw and made no secret of his planned tactics for the race.

"I really don't like it," Gargan said of post 12. "But what are you going to do? Now if he wins this one, they won't underrate him, right? We are going to see how fast they are now. Somebody's going to have to be real fast because I'm going to have to heat it up. I have no choice from the 12 hole. I'm going to break running, so whoever is going better be ready."

The full Travers field from the rail out with morning lines, is as follows: Owendale, 6-1; Code of Honor, 4-1; Highest Honors (Tapit), 10-1; Laughing Fox (Union Rags), 30-1; Everfast (Take Charge Indy), 30-1; Tacitus, 5-2; Mucho Gusto, 6-1; Chess Chief (Into Mischief), 30-1; Lookin At Bikinis (Lookin at Lucky), 10-1; Scars Are Cool (Malibu Moon), 30-1; Endorsed (Medaglia d'Oro), 15-1; and Tax, 6-1.

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WHAT KEEPS SHECKY GREENE (THE PERSON) GOING? BETTING THE PONIES

by Bill Finley

He likes to play the horses and he likes to bet on jockeys Flavien Prat and Drayden Van Dyke because he knows he can count on those two riders. That makes him like a lot of other horseplayers, but there's not another player out there who is 93, a standup comedy legend, has had an Eclipse Award winner named after him and still plays the races several days a week at a couple of Las Vegas racebooks. Only one person fits that description: Shecky Greene.

"Once you get that bug to play the horses, forget about it," Greene said. "I enjoy it because there's nothing else for me to do. I'm 93. Am I going to play tennis? No. Am I going to play golf? No. Once you finish with the mishegas of Vegas [he no longer performs], there's not a lot to do out here."

Greene is a frequent patron at two racebooks, both across the street from his residence, the Sunset Station and the Green Valley Casino. These days, he's a \$2 bettor.

"Back in the day, I used to look at the *Form* and try to figure out which horse was faster," he said. "But when you bet \$1 or \$2 a race like I do now, what does it really matter? Pick any horse. You just hope you bet on a winner."

Greene was born in 1926 in Chicago and became a major star on the nightclub circuit in Las Vegas. He has appeared in several films, including *Tony Rome*, *History of the World, Part I* and *Splash*, and has guest starred on such television shows as *Mad About You*, *Laverne & Shirley*, *Love, American Style*, and *Combat!*

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If racing fans in the seventies didn't know Shecky Greene the comedian, they certainly knew Shecky Greene the horse. Through his friend, fellow comedian Buddy Hackett, Greene knew the horse's owner and breeder, Joe Kellman. He said Kellman liked to name horses after famous people and friends and named the fastest horse he ever owned after Greene.

Shecky Greene, the horse, showed promise right from the start and went on to win the 1973 Hutcheson S. and Fountain of Youth. However, it appeared that the horse had distance limitations and Greene said he begged Kellman not to run him in the 1973 Kentucky Derby, where the competition included Secretariat.

"I begged Joe not to run him in the Derby," Greene recalled. "He was never going to go a mile and a quarter. I had a falling out with Joe over other things. Originally, I bought 10% of the horse, then when he told me I wasn't going to get any of the breeding rights, I took my money back."

Sent off at 5-1, Shecky Greene, predictably, took the lead, but faded and finished sixth. Nonetheless, he had so much success sprinting that year that he was named the Eclipse sprint champion.

"Joe liked to name horses after people he knew," Greene said. "He named a horse Ivy Hackett after Buddy Hackett. But Shecky was the only one who really turned out to be a winner. He was some kind of winner."

Greene found out that in some parts of the world, people knew the horse better than they knew the person.

"I went to England to do a show," he said, before breaking into a Cockney accent. "This guy comes to me and says, 'I never knew you were a human being. I thought you were a freakin' horse. I didn't know there was such a person as Shecky Greene.'"

Greene said it was his father who got him interested in racing and would take him whenever he could to the many Chicago area tracks that were running during that era.

"My father drove my poor mother crazy," he said. "She hated it that he went to the track all the time and that he'd drag me along."

Greene said that it was easy to stay a racing fan once he got into show business because Las Vegas had the racebooks and most of the places he would perform, like New York, Los Angeles and Miami, also had racetracks. He never found himself too far away from the track.

"I kept betting because wherever I worked there were racetracks," he said. "The racetrack was synonymous with show business."

When frequenting the California tracks, he said he never got too close to the many other celebrities that also frequented those tracks. But he said there was one actor he always tried to avoid.

"This one guy, very famous actor at the time, was a real degenerate," he said. "He made millions on television and I swear he lost it all at the track. I remember one time I cashed a big bet at Del Mar and he followed me to the cashier's window looking to borrow money."

Greene said he was frugal when he was making a lot of money as a comedian, usually betting about \$10 a race.

He says many of the patrons at the racebooks recognize him, but like to treat him like any other customer. When he encounters a younger player, one he's pretty sure never heard of him or the horse, he'll tell them to get out their phones and "Google" him. He enjoys seeing their reaction when they realize they're talking to someone who was once among the more well known comedians in the country.

Ironically, he said one of the worst shows he ever had was one he performed in Lexington.

"Back in those days, half the women in the crowd, the horse people, with their puffed up white hair, looked like George Washington," he joked. "I just bombed. Never try to entertain horse owners or breeders."

Even at his age, Greene still has a quick wit and will abruptly cut off the answer to a question by breaking into song. He couldn't resist coming up with a couple that captured his years around racing.

"I've got tears in my eyes when I think of Florida," he crooned. "The sun shining bright up in the sky. There goes my horse, he's last, of course. There's tears in my eyes."

And then there's this one:

"Don't bet on the horses," he sings. "You can't win, of course. No matter at what course you bet, you rip up the tickets and look at each time with much regret. Why didn't I bet that number six? It looked much better than the three. Oh, God up in heaven, what are you doing to me."

"I hope you wrote that down," he said. "I just made it up. Not bad, huh?"

Not bad at all.

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PITMAN NAMED IHRC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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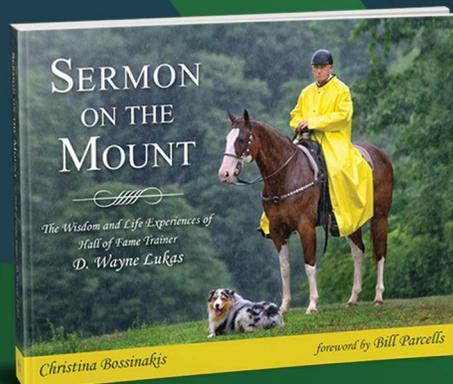
Pitman joined the IHRC staff in 1993, as its first licensing supervisor, and is credited with crafting the first occupational licensing system in Indiana. In 2000, she was promoted to Assistant Executive Director (Deputy Director), where she was involved in managing all aspects of the agency.

"Deena's longevity with the commission enables her to provide a unique perspective to this role which no other candidate had," said IHRC Chairman Phil Borst. "The knowledge and experience she brings with her is unmatched, making us confident that she will continue to move Indiana horse racing forward."

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“We are thrilled to bring someone on board with this level of experience with proven results,” said Patrick Armstrong, President and CEO of Kentucky Derby Museum. “What stood out about Susan’s remarkable 25-year career in advertising is her incredible talent for getting results, driving growth and building relationships. As a non-profit organization, Susan’s extensive background will prove invaluable for Kentucky Derby Museum for years to come.”

Furlong, who began her new role Aug. 12, will be responsible for marketing strategies and research to drive attendance to the museum.

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The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program (T.I.P.) has announced the recipients of its two non-competition awards, the T.I.P. Thoroughbred of the Year Award and the T.I.P. Young Rider of the Year Award, for 2019.

The Thoroughbred of the Year Award, which recognizes a Thoroughbred who has excelled in a non-competitive career, was given to Bruce, registered with The Jockey Club as Disruption (Street Boss). The 9-year-old gelding, who placed in a pair of stakes at Emerald Downs for his late trainer Monique Snowden, assists with programs at Second Chance Ranch in Spokane, Washington.

“Wherever this multi-tasking equine is, he knows exactly what to do,” said Katie Merwick, executive director of Second Chance Ranch. “A common skill among Thoroughbreds is that they read people well. It is no coincidence that this magnificent equine became an ambassador for Thoroughbreds, demonstrating the exceptional healing abilities that horses have on humans.”



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The award includes a \$5,000 grant to the non-profit organization associated with the horse or, if no organization is associated with the horse, to a horse-related charity chosen by The Jockey Club.

The young rider award, which recognizes riders 18 or younger who own or lease a Thoroughbred for use in 4-H, Pony Club, or other activities, has been awarded to Megan Grace Farnsworth, Alexa McVoy, and Claudia Rudder.

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Quincy Developer Unveils Horse Track, Casino Plan for Wareham

In the Great Casino Race, one part of the state was left behind: Southeastern Massachusetts. That might be about to change. A Quincy developer is promoting an ambitious plan for Wareham to build a new horse track along with a hotel and entertainment complex with slot machines. **John Chesto, Boston Globe**

Da Silva plans to walk away from the sport after this season

Some time in the second week of December, Woodbine jockey Eurico Da Silva is going to smile, look at the camera and say, “Good luck to everybody!” for the last time. **Steve Buffery, Toronto Sun**

INSIDE THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

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HIGHER POWER, A LATE BLOOMER, MAY HAVE BRIGHT FUTURE FOLLOWING PACIFIC CLASSIC WIN *by Bill Finley*

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

While the Keeneland September Yearling Sale is just three weeks away and on the minds of many horsemen, it was a graduate of Keeneland's newly reinstated April 2-Year-Olds in Training and Horses of Racing Age Sale who made headlines Saturday in the GI TVG Pacific Classic at Del Mar.

Classic winner **Higher Power** (Medgalia d'Oro) was purchased just four months ago from the April Horses of Racing Age section by David Ingordo, representing Hronis Racing LLC. The price was \$250,000.

When Ingordo and the Hronis Brothers' trainer John Sadler scoured the catalogue for the April sale they were intrigued by a 4-year-old colt named Higher Power. He had shown good form while running at the Fair Grounds and Oaklawn for trainer Michael Stidham and had won his last race before going into the sale, a second-level allowance race at the Fair Grounds. And Sadler is known for doing his best work with older horses.

The worst-case scenario was that they would have a horse who would be competitive in allowance races and lower-level stakes in California. But if Higher Power continued to develop and Sadler could find a way to improve him by a few more lengths, who knows what they would have?

That question was answered in the Pacific Classic. Higher Power, sent off at odds of 9-1, won in commanding fashion, defeating runner-up Draft Pick (Candy Ride {Arg}) by 5 1/4 lengths. Flavien Prat was aboard for the win. Sadler also won the 2018 edition with Hronis Racing's future GI Breeders' Cup Classic and Eclipse Award winner Accelerate (Lookin at Lucky).

The team now has a Grade I winner who, if he keeps improving, and with his pedigree, could become a stallion prospect after he retires.



Higher Power pulls clear in the Pacific Classic | Benoit

"The horse had a good pedigree. He is beautiful animal," Ingordo said. "He was well cared for by the trainers who had him before the sale [Michael Stidham and Donnie K. Von Hemel]. And Mrs. Abercrombie [the owner of Pin Oak Stud] has a history of breeding really good horses. The pedigree, along with his physical and what he had achieved on the track made him desirable. Everything came together the right way."

Higher Power had never run on the grass before arriving in the Sadler barn and, ironically, one of the reasons he wanted to buy him was he thought he had potential on the turf. In fact, Stidham, who consigned the horse at the sale, called Sadler and suggested he take a look at Higher Power in part because he thought the horse had turf potential.

After Sadler ran him on the dirt in the GI Gold Cup at Santa Anita, where he finished fifth, he did switch the horse over to the grass. He won an allowance race and then ran second in the Wickerr S. Sadler was thinking of staying on the grass and was looking at the GII Del Mar Mile, run the day after the Pacific Classic. But he was so impressed with the way the colt was working on the dirt, he decided to aim high.

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“He ran really well in Wickerr,” Sadler said. “I thought he was unlucky to lose, then he came out of the race in such good shape. He trained on the dirt here and had such a big work the weekend before the race that I thought I’d try the bigger race with the bigger purse.”

“His work before the race was brilliant,” Ingordo said. “The horse was touting himself that he was going to run a big race.”

For Sadler and the Hronis Brothers, this has become a familiar pattern. Perhaps no owner-trainer combination is better at developing older horses, and that’s a reason why they keep shopping for more.

“The Hronises have an open mind,” Sadler said. “We don’t just do yearlings. We want a diverse portfolio. We want older horses that are running, because in any given year the 2-year-olds can take time to get ready and some of the yearlings we buy don’t really get to their best until three.

I like to provide them with action and a lot of different horses and buying older horses is one way to keep the ball rolling.”

Though Sadler believes that Higher Power could still be a top turf horse, he will keep him on the dirt for now. He said he will either run him next in the Sept. 28 GI Awesome Again S. at Santa Anita or train him up to the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic Nov. 2.

Should Higher Power never win another race, the Hronis, Sadler, Ingordo team made a smart buy at the Keeneland April sale, which will return in 2020 to again feature 2-year-olds and horses of racing age. It’s not every day you can find a future Pacific Classic winner available at auction, especially for a reasonable price. But the connections are most excited about the future. Higher Power will run next year and there’s every chance that we’ve not seen his best yet.

“Time helps a lot of horses,” Ingordo said. “He just keeps improving and maturing and everybody is very hopeful he can finish out his 4-year-old year and have a good 5-year-old campaign. That’s something John is really big on. He likes the older horses and he likes to give them time and find horses where he believes their better days are ahead of them.

“The industry focuses a lot of time, attention and money on 2 and 3-year-old racing. But then you have a horse like Higher Power, who may have missed his mark early on and maybe just now be coming into his own. With races like the [GI] Pegasus World Cup, the Saudi Cup, the [G1] Dubai World Cup and the [GI] Breeders’ Cup, who knows what this horse can accomplish down the road?”

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Crop Year Report – 2016

for stallions standing in North America through Monday, August 19

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2019 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Scat Daddy <i>(2004) by Johannesburg Crops: 8</i>	18	28	9	15	4	6	138	98	3,798,000	17,513,690
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Retired/Exported)</i>						<i>Justify</i>	
2	Curlin <i>(2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 8</i>	15	22	7	16	2	5	104	71	2,945,000	13,263,002
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$175,000</i>						<i>Good Magic</i>	
3	Into Mischief <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 8</i>	16	29	4	15	2	3	128	98	2,130,520	12,841,772
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$150,000</i>						<i>Audible</i>	
4	Kitten's Joy <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 11</i>	7	18	5	8	1	3	146	95	3,575,197	10,418,095
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$75,000</i>						<i>Roaring Lion</i>	
5	More Than Ready <i>(1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 16</i>	6	16	3	10	2	2	101	74	2,122,000	9,438,710
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>						<i>Catholic Boy</i>	
6	Medaglia d'Oro <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 12</i>	11	19	8	13	2	4	86	50	1,524,861	8,586,482
				<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$200,000</i>						<i>Wonder Gadot</i>	
7	Midnight Lute <i>(2003) by Real Quiet Crops: 8</i>	5	12	1	6	1	3	106	72	2,870,000	8,415,885
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000</i>						<i>Midnight Bisou</i>	
8	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 12</i>	10	20	6	11	--	1	103	71	657,814	8,294,548
				<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$225,000</i>						<i>Swing Beat</i>	
9	Speightstown <i>(1998) by Gone West Crops: 12</i>	11	14	6	8	1	2	72	52	1,303,036	7,166,457
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>						<i>Mozu Superflare</i>	
10	Quality Road <i>(2006) by Elusive Quality Crops: 6</i>	7	12	4	7	1	3	68	56	1,307,800	7,013,677
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$150,000</i>						<i>Caledonia Road</i>	
11	The Factor <i>(2008) by War Front Crops: 4</i>	10	13	1	3	--	1	105	75	364,630	6,947,417
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>						<i>Factor This</i>	
12	Candy Ride (Arg) <i>(1999) by Ride the Rails Crops: 12</i>	9	13	5	10	2	4	83	51	934,000	6,894,366
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>						<i>Separationofpowers</i>	
13	Malibu Moon <i>(1997) by A.P. Indy Crops: 17</i>	8	17	5	9	3	4	95	62	1,177,800	6,736,693
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$75,000</i>						<i>Magnum Moon</i>	
14	Violence <i>(2010) by Medaglia d'Oro Crops: 3</i>	7	15	2	7	--	1	97	81	551,773	6,507,820
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Cosmic Burst</i>	
15	Street Sense <i>(2004) by Street Cry (Ire) Crops: 9</i>	5	10	3	5	1	1	79	59	2,238,560	6,426,391
				<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$50,000</i>						<i>McKinzie</i>	

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SECOND CHANCES: CANDY TYCOON & HONOR A. P.



Candy Tycoon | Sarah Andrew

by Steve Sherack

In this continuing series, TDN's Senior Editor Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of promising maidens to keep on your radar. In this edition, a pair of 2-year-olds--**Candy Tycoon** (Twirling Candy) and **Honor A. P.** (Honor Code)--are highlighted. Previous runners featured in this column include: MGISW and 'TDN Rising Star' Paradise Woods (Union Rags), GSW Backyard Heaven (Tizway) and MSW and 'TDN Rising Star' Gidu (Ire) (Frankel {GB}). La Chancla (Uncle Mo), featured in this space in early June, has won two straight since, including a Saratoga allowance Aug. 10.

There was no shortage of backstretch buzz surrounding **Candy Tycoon** (c, 2, Twirling Candy--Liberty's Lyric, by Unbridled's Song) as he lined up for his 6 1/2-furlong debut on the GI Alabama S. undercard at the Spa Saturday afternoon ([video](#)).

The \$52,000 KESEEP yearling turned \$170,000 OBSAPR juvenile (:21 1/5) posted several much-discussed drills for trainer Todd Pletcher in upstate New York, including a four-furlong move from the gate in :47 3/5 (2/96) Aug. 3 ([XBTV Video](#)), and was hammered down into 4-5 favoritism.

Little went right for the Mathis Stable colorbearer once they sprung the latch, however, hitting the gate at the start and getting bumped hard shortly thereafter. Last of nine early, the blinkered dark bay began to get rank on jockey Jose Ortiz while caught in traffic through an opening quarter in :22.18. Still with plenty to do as they straightened for home, Candy Tycoon brushed with a rival in the stretch and finished up with good

interest to complete the trifecta, beaten 4 1/4 lengths by second-time starter American Butterfly (American Pharoah).

"We're still very optimistic on the horse," owner Bill Mathis said. "It's unfortunate that he got such an initiation of what can go wrong in a race. Watching him get that dirt in his face for a half-mile or so after what happened at the start, that was quite an education for a first-time starter. He had been impressive in the mornings--not only working terrific--but also galloping out so strong after every breeze. It just looks like there's more there in the tank. There was a lot of talk about him heading in and several people had come up to us that we respect highly in the business and they were very open saying that this horse is really going to be special."

Produced by an unraced daughter of GSW & GISP Hello Liberty (Forest Camp), Candy Tycoon, bred in Kentucky by Jerry Romans Jr., is a half-brother to GI Starlet S. third-place finisher Sutton's Smile (Paddy O'Prado).

As for what's next for Candy Tycoon, Mathis said, "Todd [Pletcher] tells me that we'll just see what the first book at Belmont has. If there's a maiden race early that we could run him in, and if he runs like we think he's capable of, that would still leave us one of the bigger races in October that would set him up maybe for a trip out west [for the Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita]."

The blaze-faced **Honor A. P.** (r, 2, Honor Code--Hollywood Story, by Wild Rush), meanwhile, also caught the eye with a flashy rally from last of 10 to finish a strong second in his unveiling at Del Mar ([video](#)) later Saturday evening.



Honor A. P. | Fasig-Tipton

Hailing from the very patient John Shirreffs barn, the 8-1 shot was quickly outsprinted and caboosed the field through early fractions of :22.10 and :45.62 on their six-furlong journey. Honor A. P. entered the picture as they hit the far turn and began to gobble up ground on the extreme outside beneath Hall of Famer Mike Smith. While the pacesetter Ginobili (Munnings) proved not for catching, the long-striding dark bay leveled off nicely down the lane just to get up for second, beaten 2 1/2 lengths, and kept on rolling with good energy on the gallop out. Bob Baffert's duo of Hydrogen (Violence) and Bronn (Conveyance) stayed on for third and fourth, respectively, after pressing a pace that held together.

Carrying the purple-and-gold colors of C R K Stable, Honor A. P. clocked his final eighth in easily a field-best :12.05 and earned a very respectable 77 Beyer Speed Figure. The \$850,000 FTSAUG graduate was the most expensive of 61 yearlings to switch hands from the first crop of his freshman sire. Bred in Kentucky by George Krikorian, he is out of two-time Grade I heroine Hollywood Story. She has also produced the stakes winner Miss Hollywood (Malibu Moon); multiple graded-placed Hollywood Star (Malibu Moon); and multiple stakes-placed Hoorayforhollywood (Storm Cat).

"He's a beautiful horse from a great family," owner Lee Searing said. "I expected him to fall behind early, however, when they show that kind of run first time out and can fight off the kickback of dirt, I was very impressed. He has every right now to be the kind of horse with a big future. Mike Smith rode him perfect as you would expect. I am sure John [Shirreffs] will have him ready at Santa Anita. On thing for sure, Mike said he would ride him back."

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

Wednesday, Saratoga, post time: 2:26 p.m. EDT

JOHN'S CALL S., (R), \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 5/8mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Highland Sky	Sky Mesa	Franco	Tagg	5-2
2 Turco Bravo (Chi)*	Caesarion (Ire)	No Rider	Cannizzo	3-1
3 Redicean (GB)	Medicean (GB)	Vargas Jr	Young	8-1
4 Pillar Mountain (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Rosario	Pletcher	5-2
5 Red Knight	Pure Prize	Ortiz	Mott	8-5
6 Nakamura	Animal Kingdom	Castellano	Motion	4-1
7 Proquestor	Skipshot	Hernandez	Caramori	50-1

* = Main Track Only

Wednesday, Del Mar, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT

HARRY F. BRUBAKER S., \$85,000, 3yo/up, 1m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Lombo	Graydar	Franco	D'Amato	8-1
2 Dr. Dorr	Lookin At Lucky	Talamo	Baffert	5-2
3 Isotherm	Lonhro (Aus)	Prat	D'Amato	3-1
4 Leading Score	Midnight Lute	Garcia	Baffert	4-1
5 Line Judge	Spring At Last	Bejarano	Miller	7-2
6 Two Thirty Five	Stay Thirsty	Cedillo	Baltas	4-1

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Indiana Grand, \$40,300, Alw, 8-20, (NW2L), 2yo, 6f, 1:12.49, sy.

RAMPAGE (g, 2, Skylord--Meanerthanu, by Arch) romped by 6 1/2 lengths against Indiana-breds on debut here July 18 and was given a 47-10 repeat chance stepping into open company in this spot. Making the point from his inside draw, the homebred showed the way through a :22.35 quarter, inched clear passing a :46.07 half and kept finding in the stretch to triumph by 3 1/4 lengths over Nano (Aikenite). **Cont. p3**

The victor has full-sisters from each of the last two seasons. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$47,700. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O/B-Patrick D. Donahoe (IN); T-Ethan W. West.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Prairie Meadows, \$32,578, Msw, 8-19, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.77, ft.

MAJESTIC EDGE (f, 2, Competitive Edge--Ponya, by E Dubai) hammered for \$42,000 at OBS June after breezing a furlong in :10 flat and flashed speed in a handful of local works, most recently going a half-mile in :47 3/5 (1/2) Aug. 15. Backed as the 2-1 second choice in this unveiling, the bay made the front on her own power before hooking up with narrow favorite Darlene Strong (Mark Valeski) through a :22.46 quarter. Starting to edge away from her rival past a :45.60 half, Majestic Edge drew clear in the lane to score by four lengths, becoming the eighth winner for her freshman sire (by Super Saver). Darlene Strong was clearly second best. The victress has a yearling half-sister by Dialed In and an Astern (Aus) half-brother foaled May 2. Sales History: \$50,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$95,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$72,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSAPR; \$42,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,750. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$5,000
45 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2f, COURAGEOUS GIRL, 10-1

Circumference (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Milky Way Farms, \$3,000
17 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Del Mar, Msw 1mT, CIRCLEOFCOLOR, 20-1
1-Del Mar, Msw 1mT, SASSYSERB, 12-1
\$32,000 BAR SEL yrl

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
123 foals of racing age/8 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Retama, Msw 6f, AIRLINE DRIVE, 2-1
\$12,000 TTA MIX yrl
3-Del Mar, Msw 5fT, ESTABLISH JUSTICE, 5-1
\$50,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$110,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$110,000 OBS MAR yrl
6-Saratoga, Msw 1 1/16m, MONTANA MAN, 8-1
\$25,000 KEE SEP yrl
5-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2f, NEVER HEARD OF HER, 15-1
\$15,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$11,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$45,000 OBS APR yrl

Daredevil (More Than Ready), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
80 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2f, JEWEL OF ARABIA, 1-1
\$140,000 KEE NOV wnl

Fury Kapcori (Tiznow), Journeyman Stud, \$3,000
41 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
7-Evangeline Downs, Msw 5fT, HIGH ON GIN, 10-1
\$7,500 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$7,500 OBS OPN 2yo

Golden Ticket (Speightstown), Questroyal North, \$6,000
30 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Saratoga, Msw 1 1/16m, LEGEND OF BAM, 6-1
\$8,500 FTN MIX wnl; \$25,000 OBS MAR yrl

Hampton Court (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), Spendthrift Farm
34 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Evangeline Downs, Msw 5fT, NANCY'S RESCUE, 5-1

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Majestic Edge (Competitive Edge) becomes the latest winner for her freshman sire Monday at Prairie Meadows

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$20,000
 114 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 2-Woodbine, Msw 5 1/2f, COMPENSATE, 5-2
 \$60,000 FTK OCT yrl

Medal Count (Dynaformer), Spendthrift Farm, \$3,500
 61 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 7-Evangeline Downs, Msw 5fT, STORM GLOW, 4-1
 \$25,000 RNA EQL 2YO yrl

Micromanage (Medaglia d'Oro), Rockridge Stud, \$4,000
 38 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2f, MANAGE MY CREDIT, 12-1

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 97 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Evangeline Downs, Msw 5fT, TAP YOUR FRONT, 10-1
 \$3,000 KEE SEP yrl
 7-Evangeline Downs, Msw 5fT, VALENTINES DAY, 3-1
 \$20,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
 96 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Saratoga, Msw 1 1/16m, SAINT MARCO, 7-2
 \$40,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$37,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, \$25,000
 228 foals of racing age/53 winners/5 black-type winners
 2-Woodbine, Msw 5 1/2f, CAIRO DIAMOND, 10-1
 \$65,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$47,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$25,000 OBS
 APR yrl

Central Banker (Speightstown), McMahan of Saratoga
 Thoroughbreds, \$7,500
 135 foals of racing age/35 winners/3 black-type winners
 5-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2f, QUANTITATIVBREEZIN, 6-1
 \$9,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$24,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Grey Swallow (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}), Calumet Farm, private
 29 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Saratoga, Msw 1 1/16m, LOVEDISC, 20-1
 \$2,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$13,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

Mr. Besilu (A.P. Indy), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm, \$2,000
 23 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Retama, Msw 6f, MISS YACHTY, 3-1

Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno), Adena Springs, \$10,000
 122 foals of racing age/28 winners/3 black-type winners
 1-Del Mar, Msw 1mT, NINA EN FUEGO, 8-1
 \$45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Revolutionary (War Pass), WinStar Farm, \$5,000
 149 foals of racing age/34 winners/3 black-type winners
 6-Saratoga, Msw 1 1/16m, BREED'S HILL, 6-1
 \$32,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$45,000 SAR AUG yrl
 2-Woodbine, Msw 5 1/2f, LA PAQUITA, 4-1
 \$10,000 OBS APR yrl

Verrazano (More Than Ready), Ashford Stud, \$15,000
 268 foals of racing age/52 winners/3 black-type winners
 2-Woodbine, Msw 5 1/2f, HASN'T HIT ME YET, 6-1
 \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl



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SATIN AND LACE S., \$99,500, Presque Isle Downs, 8-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.14, ft.

1--**HOTSHOT ANNA, 124, m, 5, Trappe Shot--Avalos (SP, \$209,401), by Holy Bull.** (\$20,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O/T-Hugh H. Robertson; B-Paul Tackett (KY); J-Antonio A. Gallardo. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 21-9-6-1, \$623,440.

2--**Spring in the Wind**, 117, m, 5, Spring At Last--First With Class, by Gone West. (\$2,000 3yo '17 OBSWIN). O-Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC; B-Sam-Son Farm (ON); T-Robert B. Hess, Jr. \$20,000.

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3--**Shanghai Tariff**, 123, f, 4, Shanghai Bobby--Star White, by Naevus. (\$100,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR). O-Doubledown Stables, Inc.; B-Rose Hill Farm (KY); T-James P. DiVito. \$10,000.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-Indiana Grand, \$40,300, 8-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.03, sy.

HUNTSTOWN (g, 8, Unbridled Energy--Grand Seattle, by Chief Seattle) Lifetime Record: MSW, 55-10-10-8, \$428,186. O-Jane Woods & Willowbrook Stables, Ltd. (Neiman); B-Ledglands LLC (IN); T-Kim Hammond.

5th-Presque Isle Downs, \$40,160, 8-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.72, ft.

DOMISSME (g, 9, Belong to Me--Monkton Miss, by Out of Place) Lifetime Record: 43-7-8-9, \$294,429. O-Jared Cheeks; B-Equivine Farm (PA); T-Joseph Cheeks.

7th-Indiana Grand, \$34,500, (S), 8-20, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:44.25, sy.

DRINKATTHECREEK (f, 3, Itsmyluckyday--Mizzen My Momma, by Mizzen Mast) Lifetime Record: 9-2-4-1, \$94,090. O-Penny S. Lauer; B-Penny S. & Michael E. Lauer (IN); T-Michael E. Lauer.

6th-Thistledown, \$31,800, (S), 8-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:07.02, ft.

TRUEST OF THEM ALL (g, 3, Alcindor--Be True, by Shakespeare) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-1, \$61,165. O/T-Michael Rone; B-Breakaway Farm, LLC (OH). *Full to True Cinder, SW, \$442,000.

7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$31,680, (S), 8-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:11.24, ft.

MA DE TAW (f, 4, Talent Search--Winning Line, by Line in the Sand) Lifetime Record: 15-2-5-0, \$71,119. O-Tyler Rogers; B-Christal Salvaggio & Glenn Brok LLC (PA); T-Ronald W. Rogers.

5th-Thistledown, \$25,500, 8-20, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:44.30, ft.

CLOUD CHARMER (f, 3, Flatter--Kickin' the Clouds {SP}, by Dixieland Band) Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-4, \$63,234. O/B-Patricia Pavlish (KY); T-Timothy E. Hamm. *1/2 to Tapa Tapa Tapa (Tapit), MSW & GSP, \$202,888.

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3rd-Thistledown, \$24,000, 8-20, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06.22, ft.

FAMOUS N FLASHY (g, 4, Flashstorm--Pick Me Please, by China Grind) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$37,850. O/T-Robbin L. Selway; B-Twin Mineral Land LLC (FL).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sir Rick, c, 2, Paynter--Quiet Inferno, by Quiet American. Louisiana Downs, 8-20, 5f, :59.60. B-Rick Davis (KY).

Father Bryan, g, 3, Quality Road--On the Podium (SP), by Bold Executive. Louisiana Downs, 8-19, 1mT, 1:37.04. B-Sienna Farms LLC (KY). *\$1,500 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$95,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **1/2 to Quality Lass (Exclusive Quality), MSW, \$416,650.

**LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE**

Hot Possibility, f, 4, Posse--We Kept Her, by Victory Gallop. Finger Lakes, 8-20, 1m 70y, 1:47.77. B-Grant L Whitmer (NY). *\$5,000 Ylg '16 EASOCT. **Full to Control Group, GSW, \$553,920.



ALCINDOR, Truest of Them All, g, 3, o/o Be True, by Shakespeare. ALW, 8-20, Thistledown

BELONG TO ME, Domissme, g, 9, o/o Monkton Miss, by Out of Place. ALW, 8-19, Presque Isle Downs

COMPETITIVE EDGE, Majestic Edge, f, 2, o/o Ponya, by E Dubai. MSW, 8-19, Prairie Meadows

FLASHSTORM, Famous N Flashy, g, 4, o/o Pick Me Please, by China Grind. ALW, 8-20, Thistledown

FLATTER, Cloud Charmer, f, 3, o/o Kickin' the Clouds, by Dixieland Band. ALW, 8-20, Thistledown

ITSMYLUCKYDAY, Drinkatthecreek, f, 3, o/o Mizzen My Momma, by Mizzen Mast. ALW, 8-20, Indiana Grand

PAYNTER, Sir Rick, c, 2, o/o Quiet Inferno, by Quiet American. MSW, 8-20, Louisiana Downs

POSSE, Hot Possibility, f, 4, o/o We Kept Her, by Victory Gallop. MSW, 8-20, Finger Lakes

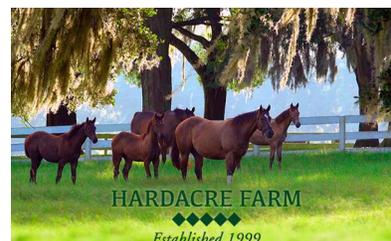
QUALITY ROAD, Father Bryan, g, 3, o/o On the Podium, by Bold Executive. MSW, 8-19, Louisiana Downs

SKYLORD, Rampage, g, 2, o/o Meanerthanu, by Arch. ALW, 8-20, Indiana Grand

TALENT SEARCH, Ma de Taw, f, 4, o/o Winning Line, by Line in the Sand. ALW, 8-19, Presque Isle Downs

TRAPPE SHOT, Hotshot Anna, m, 5, o/o Avalos, by Holy Bull. Satin and Lace S., 8-19, Presque Isle Downs

UNBRIDLED ENERGY, Huntstown, g, 8, o/o Grand Seattle, by Chief Seattle. ALW, 8-20, Indiana Grand



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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Sleep Well, c, 2, **Maclean's Music**--Fearless Wildcat, by Forest Wildcat. Seoul, 8-17, Hcp. (\$62k), 1000m. B-Keith Asmussen (TX). *1ST TIME STARTER. **Won by six lengths. **1/2 to Fearless Cowboy (El Corredor), SW & GSP, \$422,730; and Lou Brissie (Limehouse), GSW, \$176,217. ***\$57,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$27,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.



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Uri, c, 3, **Alternation**--My Favorite Tune, by Maria's Mon. Seoul, 8-17, Hcp. (\$62k), 1800m. B-William D Fishback Jr (KY). *Won for the third time in four starts. **\$20,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$65,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

Hi Sexy, m, 5, **Maclean's Music**--Point Me Home, by Point Given. Busan, 8-18, Hcp. (\$91k), 1200m. B-Steve Long Thoroughbreds (FL). *\$47,000 RNA Wlg '14 OBSOCT; \$35,000 2yo '16 OBSJUN.

IN PERU:

Mi Chica Bonita, f, 3, **The Factor**--Afleet Lexi, by Afleet Alex. Monterrico, 8-17, Clasico Pedro D. Gallagher (NBT), 2000m. B-TK Stables LLC (KY). *\$30,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN; \$30,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$16,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. **VIDEO**

IN RUSSIA:

Gold Boy, c, 2, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Minaki, by Unbridled's Song. Krasnodar, 8-17, Maiden, 1000m. B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc (KY). *1ST TIME STARTER. **\$50,000 Ylg '19 KEEJAN; \$25,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT. **VIDEO**

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Man of Cat, c, 2, **Discreet Cat**--Overtly, by Street Cry (Ire). Pyatigorsk, 8-18, Cond., 1400m. B-The Meadows on South Park Ltd (KY). *Won by 15 1/2 lengths. **\$15,500 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

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Magical Rhythms, f, 3, **Pioneerof the Nile**. See "Britain".
Albadr, g, 3, **The Factor**. See "Britain".



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Crystal Ocean | *Racing Post*

British summertime could mean just that for once this week as York stages the four-day Ebor festival in generally warm, sunny climate on its famous “Knavesmire” expanse. Day one’s keenly-anticipated action looks set to be played out against the backdrop of all-too familiar rainclouds, but no wetness is due until after racing has ended on the card that features the G1 Juddmonte International. After that, the weather is set fair for the remaining trio of fixtures bearing witness to the reigning monarchy of Gosden’s blessed Clarendon Stables. Unsurprisingly, the head of state **Enable (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) faces just three rivals in Thursday’s G1 Darley Yorkshire Oaks which represents her final victory parade in front of her adoring subjects before setting sail to France. A day later, her prince consort **Stradivarius (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) arrives in this hallowed and historied place to collect his second dowry of a million English pounds from a beleaguered Weatherbys Hamilton insurance brokerage in their sponsored G2 Lonsdale Cup.

Freak acts permitting, these two occurrences are almost preordained and there is almost that same feel about Wednesday’s feature race which was first instituted in an attempt to draw the great Brigadier Gerard (GB) and Mill Reef into a match race in 1972 and which culminated in the shock sole defeat of the former’s incredible career. **Cont. p2**

SHALAA FILLY TOPS ARQANA V.2

by Heather Anderson

Deauville’s August yearling sales came to a close with positive returns across many of the indices, and the first yearling to break the six-figure mark during the Arqana V.2 Sale on Tuesday was also the sales topper, as a filly by **Shalaa (Ire)** (lot 393) brought €135,000.

The bay attracted the attention of Alec Waugh of BHB for Isabelle Corbani and Jedburgh Stud. Waugh accordingly shelled out €135,000 for the Haras de la Louviere-consigned half-sister to G3 Prix Noailles second More Than a Dream (Ire) (Halling).

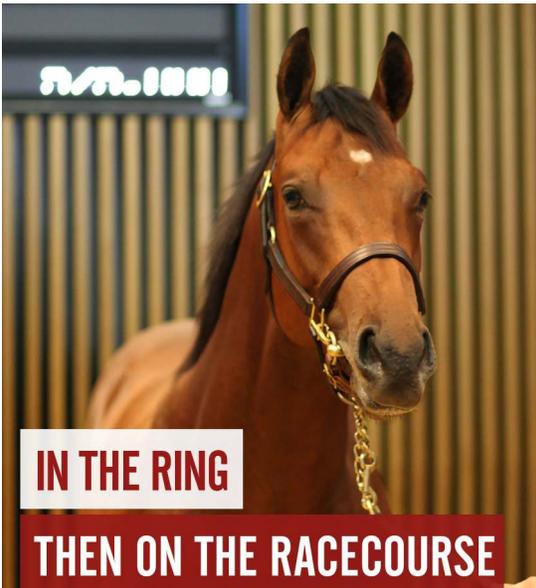
“We already have a filly by Shalaa at the stud, and he’s a stallion that we believe in—the mating is one that we like a lot,” said Waugh of the March-foaled bay. “She’ll become a broodmare at the end of her career. We haven’t decided on a trainer yet.”

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

CHATLOS LOOKS TO BREAK HIS SPA MAIDEN IN JERKENS

Former Jerry Hollendorfer assistant Don Chatlos saddles Rowayton (Into Mischief) in the GI H. Allen Jerkens Memorial S. at Saratoga on Saturday. Christie DeBernardis the scoop. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**



Lot 112
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Khalid Abdullah has faithfully sponsored the prize since 1989 and in that time all efforts have been made to augment its status alongside the older British monuments of the Eclipse and King George. In drawing **'TDN Rising Star' Crystal Ocean (GB)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}), officially the world's greatest racehorse on the rankings, the York executive can rest assured that they have accomplished their task in 2019 at least. Added to the melange is a dash of overseas interest to help justify the race title in the 2017 G1 Japan Cup hero **Cheval Grand (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) and, closer to home, the chief Irish hope ironically named **Japan (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}).

Inevitably, there is the almost-essential modern-day ingredient of Frankie in there too as his irresistible spell rolls on through the beautiful season. In the Gosden-trained **'TDN Rising Star' King of Comedy (Ire)** (Kingman {GB}), there is the potential for an upset while the county-based Scottish-born King of the North who so epitomises the Yorkshire spirit and mentality also looks to deny the Rothschild homebred with the illustriously-bred **Elarqam (GB)** (Frankel {GB}). Mark Johnston created history when saddling his 4,194th winner at this meeting last year--ridden by Frankie Dettori, who else?--and he would dearly love to end a period of "seconditis" in Group 1 races in 2019 with this son of his wonky-legged but brilliant Attraction (GB) (Efisio {GB}).

Luckily for Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, Crystal Ocean's career is conducted by racing's principal in the art, Sir Michael Stoute and he has won this a record six times with lesser lights than his current stable star. Of his sextet, only the 1997 hero Singspiel (Ire) stands meaningful comparison to the gallant battle-scarred survivor of great battles, the latest of which saw him beaten but unbowed by Enable at Ascot. James Doyle was on board as they went down still throwing the punches in the King George and he is relishing the renewal of his association.

"I was really proud of my horse at Ascot--we put Enable under pressure--and he has no quirks," he said. "He is plain-sailing to ride and is just a solid Group 1 horse. Crystal Ocean does everything you ask of a horse. He can put himself into a spot and relax and you can ride him more patiently if you require as he has that good turn of foot. It is the race of the meeting for me.

All eyes will be on Enable on Thursday, but of all the races during the week the Juddmonte is the one you want to win."

In contrast to his two-years-older rival, King of Comedy has just one piece of experience at this level when a strong-finishing second to the re-opposing **Circus Maximus (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in Royal Ascot's G1 St James's Palace S. June 18. Untried against his elders and over the trip, he nevertheless comes from arguably European racing's pre-eminent stable outside of Co. Tipperary and has that Frankie factor which has seemingly immeasurable currency at present. "It is a very big ask and we're under no illusions about the task that is about to be undertaken," commented Hugo Lascelles, racing manager to owner-breeder Lady Bamford. "He was unlucky not to win at Royal Ascot, but that's the way the cookie crumbles. John Gosden has been very happy with him since and always felt he'd appreciate a step up to a mile and a quarter."



King of Comedy | *Racing Post*

Aidan O'Brien also pitches in members of the Classic generation in Circus Maximus, who has been second in the July 31 G1 Sussex S. at Goodwood, and the tantalisingly-unexposed Japan. While he has to improve markedly on his workmanlike success in the 12-furlong G1 Grand Prix de Paris at Longchamp, the latter has long engendered excitement from connections and they know all the indicators of a top-class Thoroughbred. "We're

bringing Japan back to a mile and a quarter and we think the experience will do him good back at this trip," the master of Ballydoyle explained. "We always felt a mile and a quarter would suit Circus Maximus well."

Elarqam has come into contention from a less-trodden path, but his emphatic course-and-distance win in the July 27 G2 York S. cast the once-troubled Shadwell protagonist in a different light. Mark's son Charlie Johnston is well aware of the import of his presence as a genuine contender in this strong renewal. "It's obviously a very tough race and you've got the best horse in the world in there, but it's time for our horse to step back up to the highest level now," he said. "We'll have no excuses with conditions. He's won three of his last four races and he's coming into it off the back of what was probably a career-best performance. I'm sure he won't disgrace himself and if he can finish in the first three we'll be delighted." **Cont. p3**



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The Johnstons are also represented in the G2 Great Voltigeur S., a warm-up for the Doncaster Classic that Mark so keenly covets so deep into his training career. **Nayef Road (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) beat **Constantinople (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in the G3 Gordon S. at Goodwood Aug. 1 and has to do it all again. With a just a neck to spare over Ballydoyle's steadily-progressing peer who is without the three-pound penalty he was burdened with on that occasion, Mohamed Obaida's relatively-cheap purchase by one by his sire has to up his game again. "I'm sure he won't be favourite--I'd imagine he'll be third in the betting behind a horse he beat last time and a horse who is unbeaten and obviously progressive, but still has a bit to find on ratings," Charlie Johnston said. "I know we were getting a penalty from Constantinople at Goodwood, but I don't see any reason why he won't confirm the form."



Nayef Road | *Racing Post*

The horse Johnston referred to as "unbeaten and obviously progressive" is Juddmonte's unknown quantity **Logician (GB)** (Frankel {GB}), who has had the Newmarket early birds in excited mood of late. While the form of comparatively-minor wins at Newmarket June 21 and Newbury July 4 leave him some way short of the standard required despite there being only four opponents, the positive vibes surrounding the latest Gosden-Dettori collaboration simply cannot be ignored. "We know we are taking a leap forward with him, but we want to see if we can make him a Leger horse," Frankie explained. Teddy Grimthorpe was keeping a lid on expectations when adding, "He's been very straightforward and everyone's been happy with him." **Cont. p4**

IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

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More far-off Classic pointers are available via the medium of the G3 Tattersalls Acomb S., where Susan Roy’s impressive Aug. 3 Goodwood debut winner **Persuasion (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}) bids to emulate the same connections’ 2014 winner Dutch Connection (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}). Trainer Charlie Hills also took this 12 months ago with Phoenix of Spain (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) and is hoping he is cut from the same cloth. “He’s a lovely horse and an exciting prospect,” he told the *Racing Post*, but he faces seven other colts coming in off maiden or novice wins with their depths entirely unplumbed at present.

Two of the mystery plays are the locally-trained **Valdermoro** (Declaration of War) and **Yorkshire Gold (GB)** (Muhaarar {GB}), with the aptly-named latter leaving a lasting impression with his debut success for the Kevin Ryan stable over six furlongs on testing ground at Leicester July 31. Richard Fahey, whose love for the racing here is always keenly-expressed, is expectant of a bold showing from the authoritative July 25 Doncaster scorer Valdermoro. “He’s a horse we’ve always thought a lot of,” he said. “His form looks very strong, but he’s got to step up again now. He’s in great order, so we’ll just have to see if he’s up to this.”

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Arqana V.2 Sale Cont. from p1

Shalaa also had yearlings from his first crop sell earlier during the August Sale for up to €600,000 and €280,000 for colts and fillies for €260,000, €250,000, €230,000 etc.

Figures on Tuesday stood at an aggregate of €4,096,000 for 111 sold (79.9%) from 139 offered, with four more yearlings finding new homes compared to the 2018 edition from a slightly bigger catalogue. The average rose to €36,901 (+11.7%), and the median also improved to €31,000 (+14.8%).

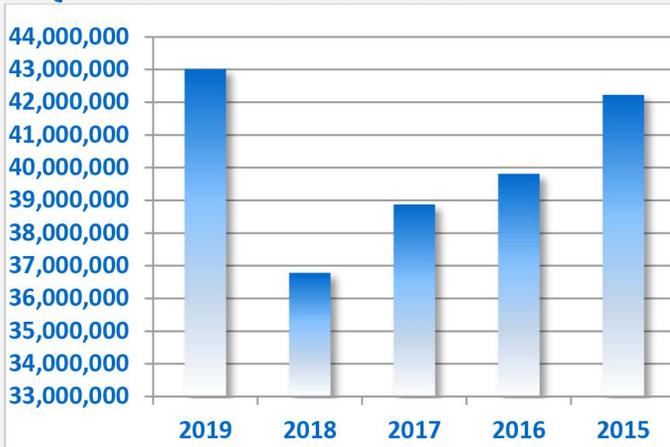
Lot 384, a Haras de la Cour Blanche-consigned daughter of GI Breeders’ Cup Mile runner-up Anodin (Ire), fetched €80,000 a little earlier in the afternoon on a bid of Pierre-Yves Bureau on behalf of Wertheimer et Frere. A colt by Anodin topped last year’s V.2 sale at €140,000. The bay, out of a half-sister to French listed winner Indigo (Fr) (Falco), is a granddaughter of G3 Prix de Meautry victress Blanche (Fr) (Loup Solitaire). She is also a half-sister to Blanche Doree (Fr) (Havana Gold {Ire}), who ran second in the Listed Prix Finlande this year.

“We like to support our stallions and she’s a lovely filly that we really like,” said Bureau. “I’m delighted to have bought her from her breeder, who has been a big supporter of all our stallions. Hopefully she’ll be a good filly.” **Cont. p5**



WEEKLY SALES INDEX

ARQANA AUGUST YEARLING SALE



“The yearling sales season got off to a positive start in Deauville over the weekend, with records posted for average, median and aggregate during the three-day Arqana August Yearling Sale. The top 20 lots were bought by 13 different buyers representing Dubai, Japan, Britain, America, Denmark and Ireland. Unsurprisingly, Dubawi and Galileo were the breakout sires while Shalaa made an excellent impression with his first yearlings.”

-Kelsey Riley

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2019	338	304	230	10.1%	75.6%	68%	€ 43,019,000	€ 187,039
2018	345	316	230	8.4%	72.8%	66.7%	€ 36,786,000	€ 159,939
2017	334	305	229	8.7%	75%	68.6%	€ 38,875,500	€ 166,409
2016	375	340	261	9.4%	76.8%	69.6%	€ 39,819,667	€ 152,566
2015	374	333	259	11%	77.8%	69.3%	€ 42,233,000	€ 163,062



A filly by Shalaa proved the dearest lot on Tuesday | Arqana

Arqana V.2 Sale Cont.

A daughter of Wootton Bassett (GB) attracted the eyes of Jean-Marie Callier and Bertrand Le Metayer, who went to €110,000 on behalf of Haras du Thenney. **Lot 403**, a member of the Haras d’Etreham consignment, is out of an unraced daughter of SW Darkara (Ire) (Halling), but more importantly was produced by a Manduro (Ger) half-sister to the dam of European champion 3-year-old Almanzor (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}). The filly shares the same breeders with the last-named G1 Prix du Jockey Club and English/Irish Champion S. hero.

“This is a filly that we liked the most today,” said David Salabi. “We like to support Wootton Bassett, as we also have shares in him. She is a very good-looking filly. As we’re also buyer her for her breeding potential, the fact that she is the same cross as Amanzor was a big plus.”

No Nay Never has gone from strength to strength as his first 3-year-olds build upon their juvenile momentum, and, as a result, a Haras des Capucines offering proved popular on Tuesday. The daughter of the winning Great Trip (Lemon Drop Kid) (**lot 423**) was knocked down for €120,000 to the bid of Nicolas de Watrigant of Mandore International Agency for Middleham Park Racing. Her MGSP second dam Sweet Travel (Ire) (Danzig) is a full-sister to French Group 3 winner Iron Mask. This is the extended family of GSW and G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere bridesmaid Sofast (Fr) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), Gold Beauty (Mr. Prospector) et al.

“She’s a 2-year-old type and a very nice filly,” said de Watrigant. “I’ve been very lucky for them--I bought [listed winner] Boitron (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) and [MSP] Tigre du Terre (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) for them, so they were happy to give me another chance to buy another horse for them.”

Just 10 lots later, Laurent Benoit of Broadhurst Agency added a colt by the same sire (**lot 433**) from Haras du Logis Saint Germain and he, too, hammered at €120,000. A representative of the same family as G1SW Zelzal (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and

GSW Ibiza (Fr) (Redoute’s Choice {Aus}), the bay will most likely be reoffered as a juvenile.

“He’s by a good stallion and should be sold back here at the Breeze-Up Sale,” Benoit commented of the son of Ida the Fox (Cosa Vera).

Veteran Kendargent (Fr) was the sire of record of Lovera (Fr) (**lot 432**) and the bay miss, who brought €105,000 from Pascal Bary, benefitted from the exploits of her year-older full-sister Kenlova (Fr). That filly, a €60,000 V.2 buy for Bary last term, has now placed twice at Group 3 level, running third in the July 27 G3 Prix Six Perfections after filling the same spot in the June 29 G3 Prix du Bois. Haras de Colleville consigned the daughter of listed victress Ice Love (Fr) (Three Valleys).

Amanda Skiffington had signed for several noteworthy lots during the August Yearling Sale including **lot 129**, a Kingman (GB) colt out of Miss Plimsoll (Arch) for €850,000, and she was back in action for **lot 481**, a Haras de la Louviere-consigned son of Sir Prancealot (Ire) out of the placed Rainbow Vale (Fr) (Moss Vale {Ire}) for €90,000. Rainbow Vale’s half-sister, the stakes-winning Rainbow Crossing (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) is responsible for Group 3 winner Al Jazi (Ire) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}), as well as the SP dam of Soffia (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}). The last-named won the G3 Sapphire S. on July 21 after earlier saluting in the G3 Ballyogan S. the month previous.

“In continuity with the August Sale, the 2019 edition of the V.2 was particularly dynamic under the impetus of many French trainers and agents looking for precocity and mature yearlings, as well as from the foreign buyers already present at the August Yearling Sale,” said Arqana President Eric Hoyeau. “This sale, which is also now an objective for breeders, completes the auction and highlights the progeny of a wide range of stallions. The results of the sales are encouraging indicators for our industry.” [\(Return to p1\)](#)

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SESSION TOTALS	2019	2018
• Catalogued	150	144
• Number Offered	139	132
• Number Sold	111	107
• Not Sold	28	25
• Clearance Rate	79.9%	81.1%
• High Price	€135,000	€140,000
• Gross	€4,096,000	€3,534,000
• Average (% change)	€36,901 (+11.7%)	€33,028
• Median (% change)	€31,000 (+14.8%)	€27,000

SESSION TOPPERS

ARGANA AUGUST SALE

TUESDAY'S TOP LOTS

LOT	SEX	SIRE DAM	PRICE (€)
393	f	Shalaa (Ire)–Chabelle (GB) <i>Breeder: Skymarc Farm Inc. (Fr)</i> <i>Consignor: Haras de la Louviere</i> <i>Purchaser: BHB Agence</i>	135,000
423	f	No Nay Never–Great Trip <i>Breeder: Jean-Pierre Dubois (Fr)</i> <i>Consignor: Haras des Capucines</i> <i>Purchaser: Mandore International Agency/Middleham Park Racing</i>	120,000
433	c	No Nay Never–Ida the Fox <i>Breeder: Haras du Logis Saint Germain (Fr)</i> <i>Consignor: Haras du Logis Saint Germain</i> <i>Purchaser: Broadhurst Agency</i>	120,000
403	f	Wootton Bassett (GB)–Darnella (Ire) <i>Breeder: De Chambure & Haras D'Etream (Fr)</i> <i>Consignor: Haras d'Etream</i> <i>Purchaser: JMC Bloodstock & BLM Bloodstock</i>	110,000
432	f	Kendargent (Fr)–Ice Love (Fr) <i>Breeder: Guy Pariente Holding Sprl (Fr)</i> <i>Consignor: Haras de Colleville</i> <i>Purchaser: Pascal Bary</i>	105,000

listed winning mares will go under the hammer and there are full- or half-siblings to 148 group and listed winners.

Among the lots of note is **lot 1039**, a Golden Horn (GB) half-brother to the star-crossed MG1SW and Classic heroine Sea of Class (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) from The Castlebridge Consignment; a full-brother to MG1SW and young sire Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) (**lot 899**) from the draft of Ballylinch Stud; a half-brother to 2017 G1 Melbourne Cup hero Rekindling (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}) (**lot 596**) hailing from Stringston Farm by Toronado (Ire); and a Keith Harte-consigned Dark Angel (Ire) half-brother to MG1SW and sire Slade Power (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}) as **lot 997**.



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Well represented among the catalogue are established sires Kodiak (GB) (49), Showcasing (GB) (33), Exceed And Excel (Aus) (31), Zoffany (Ire) (28), Iffraaj (GB) (24) and Dark Angel (Ire) (22). Gleneagles (Ire), Golden Horn and Night of Thunder, who have already sired group winners with their first crop of juveniles, have 16, 18 and 13 yearlings catalogued, respectively. Other sires with yearlings include Kingman (GB), No Nay Never, Australia (GB), Dansili (GB), Frankel (GB), Invincible Spirit (Ire), Pivotal (GB) and Sea The Stars among many others. French standouts Le Havre (Ire) and Siyouni (Fr) are joined by American-based stallions Candy Ride (Arg), Hard Spun, Kitten's Joy, Lemon Drop Kid and Street Sense for some international flavour.

All sessions will begin at 10 a.m. local time, and all of the yearlings sold in Books 3 and 4 are eligible for the £150,000 Tattersalls October Auction S.

“The two highest rated sprinters in training in Europe, Battaash and Ten Sovereigns, were both purchased at Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale and Book 3 has had another outstanding year with Royal Ascot and two year old group winners demonstrating the perennial quality to be found in the second week of the October Yearling Sales at Park Paddocks,” said Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony. **Cont. p7**

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TATTERSALLS BOOKS 2-4 ONLINE, INCLUDING HALF TO SEA OF CLASS

The catalogues for Books 2, 3 and 4 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale are now online. Held from Oct. 14-16, **Book 2** contains 790 yearlings, while **Book 3**, conducted on Oct. 17-18, features 605 lots spread out over two days. The Oct. 19 **Book 4** has 137 yearlings set to sell. Flying the flag on the racecourse, Book 2 graduates and MG1SW Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never) and G1SW Battaash (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) lead the alumni, while they are supported by GSWs Mystery Power (Ire) (No Nay Never), Tropbeau (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) and West End Girl (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}). The offspring of 107 group or

Tattersalls Books 2-4 Cont.

"Huge demand for places in our yearling sales has ensured catalogues of real depth and quality catering to buyers at all levels of the market and from throughout the world."

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AUSTRALIAN BLOODSTOCK BUYS SHARE IN RAHEEN HOUSE

Australian Bloodstock has bought a controlling share in leading Sky Bet Ebor candidate **Raheen House (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), with a subsequent trip to the Melbourne Spring Carnival on the agenda. Trained by William Haggas, Raheen House is one of only two horses to finish in front of the mighty Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}), having finished second in a Newbury conditions event back in April 2017. In two runs for Haggas this season, Raheen House has finished second and third over the Ebor course and distance behind Melbourne-bound Gold Mount (GB) (Excellent Art (GB) and Red Verdon (Lemon Drop Kid) respectively.

"After the Ebor, William Haggas will bring Raheen House out for the Melbourne Spring Carnival," Australian Bloodstock's co-director Jamie Lovett told www.racing.com. "How he fares in the Ebor will determine his weight and capacity to run in those races and so we'll screw down what we do after the Ebor. He's a horse that rates very highly and he has been specifically set for the Ebor."



Raheen House | *Racing Post*

"He's very strong at the end of his races, and he hasn't run in a lot of races with really big fields where they've run along. I'm dying to see this horse in a big field off a hot speed. It'd be lovely to hit the target in the Ebor because it's worth £1 million. But he's still got plenty to offer and there's a lot of nice races with him in Australia into next year."

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The Lexus Melbourne Cup visits York Racecourse in advance of the Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival which runs from Aug. 21-24. It is shown above with Yorkshire Terriers Saffy, Ely, Tootsie and Angie. The historic £1-million Ebor H., whose winning connections will receive a trip for two to the 2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival, is run at York on Saturday. | *Victoria Racing Club*

**FIRST-SEASON SIRE
WITH RUNNERS**

Wednesday, Aug. 21:

UNITED KINGDOM

Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
78 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
16:50-YORK, 6f, MR JONES AND ME (GB)
£35,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Cable Bay (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Highclere Stud
114 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
16:50-YORK, 6f, OTAGO (GB)
14:25-YORK, 100K GIII THE TATTERSALLS ACOMB STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 3)7f, ROPEY GUEST (GB)
31,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; £110,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018; £55,000 Tattersalls Ireland Ascot 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2019
16:50-YORK, 6f, SEPARATE (GB)
14,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; £30,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Due Diligence (War Front), Whitsbury Manor Stud
85 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
14:15-BATH, 5f, BARKING MAD (GB)
£3,500 Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018;
€60,000 Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up Sale 2019

Fountain of Youth (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bearstone Stud

71 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 14:05-CARLISLE, 6f, GRAVITY FORCE (GB)
 45,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017
 16:50-YORK, 6f, VARDON FLYER (GB)
 €5,500 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2018; £15,000 Goffs UK
 Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Irish National Stud

87 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
 14:35-CARLISLE, 6f, PROCLAIMER (GB)
 36,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud

110 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners
 17:45-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, GLENCOE BOY (Ire)
 150,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; 25,000gns
 Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale 2019

Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud

166 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners
 14:35-CARLISLE, 6f, ANGELS FACES (Ire)
 £30,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018
 16:50-YORK, 6f, HARD NUT (Ire)
 €13,000 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €4,500 Goffs
 Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2018; 22,000gns Tattersalls Guineas
 Breeze-Up & HIT Sale 2019
 16:50-YORK, 6f, SERAPHINITE (Ire)
 30,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3;
 £240,000 RNA Goffs London Sale 2019

Make Believe (GB) (Makfi {GB}), Ballylinch Stud

87 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
 16:50-YORK, 6f, ROSE OF KILDARE (Ire)
 €3,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Nunnery Stud

106 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
 14:25-YORK, 100K GIII THE TATTERSALLS ACOMB STAKES (CLASS
 1) (Group 3)7f, YORKSHIRE GOLD (GB)
 160,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 1

Mustajeeb (GB) (Nayef), Haras de Fleury

23 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 16:50-YORK, 6f, BILL NEIGH (GB)
 €1,000 RNA Goffs February Mixed Sale 2018; €2,000 Goffs
 Open Yearling Sale 2018; 27,000gns Tattersalls Guineas
 Breeze-Up & HIT Sale 2019

Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud

106 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
 16:50-YORK, 6f, MALVERN (GB)
 12,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; £28,000 Goffs
 UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018; £38,000 Goffs UK 2yo

Breeze-Up Sale 2019

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm

130 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
 17:45-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, JALWAN
 \$18,000 Keeneland Association September Yearling Sale 2018;
 21,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up & HIT Sale 2019

The Wow Signal (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), Haras de Bouquetot

9 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 14:05-CARLISLE, 6f, BAL MAL (Fr)



**Make Believe is looking for winner number eight at York on
 Wednesday. | Ballylinch Stud**

FRANCE

Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud

110 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners
 1-LE TOUQUET, 1300m, VINGAR (Fr)
 €38,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2018

Make Believe (GB) (Makfi {GB}), Ballylinch Stud

87 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-LE TOUQUET, 1300m, MONTE CINTO (Ire)
 €16,000 RNA Goffs February Mixed Sale 2018; €38,000 Goffs
 Orby Yearling Sale 2018

Music Master (GB) (Piccolo {GB}), Throckmorton Court Stud

15 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-LE TOUQUET, 1300m, CHEF D'ORCHESTRE (Fr)

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OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

2.10 Killarney, Mdn, €15,000, 2yo, 8f 10yT

CELTIC HIGH KING (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}) will probably play second-fiddle to his experienced stablemate **Delta Dawn (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})** on this debut in the race won two years ago by Kew Gardens (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), but as a son of the G1 1000 Guineas heroine Homecoming Queen (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) has boundless potential. Wayne Lordan rides Ballydoyle's number two, with Seamie Heffernan on the son of the classy Fire Lily (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) Delta Dawn who was second at Galway's festival.

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BRITAIN



Tuesday's Results:

2nd-Great Yarmouth, £5,300, Novice, 8-20, 2yo, f, 8f 3yT, 1:36.52, g/f.

FESTIVE STAR (GB) (f, 2, Golden Horn {GB})--Festoso {Ire} {SW & G1SP-Eng, \$144,335}, by Diesis {GB}, fourth over seven furlongs at Newmarket on debut Aug. 3, tracked the leader Amber Island (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) throughout the early stages. Joining her with three furlongs remaining, the 7-2 shot gradually asserted to score by 3/4 of a length and become the second winner for her first-season sire (by Cape Cross {Ire}). The speedy dam, who took the Listed Cecil Frail S. and was second in the G2 Cherry Hinton S. and third in the G1 Cheveley Park S., was sold out of Prince Faisal's broodmare ranks to Joe Foley for 50,000gns at the 2017 Tattersalls December Mares Sale. A half-sister to the G3 Earl of Sefton S.-winning sire Olden Times (GB) (Darshaan {GB}), she also has a yearling filly by Oasis Dream (GB) and a colt foal by Muhaarar (GB). Sales history: 35,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,627. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Rabbah Racing; B-Sun Kingdom Pty Ltd (GB); T-Simon Crisford.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bronze River (GB), g, 2, Archipenko--Avon Lady (GB), by Avonbridge (GB). Kempton, 8-20, 8f (AWT), 1:40.97. B-Meon Valley Stud (GB). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **12,000gns Ylg '18 TATDEY.

Punchbowl Flyer (Ire), c, 2, Dream Ahead--All On Red (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Red Clubs (Ire). Brighton, 8-20, 5f 215yT, 1:11.25.

B-Castle Estates Ltd (IRE). *20,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT.

Magical Rhythms, f, 3, Pioneer of the Nile--Nayarra (Ire) (Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ity, G1SW-Ity, MGSP-Eng & MSP-US, \$268,629), by Cape Cross (Ire). Kempton, 8-20, 8f (AWT), 1:39.09. B-Nawara Stud Company Ltd (KY). *1/2 to Lahore (Elusive Quality), SP-Eng.

Albadr, g, 3, The Factor--Shawahid, by A.P. Indy. Kempton, 8-20, 8f (AWT), 1:39.39. B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY).

So Macho (Ire), g, 4, Camacho (GB)--Turban Heights (Ire), by Golan (Ire). Brighton, 8-20, 6f 210yT, 1:24.80. B-Northern Bloodstock Agency Ltd (IRE). *12,500gns Wlg '15 TATFOA; £6,000 3yo '18 GOFHIT.

Society Prince (Ire), g, 4, Society Rock (Ire)--Princess Atoosa, by Gone West. Great Yarmouth, 8-20, 6f 3yT, 1:11.78. B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE). *£40,000 Ylg '16 GOUKPR. **1/2 to Princess Sinead (Ire) (Jeremy), G1SP-Ire, \$104,910.

GODOLPHIN FILLY TOPS TATTERSALLS ASCOT

Lot 82, Universal Effect (GB) (Universal {Ire}) topped the one-day Tattersalls Ascot August Sale on Tuesday when selling for £38,000. The Godolphin-consigned 3-year-old filly, who has placed once in three starts, went to Mark Loughnane. Godolphin also consigned the second-highest priced lot, a gelding by Zoffany (Ire). Laura Mongan snapped up Million Memories (GB) (lot 77) for £35,000. The winner is a half-brother to SP Weetles (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}).

Overall, 111 horses-in-training sold for £555,100 with an average of £5,001 and a median of £2,800.

"Tattersalls Ascot Sales continue to make positive strides in the Horses in Training market, and this has been recognised by both vendors and purchasers alike here today," said Matt Prior, Head of Tattersalls Ascot Sales. "A clearance rate of 90% demonstrates the solid demand for both Flat and National Hunt horses, with a strong representation of both domestic and overseas buyers.

FRANCE



Tuesday's Results:-

3rd-Deauville, €27,000, Mdn, 8-20, unraced 2yo, f, 8fT, 1:48.08, sf.

HIDAKA (FR) (f, 2, Deep Impact {Jpn})--Royalmania {GB} {MSW & GSP-Fr, \$167,314}, by Elusive Quality was well away to race in a prominent second for most of this unveiling. Easing to the fore passing the quarter-mile marker, the even-money favourite was shaken up soon after and pushed out in the closing stages to comfortably account for Tamahere (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) by 1 3/4 lengths. **Cont. p10**

3rd-Deauville Cont.

Magic Attitude (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), a daughter of G1 Nunthorpe S. heroine Margot Did (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), led until headed at the two pole and faded late to finish sixth. She is the lone foal produced by dual stakes-winning G3 Prix de Psyche third Royalmania (GB) (Elusive Quality), herself a half-sister to G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Queen's Jewel (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) out of MG1SW Argentinian champion Safari Queen (Arg) (Lode). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (FR); T-Andre Fabre.

2nd-Deauville, €27,000, Mdn, 8-20, unraced 2yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:45.53, sf.

ECRIVAIN (FR) (c, 2, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Sapphire Pendant {Ire} {GSP-Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}) was scrubbed along in rear until settling into a rhythm at halfway. Stoked up off the home turn, the 57-10 chance weaved a passage into contention with 300 metres remaining and kept on relentlessly for continued urging in the closing stages to deny Legende d'Art (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) by a head in a four-way photo. He is the fourth scorer from as many runners out of G3 Derrinstown Stud 1000 Guineas Trial runner-up Sapphire Pendant (Ire), herself kin to three black-type performers including the stakes-placed dam of GSW GI Mother Goose S. and GI Delaware H. placegetter America (A.P. Indy). Sapphire Pendant, who was bred to Empire Maker this year, has also produced a yearling colt by Intello (Ger). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (FR); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

1st-Vichy, €18,000, Mdn, 8-20, 2yo, f, 8fT, 1:44.07, sf.

TARANTA (IRE) (f, 2, Gleneagles {Ire}--Kiss of Spring {Ire}, by Dansili {GB}), runner-up to the potentially smart Baga (Fr) (No Nay Never) over seven furlongs at ParisLongchamp last time July 4, broke best from her inside stall before being handed a lead. Travelling strongly to take command approaching the two-furlong marker, the 13-10 favourite opened up to record a 4 1/2-length success from Terre de Legendre (Fr) (Hurricane Cat). The winner, the ninth for her freshman sire (by Galileo {Ire}), is the second and last known foal out of a half-sister to the G3 Prix du Pin winner twice G1 Prix de la Foret-placed Karar (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) from the family of the G1 St Leger hero Lucarno (Dynaformer). Sales history: €110,000 Wlg '17 ARDEC; €80,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, €20,860.



Lope De Vega, A Sire Ascending

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O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard; B-Mme I Smits (IRE); T-J Soudan.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Deauville, €23,000, Cond, 8-20, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.10, st.

BENAZIR (FR) (f, 3, Dutch Art {GB}--Brigh {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})
Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, €25,600. O-Al Asayl France; B-Al Asayl Bloodstock Ltd (FR); T-Francois Rohaut.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Nobody's (Fr), c, 2, Vespone (Ire)--Lady Speedy (Ire), by Speedmaster (Ger). Vichy, 8-20, 8fT, 1:44.73. B-H-A & Y Pantall (FR).

Bloodstock South Africa Harley SA Dispersal Sale:

The catalogue for the first part of the Harley SA dispersal sale of mares and yearlings is now online and can be viewed at www.bsa.co.za. It will be held at the Four Cousins Restaurant in Robertson at 1 p.m. local time on Aug. 28, with all lots sold in absentia.

Wednesday, York, Britain, post time: 3.35 p.m.

JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL S.-G1, £1,062,500, 3yo/up,

10f 56yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Cheval Grand (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Murphy	Tomomichi	132
2	4	Crystal Ocean (GB)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	J Doyle	Stoute	132
3	2	Elarqam (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Crowley	Johnston	132
4	9	Lord Glitters (Fr)	Whipper	Tudhope	O'Meara	132
5	8	Regal Reality (GB)	Intello (Ger)	Kingscote	Stoute	132
6	3	Thundering Blue 	Exchange Rate	J Watson	Menuisier	132
7	6	Circus Maximus (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	D O'Brien	A O'Brien	125
8	7	Japan (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien	125
9	1	King of Comedy (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Dettori	Gosden	125



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Wednesday, York, Britain, post time: 3.00 p.m.

SKY BET GREAT VOLTIGEUR S.-G2, £170,000, 3yo, c/g, 11f 188yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Constantinople (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien	126
2	4	Jalmoud (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Buick	C Appleby	126
3	2	Logician (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Dettori	Gosden	126
4	3	Nayef Road (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	de Sousa	Johnston	126
5	5	Norway (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	D O'Brien	A O'Brien	126

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Cobra Eye (GB)	Kodiac (GB)	Dettori	Quinn	127
2	5	Ethic (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Marquand	Haggas	127
3	2	Harpocrates (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien	127
4	3	Kingbrook (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Fanning	Johnston	127
5	10	Morisco (Ire)	Requinto (Ire)	Kingscote	Dascombe	127
6	4	Persuasion (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	J Doyle	Hills	127
7	6	Ropey Guest (GB)	Cable Bay (Ire)	Queally	Margarson	127
8	1	Valdermoro 	Declaration of War	Hamilton	Fahey	127
9	8	Vitalogy (GB)	No Nay Never	D O'Brien	J O'Brien	127
10	9	Yorkshire Gold (GB)	Muhaaraar (GB)	Atzeni	K Ryan	127

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DARLEY YORKSHIRE OAKS-G1, £425,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 11f

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Enable (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden	133
2	2	Lah Ti Dar (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Gosden	133
3	4	Magical (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien	133
4	3	South Sea Pearl (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Heffernan	A O'Brien	124



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ARCADIA QUEEN SET FOR EVEREST



The Everest | TDN AusNZ

by Bren O'Brien

The re-appearance of star West Australian mare **Arcadia Queen** (Pierro) at Tuesday's Rosehill trials not only gave the public their first chance to see her in action as a 4-year-old, but also the slothholder which has backed her in to win the world's richest race on turf, the \$14-million The Everest.

The Star was a foundation slothholder for the race, selecting Redkirk Warrior (GB) (Notnowcato {GB}) (10th) in the inaugural running of the race in 2017 before Shoals (Fastnet Rock) (11th) represented it in the 2018 edition. This year The Star has selected one of the most exciting horses in the country in Arcadia Queen.

A winner of five of her six starts, the most recent a Group 1 win in the Kingston Town Classic at Ascot last December, Arcadia Queen has now joined the stables of Chris Waller after taking her considerable talents across the Nullarbor. Her owner, WA's biggest and most successful in Bob Peters, made an early call that he wanted his star mare to contest The Everest along with stablemate **Enticing Star** (Testa Rossa).

"Although The Star had a number of options for The Everest this year, we knew Bob Peters was looking to secure at least two horses," Michael Hodgson, GM Tourism, F&B, Strategy & Partnerships at The Star Entertainment Group told TDN AusNZ.

"Having been such an integral part of the racing industry nationally, and an icon in Western Australia, The Star recognised there was an opportunity to bring the magnificent Arcadia Queen across for this race."

Selecting a horse is just one aspect of the slothholder process, one which The Star has previously relied heavily upon Arrowfield chairman John Messara for guidance. But the most important part is getting the deal done with the owner. At the time of the negotiation with Peters in June, the slots were already starting to fill up with five leading contenders already locked away, so both sides were keen to get things moving.

"Over the last three years we have found that you need to be active and agile. However, the exact timing needs to be precise--too early and you can be at risk of the horse having issues and not being prepared or even being unable to race, too late and you have a limited number of suitable horses to choose from," Hodgson said. "Both The Star and Mr. Peters were clear on what we were looking for in partners. He is fantastic to deal with and we came to an agreement quickly."

A Rising Star

Arcadia Queen is a fascinating Everest prospect. When last year's race was run, she had only had just one start, a mid-week maiden win at Belmont last September. She stepped to metropolitan company at her next start, winning at Ascot in late October before suffering what has been the only defeat of her career when third in the Listed Burgess Queen S. She rebounded with her first stakes win in the G3 WA Champion Fillies S. at her next run before elevating to a completely different level in winning the G2 WA Guineas by three lengths and then the G1 Kingston Town Classic by 4.5l. **Cont. p2**



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Arcadia Queen Set For Everest Cont. from p1

When Peters bypassed the autumn with her, the expectation was that she would be aimed at races around 1600m and beyond on the eastern seaboard in the spring. But her owner had different ideas and instead planned a shot at the richest prize in Australian racing. She had her first public hit-out under Waller's guidance on Tuesday, cruising to the line under James McDonald in second place in her trial, showing she had lost nothing in the eight months or so since we last saw her. Her journey to The Everest in just over eight weeks has begun and The Star is delighted to be on board.

"Having a champion Group 1 winning horse in The Star's slot is exciting. A horse that is a real chance such as Arcadia Queen allows The Star to be heavily invested in the race as an organisation, and filter that through to our guests and team members alike," Hodgson said. "As a result of this, The Star feels genuinely connected to the race, not just a naming sponsor. This is the real differentiation of The Everest. It's what makes this race so unique on many levels."

The Everest Experience

And that's what makes The Everest such an appealing concept for organisations such as The Star, which runs a luxury and entertainment business, highlighted by its signature casino, dining and entertainment experiences in Sydney, Gold Coast and Brisbane. The 'event' experience of being a slotholder in such a rich race, ties neatly into all aspects of The Star's business, providing an experience for its guests, not just a destination.

"The Star has a proud history of supporting cultural and sporting events important to Sydney--this includes our partnerships with Racing NSW and the Australian Turf Club at Royal Randwick--such as The Star Chinese Festival of Racing and The Star Doncaster Mile," Hodgson said. "When The Star had the opportunity to become a founding slot member we were excited to do so as it was not just a sponsorship opportunity--it opened a window to becoming embedded in the race itself.

"We felt this was a rare and favourable circumstance that would appeal to our guests as an extension of the unique, luxurious and thrilling experiences we offer on property."

While The Star is yet to secure a winner in the race, The Everest experience has been an overwhelmingly positive one for the company, according to Hodgson.

"The Star is delighted to have been a founding slot holder. As the world's richest race on turf, The Everest is fast becoming one of the premier Spring races in Australia, while its role in promoting Sydney's racing calendar to the world is clear," he said. "As a partner, The Star's involvement has been a value add. It has introduced our guests to a great new experience and the thrill of 'owning' a racehorse and reinforces our relationships

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And it sees itself as playing a major role as the race continues to evolve over the coming years.

"The Star is excited to continue its relationship with The Everest and Australian Turf Club and seeing this great spectacle grow into one of the world's most preeminent races," Hodgson said.

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