



## KENTUCKY VOTES IN MORE HUMANE WHIP RULES



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by T.D. Thornton

Kentucky became the second major racing jurisdiction in five days to vote in more humane whipping rules of racehorses.

The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) unanimously approved a new slate of whip regulations at its monthly teleconference meeting on Tuesday. The California Horse Racing Board had voted in more restrictive whip rules June 11.

A key aspect of the new KHRC rules includes a limit of six underhanded strikes per race with only two of those strikes allowed in succession before a horse has time to respond, just like in California.

But Kentucky will make an exception for whipping during the first furlong of a race “in a backhanded or underhanded fashion” without those strikes counting against the penalty limits.

Allowable uses of a riding crop will include:

- \* The riding crop being used at any time, without penalty, “if, in the opinion of the stewards, the riding crop is used to avoid a dangerous situation or preserve the safety of other riders or horses in a race.”
- \* Tapping the horse on the shoulder with the crop in the down position while both hands are holding onto the reins and both hands are touching the neck of the horse.
- \* Showing or waving the riding crop without contact with the horse and giving the horse time to respond before striking the horse. **Cont. p3**

## REEVES CONFIDENT IN BELMONT

### CONTENDER SOLE VOLANTE by Jessica Martini

Dean and Patti Reeves, fourth with Tax (Arch) in last year’s GI Belmont S., will be represented in this year’s race by **Sole Volante** (Karakontie {Jpn}), who took the long route from Florida to New York Tuesday.

“He’s going by FedEx,” Dean Reeves said while the gelding was en route Tuesday. “Whatever kind of package, I guess they can do it. He had to go to Memphis and had a layover there and he should get into New York around 8 p.m. [Co-owner and assistant trainer] Andie [Biancone] is already up there, so she’ll be waiting on him when he gets to Belmont.”

Trainer Patrick Biancone purchased Sole Volante for \$20,000 at the 2019 OBS April Sale and gave the bay to his daughter Andie as a birthday present. The gelding won his first two races, including the Nov. 30 Pulpit S., on the turf before hitting Reeves’s radar screen with a late-running third-place effort over the dirt in the Jan. 4 Mucho Macho Man S. **Cont. p4**

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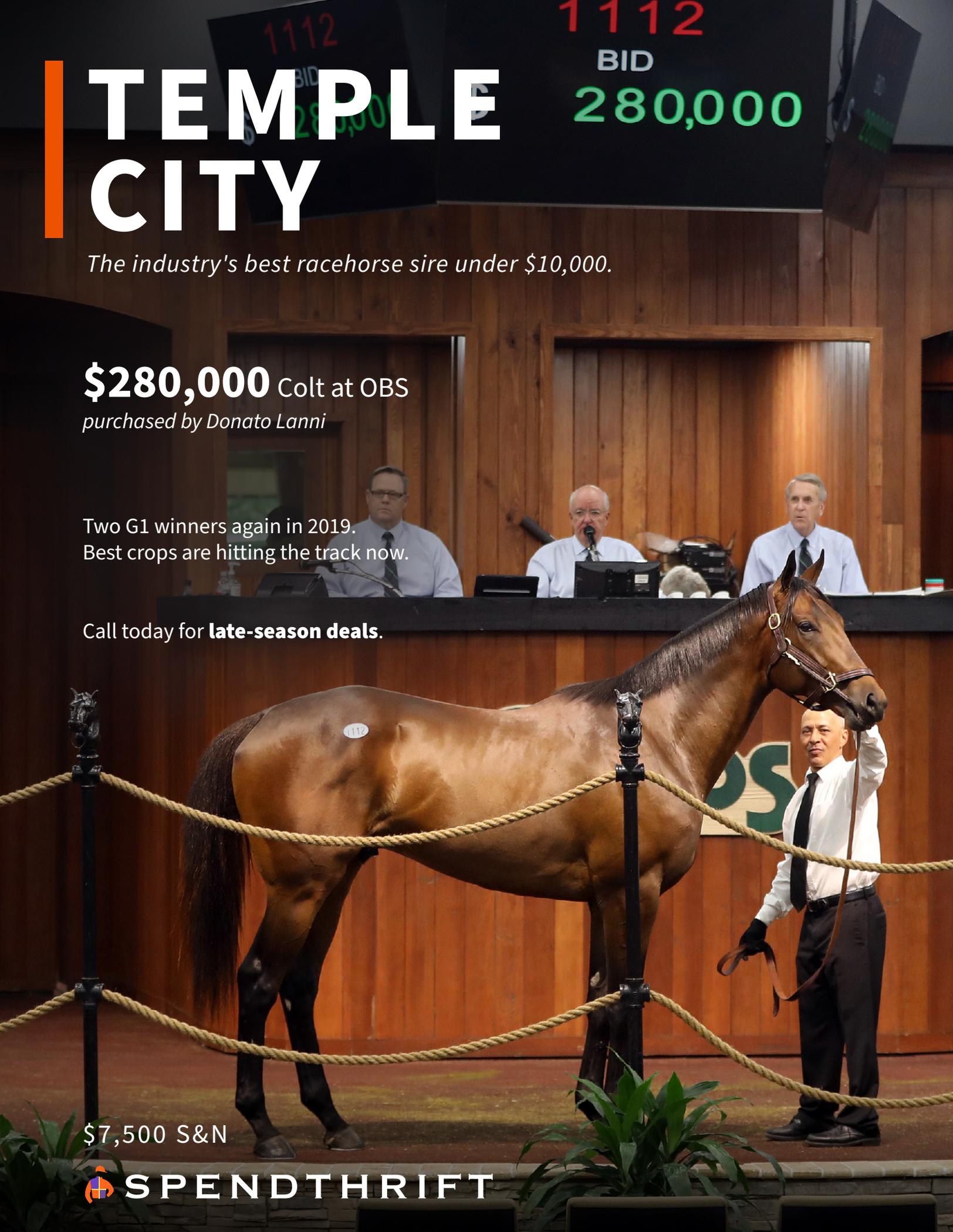
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*Frankie Dettori ahead of opening day at Royal Ascot, on which he won the G2 Ribblesdale S. aboard the John Gosden-trained Frankly Darling (GB) (Frankel {GB}). It is the first time in the meeting's 309-year history that it will be held without spectators | Racing Post*

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*A federal appeals court heard arguments on the 2019 Kentucky Derby disqualification of Maximum Security (New Year's Day).*

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## Kentucky Votes in More Humane Whip

### Rules *(cont. from p1)*

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- \* Use of the crop on the head, flanks, or on any other part of its body other than the shoulders or hind quarters.
- \* Use of the crop during the post parade or after the finish of the race except if necessary to control the horse.
- \* Excessive or brutal use of the crop causing injury to the horse.
- \* Use of the crop causing welts or breaks in the skin.
- \* Use of the crop if the horse is clearly out of the race or has obtained its maximum placing.
- \* Use of the crop even though the horse is showing no response.

Only padded/shock absorbing riding crops which have not been modified in any way may be carried in a race.

Riders using a riding crop in a manner contrary to the new rule will be subject to disciplinary action and monetary penalties that vary depending on the type of race in which the whip infractions occur and how many previous violations a rider has incurred.

In general, they fines are based on the percentage of the purse, and graded stakes races will be subject to lesser fine amounts. Scroll to page 6 of [this document](#) to see the full penalties list.

The rules passed by the full KHRC board Tuesday were the result of a set of measures crafted and unanimously approved Monday by the KHRC's joint rules committee and safety and welfare committee. Those two committees invited input from track officials, the Jockeys' Guild, and the Thoroughbred Safety Coalition.

Mark Simendinger, chair of KHRC rules committee, said of Monday's rule-crafting session that, "It was a long meeting, but I feel there was some pretty decent give and take there, which is what it requires to get an agreement. And I don't know that I can really necessarily call this an 'agreement.' But we were closer to the middle than when we started, I'll tell you that.... I'm looking forward to getting this in place. I think it's a step forward for Kentucky racing."

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## Reeves Confident in Sole Volante *(cont. from p1)*

“I give credit for finding him to Jay Stone,” Reeves said. “He had watched the horse up there and he helps me a lot buying runners. He called me about the horse and he said this is really a turf horse, but he looked darn good in the Mucho Macho Man on the dirt. He was really closing on those horses. So we watched his back videos and I thought even if he doesn’t become a two-turn dirt horse, this will be a good horse on the turf because he has a great closing kick. Jay set up a meeting and I met with Patrick for a couple of hours at Gulfstream Park and talked it through and we came up with a deal that worked for him and Andie. So that’s when we bought a majority interest in the horse.”

Sole Volante proved he was more than a turf horse when he won the Feb. 8 GIII Sam F. Davis S. in his first start for the Reeveses and he came back to prove he could be a bona fide Kentucky Derby contender with a runner-up effort behind King Guillermo (Uncle Mo) in the Mar. 7 GII Tampa Bay Derby. The form of that race was bolstered when King Guillermo returned to run second behind Nadal (Blame) in the May 2 GI Arkansas Derby.

“When we went to Tampa and he won that race, I really felt like this was going to be a nice horse,” Reeves said. “And even though we finished second, King Guillermo has turned out to be a heck of a runner himself. If he had gone to Arkansas and gotten beat by 20 lengths, then you’d rethink that some. But he ran big and he’s going to continue to run big. That’s a nice horse.”

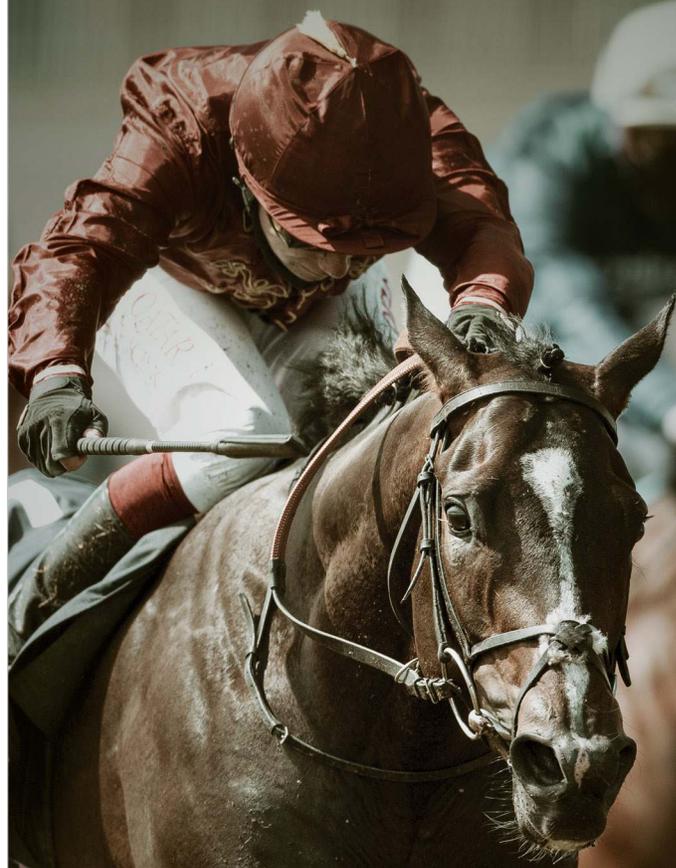


**Sole Volante** | *Ryan Thompson*

With the reshuffling of Triple Crown races this year, connections decided to skip the trip to Arkansas with Sole Volante and chose to give the gelding some time off ahead of the extended Classic season.



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“When we saw the Triple Crown races were going to be spread out all the way to October, we knew we would have to give him the time somewhere along the line,” Reeves said. “We took it at the start. So we skipped going to Arkansas and gave him the time, which has really helped him.”

That decision left Sole Volante potentially returning from a lengthy layoff to run in Saturday’s Belmont and, when rain forced a missed work, Biancone called an audible and started the bay in a Gulfstream Park allowance just a week ago. He came from last to first to win that one-mile race in a prep Reeves hopes sets him up for a trip to the Belmont winner’s circle.

“It had been over 100 days since he had raced, so we wanted to get him where he had to go through the motions. He had to go to the paddock, he had to get in the gate. He actually put up a good time and got a good Rag number and Beyer number. It couldn’t have worked out any better. If you wrote it up, that’s what you would have wanted to see from the horse.”



Patrick Biancone and Dean Reeves | SV Photography

Reeves said Biancone has seen enough out of Sole Volante since last week’s race to take a tilt at this year’s first leg of the Triple Crown.

“After the race, we said we had 10 days to see how he was doing before we had to make a firm decision,” Reeves explained. “We started putting a plan together. We really left it up to the horse and we waited until the very last minute to see Monday how he galloped and Patrick said he was fabulous.”

The other option for Sole Volante would have been to wait for the July 11 GII Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland, but with an eye towards the delayed Sept. 5 GI Kentucky Derby, connections decided to head to New York.

“We thought if we skipped the Belmont and pointed to the Blue Grass and then something happened, if he got a fever or a bruised foot, and for some reason you had to skip that, then you are squeezing the time getting to the Derby,” Reeves said. “We wanted to secure our points.

“We are 14 [on the Derby points board] now, but you never know another horse could come in and get a lot of points. We would feel a lot better if we had enough points and we didn’t have to worry about getting into the Derby. That was a little bit the reasoning going to Belmont. I think that will give us the opportunity to run in the [GI] Travers S. in August and that would set us up to run in the Derby. That’s our long-range plan.”

The 2020 Triple Crown will conclude with the Oct. 3 GI Preakness S., but for Reeves a Triple Crown win would be cause for celebration no matter the timing of the races or how the victor is judged by history.

“I’ll be glad to have an asterisk,” he said of a potential Triple Crown sweep in an unprecedented year. “I’ll have two or three, however many asterisks they want to give me. I’ll take all the asterisks they want to give me and be happy to win the Triple Crown.”

While Sole Volante carries his colors in Saturday’s Belmont, Reeves will be watching from afar as owners are still not permitted at the racetrack due to the ongoing pandemic.

“Us owners, we work our tails off to get to these races and when you finally get a horse that gets there and you have to stay home, it just kills you,” Reeves said. “But the worse side of it would be no race at all. So if that’s the best we can do, we understand everyone is under a lot of pressure and right now we just have to deal with it. We’re going to have a party [at home] and enjoy the day.”

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## FORE LEFT JOINS BELMONT FIELD

by Jessica Martini

Reddam Racing’s **Fore Left** (Twirling Candy), winner of the G2 UAE 2000 Guineas at Meydan in February, has been added to the field for Saturday’s GI Belmont S. The colt had been expected to go postward in Saturday’s seven-furlong GI Woody Stephens S.

“Fore Left has settled in and is training really well over the Belmont surface,” said trainer Doug O’Neill, confirming the story first reported by *Daily Racing Form*’s Dave Grenig. “He’s coming off a really strong performance in Dubai and we really like the one-turn 1 1/8-miles layout and the lack of a lot of speed projected in there.”

Fore Left, third in last year’s GII Best Pal S., has not started since the Feb. 6 UAE Guineas. He has worked twice at Belmont Park this month, going five furlongs in :59.05 (1/19) June 4 and six furlongs in 1:12.52 (2/2) June 13.

“If we’re ever going to take a shot with him, he’s telling us that now is the time,” O’Neill said. “I’m optimistic he’ll put in a solid effort under Jose Ortiz.”

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## JUNGLE RUNNER ON TRACK FOR BELMONT

Calumet Farm's homebred **Jungle Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}) posted a half-mile breeze in :50.50 (12/15) over the Belmont training track Tuesday in preparation for Saturday's GI Belmont S. Winner of the Clever Trevor S. at Remington Park last November, the bay colt is coming off an eighth-place effort in the May 2 GI Arkanas Derby.



**Jungle Runner** | *Coady*

"It was a nice easy half in :50 and change," said Toby Sheets, assistant to trainer Steve Asmussen. "He galloped out in a minute. Not a big gallop out, but we're very happy with it. He's doing well."

Jungle Runner will provide 23-year-old Reylu Gutierrez, a native of Rochester, New York, with his first Belmont S. mount. A finalist for the Eclipse Award for outstanding apprentice in 2018, Gutierrez earned his first graded stakes win in 2019 and has become a regular on the NYRA circuit.

Asmussen will also saddle Winchell Thoroughbreds' **Pneumatic** (Uncle Mo) in the Belmont. The '**TDN Rising Star**' is coming off a third-place effort in the May 23 GIII Matt Winn S. He worked four furlongs in :51.60 (20/23) at Churchill Downs Monday.

"He has good form and I think he has a good shot in there," Sheets said of the colt who was scheduled to arrive at Belmont Tuesday night.

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## CRUX OF ARGUMENT IN WESTS' DERBY DQ APPEAL: 'STEWARDS ARE PUT ABOVE THE LAW' by T.D. Thornton

An attorney for Gary and Mary West argued in a federal appeals court teleconference Tuesday that a 2019 dismissal of their civil rights lawsuit pertaining to the disqualification of **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day) in the GI Kentucky Derby should be overturned on the basis that a Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) regulation should not pre-empt a state statute that gives power to courts to review final orders of agency determinations.

"If this decision of the district court is not reversed, what it means is that the stewards' decision to disqualify a horse is never reviewable by anybody, ever," Ronald Riccio, representing the appellants, told a three-judge panel from the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

"Kentucky will be the only jurisdiction in the United States in which the stewards have unlimited power to disqualify horses and nobody can change it. Not the commission, not a court, not anybody. The stewards are put above the law," Riccio said.

Jennifer Wolsing, an attorney arguing for the appellees, which include the three Churchill Downs stewards who officiated the Derby, the KHRC executive director, and all of the board's members at the time, told the judges that participating in Kentucky racing as a licensee is a privilege and not a right, and that the Wests' should have known that by Kentucky's rules, in-race rulings regarding fouls shall be final and not subject to appeal.

"The Wests' agreed to abide by the commission's regulations, including the provision that stewards' determinations are final," Wolsing said. "And this rule is here for a reason: To [allow] otherwise would turn the most exciting two minutes in sports into two years of protracted litigation.

"Just as it would be ludicrous to litigate an umpire's decision at a high school baseball game, it's also inappropriate to ignore Kentucky's regulation and allow the Wests' to challenge the stewards' unappealable disqualification determination," Wolsing said.

In the 2019 Derby, Maximum Security led almost every step and crossed the wire first.

But there was bumping and shifting in close quarters as he led the pack off the final turn. Two jockeys filed post-race objections, but there was no posted stewards' inquiry.

The three stewards who officiated the Derby--chief state steward Barbara Borden, state steward Brooks "Butch" Becraft, and Churchill Downs steward Tyler Picklesimer--launched a post-Derby adjudication process that played out on national TV.

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After 22 agonizing minutes, Maximum Security was judged to have fouled **Long Range Toddy** (Take Charge Indy), and was thus placed behind that rival in 17th place. **Country House** (Lookin At Lucky), who crossed the wire second, was elevated to first place via the DQ process.

Ten days later, the Wests, who own Maximum Security, sued based on allegations that “the final [revised Derby] order is not supported by substantial evidence on the whole record” and that the disqualification violated the plaintiffs’ Fourteenth Amendment rights.

The defendants’ motion to dismiss the suit was granted by a U.S. District Court judge Nov. 15.

“Kentucky’s regulations make clear that the disqualification is not subject to judicial review,” the court order stated. “Further, the disqualification procedure does not implicate an interest protected under the Due Process Clause of the U.S. Constitution.”

The Wests then filed an appeal brief Dec. 20, 2019. The June 16 oral arguments were the first scheduled opportunity for both sides to state their case in oral form and offer rebuttals before a panel of judges.

Much of the argument that Riccio put forth centered on the definitions of what constitutes a “final order” issued by a “state agency head.” He likened the way the Churchill stewards made their disqualification decision to an “administrative hearing” that he believes should be reviewable by a higher power or court of law.

“What the district court concluded was that the stewards’ process by which they disqualified Maximum Security was not the product of an administrative hearing,” Riccio said.

“And that, we suggest, is very flawed,” Riccio continued. “It was flawed because what the stewards did was conduct a process by which they had the sole and exclusive power to conduct the hearing.... We take the position that the district court misinterpreted ‘final order’ and produced a result that is in conflict with the legislative intent of the Kentucky racing commission.

“First the [KHRC] said the commission can’t review the stewards’ disqualification. Then they said that this court can’t review what the stewards did. In other words, what that means is, if the stewards want to flip a coin and decide who should be disqualified and who should not be disqualified, they can do that with impunity and without fear,” Riccio said.

Wolsing countered that stewards routinely determine disqualification in summary fashion in the immediate aftermath of race, and that they are not an “agency head” determining a “final order” after a formal administrative hearing. She again brought up her point that stewards function more like umpires in a baseball game.

“Regulations say [stewards] have to exercise immediate supervision, control and regulation of racing licensees,” Wolsing explained. “Which is kind of a way of saying that they call balls and strikes. In contrast, the full 16-member racing commission is actually the agency head for the purpose of final order.”

Judge John Bush interjected to bring up a point about defining the stewards’ true roles in officiating races.

“This is a little different than an umpire at a Little League game. You have a situation where you have a regulated sport where gambling is also sanctioned by the government as part of the sport, and there is an elaborate procedure by regulation as to how the stewards are to function,” Bush said.

“[The stewards] actually issued an order saying what their decision was after interviewing witnesses,” Bush continued. “Doesn’t this look more like an agency determination that would be subject to this statute that says ‘All final orders of an agency shall be subject to judicial review?’”

Riccio, at a later point in the proceedings, also took umbrage with the analogy that stewards function as umpires.

“The stewards are state actors. Umpires are not. What the stewards did in this case would be the equivalent of umpires changing the rules of the game,” Riccio said. “Instead of having three strikes and you’re out, the umpire decides you can have four or five strikes or no strikes.

“So what we’re dealing with here is not a judgment call by the stewards. We’re dealing with changing the rules of the game to fit their purposes and to make [arbitrary] decisions never subject to judicial review,” Riccio said.

At a different point, one of the judges asked Riccio to state what property or liberty interest the Wests had prior to the race being declared official. (The plaintiffs in their original lawsuit argued that the disqualification had stripped them of the honor, prestige and prize money of winning America’s most important horse race. They wanted Maximum Security and Country House declared as co-winners until the courts could render an official result.)

Riccio said the Wests’ acquired those property and liberty interests “not prior to, but immediately after the horse crossed the finish line first.” He added that “You don’t need to have something in hand in order for a property right to be protected under the 14th Amendment.”

Wolsing, when it was her turn, cited a point of law that underscored “one cannot forfeit something that one does not possess,” adding that “Maximum Security’s purse was not forfeited. It was awarded to the horse that won the race.”

# THE SPORTS BUSINESS FURLONG

by Carter Carnegie  
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## JON MILLER, PRESIDENT PROGRAMMING, NBC SPORTS GROUP

*This is the first in a series of monthly columns focused on Sports Business and Marketing and how we can learn from it in horse racing. As I discussed the concept with the TDN, I quickly realized that the best format would be through interviews of individuals I have had the pleasure to work for and learn from over my career as their insight would be more meaningful than any of my opinions. Selecting my first guinea pig for this new experiment was easy, as I have had the privilege of learning from this person ever since negotiating my first television agreement for a 3-on-3 show called Hoop-It-Up, where former NBA players competed against the best amateur team in a half-court game. He has been a friend and mentor ever since always making time to listen to my crazy ideas, including agreeing to this interview.*

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**JM:** My fondest racing memory is very simple and it doesn't take a whole lot for me to identify. It was the 2013 Kentucky Derby when Orb won and Golden Soul came from out of nowhere to finish second and enable me to win the superfecta and the trifecta at Churchill Downs.

We started jumping up and down like a bunch of 10-year-old schoolboys. It was a pretty great memory, a fun ride home, and it's one that I remember fondly. That's one of those great things about the sport; you never know when a great moment can happen, at any moment, and that was my great moment.

But I've got a lot of great, fun moments at the track and I've been fortunate enough to be at 25 Kentucky Derbys. I went to my first Kentucky Derby when I was a freshman in college in 1975 and I was there in 1978 for Affirmed. So I've enjoyed it and have built some great friendships and relationships with the folks from Churchill to Preakness to NYRA to Royal Ascot and the Breeders' Cup.



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**CC:** What are some of the cardinal rules and criteria that you follow when deciding to air a sports property?

**JM:** In the sports television business, we serve multiple masters. So not only are we serving the television viewing audience, we're serving advertisers, we're serving the leagues in the way we present their property, we're serving the content distribution companies. We've got to deliver on all of those things, and then it's got to make sense from a financial perspective as well. You've got to find a way to make the deals make sense, make sure you can produce them well, program them well, promote them well, and fortunately, we can do that with the properties we have.

**CC:** What are some of the key performance indicators or return on investment thresholds you look for to continue airing an event? I've noticed NBC Sports takes pride in curating brands with a focus on creating long-term relationships and elevating the status of the properties you select by growing their presence on television.

**JM:** Those relationships are very important to us. We pride ourselves on the partnerships that we have and their longevity. We look for properties that have real stickiness. Exclusivity is important to us, but the most important thing is not just that we have exclusivity every place, but that we find quality properties that have strong CPMs (cost per thousands) that our advertising and sales teams can go out and deliver on.

We don't like to acquire properties where there's a commodity element. So for example, you won't see us doing much college basketball on NBC. College basketball is a wonderful property and I'm a big fan. But to give you a frame of reference, around 1985 there were maybe 100 college basketball games available on television. Now, there are close to 4,400 college basketball games available on television.

**CC:** Can you explain briefly the difference between rights fees versus time buy and what are the pros and cons of both for a sports property?

**JM:** Well, the rights fees are obviously what every property aspires to and sitting at the top of the rights fee mountain are things like the NFL, the NBA, the Olympics, Major League Baseball, hockey, et cetera, and those are properties that will command a rights fee because they are so desirable because they deliver audiences. There are advertisers who will support them and make it worth their while to have them on your air.

They also do something really special in that they hold the bundle together, which enough people don't recognize. Something like the NFL, the NBA and other live sports are one of the reasons why people have cable and satellite telco subscriptions. They can get that bundle and the cable operators recognize that but the leagues recognize that as well. That's why those properties will take on a much stronger demand equation when it comes to competitiveness and acquiring those rights.

Now, as far as the time sales goes, there are a lot of properties out there that come in and buy the time, that quite honestly do quite well, but have chosen to control the messaging and the inventory and the sponsorship base themselves, so they do it themselves, and own all the time and sell all the advertising.

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And then, there are smaller properties that are out there that get into that time sale business and largely because the networks are not going to pay for those properties nor do the networks want to have their sales force out there selling those properties. They want their sales teams focused on those properties where they have big investments and significant risk.

**CC: With the arrival of legalized sports betting and its impact on sports viewing on television, how do you balance story telling while also promoting sports betting? How do you appeal to the sports-betting customer without alienating the non-betting sports fan?**

**JM:** What's so important about the way we cover sports is that we're authentic. You can tell when you're watching a program and somebody's shilling on the betting side, but I don't think you'll ever see that from us, that's just not the way we do television. But we're not going to shy away from point spreads and lines and betting terminology now, as it becomes part of the story.

Horse racing and betting go hand in hand, and that's why we have an Eddie Olczyk, Randy Moss and these different people give their thoughts and opinions before a race and apply that to how they can bet so it makes sense for the viewer.

For the longest time, you couldn't talk about betting on football, but I think that we're seeing that change.

**CC: Betting is becoming a major trend in sports. Are there any other trends that you see in the sports television landscape that people may not be thinking about right now?**

**JM:** Everybody talks about e-gaming and e-sports, and it's very interesting. When this pandemic broke, we were able to take advantage of our relationship with iRacing to put some virtual IndyCar racing on NBCSN and FOX did some with NASCAR and it performed well. We also were able to do some feature programming with the ePremier League.

There is a place for e-gaming. I don't think it ever is going to take the place of live sports events and live viewing, but we think it attracts an audience that likes to watch gaming, likes to participate, and likes to watch expert gamers play.



Miller with Belinda Stronach and Gary Quinn | Getty Images

**CC: Shifting the conversation to horse racing, what are some of the inherent challenges of putting the sport on television?**

**JM:** You've got a lot of challenges with horse racing. You've got story telling, but with every 12-horse field, you have 36 stories to tell, and having Rob Hyland, who is the best in the business, selecting those storylines is what makes NBC shine. You have the horse's breeding lines, you have the jockey stories, you have the trainer stories, so you have to be selective about what you showcase.

The other thing is that horse racing can be a fragile sport, and there's been a lot of tough, negative publicity lately with

incidents, and that's something you've also need to be mindful of and you can't run away and hide from those issues. And so, you have to delicately tell those stories and give both sides of the story and tell them accurately and fairly. But our job is to cover the event. Our mission is not to influence opinions or direct people to think one way or another, our job is to cover the sport and deliver it as objectively, fairly, and creatively as we can.

**CC: As you lead the way on programming for NBC, what was your vision and goal in aggregating all of the Triple Crown and Breeders' Cup rights?**

**JM:** We feel that it goes back to the whole exclusivity idea. If you have a sport and you have all the key elements of that sport, you can weave a very interesting and topical thread throughout, and maximize the value for all parties involved.

**CC: Racing is a very fragmented enterprise with many different stakeholders each having different valuations of their rights. Are there other sports that are similar in that way?**

**JM:** There is nothing as challenging as dealing with all the different elements in horse racing, and I say that with a smile because I really enjoy all of our partners. We've really tried to be the one focal point of all of these different properties and for a long time the properties never really worked together. They were competitive and were all looking for an advantage and we understand that was how the sport worked but now we feel very comfortable talking with all of them and getting everyone to go in the same direction. It is working out well.

**CC: Recently, there has been a collaboration between TVG and NBC Sports. Do you see that to be complementary? Is it just a sign of the times? What are some of the big takeaways from that?**

**JM:** This has really been a great result and a lot of the credit goes to Gary Quinn, who runs our Programming and our Owned Properties Group and who works closely with Kip Levin over at TVG. When the pandemic happened and live sports shut down, it was when we were preparing all of our Derby prep races and we had to figure out, well, what are we going to do. Gary Quinn reached this deal with TVG and we started it for a couple of weekends, just, quite honestly to have some live sports on the air, some live horse racing. We knew the Kentucky Derby was moving. We still didn't have dates for the Belmont and the Preakness set yet, but it turned out to deliver great audiences, several hundred thousand that oftentimes led the day in terms of its live viewing. A lot of people who were looking for live sports found it. I have a son who is a sports fan but not a racing fan, but he found it early and he became a big fan as did a lot of his friends. When you can get young men in their late 20s, early 30s, all of a sudden to become horse racing fans, who ordinarily might not have found the sport, then you've done some good things there.



Jon Miller at the Clio Awards | Getty Images

**CC: Perfect segue into my next question. The dilemma of the horse racing audience: Does it skew older because the game has a dying fan base, which you hear often, or is it a sport that appeals to older people?**

**JM:** I don't know the right answer. Racing has been around a long time. A lot of people have tried to kill it and say it's dead, but it still survives and clearly, as you see with the ratings for the Derby, Preakness, Belmont, and Breeders' Cup, does incredibly well at those special moments.

It's also one of those sports that skews older, but has a loyal television audience. The ease of mobile betting and learning about it will help broaden its audience and get it to a more diverse demographic. There's a tremendous amount of horse racing available to you every day of the week if you want to watch it. There are tracks running 365 days a year, pretty much, in this country. But in terms of the quality of good racing, it's important to showcase those races and I think that we're finding that.

**CC: What are some of the unique traits of horse racing that need to be exploited or leveraged by stakeholders to promote and introduce the sport to a larger audience?**

**JM:** These animals are remarkable athletes. These jockeys are incredible athletes. These trainers are incredibly accomplished. There's a lot that goes into breeding and raising a 3-year-old to race at the highest level and telling these stories is important and getting companies to understand that and helping to activate the sponsorships around it certainly helps promote that narrative.

There's no shortage of challenges out there for the sport and I give a lot of credit to the Breeders' Cup Board for trying to keep it front and center once the Belmont ends. It's not a six-week season any longer. It's an eight-month to 10-month season. You have to keep that storyline going and having these horses run and getting to see these horses becomes important. Everybody wants to see the best horses as often as they can while keeping in mind they can't run them too much because they are very fragile and they have to be maintained and well taken care of.

**CC: What's the best sports or television marketing advice you have received and who gave it to you?**

**JM:** A piece of advice that really applies to what's going on now is to listen and be very empathetic to your partners. Every one of your partners are going through this very difficult time. Their properties, their leagues, their sports or their events, are the most important thing in their world, other than their families and their health. But from a business perspective, this is their lifeblood and they're going through some significant challenges and uncertainty. We deal with 50 or 60 different properties and partners and are in constant dialogue with all of them, and each one of them has a big cloud hanging over them with uncertainty about their path forward.

So my advice to my team and the advice that I've been given by people who I respect and admire is that it's really important that you listen and be empathetic in times like this.

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We are going to come out of it and are going to be on the other side of it and things are going to get back to whatever the new normal is and people will remember a lot how you treated them when their backs were against the wall and when they were going through difficult times. You want to continue to be someone that they can look to as a rock and as a consistent good partner.

**CC: If racing had a commissioner and you were in that role for a day, what would you look at changing to improve the financial side of the sport?**

**JM:** Those are hard questions because I'm not as in tune with all of the expenses that go into breeding and raising and getting a horse ready. The problem is you've got such a disparity in what people spend, you can't really impose any kind of a salary cap. It's the ultimate free-market system in horse racing and I think it's one of the things that makes it so wonderful, that you could have a deep-pocketed farm and breeders and then you could have another guy who's put together a syndicate of his buddies and that horse, for whatever reason, just kind of comes out of nowhere. It's very tough to control anything with finances.

I would also stress the transparency. We had a really tough experience last year at the Derby. At the end of the race where there was a foul called and we couldn't get clarity and we couldn't get answers (from the stewards of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission), and we had a huge television audience waiting on the ruling. I would want the industry to work closer together to make sure that we don't have a repeat. That wasn't good for anybody. The issue of transparency is important and highlights that every sport has to be able, in real time, to explain what's going on. The more transparent you are, the more accessible you become.

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## ELLIS PARK GETS APPROVAL FOR JULY 2 START

The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission voted unanimously Tuesday to approve a July 2 start to the Ellis Park racing season. The meet had originally been scheduled to begin June 28 and Tuesday's vote also approved the extension of the Churchill Downs meeting by one day to now end on the 28th.

Ellis Park general manager Jeff Inman said the track had requested the delay to have more time to institute all the safety protocols involved with staging horse racing in the COVID-19 era. Ellis Park is making up for not running June 28 by adding July 2, a date it originally had not planned to run.

"It's win-win for everybody, including the state and Kentucky horsemen picking up an additional day of racing," Inman said.

Ellis Park will now run July 2-5, then be dark the following week to allow Keeneland to run July 8-12. Ellis then resumes its Friday-Sunday schedule on July 17, running through Aug. 30.

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## WHITNEY COLLECTION TO BENEFIT SARATOGA BACKSTRETCH CLINIC

The Marylou Whitney Collection Auction, an online event featuring items owned by the late philanthropist, will benefit the new backstretch medical clinic operated at Saratoga Race Course by Saratoga Hospital and the Backstretch Employee Service Team.

Among the offerings up for auction are a diamond choker necklace and a pristine 1985 red Jaguar XJ6, as well as couture ensembles and cocktail dresses by Bill Blass, Arnold Scassi, and Chanel; evening purses by Judith Lieber Couture and Chanel; fur coats; hats; vintage dresses; and designer scarves by Hermes and Tiffany.

The website, [www.MarylouWhitneyCollection.com](http://www.MarylouWhitneyCollection.com), debuts Wednesday at 10 a.m. for preview only. The auction begins Monday, July 27 at midnight and continues through Saturday, Aug. 1--Whitney Day at Saratoga Race Course--at 11.59 pm Bidding and "Buy It Now" options will be available.

"As I began the difficult task of going through Marylou's personal items at each of our homes, she seemed to speak to me," Whitney's husband John Hendrickson said. "No one shared her blessings and good fortune more than Marylou. No one was more dedicated to helping charities than Marylou...and so the idea was born. Her spirit of giving will live on--Marylou's personal items are going for a greater good."

Saratoga Hospital President and CEO Angelo Calbone added, "Once again, Saratoga Hospital owes a debt of gratitude to Marylou--and to John, who chose us as a beneficiary of this auction. We know how much the backstretch workers meant to Marylou, and we are honored to play a key role in making sure they continue to receive the care they need and deserve."

BEST launched the backstretch clinic in a trailer at Saratoga Race Course in 2005 and partnered with Saratoga Hospital in 2009. Since then, a team of bilingual doctors, nurses, and other Saratoga Hospital healthcare professionals have provided primary care, disease management and prevention, and other services to the backstretch community.

Paul Ruchames, executive director of BEST, expressed his appreciation.

“We were thrilled to learn that John committed to building this new, state-of-the-art facility, as a tribute to the healing spirit that Marylou exuded,” Ruchames said. “The welfare of backstretch workers was so close to her heart, and they loved her. The public’s participation in this auction will appropriately honor her legacy of kindness to everyone.”

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### MHBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

The Maryland Horse Breeders Association announced the results of its board elections Tuesday, with membership selecting one incumbent member, a 2019 presidential appointee and three new members to the 2020 Board of Directors. Dictated by MHBA bylaws, the annually held election fills five open seats on the board. Those elected will serve for the next three years. Bill Reightler, who served on the board from 2010 to 2015 and 2017 to 2019, is this year’s only incumbent. He will be joined by Ellen Charles, Michael Golden, A. Leonard Pineau and Thomas Rooney.

Of the five directors whose terms expired in 2020, Larry Murray was ineligible to stand for reelection because of having served six consecutive years as a member of the MHBA Board. Those whose terms have not expired are Richard F. Blue, Jr., Michael Harrison, DVM, Christy Holden, Michael Horning, Louis Merryman, Sabrina Moore, Kent Allen Murray, James B. Steele, David Wade and Theresa Wiseman.

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### Aqueduct Racetrack security guard charged as 'inside man' in \$280K heist

A security guard at Aqueduct Racetrack was charged Monday as the “inside man” in the armed heist of more than \$280,000 there--with the feds saying he committed another robbery with one of the crooks more than 20 years ago. Lafayette Morrison was accused of telling pal Lamel Miller and another man when and where the cash would be taken to the vault at the Queens racetrack following the lucrative “Gotham Day” races Mar. 7.

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## UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
June 20	GI Belmont S.	Belmont
	GI Acorn S.	Belmont
	GI Woody Stephens S., pres. by Claiborne	Belmont
	GI Jaipur S. (BC)	Belmont
	GII Pennine Ridge S.	Belmont
	GIII Wonder Again S.	Belmont
	GII Wise Dan S.	Churchill
	GIII Lazo Barrera S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Wilshire S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Jacques Cartier S.	Woodbine
June 21	GIII American S.	Santa Anita
	GIII San Juan Capistrano S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Whimsical S.	Woodbine

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## 2020 Leading Broodmare Sires

for stallions standing in North America through Monday, June 15

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2020 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Unbridled's Song</b> <i>(1993) by Unbridled Crops: 18</i>	8	21	3	10	1	3	449	138	3,354,892	10,488,721
				Stands: Taylor Made Stallions USA (Dead/Ret)						Contrail (JPN)	
2	<b>Giant's Causeway</b> <i>(1997) by Storm Cat Crops: 13</i>	11	17	4	10	1	1	495	147	3,162,000	9,957,761
				Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret)						Mucho Gusto	
3	<b>Distorted Humor</b> <i>(1993) by Forty Niner Crops: 15</i>	8	14	2	3	--	1	351	114	3,172,650	9,592,512
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$50,000						Golden Sixty (AUS)	
4	<b>Tapit</b> <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 9</i>	7	15	4	10	1	2	244	70	1,706,521	6,114,830
				Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$200,000						Gran Alegria (JPN)	
5	<b>Storm Cat</b> <i>(1983) by Storm Bird Crops: 26</i>	3	15	2	9	--	2	302	90	942,668	6,058,458
				Stands: Overbrook Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						Danon Kingly (JPN)	
6	<b>Kingmambo</b> <i>(1990) by Mr. Prospector Crops: 20</i>	6	13	4	8	1	3	260	61	1,046,692	5,773,002
				Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						Addeybb (IRE)	
7	<b>Mr. Greeley</b> <i>(1992) by Gone West Crops: 18</i>	5	9	3	3	1	2	317	95	420,167	5,583,353
				Stands: Gainesway Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						Miyamazakura (JPN)	
8	<b>A.P. Indy</b> <i>(1989) by Seattle Slew Crops: 21</i>	7	15	3	5	2	3	361	108	688,440	5,337,975
				Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						Zulu Alpha	
9	<b>Street Cry (Ire)</b> <i>(1998) by Machiavellian Crops: 12</i>	7	18	5	13	1	1	284	83	483,588	5,011,533
				Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret)						Con Te Partiro	
10	<b>Smart Strike</b> <i>(1992) by Mr. Prospector Crops: 18</i>	3	7	1	4	--	--	334	96	530,856	4,453,385
				Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						Epos (JPN)	
11	<b>Empire Maker</b> <i>(2000) by Unbridled Crops: 10</i>	4	10	2	7	--	--	272	93	513,741	4,353,960
				Stands: Gainesway Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						Air Almas	
12	<b>More Than Ready</b> <i>(1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 13</i>	3	8	1	4	--	--	284	84	365,964	4,225,282
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000						Covert Operation (AUS)	
13	<b>Elusive Quality</b> <i>(1993) by Gone West Crops: 15</i>	2	8	--	4	--	--	349	94	288,832	4,167,102
				Stands: Jonabell Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						Victoriam (AUS)	
14	<b>Fusaichi Pegasus</b> <i>(1997) by Mr. Prospector Crops: 13</i>	5	6	3	3	--	1	276	64	1,079,815	4,166,389
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$7,500						Win Marilyn (JPN)	
15	<b>Pulpit</b> <i>(1994) by A.P. Indy Crops: 16</i>	3	8	1	5	1	2	273	62	1,053,000	3,898,411
				Stands: Claiborne Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						Nadal	

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

Wednesday, Delaware Park, post time: 4:45 p.m. ET

OBEAH S., \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Bronx Beauty	Liaison	Castillo	Margotta Jr.	15-1
2	Wicked Awesome	Awesome Again	Pennington	Allen III	12-1
3	Trolley Ride	Flashy Bull	Beato	Houghton	15-1
4	Lady Apple	Curlin	Santana Jr.	Asmussen	7-2
5	Gotham Gala	Smart Strike	McCarthy	Delacour	5-1
6	Ujjayi	Smarty Jones	Conner	McClellan	15-1
7	Vault	Jump Start	Geroux	Cox	6-1
8	Fashion Faux Pas	Flatter	Centeno	Delacour	8-1
9	Afleet Destiny	Hard Spun	Salgado	St Lewis	20-1
10	Lucky Move	Lookin At Lucky	Rosado	Guerrero	8-1
11	Motion Emotion	Take Charge Indy	Cedeno	Baltas	5-1
12	Trace of Grace	Petionville	No Rider	Houghton	20-1

4th-Thistledown, \$20,000, Msw, 6-16, 3/up, f/m, 5f, :59.62, ft.

**LUV LYES (f, 3, Warrior's Reward--Jossy Do It {SW}, by Proud Accolade)**, sent off as the 8-5 favorite in this debut run, stalked and pounced her way to a runaway six-length score.

Cholmondeley (Daaher) was second. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**7th-Indiana Grand, \$32,500, Alw (NW1X),** Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 6-15, 3yo, 1mT, 1:36.68, fm.

**MO HAWK (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Princess Arabella {SW, \$188,400}, by Any Given Saturday),** making his first start on turf, around two turns and for trainer Rodolphe Brisset, repaid his backers' confidence to the tune of a hefty \$10 mutuel. Neatly into stride, the \$925,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase was content to drop back into a stalking second off a walking pace to the half-mile. Turning up the pressure turning for home, he hit the front with better than a furlong and held off favored Cool Summer (Summer Front), who could not take advantage of a golden, box-seat trip. The winning margin was 1 1/2 lengths. Trained previously by Bob Baffert, Mo Hawn validated 1-5 favoritism in graduating first time out at Los Alamitos before finishing fourth to future G3 UAE Guineas hero Fore Left (Twirling Candy) in the Sunny Slope S. Oct. 20. He was exiting a third to stablemate Ragtime Blues (Union Rags) in a May 25 allowance at Santa Anita. The winner's dam, a former **'TDN Rising Star'**, was purchased by Summer Wind Farm for \$725,000 in foal to Tapit at Keeneland January in 2013 and has since produced Ulele (Candy Ride {Arg}), MGSP, \$230,100. Princess Arabella foaled an Into Mischief filly last year. Sales history: \$925,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$53,940.

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**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17**

**Cinco Charlie** (Indian Charlie), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
66 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Indiana Grand, Msw 4 1/2f, FIVE PICS PLEASE, 20-1  
4-Indiana Grand, Msw 4 1/2f, LICHITA, 30-1  
\$1,000 FTK FEB yrl

4-Indiana Grand, Msw 4 1/2f, SLEWPY'S HALO, 10-1  
\$12,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$18,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Outwork** (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
118 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Indiana Grand, Msw 4 1/2f, GOD WINK, 8-1

**Runhappy** (Super Saver), Claiborne Farm, \$25,000  
94 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Indiana Grand, Msw 4 1/2f, PRETTYHAPPY, 2-1

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17**

**Blueskiesnrainbows** (English Channel), Sunlight Farm, \$2,500  
24 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Indiana Grand, \$75K Swifty Sired Fillies S., 6f, FRENCH VANILLA, 10-1  
\$9,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Daredevil** (More Than Ready), Turkish Jockey Club, private  
159 foals of racing age/24 winners/3 black-type winners  
4-Indiana Grand, Msw 4 1/2f, VANNA, 15-1  
\$1,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$1,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

**Jimmy Windows** (Proud Accolade)  
4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Indiana Grand, \$75K Swifty Sired Fillies S., 6f, ANGRY BEE, 20-1

**Summer Front** (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000  
181 foals of racing age/27 winners/3 black-type winners  
3-Delaware, Msw 1mT, ESTIVAL, 12-1  
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**Tonalist** (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000  
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**5th-Indiana Grand, \$40,300**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.34, fm.

**MAGICAL PEAPOD (m, 5, Midshipman--Larry's Love {SP}, by Presidential Order)** Lifetime Record: SP, 19-5-5-3, \$165,793. O/B-Larry Smallwood & Mike Phillips (IN); T-Gregory D. Foley.

**2nd-Indiana Grand, \$37,000**, (S), 6-16, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5f, :58.64, ft.

**BIG FUDGE (g, 4, Skylord--She's a Pioneer, by Pioneering)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$44,980. O-Patrick D. & Donald Donahoe; B-Patrick D Donahoe (IN); T-Paul E. Holthus. \*Full to Its Just Fate, SW, \$179,154.

**9th-Lone Star, \$35,000**, 6-15, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.15, ft.

**NEW COLOSSUS (h, 5, Curlin--Stellar Atmosphere, by More Than Ready)** Lifetime Record: 18-4-4-6, \$189,864.

O-Giddy Up Racing, LLC; B-Castle Park Farm, LLC, AF Thoroughbreds & John Karakourtis (KY); T-Karl Broberg. \*\$210,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$400,000 Ylg '16 KESEP.

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**7th-Indiana Grand, \$32,500**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 6-16, 3yo, f, 1mT, :n/a, fm.

**PRANKED (f, 3, Into Mischief--Tightly Wound, by Hard Spun)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-3, \$60,817. O-Nicole Lyvere; B-Endeavor Farm (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.

**5th-Thistledown, \$29,300**, (S), 6-16, (NW1X), 3/up, 1m, 1:43.04, ft.

**TEAM HUCKY (c, 4, Caleb's Posse--Winterello, by Thunderello)** Lifetime Record: 14-2-4-6, \$77,058. O/B-Team Ramgeet Racing Stable LLC (OH); T-Tina Ramgeet.

**7th-Thistledown, \$26,000**, 6-16, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.86, ft.

**SILVER G T O (g, 6, Hard Spun--Mylittledeucecoupe, by Lion Heart)** Lifetime Record: 33-7-3-5, \$102,122. O-Sebastian Gonzalez; B-Robert & Lawana Low (KY); T-Glenroy Brown.

**1st-Belterra, \$24,100**, (S), 6-16, (NW3L), 3/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06.63, ft.

**DA DUDE (g, 3, Big Atlantic--Becky Becky Becky, by Pioneering)** Lifetime: 4-3-0-1, \$53,960. O/B-Richard L. Alderson (OH); T-Larry E. Smith. \*Full to Kelly's Pride, SW, \$128,301.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Delia O'Hara**, f, 3, Khozan--Starlet O'Hara (SP), by Discreetly Mine. Canterbury, 6-16, 5 1/2f, 1:03.20. B-H & E Ranch (CA). \*\$900 RNA Ylg '18 BARJAN; \$10,500 Ylg '18 ARZNOV. \*\*SP.

**Sailsinthesunset**, f, 3, **Midshipman**--Cato Major (SP, \$270,539), by E Dubai. Lone Star, 6-16, 5fT, :57.08. B-M. Whitelaw (KY).

**Let's Go Alamo**, c, 3, **My Golden Song**--Forever Since (SW, \$131,770), by Supreme Cat. Lone Star, 6-16, 5fT, :56.67. B-Richard Chandler (TX).

**Tuffer Than Tuff**, g, 3, **Skylord**--Icay Energy, by Unbridled Energy. Indiana Grand, 6-16, (S), 5f, 1:00.63. B-Anthony Mathias (IN). \*Full to Double Tuff, SW, \$301,544; 1/2 to Academy Bay (Magna Graduate), SW, \$244,140.

**Benny**, g, 4, **Flashback**--Ten K Cat (SP, \$122,515), by Tale of the Cat. Indiana Grand, 6-16, 5 1/2f, 1:05.50. B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY).



**BIG ATLANTIC**, Da Dude, g, 3, o/o Becky Becky Becky, by Pioneering. ALW, 6-16, Belterra

**CALEB'S POSSE**, Team Hucky, c, 4, o/o Winterello, by Thunderello. ALW, 6-16, Thistledown

**CURLIN**, New Colossus, h, 5, o/o Stellar Atmosphere, by More Than Ready. ALW, 6-15, Lone Star

**FLASHBACK**, Benny, g, 4, o/o Ten K Cat, by Tale of the Cat. MSW, 6-16, Indiana Grand

**HARD SPUN**, Silver G T O, g, 6, o/o Mylittledeucecoupe, by Lion Heart. ALW, 6-16, Thistledown

**INTO MISCHIEF**, Pranked, f, 3, o/o Tightly Wound, by Hard Spun. AOC, 6-16, Indiana Grand

**KHOZAN**, Delia O'Hara, f, 3, o/o Starlet O'Hara, by Discreetly Mine. MSW, 6-16, Canterbury

**MIDSHIPMAN**, Magical Peapod, m, 5, o/o Larry's Love, by Presidential Order. AOC, 6-16, Indiana Grand

**MIDSHIPMAN**, Sailsinthesunset, f, 3, o/o Cato Major, by E Dubai. MSW, 6-16, Lone Star

**MY GOLDEN SONG**, Let's Go Alamo, c, 3, o/o Forever Since, by Supreme Cat. MSW, 6-16, Lone Star

**SKYLORD**, Big Fudge, g, 4, o/o She's a Pioneer, by Pioneering. ALW, 6-16, Indiana Grand

**SKYLORD**, Tuffer Than Tuff, g, 3, o/o Icay Energy, by Unbridled Energy. MSW, 6-16, Indiana Grand

**WARRIOR'S REWARD**, Luv Lyes, f, 3, o/o Jossy Do It, by Proud Accolade. MSW, 6-16, Thistledown



## BATTAASH STANDS ALONE ON DAY ONE



Third time's a charm for Battaash | *Racing Post*

Twice cruelly denied by his nemesis Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal) in the last two runnings of the G1 King's Stand S., **Battaash (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) was on Tuesday the undisputed ruler of Royal Ascot's five-furlong strip of verdant racing ground to provide the opener's undisputed highlight. Out of the first four for only the second time in his career when last seen trailing in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp, Shadwell's 6-year-old may have had a slight question mark over his head as he exited the stalls but within a furlong all doubt was firmly cast. Jim Crowley's main task where this particular customer is concerned has always been to hold on and by halfway the writing was once again already on the wall for all who had dared to dream he might have one of his rare off-days. Pursuit was merely futile by the furlong pole, with the 5-6 favourite having opened up and at the line there was a comfortable 2 1/4-length margin back to his stablemate **Equilateral (GB)** (Equiano {Fr}), with a short head back to **Liberty Beach (GB)** (Cable Bay {Ire}) in third. His victory was one of three on the opening day card for Sheikh Hamdan's Shadwell operation.

"He was on a bit of a going day and wanting to charge off, so my only concern was to try to get the fractions right on him because he was quite keen," man-of-the-day Jim Crowley commented. [Cont. p2](#)

## GLADIATORS READY

Royal Ascot's week-long Ryan Moore-Frankie Dettori battle was underway in some style early on Tuesday, with the former prevailing in a thrilling tussle on the 4-1 favourite **Circus Maximus (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Queen Anne S., a "Win and You're In" for the G1 Breeders' Cup Mile at Keeneland in November. Sent straight to the fore, last year's G1 St James's Palace S. and G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp hero was passed and apparently beaten by **Terebellum (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) as Frankie took charge 1 1/2 furlongs out. As he proved on more than one occasion last term, Circus Maximus is never happier than when engaged and his rally was strong enough to get the better of the filly in the shade of the post. Just a head separated the pair at the line, with the forwardly-ridden **Marie's Diamond (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) three lengths away in third as the closers failed to make an impact. [Cont. p4](#)

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Jessica Martini spoke with Dean Reeves, who co-owns Grade III winner **Sole Volante** (Karakontie {Jpn}), a hopeful for the G1 Belmont S. on Saturday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)



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**G1 King's Stand S. Cont. from p1**

"There was nothing quick enough to lead him and I wanted to save enough for the finish, which worked out. Every time he wins it feels special, he's a real superstar and hopefully we're not finished yet. He was really good going down to the start, but when those gates opened he was gone. He is just such a naturally fast horse, it's hard to find anything quick enough to lead him. He has got better as time has gone on--obviously two years ago at York, he completely blew his lid before the race and I think not having the crowd did help today."

The winning time of :58.64 narrowly missed last year's and was half a second off the 2018 renewal staged on a slicker good-to-firm surface, demonstrating that Battaash is indeed as good as ever. Having buried a hoodoo when winning last year's G1 Nunthorpe S. also at the third attempt, the 2017 Abbaye hero now has the well-deserved clean sweep of Europe's Group 1 five-furlong sprints. Charlie Hills, who was stamping this edition, is relishing going back to Goodwood for the G2 King George S. that he has proven so categorically unbeatable in.

"Obviously, we will have to speak with Sheikh Hamdan, but I am really looking forward to going back to Goodwood to try and win the King George there for the fourth time--I think that would be some achievement to do that," he said. "It is a real shame that Sheikh Hamdan is not here to witness it, but it's great to finally win a King's Stand with him."

"He was really on his 'A' game today," Hills added. "He was beautifully relaxed before the race and as soon as the gates opened you could see he was going to be very hard to beat. He has been quite relaxed in his work at home, until Saturday when Jane rode him and he was really quite strong in the first half of the gallop. I think he'd got to the point really when we needed to get a race into him. The race will do him the world of good, we can train him off today. I've lived every emotion with him now."



Trainer Charlie Hills celebrates after his Battaash and Equilateral run one-two in the G1 King's Stand S. | *Racing Post*



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He added, "We have been beaten here twice before and, had it been three times, I don't think I could have dealt with that. We always think his ace card from the two to the one-furlong pole is that he can get horses off the bridle and he gets them all going whilst he is still cruising."

Hills also had praise for Battaash's popular groom Bob Grace, who was leading up his first Royal Ascot winner. "Bob probably gets a stride slower every year, but the horse now goes at the same pace that he does," he joked. "It is amazing the connection the two have. He might be one of the fastest horses in the world, but he walks so slowly." Of the runner-up, he said, "Equilateral has run brilliantly and I always thought he was going to run a really big race. He has always shown that he is a really good horse. I know a lot of people have lost a lot of money on him over the years. He deserves to win a big one in time, but he hasn't even won a group race yet so we'll try and find one for him somewhere if we can."

Battaash's top speed was 43.4 mph, with his first and last furlongs being the fastest of the field, while Equilateral's last three furlongs were finished off in 33.8 seconds which made them the quickest.

**Cont. p3**

**Pedigree Notes**

Battaash is the first foal out of Anna Law (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), a half-sister to four black-type performers including this Stud's smart Etlala (GB) (Selkirk) who captured the G2 Champagne S. and was third in the G1 July Cup. Her other half-sibling Bird Key (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) produced another leading sprinter for the operation in the G2 Duke of York S. winner and G1 Diamond Jubilee S. and G1 QIPCO British Champions Sprint S.-placed Tasleet (GB) (Showcasing {GB}). Anna Law also has Phoenix Thoroughbreds' unraced 3-year-old filly Valletta Gold (Ire) (Gutaifan {Ire}) who is in training with John Quinn, and the 2-year-old full-sister to Battaash who was bought by Shadwell for 800,000gns at last year's Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 1. She is named Altaayshah (Ire).

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Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain

**KING'S STAND S.-G1**, £250,000, Ascot, 6-16, 3yo/up, 5fT, :58.64, g/s.

**1--BATTAAASH (IRE), 130, g, 6, by Dark Angel (Ire)**  
**1st Dam: Anna Law (Ire), by Lawman (Fr)**  
**2nd Dam: Portelet (GB), by Night Shift**  
**3rd Dam: Noirmant (Ire), by Dominion (GB)**  
 (200,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al

Maktoum; B-Ballyphilip Stud (IRE); T-Charles Hills; J-Jim Crowley. £148,000. Lifetime Record: 2x Hwt. Older Horse-Eur at 5-7f, Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 5-7f & G1SW-Fr, 21-11-2-3, \$1,979,968. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+.**

**2--Equilateral (GB), 130, g, 5, Equiano (Fr)--Tarentaise (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Charles Hills. £55,975.**

**3--Liberty Beach (GB), 121, f, 3, Cable Bay (Ire)--Flirtinaskirt (GB), by Avonbridge (GB). (£16,000 RNA Ylg '18 TASAYG). O/B-Phillip Wilkins (GB); T-John Quinn. £27,975.**

Margins: 2 1/4, NO, 1. Odds: 0.83, 9.00, 4.00.

Also Ran: Tis Marvellous (GB), Glass Slippers (GB), Shades of Blue (Ire), Kurious (GB), Rocket Action (GB), Well Done Fox (GB), Hit The Bid (GB), Sergei Prokofiev. **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



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**G1 Queen Anne S. Cont. from p1**

“He’s a very straightforward horse and they had their chance to come and beat him,” Moore commented after signalling instant intent to regain the jockeys’ title he surrendered to Dettori 12 months ago. “He fought all the way to the line and just a really good horse.”

Providing Aidan O’Brien with a 71st Royal winner, Circus Maximus is from the mould of a Giant’s Causeway or Rock of Gibraltar (Ire), a familiar tough and hardy campaigner who thrives on the Ballydoyle routine. Considered a middle-distance prospect following his juvenile season which saw him finish third in the G3 Autumn S. and fourth in the G1 Vertem Futurity Trophy, the bay did nothing to dissuade that view with a game return win in the 10-furlong Listed Dee S. at Chester last May. Sixth in the G1 Epsom Derby, he surprised when successfully making the quick and drastic reversion to a mile which Marju (Ire) and Dawn Approach (Ire) had done in the past to garner the St James’s Palace on similarly rain-eased ground.

Second to Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) as that rival gained revenge following their prior encounter at the Royal meeting in the G1 Sussex S. at Goodwood at the end of July, the Niarchos colour-bearer was seventh but not disgraced in the G1 Juddmonte International back up in trip the following month. Reverting to a mile again for the Prix du Moulin, he was allowed to keep that race despite some controversy as he made contact with the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois hero Romanised (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) in another tight battle. Sent to Santa Anita afterwards, he was racing outside of his comfort zone in the sharp test of the GI Breeders’ Cup Mile on fast ground, but showed his usual tenacity to be fourth.

Sent forward here as he had been on the round course 12 months ago, Circus Maximus found a lead from the stand’s-rail runner Marie’s Diamond and was only beginning to work up to his top rhythm at the two-furlong marker while Terebellum arrived swinging to his right. Frankie’s mount had a distinct edge soon after and looked to have left him behind, but as the line neared she failed to put significant distance between them which only served to spur on the Ballydoyle raider. Fully motivated, he managed to find the line in time, an artform that his trainer’s first Royal Ascot Group 1 winner Giant’s Causeway first demonstrated almost exactly 20 years to the day in the St James’s Palace. Circus Maximus produced a closing split of 11.89, the fastest final furlong by any horse in the race, while Terebellum’s sixth and seventh furlongs were run in 11.14 seconds and 11.44 seconds respectively, marking the front two out as clear of the rest. **Cont. p5**

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**G1 Queen Anne S. Cont.**

This win puts Circus Maximus in elite territory as only the third St James's Palace winner in recent times to return and take this prize after Canford Cliffs (Ire) and Frankel (GB). Aidan O'Brien, who was on 71 Royal winners after this, said, "We were delighted with that performance. Circus Maximus is very tough, he travels with a lot of speed, then quickens and toughs it out. It was unbelievable, really. Ryan gave him an unbelievable ride and we are delighted."

"Royal Ascot is usually a very busy week for us as we go back and forth, so it is brilliant to be able to see all the preliminaries," added the Ballydoyle handler from his home. "It is great for us and we get to see a lot of stuff that we otherwise wouldn't. We have got a great team of people to do everything when we are not there and we couldn't be happier really. Pat Keating and the lads bring them to the races and the lads fly them over, so it's a



Circus Maximus bests Terebellum | Getty Images

great team of people and they are all working together. We are so lucky to have so many special people really."

"Circus Maximus is a trademark Galileo. I think he has probably been a bit underestimated. He is a very solid horse and all his best form has been over a mile and that makes him all the more valuable and interesting. He travels very strongly and then loves getting eyeballed. The problem is he is lazy and that is why he wears blinkers. It is only when the tempo is really high that he actually races, so I think a mile-and-a-quarter and mile-and-a-half trips don't allow him to focus. The pace of the mile races allows him to get his blood up." A return to Goodwood is on the cards now. "I would say the Sussex S. is the race for him. He

is very comfortable racing around a bend."

John Gosden's decision to run Terebellum over a mile paid off and the runner-up emerges with real credit, especially as she was free in the early stages. [Cont. p6](#)

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**G1 Queen Anne S. Cont.**

Gosden said, “She ran a great race. They didn’t go any pace which probably played against her, as she gets a mile and a quarter,” he said. “She hit the front and the other one just came back on the run to the line under a rousing ride.”

**Pedigree Notes**

Circus Maximus is unfortunately the only known foal out of Duntle (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), who took the G2 Duke of Cambridge S. and Listed Sandringham H. over this straight mile at this meeting before being denied her Group 1 win in the 2012 Matron S. by the stewards. Also successful in the G3 Desmond S., G3 Amethyst S., runner-up in the G1 Prix Rothschild and third in the G1 Sun Chariot S., the Airlie Stud-bred chestnut was a rare commodity and an inspired purchase by the Niarchos Family.

Duntle’s dam Lady Angola (Lord At War {Arg}) hails from the family of two other top-level winners by that sire in the Turf Classic hero Honor In War and Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup winner La Gueriere, as well as the GI John Henry H. and GII Eddie Read H. hero Al Mamoon (Believe It). The latter is in turn responsible for the GI Personal Ensign S. winner Icon Project (Empire Maker) and the multiple graded-stakes scorer and GI Hollywood Derby runner-up Lasting Approval (With Approval).

The fourth dam Lady Winborne (Secretariat) is a half-sister to Allez France (Sea-Bird {Fr}), France’s legendary Horse of the Year and multiple champion.

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**Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain**

**QUEEN ANNE S.-G1**, £250,000, Ascot, 6-16, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:40.05, g/s.

1--**CIRCUS MAXIMUS (IRE)**, 126, c, 4, by **Galileo (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Duntle (Ire) (MGSW & G1SP-Ire, GSW & G1SP-Eng & G1SP-Fr, \$458,532)**, by **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Lady Angola**, by **Lord At War (Arg)**

3rd Dam: **Benguela**, by **Little Current**

O-Flaxman Stables, Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien; J-Ryan Moore. £148,000. Lifetime Record: Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 7-9.5f & G1SW-Fr, 12-5-1-1, \$1,347,364. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. **\*Triple Diamond\***. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Terebellum (Ire)**, 123, f, 4, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Marvada (Ire), by Elusive City. (€400,000 Ylg ‘17 ARAUG). O-Godolphin; B-Alan O’Flynn (IRE); T-John Gosden. £55,975.

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3--**Marie's Diamond (Ire)**, 126, c, 4, **Footstepsinthesand (GB)**--Sindiyma (Ire), by Kalanisi (Ire). (€35,000 Ylg '17 TIRSEP; £675,000 RNA 2yo '18 GOFGW). O-Middleham Park Racing LXXXVI; B-Tony Ashley (IRE); T-Mark Johnston. £27,975. Margins: HD, 3, HD. Odds: 4.00, 5.00, 40.00. Also Ran: Roseman (Ire), Accidental Agent (GB), Space Traveller (GB), Mohaather (GB), Skardu (GB), Billesdon Brook (GB), Fox Chairman (Ire), Mustashry (GB), Escobar (Ire), Duke of Hazzard (Fr), Plumatic (GB), Turjomaan. Scratched: Bless Him (Ire). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#) or the [free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



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## PYLEDRIVER COMES DOWN ON KING EDWARD RIVALS

In the midst of some predictable results on Royal Ascot's opener, there was the shock of a hammer blow to some big reputations as the 18-1 shot **Pyledriver (GB)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}) took the G2 King Edward VII S. without any hint of fluke. Largely disregarded despite flashing talent at two and when runner-up in the June 3 G3 Classic Trial at Kempton, Guy and Hugh Leach and Roger Devlin's bay was also low-profile in the race itself, anchored towards the rear early by Martin Dwyer



Pyledriver | *Racing Post*

along with the 10-11 favourite and **TDN Rising Star Mogul (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) and the 4-1 second favourite **Mohican Heights (Ire)** (Australia {GB}). While eyes were fixed on that pair, it was the Willie Muir trainee who was sneaking up the rail and into contention as the strong pace began to tell on the leader **Sound of Cannons (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}). Slicing between that tiring frontrunner and Ballydoyle's second-string **Arthur's Kingdom (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}) approaching two out, Pyledriver kept the latter at bay for a two-length verdict as Mohican Heights stayed on into third the same margin away.

Muir, who had saddled the 66-1 runner-up Jack's Point (GB) (Slade Power {Ire}) in the opening Buckingham Palace H., was pinching himself afterwards. "I dreamt last night I had two winners, so a second and a first I can live with," he said. "On day one this horse was a big price and I remember saying to the owners that if he was by Frankel he'd be favourite, as he's gorgeous. He's a big, weak baby and he's got lots to come. The owners got offered masses for this horse and said they weren't interested--they said we could come here and go for the Derby and I said he can't do the two because he is big and weak, but in the last few days he's come alive. He's done that, so I'm not going to say he can't go to the Derby. We are at a different level to some trainer, but we're all trying to get here."

## G2 King Edward VII S. Cont.

Successful at 50-1 on debut at Salisbury in July, Pyledriver was only fourth in the seven-furlong Listed Washington Singer S. at Newbury the following month but with that lesson under his belt came back stronger to beat Sound of Cannons in the Listed Ascendant S. over a mile on soft ground at Haydock in September. Last of seven in the G2 Royal Lodge S. at Newmarket later that month, he was 40-1 when second to Berlin Tango (GB) (Dansili {GB}) in the re-routed Classic Trial over a mile and a quarter with the likes of Max Vega (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) and Born With Pride (Ire) (Born To Sea {Ire}) behind. Now proven at this trip, he is likely to make his historic bid as the first King Edward VII winner to head to the Derby.

If committed to the July 4 blue riband, he will be aided by the 2006 Derby-winning jockey and Dwyer was keen for the opportunity in the immediate aftermath. "He's got a progressive profile and has done everything right there--he settled well and showed a good turn of foot to win going away," he said. "There is more improvement in him and, fair play to Willie, he's said all year that he's going to win a big one with this horse. He ran in the Royal Lodge last year, but it was like Bambi on ice as he was all legs that day. I probably hit the front too soon, but he was just a bit lazy and when the runner-up was coming, he did go again. They are really good attributes. I don't get the rides I used to and when you get them you have to make it count. This is a tricky contest, so I was watching videos to get it right in my head. Even though I've ridden here for 20 years, these mile-and-a-half races are so tactically-run you need to be so switched on."

Muir is tempted by the prospect. "I suppose we will have to think about the Derby," he added. "I thought we would run a big race, but there were one or two horses in here that were well-touted, well-talked about. Aidan O'Brien said that Mogul was probably his best Derby hope. He is such an athletic, nimble, easy mover. You can never say that a horse will handle Epsom, but this horse has such a balanced way about him, I think he probably would. The owners have got the mare, we've got a

New Approach 2-year-old, she's beautiful, going really nice, just gently until the back-end, we've got an Oasis Dream yearling coming through and a Frankel filly foal on the ground which is stunning. And the mare is in foal to Kingman, so we've got enough to come. I might have to keep on training now!"

Part-owner Guy Leach said of the homebred, who was led out unsold at 10,000gns at the 2017 Tattersalls December Foal Sale, "We are in Wales and not allowed to travel more than five miles, it is all very different, but I will still enjoy the night with a glass and watch the race over and over again. We must remember we would have never have been in the Derby in a normal year and we would never have supplemented him. If the horse is well enough, I am sure we'll take our chance."

## Pedigree Notes

Looking to upstage this year's G1 Stewards' Cup winner Waikuku (Ire) as the best progeny so far by Tweenhills' resident Harbour Watch (Ire), Pyledriver is the first foal out of a full-sister to the G3 Park Express S. winner Normandel (Fr) and a half to the G1 Grand Prix de Paris hero Mont Ormel (Fr) (Air Chief Marshal {Ire}). The third dam Lidakiya (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}) was responsible for Linnari (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) who captured the G1 Premio Vittorio di Capua and G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis. As outlined by the trainer, the 2-year-old filly by New Approach (Ire) is joined by a yearling son of Oasis Dream (GB), a foal daughter of Frankel (GB).

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## Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain

**KING EDWARD VII S.-G2**, £110,000, Ascot, 6-16, 3yo, c/g, 11f 211yT, 2:32.21, g/s.

1--**PYLEDRIVER (GB), 126, c, 3, by Harbour Watch (Ire)**

**1st Dam: La Pyle (Fr), by Le Havre (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Lidana (Ire), by King's Best**

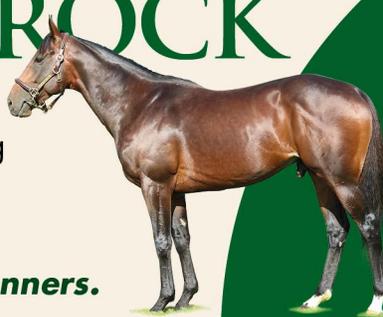
**3rd Dam: Lidakiya (Ire), by Kahyasi (Ire)**

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& Wells Ltd & R W Devlin (GB); T-William Muir; J-Martin Dwyer. £65,120. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$118,953. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Arthur's Kingdom (Ire)**, 126, c, 3, **Camelot (GB)**--Madeira Mist (Ire), by Grand Lodge. (€260,000 Ylg '18 GOFOR). O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-Skymarc Farm (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. £24,629.

3--**Mohican Heights (Ire)**, 126, c, 3, **Australia (GB)**--Mohican Princess (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB). (€100,000 Ylg '18 GOFOR; £520,000 2yo '19 GOFON). O-Sun Bloodstock SARL; B-Kevin J Molloy (IRE); T-David Simcock. £12,309.

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Margins: 2, 2, 3/4. Odds: 18.00, 4.50, 4.00.  
 Also Ran: Mogul (GB), Sound of Cannons (GB), Papa Power (GB).  
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**FRANKLY, IT'S FRANKIE**

Narrowly denied in the Queen Anne, Frankie Dettori was quick to gain compensation getting off the mark at Royal Ascot 2020 on Anthony Oppenheimer's **Frankly Darling (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) in the G2 Ribblesdale S. Free early despite being provided with an ideal lead from **Golden Lips (Ire)** (Golden Horn {GB}), the 11-8 favourite, who scored at Newcastle on the opening day of the season June 1, nevertheless had abundant fuel when committed at the two-furlong pole. Chased up the straight by **Ennistymon (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), the homebred had already sealed the outcome and was eased late to record an impressive 1 3/4-length success from that rival, with another Ballydoyle runner **Passion (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) 2 1/2 lengths away in third.

"She ran with the choke out a bit and I was pleased that Josephine [Gordon] was there to make a good pace," commented Dettori after his flying dismount from his 68th Royal and eighth Ribblesdale winner. "I got her to relax on the turn for home and she had every chance to get tired, but found another

gear and it was a very good performance. We were burning plenty of petrol in the first half of the race and she has got some lungs, let me tell you. She showed she stays well and that was a good experience for her today."

For John Gosden, it was a landmark 50th Royal winner and a third renewal from the last four. "She's done it well. Luckily, she got in to her race at Newcastle on the first day which meant that we could come here and she will have learnt a bit about racing there. She is still raw and green, but powered away and we'll see how she is in the next 10 days before we make our mind up about the [July 4 G1 Epsom] Oaks. It is some achievement for Mr. Oppenheimer to win two of these and he's a sportsman, so if we're happy with her I think he'd like to go to Epsom."



Frankly Darling | *Racing Post*

Frankly Darling, who will be making history if successful at Epsom as the first to win this and then the Oaks in that order, had been runner-up to TDN Rising Star Cabaletta (GB) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) on her sole start over a mile at Yarmouth in October before her five-length success over 10 furlongs on Newcastle's Tapeta as the British racing scene swung back into play. [Cont. p10](#)

# Frankel

NEW GROUP WINNER

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**John and Thady Gosden at a near-deserted Royal Ascot. They won the G2 Ribblesdale S. with Frankly Darling and the G2 Duke of Cambridge S. with Nazeef. | *Racing Post***

### G2 Ribblesdale S. Cont.

She very much fits the profile of Gosden's previous Oaks winners and this performance echoed that of Star Catcher (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) at last year's meeting prior to her Irish Oaks triumph.

"She was a big, rangy girl and a bit unfurnished who needed time to develop," Gosden continued. "We got a run in and she ran well, and of course she would have gone to the April meeting at Newbury and run in a mile-and-a-quarter fillies' maiden there and then gone to an Oaks trial, then maybe gone to the Oaks but obviously that all changed. She was a little wild--there's a bit of Frankel about her--but she showed an awful lot of class today. If I have an Oaks filly, it's her."

James Doyle said of the runner-up, "Ennistymon has run well. It was hard to come from where we did and the pace was quick. It was hard to make ground, but it was a good effort."

### Pedigree Notes

Frankly Darling is a daughter of Hidden Hope (GB) (Daylami

{Ire}), who was successful in the Listed Cheshire Oaks before finishing runner-up in the G2 Lancashire Oaks and G2 Prix de Pomone. Her previous black-type performer Our Obsession (Ire) (Shamardal) captured the Listed Galtres S. before producing last year's G3 Musidora S. runner-up Frankellina (GB) to a mating with Frankel, while her 4-year-old colt First In Line (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) was third in the recent Listed Buckhounds S. Hidden Hope's half-sister Rebecca Sharp (GB) (Machiavellian) took the G1 Coronation S., while another half-sibling is the G3 Lingfield Derby Trial scorer Mystic Knight (GB) (Caerleon).

Hidden Hope is out of Nuryana (GB) (Nureyev), whose unraced daughter Fleche D'Or (GB) (Dubai Destination) achieved notoriety when producing the G1 Epsom Derby, G1 Eclipse S., G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and G1 Irish Champion S. hero Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), as well as the listed-winning and multiple graded-stakes-placed Eastern Belle (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}). This is also the family of Frankel's best performer to date in Cracksman (GB), who went so close to providing this owner-breeder with a Derby in 2017.

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### Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain

**RIBBLESDALE S.-G2**, £110,000, Ascot, 6-16, 3yo, f, 11f 211yT, 2:33.29, g/s.

1--**FRANKLY DARLING (GB)**, 126, f, 3, by **Frankel (GB)**

**1st Dam: Hidden Hope (GB) (SW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-Fr, \$142,832), by Daylami (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Nuryana (GB), by Nureyev**

**3rd Dam: Loralane (GB), by Habitat**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN.** O-A E Oppenheimer; B-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden; J-Lanfranco Dettori. £65,120. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$88,118. \*1/2 to Our Obsession (Ire) (Shamardal), SW-Eng; and First In Line (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), SP-Eng, \$110,871. \*53rd SW for her sire (by Galileo {Ire}). **Werk Nick Rating: A+.**  
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2--**Ennistymon (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, **Galileo (Ire)**--Lahinch (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). O/B-Mrs Evie Stockwell (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. £24,629.

3--**Passion (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, **Galileo (Ire)**--Dialafara (Fr), by Anabaa. (800,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT). O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Lynch Bages Ltd & Camas Park Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. £12,309.

Margins: 1 3/4, 2HF, 3/4. Odds: 1.38, 11.00, 6.50.

Also Ran: Bharani Star (Ger), Golden Lips (Ire), Miss Yoda (Ger), Anastarsia (Ire), So I Told You (Ire), Trefoil (GB), West End Girl (GB), Hold Fast (Ire). Scratched: Born With Pride (Ire). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#) or the [free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

## NAZEEF BRINGS UP SHADWELL TREBLE

Capping an amazing opening day for Shadwell and Jim Crowley, **Nazeef (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) completed a notable treble with a hard-fought victory in the G2 Duke of Cambridge S. Also providing John Gosden with a double on the day, the impressive June 3 Listed Snowdrop Fillies' S. winner confirmed her continuing upward mobility arriving from mid-division to wear down **Agincourt (Ire)** (Declaration of War) in the final 100 yards and score by a head, with 2 1/2 lengths

back to **Queen Power (Ire)** (Shamardal) in third.

While this year's Royal meeting will forever be remembered for the lack of people in attendance, it will linger long for Crowley who said, "This is a special day. I thought Motakhayyel (GB) (Heeraat {Ire}) would win when no-one else did. It was great to make it third time lucky on Battaash and Nazeef was coming into this race off the back of a nice win in the Snowdrop and she toughed it out really well. She has done nothing but improve with every run."

Nazeef has come a long way in a brief period, having shed her maiden tag only in July in over seven furlongs at Newmarket. Adding a Chelmsford mile novice contest to her tally in early September, the bay followed that with a six-length handicap success over Newmarket's Rowley Mile before capitalising on the penalty carried by the G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Sun Chariot S. heroine Billesdon Brook (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}) in the Snowdrop on Kempton's Polytrack.

Gosden holds the winner in the highest regard. "She is the sweetest filly--you go into the barn and she is the first to come and say hello to you. She is very affectionate and very genuine and very brave," he said. "She did nothing but improve last year. She went right through the handicap ranks and came into listed this year."

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Nazeef | *Racing Post*

## G2 Duke of Cambridge S. Cont.

He added, "I think she deserves a little rest now, a good four weeks and there's a great race called the [G1] Falmouth [at Newmarket]. She is by Invincible Spirit and they take a little dig in the ground. In the end they went hard and she outstayed them."

"The owner has never kept fillies in training. I did ask to keep Taghrooda in training as a 4-year-old, because I thought she would have been invincible, but actually he doesn't believe in that," he added. "He did keep Enbihaar in training last year and she won all those Group 2s, so Angus Gold got down on the other knee and asked if we could keep this filly in training and here she is winning a Royal Ascot Group 2 at four. I think if you select the right ones to keep in training, it can be a wonderful time for them. Sheikh Hamdan is a huge part of our industry and I think for him to have a treble on the first day of Ascot--what a huge achievement."



Jim Crowley rode three winners on day one of Royal Ascot for Sheikh Hamdan | *Racing Post*

## Pedigree Notes

Nazeef is a daughter of the Listed Garnet S. winner Handassa (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), who is in turn a half to the GII San Gabriel S. winner and GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile third Desert Stone (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and the G3 Darley S. scorer Euginio (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). The unraced second dam Starstone (GB) (Diktat {GB}) is a half to the Bahamian Bounty (GB) pair of Group 1-winning sprinters Pastoral Pursuits (GB) and Goodricke (GB). Handassa's 3-year-old colt Musahaba (GB) (Muhaarar {GB}) is yet to race, while she also has the 2-year-old colt Mostahdaf (Ire) (Frankel {GB}).

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## Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain

**DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE S.-G2**, £100,000, Ascot, 6-16, 4yo/up, f, 8fT, 1:40.57, g/s.

1--**NAZEEF (GB)**, 126, f, 4, by **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Handassa (GB) (SW-Ire)**, by **Dubawi (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Starstone (GB)**, by **Diktat (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Star (GB)**, by **Most Welcome (GB)**

**1ST GROUP WIN.** O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden; J-Jim Crowley. £59,200. Lifetime Record: 6-5-0-1, \$123,958. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ \*Triple Plus\***. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Agincourt (Ire)**, 126, m, 5, **Declaration of War--El Diamante (Fr)**, by **Royal Applause (GB)**. O/B-Sir Robert Ogden (IRE); T-David O'Meara. £22,390.

3--**Queen Power (Ire)**, 126, f, 4, **Shamardal--Princess Serena**, by **Unbridled's Song**. (500,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT). O-King Power Racing Co Ltd; B-Roundhill Stud (IRE); T-Sir Michael Stoute. £11,190.

Margins: HD, 2HF, 2HF. Odds: 3.33, 28.00, 3.00.

Also Ran: **Iconic Choice (GB)**, **Posted (GB)**, **Wasmya (Fr)**, **Lavender's Blue (Ire)**, **Invitational (GB)**, **Magic Lily (GB)**, **Jubiloso (GB)**. Scratched: **Miss O Connor (Ire)**. [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

## Tuesday's Non-Group Royal Ascot Results:

**1st-Royal Ascot**, £35,000, Hcp, 6-16, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:26.19, g/s.

**MOTAKHAYYEL (GB) (c, 3, Heeraat {Ire}--Virtuality, by Elusive Quality)**, who was progressive last summer when winning two out of his first three starts culminating in a success in a mile handicap on fast ground at Newmarket's July meeting, had not been seen since finishing sixth here on good-to-soft in July. Buried early among the stand's-side group in this Buckingham Palace H., the 14-1 shot was delivered with the same kind of precision that saw Jim Crowley pick right among the Shadwell brigade to lead half a furlong out and assert for a 1 1/4-length success from Jack's Point (GB) (Slade Power {Ire}).

"We had four in the race and I thought I had made the right decision," Crowley said. "He's done it well. It was a great training performance. Obviously we don't have the crowd there, but it's competitive racing and it's never easy to win at Royal Ascot."

Trainer Richard Hannon added, "It's fantastic, in what has been a very gloomy few months. It looks like sport is coming back, in the right way, racing is adapting and we are showing that we can adapt to new regulations and so on. He won last year at the July meeting, which is another flat track, which is what he needs. He had to have a race--he's massive and he needed that." **Cont. p13**



Motakhayyel, with Jim Crowley in the irons | Getty Images

### 1st-Royal Ascot Cont.

He added, “We would think about something like the Bunbury Cup or a handicap at Goodwood. He didn’t appear to have the movement to be a group horse last year, but he might be.”

The dam is a daughter of the Listed Sandringham winner Hold To Ransom (Red Ransom), who produced three Australian stakes winners headed by Retrieve (Aus) (Rahy) who took the G3 Gloaming S. and was multiple Group 1-placed. She is also connected to the GII San Antonio S. winner and GI Santa Anita H.-placed Blingo (Artie Schiller) and the G1 Dubai World Cup and G1 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 scorer Prince Bishop (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). Her 2-year-old colt Adaay Dream (GB) (Adaay {Ire}), who cost £20,000 when bought by SackvilleDonald at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale, has already won on his debut at Newcastle. Sales history: 30,000gns Wlg ‘17 TATFOA; 100,000gns Ylg ‘18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$63,852.

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O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Crossfields Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Richard Hannon.

**7th-Royal Ascot, £35,000, Hcp, 6-16, 4yo/up, 2m4fT, 4:27.51, gd.**

**COEUR DE LION (GB) (g, 7, Pour Moi {Ire}–Hora {GB}, by Hernando {Fr})** finished sixth and fifth in the two latest renewals of this marathon contest and the dual-code operator went postward in a first-time visor for this subdued edition returning off an eighth in a 21-furlong handicap hurdle at Kempton in March. Shuffled back towards the rear after breaking with the front rank, the 16-1 chance turned for home with 11 rivals ahead and stayed on relentlessly under a final-quarter drive to deny Verdana Blue (Ire) (Getaway {Ger}) by a length nearing the line.

“It is unbelievable to come here as a five-pound claimer and ride a Royal Ascot winner,” beamed winning rider Thore Hammer Hansen. “It is really sad that there aren’t any crowds around, but you still get an unbelievable buzz out of it. There are so many Group 1-winning jockeys out there that haven’t ridden a Royal Ascot winner yet, so it’s just unbelievable. I won on him last year at Chester and he took me to some very big places and some very big meetings, including here.” **Cont. p14**



Coeur De Lion | *Racing Post*

### 7th-Royal Ascot Cont.

He added, “He finished fifth last year, and I rang [trainer] Alan King last week, just to come in and ride out as I saw I had got put on him again. He worked in visors and they helped, so we were quite confident that he was going to run a big race. I think it was only dreamed that he was going to go out and win.”

He is one of four scorers out of a winning half-sister to four black-type performers headed by G1 Prix du Cadran hero Invermark (GB) (Machiavellian) and GSW G1 Turf Classic Invitational runner-up Craigsteel (GB) (Suave Dancer). Coeur de Lion’s younger siblings include a 2-year-old filly by Kayf Tara (GB) and a yearling colt by Blue Bresil (Fr). Sales history: £110,000 HRA ‘18 GOFMAY. Lifetime Record: 35-6-7-5, £151,722. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-The Barbury Boys; B-Mr & Mrs R Kelvin-Hughes; T-Alan King.

## JAPAN HEADLINES DAY TWO CAST

With Ballydoyle off the mark at the 2020 Royal Ascot meeting, **Japan (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) bids to continue the momentum on Wednesday in a fascinating renewal of the G1 Prince of Wales’s S. Impressive in the G2 King Edward VII S. over 12 furlongs at this meeting 12 months ago, having been third in the G1 Epsom Derby following an interrupted preparation, the bay enjoyed a fruitful campaign thereafter when taking the G1 Grand Prix de Paris in July and York’s G1 Juddmonte International in August. Fourth in a vintage edition of the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe back over the Grand Prix de Paris course and distance in October, he is Coolmore’s most important runner of the week even if he comes with the “ready to start” proviso.

“We would have liked to have got a run into him before, but he’s in good form,” Aidan O’Brien commented. “He’s a horse we are looking forward to this year and we think he’ll run a nice race and improve and come on for it. A mile and a quarter was

no problem to him on a flat track at York and we think he’s very comfortable at the trip. He’s a very relaxed horse and a good traveller who can be a bit lazy when he gets there. He’s very genuine with a lovely mind.”

While Japan and most of the rest of the world were in lockdown, **Addeybb (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}) was living it up in Australia winning the G1 Ranvet S. at Rosehill on Mar. 21 and the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. at Randwick on Apr. 11. Both successes came on his favoured easy ground, which he looks likely to get again here and his match-fitness gives him a major edge over the favourite. It may also be that the 6-year-old has progressed again since last year, when he was the impressive winner of a very strong renewal of the Listed Wolferton S. at this meeting and second to Magical (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Champion S. over this distance. “We were pleased to see the rain falling on Monday evening and the more that falls between now and Wednesday afternoon the better for him,” trainer William Haggas said. “He’s ready to go. He’s had a good year already and he came back from Australia very fit. This is probably a bit of a step up from the Australian races, but he’s no slouch and a pretty smart horse on his day.”



Japan winning the King Edward VII S. at last year’s Royal Meeting  
*Racing Post*

Another who has had the benefit of a spring campaign is Godolphin’s **Barney Roy (GB)** (Excelebration {Ire}), who took Meydan’s Jan. 30 G2 Al Rashidiya and Mar. 7 G1 Jebel Hatta in the manner of a campaigner getting near his 3-year-old peak. Successful in the 2017 G1 St James’s Palace S. when under the care of Richard Hannon, he was eighth in the G1 Queen Anne S. last year but Charlie Appleby has had an abundance of time to re-focus the 6-year-old. [Cont. p15](#)

THIS IS PROBABLY A BIT OF A STEP UP FROM THE AUSTRALIAN RACES, BUT HE'S NO SLOUCH AND A PRETTY SMART HORSE ON HIS DAY.

William Haggas on Addeybb

### Royal Ascot Day 2 Previews Cont.

"I feel confident he is back to his best and, as a past winner at the Royal meeting, he has a lot of class," his trainer said. "He steps back up to a mile and a quarter after two wins in Dubai during the winter, when he really strengthened as an individual. I think he will run a cracking race. This is well within his compass."

Also featuring is Khalid Abdullah's G2 Prix Eugene Adam and G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano winner and 'TDN Rising Star' **Headman (GB)** (Kingman {GB}), who gets his keenly-anticipated 4-year-old season underway, and two John Gosden-trained outsiders in Sheikh Zayed bin Mohammed Racing's progressive June 7 G3 Brigadier Gerard S. winner **Lord North (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and Emirates Park Pty Ltd's G2 Prix de Malleret scorer and G1 Nassau S. runner-up **Mehdaayih (GB)** (Frankel {GB}).

Teddy Grimthorpe said of Headman, "Roger has always thought highly of him. He's a nice, scopey horse now. He's done very well through the winter. He's a got a bit of class, slightly like his father, Kingman--he has that good turn of foot to go and win. He obviously needs to step up and win at Group 1 standard this year. He's given us the right signs he'll be better as an older horse, but he has to put it on the line."

John Gosden said of his pair, "Lord North is a grand horse and he's taking his chance. It's a good edition of the race. He did nothing but improve last year. We could have run him in the Listed race [the Wolferton] with his penalty, but that seemed a little bit cowardly--we thought it's a small-enough field, it's a lovely race to run in. We'd be thrilled to get a piece of it.

"Mehdaayih is a very talented filly. We deliberated and waited. I didn't want to run her before this. She's not a huge, strong filly, she's very athletic and I think she'll go there well fresh."

In the G3 Hampton Court S., Ballydoyle's **Russian Emperor (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) is turned out just eight days after his second in Leopardstown's G3 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial and he encounters The Queen's seven-length Kempton maiden winner

**First Receiver (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}) and Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum's G1 2000 Guineas fifth **Juan Elcano (GB)** (Frankel {GB}). Also engaged is George Strawbridge's June 3 G3 Sandown Classic Trial winner **Berlin Tango (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), whose form was boosted when the runner-up Pyledriver (GB) (Harbour Watch {Ire}) took Tuesday's G2 King Edward VII S., and last year's G3 Horris Hill S. scorer **Kenzai Warrior** (Karakontie {Jpn}). He almost lost his rider at the start of the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket when ninth on June 6 and trainer Roger Teal is looking for better fortune. "He's been absolutely fine since the Guineas--he came out of it as fresh as paint," he commented. "It obviously didn't go to plan on the day. He just got himself a bit over-excited, I think he was a bit shocked when the stalls opened and he's fly-leapt and stumbled and that was that. He came back not very proud of himself, but hopefully he can redeem himself on Wednesday. He seems in very good form and I think the step up in trip will suit him--he's more of a galloper than a speedster."

The meeting's first 2-year-old race is the Listed Windsor Castle S., in which Aidan O'Brien saddles the June 10 Navan maiden first and third **Chief Little Hawk** and **Hyde Park Barracks** both by Coolmore's first-season sire Air Force Blue. Other freshmen sires with runners are Winstar's Speightster, whose son **Sheriff Bianco** races for Qatar Racing and Wesley Ward, Tally Ho Stud's Mehmas (Ire), who has four representatives, and the Cheveley Park Stud resident Twilight Son (GB). Ward also has Ken and Sarah Ramsey's Apr. 30 Gulfstream Park scorer **Sunshine City** (Creative Cause) with Frankie up, while Archie Watson puts forward Mohammed Rashid's **Mighty Gurkha (Ire)** (Sepoy {Aus}). Off the mark by 7 1/2 lengths on Lingfield's Polytrack June 5, he could provide Hollie Doyle with a first Royal winner and place her in an exclusive club of successful female jockeys alongside Gay Kelleway and Hayley Turner. [Cont. p16](#)



Kenzai Warrior looks to rebound after breaking poorly in the 2000 Guineas | *Racing Post*

**Royal Ascot Day 2 Previews Cont.**

Other notable runners on a day featuring four handicaps are the John Gosden-trained Royal Hunt Cup contenders **Lord Tennyson (GB)** (Poet's Voice {GB}), who was second in the Listed Paradise S. on his second career start at Newmarket June 5, and **Alrajaa (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}). The latter represents Shadwell who had such a bright start to the meeting on Tuesday, and the exciting 4-year-old is looking to restart where he left off with four wins in the autumn. There is even a Silver Royal Hunt Cup as a consolation race for those who missed the ballot in the main event, the 3-year-old King George V S. which often provides clues to the middle-distance Classics, and the new Copper Horse H. for the older stayers.

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**Galileo is the outright record holder with 85 Group 1 winners | Coolmore**

**Wednesday, Royal Ascot, post time: 4.10 p.m.**

**WINDSOR CASTLE S.-Listed, £40,000, 2yo, 5fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	6	Astimegoesby (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Curtis	Boughey
2	2	Chief Little Hawk	Air Force Blue	R Moore	A O'Brien
3	8	Fast Start (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	bin Suroor
4	14	Fools Rush In (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Kingscote	Dascombe
5	1	Get It (GB)	Twilight Son (GB)	Kirby	Cox
6	17	Hyde Park Barracks	Air Force Blue	Levey	A O'Brien
7	7	Macho Pride (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	Shaw	Haslam
8	11	Mighty Gurkha (Ire)	Sepoy (Aus)	H Doyle	A Watson
9	10	Muker (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Mulrennan	Makin
10	13	Selected (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Fanning	Fahey
11	16	Sheriff Bianco	Speightster	Murphy	Ward
12	3	Stay Smart (GB)	Brazen Beau (Aus)	Nolan	O'Meara
13	18	Steadman (Ire)	Elzaam (Aus)	Tudhope	O'Meara
14	20	Tactical (GB)	Toronado (Ire)	J Doyle	Balding
15	15	Tantastic (GB)	Mayson (GB)	Robinson	Ellison
16	19	Tenth Century (GB)	Fountain of Youth (Ire)	de Sousa	Bell
17	4	Victory Heights (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	McDonald	Tate
18	5	Yazaman (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Marquand	Haggas
19	9	Honeydew (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Morris	Kirk
20	12	Sunshine City	Creative Cause	Dettori	Ward

All carry 129 pounds bar Honeydew & Sunshine City, 124.

His closest pursuer was the previous record holder Sadler's Wells, whom Danehill had overtaken in 2005. Now, 10 years on, we have a new world leader in Sadler's Wells's son Galileo, who equalled his great stud companion's feat when Magic Wand (Ire) won the LKS McKinnon S. at Flemington last year and became the clear leader following Peaceful's victory in the Irish 1000 Guineas this week.

At the time of Danehill's 84th Group 1 winner, Galileo already had four crops at the races and his total of Group 1 winners stood at just 12. And given the fact that he himself stopped shuttling to Australia after only four seasons, there were no guarantees that Galileo would get close to Danehill's total. Long successful innings were needed and thankfully Galileo has stayed healthy enough to produce large quality crops ever since. As things stand, he's managed to produce just about the same number of runners as Danehill did from his two bases. Both have been represented by about 2,100 runners and therefore have almost identical strike rates when it comes to Group 1 winners.

The pair are also extremely close when ranked by other metrics, with Danehill still holding sway with 344 stakes winners, compared to Galileo's 315, but that title will go Galileo's way too sooner rather than later. And he also eclipsed Danehill's 207 group winners earlier this year when Magic Attitude won the G3 Prix Vanteaux. The question now for Galileo is what standards he himself can set any future challenger.

Just to prove the Galileo machine is working on all fronts, his son Teofilo also got in on the action at the weekend when his unbeaten daughter Tawkeel became his 16th Group 1 winner. She was also her sire's 91st stakes winner, which moves Teofilo ever closer to 100, a score achieved by fewer than 20 European sires since the pattern began. What's remarkable about Teofilo is the 10%-plus rate at which he gets stakes winners.

**GALILEO, SONS SETTING THE STANDARD**

*By John Boyce*

Last weekend was an extraordinary one for the great Galileo (Ire). **A world-best 85th Group 1 winner** with Peaceful (Ire) in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas went along nicely with the top-level victories by his son Teofilo (Ire)'s unbeaten G1 Prix Saint Alary heroine Tawkeel (Ire), plus that of Sottsass (Fr)—out of Galileo mare Starlet's Sister (Ire)—in the G1 Prix Ganay.

When the Danehill gelding Zipping became his sire's 84th Group 1 winner in the Australian Cup at Flemington on Mar. 13, 2010, it seemed an unsurpassable record at the time. After all, Danehill spent a lifetime covering sizeable books of mares in both hemispheres.

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## Galileo, Sons Setting the Standard Cont.

Any sire that can maintain 10% stakes winners or above for 10 seasons is worthy of praise. To underline the point, he's one of only eight active stallions currently above this benchmark. Moreover, he's upgrading his mares markedly.

Tawkeel, currently rated 115p by Timeform, has the potential to become his best-ever filly. G1 Irish St Leger winner Voleuse de Coeurs (Ire) is his highest-rated filly at 122, two pounds ahead of the Timeform 120-rated Group 2-winning sprinter Tantheem (Ire) who--like Tawkeel--is a Shadwell homebred. Of course, Teofilo's highest-rated son is the brilliant Exultant (Timeform 126), a five-time Group 1 winner in Hong Kong and he has two even better in Australia in Happy Clapper (Aus) and Humidor (Aus), both rated 129. Tawkeel was the 35th Group 1 winner sired by a son of Galileo, who now has seven sons with 10 or more Northern Hemisphere stakes winners. Teofilo leads the way numerically from Frankel (GB) (50) and New Approach (Ire) (43), but given normal longevity we can expect Frankel to challenge Teofilo's numbers at some point in the future.

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## YURI GAGARIN

By Andrea Branchini

In 1961, former foundryman Yuri Gagarin was the first cosmonaut to orbit the earth, and the first man in space outright, getting an early lead for the Soviets in the Race to the Moon. The name of the 4-year-old Kempton winner by Sea The Moon (Ger) out of Soviet Terms (GB) is a thoughtful and deserving one.



Yuri Gagarin | *Racing Post*

**3rd-Kempton, ,5,400, Novice**, 6-15, 3yo/up, 10f 219y (AWT), 2:21.70, st.

**YURI GAGARIN (GB) (g, 4, Sea the Moon {Ger}--Soviet Terms {GB}, by Soviet Star)** Sales history: 300,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT.

Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$8,883.

O-Godolphin; B-Genesis Green Stud Ltd And Thurso Ltd (GB);

T-John Gosden.

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

**Wednesday, June 17, 2020:**

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Air Force Blue** (War Front), Ashford Stud

107 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

16:10-ASCOT, 40K THE WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES (CLASS 1)

(Listed Race)5f, CHIEF LITTLE HAWK

16:10-ASCOT, 40K THE WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES (CLASS 1)

(Listed Race)5f, HYDE PARK BARRACKS

\$160,000 Keeneland Association November Breeding Stock Sale

2018; €250,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2019

**Buratino (Ire)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Kildangan Stud

88 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

12:20-BEVERLEY, 5f, BELVEDERE BLAST (Ire)

€7,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €30,000 Tattersalls

Ireland September Yearlings 2019

12:20-BEVERLEY, 5f, THE MOUSEN CHAMP (GB)

£8,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

**Charming Thought (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Dalham Hall Stud

48 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

17:20-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, PUMP IT UP (GB)

14,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

**Markaz (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud

78 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

17:50-CHELMSFORD CITY, 7f, MARK OF THE MAN (Ire)

£26,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

17:20-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, TWENTYSHARESOFGREY (GB)

10,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; 5,000gns

Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

**Mehmas (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud

146 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

12:20-BEVERLEY, 5f, ACKLAM EXPRESS (Ire)

€26,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2019

16:10-ASCOT, 40K THE WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES (CLASS 1)

(Listed Race)5f, ASTIMEGOESBY (Ire)

£40,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

17:20-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, COPINET (GB)

800gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; 2,200gns RNA

Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 4

16:10-ASCOT, 40K THE WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES (CLASS 1)

(Listed Race)5f, FOOLS RUSH IN (Ire)

€38,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; £60,000 Goffs UK

Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

16:10-ASCOT, 40K THE WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES (CLASS 1)

(Listed Race)5f, MUKER (Ire)

€32,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; £27,000 Goffs UK

Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

16:10-ASCOT, 40K THE WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES (CLASS 1)

(Listed Race)5f, SELECTED (Ire)

€60,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; 70,000gns Tattersalls

October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 1

12:20-BEVERLEY, 5f, TAPETEN TONI (Fr)

€27,000 RNA Osarus September Yearling Sale 2019

**Pearl Secret (GB)** (Compton Place {GB}), Chapel Stud

43 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

12:20-BEVERLEY, 5f, CONSPIRACY (GB)

£6,000 Goffs UK December Sale 2018; £8,500 Goffs UK Premier

& Silver Yearling Sale 2019

17:20-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, FLORA'S AURA (GB)

£6,000 Goffs UK September HIT & Yearling Sale 2019

**Speightster** (Speightstown), WinStar Farm

122 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

16:10-ASCOT, 40K THE WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES (CLASS 1)

(Listed Race)5f, SHERIFF BIANCO

\$135,000 Keeneland Association November Breeding Stock Sale

2018; \$120,000 Keeneland Association September Yearling Sale

2019

**Territories (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud

113 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

17:20-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, COLORANDO (GB)

14,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

**Twilight Son (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}), Cheveley Park Stud

122 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

16:10-ASCOT, 40K THE WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES (CLASS 1)

(Listed Race)5f, GET IT (GB)

£20,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

**Vadamos (Fr)** (Monsun {Ger}), Tally-Ho Stud

127 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

17:50-CHELMSFORD CITY, 7f, VAMOOS (Ire)

10,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

## FRANCE

**Charming Thought (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Dalham Hall Stud

48 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

2-ANGERS, 1350m, MELANDROS (Fr)

€10,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2019

**Dariyan (Fr)** (Shamardal), Haras de Bonneval

68 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

2-ANGERS, 1350m, SUCCESS STORY (Fr)

€15,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019

**Morandi (Fr)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), Haras du Mont

Goubert

60 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

2-ANGERS, 1350m, MILTON (Fr)

**Scissor Kick (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), Haras d'Etream

43 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

2-ANGERS, 1350m, ANGELINO (Fr)

€8,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2018 - English

Version; €25,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2019



Speightster is looking for a second winner on Wednesday.

*Louise Reinagel*

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

### SON OF IRRESISTIBLE JEWEL ON DECK FOR GOWRAN DEBUT

**2.10 Gowran Park, Mdn, €14,000, 3yo, f, 9f 100yT**

Coolmore's **LABURNUM (IRE)** (**Galileo (Ire)**), an Aidan O'Brien trainee, is a full-sister to G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and G1 Criterium International hero Roderic O'Connor (Ire).

## 2:10 Gowran Park Cont.

She is opposed by seven in this debut, including Juddmonte's **Cannoli (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB})**, who is a homebred daughter of MGSP dual stakes winner Caponata (Selkirk), representing Dermot Weld.

**2.40 Gowran Park, Mdn, €14,000, 3yo, c/g, 9f 100yT**  
**DESERT HIGHWAY (IRE) (Dubawi {Ire})** is a Dermot Weld-trained homebred son of Moyglare Stud lynchpin Irresistible Jewel (Ire) (Danehill) and thus a half-brother to G1 Irish St Leger hero Royal Diamond (Ire) (King's Best), MGSW G1 Irish Oaks third Princess Highway (Street Cry {Ire}) and MG1SP G1 Irish 1000 Guineas runner-up Mad About You (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}). His six rivals include Zhang Yuesheng's **Castel Gandolfo (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire})**, a 425,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 yearling and full-brother to G2 Rockfel S. victress Juliet Capulet (Ire), from the Jessica Harrington stable.

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## BRITAIN

### Tuesday's Results:

#### FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

**1st-Thirsk, £5,400, Nov, 6-16, 2yo, 7fT, 1:27.70, g/s.**

**HIGH PEAK (IRE) (c, 2, Fascinating Rock {Ire}--Expectation {Ire}, by Night Shift)**, who shaped with a deal of promise when second in his June 4 debut over six furlongs at Newcastle, duly delivered as the odds-on favourite going around a bend for the first time upped to seven in this return. Breaking sharply to seize the rail and an immediate lead, the 5-6 pick was untroubled on the front end throughout and kept on strongly once shaken up with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining to easily hold the late thrust of Deputy (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) by 3/4-of-a-length, registering a first win for his Ballylinch Stud-based freshman sire (by Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Becoming the seventh scorer for his dam, the May-foaled bay is the latest of 15 foals and is a half-brother to the stakes-placed Nacho Libre (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) and G2 Richmond S. victor and G1 Prix Morny and G1 Middle Park S. placegetter Always Hopeful (GB) (Mind Games {GB}). He is also a half to the dams of G3 Sweet Solera S. victress Nations Alexander (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and G2 Oaks d'Italia runner-up Must Be Late (Ire) (Champs Elysees {GB}). Sales history: 8,000gns Ylg '19 TADEYG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$5,952.  
 O-Atlantic Racing & R W Huggins; B-Ballylinch Stud (IRE); T-Mark Johnston.

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Fascinating Rock (pictured) celebrated his first winner on Tuesday.  
*Racing Post*

**2nd-Royal Windsor, £5,400, Nov, 6-16, 2yo, 6f 12yT, 1:12.93, gd.**

**TWAASOL (GB) (c, 2, Adaay {Ire}--Dolly Colman {Ire}, by Diamond Green {Fr})** broke well from an outer stall, but was trapped wide in mid division through the initial stages of this debut. Weaving a passage into contention inside the two pole, the 16-1 chance was ridden to challenge Zamaani (Ire) (Night of Thunder {Ire}) with 100 yards remaining and dominated from there to deny that rival by 3/4-of-a-length, becoming the fourth winner for his freshman sire (by Kodiak {GB}). Half to a yearling filly by Showcasing (GB), the March-foaled bay is the third of four foals and second scorer out of a winning half-sister to G1 Phoenix S. runner-up and MGSW sire Kool Kompany (Ire) (Jeremy) and Listed La Coupe de Marseille runner-up Ridge City (Ire) (Elusive City). Sales history: 67,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; 120,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,403.

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

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-Owen Burrows.

**3rd-Thirsk, £6,400, Mdn, 6-16, 3yo/up, f, 7f 218yT, 1:39.65, g/s.**

**ANGEL OF THE GLEN (FR) (f, 3, Gleneagles {Ire}--Archangel Gabriel, by Arch)** was steadied to track the leaders in fifth after an alert getaway in this unveiling. Making headway under pressure in the straight, the 7-1 chance was ridden to the front approaching the final furlong and kept on well thereafter to assert by a half-length from Poet's Lady (GB) (Farhh {GB}). The January-foaled bay is the first of four foals produced by an unraced sibling of MGSW sire Prince Arch (Arch) and G1 Vincent O'Brien National S.-winning sire Kingsfort (War Chant).

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**3rd-Thirsk Cont.**

She is a half-sister to the unraced 2-year-old filly Ville de Grace (GB) (Le Havre {Ire}), a yearling colt by Kingman (GB) and a 2020 filly by Saxon Warrior (Jpn). Sales history: €170,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,219. 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Hunscote Stud Ltd; B-Hunscote Stud Ltd & Humber Bloodstock (FR); T-Karl Burke.

**6th-Thirsk, £5,400, Mdn, 6-16, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:11.50, g/s.**

**ETERNAL BLUSH (IRE) (f, 3, No Nay Never--Surrey Pink {Fr}, by Kyllachy {GB})** was off the pace under cover through halfway in this debut. Powering forward passing the quarter-mile marker, the 22-1 chance was ridden into second entering the final furlong and kept on strongly to swamp Blazing Hot (GB) (Hot Streak {Ire}) by 1 3/4 lengths nearing the line. She is the second of four foals and first winner produced by a granddaughter of MGSW G2 Flying Childers S. victress Land of Dreams (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), herself the dam of MG1SW sire Dream Ahead (Diktat {GB}). The March-foaled bay is a half to the hitherto unraced 2-year-old filly Sixtynine (Ire) (Estidhkaar {Ire}) and a yearling filly by Cotai Glory (GB). Sales history: €15,000 Wlg '17 GOFNOV; €30,000 Ylg '18 TIRSEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,403. 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Clipper Logistics; B-J Connolly (IRE); T-David O'Meara.

**8th-Royal Windsor, £5,400, Mdn, 6-16, 3yo, 10fT, 2:14.28, gd.**

**NOVA ROMA (GB) (c, 3, Golden Horn {GB}--Ragsah {Ire} {GSP-Eng}, by Shamardal)**, an Oct. 28 debut seventh going one mile at Kempton in his only prior start, tanked to the front after the initial exchanges of this turf bow. Stoked up approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 13-8 joint-favourite was headed briefly by Rocket Rod (Ire) (Australia {GB}) with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and required little coaxing once eyeballing that market rival, bounding clear in the closing stages to score by an impressive four lengths. Kin to GII Goldikova S. third Richmond Avenue (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and a 2020 filly by Iffraaj (GB), he becomes the second winner for G3 Firth of Clyde S. runner-up Ragsah (Ire) (Shamardal), herself a half-sister to MG1SW sire Dubai Millennium (GB) (Seeking The Gold). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,403. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (GB); T-John Gosden.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Northbound (Ire)**, c, 2, **Fast Company (Ire)**--Natalisa (Ire), by Green Desert. Royal Windsor, 6-16, 5f 21yT, 1:01.01.

B-Owenstown Bloodstock Ltd (IRE).

**Electric Mistress (Ire)**, f, 3, **Dandy Man (Ire)**--Aunt Nicola (GB) (SP-Eng), by Reel Buddy. Thirsk, 6-16, 6fT, 1:12.30. B-Deerpark Stud (IRE). \*Dead-heated for 1st. \*\*€72,000 Ylg '18 TIRSEP.

**Ametist (GB)**, g, 3, **Dutch Art (GB)**--Zykina (GB), by Pivotal (GB). Chepstow, 6-15, 7f 16yT, 1:23.74. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB). \*1/2 to Spangled (GB) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), GSW-Eng, \$106,651; and Jumira Bridge (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), SP-Eng.

**Mediate More (Ire)**, g, 3, **Gutaifan (Ire)**--Peace Talks (GB), by Pivotal (GB). Thirsk, 6-16, 6fT, 1:12.30. B-JC Bloodstock (IRE). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*Dead-heated for 1st. \*\*\*€20,000 Ylg '18 TIRSEP.

## IRELAND

### INS STALLION'S SUMMER SERIES ANNOUNCED

The Irish EBF and the Irish National Stud will be joint sponsors of four 2-year-old fillies' maidens this summer, the stud announced on Tuesday. The INS Stallion's Summer Series will give the winning breeder a free nomination for the 2021 season to the stallion named in each race in addition to the prizemoney allocation. The June 20 'Free Eagle' Irish EBF Fillies' Maiden will be held at Naas, followed by the 'Phoenix of Spain' Irish EBF Fillies' Maiden at The Curragh on June 26, the July 3 'National Defense' Irish EBF Fillies' Maiden at Navan and finally Leopardstown's July 23 'Decorated Knight' Irish EBF Fillies' Maiden.



Free Eagle | Irish National Stud

"The INS are delighted to partner with the Irish EBF to create a summer series of 2-year-old fillies' maidens which will benefit a wide cross section of the industry." **Cont. p21**

**INS Stallion's Series Cont.**

Added Irish EBF Chairman John O'Connor, "The Irish EBF board would like to thank the Irish National Stud for co-sponsoring with us at this crucial time. We are delighted to see stallion farms increasing their sponsorship to help the bloodstock industry at this difficult time and we would encourage other stallion farms and commercial sponsors to follow suit."

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## FRANCE

**Tuesday's Results:**

**2nd-Dieppe, €20,000, Mdn, 6-16, unraced 3yo, 12ft, 2:39.30, vsf. ZEYREK (FR) (c, 3, Sea the Stars {Ire}--Zerkaza {Ire}, by Dalakhani {Ire})** employed patience off the pace in rear until making a forward move into contention at halfway in this debut. Looming large off the home turn, the 11-10 favourite eased to the front underneath the stands' side rail in early straight and dominated under minimal encouragement inside the final quarter mile to score unextended by a geared-down 1 1/2 lengths from Transatlantic (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). He becomes the first winner produced by an unraced daughter of undefeated

MG1SW European champion Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar), who is also the dam of G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud hero Zarak (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}) and stakes-winning G1 Prix Vermeille third Zarkamiya (Fr) (Frankel {GB}). The homebred bay is kin to the 2-year-old filly Zeroua (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) and a yearling filly by Fastnet Rock (Aus). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

**2nd-Dax, €13,000, Mdn, 6-16, 3yo, 10 1/2ft, 2:13, sf.**

**CORDOVA (IRE) (f, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Only Green {Ire} {MSW & GSP-Fr, \$165,007}, by Green Desert),** who registered a May 17 debut fifth over 9 1/2 furlongs at La Teste de Buch last time, raced in third for most of this one. Roused along on the home turn, the 2-1 second choice bounded to the front passing the eighth pole and surged clear in the latter stages to hit the line 4 1/2 lengths ahead of Badr (Fr) (Muhaarar {GB}). She is the sixth foal and winner out of dual stakes-winning G3 Prix Imprudence third Only Green (Ire) (Green Desert) and the homebred bay is a half-brother to MG1SP G2 Prix d'Harcourt victor Shaman (Ire) (Shamardal), dual stakes winner Green Sweet (Smart Strike) and a yearling filly by Siyouni (Fr). **Cont. p22**



The impeccably bred Zeyrek wins geared down on Tuesday. His granddam is the unbeaten Arc winner Zarkava. | Scoop Dyga

**2nd-Dax Cont.**

Descendants of her second dam Only Seule (Lyphard), herself a winning half-sister to elite-level winners Mehthaaf (Nureyev) and Elnadim (Danzig), include MG1SW distaffer Occupandiste (Ire) (Kaldoun {Fr}), GI Woodbine Mile victor Mondialliste (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches runner-up Impressionnante (GB) (Danahill) and G1 Prix du Jockey Club-winning sire Intello (Ger) (Galileo {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €7,400. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE); T-Christophe Ferland.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**1st-Dieppe, €22,000, Cond, 6-16, 4yo, 15fT, 3:20.77, vsf. PAPPALINO (FR) (c, 4, Makfi {GB}--Bartira {GB}, by Cape Cross {Ire})** Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP-Fr, 13-4-3-3, €135,680. O-Gerald Laroche & Jean-Louis Quiniou; B-Stud RDI (FR); T-Jerome Reynier. \*€18,000 Ylg '17 AROCT.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Volkovka (Fr)**, f, 3, **Camelot (GB)**--Drole de Dame (Ire), by Anabaa. Dax, 6-16, 10 1/2fT, 2:16. B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran & Ecurie JML Racing (FR). \*€57,000 2yo '19 OSAAPR.

**Civilian (GB)**, c, 3, **Teofilo (Ire)**--Balandra (GB), by Medicean (GB). Dieppe, 6-16, 12fT, 2:37.89. B-Aston House Stud (GB). \*65,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT. \*\*1/2 to Nathan Mnm (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}), MSP-Ger.

ITALY

**Monday's Result:**

**FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE**

**1st-Chilivani, €5,500, 6-15, Mdn, 2yo, 1200mT, 1:13.74. SA PALA UMBROSSA (IRE) (f, 2, Vadamos {Fr}--Grain de Beaute {Ire}, by Lawman {Fr})** was tabbed a slim second-favourite at 2-1 against the colts in this debut. She ran out a solid 2 3/4-length winner over fellow filly Lory di Tony (GB) (Adaay {Ire}), but a fellow first-season sire. She is the first winner for her freshman sire and G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp victor (by Monsun {Ger}). Sa Pala Umbrossa is also the third foal, second to race and second winner produced by her winning dam, a half-sister to G3 Prix de Saint-Georges winner Beyond Desire (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). From the same family as European champion juvenile colt and Group 1 sire Mastercraftsman (Ire) (Danahill Dancer {Ire}) and Italian/German highweight Pressing (Ire) (Soviet Star), she is followed by a yearling filly by Decorated

Knight (GB). Sales history: €2,800 Ylg '19 GOFOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €2,500.

O-Teresa Carta. B-Irish National Stud (Ire). T-Antonio Cottu.

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Vadamos sired his first winner in Italy on Monday. | Tally-Ho Stud

WORLDWIDE NEWS

**RECORD PRIZE MONEY FOR 2020-21 IN HONG KONG AS DERBY GETS GIANT BOOST**

by Alan Carasso

It has been a season of upheaval in Hong Kong, the racing product threatened first by social unrest and then the coronavirus. But for the most part, the Hong Kong Jockey Club has been able to stay the course and Tuesday, it announced across-the-board increases in prize money for the 2020-21 season, including a 20% bump for its domestic centrepiece, the BMW Hong Kong Derby.

“At a time when prize money levels are being cut worldwide, the prize money increases announced by the Hong Kong Jockey Club are very welcome news, and a testament to the strength, resilience and buoyancy of Hong Kong racing, even in these very difficult times,” said Chew Fook Aun, president of the Hong Kong Racehorse Owners Association.

A record HK\$1.4 billion (£142.9m/€160m/A\$261m/US\$181m) will be up for grabs next season over the course of 88 meetings at Sha Tin Racecourse and Happy Valley Racecourse and represents an overall increase of 4.9% over the current season.

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**HK Record Prize Money Cont.**

The Hong Kong Derby, the final leg of the 4YO Classic Series and a race coveted by many Hong Kong owners, will offer prize money of HK\$24 million, while the two lead-in races--the Hong Kong Classic Mile and Hong Kong Classic Cup--also see purse hikes of 20% to HK\$12 million. Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro) became just the second horse to complete a Classic sweep this past March. The Hong Kong Derby will be the world's second-richest Derby, trailing only the Japanese equivalent.

Five of Hong Kong's 12 annual Group 1 races will be contested for prize money of HK\$12 million next season, a 20% boost, while the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint goes from HK\$20 million to HK\$22 million, a 10% hike.

"Hong Kong is already home to the world's richest turf races at 2000 metres, a mile and 1400 metres, and, while our Group 1 prize money is strong, we have nonetheless identified a specific need to increase the prize funds for six of our Group 1 races, notably the Longines Hong Kong Sprint (1200m), which regains its status as the world's richest Group 1 turf sprint," said Andrew Harding, Executive Director, Racing, for the HKJC.

Group 2 purses will rise a total of 5.9% (HK\$4.25m to HK\$4.5m) and Group 3 races will carry prize money of HK\$3.5m (up from \$3.25m), an increase of 7.7%. The increases will also spill into all classes of handicap races. Class 1 races will be funded to the tune of HK\$3m (+7.1%) and Class 2 races will be worth HK\$2.2m (+4.8%). Classes 3 through 5 each get purse increases of 3.4%.

"Hong Kong racing is among the best in the world and part of what makes it such a competitive sports environment is the



Sha Tin Racecourse | Getty Images

excellent prize money available from Class 5 right up to Group 1," Harding said. "Despite the issues associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty in world economies, we will continue our successful strategy of recent years to increase purse levels as necessary in order to reward and encourage our owners and to ensure Hong Kong's elite races are attractive to overseas competitors. This approach has been a core element in Hong Kong being able to maintain its position as a world leader in providing quality horseracing and has enabled us to achieve

between 20 and 26 horses in the World's Best Racehorse Rankings for each of the past seven years."

Three-time champion UK jockey Silvestre de Sousa is a frequent visitor to Hong Kong on short-term contracts, having ridden 14 winners at his most recent stint.

"It was amazing to wake up this morning and read the news about record prize money increases in Hong Kong," he said. "It just shows how forward-thinking the Hong Kong Jockey Club really are and it's

happening against a backdrop when the rest of the world are doing the exact opposite and tightening their belts."

The Club also announced a bonus incentive for trainers in an effort to increase the quality of horses for the Longines International Jockeys' Championship at Happy Valley in December. The scheme will offer HK\$200,000 to the most successful trainer, HK\$100,000 to the runner-up and HK\$50,000 to third, with points awarded in similar fashion as the jockeys' challenge.

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**Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3.00 p.m.**

**PRINCE OF WALES'S S.-G1**, £250,000, 4yo/up, 9f 212yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Addeybb (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Marquand	Haggas	126
2	2	Bangkok (Ire)	Australia (GB)	de Sousa	Balding	126
3	1	Barney Roy (GB)	Excelebration (Ire)	Buick	C Appleby	126
4	3	Headman (GB)	Kingman (GB)	J Watson	Charlton	126
5	5	Japan (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	R Moore	A O'Brien	126
6	7	Lord North (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	J Doyle	Gosden	126
7	4	Mehdaayih (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Dettori	Gosden	123

**Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 1.50 p.m.**

**HAMPTON COURT S.-G3**, £60,000, 3yo, 9f 212yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Berlin Tango (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Murphy	Balding	130
2	2	Kenzai Warrior 	Karakontie (Jpn)	J Watson	Teal	130
3	4	First Receiver (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Dettori	Stoute	126
4	3	Juan Elcano (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Atzeni	K Ryan	126
5	8	King Carney (GB)	Australia (GB)	Tudhope	Fellowes	126
6	1	Mascot (GB)	Zoffany (Ire)	Bentley	Beckett	126
7	7	New World Tapestry	War Front	Kirby	A O'Brien	126
8	6	Russian Emperor (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	R Moore	A O'Brien	126

**Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3.35 p.m.**

**GOLD CUP-G1**, £250,000, 4yo/up, 19f 210yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Cross Counter (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	J Doyle	C Appleby	128
2	4	Mekong (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Crowley	Osborne	128
3	8	Prince of Arran (GB)	Shirocco (Ger)	Atzeni	Fellowes	128
4	2	Stradivarius (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden	128
5	7	Withhold (GB)	Champs Elysees (GB)	J Watson	Charlton	128
6	3	Moonlight Spirit (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	C Appleby	127
7	1	Nayef Road (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	R Moore	Johnston	127
8	5	Technician (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Murphy	Meade	127



**HOME OF THE 2020 BREEDERS' CUP**

*November 6-7*



**Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 2.25 p.m.**

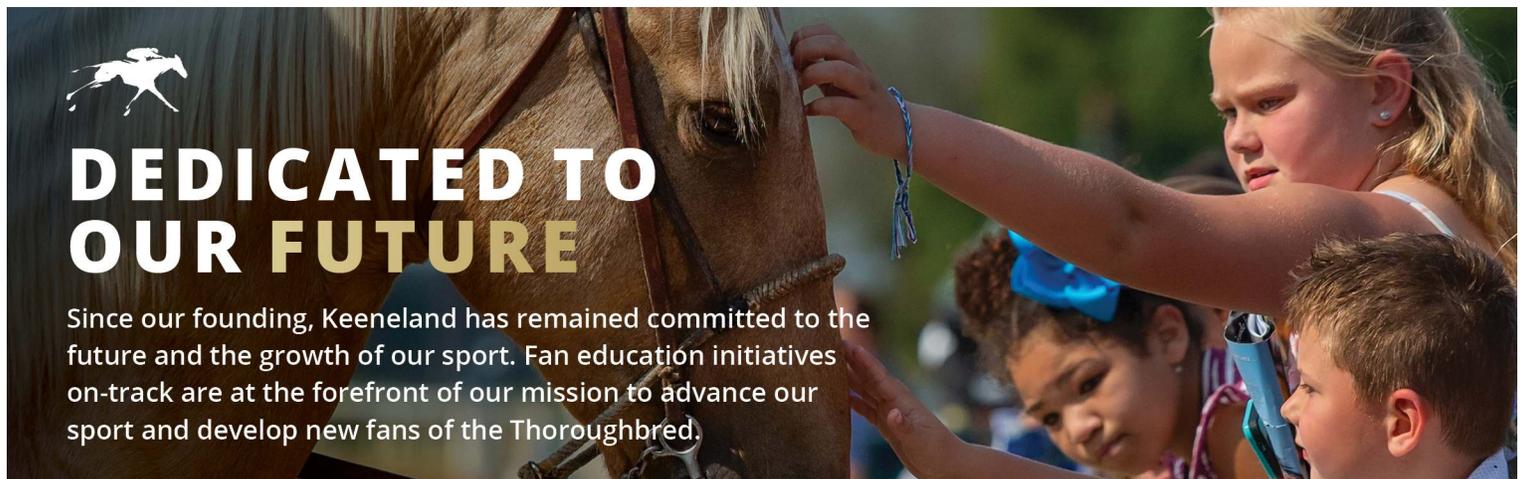
**JERSEY S.-G3, £60,000, 3yo, 7fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	10	Above (Fr)	Anjaal (GB)	Murphy	A Watson	127
2	2	Celestin (Fr)	Dabirsim (Fr)	J Doyle	Chappet	127
3	7	Fleeting Prince (Ire)	No Nay Never	Shoemark	Hills	127
4	15	King Leonidas (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Dettori	Gosden	127
5	11	King of Athens	War Front	Levey	A O'Brien	127
6	3	Lord of the Lodge (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Curtis	Burke	127
7	9	Mister Snowdon (GB)	Lethal Force (Ire)	Kelly	R Hughes	127
8	5	Molatham (GB)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Crowley	Varian	127
9	6	Monarch of Egypt 🦄	American Pharoah	R Moore	A O'Brien	127
10	12	Mystery Power (Ire)	No Nay Never	de Sousa	Hannon	127
11	4	Repartee (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Atzeni	K Ryan	127
12	1	Ropey Guest (GB)	Cable Bay (Ire)	Queally	Margarson	127
13	14	Symbolize (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Probert	Balding	127
14	8	Ventura Lightning (Fr)	No Nay Never	Hamilton	Fahey	127
15	13	Final Song (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Buick	bin Suroor	124

**Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3.35 p.m.**

**COMMONWEALTH CUP-G1, £250,000, 3yo, 6fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Aberama Gold (GB)	Heeraat (Ire)	Gray	Dalglish	126
2	3	Dubai Station (GB)	Brazen Beau (Aus)	Curtis	Burke	126
3	10	Golden Horde (Ire)	Lethal Force (Ire)	Kirby	Cox	126
4	1	Lope Y Fernandez (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	R Moore	A O'Brien	126
5	4	Mums Tipple (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Levey	Hannon	126
6	6	Pierre Lapin (Ire)	Cappella Sansevero (GB)	Atzeni	Varian	126
7	17	Pistoletto	War Front	Tudhope	A O'Brien	126
8	13	Royal Commando (Ire)	No Nay Never	Shoemark	Hills	126
9	16	Royal Crusade (GB)	Shamardal	Buick	C Appleby	126
10	5	Royal Lytham (Fr)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Cosgrave	A O'Brien	126
11	15	Southern Hills (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	de Sousa	A O'Brien	126
12	14	Ventura Rebel (GB)	Pastoral Pursuits (GB)	Hamilton	Fahey	126
13	12	Wooded (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	J Doyle	Graffard	126
14	11	Kimari	Munnings	Dettori	Ward	123
15	7	Les Hogues (Ire)	Bated Breath (GB)	Kelly	Baker	123
16	8	Millisle (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Marquand	Harrington	123
17	9	Shadn (Ire)	No Nay Never	Murphy	Balding	123



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**Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 2.25 p.m.****NORFOLK S.-G2, £50,000, 2yo, 5fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Andronicus Beau (Ire)	Gutaifan (Ire)	Kingscote	Dascombe	127
2	12	Cooperation (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Levey	Hannon	127
3	3	Emirati Dirham (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	de Sousa	Quinn	127
4	5	Eye of Heaven (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Dettori	Johnston	127
5	9	Get It (GB)	Twilight Son (GB)	Kirby	Cox	127
6	6	Golden Pal 🐎	Uncle Mo	Atzeni	Ward	127
7	2	Imperial Force (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	J Doyle	Balding	127
8	13	Jojo Rabbit (GB)	Due Diligence	H Doyle	A Watson	127
9	14	Lipizzaner 🐎	Uncle Mo	R Moore	A O'Brien	127
10	10	Macho Pride (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	Shaw	Haslam	127
11	11	Nelson Gay (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Kelly	R Hughes	127
12	4	Papal Bee (Ire)	Estidhkaar (Ire)	C Fallon	Brown	127
13	1	The Lir Jet (Ire)	Prince of Lir (Ire)	Murphy	Bell	127
14	8	Ventura Tormenta (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Dobbs	Hannon	127

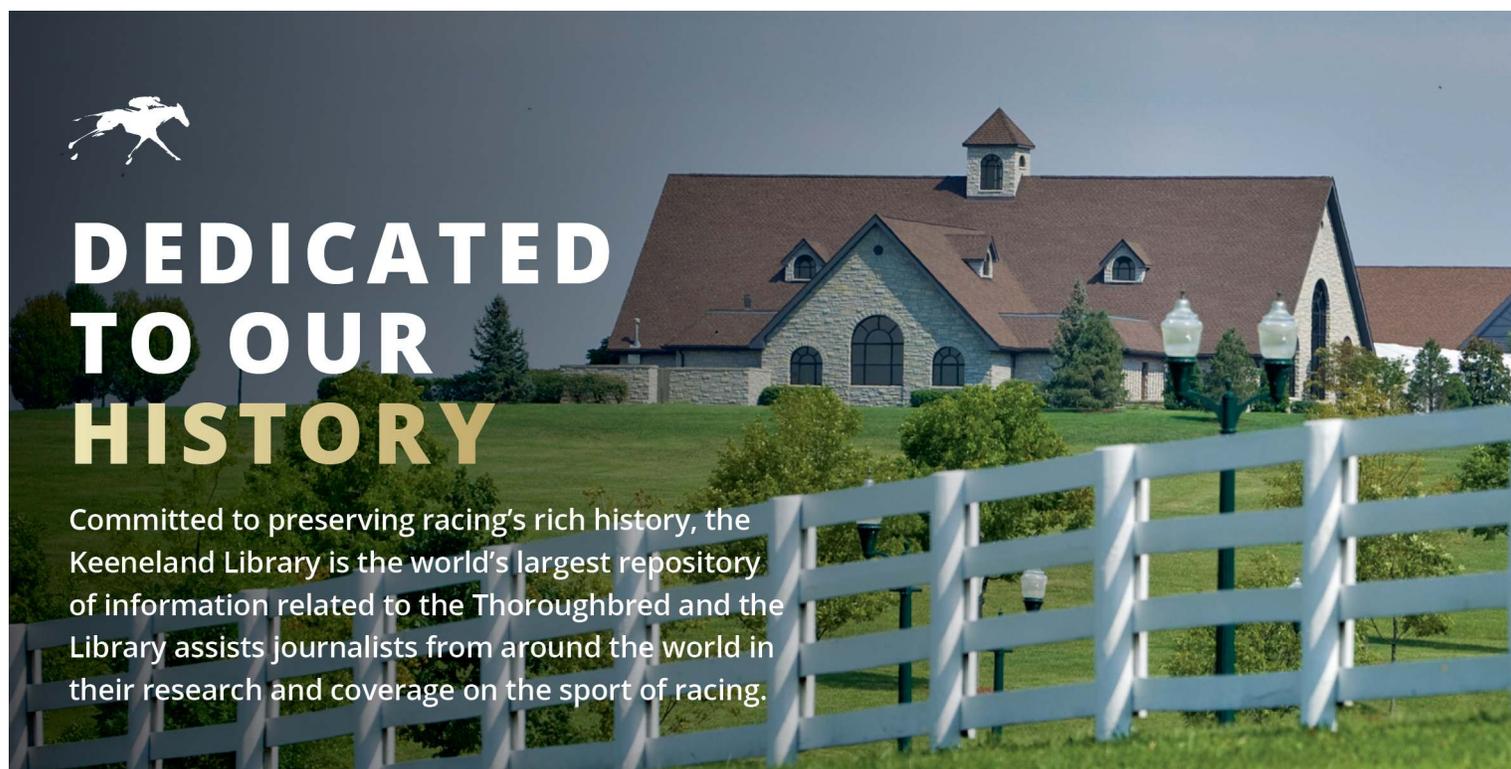
**Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3.00 p.m.****HARDWICKE S.-G2, £125,000, 4yo/up, 11f 211yT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Alounak (Fr)	Camelot (GB)	Murphy	Balding	127
2	6	Anthony Van Dyck (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	R Moore	A O'Brien	127
3	10	Communique (Ire)	Casamento (Ire)	Fanning	Johnston	127
4	5	Defoe (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Atzeni	Varian	127
5	2	Desert Encounter (Ire)	Halling	Marquand	Simcock	127
6	3	Eagles By Day (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Tudhope	Bell	127
7	7	Elarqam (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Crowley	Johnston	127
8	9	Hamish (GB)	Motivator (GB)	J Doyle	Haggas	127
9	11	Morando (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	de Sousa	Balding	127
10	4	Spanish Mission 🐎	Noble Vision (GB)	Buick	Simcock	127
11	8	Fanny Logan (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden	124



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**Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 4.10 p.m.**

**QUEEN'S VASE-G2**, £110,000, 3yo, 14f 34yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Al Dabaran (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	C Appleby	126
2	2	Berkshire Rocco (Fr)	Sir Percy (GB)	Murphy	Balding	126
3	3	Cloud Thunder (GB)	Poet's Voice (GB)	D Egan	Main	126
4	9	London Arch (GB)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Curtis	Fellowes	126
5	1	Nobel Prize (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Dettori	A O'Brien	126
6	6	On Guard (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Donohoe	Gosden	126
7	7	Punctuation (GB)	Dansili (GB)	de Sousa	Balding	126
8	5	Santiago (Ire)	Authorized (Ire)	R Moore	A O'Brien	126
9	8	Born With Pride (Ire)	Born To Sea (Ire)	Marquand	Haggas	123

**Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 1.50 p.m.**

**ALBANY S.-G3**, £40,000, 2yo, f, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	9	Bonne Vitesse (Ire)	Fast Company (Ire)	Tudhope	Ellison	126
2	7	Cirrus (GB)	Starspangledbanner Aus)	Dobbs	Hannon	126
3	14	Dandalla (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Curtis	Burke	126
4	3	Flying Aletha 🦄	Tiznow	Buick	Ward	126
5	11	Follow Suit (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Keniry	Cox	126
6	2	Golden Melody (Ire)	Belardo (Ire)	J Doyle	Haggas	126
7	4	Mahale (GB)	Kodiac (GB)	Murphy	Channon	126
8	10	Mariance (GB)	Adaay (Ire)	Hornby	Portman	126
9	5	Mother Earth (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	R Moore	A O'Brien	126
10	6	Setarhe (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Atzeni	Varian	126
11	12	Undertake (GB)	Kodiac (GB)	D Egan	Varian	126
12	13	Valpolicella (GB)	Tamayuz (GB)	R Ryan	P & O Cole	126
13	8	Ventura Vision (Fr)	No Nay Never	de Sousa	Johnston	126
14	1	Willabell	War Front	Dettori	Gosden	126

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## SUNLIGHT TO LEAD MAGIC MILLIONS CAST



Sunlight | Bronwen Healy

By Paul Vettise

A unique offering during the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale is expected to attract worldwide breeder interest when **Sunlight** (Zoustar) graces the Gold Coast ring as Lot 80 next month.

The undoubted jewel in the 622-strong **Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale catalogue**, which along with the National Weanling Sale catalogue is now online, will be the multiple Group 1 winner Sunlight.

Trained by Tony and Calvin McEvoy, Sunlight won 11 of her 24 starts and three wins at the elite level plus the Magic Millions 2YO Classic, saw her retire with earnings in excess of \$6.5 million.

The 4-year-old, also a Magic Millions Racing Women's Bonus winner, is owned by Robyn Parker, Irene Mitchell, Loretta Fung (Aquis Farm), Katie Thompson (Widden Stud), Rae, Shannon and Jordan Fletcher (Telemon Thoroughbreds), Qatar Bloodstock and G1G Racing & Breeding.

Tony McEvoy, with Aquis Farm and Julian Blaxland, selected Sunlight at the 2017 Gold Coast Yearling Sale and went to \$300,000 to secure her out of the draft of Widden Stud, who is preparing the mare for the Broodmare Sale.

"What a great mare. As a racehorse she had it all—a great attitude, honesty, temperament—but perhaps most importantly a toughness, which you need to be successful in any walk of life," McEvoy said.

"She had magnificent soundness which enabled us to travel her around Australia and perform at the top level. Sunlight has been a champion mare for McEvoy Mitchell Racing and has continually taken us to the pinnacle of Australian racing."

Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch is in no doubt that the eyes of the breeding world will be on Sunlight when she comes under the hammer.

"I would suggest that as long as I can remember that she would be the best-credentialed mare to go to auction in this part of the world," he said. "I think she demands attention from breeders all over the world. She was a champion race filly, competitive as a 2, 3 and 4-year-old and she's got an outstanding physique. I think anyone, anywhere in the world will see just what a quality mare she really is."

While Sunlight will take the lead role at the sale, there are a number of high-class supporting acts on offer.

"We've got Viddora (Lot 492), a crack sprinter by I Am Invincible with a first cover to Lope De Vega and just an outstanding prospect," Bowditch said. "Then Invincibella (Lot 12) and Unforgotten (Lot 92)—two extremely well-credentialed Group 1 winners."

Being offered by Newgate, Viddora is a classic Magic Millions fairy-tale, from her \$40,000 Adelaide Yearling Sale purchase to a winning a brace of Group 1 events and \$2.85 million in prizemoney. She claimed the Winterbottom S. and Moir S. and placed twice more at the top level and ended her career with a gallant fourth behind G1 King's Stand and G1 Diamond Jubilee winner Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal {USA}) in the Group 1 Al Quoz Sprint on the Dubai World Cup card.



Invincibella | Bronwen Healy

A member of the Glenesk Thoroughbreds' draft, Invincibella (I Am Invincible) won the G1 Tattersall's Tiara and completed an unprecedented three successive victories in the \$1 million Magic Millions Fillies & Mares features to bank more than \$3 million.

Unforgotten (Fastnet Rock), who will be offered by the Blue Sky Premium Consignment, was a G1 Australian Oaks heroine and a two-time Group 2 winner of more than \$1.5 million.

"That's not to mention the strong group of race fillies, among them the likes of Champagne Cuddles (Lot 131). It's an exciting catalogue and packed with quality. We are very excited about the youth of the catalogue, it's extremely young both with the race fillies and the mares in foal with first and second covers.

"It gives breeders great opportunities to buy mares than can make a great statement for their farms for many years into the future."

The sale will open at 2pm on Monday, July 20 with the race fillies and maiden mares, stallion shares and nominations with the broodmares to be offered from 10am on the following two days.

### Top Quality Youngsters

The quality continues through the National Weanling Sale with 309 lots to be auctioned and 19 young stallions will be represented by members of their first crop at the sale, which boasts graduates including superstar sires Pierro and Zoustar.

The recent Australian Derby winner Quick Thinker (So You Think {NZ}) is the latest Group 1 winner to emerge from the sale.

"It is a condensed catalogue this year, having a later sale, and all the young sires are there in numbers. The farms will offer their very best weanlings at this sale and earmarked this as an auction to show off all their sires.

"It's a strong catalogue and you only have to look at the results out of the sale, whether it be the traders and pinhookers looking to buy horses to sell back as yearlings or the end users, this auction has been quite phenomenal for its results on the

racetrack," Bowditch said. "The support of the vendors and the faith and patience they've showed in our ability to hold a live auction has been greatly appreciated. We just can't wait to get everybody to the Gold Coast next month and do what we do best.

"We have an outstanding line up of stock to offer the market and look forward to hosting everyone for our much anticipated live auction. Whether it be maiden mares, mares in foal or weanlings, this catalogue will offer more opportunity and quality than any other."



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