

BELMONT STAKES Q&A WITH JOHN IMBRIALE



John Imbriale | Adam Coglianesse

by Steve Sherack

ELMONT, NY - After winning a contest in the *New York Daily News* back in 1979, John Imbriale got his first taste of the announcer's booth and press office at the New York Racing Association, and has been part of the fabric at Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga ever since. A jack of all trades, Imbriale served as a backup to the legendary racecaller Tom Durkin beginning in 1990 and has held several behind-the-scenes roles with *NYRA TV* throughout the years as well. Appointed to the position of head announcer in late January, the affable native of Queens, New York will be behind the binoculars as they line up for Saturday's 152nd renewal of the GI Belmont S.

"November of '79 I started, and it's been a good run and a good ride," Imbriale said. "I got this opportunity and I hope to make the best of it."

This year's Belmont, now the first leg of the reshuffled Triple Crown, has been shortened to 1 1/8 miles and will be contested spectator-free due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"Everybody knows it's under different circumstances," Imbriale said before adding with a laugh, "I come along, they change the distance, which order the Triple Crown is run in, no fans, etc. But you have to deal with the hand that you're dealt. It's still obviously very exciting and thrilling to be able to do it on Saturday."

TDN's Senior Editor Steve Sherack caught up with Johnny I for a Q&A session as the big day approaches. **Cont. p3**

NOT EVEN A PANDEMIC CAN PUSH RICE OFF COURSE

by Christie DeBernardis

ELMONT, NY - Linda Rice is as meticulous as they come in preparing her horses. The conditioner knows every detail about each and every horse in her care and maps out very specific plans for them. But, as organized as Rice is, she is equally as adaptable, as every horse trainer must be, and those qualities have served her well as she prepares **Max Player** (Honor Code) for a step up to the big leagues in an unconventional edition of the GI Belmont S. Saturday. Max Player's unique journey to the top started early on when he failed to meet his reserve at Keeneland September, RNAing for \$150,000. Sent to Rice in late May of his 2-year-old season, the lanky bay did not show his trainer much in the mornings. **Cont. p7**

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Framed by Belmont Park's ivy-covered walls, GI Belmont Stakes contender Sole Volante (Karakontie {Jpn}), left, exits the paddock and visits the main track on Thursday morning. | Sarah Andrew

SOLE GIVES PANICI DAY IN THE SUN

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Chris McGrath offers a behind-the-scenes look at Luca Panici, who will partner GI Belmont S. contender Sole Volante Saturday.

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Q: New York sports is back and beautiful Belmont Park is back! Those were your words as you welcomed back not just racing in New York, but all of New York Sports, when Belmont re-opened for business June 3. This has just been such a surreal time for everyone throughout the pandemic, but how good did it feel to kick things back up and return to some sort of normalcy? And on a more personal level, getting your start as the No. 1 announcer at Belmont?

Jl: I really thought about that race for quite a while. It was a unique scenario, even perhaps more unique than a Belmont S. Let's hope that we don't have to go through that again. Hopefully, [my call] came across O.K. There were some butterflies in the belly for the first race out. I'll tell you that.



John Imbriale | *Adam Coglianese*

Q: That first race back, and your stretch call, was on almost every major New York news channel that evening. Other than the Belmont S., you don't really see racing in that kind of spotlight in this media outlet anymore.

Jl: It got a lot of coverage, which was really neat. I didn't really think of it that way at first where our sport was the first one back in New York after all this time. Sometimes you get so involved in what you're doing, that you kind of forget about the outside world. If the race went off at 1:18 p.m., I was a very happy camper at 1:20 p.m.

Q: Growing up in Queens and spending your college days at St. John's, I take it you spent a lot of time at Belmont and Aqueduct? How did you catch the racing bug?

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JJ: Actually, my brother and some of my uncles were bigger racing fans than I was, and I would go occasionally. If they were going to go, I would tag along. It was clearly the Affirmed-Alydar match up in '78 that got me the bug. And Affirmed and Steve Cauthen, I thought that was just a tremendous story. Affirmed was my first love as far as horse racing was concerned and I've been a fan ever since.

Q: Winning a *NY Daily News* contest has led to a lifelong career at NYRA and you celebrated your 40th anniversary with the organization in November. What do you remember about the contest and how it all came about?

JJ: You had to make a tape--you could go to the track if you wanted to--but I actually made one in my brother's living room, just did a recreation of a race. I sent that in, and from that, they narrowed it down to three people who would do a live call. Mine was July 25th of '79, and up until that point, that was probably the most nervous I've ever been doing anything. [Track announcer] Marshall Cassidy was up there with me during the call.

The gig--you didn't get anything as far as announcing was concerned--but you got a job in the press office, and as it turned out, they asked me to come on board. That was the end of July, and I started working for NYRA on Nov. 5 of '79 in the press office doing notes, backstretch stuff, helping out doing the first media guide and then went from there.

Q: You've had plenty of different roles throughout the years at NYRA, including working alongside Harvey Pack on *Inside Racing*, as well as several behind-the-scenes responsibilities with *NYRA TV*. Looking back at all your time at NYRA, can you reflect a little bit? What are some of the things that stick out?

JJ: It's funny. During the 40 years, I've been a media specialist, a coordinator, an assistant announcer and now an announcer, a producer, a director, on-air talent, a host, a co-host, etc.

Really one of the first things that I did, or got involved in, has stayed with me for a long time. The weekly *Frank Wright* show that aired on Saturdays on *Channel 9*. You got to see the late double on Saturdays at Belmont, Aqueduct and Saratoga. I got to be in the production meetings as a liaison with Frank Wright, Charlsie Cantey, Marshall Cassidy, and learned how they put a show together. Those were really fun times as a young kid just getting my feet wet at the track, but also being involved in the only racing show that there was at the time.

Doing the stuff with Harvey, whether it be *Inside Racing*, you learn so much from watching different people without even having to ask questions.

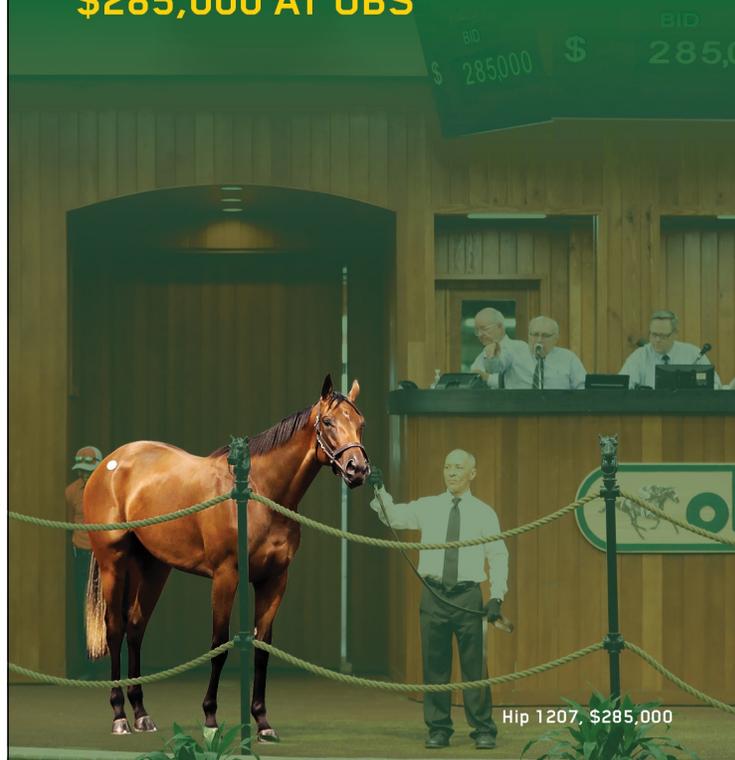


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Whether it be him or Tom [Durkin]. The person who spent the most time with me regarding announcing was Marshall [Cassidy]. I would go next door at Aqueduct and do a call into a tape recorder and go back into the booth and he would watch the replay with me while listening to my call and he really helped me out a lot. And listen, you don't have to be a brain surgeon to pick up on some good things if you spent 24 years listening to Tom Durkin, either. One of the most important things he ever told me was that I shouldn't listen to him. And what he meant was, he wanted me to develop my own style. Tom had a lot of good catch phrases that he used, and he didn't think that's what I should do. And he was right.

Larry [Collmus] was terrific for the five years he was with us, too, and now I have my chance to do my thing.

Q: That leads into my next question. Any announcers out there that you admire, past or present? Sounds like Tom would be at the top of the list?

Jl: I firmly believe Tom is the greatest announcer that there has ever been. And it goes beyond some of his legendary calls, whether it be Rachel [Alexandra] at Saratoga or some of the near misses in the Belmont.

It was really a daily freshness that he brought to his craft that I think is unparalleled. The announcer who had the best voice was Dave Johnson. He just had a cadence--he was right there with where his voice was for a track announcer.

Q: Each announcer kind of does things a little differently getting ready for a day at the races, whether it be a colored program, playing out the race first off pp's, etc. How much prep work goes into calling a card for you?

Jl: I do color the program for the silks, and make notes for blinkers and caps. I make as many notes as I can. I'm not one to handicap though. Listen, Tap It to Win is supposed to go to the lead in the Belmont. You do have a little bit of anticipation in certain big races. But when it comes to the everyday stuff, I'm going to leave the 'who's going to be on the lead' to the handicappers. One of the main reasons I say that, it's that great phrase, 'You never know what's going to happen when they open those gates.' You can think the four horse is going to the lead and he comes out a little slow and now you've got to adjust the call. I take the approach, 'See the horses, call the horses,' wherever they may come out.



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Q: You touched on Affirmed and Alydar’s epic rivalry before and how much it influenced you. That has to be your favorite Belmont, right?

Jl: No question, it’s still the greatest race I’ve ever seen in person and I was in the stands for that. To think that they went at it like that after the Derby and Preakness with a Triple Crown on the line—I don’t know if we’ll ever see a match up like that again.



Tiz the Law schooling at Belmont Thursday | Sarah Andrew

Q: This year’s Belmont is obviously very different, but Tiz the Law is certainly a worthy headliner. Early thoughts on the race?

Jl: With everything being so different this year and with horses being so lightly raced these days, we don’t know how good Tiz the Law really is yet. Maybe he’s a superstar. That’s kind of the mystery that makes it fun. That’s always the fun part about the 3-year-olds. You just don’t know when that horse is going to appear that the public is really going to embrace. We’ve got a major race to be run Saturday, so let’s see. Maybe Tiz the Law blows them out of the water. Or maybe we just have a good race and that becomes the story and we go from there.

Q: The gate won’t be lined up in front of the stands, and the building will be empty, but what kind of emotions will you be feeling as they head to the gate at 5:42 p.m. ET Saturday?

Jl: Hopefully, controlled excitement. I’m following a tremendous group of broadcasters. It’s certainly a thrill and an honor.

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“As a 2-year-old, he was a bit of an enigma as he did not show much ability or talent,” Rice said from her well decorated office beside Barn 44 at Belmont. “I had to explain to George Hall on multiple occasions that Max Player was making progress, but it was slow and steady. I really couldn’t tell him how much ability this horse had. We finally got him as far along as we could and we put him in a race at Parx, trying to give him an easier race to start out with, and he showed a big, closing kick, which he has done in all of his races at this point, like his father, Honor Code.”

The main word that could be used to describe Max Player’s Nov. 12 debut at Parx is green. Racing wide and at the back of the pack most of the way, the George Hall colorbearer came flying late to be second by a half-length. Back in at Parx Dec. 17 going a mile in the slop, Max Player made good on the promise he showed in his unveiling, unleashing a powerful late turn of foot to win going away by 4 1/4 lengths.

That victory gave Rice the confidence to run Max Player back home in New York, entering him in the Feb. 1 GIII Withers S. over nine furlongs at Aqueduct. Sitting off the pace again, but a bit closer than his previous races, the sophomore powered past his competition in deep stretch for a 3 1/4-length success (video).

After Max Player rallied to victory in the Withers, Rice had her eye on the Gil Wood Memorial S. in early April, choosing to take the New York route to the GI Kentucky Derby. While Rice’s star colt certainly had her dreaming of roses, he also had her thinking further ahead to the Test of a Champion. However, the leading conditioner did not envision that this would be the route she would take to get there.

Enter COVID-19. Racing was halted in New York in mid-March and the entire world was put on pause. This forced Rice to not only call an audible, but to call them just about daily as the pandemic kept racing in a state of constant fluctuation.

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Max Player galloping over the Belmont main track Wednesday | Christie DeBernardis

“After we won the Withers, we were pointing towards the Wood Memorial,” Rice said. “It would have given him a two-month break and it was run on the same track, Aqueduct, where he won the Withers and was at a mile and an eighth. That was canceled because of the pandemic and we were training towards something.”

The horsewoman continued, “With racing canceled in New York, we discussed going to the [GI] Arkansas Derby [May 2] and the [GIII] Matt Winn [S. May 23], but elected to wait for racing to open up in New York. It looks like there will be a lot of opportunity from this point forward and we didn't want to travel our horse and wear him out before then.”

Racing finally returned to the Empire State June 3 and the Belmont was pushed from its original June 6 date to June 20. In addition, it was shortened from 1 1/2 miles to 1 1/8 miles. In keeping with the topsy turvy nature of 2020, the Belmont has also now become the first leg of the Triple Crown instead of the last as the GI Kentucky Derby was moved to Sept. 5 and the GI Preakness S. was pushed to Oct. 3.

“I think he will be fine at 1 1/8 miles and I think he would have been fine at 1 1/2 miles,” Rice said. “But coming off a five-month layoff, I am glad it is 1 1/8 miles. I think that is a distance that more horses are able to compete at.”

Max Player will break from post three on Saturday with Joel Rosario in the irons for the first time. Rosario looks for back-to-back Belmont wins after capturing last year’s renewal with Sir Winston (Awesome Again). He also won the race in 2014 with Tonalist (Tapit).

“I think Joel is going to fit the horse very well,” Rice said. “Joel has won a lot of Grade Is and most of them have been at a route of ground. He won the Belmont last year with Sir Winston and a few years back with Tonalist. So, I think he fits this horse really

well. He is very good on a strong closer.”

Max Player will still be coming from behind in Saturday’s test, but, Rice said she believes he will be closer than he was in his past races. The colt has matured into his large frame, making him quite impressive to look at, and has progressed well through his training during quarantine. He enters the Belmont off a six-furlong breeze on the main track in 1:12.25 June 13.



Linda Rice and Max Player enjoying some grass and sunshine | Christie DeBernardis

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"I am hoping they will set an honest pace in front of him," Rice said. "I don't think he will be as far back as he was in his earlier races. He has more tactical speed than he used to."

Rice has been asked many times over the past week what it would be like to be the first woman to win a Triple Crown race. While Rice has been breaking down doors for females in the racing industry for decades, such as becoming the first woman to win a Saratoga training title and the first to win a Grade I at Keeneland, the third-generation conditioner prefers to focus on what a Belmont victory would mean for her as a trainer.

"Everyone would love to be on the Triple Crown trail, man or woman," said Rice, who secured her 2,000th win in January. "It is very exciting to have a horse you really want to run and that you know can get the distance. I've won seven training titles in New York, but I've never won a Triple Crown race, so we are hoping to get that done."

At the Belmont draw Wednesday, Rice said they had just not given women enough time to win a Triple Crown race. But, with Rice's knowledge and diligence and Max Player's ever-improving talent, the time may just be now.

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| | GII True North S. | Belmont |
| | GIII Vagrancy H. | Belmont |

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SOLE GIVES PANICI DESERVED DAY IN THE SUN

by Chris McGrath



Luca Panici | Ryan Thompson

At 46, Luca Panici is far too deep into his career for anyone to talk sensibly of breakthroughs. But if it is unusual to find the second favorite for a Classic ridden by a jockey who has otherwise partnered a single graded stakes winner, then let nobody be deceived. Luca Panici was born and raised for days like Saturday, and his horsemanship and character are absolutely commensurate with the opportunity awaiting him on **Sole Volante** (Karakontie {Jpn}) in the GI Belmont S.

The one pity, of course, is that this belated showcase will be so bleakly lacking the atmosphere that usually prevails on the Triple Crown trail. Yet the real hollowness, the real absence, relates not to the deserted grandstands, but to the man who entwined both nature and nurture in the evolution of Panici's talent: his father Vittorio, who belonged to a golden generation of jockeys in Italy, and died only last year.

"With no fans, for sure, it's not the same," Panici admits. "Belmont is a big racetrack where they can seat 60,000 or 70,000 people. But we just have to be thankful to have the opportunity to run these races. In Florida, we never stopped racing. They've done a great job, and we have to be grateful to all the people involved. So I think we should see everything as a plus, and enjoy it."

"But yes, my father, he was really proud of my choice to come and make a career here. He used to visit every year, and watch the races. And I'm pretty sure that he will still be proud from Heaven."

Vittorio's riding career extended for 42 years, and associated him with the distinguished stables of Federico Regoli and Antonio Pandolfi. His own father had been a jockey, likewise his three brothers. Unsurprising, then, that Luca and his brother Marco also entered the family trade.

"I was almost born on the racetrack," says Panici. "All the family were involved: they were all jockeys or trainers or assistant trainers. I lived two steps from the track. And for everybody in my area, the dream was to become a soccer player if you had the right body; or to go to the racetrack if you were too small for that.

"I'm lucky to have had so many family members involved. They taught me a lot, growing up. My father was a very intelligent rider. He could say before the race all the tactics of the other jockeys. So, as a beginner, I would try to follow him and think about the moves he made. He wasn't a big talker, but his little bits of advice you'd always remember for next time."

Panici owes his big chance to another transatlantic migrant in trainer Patrick Biancone, who found Sole Volante for just \$20,000 at OBS last April. Panici first rode the gelding in the colors of Biancone's daughter Andie, though his silks on Saturday will reflect the investment meanwhile of Dean and Patti Reeves.

In his time, Biancone has tutored four of the outstanding modern French riders in Dominique Boeuf, Eric Legrix, Gerald Mosse and Olivier Peslier; and, after reaching the United States, he similarly mentored Julien Leparoux. As such, his faith in the veteran Panici obviously means a great deal.

"Mr. Biancone has won the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe twice, he's a first-class trainer who compares with the best in the world: [John] Gosden, [Aidan] O'Brien, even [the late Sir Henry] Cecil," he says. "These top trainers, they can see something in the horse, just galloping, that others can't see. To pick a horse out like this one, for that kind of money: this is an artist. And when you are riding for this kind of trainer, it's much easier. They know right away the ability these babies have, and how they will develop. From the first day, Mr. Biancone was always confident about this horse.

"These trainers, they have the full package. They choose the right horse, they choose the right jockey. Mr. Biancone has discovered a lot of good jockeys. So to be chosen by a guy like him is great: it's exciting, it improves you. He started to put me up on horses a couple of years ago.

He gave me a couple of chances, I got lucky, things went well. Here it's not like in Europe, where you have contracts: here if you're not winning, they can change the trainer or the jockey. But we started on the right foot together, we kept winning. And I like his work, in the mornings, especially with the babies. He has a lot of respect for the horse."

Panici has ridden Sole Volante with corresponding aplomb, pouncing from the rear in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. and again last week in the allowance race chosen by Biancone as a left-field prep for Saturday.

Certainly his mount could only gain confidence from the way Panici delivered him there, sheltering him from a hot pace so that he could scythe them down as they tired in the stretch. It was a lovely, restrained piece of riding.

"It worked out perfect for us," Panici says. "A fast track, a fast pace. It was genius in Mr. Biancone, to come back in a race like that. And I do enjoy the way this horse races. In America, a lot of horses go fast in the beginning. With him, you have to sit and

wait but then the turn of foot is very strong, very fast. Sometimes you have to be lucky coming from behind, if the track is fast, because you don't have that long stretch like in Europe. But when you ask this horse, he gives everything."

But if these tactics are tailored to Sole Volante, perhaps they also show how Panici has adapted his European education to the American environment. Frankie Dettori, similarly, has cultivated a style that transcends both cultures from a parallel background: his father Gianfranco rode for years against Vittorio Panici.

"But Frankie is older!" Panici stresses with a laugh. "I am the younger generation! He was born in 1970, and I'm 1974. He is a part of my brother's year. When we played soccer, and he was 11 or 12, I was really a kid. But Frankie is more than the best jockey. He's the best person, and everything he has got in his life he deserved.

"But yes, if his father didn't win, my father won. When I started riding, in the '90s, the turf in Italy was one of the best in Europe. So I gained a lot of experience, and could pick up things from all the older trainers and jockeys. It was a good journey.

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**Co-owner and co-trainer Andie Biancone atop Sole Volante
Thursday at Belmont | Sarah Andrew**

"Because we also had jockeys like Willie Carson, Lester Piggott, Pat Eddery coming to ride the big races in Milan. It was spectacular. Wally Swinburn, Cash Asmussen, Steve Cauthen. A generation of genius jockeys. There was no riding school at the time, but race-riding you could learn lessons all the time."

Panici first started coming to Florida in the 1990s, initially for a few weeks at a time. His brother Marco had done a stint with Luca Cumani in Newmarket, and that opened a connection to Cumani's former assistant Christophe Clement.

"I always loved the American racing," Panici says. "And then in the early 2000s the economy was pretty bad in Italy: they were cutting purses, closing tracks. So I made that big decision. It took time. If you don't have the right connections, it takes time to break the ice. I had to learn to be more physical; how to prepare my body. In Europe you travel more and ride less. Here you ride six days a week, and a lot of races; and you're working hard in the mornings too. So you need to develop your body, to be more athletic."

No less than his rider, Sole Volante has proved adaptable between a grass education and a dirt graduation.

"Even before he had run, he showed ability breezing on both surfaces," says Panici. "When he won first time out on the grass, it was just a regular race, but he showed that ability to pass horses. But the best thing was that he has always had a tremendous mind. He's very quiet, you can train him how you want, and you can put him wherever you want in a race."

Panici has only recently returned from a third fracture in six months, having broken a couple of ribs at Gulfstream in late April after earlier foot and collarbone injuries. Having assumed himself to have only suffered bruising, the X-ray was an unpleasant surprise.

"That hurt more than a broken bone, thinking that you might miss a horse like this," he says. "But that's how a jockey's life can be. You might never touch the ground for a few years and then something can happen two or three times in a few months. The important thing, in this job, is always to stay positive. I have to thank the owners, and Mr. Biancone.

They told me this horse was always waiting for me, and that's a big motivation to have something like this to come back to. And so my target was to make sure I came back 100%, and luckily I'm fine now."

In a normal year, of course, that accident would have kept him out of the GI Kentucky Derby itself. As it is, the Derby still beckons at the end of the summer. The inversion of the Belmont, now the first and shortest of the Classics, might not

suit Sole Volante ideally with a relatively small field running around a single turn. But Panici believes the horse to be indifferent to distance, given an adequate tempo.

Certainly it would be nice to think that whatever momentum he can generate in the stretch, horse and rider can keep moving forward—potentially to more Grade I prizes later in the year, with the kind of buzz and crowds merited by this fresh chapter in a proud family saga.



Sarah Andrew photo

For while Panici speaks with all the humility of one long accustomed to the ups and downs of his calling, by the same token he is seasoned enough to ascend calmly to this higher altitude. Florida horsemen attest to his immaculate bearing, and diligence in the mornings. (Among them, his compatriot Dr. Paolo Romanelli of Ital-Cal Horse Management, a great-nephew of Vittorio Panici's employer Federico Regoli). And the fidelity of Biancone, in this ruthless business, speaks volumes of Panici's eligibility for this belated opportunity.

Every inborn instinct should help him to seize it.

"It is a good feeling, to be part of this show," Panici says.

"These Triple Crown races are the most important races in America and to be part of that, on this horse with a nice story, is very exciting. I'm proud of all the people around me that have helped me to ride this horse.

"This is one of the best jobs in the world. But sometimes you have to be lucky. Without luck, you can't find the right people, the right horse. Yes, you have to have the ability, the quality. But sometimes without luck, you get nowhere."

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TAKING STOCK

by Sid Fernando



RACE RECORDS AND STALLION PROSPECTS



Tiz the Law winning the GI Florida Derby | Lauren King

by Sid Fernando

Sackatoga Stable's Tiz the Law (Constitution) was a Grade I winner at two, won the Grade I Florida Derby this year, and goes for the first Classic of the season as the favorite in the GI Belmont S. on Saturday. His breeding rights have been tied up for months, and if he does nothing from here on in--highly unlikely as that is--he'll still have a place at stud at a prominent farm. Tiz the Law's racetrack future is bright. After the Belmont, he'll likely contest the GI Travers at Saratoga in August ahead of the GI Kentucky Derby in September and the GI Preakness in October, and a win in one or more of those races will only burnish his resume and take him to another level as a stallion prospect. Classic winners who were also highest-level winners at two are the most sought-after types in the breeding shed among both owner-breeders and commercial breeders, and at this moment Tiz the Law is perhaps the only colt of his generation with a legitimate chance to attain that status.

Godolphin's Maxfield (Street Sense) was another Grade I-winning juvenile like Tiz the Law who had a chance to become a Classic winner this year, but following a comeback win in the GIII Matt Winn S. at Churchill Downs last month, he suffered a fracture in his first breeze back and it appears likely his career is over. If he's done racing, his record will stand at three wins from three starts, including a top-level win in the GI Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland in his second start, and he'll probably go to stud at Darley, Godolphin's breeding arm, where his sire stands.

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Nadal didn't win a Grade I race at two, but he was undefeated in his four career starts, including the GI Arkansas Derby, and was a leading contender for the Classics before he suffered a career-ending fracture in a workout, too. One of his owners, George Bolton, has said he'll go to stud next year, though where that may be hasn't been announced yet.

Fragile Horses

Victoria Keith, who's affiliated with Fox Hill Farm, tweeted on June 10: "At some point, racing may want to address the fragility of the breed. Several top 3yos out with injury, Maxfield the latest, who's had 2 bone injuries in 3 starts."

She followed that tweet with this one: "Where are the soundness stats? In an industry full of handicapping, nick, and other data, shouldn't owners and breeders be equipped with soundness data when they make their breeding and buying decisions?"

Keith certainly raises some legitimate questions, something Fox Hill dealt with after the death of the stable's Eight Belles (Unbridled's Song) in the Kentucky Derby gallop-out. In fact, it's an issue that's been addressed since the beginnings of the sport, and you can throw a dart into any time frame since and find commentary on the issue from various angles. In the Nov. 13, 1961, issue of *Sports Illustrated*, for example, Whitney Tower, writing about some racetrack injuries, referenced this quote from the *Chronicle of the Horse*: "Far more important has been the long established practice of breeders to put to stud any animal which will transmit speed, no matter what its shortcomings in other respects. Thus, there have crept into the Thoroughbred breed various types of inherited unsoundness--crooked legs, round ankles, bad knees, shelly feet, curby hocks, soft and brittle bones."

In 1961, there were far more owner-breeders in the sport who raced the horses they bred, but nowadays, especially in Kentucky, commercial breeders dominate the landscape, and because they frequently use first-crop sires as an investment strategy, there isn't any "soundness data" on the offspring of these horses on which to base mating or buying decisions,

except for their own race records. And race records are sometimes unreliable guides to future sire performance. Raise a Native (Native Dancer) and Northern Dancer (Nearctic) were both foaled in 1961. The latter won the Kentucky Derby and Preakness and went on to a fabulous stud career that is still profound to this day. But the former, a brilliantly fast and undefeated black-type winner who made only four starts at two before bowing a tendon, has been just as influential, particularly as the sire of Mr. Prospector.

Northern Dancer sired his version of Raise a Native in Danzig, a foal of 1977 who won each of his three starts--none in stakes company--before a bum knee stopped him. Contrast him to Temperence Hill (Stop the Music), the champion 3-year-old colt

of their crop in 1980 and the winner of the Belmont S. who made 31 starts. As a stallion, Temperence Hill sired sound stock, getting 83% starters to foals, but he got only 4% black-type winners to foals. Danzig, on the other hand, gave up some soundness, at 77% starters to foals, but sired better horses, with 18% black-type winners.

Nureyev (Northern Dancer), like Danzig, also made only three starts, finishing first in all of them, but he was disqualified from the G1 2000 Guineas

and officially had only Group 3 credit next to his name, though he was also named a champion French miler. He, too, became a world-class sire, getting 81% starters to foals and 17% black-type winners. His name has already been peppered throughout the pedigrees of several European Classic and Group 1 winners so far this season. Claiborne stood Danzig but bred Nureyev, whose homebred dam, Special, raced only once, finishing unplaced, because she was a bleeder.

Claiborne also bred and stood Drone (Sir Gaylord), who broke down after four wins from four starts--none in stakes company. A foal of 1966, Drone sired 80% starters from foals and 9% black type winners. He's been an influential broodmare sire. More recently, Claiborne stands Mastery (Candy Ride {Arg}), a Grade I winner at two and undefeated in four starts. His career, like those of Nadal and Maxfield, was cut short by a condylar fracture. His stud services have been highly sought despite a limited career.



Northern Dancer | Tony Leonard

Not This Time

On the same day--June 10--that Maxfield's injury was announced and Keith tweeted her concerns for the "fragility of the breed," Not This Time (Giant's Causeway), a first-crop sire who made four lifetime starts and won one Grade III race, was represented by the session and eventual sales topper at the OBS Spring sale. **Hip 1254**, a filly out of Sheza Smoke Show who'd worked the fastest quarter-mile at the sale in :20 1/5, brought \$1,350,000 from Gary Young. The next-highest price that day was the \$800,000 that D.J. Stable paid for a Candy Ride (Arg) colt (**Hip 561**) who'd worked a furlong in :10 1/5.

Not This Time sustained a soft tissue injury and he never raced after two. Candy Ride, likewise, had a career-ending soft tissue injury when he was four and was plagued by foot problems throughout his career, which lasted for all of six starts--the same as Pulpit and his son Tapit. He was undefeated in three starts in Argentina and three in the U.S., and he was a Grade I winner on two continents. He's since become a premier stallion and has sired such as Horse of the Year Gun Runner, who came into his own as an older horse, and Mastery, an outstanding 2-year-old.

Not This Time, who stands at Taylor Made and entered stud for a \$15,000 fee, has not put off buyers with his abbreviated race record. Aside from the sale topper, the horse was represented at OBS with lots that made \$700,000 and \$575,000 as well. It's also notable that WinStar's Speightster (Speightstown), a homebred who entered stud for a \$10,000 fee and also has first-crop runners, had the third-highest price at OBS, a colt who sold for \$1.1 million. Speightster won three of four starts, his only stakes win a Grade III race. Both Speightster and Not This Time are just beginning their careers and are represented by winners from limited opportunities available this year. They have a long way to go to become recognized as successful sires, but their early results have already earned them the support of horsemen in the sales ring.



Not This Time | Jon Siegel

And they are exactly the types of horses, along with the Masterys, Nadals, and Maxfields, that Keith questions as stud prospects and that Whitney Tower's article from almost 60 years ago addressed, but it's from this pool of types with abbreviated race records that have also sprung breed-shaping horses like Raise a Native, Danzig, and Nureyev.

In short, it's difficult to predict sire success from a race record alone. And if it turns out, years from now, that Maxfield becomes a better sire than Tiz the Law or any of his other contemporaries who carve out longer careers, it shouldn't surprise anyone with a knowledge of history.

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MARK TAYLOR JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM TO TALK SALE MARKET, NOT THIS TIME

by Joe Bianca



As the sale season finally restarts, Taylor Made Vice President Mark Taylor joined the TDN Writers' Room **presented by Keeneland** this week to discuss where he sees the market going from here, the early success of Taylor Made stallion Not This Time (Giant's Causeway) and a host of other hot-button industry issues.

Calling in via Zoom as the **Green Group Guest of the Week** on the heels of OBS Spring, Taylor said, "I don't see any scenario where the market's not going to be off from 2019. I think just [with] everything that we've been through, it's just too much to overcome not to expect some decline. I was actually relieved a little bit from the OBS results. I thought that it could have been

worse...With the high volume of horses they have there, you really rely on a lot of those foreign buyers that come in to pick up a lot of those horses. And with some travel restrictions, logistical problems, and just fear factor, I think the participation from those groups was noticeably down. And that's really a struggle. We need those buyers."

Taylor Made Stallions has been the early winner of the freshman sire race with 2016 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up Not This Time being represented by several impressive maiden breakers and the topper at OBS Spring when a filly from his first crop sold for \$1.35 million.

"It was fantastic," Taylor said. "When you're in the stallion game, that's what really breathes hope into your whole organization. When you can get a horse that's starting to gain momentum and you think there's a lot of blue sky there...He had really elite level talent. And now his babies are showing that they can run. But still, we're in the first four miles of a marathon. So we're just hoping that it keeps going."

Elsewhere in the show, the crew previewed Saturday's GI Belmont S. card and the action at Royal Ascot and, in the [West Point Thoroughbreds](#) news segment, had a spirited debate about the new whip restrictions introduced in California and Kentucky. [Click here to watch the podcast on Vimeo](#) and [click here for the audio-only version](#).

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ARLINGTON, ITHA STILL DEADLOCKED; FATE OF 2020 MEET TO BE DECIDED FRIDAY

by T.D. Thornton

For the third time in two weeks, representatives from Arlington International Racecourse and the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA) arrived at a crucial Illinois Racing Board (IRB) meeting without a signed contract for the 2020 meet, again putting in jeopardy the already delayed and curtailed summer racing season at suburban Chicago's premier track.

Thursday morning's IRB meeting went into recess 43 minutes after it started after both sides stated that they are close, but not in total agreement over a contract that would cover both 2020 and 2021 racing at Arlington.

After a break of 20 minutes, the meeting reconvened with IRB chairman Daniel Beiser issuing an ultimatum that Friday afternoon will be the new deadline for the parties to present a resolution to the board.

The IRB has repeatedly stated it will not grant race dates without a signed contract in place. According to state law, both parties are months past a mandated Jan. 1 due date for the 2020 contract.

"I'm going to recess this meeting until [June 19] at 1 p.m. [Central]," Beiser said. "This is hopefully going to give the parties the time they need to finally reach a signed agreement. And at that time I'll be prepared to entertain a motion to finally dispose of this matter one way or the other, with an agreement or without an agreement."

On Wednesday afternoon, Arlington issued a notice on Twitter announcing that the two sides had reached a "tentative" deal for both 2020 and 2021 racing. According to the post, the 30-date 2020 meet would run July 23-Sept. 30, with racing on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The stable area would open "on or before" July 6.

The *Daily Herald* of Illinois further reported that the agreement called for no stakes races in 2020, including the track's signature race, the GI Arlington Million.

Commissioner Thomas McCauley, who has been active in mediating the negotiations, again volunteered his time to move forward additional talks on Thursday so the IRB can vote on the dates application on Friday.

"I know that [Wednesday] morning we had a deal in substance," McCauley said. "What happens sometimes is that when the deal in substance goes to the drafting table, in good faith one or two issues can arise. And apparently, that's what's happened in this case."

Arlington president Tony Petrillo testified that the two sides had agreed to use the two-year contract template from 2018-19 to design the 2020-21 deal. At the June 5 IRB meeting, the ITHA had emphasized that it would not ink a two-year contract, so this shift seemed to represent an advancement of the negotiations.

But Petrillo said that when Arlington's attorneys drafted just such a contract, the ITHA sent it back on Wednesday evening "with new conditions and reopening some of the terms" that Petrillo believed had already been agreed upon.

The two parties worked back and forth until about midnight, and then resumed negotiations Thursday morning up until the 10 a.m. start of the IRB meeting.

Kerry Lavelle, an attorney for the ITHA, gave commissioners a counterpoint to how he thought the talks had devolved.

"I respectfully disagree with Mr. Petrillo's characterization of the impasse that we are currently at," Lavelle said. "These are new things that have emerged in our discussion points."

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One of them is simply out of all of our control, and that is what do we do if the IRB does not provide Arlington Park with the dates and the [simulcasting] host days that it applies for for the 2021 meet? If it gives more or it gives less, the economics change, and we have suggested a resolution for that.

“The second is we built a whole system of splitting up the purses based on projections,” Lavelle continued. “And it just came very clear to us late [Wednesday] night that these projections are only that. We think that there needs to be just a true-up at the end where if we’re off [and] the overnight [purses] are overfunded, we need to pay Arlington Park. And if the overnights are underfunded based on our construct, they need to pay us.”

David McCaffrey, the ITHA’s exec director, testified that a new sticking point is how the word “projection” is defined in the deal.

“If you go back to all of our contracts prior, you won’t even see the word ‘projection.’ So it needs to be defined,” McCaffrey said. “It’s not in the contracts before, so those templates can’t be used with respect to this issue. Nor can they be used with respect to the assumption [of a change in dates] next year.”

Petrillo countered that purse projections and dealing with schedule changes are nothing new. He said they’ve been part of past agreements with the ITHA going back at least a decade.

“We have had changes in the race schedules that have always been worked out between the parties after the agreements have been inked and signed,” Petrillo said. “So these new issues now that are evolving looking for very specific definitions just don’t exist. But the past practice should speak to that, and [the new contract terms] should be satisfied by our past actions in working together.”

Asked by a commissioner how much longer it would take to get the two sides to sign a deal, Petrillo estimated it could be done within 30 to 60 minutes, but only if the IRB mediated.

“It is my perspective that if we are to reach an agreement, it is going to require the involvement of the board,” Petrillo said. “If there is no involvement, frankly, I’m going to be very honest: I don’t see how we reach an agreement, because we seem to be moving on a path backwards rather than a path forward.”

McCaffrey’s time estimate when asked the same question was “It could take five minutes. It could take five hours.”

McCaffrey continued: “Listen, I echo a lot of what Tony said with respect to the efforts that have been made here. We want to get to a deal. But at the same time, when you push the ball up the hill and you get to the very top, unless all the I’s are dotted and the T’s are crossed, you’re just not going to sign until all the deal is done. And hopefully we can get there.”

Beyond the issue of no contract being in place, the COVID-19 pandemic also complicated and delayed the Arlington meet beyond its planned May 1 opening. The season was supposed to run for 68 dates until Sept. 30.

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MONMOUTH TO OFFER \$1-MILLION INCENTIVE

Officials at Monmouth Park have announced that the track will reward the connections of any horse to sweep the GI TVG.com Haskell S., GI Kentucky Derby and GI Breeders’ Cup Classic a \$1-million bonus. The Haskell, the lone seven-figure Thoroughbred race in the state of New Jersey, will be renewed for the 53rd time July 18 as part of a stakes-filled program. For the first time, the race serves as a prep for the Sept. 5 Derby and offers Kentucky Derby points on a 100-40-20-10 scale. The Breeders’ Cup Classic is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 7, at Keeneland Race Course. American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile) won each of the three races in his Triple Crown season in 2015. The COVID-19-delayed meeting at Monmouth Park kicks off Friday, July 3.

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MJC ANNOUNCES LASIX-FREE 2YO RACES

The Maryland Jockey Club has informed the Maryland Racing Commission of its plans to restrict races for 2-year-olds to connections who opt not to administer Lasix on race day.

“The time has come to phase out Lasix beginning with 2-year-old horses,” said Belinda Stronach, Chairman and President, The Stronach Group and 1/ST. “We are following through on 1/ST Racing’s commitment to put horse and rider safety and welfare at the forefront. We believe in the principle that horses should only be racing free of medication. By taking this important step together, the Maryland racing community will become stronger and provide the right foundation for our sport to progress into the future.”

In April 2019, the phasing out of Lasix in 2-year-old horses was announced by a coalition of the country’s major Thoroughbred racing associations and organizations, which include:

- The Stronach Group’s Santa Anita Park and Golden Gate Fields (California) and Gulfstream Park (Florida)
- Del Mar and Los Alamitos (California)
- Churchill Downs Inc. and Keeneland (Kentucky)
- New York Racing Association (New York)
- Lone Star Park (Texas)
- Oaklawn Park (Oklahoma)
- Breeders’ Cup Limited
- Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders’ Association (TOBA)
- American Graded Stakes Committee of TOBA
- Kentucky Thoroughbred Association

Under this program, which began Jan. 1, 2-year-old horses are not permitted to be treated with Lasix within 24 hours of a race.

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Beginning in 2021, the same prohibition will extend to all horses participating in any stakes race at coalition tracks listed above. In addition, The State of Maryland, in the context of the “Racing and Community Redevelopment Act of 2020,” recognized the important issue of horse safety and established an Equine Health, Safety and Welfare Advisory Committee to ensure that equine safety becomes paramount to the industry.

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ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS FOR F-T MIDLANTIC SALE

Online bidding registration is now open for the June 29-30 Fasig-Tipton upcoming Midlantic Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, Maryland. To register for an account, visit <http://bidonline.fasigtipton.com>. After setting up an account, the user must next request to “Register to Bid” for the Midlantic Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale. Once approved to bid, the user may join the auction room. For a complete guide on how to register and bid online at all future Fasig-Tipton auctions, click [here](#). This guide includes visual tutorials, as well as a “Frequently Asked Questions” section. Each sale session will begin at 11 a.m. The sale’s under tack show will be held over three sessions next week, June 24-26. Each under tack show session will begin at 8 a.m.

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BELMONT S. ANCHORS TWO-DAY PICK 5 WAGER

A Pick 5 wager spanning Friday and Saturday and culminating with the running of the GI Belmont S., will be offered by the New York Racing Association. The sequence will be a \$1 base minimum and will feature a low takeout of 15% and a mandatory payout. The Pick 5 will kick off with Friday’s seventh race at Belmont, a seven-furlong optional-claiming event on the turf for older fillies and mares, with post time at 4:32 p.m. ET. The race has drawn a field of 11, with one main-track-only entrant. It continues with race nine, the \$80,000 Sir Cat S. for 3-year-olds at six furlongs on the grass before picking up on Saturday with the GI Longines Acorn S. (race eight, 4:15 p.m. ET). The GI Jaipur Invitational S., a ‘Win and You’re In’ race for the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint, features as the penultimate leg of the sequence. The two-day Pick 5 concludes with the Belmont, the first leg of the 2020 Triple Crown to be contested over the one-turn mile and an eighth. Tiz the Law (Constitution) figures a warm favorite against nine other sophomores. Advance wagering for the Belmont program will be available Friday.

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MARYLAND PURSE STRUCTURE TO REMAIN UNCHANGED

Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen Association, after conferring with the Maryland Jockey Club, announced operations will resume at a similar purse structure for overnight races through the rest of the summer, while staging live racing two days a week. Moving forward, as revenues increase, plans call for the addition of days to the calendar. With Casinos scheduled to re-open June 19, the MJC is expected to begin relaxing restrictions of owner’s access to the backstretch as well as allowing all licensed personal access to the backstretch beginning June 20.

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OWNERS ALLOWED TO RETURN TO ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The Thoroughbred Owners of California announced that horse owners will be allowed on grounds for racing at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, beginning immediately. Owners must follow these guidelines on the grounds:

- Owners will be permitted one guest per owner.
- Owners will be permitted to watch only the race their horse is entered in.
- Owners must abide by the safety protocols of the Alameda County Fair (including wearing a face mask and social distancing).
- Owners will be restricted to access only the apron and paddock areas.

The Alameda County Health Department has also approved outside dining at the Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds will be hosting Trackside Terrace outdoor patio dining on the second level of the grandstand. Those who are participating in the dining experience will be allowed to stay for the full duration of the race card. To purchase tickets, click [here](#).

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IOWA HBPA OFFERING COVID-19 ASSISTANCE

As Prairie Meadows Racetrack opens its doors for the 2020 season Friday, the Iowa Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association is offering a pair of programs designed to assist its members who might be feeling a financial pinch as a result of the delays caused by the coronavirus.

Trainers may apply for \$100 in assistance per Thoroughbred racehorse stabled at the Altoona track under the COVID-19 Horsemen's Assistance Program. The deadline to apply for the program is 3 p.m. CT Tuesday, June 30.

The Iowa HBPA has also created the COVID-19 Dorm Room Assistance Program to help trainers cover any expenses incurred in moving to Prairie Meadows. Trainers can apply for a loan of up to \$300 per dorm room, with an agreement to repay the HBPA by Dec. 15, 2020.

"It boils down to free money and an interest-free loan," said Iowa HBPA president Dave McShane. "We encourage all our Thoroughbred horsemen to apply for these programs. I don't know a trainer who can't use an extra \$100 per horse, especially as a bridge until we're able to get into a stretch of unimpeded racing."

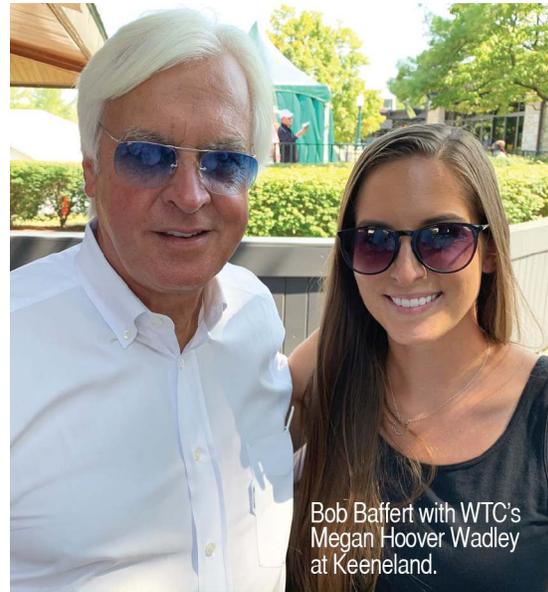
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AMERICA'S DAY AT THE RACES TO AIR BELMONT DAY COVERAGE

For the first time since it kicked off in 2016, America's Day at the Races will air Saturday's Belmont Stakes Day coverage, headlined by the 152nd running of the GI Belmont S. Coverage on FOX Sports begins at 11:30 a.m. EST.

The telecast, produced by NYRA in partnership with FOX Sports, will air through Sunday, with more than 20 hours of total coverage. FOX Sports will offer 4 1/2-hours of live coverage, which will sandwich NBC's live broadcast of Belmont Stakes Day from 2:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. EST.

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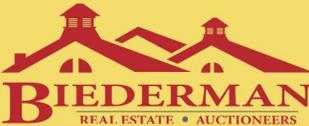
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| 3 | Max Player 🌿 | Honor Code | Hall, George E. and SportBLX Thoroughbreds Corp. | Rice | Rosario | 126 |
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| 5 | Farmington Road | Quality Road | Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Chrysalis Stables LLC and LaPenta, Robert V. | Pletcher | Castellano | 126 |
| 6 | Fore Left 🌿 | Twirling Candy | Reddam Racing LLC | O'Neill | Ortiz | 126 |
| 7 | Jungle Runner | Candy Ride (Arg) | Calumet Farm | Asmussen | Gutierrez | 126 |
| 8 | Tiz the Law | Constitution | Sackatoga Stable | Tagg | Franco | 126 |
| 9 | Dr Post 🌿 | Quality Road | St. Elias Stable | Pletcher | Ortiz, Jr. | 126 |
| 10 | Pneumatic | Uncle Mo | Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC | Asmussen | Santana, Jr. | 126 |

Breeders: 1-Live Oak Stud, 2-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 3-K & G Stables, 4-Wygod Family, LLC, 5-Chrysalis Stables, 6-Machmer Hall, 7-Calumet Farm, 8-Twin Creeks Farm, 9-Cloyce C. Clark, 10-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC

Saturday, Belmont, post time: 4:15 p.m. EDT

LONGINES ACORN S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|-----------------|---------------|---|-----------|--------------|-----|
| 1 | Gamine 🌿 | Into Mischief | Michael Lund Petersen | Baffert | Velazquez | 118 |
| 2 | Lucrezia | Into Mischief | Seltzer, Edward A. and Anderson, Beverly S. | Delacour | Leparoux | 118 |
| 3 | Water White | Conveyance | E.V. Racing Stable | Rodriguez | Vargas, Jr. | 118 |
| 4 | Casual | Curlin | Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. and Stretch Run Ventures, LLC | Asmussen | Santana, Jr. | 118 |
| 5 | Glass Ceiling 🌿 | Constitution | Schwartz, Martin S., R. A. Hill Stable and Corms Racing Stable | Gargan | Rosario | 118 |
| 6 | Pleasant Orb | Orb | Charles E. Fipke | Tagg | Franco | 118 |
| 7 | Perfect Alibi | Sky Mesa | Tracy Farmer | Casse | Ortiz, Jr. | 120 |

Breeders: 1-Grace Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-Edward A. Seltzer, Beverly Anderson & Krista Seltzer, 3-Richard Forbush, 4-Hill 'N' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. & Stretch Run Ventures, LLC, 5-Twin Creeks Farm, 6-Charles E. Fipke, 7-Pin Oak Stud, LLC

Saturday, Belmont, post time: 12:25 p.m. EDT

WOODY STEPHENS S. PRESENTED BY CLAIBORNE FARM-GI, \$250,000, 3yo, 7f

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|--------------------|---------------|--|-------------|--------------|-----|
| 1 | No Parole 🌿 | Violence | Moss, Maggi and Tramontin, Greg | Amoss | Saez | 120 |
| 2 | Meru | Sky Mesa | Colts Neck Stables LLC | Duarte, Jr. | Ortiz, Jr. | 120 |
| 3 | Mischevious Alex 🌿 | Into Mischief | Cash is King LLC and LC Racing | Servis | Carmouche | 123 |
| 4 | Echo Town 🌿 | Speightstown | L and N Racing LLC | Asmussen | Santana, Jr. | 120 |
| 5 | Shoplifted 🌿 | Into Mischief | Grandview Equine, Cheyenne Stables, LLC and LNJ Foxwoods | Asmussen | Ortiz | 120 |

Breeders: 1-Coteau Grove Farms, 2-Godolphin, 3-WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-Betz, J. Betz, Burns, CHNNHKThoroughbreds, Magers, et al., 5-Machmer Hall, Carrie Brogden & Craig Brogden

Saturday, Belmont, post time: 4:53 p.m. EDT**JAIPUR S.-GI, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 6fT****CHALLENGE SERIES WIN AND YOU'RE IN.™**

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|------------------|----------------|---|----------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Kanthaka | Jimmy Creed | West Point Thoroughbreds | Motion | Ortiz | 120 |
| 2 | Oleksandra (Aus) | Animal Kingdom | Team Valor International | Drysdale | Rosario | 117 |
| 3 | Texas Wedge 🦟 | Colonel John | Miller, Peter, Rafter JR Ranch LLC, STD Racing Stable and Miller, Andy | Miller | Castellano | 124 |
| 4 | Pure Sensation | Zensational | Patricia A. Generazio | Clement | Ortiz, Jr. | 122 |
| 5 | Stubbins 🦟 | Morning Line | McShane Racing, LLC | O'Neill | Saez | 124 |
| 6 | Hidden Scroll | Hard Spun | Juddmonte Farms, Inc. | Mott | Velazquez | 120 |
| 7 | White Flag | War Front | Robert S. Evans | Clement | Alvarado | 120 |
| 8 | Lonhtwist | Lonhro (Aus) | Corrib Racing LLC | O'Brien | Cancel | 120 |

Breeders: 1-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 2-Team Valor Pty Ltd, 3-Nancy Shuford, 4-Patricia Generazio, 5-Patrick Durtschi & Brittney Durtschi, 6-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 7-R. S. Evans, 8-Alfred H. Nuckols, Jr., Leigh H.Nuckols, & Alfred H. Nuckols, III

Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 5:01 p.m. EDT**WISE DAN S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT**

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|-------------------|--------------------------|--|-------------|----------------|-----|
| 1 | Just Howard 🦟 | English Channel | Skeedattle Stable | Motion | Bejarano | 120 |
| 2 | English Bee | English Channel | Calumet Farm | Motion | Graham | 120 |
| 3 | Factor This 🦟 | The Factor | Gaining Ground Racing LLC | Cox | Bridgmohan | 122 |
| 4 | Eons 🦟 | Giant's Causeway | Mark B. Grier | Delacour | Beschizza | 120 |
| 5 | Aquaphobia | Giant's Causeway | Paradise Farms Corp., Staudacher, David, Hooties Racing LLC and Skychai Racing, LLC | Maker | Lanerie | 120 |
| 6 | Ritzzy A. P. | English Channel | Calumet Farm | Sisterson | Cannon | 120 |
| 7 | March to the Arch | Arch Live Oak Plantation | Casse | Geroux | 120 | |
| 8 | Emmaus (Ire) | Invincible Spirit (Ire) | M and J Thoroughbreds & Riverside Bloodstock | Murphy | Hernandez, Jr. | 120 |
| 9 | Casa Creed 🦟 | Jimmy Creed | LRE Racing LLC and JEH Racing Stable LLC | Mott Garcia | 120 | |
| 10 | Hembree 🦟 | Proud Citizen | Three Diamonds Farm | Maker | Corrales | 120 |
| 11 | Parlor 🦟 | Lonhro (Aus) | Hui, Michael M., Hooties Racing LLC & WSS Racing | Maker | Gaffalione | 120 |

Breeders: 1-Howard M. Bender, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Maccabee Farm, 4-Camas Park Stud, 5-Mr. & Mrs. M. Roy Jackson, 6-Calumet Farm, 7-Live Oak Stud, 8-Kilcarn Stud, 9-Silver Springs Stud, LLC, 10-Derby Lane Farm, LLC, 11-KatieRich Farms

Saturday, Belmont, post time: 1:42 p.m. EDT**PENNINE RIDGE S.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo, 1mT**

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|---------------------|--------------------|--|--------------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Decorated Invader 🦟 | Declaration of War | West Point Thoroughbreds, Freeman, William T., Sandbrook, William and Manning, Cheryl | Clement | Rosario | 122 |
| 2 | Venezuelan Hug | Constitution | Spedale Family Racing, LLC | Gargan | Saez | 118 |
| 3 | Proven Strategies | Sky Mesa | D. J. Stable LLC, Green, Jonathan I. & Empire Racing Club | Casse | Ortiz | 118 |
| 4 | Mr. Kringle | Shakin It Up | That's Amore Stable, McMahon, Michael J. & Weeks, Bob | Terranova II | Lezcano | 118 |
| 5 | Vanzzy 🦟 | Verrazano | Daniel M. Ryan | Pino | Carmouche | 122 |
| 6 | Maroon Maniac 🦟 | Violence | Robert V. LaPenta | Thomas | Castellano | 118 |
| 7 | Famished 🦟 | Uncle Mo | Tobey L. Morton | Kimmel | Ortiz, Jr. | 118 |

Breeders: 1-Redmon Farm, LLC, 2-Orlyana Farm, 3-A. Francis Vanlangendonck, Barbara H.Vanlangendonck & Etarip Stables, Inc., 4-Cheryl Prudhomme & Dr. Michael Gallivan, 5-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds, 6-V. Gail Ray, 7-Michael C. Byrne

Saturday, Belmont, post time: 3:01 p.m. EDT**WONDER AGAIN S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 1mT**

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------|----------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Speaktomeofsummer 🌿 | Summer Front | Waterford Stable | Clement | Rosario | 122 |
| 2 | Sweet Melania 🌿 | American Pharoah | Low, Lawana L. and Robert E. | Pletcher | Ortiz | 122 |
| 3 | Highland Glory | Sky Mesa | Steadfast Stable | Tagg | Franco | 122 |
| 4 | Antoinette | Hard Spun | Godolphin, LLC | Mott | Velazquez | 122 |
| 5 | Selflessly 🌿 | More Than Ready | Klaravich Stables, Inc. | Brown | Castellano | 122 |

Breeders: 1-Brereton C. Jones, 2-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 3-Bonner Young, 4-Godolphin, 5-George Louis Doetsch Jr.

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:00 p.m. EDT**WILSHIRE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT**

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|------------------------|-------------------|---|-----------|----------|-----|
| 1 | Red Lark (Ire) | Epaulette (Aus) | Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners | Gallagher | Van Dyke | 116 |
| 2 | Cordiality | Papa Clem | Donnie Crevier | Yakteen | Rispoli | 122 |
| 3 | Gypsy Spirit (GB) | Gregorian (Ire) | Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC | Powell | Smith | 122 |
| 4 | Querelle | Violence | Altamira Racing Stable and Rockingham Ranch | Miller | Gryder | 122 |
| 5 | Keeper Ofthe Stars 🌿 | Midnight Lute | Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC | Wong | Cedillo | 126 |
| 6 | Toinette 🌿 | Scat Daddy | Baca, Ken, Hudson, Jr., Edward J. & Hudson, Lynne | Drysdale | Prat | 124 |
| 7 | Simply Breathless (GB) | Bated Breath (GB) | Cloros Bloodstock | Drysdale | Fuentes | 124 |

Breeders: 1-Mrs S. M. Rogers & Sir Thomas Pilkington, 2-Dr. Edward C. Allred, 3-Bearstone Stud Ltd, 4-Double Duck, Inc., 5-Olin Gentry, Omar Trevino & Anthony Cappola, 6-J D Stuart, P C Bance & A REnterprises, Inc., 7-Highgate Stud

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT**LAZARO BARRERA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 6 1/2f**

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|----------------------|----------------|---|---------|---------|-----|
| 1 | Collusion Illusion 🌿 | Twirling Candy | Agnew, Dan J., Orr, Rodney E., Schneider, Jerry and Xitco, John V. | Glatt | Prat | 124 |
| 2 | Ragtime Blues 🌿 | Union Rags | SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Hertrich, III, Frederick, Fielding, John D. and Golconda Stables | Baffert | Smith | 122 |
| 3 | Phantom Boss | Shackleford | Beckerle, Tom, Bengson, Dena, Bengson, Rick, Lovingier, Terry C. and Navarro, Amanda | Periban | Pereira | 124 |
| 4 | Alcools | Gemologist | Pantofel Stable, Wachtel Stable & Barber, Gary | Miller | Cedillo | 122 |
| 5 | Howbeit | Secret Circle | C T R Stables LLC | O'Neill | Rispoli | 120 |

Breeders: 1-Donald R. Dizney, LLC, 2-Mike Pietrangelo, 3-Terry C. Lovingier, 4-Hargus & Sandra Sexton and Silver FernFarm, 5-University of Kentucky

Sunday, Woodbine, post time: 4:09 p.m. EDT**WHIMSICAL S.-GIII, C\$125,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f**

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|-------------------|--------------------|--|----------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | Jean Elizabeth | Adios Charlie | R. Ravin, Patricia's Hope LLC and Rivelli, Larry | Rivelli | Moran | 124 |
| 2 | Ode to Joy | Artie Schiller | Seltzer, Edward A. and Anderson, Beverly S. | Delacour | Lermyte | 117 |
| 3 | Summer Sunday | Silent Name (Jpn) | Scott, Anne and William J. | Simon | Hernandez | 124 |
| 4 | Western Curl | Curlin | Chiefswood Stables Limited | Casse | Boulanger | 117 |
| 5 | Charmaine's Mia 🌿 | The Factor | Michael K. McDonald | McDonald | Bahen | 117 |
| 6 | Gamble's Candy | Twirling Candy | Ivan Dalos | Carroll | Contreras | 119 |
| 7 | Ellyb 🌿 | Pioneerof the Nile | Audley Farm Stable | Delacour | Husbands | 117 |
| 8 | Painting | Distorted Humor | Hill 'n' Dale Eq. Hldg, Inc., G. Sikura & Windsor Boys Ra. | Carroll | Kimura | 117 |
| 9 | Alnilah | Smart Strike | Canvasback Farms | Jordan | Wilson | 119 |
| 10 | Foxy Belle | Leonnatus Anteas | Tommy Massis | McKnight | Stein | 117 |

Breeders: 1-Larry Rivelli & Richard Ravin, 2-Edward A. Seltzer & Beverly Anderson, 3-Trinity West Stables LTD., 4-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 5-Gunpowder Farms LLC, 6-Tall Oaks Farm, 7-SF Bloodstock LLC, 8-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. & Hill 'n' Dale Farms, 9-Canvasback Farms, 10-Tony James

Sunday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/4mT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|-----------------------|---------------------|--|----------|---------------|-----|
| 1 | Soberano (Fr) | Elusive City | Richard A. Bell | Bell, II | Blanc | 122 |
| 2 | Red King | English Channel | Little Red Feather Racing, G. Jacobsen & P. Belmonte | D'Amato | Rispoli | 122 |
| 3 | Tintoretto (Ger) | Maxios (GB) | John M. B. O'Connor | Sadler | Fuentes | 122 |
| 4 | Siberian Iris (Ire) 🌿 | Excelebration (Ire) | Calumet Farm | Mandella | Van Dyke | 119 |
| 5 | Kershaw 🌿 | Run Away and Hide | Manoogian, Jay and Manoogian, Julie | D'Amato | Cedillo | 122 |
| 6 | Swamp Souffle | Bodemeister | S. Knapp, Romo-Zolotas, Sabina & Zolotas, Steven | Knapp | Valdivia, Jr. | 122 |
| 7 | Avalanche 🌿 | Mizzen Mast | Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Treitman, Bruce | McCarthy | Franco | 122 |
| 8 | Ward 'n Jerry | Lucky Pulpit | Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. | Puype | Prat | 126 |

Breeders: 1-Carlos Laffon Parias, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-A. Christiansen-Croy, 4-Sahara Group Holdings, 5-Ron Kirk, John Bates & Michael Riordan, 6-Craig L. Wheeler & Barry Berkelhammer, 7-Morgans Ford Farm, 8-Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Williams

Sunday, Santa Anita, post time: 8:00 p.m. EDT

AMERICAN S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1mT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|--------------------|-------------------|---|-----------|---------------|-----|
| 1 | True Valour (Ire) | Kodiac (GB) | Qatar Racing Limited | Callaghan | Valdivia, Jr. | 124 |
| 2 | Jasikan (Ire) | Bated Breath (GB) | Hronis Racing LLC | Sadler | Fuentes | 124 |
| 3 | Cleopatra's Strike | Smart Strike | Slam Dunk Racing and Nentwig, Michael | D'Amato | Smith | 124 |
| 4 | Blitzkrieg | War Front | R3 Racing LLC and Calara Farms | O'Neill | Espinoza | 122 |
| 5 | Sharp Samurai 🌿 | First Samurai | Red Baron's Barn LLC, Rancho Temescal LLC & M Glatt | Glatt | Cedillo | 122 |
| 6 | Souter (GB) | Poet's Voice (GB) | Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC | Glatt | Roman | 122 |
| 7 | Border Town 🌿 | War Front | Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S. | Mandella | Prat | 122 |
| 8 | Bowies Hero 🌿 | Artie Schiller | Agave Racing Stable, ERJ Racing, LLC & Madaket Stables LLC and Rockin Robin Racing Stable | D'Amato | Rispoli | 124 |
| 9 | King of Speed 🌿 | Jimmy Creed | Del Secco DCS Racing | Bonde | Franco | 122 |
| 10 | Bolo | Temple City | Golden Pegasus Racing, Inc. | Gaines | Van Dyke | 122 |

Breeders: 1-Mr P. O'Rourke, 2-Mrs Maria Marron, 3-Sam-Son Farm, 4-Ramona S. Bass, LLC., 5-Cudney Stables, 6-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 7-Mrs. E. Stockwell, 8-Pope McLean, Pope McLean Jr. & Marc McLean, 9-Newaukum Racing Stables LLC, 10-Spendthrift Farm, LLC



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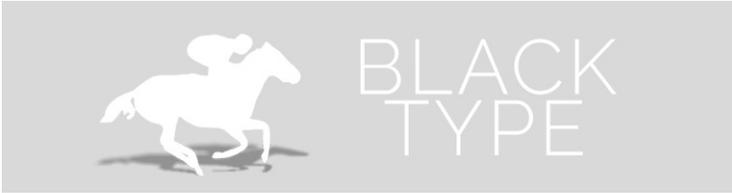
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|------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|----------|------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Constitution (2011) by Tapit Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 49 | 16 | 598,300 | 1,512,926 |
| | | | | | | | | | | Tiz the Law | |
| 2 | Tonalist (2011) by Tapit Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | -- | -- | 47 | 14 | 259,145 | 1,012,409 |
| | | | | | | | | | | Tonalist's Shape | |
| 3 | Khozan (2012) by Distorted Humor Stands: Journeyman Stud FL Fee: \$8,500 | 1 | 3 | -- | 2 | -- | -- | 54 | 24 | 109,000 | 1,006,173 |
| | | | | | | | | | | Liam's Lucky Charm | |
| 4 | Honor Code (2011) by A.P. Indy Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$30,000 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 36 | 13 | 320,000 | 976,795 |
| | | | | | | | | | | Honor A. P. | |
| 5 | Liam's Map (2011) by Unbridled's Song Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$35,000 | -- | 2 | -- | 2 | -- | 2 | 48 | 16 | 210,000 | 936,620 |
| | | | | | | | | | | Basin | |
| 6 | American Pharoah (2012) by Pioneer of the Nile Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: Private | 2 | 6 | -- | 2 | -- | -- | 43 | 7 | 173,043 | 918,604 |
| | | | | | | | | | | Cafe Pharoah | |
| 7 | Tapiture (2011) by Tapit Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$7,500 | 2 | 4 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 66 | 25 | 90,000 | 877,186 |
| | | | | | | | | | | Steph'sfullasugar | |
| 8 | Carpe Diem (2012) by Giant's Causeway Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$15,000 | -- | 3 | -- | 1 | -- | -- | 55 | 15 | 107,401 | 855,852 |
| | | | | | | | | | | American Nina | |
| 9 | Competitive Edge (2012) by Super Saver Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$12,500 | -- | 1 | -- | 1 | -- | -- | 53 | 17 | 118,200 | 808,759 |
| | | | | | | | | | | Edgeway | |
| 10 | Bayern (2011) by Offlee Wild Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000 | -- | 5 | -- | 2 | -- | -- | 48 | 14 | 107,915 | 731,881 |
| | | | | | | | | | | Tempers Rising | |
| 11 | Palace Malice (2010) by Curlin Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$25,000 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | -- | -- | 51 | 8 | 260,000 | 629,039 |
| | | | | | | | | | | Mr. Monomoy | |
| 12 | Summer Front (2009) by War Front Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$10,000 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -- | 1 | 28 | 6 | 358,850 | 531,378 |
| | | | | | | | | | | Ete Indien | |
| 13 | The Big Beast (2011) by Yes It's True Stands: Ocala Stud FL Fee: \$6,000 | 1 | 2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 34 | 13 | 129,318 | 508,530 |
| | | | | | | | | | | Up in Smoke | |
| 14 | Wicked Strong (2011) by Hard Spun Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$6,000 | 1 | 2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 60 | 13 | 59,425 | 498,590 |
| | | | | | | | | | | Villainous | |
| 15 | Mr Speaker (2011) by Pulpit Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$10,000 | 1 | 3 | -- | 1 | -- | -- | 31 | 6 | 83,600 | 392,421 |
| | | | | | | | | | | Speech | |

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CRITICAL EYE S., \$121,250, Belmont, 6-18, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:35.05, ft.

1--**RATAJKOWSKI, 122, m, 6, Drosselmeyer--Quiet North, by Quiet American.** (\$33,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$75,000 Ylg '15 SARAUG). O-Gary Broad; B-John P Hicks & H & H Farm (NY); T-H. Graham Motion; J-Jose L. Ortiz. \$68,750. Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-1, \$369,490.

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2--**Mrs. Orb, 122, m, 5, Orb--Gypsy Angel, by Silver Train.** (\$30,000 2yo '17 OBSOPN). O-Ruggeri Stable, Richard Coburn, Script R Farm & Michael Miceli; B-Rhapsody Farm LLC (NY); T-Michael Miceli. \$25,000.

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3--**More Mischief, 122, f, 4, Into Mischief--Gracilia, by Mr. Greeley.** (\$185,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$350,000 2yo '18 FTFMAR). O-Wise Racing LLC; B-Anlyn Farms (NY); T-Chad C. Brown. \$15,000.

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Margins: NK, 3 1/4, 5. Odds: 1.35, 17.20, 1.05.

Also Ran: The Great Johanna, No Hayne No Gayne, English Soul.

The late-blooming Ratajkowski, who won four of seven last year after debuting as a 5-year-old, captured her seasonal debut in her first start for the Graham Motion barn in Thursday's New York-bred Critical Eye S. at Belmont.

Graduating second out in the slop here last June, the chestnut was run down late when stretching to two turns in a Saratoga allowance, but bounced back with a game score in a similar spot and broke through with a 10 1/2-length romp back at Big Sandy Sept. 11. Annexing the state-bred Empire Distaff H. Oct. 19, she was last seen fading to fourth in her first start against open company in the Gil Falls City H. Nov. 28 at Churchill.

Transferred from Brian Lynch's barn in the interim, Ratajkowski was made a narrow second choice in this return and made the lead without much resistance. Clicking off splits of :22.64 and :45.10, she was taken on by favored More Mischief midway around the bend and turned that rival back three-sixteenths from home. A fresh challenge was produced by longshot Mrs. Orb entering the final furlong, but Ratajkowski

found enough while shortening stride late to just hold that one at bay.

"She's a nice filly; very big and has a beautiful stride and also has some speed, so we used it early and then she got going," said winning rider Jose Ortiz. "If they have speed and have the stride she does, just don't get in their way ... I thought the race was going to be between me and Manny's filly [Franco, aboard More Mischief], but I don't know if Manny's filly wants to go that long. I knew if I set a good, fast controlled pace she couldn't keep up with my filly and that's what happened, but I wasn't counting on Mrs. Orb flying late." **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



Ratajkowski | Sarah Andrew

Friday, Belmont, post time: 5:36 p.m. ET

SIR CAT S., \$80,000, 3yo, 6fT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | ML |
|----|---------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|------|
| 1 | Maxwell Esquire | Discreet Cat | Rosario | Clement | 10-1 |
| 2 | Jack and Noah (Fr) | Bated Breath (GB) | Velazquez | Casse | 3-1 |
| 3 | Old Chestnut | Speightstown | Alvarado | Casse | 8-1 |
| 4 | Guildsman (Fr) | Wootton Bassett (GB) | Saez | Walsh | 7-2 |
| 5 | Turned Aside | American Pharoah | Lezcano | Rice | 4-1 |
| 6 | Mr. Shortandsimple* | Pioneerof the Nile | No Rider | Rodriguez | 8-1 |
| 7 | Chimney Rock | Artie Schiller | J Ortiz | Maker | 2-1 |
| 8 | So Street | Street Magician | McCarthy | Ness | 12-1 |

* = Main Track Only

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Churchill Downs, \$77,547, Alw, 6-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22.70, ft.

TANK COMMANDER (h, 5, War Front--Treasure Trail, by Pulpit) put in a furious rally from last to graduate over track and trip on debut Sept. 13 and was fifth over the Keeneland turf Oct. 11 before running second by a head in his seasonal finale in the local slop Nov. 7. Made a 14-5 proposition resurfacing here, the \$950,000 Keeneland September RNA settled in a pocketed fourth through a :22.92 quarter, crept closer while tipping into the clear past a :45.82 half and stormed to the front at the eighth pole en route to a 4 1/4-length success. Picasso (Tapit) held for second after setting the pace. The winner is a full-brother to Long Island Sound, GSW-Ire, GISP-USA, GSP-Eng, \$213,315. The winner's dam, a half-sister to four-time champion Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}), was sold for \$725,000 to North Shore Bloodstock at Keeneland November in 2018. She's responsible for a juvenile War Front filly named Dame Commander and a yearling colt by Uncle Mo named Fred C. Dobbs. Sales History: \$950,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$122,214. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Dream Walkin Farms, Inc.; B-Edward A. Cox, Jr. (KY); T-Donnie K. Von Hemel.



Tank Commander | Coady

9th-Churchill Downs, \$70,649, Alw (NW3\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 6-18, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.18, fm.

IVAR (BRZ) (c, 4, Agnes Gold {Jpn}--May Be Now {GSW-Brz}, by Smart Strike) went undefeated in three starts in Argentina last year, including dominant scores in the G1 Gran Criterium at San Isidro and G1 Estrellas Juvenile at Hipodromo. Failing to factor when fifth in his Stateside debut over the local lawn May 21, the dark bay was sent off at 14-1 here and tugged his way to the front, dictating terms through fractions of :24.29 and :48.96. Confidently handled on the far turn, he shook off a pair of challengers passing the furlong grounds and held sway to best late-running Juddmonte invader Vanbrugh (First Defence) by two lengths. The winner's dam, a half to GISW turfer Al's Gal (English Channel), has a juvenile Hard Spun colt named Hard Strike and a yearling filly by Cupid. She was bred back to Hard Spun last season. Lifetime Record: MG1SW-Arg, 5-4-0-0, \$91,013. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Bonne Chance Farm, LLC & Stud R D I, LLC.; B-Stud Rio Dois Irmaos (BRZ); T-Paulo H. Lobo.



Ivar | Coady

4th-Thistledown, \$23,000, Alw, 6-18, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.82, ft.

COMMAND STRIKE (f, 3, Even the Score--Star Sheba {SP, \$104,472}, by Elusive Hour), an open-lengths debut winner last September at Mountaineer, repeated in an allowance there a month later and was dismissed as the longest shot on the board at 10-1 in this return. Tracking the speed of odds-on Bellamy Brooke (Bellamy Road) through a :22.88 quarter, the Michigan-bred surged to the fore at the eighth pole and edged away late to post a two-length upset. **Cont. p3**

Bellamy Brooke was clear for the place. The victress is a full-sister to Shadow Tracer, SP, \$152,244. She has a juvenile full-brother named Channel Fury and a yearling full-sister. Her dam visited Cross Traffic last term. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$33,574. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Elkhorn Oaks Inc. (MI); T-James R. Jackson.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Churchill Downs, \$68,318, Msw, 6-18, 2yo, f, 5f, :58.67, ft. BIG TIME (f, 2, Astrology--Kitty's Got Class {MSW, \$209,635}, by Old Forester), let go at 38-1 off a modest-looking local worktab, was a bit awkward in the opening strides before finding her footing to show the way narrowly through a :22.77 quarter. Cutting the corner into the lane, she was set upon by heavily-favored Mad Maddy (American Pharoah) three sixteenths out and lost the lead briefly, but dug in gamely in deep stretch to repel the chalk and pull off the shocker by a head. The winner is a half to Classy John (Songandaprayer), MSW, \$208,952. She has a yearling half-brother by Custom for Carlos and her dam produced a Cross Traffic filly this term. Sales History: \$30,000 RNA Ylg '19 ESLYRL. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$32,704. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Valene Farms LLC; B-Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson (LA); T-Dallas Stewart.



Big Time gamely holds off Mad Maddy | Coady

1st-Belmont, \$64,000, Msw, 6-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:41.17, ft.

SO DARN HOT (f, 3, Ghostzapper--Tizahit {GSW, \$195,307}, by Tiznow), a late-running third debuting over a main-track mile Mar. 22 at Gulfstream, filled the same slot when switching to the turf there May 14. Supported to 8-5 favoritism getting back on dirt here, the \$600,000 OBS June buy tracked from a close-up third through sharp splits of :22.81 and :45.62. Drawing on even terms past the three-eighths pole, the bay took over at the top of the lane and kicked clear to a six-length graduation. Thankful (American Pharoah) completed the exacta. The winner is a half-sister to Come Dancing (Malibu Moon), GISW, \$1,066,283. Her dam, who took the GII Demoiselle S. for Jim and Susan Hill in 2009, sold to Becky Thomas for \$175,000 at Keeneland November in 2018 before RNA'ing for \$475,000 at Fasig-Tipton November last fall following the success of Come Dancing. Her **juvenile colt by Malibu Moon** sold for \$60,000 to L&N Racing last week at OBS Spring and she was bred to Bolt d'Oro last season. Sales History: \$67,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$600,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$42,920. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Stetson Racing, LLC, Donato Lanni & Rita Riccelli; B-Blue Devil Racing Stable, LLC (KY); T-George Weaver.



3rd-Belmont, \$53,000, (S), Msw, 6-18, 2yo, f, 5f, :58.46, ft.

MAKE MISCHIEF (f, 2, Into Mischief--Speightful Lady, by Speightstown), the sixth-highest lot when selling for \$285,000 at last summer's Fasig-Tipton New York-Bred Sale, showed a few sharp local breezes for this unveiling, including a move at today's distance in 1:01 3/5 (2/20) May 20. Hammered down to even-money, the bay was hustled from the gate to travel in second behind Jill's a Hot Mess (Laoban) through a quick :22.05 quarter. Starting to get to the frontrunner inside the furlong grounds, she had to idle off heels when that one drifted out, but still overtook her rival in the closing strides to prevail by a half-length. The winner has a Union Rags half-sister of this season named Speightful Lily. Sales History: \$285,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$29,150. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Gary Barber; B-Avanti Stable (NY); T-Mark E. Casse.

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6th-Indiana Grand, \$31,000, Msw, 6-18, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :54.94, ft. PERFECT MISTAKE (c, 2, Exaggerator--Rapid Decision, by Stravinsky), overlooked at 12-1 after drawing in off the also-eligible list in this unveiling, broke a beat slowly and settled in a three-wide sixth behind a :23.60 quarter. Spun five deep at the top of the lane, the bay started to come alive in midstretch and ran down Paquime (Cinco Charlie) in the shadow of the wire to triumph by three-quarters of a length. The winner, the second for his freshman sire (by Curlin), has a yearling half-brother by Super Saver. His dam was paired with Carpe Diem last spring. Sales History: \$20,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-WSS Racing, LLC; B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY); T-John Alexander Ortiz.

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Adaay (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Whitsbury Manor Stud, \$5,000
94 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Royal Ascot England, \$60K GIII Albany S., 6fT, MARIANCE (GB), 30-1
11,000gns TAT FOA wnl; £16,000 RNA GOF FPR yrl

Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Kildangan Stud, \$10,000
93 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Royal Ascot England, \$60K GIII Albany S., 6fT, GOLDEN MELODY (Ire), 7-1
€14,000 GOF NOV wnl; 52,000gns TAT OCT yrl

Effinex (Mineshaft), Questroyal North
54 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Belmont, Msw 5f, EFFINITY, 3-1
\$10,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$60,000 SAR AUG yrl
1-Belmont, Msw 5f, OCALA DREAM, 8-1
\$50,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Estidhkaar (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Tara Stud, \$5,000
106 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Royal Ascot England, \$66K GII Norfolk S., 5fT, PAPAL BEE (Ire), 60-1
£5,000 RNA GOF FPR yrl; €6,000 GOA UTY yrl

Frosted (Tapit), Darley, \$40,000
125 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Churchill Downs, Msw 5f, FROSTED PRAYER, 4-1
\$70,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Kodi Bear (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Rathbarry Stud, \$6,000
83 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Royal Ascot England, \$60K GIII Albany S., 6fT, FOLLOW SUIT (Ire), 20-1
8,000gns TAT OCT yrl

Laoban (Uncle Mo), Sequel New York, \$5,000
79 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Belmont, Msw 5f, TOM'S CHOICE, 12-1
\$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$5,000 SAR AUG yrl

Louisiana Glory (Honour and Glory)
2 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Evangeline Downs, Msw 4 1/2f, GLORYS LEIDY BELLA, 9-2

Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud, \$7,500
146 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Royal Ascot England, \$66K GII Norfolk S., 5fT, COOPERATION (Ire), 15-1
£82,000 GOF FPR yrl
3-Royal Ascot England, \$66K GII Norfolk S., 5fT, EMIRATI DIRHAM (Ire), 30-1
€42,000 GOF NOV wnl; £40,000 GOF FPR yrl
3-Royal Ascot England, \$66K GII Norfolk S., 5fT, NELSON GAY (Ire), 15-1
£16,000 GOF FPR yrl

Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro), Taylor Made Farm, \$10,000
86 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Gulfstream, Msw 5 1/2f, DANNYHILL, 10-1
\$17,000 KEE SEP yrl

Not This Time (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made Farm, \$12,500
111 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Evangeline Downs, Msw 4 1/2f, MY KIKI, 3-1
\$30,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$14,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Nyquist (Uncle Mo), Darley, \$40,000
94 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Churchill Downs, Msw 5f, PAKA, 12-1
\$170,000 KEE SEP yrl

Prince of Lir (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Ballyhane Stud, \$4,000
77 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-Royal Ascot England, \$66K GII Norfolk S., 5fT, THE LIR JET (Ire), 7-1
€9,500 TAT FBR wnl; £8,000 GOF FPR yrl

Twilight Son (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), Cheveley Park Stud, \$7,000
122 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-Royal Ascot England, \$66K GII Norfolk S., 5fT, GET IT (GB), 15-1
£20,000 GOF FPR yrl

Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro), Ashford Stud
95 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Churchill Downs, Msw 5f, PETIT VERDOT, 10-1
\$14,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JUNE 19

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private
318 foals of racing age/40 winners/7 black-type winners
9-Belmont, \$80K Sir Cat S., 6f, TURNED ASIDE, 4-1
\$270,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
144 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Royal Ascot England, \$332K GI Commonwealth Cup S., 6fT,
DUBAI STATION (GB), 15-1
30,000gns TAO CT yrl

Cappella Sansevero (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Starfield Stud, \$7,000
70 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Royal Ascot England, \$332K GI Commonwealth Cup S., 6fT,
PIERRE LAPIN (Ire), 3-1
140,000gns TAT OCT yrl

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$12,500
155 foals of racing age/43 winners/4 black-type winners
1-Belmont, Msw 5f, COMPETITIVE HERO, 9-2
\$27,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$135,000 SAR AUG yrl

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000
233 foals of racing age/46 winners/5 black-type winners
1-Gulfstream, Msw 5 1/2f, GULF COAST GAL, 5-1
\$67,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl
1-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, TAPITUTION, 5-1
\$200,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$350,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Curlin to Mischief (Curlin), Rancho San Miguel, \$3,500
60 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Evangeline Downs, Msw 4 1/2f, MISCHIEF GIRL, 5-1

Daredevil (More Than Ready), Turkish Jockey Club, private
159 foals of racing age/25 winners/3 black-type winners
1-Belmont, Msw 5f, TAKECAREYALLCHICKN, 12-1

Due Diligence (War Front), Whitsbury Manor Stud, \$8,500
124 foals of racing age/24 winners/3 black-type winners
3-Royal Ascot England, \$66K GII Norfolk S., 5fT, JOJO RABBIT
(GB), 10-1
5,000gns RNA TAT FOA wnl; £18,000 TAS AYG yrl

Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud, \$35,000
223 foals of racing age/31 winners/4 black-type winners
5-Royal Ascot England, \$332K GI Commonwealth Cup S., 6fT,
ROYAL LYTHAM (Fr), 20-1
€180,000 ARA UG yrl
5-Royal Ascot England, \$332K GI Commonwealth Cup S., 6fT,
SOUTHERN HILLS (Ire), 20-1

Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud, \$6,000
291 foals of racing age/35 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Royal Ascot England, \$66K GII Norfolk S., 5fT, ANDRONICUS
BEAU (Ire), 20-1
€56,000 GOF OR yrl

Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
130 foals of racing age/20 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Evangeline Downs, Msw 4 1/2f, TECATE TIME, 7-2

Race Day (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
149 foals of racing age/22 winners/4 black-type winners
1-Evangeline Downs, Msw 5fT, FAITH'S RACEDAY, 8-1

Secret Circle (Eddington), Elite Thoroughbreds, private
62 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Churchill Downs, Msw 5f, ALL I KNOW, 12-1
\$4,500 KEE SEP yrl

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
246 foals of racing age/46 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Evangeline Downs, Msw 4 1/2f, PLATINUM QUEEN, 6-1



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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Hakodate and Hanshin Racecourses. The most important race of the weekend takes place Sunday at Toyko, which plays host to the G3 Unicorn S., one of two new races on the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby. Four US-bred and one US-conceived sophomores are among the field of 16 for the 1600-meter test, which will be previewed in Saturday's TDN:

Saturday, June 20, 2020

7th-HAK, ¥14,360,000 (\$134k), Allowance, 3yo/up, 1000m ISSHIN (c, 3, **Take Charge Indy--Appealing Stella, by Closing Argument),** a debut third over 1200 meters in December, shortened up to this trip and made nearly every yard of the running to graduate by eight lengths the following month ([video](#), gate 11). Exiting a close fourth back over six furlongs in March, the \$15K Keeneland November weanling, \$32K KEESSEP buyback and \$100K OBS March breezer should take all the beating.

B-Stonecliff Farm (FL)

Sunday, June 21, 2020

5th-HAK, ¥13,400,000 (\$125k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1200mT LINCOLN TESORO (c, 2, **Carpe Diem--Santa Vindi, by Vindication),** a \$75K purchase last fall at KEESSEP, is a half-brother to Flexibility (Bluegrass Cat), a debut winner and multiple Grade II-placed at two before adding the GIII Jerome S. in his sophomore debut in 2016. The colt's dam is a daughter of MGSW Santa Catalina (Cure the Blues), who was responsible for GISW Golden Missile (A.P. Indy) and sold for \$150K with Lincoln Tesoro in utero at KEENOV in 2017. B-Stonehaven Steadings (KY)

8th-HSN, ¥14,360,000 (\$134k), Allowance, 3yo/up, 1600mT LOTUS LAND (f, 3, **Point of Entry--Little Miss Muffet, by Scat Daddy)** was a debut winner over course and distance last September and has since finished second in two of three starts, including a near-miss when trying 1800 meters at Toyko off a December layoff May 23 ([video](#), gate 7). Hailing from the deeper female family of the now Japan-domiciled US GISW Gozzip Girl (Dynaformer), Lotus Land will be suited by this drop back to the

mile and over a track with a more abbreviated run to the wire than at Toyko. B-Dr Aaron Sones & Dr Naoya Yoshida (KY)

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STAKES RESULTS:

J. WILLIAM PETRO MEMORIAL H., \$75,000, Thistledown, 6-18, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47.60, ft.

1--**DRILLIT, 122, f, 4, Drill--Way to Fly, by Bowman's Band.** O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Eric Heyman (OH); T-Robert Gorham; J-T. Houghton \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 18-6-5-5, \$620,404.

2--**Leona's Reward**, 124, m, 7, Parents' Reward--Prime Time Dancer, by Montbrook. O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & Michael Friedman; B-Blazing Meadows Farm (OH); T-Timothy Hamm. \$15,000.

3--**Moonlit Mission**, 120, f, 3, Shackelford--Moonlit River, by Maria's Mon. O-Charlie J. Williams LLC; B-Belvedere Farm Inc. (OH); T-Silvano Gonzalez. \$7,500.

Margins: 12, 3, 4 3/4. Odds: 3.40, 1.00, 4.50.

GEORGE LEWIS MEMORIAL S., \$75,000, Thistledown, 6-18, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47.54, ft.

1--**MOBIL SOLUTION, 116, g, 5, Mobil--Perfect Solution, by Seeking the Gold.** O-Gerald Silver; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH); T-Jeffrey Radosevich; J-Luis Rivera. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 26-8-8-6, \$460,520.

2--**Verissimo**, 117, g, 4, Vertiformer--Blue as the Nile, by Spunky Rascal. O/B-Richard Spicer & William D. Spitler (OH); T-Jeffrey Radosevich. \$15,000.

3--**Pat's Karma**, 116, g, 4, Cowtown Cat--Jump Raise, by I'll Raise You One. O-Michael J. Annechino; B-Raimonde Farms LTD (OH); T-Jeffrey Radosevich. \$7,500.

Margins: 2 1/2, 2, 4. Odds: 1.20, 2.00, 9.60.

10,000 LAKES S., \$50,500, Canterbury, 6-17, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.45, ft.

1--**HOT SHOT KID, 118, g, 6, Majestic Warrior--Our Sweet Mary B, by Officer.** O/B-Warren L. Bush (MN); T-McLean Robertson; J-Francisco Arrieta. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 30-14-7-1, \$575,404. *1/2 to Minecraft Maniac (Midshipman), SW, \$186,579.

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2--Mr. Jagermeister, 124, h, 5, Atta Boy Roy--Frangelica, by Corinthian. O-Kristin Boice, Leslie Cummings & Valorie Lund; B-Kristin Boice (MN); T-Valorie Lund. \$10,000.

3--Fireman Oscar, 118, g, 6, Law Enforcement--Brandy Bai, by Essence of Dubai. O/B-Peter D. Mattson (MN); T-David Van Winkle. \$5,500.

Margins: 1HF, 1HF, HF. Odds: 4.60, 0.10, 12.20.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Churchill Downs, \$80,660, 6-18, (NW1X), 3yo, 1mT, 1:36.79, fm.

ANGELUS WARRIOR (c, 3, Jersey Town--Lady's Quest, by Rainbow Quest) Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-0, \$91,142.

O-Gelfenstein Farm & Andry G. Blanco; B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$5,500 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$30,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSMAR.

8th-Belmont, \$56,000, (S), 6-18, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.71, fm.

BARREL OF DESTINY (m, 5, Bluegrass Cat--Barrel of Joy, by Disco Rico) Lifetime Record: 24-5-3-2, \$148,452. O-Paradise Farms Corp.; B-Tri County Stables (NY); T-Michael J. Maker.

1st-Indiana Grand, \$39,000, (S), 6-18, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, 1:00.08, ft.

QUITE A BABE (m, 5, Quite a Handful--Misscini, by Mancini) Lifetime Record: 19-3-1-3, \$72,515. O-Thirstyacres Racing, LLC; B-Jay J. & Arven P. Holden (IN); T-Tianna Richardville.

8th-Indiana Grand, \$34,500, (S), 6-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.67, ft.

CASH FOR GOLD (g, 3, Gold for Cash--Colton's Dilemma, by Timeraker) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$40,500. O/B/T-Marvin A. Johnson (IN). *1/2 to Ron (Mondavi), SW, \$208,382.

8th-Canterbury, \$34,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 6-17, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.42, ft.

DAME PLATA (g, 4, Cross Traffic--Dana's Lucky Lady {MSP, \$207,773}, by Lucky Lionel) Lifetime Record: SW, 14-6-2-3, \$213,736. O-Ann Sachdev & Lori Bravo; B-Sugarland Thoroughbreds, LLC (MN); T-Francisco Bravo. *\$35,000 Ylg '17 MNSAUG. **1/2 to La Glamorosa (Fire Slam), Ch. 2yo Filly-PR, MSW-PR, \$179,669; Paddy O'Lionel (Paddy O'Prado), SW, \$189,325; and He's a Lady Tamer (Lion Tamer), SP, \$155,160.

6th-Thistledown, \$31,700, (S), 6-18, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:43.42, ft.

TIZ WHAT (f, 3, Colonel John--Unusual Spring {SP, \$246,415}, by Unusual Heat) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-2, \$64,414. O/B-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham. *1/2 to Az Ridge (Toccet), MSW, \$498,049.

7th-Canterbury, \$31,300, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 6-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.31, fm.

MAYWOOD HOPE (m, 5, Strong Hope--Maywood's Jill {MSP}, by Fit to Fight) Lifetime Record: SP, 14-4-4-3, \$142,000. O/B-Winchester Place Thoroughbreds LLC (MN); T-Tony Rengstorf.

8th-Evangeline Downs, \$26,000, (S), 6-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:25.56, ft.

STRYKER MAN (g, 5, Stryker--Candy Drop, by Eurosilver) Lifetime Record: 16-4-2-2, \$81,220. O-J-Lu LTD. Co; B-Cynthia Wade (LA); T-Sarah Delany.

2nd-Evangeline Downs, \$23,240, 6-18, (NW2L), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17.70, ft.

RED HOT DEVIL (c, 3, Daredevil--Red Hot Tweet, by Heatseeker {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$23,400. O-JMC Racing; B-St. Simon Place, Scott Stephens & Betsy T Wells (KY); T-Jon M. Cowan.

6th-Louisiana Downs, \$21,930, (NW26M)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-17, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22.93, ft.

EXTIRPATOR (g, 5, Gemologist--True Breeze, by Yes It's True) Lifetime Record: SP, 20-6-4-0, \$154,360. O-Marshall Stewart & Jack Turner; B-William Hardin & WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Patti Turner. *\$10,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN.



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8th-Thistledown, \$21,500, 6-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.68, ft.

FANCY PANTS (m, 6, Pollard's Vision--Skyline Star {SW}, by Meadow Prayer) Lifetime Record: 31-6-10-3, \$104,779. O/B-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (IN); T-Robert M. Gorham. *\$15,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Sky Pilot (City Weekend), SP, \$168,893.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Jamin's Jet, f, 2, **Danza**--Extra Dividend, by Flatter. Churchill Downs, 6-18, (C), 5f, 1:00.03. B-Keith Lancaster (KY).

One Crazy Ride, g, 3, **Cowtown Cat**--Dubaian Duel (GB) (GSP-Eng, \$163,501), by Daggers Drawn. Belterra, 6-18, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:08.40. B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH). *\$5,600 Ylg '18 OHIOCT.

Quid, g, 3, **English Channel**--Gold Mitten, by Waquoit. Belmont, 6-18, (C), 6fT, 1:08.94. B-Robert Bonnie & Julie Gomena (KY).

Lady Hideaway, f, 3, **Run Away and Hide**--Little Bull Run, by Holy Bull. Canterbury, 6-17, 7 1/2fT, 1:29.07. B-Winchester Place Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY).

Abby Normal, f, 4, **Birdstone**--Toga Tiger, by Hold That Tiger. Belmont, 6-18, (S), (C), 6fT, 1:10.14. B-Pete Martine (NY).



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- AGNES GOLD (JPN)**, Ivar (Brz), c, 4, o/o May Be Now, by Smart Strike. AOC, 6-18, Churchill Downs
- ASTROLOGY**, Big Time, f, 2, o/o Kitty's Got Class, by Old Forester. MSW, 6-18, Churchill Downs
- BIRDSTONE**, Abby Normal, f, 4, o/o Toga Tiger, by Hold That Tiger. MCL, 6-18, Belmont
- BLUEGRASS CAT**, Barrel of Destiny, m, 5, o/o Barrel of Joy, by Disco Rico. ALW, 6-18, Belmont
- COLONEL JOHN**, Tiz What, f, 3, o/o Unusual Spring, by Unusual Heat. ALW, 6-18, Thistledown
- COWTOWN CAT**, One Crazy Ride, g, 3, o/o Dubaian Duel (GB), by Daggers Drawn. MSW, 6-18, Belterra
- CROSS TRAFFIC**, Dame Plata, g, 4, o/o Dana's Lucky Lady, by Lucky Lionel. AOC, 6-17, Canterbury
- DANZA**, Jamin's Jet, f, 2, o/o Extra Dividend, by Flatter. MCL, 6-18, Churchill Downs
- DAREDEVIL**, Red Hot Devil, c, 3, o/o Red Hot Tweet, by Heatseeker (Ire). ALW, 6-18, Evangeline
- DROSSELMEYER**, Ratajkowski, m, 6, o/o Quiet North, by Quiet American. Critical Eye S., 6-18, Belmont
- ENGLISH CHANNEL**, Quid, g, 3, o/o Gold Mitten, by Waquoit. MCL, 6-18, Belmont
- EVEN THE SCORE**, Command Strike, f, 3, o/o Star Sheba, by Elusive Hour. ALW, 6-18, Thistledown
- EXAGGERATOR**, Perfect Mistake, c, 2, o/o Rapid Decision, by Stravinsky. MSW, 6-18, Indiana Grand
- GEMOLOGIST**, Extirpator, g, 5, o/o True Breeze, by Yes It's True. AOC, 6-17, Louisiana Downs
- GHOSTZAPPER**, So Darn Hot, f, 3, o/o Tizahit, by Tiznow. MSW, 6-18, Belmont
- GOLD FOR CASH**, Cash for Gold, g, 3, o/o Colton's Dilemma, by Timeraker. ALW, 6-18, Indiana Grand
- INTO MISCHIEF**, Make Mischief, f, 2, o/o Speightful Lady, by Speightstown. MSW, 6-18, Belmont
- JERSEY TOWN**, Angelus Warrior, c, 3, o/o Lady's Quest, by Rainbow Quest. ALW, 6-18, Churchill Downs
- MAJESTIC WARRIOR**, Hot Shot Kid, g, 6, o/o Our Sweet Mary B, by Officer. 10,000 Lakes S., 6-17, Canterbury
- POLLARD'S VISION**, Fancy Pants, m, 6, o/o Skyline Star, by Meadow Prayer. ALW, 6-18, Thistledown
- QUITE A HANDFUL**, Quite a Babe, m, 5, o/o Misscini, by Mancini. ALW, 6-18, Indiana Grand
- RUN AWAY AND HIDE**, Lady Hideaway, f, 3, o/o Little Bull Run, by Holy Bull. MSW, 6-17, Canterbury



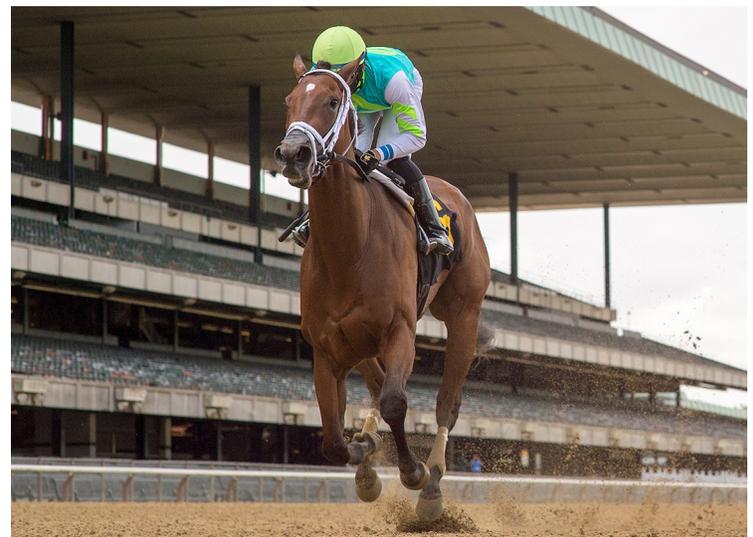
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- STRYKER**, Stryker Man, g, 5, o/o Candy Drop, by Eurosilver. ALW, 6-17, Evangeline
- WAR FRONT**, Tank Commander, h, 5, o/o Treasure Trail, by Pulpit. ALW, 6-18, Churchill Downs



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THREE GOLD CUPS FOR THE MAGNIFICENT STRADIVARIUS



Stradivarius | *Racing Post*

Soft ground? No worries. If anything, that extra dimension only served to exaggerate the superiority of **Stradivarius (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) as Bjorn Nielsen's chestnut entered immortality with an emphatic third G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot. Joining Sagaro (GB) and now only one off Yeats (Ire) with his awe-inspiring tally, the 4-5 favourite was always well within his comfort zone sauntering around this part of Berkshire that he has made his own. Switched off in his customary mid-division pitch throughout the early stages, he was lightly squeezed into engagement with over a half mile remaining and the response was such that Frankie had already taken three lingering looks behind over the course of the next furlong. With all covered in front and behind, Dettori let him coast to the leader **Nayef Road (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) approaching two out and there was even time to relish the moment before the command was given. Opening up in a style hardly seen in this legendary race, the champion stayer was to make the winning margin of lengths a perfect 10 to mark the occasion. It was another eight back to **Cross Counter (GB)** (Teofilo {Ire}) in third, only serving to further emphasise the enormous gap in class between the winner and this year's chosen opponents.

"You're never on the bridle in the Gold Cup a furlong out. Usually everybody labours by the three, so it was an amazing feeling and a fantastic performance," Dettori said. "Even with no crowd, I'm quite emotional. I was worried about the rain, it was a concern but he actually really surprised me because he went through it like a hot knife through butter. I had everybody covered." [Cont. p2](#)

MOLATHAM KEEPS SHADWELL STREAK GOING IN THE JERSEY

Continuing a spellbinding week at Royal Ascot for Shadwell, last year's high-class prospect **Molatham (GB)** (Night of Thunder {Ire}) came good when it mattered as he emerged on top in a rain-hit G3 Jersey S. on Wednesday.

Always travelling strongly halfway down the field despite having no cover, the Listed Flying Scotsman S. winner cruised to the front passing two out and after a battle royal with **Monarch of Egypt** (American Pharoah) asserted for a half-length success, with daylight back to **Symbolize (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) in third.

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Steve Sherack speaks with New York Racing Association announcer John Imbriale, whose association with NYRA started in 1979. Imbriale was appointed to the position of head announcer for NYRA at Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga in January. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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G1 Gold Cup Cont.

It's always that scary moment when you get to the furlong marker--will he pick up or not--but he did and he stretched away by 10. Amazing. It just shows what a fighter and how versatile he is. It's all about Stradivarius today. He's a wonderful horse who'll go down as one of the great stayers."

Ascot stages jump races throughout the winter and this finish, played out against the unseasonable gloom with the mud flying, bore more than a small resemblance. One of that pursuit's all-time greats, Kauto Star (Fr), came here in 2008 while Desert Orchid (GB) produced a top-five performance of his glittering career in the 1989 Victor Chandler Chase. In many ways, these great staying monuments of the Flat carry greater emotional weight than the shorter commercial contests and when a special one comes along to grace them they are readily taken to the hearts of purists and fans alike. Like "Kauto", Stradivarius proved here that he could bounce back from a momentum-stopping defeat and overcome perceived adversity with the kind of display that will retain resonance down the decades. It is a cruel twist of fate that only a select handful will get to say "I was there" as they hark back to Thursday, June 18th, 2020.

While he was a dual Weatherbys Hamilton bonus millionaire, loping around here, Goodwood, York and Doncaster collecting hordes of new followers as he went, it was all plain sailing. Despite the quality of his last two Gold Cup fields and a possible career-best in the most recent of his three renewals of the G1 Goodwood Cup, it is perhaps only after reversal that the true measure of a cult hero is made. Inched out by Kew Gardens (Ire)

(Galileo {Ire}) in an epic encounter on the sole occasion that they have met in the two-mile G2 QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup, his longstanding position as division leader was threatened for the first time in over two years. Even then he was obviously beaten as the line neared, but he pointed his nose with all the strength he could muster to narrow the margin to the bare minimum by which he could be vanquished.

Their renewed rivalry could have seen one of the great Gold Cup battles, but while Kew Gardens is becoming by virtue of flagrant ill-fortune the best Aidan O'Brien-trained horse not to win one of these, the horse affectionately named the "Milky Bar Kid" by John Gosden after his success 12 months ago just keeps coming back. Some well-

respected pundits questioned the way he carried himself as he managed third place in a furiously-contested G1 Coronation Cup on slick ground at Newmarket just 13 days before this date with destiny, but he was at top speed a long way out there, determined as ever as he got to within five lengths of Ghaiyyath (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). His trainer knows enough already, but where Stradivarius is concerned he has had time to develop an encyclopedic knowledge of what makes the 6-year-old tick and all the vital signs at Clarehaven were spot-on as he made the brief turnaround.

What nobody connected with the horse or his legions of well-wishers would have wanted to see was 20-plus millimetres of precipitation from the end of the previous day's racing. After Frankie's fancied mounts throughout the earlier action failed to make an impact one after another, the doubts were setting in as much as the rain. [Cont. p3](#)



Stradivarius before taking his third Gold Cup | *Racing Post*

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G1 Gold Cup Cont.

In the event, the softened ground had much more impact on those that lack the requisite class to become Gold Cup winners and one by one they began to feel the pain heading out of the back straight. That stage of the race that Aidan O'Brien talked about in the years of Yeats as being the pinch-point, the moment of truth, was exactly that again in 2020.

Stradivarius has a distant connection with one of the great Arc winners, Peintre Celebre (Nureyev), a monstrous figure on all types of ground and some key material has been passed down through his dynasty to this current star in the firmament. As the drag of the sinking turf sapped the energy of the seven who dared to front up to him, only Nayef Road clung to the outside prospect of glory heading for home. In that inimitable fashion which is trademark Mark Johnston, the G3 Sagaro S. winner kept



Stradivarius romps in the Gold Cup | Racing Post

meeting the needs of Ryan Moore but while his resolve remained stiff and unbending with no hint of resignation, the writing was already on the wall.

Had Stradivarius faltered after carting Frankie alongside Nayef Road, flattering to deceive for once in his career, nobody would have been in the least part judgmental. Instead, entering the final furlong and a half of this most extreme examination of his staying power, he transformed anxiety into certainty in a few ebullient strides. Soon gone beyond recall and reproach. Devouring the ground that was supposed to compromise him all the way to the winning post in a time just 11 seconds longer than that recorded on contrasting going as he eclipsed Vazirabad (Fr) (Manduro {Ger}) and Torcedor (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) in 2018. Alone in his own procession. One of the greatest performances in Royal Ascot's history.

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G1 Gold Cup Cont.

John Gosden had to carry the hopes of the many onlookers alone as he witnessed the achievement from one of the track's eerily-void vantage points. He was a relieved man afterwards. "I thought Frankie was sitting out of his ground, so I couldn't enjoy it much until they got to the three marker where I could see him looking under his elbows and everywhere else," he said. "It was a superb performance. I think the benefit of the Coronation Cup in a very fast time meant he was fully fit, but I was concerned that he was having to run again so quickly because of the bounce factor. I'm very proud he's won three and particularly proud for the man who's done it, Bjorn Nielsen. He's passionate about it and keeps trying to breed a Derby winner, but he's got a very good Cup horse. For him it is profoundly fulfilling and it's just a pity he can't be here today."

Gosden revealed that the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe is on the agenda, a throwback to the oh-so-near early-80s tilt by the wonder stayer Ardross (Ire) to whom this winner bears valid comparison. "We might just look towards the Goodwood Cup next, he's won three of them already, then we might take a pull as there is talk of running in an Arc," he said. "He ran brilliantly in the Coronation Cup, so an Arc on autumn ground isn't out of the question. We're very proud of him, he's a personality, let me

tell you. He's a remarkable horse and it's down to Bjorn whether we come back for a fourth."

Pedigree Notes

Stradivarius is the final gift given by Private Life (Fr) (Bering {GB}), the twice listed-placed bay who signed off her career for Daniel Wildenstein and Andre Fabre with a ninth placing in the G1 Prix Vermeille of the millennium year. She was purchased for just 70,000gns by Blandford Bloodstock at the 2006 Tattersalls December Mares Sale, six months before her son Persian Storm (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) made his mark by winning the G3 Bavarian Classic. He went on to add the G3 Furstenberg-Rennen to his tally, but in the following nine years Private Life had only two minor black-type performers under her courtesy of the stakes-placed South African runner Magical Eve (Ger) (Oratorio {Ire}) and the G3 Abu Dhabi Championship third Rembrandt Van Rijn (Ire) by her aforementioned relative Peintre Celebre.

Stradivarius was just a slow-developing juvenile as Rembrandt Van Rijn was doing his bit in the Middle East in March 2016, but this is a family that always comes back to prominence given patience, as the German heavyweight and future G1 Melbourne Cup-winning Australian champion stayer Protectionist (Ger) (Monsun {Ger})--who was lurking under the second dam Poughkeepsie (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)--was to prove. **Cont. p5**

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G1 Gold Cup Cont.

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Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain

GOLD CUP-G1, £250,000, Royal Ascot, 6-18, 4yo/up, 19f 210yT, 4:32.60, sf.

1--**STRADIVARIUS (IRE)**, 128, h, 6, by Sea The Stars (Ire)

1st Dam: Private Life (Fr) (MSP-Fr), by Bering (GB)

2nd Dam: Poughkeepsie (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

3rd Dam: Pawneese (Ire), by Carvin II

(330,000gns RNA Ylg '15 TATOCT). O/B-Bjorn Nielsen (IRE); T-John Gosden; J-Lanfranco Dettori. £148,000. Lifetime Record: 2x Hwt. Older Horse-Eur at 14f+, 22-15-2-3, \$3,498,667. *1/2 to Persian Storm (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), Hwt.

3yo-Ger at 9.5-11f & MGSW-Ger, \$121,198; and Rembrandt Van Rijn (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), GSP-UAE, \$167,081. **Werk Nick Rating: A+**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Nayef Road (Ire)**, 127, c, 4, **Galileo (Ire)**--Rose Bonheur (GB), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (100,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT).

O-Mohamed Obaida; B-B V Sangster (IRE); T-Mark Johnston. £55,975.

3--**Cross Counter (GB)**, 128, g, 5, **Teofilo (Ire)**--Waitress, by Kingmambo. O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby. £27,975.

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Also Ran: Withhold (GB), Mekong (GB), Prince of Arran (GB), Technician (Ire), Moonlight Spirit (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



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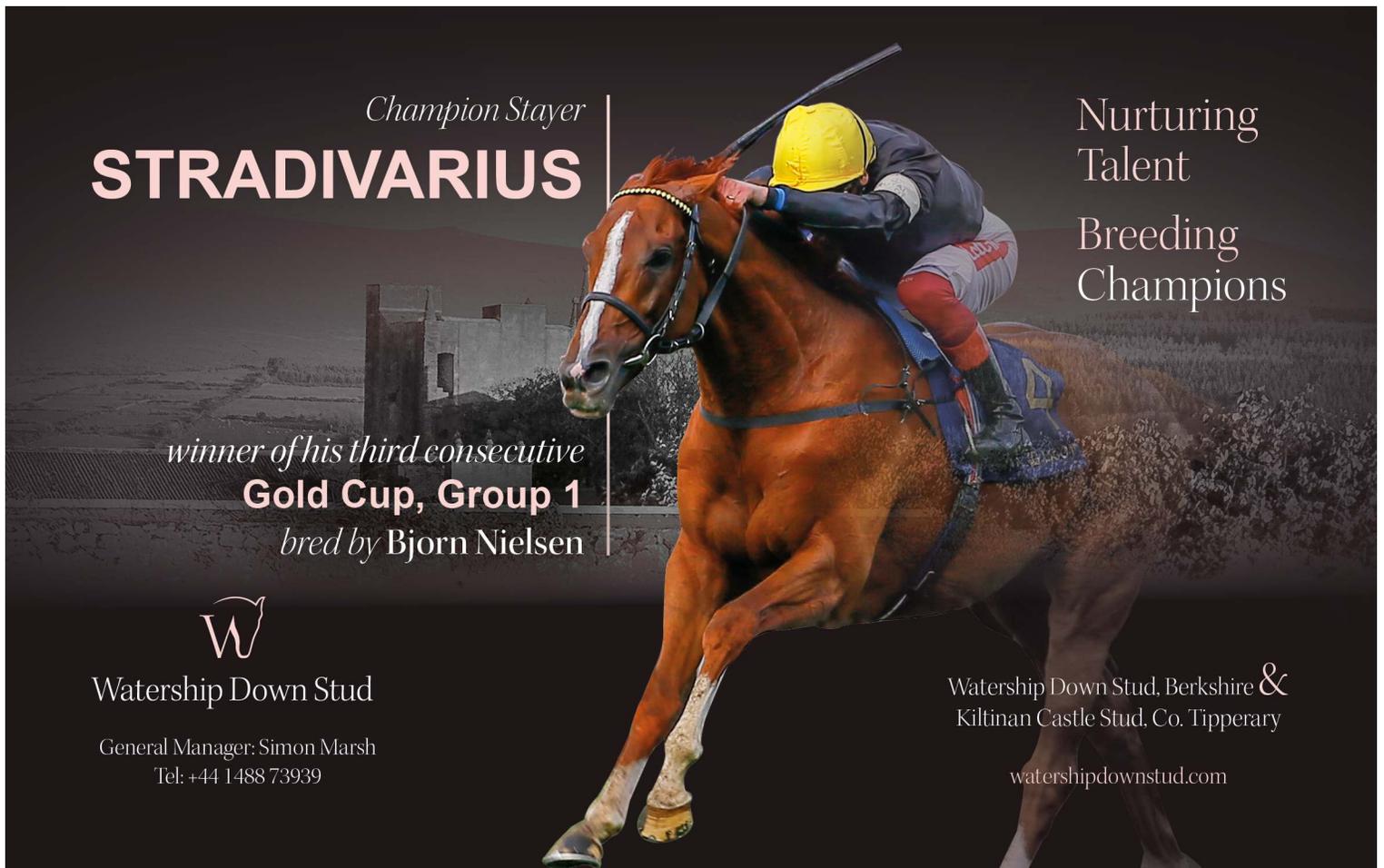


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G3 Jersey S. Cont.

Jockey Jim Crowley, who is riding with rare precision this week, said, “Molatham was very tough. I had been down to ride him work earlier in the year when we were thinking of the 2000 Guineas. He was working quite lazily at home and today when the rain had come I was a little bit concerned. However, when you look at his pedigree, it showed that he wouldn’t mind a bit of cut in the ground and the way he moves suggests that too.”

“Molatham is a horse who does not want to be in front two furlongs out,” he added. “He was going so well and I found myself in front. On the soft ground, it was difficult for me to sit and then expect him to pick up, so I went for home on him. I got headed and that did me a favour. The reason we came back to seven furlongs is that we weren’t 100% sure he would get the mile. However, on that run today, you would imagine a mile would not be a problem but I don’t think there is a need to step back up at the moment.”

Beaten a neck by the classy Mums Tipple (Ire) (Foostepsinthesand {GB}) when runner-up on debut in Ascot’s Crocker Bulteel Maiden over six furlongs on debut in July, Molatham took the valuable Convivial Maiden at York in August before upstaging Wichita (Ire) (No Nay Never) and Berlin Tango (GB) (Dansili {GB}) in a renewal of Doncaster’s Flying Scotsman that in hindsight takes on extra gravitas. Soundly beaten when fourth as the favourite for the G3 Autumn S. over a mile at Newmarket in October, the chestnut was not short of stamina here as he was made to pull out all the stops by the slow-starting **TDN Rising Star** and G1 Phoenix S. runner-up Monarch of Egypt (American Pharoah).

Trainer Roger Varian was picking up the middle part of an afternoon treble.



Molatham | *Racing Post*

He said, “Molatham is a lovely horse with a great temperament. He has done nothing wrong in his career, really-- he was second here in a very good maiden on his debut and the form of his listed win reads very well. We have always thought the world of this horse and he has come to himself in the last few weeks. He might not ever win by four lengths because he is not that sort of horse, but he is tough and straightforward and obviously very talented. He looks like he will get a mile. He is built like a fast horse, so I don’t think he will get beyond a mile, but the way he gutted it out here on this ground over this stiff seven, it looks like he will get a mile.”

Of future targets, he added, “Molatham is obviously one of the top 3-year-olds around after that performance and at some point those nice 3-year-olds will have to come together, but I will speak with Sheikh Hamdan and Sheikh Hamdan’s team and we’ll see how he comes out of this race. Nothing is impossible-- he has just won a Jersey and this race has a rich history of producing good horses. He looked a good horse today and we will be excited about him for the rest of the season for sure.”

Pedigree Notes

Molatham's dam Cantal (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) is a Cheveley Park Stud-bred daughter of the Niarchos's Canda (Storm Cat) who was bought by David and Patricia Thompson's organisation for \$2.4million at the 2005 Keeneland November Sale. Canda went on to provide them with the G3 Horris Hill S.-winning sire Evasive (GB) (Elusive Quality) and the G3 Brigadier Gerard S. scorer Autocratic (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), who also captured the G3 JRA Cup in Australia racing as Captain Cook.

Canda's price tag owes much to the fact that her dam is the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Prix Jacques le Marois heroine East of the Moon (Private Account) and that makes her a half to the dam of the high-class half-siblings Alpha Centauri (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) and Alpine Star (Ire) (Sea the Moon {Ger}). Cantal's daughter Perfection (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) was successful twice at listed level and was second in the G3 Oak Tree S., G3 Chartwell S. and G3 Brownstown S. over this seven-furlong trip. Her 2-year-old filly Puy Mary (GB) is by Intello (Ger), while she also has a yearling colt by Ulysses (Ire).

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Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain

JERSEY S.-G3, £60,000, Royal Ascot, 6-18, 3yo, 7ft, 1:28.94, sf.

1--MOLATHAM (GB), 127, c, 3, by Night of Thunder (Ire)

1st Dam: Cantal (GB), by Pivotal (GB)

2nd Dam: Canda, by Storm Cat

3rd Dam: East of the Moon, by Private Account

1ST GROUP WIN. (160,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Roger Varian; J-Jim Crowley. £35,520. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$127,677. *1/2 to Perfection (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), MSW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$160,808. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Monarch of Egypt, 127, c, 3, American Pharoah--Up (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). 'TDN Rising Star'. (\$750,000 Ylg '18 KESESEP).

O-Peter Brant, Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Ran Jan Racing Inc (KY); T-Aidan O'Brien. £13,434.



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3--Symbolize (Ire), 127, c, 3, Starspangledbanner (Aus)--French

Flirt (GB), by Peintre Celebre. (€32,000 Wlg '17 GOFNOV; 52,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT). O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-DC Investments Ltd (IRE); T-Andrew Balding. £6,714.

Margins: HF, 3 1/4, HF. Odds: 5.50, 4.00, 40.00.

Also Ran: Ropey Guest (GB), Celestin (Fr), King Leonidas (GB),



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Thursday's Non-Group Royal Ascot Results:

CHESHAM S.-Listed, £40,000, Royal Ascot, 6-18, 2yo, 7fT, 1:30.62, sf.

1--**BATTLEGROUND**, 129, c, 2, by **War Front**

1st Dam: Found (Ire) (Hwt. 2yo Filly-Eur, Hwt. Older Horse-Eur at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Mare-Eur at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Horse-Fr at 9.5-11f, Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 9.5-11f, MG1SW-Fr, GISW-US, MGSW & MG1SP-Ire, MG1SP-Eng, \$7,610,405), by Galileo (Ire)

2nd Dam: Red Evie (Ire), by Intikhab

3rd Dam: Malafemmena (Ire), by Nordico

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (KY); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. £23,680. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$30,267. *91st SW for his sire (by Danzig).

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2--**March Law (Ire)**, 129, c, 2, Lawman (Fr)--Dookus (Ire), by Linamix (Fr). (58,000gns Ylg '19 TAOCT). O-Susan & John

Waterworth; B-Ballylinch Stud (IRE); T-Mark Johnston. £8,956. 3--**Seattle Rock (GB)**, 124, f, 2, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**--Snoqualmie Girl (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). O-J C Smith; B-Littleton Stud (GB); T-Sylvester Kirk. £4,476.

Margins: 2HF, 1 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.75, 18.00, 80.00.

Also Ran: Golden Flame (Ire), Modern News (GB), Bright Devil (Ire), Clarendon Cross (GB), First Prophet (Ire). Scratched: Concessions (GB).

When Aidan O'Brien sends a well-regarded 2-year-old to this race, it always pays to take notice and the vibes were strong about the regally-bred Battleground after his encouraging debut fifth over six furlongs at Naas 10 days previously. Trying to emulate Maybe (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Churchill (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and September (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), the imposing bay who is the first foal out of the brilliant Arc heroine Found (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) travelled strongly through the rain-affected ground tracking the pace under Ryan Moore. As the forwardly-ridden March Law strode on approaching the final quarter mile, he was only getting into his rhythm and duly stayed on past that rival with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and into the clear.

"Wayne Lordan loved him at Naas, where he had a good clear run and there was no hard-luck story and he learnt a lot from it," the Ballydoyle handler said after witnessing his 73rd Royal winner. **Cont. p9**

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“He is out of Found, so you would have hoped he would stay further really. We were worried about the ground. Battleground is by War Front, but Found handled soft ground when she won the Breeders’ Cup Turf and he is an exciting horse--he could be anything. He could be one for the July Meeting or the [G1] National S. I would imagine he would stay well and probably a mile will be his trip. Found got a mile and a half, but he is by War Front and that is a big influence for speed.

“Found was an unbelievable, magic mare,” O’Brien added. “She was one of the very special ones and everyone remembers her. Obviously, this is her first foal and everyone wants to do well. Battleground is an unbelievable specimen really. It was a big ask for our 2-year-olds, as most of them only ran last week. We needed to get a run into him otherwise it was going to be

difficult to get into the race as they would have been fourth or fifth preference. We were lucky in this race that it was not a full field.”

John Waterworth, who owns the runner-up March Law in partnership with his wife Susan, said, “I am really pleased with that. He has a Book 1 pedigree, we think he has a lot of time to develop and think he will get better as the season goes on.”

Found’s list of achievements make remarkable reading, with her career-defining moment in that autumn showpiece staged at Chantilly in 2016 on top of a tally which already included wins in the G1 Breeders’ Cup Turf and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac and multiple placings at the top level including the G1 Irish 1000

Guineas, G1 English and Irish Champion S., G1 Coronation S. and G1 Prince of Wales’s S. Out of the G1 Matron S. and G1 Lockinge S. heroine Red Evie (Ire) (Intikhab), she is a full-sister to Best In the World (Ire) who captured the G3 Give Thanks S. [Cont. p10](#)



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Best In the World is now a member of the broodmare band at Coolmore responsible for the recent runner Snowfall (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), and also Magical Dream (Ire) who took the G3 Weld Park S. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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WOLFERTON S.-Listed, £50,000, Royal Ascot, 6-18, 4yo/up, 9f 212yT, 2:11.90, sf.

1--**MOUNTAIN ANGEL (IRE), 129, g, 6, Dark Angel (Ire)--Fanciful Dancer (GB), by Groom Dancer. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (100,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT). O-Ziad A. Galadari; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Roger Varian; J-James Doyle. £29,600. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Fr, 23-5-9-2, \$256,848. *Full to Fanciful Angel (Ire), SW-Eng, MGISP-US & GSP-Ger, \$569,318. *60th SW for his sire (by Acclamation {GB}).

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2--**Sir Dragonet (Ire), 129, c, 4, Camelot (GB)--Sparrow (Ire), by Oasis Dream (GB). 'TDN Rising Star'.** O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Orpendale, Wynatt & Chelston (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. £11,195.

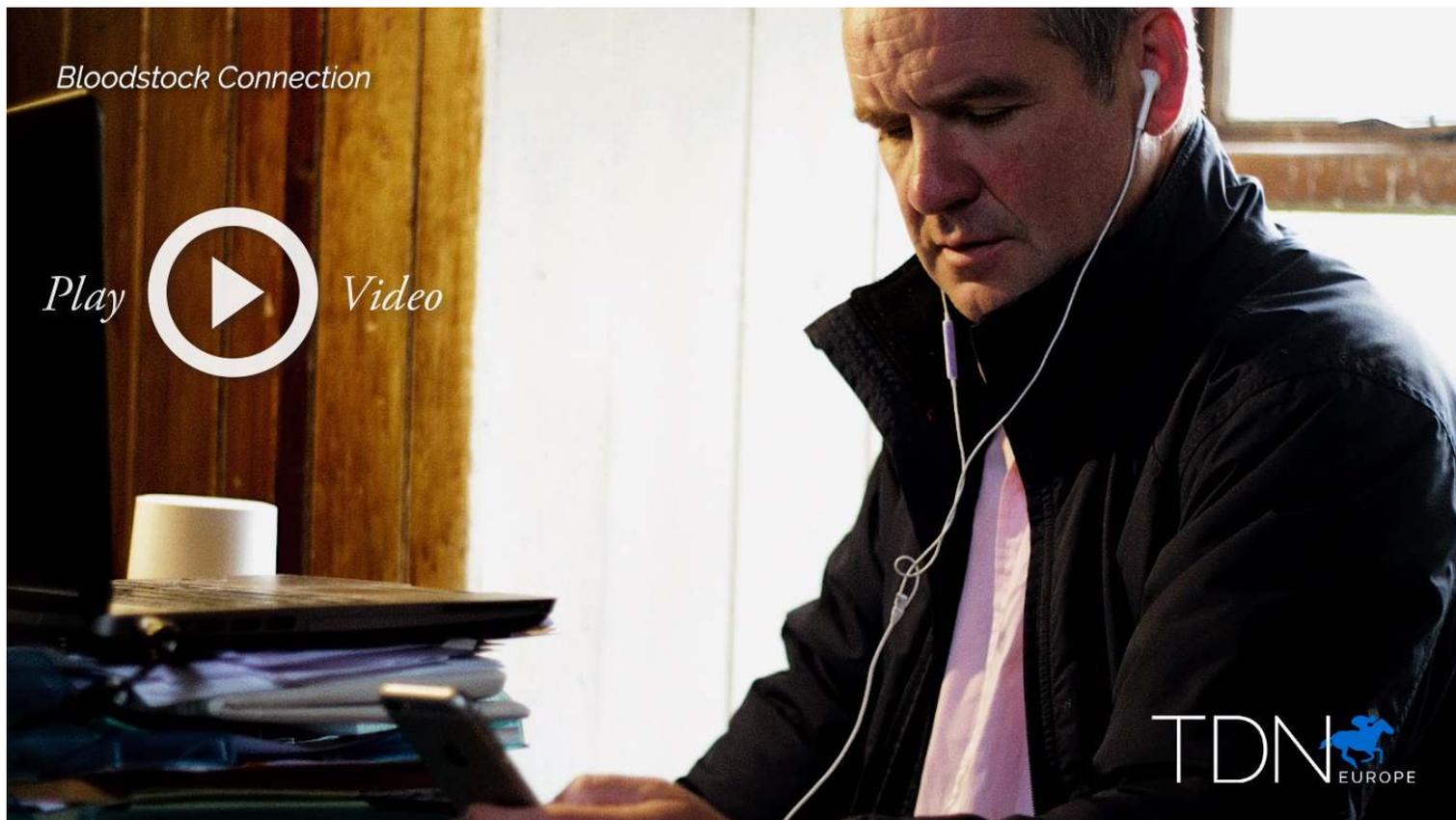
3--**Regal Reality (GB), 129, g, 5, Intello (Ger)--Regal Realm (GB), by Medicean (GB). O/B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute. £5,595.**

Margins: 2 1/4, HF, NK. Odds: 8.00, 1.88, 5.50.

Also Ran: Prince Eiji (GB), Extra Elusive (GB), Fox Tal (GB), Mountain Hunter, Walkinthesand (Ire), King Ottokar (Fr), Forest Ranger (Ire), Cockalorum (Ire), Dream Castle (GB), Crossed Baton (GB). Scratched: Dubai Warrior (GB), Aloe Vera (GB), Bubble and Squeak (GB).

Stepping out of handicap company to be fifth in a strong renewal of this contest 12 months ago, Mountain Angel was at Deauville two starts later finishing runner-up to Olmedo (Fr) (Declaration of War) in the G3 Prix Gontaut-Biron over this trip in August. Finding marginal improvement again when in the same spot behind Skalleti (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}) in the G2 Prix Dollar again at this distance on ParisLongchamp's Arc weekend, the bay relished the difference the near-20 millimetres of rain that had fallen since the end of racing on Wednesday had made to open his black-type account. Travelling with enthusiasm in mid-division under James Doyle, he made his move up the inner once straightened for home and after securing the lead passing the furlong pole stayed on powerfully to break the hearts of the closers.

"He ran a good race in it last year, when he got into a bit of scrimmaging in Swinley Bottom and that put paid to his chances," Doyle explained. "Today the rain has come for him nicely, as he relishes cut in the ground and it couldn't have been much smoother, he travelled around really good." **Cont. p11**



Emma Berry talks to Johnny Hassett of the Bloodstock Connection in the first of a TDN video series following the fortunes of the breeze-up sector in this delayed season.

Mountain Angel | *Racing Post*

Listed Wolferton S. Cont.

He added, "I could have done with them going just a bit quicker to help him relax, but he carted me into it. I pulled my goggles down when we turned in and couldn't believe how much room we had up the inside. It was just a case of not getting there too early and he really knuckled down well when I asked him."

Roger Varian added, "He is a good horse fresh--he has shown that over the years. He gets the trip well, loves a bit of dig in the ground and trained well at home. He is a horse who probably doesn't need over-racing. We took him to Bahrain on a fact-finding mission last autumn to see if he would be an international horse, but he just didn't like that firm ground. I think we will bide our time with him, as he ran well in a couple of group races last autumn and I think we will follow a similar programme. I think he will deliver when things are in his favour."

The winner is a half-brother to Fanciful Angel, who was runner-up in the GI Arlington Million, GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic and G2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen (German 2000 Guineas). The dam, who has 2-year-old and yearling colts by Gutaifan (Ire), is also related to the smart dual listed winner and dual group-placed Evening Time (Ire) (Keltos {Fr}). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

6th-Royal Ascot, £60,000, Hcp, 6-18, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:41.22, sf.

KHALOOSY (IRE) (c, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Elshaadin {GB}, by Dalakhani {Ire}), who scored by 4 1/2 lengths in a novice event over an extended mile on Wolverhampton's Tapeta in November, attracted marked support into 9-2 second favouritism in this ever-competitive Britannia H. Reserved in rear early by

Jim Crowley, the grey made smooth progress towards the stand's side and despite veering right quickly subdued the 11-4 favourite **Finest Sound (Ire)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) approaching the final furlong. Straightened up shortly after, the homebred drew away to record an impressive another 4 1/2-length success. Backing up the visual impression was the sectional facts. The winner's final four furlongs were all faster than any of his rivals', while his final three amounted to :37.89 seconds, over a second quicker than any other horse.

Crowley was making it six for the week, doubling his prior overall tally in the process, and said, "I think Roger was tight getting him here, so he has done a great job. We were a little bit unsure about the ground, but when he won his race at Wolverhampton he clocked a really good time and we have always held him in high regard. Six winners is the stuff of dreams and it is great they are all for my boss. It is the hardest place to ride winners and I am very grateful to be riding horses capable of it."

Roger Varian, who was landing a treble on the day, said, "We have always liked this horse, but to be honest he is not flashy at home. I have to credit John Lowe, who rides him every morning and has been happy with his work. He had a little setback a month ago, which probably prevented us getting a run into him, but maybe it was a blessing in disguise because he came here in good form. We were a little bit worried about ground conditions, but he got through that okay and won well. I think if you watch his Wolverhampton win, he won it in pretty good style and he went into the winter as a colt we were looking forward to training this year. It has been such a funny beginning, with us having to wait until June to race. For sure, some of the horses have been working for a while and one or two are getting a bit bored at home. It has not been the easiest to judge where any of them are, but we have been pleased with this colt."

Khaloosy | *Getty Images/Alan Crowhurst*

6th-Royal Ascot Cont.

Added Varian, “He won in the style of a horse with a big future. He has got a great pedigree, going back to Nathaniel and Great Heavens and that good Magnificent Style female line, so he has got the blood to be a good horse. He has done nothing today to say that he won’t be. He looks like a 100+-rated horse and will have to go into pattern company now.”

As her trainer pointed out, the winner is the second foal out of a granddaughter of the G3 Musidora S.-winning blue hen Magnificent Style (Silver Hawk), responsible for the G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S. and G1 Eclipse S.-winning sire of importance Nathaniel (Ire) and his G1 Irish Oaks-winning full-sister Great Heavens (GB), as well as the leading lights by Sadler’s Wells in Playful Act (Ire) and Changing Skies (Ire). Elshaadin’s 2-year-old filly is by Awtaad (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$54,978. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE); T-Roger Varian.

7th-Royal Ascot, £60,000, Hcp, 6-18, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:42.89, sf. ONASSIS (IRE) (f, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Jacqueline Quest {Ire} {MG1SP-Eng, \$210,459}, by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), who was breaking her maiden at the sixth attempt in a seven-furlong nursery on Newcastle’s Tapeta when last seen in October, was keen early breaking from the seemingly unfavourable outside stall one in this Sandringham H. before settling anchored at the tail of the field, Making smooth progress to take control approaching the furlong pole, the 33-1 shot readily asserted to score by a cosy 1 1/4-length margin from Waliyak (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). In doing so, she was providing the Charlie Fellowes-Hayley Turner combination with back-to-back successes in this following the exploits of Thanks Be (GB) (Mukhadram {GB}) who was also 33-1.

“To win this race two years in a row, same weight, similarly awful draw--it is amazing,” her trainer said. “Onassis has an outstanding pedigree and I begged the owners to have a crack at this. This was the perfect race for her. She is a very good traveller and I thought the stiff mile would suit her.” **Cont. p13**



Onassis | Racing Post

7th-Royal Ascot Cont.

He said, "I have been wrong about everything else today, but I got this one right which is a relief."

Onassis was providing further kudos to her dam Jacqueline Quest who was so controversially disqualified from firsts place in the 2010 G1 1000 Guineas before finishing third in the G1 Coronation S. She is already responsible for the ill-fated G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf and G3 Prix de Conde winner Line of Duty (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who was also third in the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois and G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, GISW-US, GSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$829,589, and his listed-placed full-sister Hibiscus (Ire). Her 2-year-old colt also by Galileo was bought by Godolphin for 1.1million gns at the Tattersalls October Book 1 Sale, while she also has a yearling colt by Dubawi (Ire). Sales history: 200,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$59,548. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Triermore Stud & The Hon Peter Stanley; B-C O P Hanbury (IRE); T-Charlie Fellowes.

1st-Royal Ascot, £35,000, Hcp, 6-18, 3yo, 9f 212yT, 2:11.20, sf. HIGHLAND CHIEF (IRE) (c, 3, Gleneagles {Ire}--Pink Symphony {GB} {GSW-Ire & MSP-Eng, \$186,684}, by Montjeu {Ire}), who was his sire's first winner at Newbury last April, had finished third behind Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal) and Lope Y Fernandez (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) in the Listed Chesham S. at this meeting before finishing sixth in the G2 Royal Lodge S. at Newmarket in September. Fitted with cheekpieces on his seasonal bow giving weight to all in this newly-created Golden Gates H., the 20-1 shot was keen early racing in rear under Rossa Ryan and had abundant ground to make up in the straight. Finishing with a flourish down the outside, the homebred bay collared Tritonic (GB) (Sea the Moon {Ger}) despite jinking left inside the final 150 yards en route to a half-length success. In doing so, Highland Chief was registering a landmark first Royal Ascot success for a training partnership with Paul joined by Oliver Cole after the BHA's change in rules from the start of June.

Oliver said, "It is history, it is brilliant. Highland Chief is a very good horse, he won at Newbury on soft ground and was only beaten a few lengths by Pinatubo. He got bashed in that race and then made another run, so he has got ability. He only just does what he has to, so he is potentially unexposed. Dare I say, he is still a bit babyish--probably not quite the full racehorse yet. Obviously, the further he goes the better he's getting. He is an exciting horse and probably very good. His mother was good. Sadly, my father is at his best friend Ben Leigh's funeral today, which is why he didn't come."

Rossa Ryan, recording a first Royal winner as a 19-year-old, added, "It has not really sunk in yet. I am a bit shocked that it has happened. I cannot thank everyone enough who has

supported me to get here today. I was a long way back on Highland Chief, but the plan going out was to just get this lad to relax, travel and ride him to come home. Because it was his first run of the year, he was going to be a bit fresh and unknown at this trip. When I looked up, we were getting to the two-furlong pole and I thought the bird might have flown and I was going to miss the boat. However, the two furlongs at Royal Ascot are the longest two furlongs anywhere and he showed that today."

Highland Chief is out of the Hays' smart Pink Symphony, who captured the G3 Give Thanks S. and is a half to the G3 Prestige S., G3 Nell Gwyn S. and GIII Modesty H. winner Fantasia (GB) (Sadler's Wells) and to the dam of the G2 Prix Eugene Adam scorer Western Hymn (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}). Fantasia is the dam of the recent G3 Classic Trial winner Berlin Tango (GB) (Dansili {GB}) who was third in Wednesday's G3 Hampton Court S. The third dam is the European champion 2-year-old Blue Duster (Danzig), herself a full-sister to the G1 Middle Park S.-winning sire Zieten. Pink Symphony's yearling cot is by Dark Angel (Ire). Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 4-2-0-1, \$51,283. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Mrs Fitri Hay (IRE); T-Paul & Oliver Cole.



Highland Chief | Getty Images/Alan Crowhurst

COMMONWEALTH CUP HEADLINES FRIDAY FEAST

It is not only the most hygienic Royal Ascot ever staged that features on Friday, with Chantilly and Gowran Park also holding meetings with notable races. The Berkshire venue, of course, is at the forefront, with the G1 Commonwealth Cup the main focus as 'TDN Rising Star' Pierre Lapin (Ire) (Cappella Sansevero {GB}) defends his unbeaten tally for Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum and Roger Varian. If the truth were told, nobody knows the true extent of his abilities but his smooth success in Newbury's G2 Mill Reef S. in September was sufficient to cast him as ante-post favourite for this test. **Cont. p14**



'TDN Rising Star' Pierre Lapin | *Racing Post*

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Varian has hit a real streak over the past two days and is looking at a potential trainers' title at the meeting. "We felt it was a bit tight running in the Pavilion at Newcastle beforehand and liked the idea of getting him to Ascot as a fresh horse," he said. "We'd have loved to have got a prep run into him in May, but he's not a horse I wanted to go 'bang-bang' with and so we took the decision to try and get him cherry-ripe for Ascot. He's probably got to overcome a little bit of inexperience, but he is a very natural horse and he won in group company after a four-month lay-off on only his second start. Hopefully, his ability will shine through and he will be streetwise enough for the big day. He's got to prove himself at the top level, but he's got the gears, definitely, and I think he now has the strength."

While Pierre Lapin lacks experience, AlMohamediya Racing's **Golden Horde (Ire)** (Lethal Force {Ire}) has plenty under his belt as he prepares to provide trainer Clive Cox and jockey Adam Kirby with another big afternoon at the Royal meeting. Successful in the G2 Richmond S. at Goodwood at the start of August, the imposing chestnut came up against Earthlight (Ire) (Shamardal) on two occasions with a third placing in Deauville's G1 Prix Morny later that month followed by a neck second to that Godolphin heavyweight in the G1 Middle Park S. at Newmarket in September. "He has done very well over the winter and carries a real level of form into the race," Cox said. "I believe he's done as well as any horse possibly could from two to three. With the sprinting brigade, in particular, it's all about maturity and strength. Once you've got that natural speed and ability, maturity is the curve you hope and pray continues upwards. I'm hoping we go there with a good chance."

Like many others, Wesley Ward would not have wanted Thursday's rain for Ten Broeck Farm's **Kimari** (Munnings), although she did perform to a high standard on easy ground

when a neck second to Raffle Prize (Ire) (Slade Power {Ire}) in the G2 Queen Mary S. over five furlongs at this meeting 12 months ago. Her win on sloppy going in the Purple Martin S. at Oaklawn Park on Apr. 4 was a perfect warm-up and she meets several opponents without that kind of race-sharpening experience. "Not all my horses do well from two to three, but she really has, which is why we're bringing her back," Ward explained. "My team tell me she is in really good form. Kieren Fallon has been riding my horses in Newmarket and out of them all she is his pick for the week. It would be fantastic if she can go one better than last year."

Aidan O'Brien drops **Lope Y Fernandez (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) back to six furlongs, having looked to run out of stamina late when third in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh a week earlier, while further Irish representation is provided by last year's G1 Cheveley Park S. winner **Millisle (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) who also reverts to sprinting having been tried in the G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket June 7. In a blow to the race, Al Shaqab Racing's G3 Prix Texanita winner **Wooded (Ire)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}) was taken out on Thursday by connections due to the ground.

Charlie Appleby supplies a live outsider in **Royal Crusade (GB)** (Shamardal), who raced at seven furlongs at two and was runner-up in Doncaster's G2 Champagne S. in September and in the G3 Prix Thomas Bryon at Saint-Cloud the following month. "I am looking forward to him dropping back in distance to six furlongs. He is a typical Shamardal in that he has got stronger and quicker as he has got older," his trainer commented. "This could be an ideal target for him as it is a stiff six furlongs at Ascot and we know he gets seven. He has a big chance."

Supporting action involves the G2 Hardwicke S., in which **Elarqam (GB)** (Frankel {Ire}) looks to prolong Shadwell and Jim Crowley's purple patch. Trying a mile and a half for the first time, the son of Attraction (GB) (Efisio {GB}) was staying on stoutly when third in the G1 Juddmonte International over an extended 10 furlongs at York in August. [Cont. p15](#)

KIEREN FALLON HAS BEEN RIDING MY
HORSES IN NEWMARKET AND OUT OF
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FOR THE WEEK.

[Wesley Ward on Kimari](#)

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He was also runner-up behind Wednesday's impressive G1 Prince of Wales's S. winner **Lord North (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) in the G3 Brigadier Gerard S. at Haydock on June 7.

Mark Johnston's son and assistant Charlie said he is hoping that Shadwell's golden run continues in the mile-and-a-half feature of the meeting. "Sheikh Hamdan left it in our hands to make the decision and we felt it was the right race," he explained. "We're not ruling out going back to a mile and a quarter and his big midsummer target will be the Juddmonte at York--a track at which he goes so well. In the short-term, though, we're interested to try a mile and a half because there are signs he could improve for it and if he does it opens up a lot more doors going forwards. He will improve a little for Haydock. He was built up in March and then again in May, so he'd done plenty of home work before that. Like in that race, he's not exuberant--he only does what he has to do and is quite laid-back."

Aidan O'Brien would not have welcomed the change in going for last year's G1 Epsom Derby hero **Anthony Van Dyck (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who is looking all the time a genuine fast-ground specialist. His 2 1/2-length second to the sensational Ghaiyyath (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the G1 Coronation Cup at Newmarket on June 5 would give him the edge had the rain not come. One who will benefit from the ease underfoot is King Power Racing's **Morando (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}), who beat Kew Gardens (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) by eight lengths in Chester's G3 Ormonde S. last May and garnered the course-and-distance G3 Cumberland Lodge S. in October on two of the three occasions he encountered soft ground.

In the G2 Queen's Vase, William Haggas pitches the Tsui family's **Born With Pride (Ire)** (Born To Sea {Ire}) against the boys tackling 14 furlongs. On the face of it, last year's Listed

Montrose Fillies' S. winner was disappointing when seventh in the 10-furlong G3 Classic Trial at Kempton on June 3 but there were several mitigating circumstances that conspired against her in what has turn out to be a warm race and she has

everything in her favour here. "We just felt the ground might not be soft enough in the Ribblesdale and we thought we'd wait until later in the week with some rain forecast," her trainer said. "Her debut form looks very good now, obviously, but that was a long time ago. I think she'll get the trip alright--she might even want it."

Godolphin's Listed Pat Eddery S. winner **Al Dabaran (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) is tried in blinkers by Charlie Appleby and he is an intriguing contender on his second in Chantilly's G3 Prix de Conde in September. "Al

Dabaran's preparation has gone well and we expect the step up to a mile and three-quarters is going to suit," his trainer commented. "We were contemplating putting headgear on him last year and he is wearing blinkers this time, which we hope will also see some improvement. This will be his first start of the year but he is fit and ready to go."

In the G3 Albany S., last year's winning trainer Roger Varian Setarhe saddles the June 4 Newmarket maiden winner **Setarhe (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), as well as Cheveley Park Stud's **Undertake (GB)** (Kodiac {GB}) who was off the mark at Lingfield's Polytrack on June 6. Ballydoyle's **Mother Earth (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}), who was second in an extended five-furlong maiden at Navan on June 10, is a half-sister to last year's G2 Premio Dormello winner Night Colours (Ire) (Night of Thunder {Ire}) who operated on heavy ground, while it is guesswork as to how CJ Thoroughbreds's impressive May 21 Gulfstream Park maiden special weight winner **Flying Aletha** (Tiznow) will react to this slow surface.



Elarqam looks to continue his upward trajectory | Racing Post



Morando has strong soft ground form | Racing Post

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Wesley Ward said of Flying Aletha, “I see she’s favourite on the book and she is a filly with true quality--she’s not just a fast filly, which is why we think she can stretch out a little further. She did some eye-opening breezes prior to her first run. She ended up running on the dirt because the turf races were cancelled and still won really well, even though she’s a turf horse rather than a dirt horse. She isn’t a big, robust filly. She’s quite light and frail, which is keeping me a little grounded about her chances, but I’m still hopeful she’ll run a big race.”

The following G2 Norfolk S. sees Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum’s **Eye of Heaven (GB)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) look to build on his debut success over this five-furlong trip at Newmarket June 4. He had Wednesday’s Listed Windsor Castle S. scorer Tactical (GB) (Toronado {Ire}) two lengths back in third and looks a ready-made juvenile group winner. Qatar Racing’s **The Lir Jet (GB)** is bidding to emulate the success of his sire Prince of Lir (Ire) in this in 2009 following his authoritative success at Yarmouth June 3, while Ballydoyle’s **Lipizzaner** (Uncle Mo) received a major form boost on Thursday as his stablemate Battleground (War Front) took the Listed Chesham S. He had been fifth when Lipizzaner was second over six furlongs at Naas on June 8.

At Chantilly, the G2 Prix de Sandringham sees the May 31 Listed Prix des Lilas one-two-three **Miss Extra (Fr)** (Masterstroke), **Golden Crown (GB)** (Siyouni {Fr}) and **Porcelaine (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) re-oppose. They are met by the impressive May 18 Marseille-Borely maiden winner **Like a Charm (Fr)** (Charm Spirit {Ire}) from the G1 Poule d’Essai des Poulches-winning stable of Frederic Rossi. In the G3 Prix Paul de Moussac Longines also over a mile, Rossi also saddles last year’s G3 Prix la Rochette winner **Kenway (Fr)** (Galiway {GB}) who was fifth in the G1 G1 Poule d’Essai des Poulains at ParisLongchamp on June 1. One of the unexposed types in the line-up is Robert Ng’s unbeaten **Natural Path (Ire)** (Toronado {Ire}), but the Henri-Francois Devin-trained bay needs to improve off his May 28 Clairefontaine conditions win at this distance. In the six-furlong Listed Prix Marchand d’Or, one who would not have been out of place in the Commonwealth Cup is **TDN Rising Star Hurricane Ivor (Ire)** (Ivawood {Ire}), who was so impressive over this course and distance on May 13. At Gowran Park, the Listed Irish Stallion Farms EBF Victor McCalmont Memorial S. over an extended nine furlongs sees Ballydoyle’s \$1.2-million Keeneland September graduate **Elfin Queen** (American Pharoah) take on her elders after her 6 1/2-length June 8 Naas maiden success.

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TATTERSALLS JULY CATALOGUE ONLINE

The catalogue for the Tattersalls July Sale—which has been combined with the Guineas Breeze-Up Sale and runs July 8 to 10—is online and numbers 572 lots. The sale features consignments from leading owner/breeders like Cheveley Park Stud, Godolphin, Juddmonte, Shadwell and The Royal Studs, and highlights include Shadwell’s **Monya (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) (**lot 321**), a half-sister to last year’s G2 Royal Lodge S. winner Royal Dornoch (Ire) (Gleneagles {Ire}) and G2 German 1000 Guineas winner Hawksmoor (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) and **Raasekha (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) (**lot 224**), a listed-placed half-sister to champion Muhaarar (GB) in foal to Tamayuz (GB); Juddmonte’s Group 3-winning **Sense Of Joy (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) (**lot 238**) in foal to New Bay (GB) and **Contestant (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) (**lot 349**), a full-sister to G1 Matron S. winner Emulous (GB) (Dansili {GB}); Cheveley Park’s **Heavenly Bliss (GB)** (Intello {Ger}) (**lot 379**), a daughter of G3 Dahlia S. winner Heaven Sent (GB) (Pivotal {GB}); and Godolphin’s **Euphemism (Ire)** (Dawn Approach {Ire}) (**lot 407**), a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Criticism (GB) (Machiavellian). Jamie Railton offers **Storming Sioux (GB)** (Storming Home {GB}) (**lot 229**), the dam of dual Group 3 winner and globetrotting stayer Prince of Arran (Ire) (Shirocco {Ger}) in foal to Mondialiste (GB), and **A Day At The Races (Ire)** (Gutaifan {Ire}) (**lot 420**), a half-sister to three-time Group 1 winner Best Solution (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), is offered by Roger Varian’s Carlburg Stables. **Cont. p17**



Prince of Arran's dam will be offered at Tattersalls July | Sarah Andrew

Tattersalls July Catalogue Cont.

The Tattersalls July Sale has produced the dams of 13 individual Group 1 winners since 2016, including those of Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Fairyland (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) and Watch Me (Fr) (Olympic Glory {Ire}).

“The Tattersalls July Sale has been a remarkably consistent source of Group 1 producers and performers on the global stage and 2019 was an exceptional year with six individual Group 1 winners produced by graduates of the sale,” said Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony. “Alongside fillies and mares from outstanding international families, the July Sale offers an abundance of progressive and proven horses in training that look set to appeal to a broad cross-section of buyers from throughout the world.”

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SCOTTISH RACING TO RESUME ON JUNE 22

Racing in Scotland will resume behind closed doors on June 22 with a meeting at Ayr. It will be the first meeting held in Scotland since a spectator-free card at Kelso on Mar. 16. Racing is Scotland’s second-most attended sport, supporting 3,400 full-time equivalent jobs and generating over £300 million annually for the Scottish economy.

Nick Rust, chief executive of the BHA, said, “I am very pleased that Scottish racing is returning safely from next Monday at Ayr racecourse, ensuring that our truly nationwide sport can resume in line with the protocols which have been working well since our resumption at Newcastle on June 1. It is a sign of horse racing’s preparedness that we are the first major sport to return in Scotland as the recovery from COVID-19 continues. We are extremely grateful for the support of the Scottish government in enabling this risk-managed return.”

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, June 19:

UNITED KINGDOM

Adaay (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Whitsbury Manor Stud
94 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
13:50-ASCOT, 45K GIII THE ALBANY S. (CLASS 1) (Group 3) 6f,
MARIANCE (GB)
11,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; £16,000 RNA
Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

Awtaad (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud

94 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
17:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, HEADSHOT (GB)
70,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 1

Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
93 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
13:50-ASCOT, 45K GIII THE ALBANY STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 3)6f, GOLDEN MELODY (Ire)
€14,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; 52,000gns Tattersalls
October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 1

Estidhkaar (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Tara Stud
106 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
14:25-ASCOT, 50K GII THE NORFOLK STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 2)5f, PAPAL BEE (Ire)
£5,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019;
€6,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2019

Kodi Bear (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Rathbarry Stud
83 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
13:50-ASCOT, 45K GIII THE ALBANY STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 3)6f, FOLLOW SUIT (Ire)
8,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 4

Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
146 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
14:25-ASCOT, 50K GII THE NORFOLK STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 2)5f, COOPERATION (Ire)
£82,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
14:25-ASCOT, 50K GII THE NORFOLK STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 2)5f, EMIRATI DIRHAM (Ire)
€42,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; £40,000 Goffs UK
Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
14:25-ASCOT, 50K GII THE NORFOLK STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 2)5f, NELSON GAY (Ire)
£16,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019



Mehmas has three runners in the Norfolk and two at Tipperary on Friday | Tally-Ho Stud

Pride Of Dubai (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
122 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
12:20-NEWMARKET, 6f, SIDI MANSOUR (GB)

Prince of Lir (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
77 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
14:25-ASCOT, 50K GII THE NORFOLK STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 2)5f, THE LIR JET (Ire)
€9,500 Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2018; £8,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
18:05-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, MASTER OF BRAZIL (GB)
4,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; €7,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

Twilight Son (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), Cheveley Park Stud
122 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
14:25-ASCOT, 50K GII THE NORFOLK STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 2)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
18:05-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, BALAVAD (Ire)
€20,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2019

FRANCE:

Biraaj (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB})
9 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-CHANTILLY, 1100m, ABOUT MIDNIGHT (Ire)

Dariyan (Fr) (Shamardal), Haras de Bonneval
68 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-CHANTILLY, 1100m, POP ART
€22,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019

Fascinating Rock (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Ballylinch Stud
61 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-CHANTILLY, 1200m, CALL SIGN (Ire)
€4,500 Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2018;
€3,800 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2019

Goken (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}), Haras de Colleville
61 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
1-LA TESTE BUCH, 1200m, MAGIC SWORD (Fr)
€12,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2018; €32,000 Arqana Deauville v2 Yearling Sale 2019

Morandi (Fr) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), Haras du Mont Goubert
60 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-LA TESTE BUCH, 1200m, HEALEY (Fr)

IRELAND:

Kodi Bear (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Rathbarry Stud

83 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
1-TIPPERARY, 5f, MEASURE OF MAGIC (Ire)
€9,500 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2019

The Last Lion (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}), Kildangan Stud
43 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-TIPPERARY, 5f, MULAN VALOUR (Ire)
€17,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €50,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
146 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
1-TIPPERARY, 5f, HERB OF GRACE (Ire)
30,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2
1-TIPPERARY, 5f, QUEENS CARRIAGE (Ire)
€16,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2019

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

SON OF TREVE BEGINS AT CHANTILLY

12.10 Chantilly, Cond, €27,000, 2yo, 6ft

Le Haras de La Gousserie's €62,000 Arqana August bargain buy **SEALIWAY (FR)** (Galiway {Ire}) posted one of France's leading freshman performances when impressing with a two-length debut success, defeating two subsequent wide-margin winners, over this distance at Saint-Cloud last month for the Frederic Rossi/Pierre-Charles Boudot axis. With the presence of Scuderia Micolo's **Giulio Cesare (Fr)** (Dabirsim {Fr}) in this straight dash, turfistes will have an early opportunity to compare collateral form with juvenile benchmark Livachope (Fr) (Goken {Fr}). The homebred bay, himself the winner of a form-franked maiden on debut at this venue last month, was six-lengths adrift of that sensation in last Sunday's Listed Prix La Fleche.



Treve | Scoop Dyga

1.20 Chantilly, Debutantes, €20,000, 3yo, 10fT

QOUS (FR) (Dubawi {Ire}) is the first foal out of the remarkable dual G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}). Andre Fabre is charged with the care of Al Shaqab's February-foaled bay, whose opponents include His Highness The Aga Khan's **Ashim (Fr) (Stormy Atlantic)**, an Alain de Roye-Dupre-trained son of Ashiyla (Fr) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) who was fourth in the 2010 G1 Prix Vermeille.

1.35 Tipperary, Mdn, €14,000, 2yo, c/g, 5fT

SWISS ACE (GB) (Kingman {GB}) cost 400,000gns at the Tattersalls October Book 1 Sale and is a half to the four black-type performers Swiss Diva (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), Swiss Spirit (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Swiss Dream (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and Swiss Franc (GB) (Mr. Greeley) out of the classy sprinter Swiss Lake (Indian Ridge {Ire}). Aidan O'Brien introduces the February-foaled bay against seven rivals.

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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

2nd-Newmarket, £6,400, Nov, 6-18, 2yo, 7fT, 1:28.06, sf.

MASTER OF THE SEAS (IRE) (c, 2, Dubawi {Ire})--Firth of Lorne {Ire} {SW & G1SP-Fr, MGSP-US, \$163,189}, by Danehill was well away to stalk the pace in second from the outset of this debut. Looming large soon after halfway, the 10-3 chance was shaken up to challenge the pacesetting William Bligh (GB) (Territories {Ire}) passing the quarter-mile marker and kept on well under mainly whipless rousing up the hill to assert by 3/4-of-a-length from that game rival. The winner's stablemate Yibir (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), a full-brother to MG1SW distaffer Wild Illusion (GB), reared in the stalls and was unprepared for the break, finishing 10 lengths further adrift in third after a compromised getaway. Becoming the eighth scorer for stakes-winning G1 Poule d'essai des Pouliches runner-up Firth of Lorne (Ire) (Danehill), the homebred bay is kin a yearling filly by Ribchester (Ire) and a quartet of stakes performers. It features stakes-winning G1 St James's Palace S. runner-up Latharnach (Iffraaj {GB}) and G3 UAE Oaks victress Falls of Lora (Ire) (Street Cry {Ire}), herself the dam of MG1SP G3 Doncaster Prelude winner Cascadian (GB) (New Approach {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,198.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.

4th-Newmarket, £6,400, Nov, 6-18, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:40.58, sf.

RICETTA (GB) (f, 3, Camelot {GB})--Panzanella {GB}, by Dansili {GB}, penalised seven pounds for posting a June 5 first-up win

tackling seven furlongs here last time, broke well and headed the far-side group in an overall second through halfway in this return. Coming under pressure when sent to the front approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 1-2 pick refused to buckle thereafter and was pushed out up the hill to withstand the persistent threat of Topanticipation (GB) (Mount Nelson {GB}) by an ultimately snug 3/4-of-a-length. Kin to a yearling filly by Acclamation (GB), the homebred bay is the fourth foal and winner produced by a winning sibling of MG1SW sire Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), GSW sire Remote (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and G3 Cumberland Lodge S. third First Eleven (GB) (Frankel {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$10,413.

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden.

6th-Newmarket, £5,400, Nov, 6-18, 3yo, 12fT, 2:37.78, sf.

AL AASY (IRE) (c, 3, Sea the Stars {Ire})--Kitcara {GB}, by Shamardal, a last-out fifth going 10 furlongs here in the June 6 Listed Newmarket S., was patiently ridden in third for most of this stamina test. Making smooth progress inside the last half-mile, the 8-11 chalk toyed with his rivals until cruising to the front on the bridle at the two pole and was unextended on the climb to the line to score by a facile 10 lengths from 1.1-million guineas Tattersalls October Book 1 yearling Cigoli (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Full-brother to a 2-year-old filly and a yearling filly, he is the first of three foals out of a winning half-sister to MSW G2 Prix Noailles runner-up Kapour (Ire) (Toylsome {GB}). His MGSP dual stakes-winning second dam Kitcat (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), herself out of a stakes-placed half to MG1SW sire Pentire (GB) (Be My Guest), is kin to G1SW sire Konigstiger (Ger) (Tiger Hill {Ire}), GSW G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) second Karavel (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) and G3 Prix Minerve victress Kalla (GB) (Monsun {Ger}). Sales history: 300,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$6,245.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Sunderland Holding Inc (IRE); T-William Haggas.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Grantley (Ire), g, 2, **Charm Spirit (Ire)**--Peig (Ire), by Refuse To Bend (Ire). Redcar, 6-18, 5f 217yT, 1:14.32. B-Epona Bloodstock Ltd (IRE). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **18,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT.

London Palladium (GB), c, 2, **Showcasing (GB)**--Dam Beautiful (GB) (SP-Ire), by Sleeping Indian (GB). Redcar, 6-18, 5f 217yT, 1:13.62. B-Framont Ltd (GB). *€26,000 Wlg '18 ARQDEC; €65,000 Ylg '19 TIRSEP.

Isle of Lismore (Ire), c, 2, **Zebedee (GB)**--Spring Bouquet (Ire), by King's Best. Redcar, 6-18, 5f 217yT, 1:14.21. B-Knocklong House Stud (IRE). *15,000gns Ylg '19 TAOCT.

Confide (GB), g, 4, **Lope de Vega (Ire)**--Confidential Lady (GB) (G1SW-Fr, SW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Itly, \$912,794), by Singspiel (Ire). Redcar, 6-18, 7ft, 1:27.69. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **1/2 to Red Box (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), SW-Eng; and Untold Secret (GB) (Shamardal), GSP-Fr, \$171,338.

IRELAND

Thursday's Results:

1st-Fairyhouse, €14,000, Mdn, 6-18, 2yo, f, 6ft, 1:15.70, g/f. LUMINESCE (GB) (f, 2, Muhaarar {GB})--Must Be Me {GB}, by Trade Fair {GB}) was sharply into stride and stalked the tempo in second from the outset of this debut. Rowed along at the top of the straight, the 6-4 favourite came under sterner urging inside the final quarter mile and was ridden out to deny Mahaaseel (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) by 1 1/2 lengths. "She's a lovely filly and has shown us plenty at home, but she's a seven furlong-miler," said Shane Lyons. "Colin [Keane] said there that she's a miler. She was very green, but it's only down the road and races aren't filling. She has that little bit of class and we had to run her here to educate her. She's done what we thought she could do,

but there will be no rush with her and we'll now step her up to seven at a minimum." Half-sister to a yearling colt by Showcasing (GB), he is the second of three foals and first winner produced by a six-time winning half to three stakes performers, headed by MGSW GI Del Mar Oaks third Prize Exhibit (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), and to the dam of G1 Queen Anne S. hero Accidental Agent (GB) (Delegator {GB}). Sales history: 105,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,443.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Sean Jones, David Spratt & Mrs Lynne Lyons; B-Biddestone Stud Ltd (GB); T-Ger Lyons.

2nd-Fairyhouse, €14,000, Mdn, 6-18, 2yo, c/g, 6ft, 1:16.23, g/f.

SHALALAA (GB) (c, 2, Shalaa {Ire})--Cheap Thrills {GB}, by Bertolini) was steadied to find a smooth rhythm behind the leaders in fourth after an alert getaway in this first go. Bustled along off the home turn, the 11-4 second choice made continued headway under pressure in the straight to challenge entering the final furlong and was ridden out to nail Twilight Heir (GB) (Twilight Son {GB}) by a short head on the line, becoming the second winner for his freshman sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}). [Cont. p21](#)



Luminesce (right) | Racing Post



Shalaalaa | Racing Post

2nd-Fairyhouse Cont.

He is also the fifth scorer out of a three-time winning half-sister to seven black-type performers headed by G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen herou Muarrab (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and MGSW sire Bungle Inthejungle (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). The February-foaled bay is a half-brother to Listed Bosra Sham Fillies' S. third Expensive Date (GB) (Monsieur Bond {Ire}) and a yearling filly by Ribchester (Ire). Sales history: 70,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,443. 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Kangyu International Racing (HK) Ltd; B-Stratford Place Stud (GB); T-Ger Lyons.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Memorabilis (Ire), c, 3, Galileo (Ire)--Sent From Heaven (Ire) (GSW-Eng, \$114,862), by Footstepsinthesand (GB). Fairyhouse, 6-18, 12fT, 2:38.16. B-C O P Hanbury (IRE). *150,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT. **1/2 to Almanian (Ire) (Australia {GB}), SP-Eng.

FRANCE

Friday, Chantilly, post time: 3.05 p.m.

PRIX MARCHAND D'OR-Listed, €38,000, 3yo, 6fT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|----|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | 11 | Hurricane Ivor (Ire) | Ivawood (Ire) | Boudot | Chappet | 125 |
| 2 | 7 | Golden Boy (Fr) | Siyouni (Fr) | Soumillon | Wattel | 125 |
| 3 | 4 | Mirage Hero (GB) | Due Diligence | Piccone | Marcialis | 125 |
| 4 | 8 | Big Beat (Ger) | Soldier Hollow (GB) | Minarik | Suborics | 125 |
| 6 | 9 | Mutual (Fr) | Lope de Vega (Ire) | Scr | Scr | Scr |
| 7 | 5 | Barakatle (GB) | Poet's Voice (GB) | Barzalona | Alimpinis | 125 |
| 8 | 6 | Speed Chance (Ire) | Born To Sea (Ire) | Crastus | Guillemin | 125 |
| 9 | 3 | Wanaway (Fr) | Galiway (Ire) | Guyon | Bary | 123 |
| 10 | 10 | abama (Fr) | Alhbayeb (Ire) | Pasquier | Barberot | 123 |
| 11 | 1 | Alocasia (GB) | Kingman (GB) | Badel | Devin | 121 |



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| 06/10 | Idn | CHY | Rougir (Fr) | Territoires (Ire) |
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Thursday's Results:

PRIX LA SORELLINA - TATTERSALLS-Listed, €38,000, La Teste de Buch, 6-18, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:42.81, sf.

1--**TAMAHERE (FR)**, 128, f, 3, by **Wootton Bassett (GB)**

1st Dam: Alatarai (Ire), by **Giant's Causeway**

2nd Dam: May (GB), by **Montjeu (Ire)**

3rd Dam: Wanton (GB), by **Kris (GB)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€27,000 Ylg '18 AROCT). O-Meridian International SARL, BS Racing SARL & Elevavage du Sarai; B-Elevavage du Sarai (FR); T-Francois Rohaut; J-Valentin Seguy. €19,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, €44,820. *1/2 to Shadan (Fr) (Orpen), SW-Fr. *11th SW for her sire (by Iffraaj {GB}).

2--**Mary's France (Fr)**, 128, f, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Mary's Precedent (Fr), by Storming Home (GB). (€65,000 Ylg '18 AROCT).O-Nicolas Saltiel, Carlos Lerner & Yann Lerner; B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran & SCEA Bissons (FR); T-Carlos & Yann Lerner. €7,600.

3--**Aljumayliyah (GB)**, 128, f, 3, Olympic Glory (Ire)--Aldayha (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). (€30,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG; €40,000 2yo '19 ARQMAY). O-Khalid Rashid Al Mohannadi; B-Al Shaqab Racing (GB); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. €5,700.

Margins: 7HF, 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 4.10, 26.00, 22.00.

Also Ran: Nevada (Fr), Private Romance (Ire), Gena (Fr), Lady Galore (Ire), Warzuzu (Ire), Rosmana (Fr), Rolleville (Fr), Tour d'Echelle (GB), Show Kena (Fr).

Tamahere, successful once in five prior starts, hit the board in last term's Listed Grand Criterium de Bordeaux and lined up for this third black-type start coming back off a May 17 conditions second over course and distance. Sharply into stride to race in a prominent third from flagfall, she eased to the front hard on the steel with 500 metres remaining and powered ever clear under urging inside the final quarter mile to claim a career high in style.



Tamahere stretched clear to win by 7 ½ lengths at La Teste de Buch
Scoop Dyga

Tamahere becomes the second stakes scorer out of a winning half to the dual stakes-placed Miss Lily (Ind) (Phoenix Tower) and the March-foaled bay is a half-sister to Listed Prix Caravelle victress Shadan (Fr) (Orpen), the unraced 2-year-old colt Waipa (Fr) (Style Vendome {Fr}) and a yearling filly by Reliable Man (GB). Her granddam May (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) is an unraced half to GII Diana H. victress Rumpipumpy (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}) and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Classic Park (GB) (Robellino), who in turn is the dam of MG1SP sire Walk in the Park (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and stakes-winning G3 Gallinule S. runner-up Soon (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-La Teste de Buch, €16,000, Cond, 6-18, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:44.05, sf.

TANTPISPOUREUX (IRE) (g, 4, Showcasing {GB}--T'As d'Beaux Yeux {GB}, by Red Ransom) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 11-4-1-2, €88,830. O-Maurice Lagasse & Francis-Henri Graffard; B-Gestuz Zur Kuste AG (IRE); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. *€50,000 RNA Ylg '17 ARAUG. **1/2 to Assiro (GB) (Declaration of War), Hwt. Older Horse-Ity at 11-14f & MGSW-Ity, \$235,909; and Heuristique (Ire) (Shamardal), SW & G1SP-Fr, \$141,549

6th-La Teste de Buch, €16,000, Cond, 6-18, 3yo/up, 5fT, :57.78, sf.

PRADARO (FR) (g, 5, Penny's Picnic {Ire}--Vaillante {Ire}, by Zilzal) Lifetime Record: 18-5-3-3, €102,300. O-Antonio Caro & Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Christophe Ferland. *€42,000 Ylg '16 ARAUG. **1/2 to Valkena (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}), GSP-Fr; Vital Body (Fr) (Gold Away {Ire}), MSP-Fr; and Pradora (Fr) (Sagacity {Fr}), SP-Fr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Haut Konnor (Fr), g, 3, **American Devil (Fr)**--What A Babe (Ire), by Ad Valorem. La Teste de Buch, 6-18, 12fT, 2:40.76. B-Bruno Plainfosse, Mlle Celine Crosnier & Mlle Sophie Hezeques (FR).



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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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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 |



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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 |

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, Chantilly, France, post time: 1.55 p.m.**PRIX DE SANDRINGHAM-G2**, €90,000, 3yo, f, 8fT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|-----|
| 1 | 4 | Golden Crown (GB) | Siyouni (Fr) | Barzalona | Devin | 123 |
| 2 | 6 | Secret Time (Ger) | Camacho (GB) | Boudot | Chappet | 123 |
| 3 | 1 | Porcelaine (Ire) | Kodiac (GB) | Peslier | Chappet | 123 |
| 4 | 5 | Miss Extra (Fr) | Masterstroke | Guyon | P&J Brandt | 123 |
| 5 | 2 | Galova (Fr) | Galiway (Ire) | Crastus | C Boutin | 123 |
| 6 | 7 | Like A Charm (Fr) | Charm Spirit (Ire) | Pasquier | F Rossi | 123 |
| 7 | 3 | Ellerslie Lace (Fr) | Siyouni (Fr) | Soumillon | Delzangles | 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 |

Friday, Chantilly, France, post time: 2.30 p.m.**PRIX PAUL DE MOUSSAC LONGINES-G3**, €56,000, 3yo, 8fT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|----|-----------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | 5 | Usak (Fr) | Al Kazeem (GB) | Guyon | Sogorb | 123 |
| 2 | 6 | National Service (Fr) | Elusive City | Picccone | Hernon | 123 |
| 3 | 1 | Charlesquint (Ire) | Showcasing (GB) | Bachelot | Barberot | 123 |
| 4 | 3 | Oftework (Fr) | Maxios (GB) | Crastus | Guillemin | 123 |
| 5 | 2 | Kenway (Fr) | Galiway (Ire) | Boudot | F Rossi | 123 |
| 6 | 4 | King Pacha (Ire) | Acclamation (GB) | Pasquier | Chappet | 123 |
| 7 | 8 | Natural Path (Ire) | Toronado (Ire) | Badel | Devin | 123 |
| 8 | 7 | Brave Shiina (Fr) | Bated Breath (GB) | Peslier | Shimizu | 123 |

Saturday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 2.25 p.m.**CORONATION S.-G1**, £250,000, 3yo, f, 7f 213yT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|----|------------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|-----|
| 1 | 2 | Alpine Star (Ire) | Sea The Moon (Ger) | Dettori | Harrington | 126 |
| 2 | 6 | Cloak of Spirits (Ire) | Invincible Spirit (Ire) | Atzeni | Hannon | 126 |
| 3 | 3 | Love Locket (Ire) | No Nay Never | Buick | A O'Brien | 126 |
| 4 | 4 | Quadrilateral (GB) | Frankel (GB) | J Watson | Charlton | 126 |
| 5 | 1 | Run Wild (Ger) | Amaron (GB) | J Doyle | Gosden | 126 |
| 6 | 7 | Sharing | Speightstown | Murphy | Motion | 126 |
| 7 | 5 | So Wonderful | War Front | R Moore | A O'Brien | 126 |

Saturday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3.00 p.m.**ST JAMES'S PALACE S.-G1**, £250,000, 3yo, c, 7f 213yT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|----|---------------------|-------------------------|----------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | 1 | Arizona (Ire) | No Nay Never | Levey | A O'Brien | 126 |
| 2 | 6 | Palace Pier (GB) | Kingman (GB) | Dettori | Gosden | 126 |
| 3 | 2 | Pinatubo (Ire) | Shamardal | Buick | C Appleby | 126 |
| 4 | 3 | Positive (GB) | Dutch Art (GB) | Kirby | Cox | 126 |
| 5 | 5 | Royal Dornoch (Ire) | Gleneagles (Ire) | Marquand | A O'Brien | 126 |
| 6 | 4 | Threat (Ire) | Footstepsinthesand (GB) | Murphy | Hannon | 126 |
| 7 | 7 | Wichita (Ire) | No Nay Never | R Moore | A O'Brien | 126 |

Saturday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3.35 p.m.**DIAMOND JUBILEE S.-G1**, £250,000, 4yo/up, 6fT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|----|------------------------|------------------------|----------|------------|-----|
| 1 | 9 | Dream of Dreams (Ire) | Dream Ahead | Moore | Stoute | 129 |
| 2 | 2 | Hello Youmzain (Fr) | Kodiak (GB) | Stott | K Ryan | 129 |
| 3 | 10 | Khaadem (Ire) | Dark Angel (Ire) | Crowley | Hills | 129 |
| 4 | 1 | Sands of Mali (Fr) | Panis | Curtis | Fahey | 129 |
| 5 | 6 | Sceptical (GB) | Exceed and Excel (Aus) | Dettori | D Hogan | 129 |
| 6 | 5 | Shine So Bright (GB) | Oasis Dream (GB) | de Sousa | Balding | 129 |
| 7 | 4 | Speak In Colours (GB) | Excelebration (Ire) | Buick | J O'Brien | 129 |
| 8 | 8 | The Tin Man (GB) | Equiano (Fr) | Murphy | Fanshawe | 129 |
| 9 | 7 | Breathtaking Look (GB) | Bated Breath (GB) | Atzeni | S Williams | 126 |
| 10 | 3 | One Master (GB) | Fastnet Rock (Aus) | J Doyle | Haggas | 126 |


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Saturday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 1.15 p.m.**QUEEN MARY S.-G2, £50,000, 2yo, f, 5FT**

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|----|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------|-----|
| 1 | 1 | Campanelle (Ire) | Kodiac (GB) | Dettori | Ward | 126 |
| 2 | 13 | Caroline Dale (GB) | Lethal Force (Ire) | D Egan | Loughnane | 126 |
| 3 | 17 | Dandalla (Ire) | Dandy Man (Ire) | Curtis | Burke | 126 |
| 4 | 9 | Dickiedooda (Ire) | Starspangledbanner (Aus) | Marquand | Harrington | 126 |
| 5 | 14 | Grammata (Ire) | Twilight Son (GB) | Murphy | D Hogan | 126 |
| 6 | 2 | Happy Romance (Ire) | Dandy Man (Ire) | Levey | Hannon | 126 |
| 7 | 15 | Mamba Wamba (Ire) | Mehmas (Ire) | McHugh | Nicholls | 126 |
| 8 | 18 | More Beautiful | War Front | R Moore | A O'Brien | 126 |
| 9 | 3 | Nurse Florence (Ire) | Gutaifan (Ire) | Currie | Osborne | 126 |
| 10 | 6 | Pelekai (GB) | Kodiac (GB) | Fanning | Johnston | 126 |
| 11 | 11 | Risque (Ire) | Estidhkaar (Ire) | Dobbs | Hannon | 126 |
| 12 | 10 | Royal Approval 🌟 | Tiznow | de Sousa | Ward | 126 |
| 13 | 5 | Sacred (GB) | Exceed and Excel (Aus) | J Doyle | Haggas | 126 |
| 14 | 12 | Sands of Time (GB) | Bobby's Kitten | Buick | Johnston | 126 |
| 15 | 7 | Sardinia Sunset (Ire) | Gutaifan (Ire) | Atzeni | Varian | 126 |
| 16 | 16 | Scarlet Bear (Ire) | Kodi Bear (Ire) | Kingscote | Dascombe | 126 |
| 17 | 19 | Sparkling Perry (GB) | Fountain of Youth (Ire) | J Egan | Given | 126 |
| 18 | 8 | Star of Emaraaty (Ire) | Pride of Dubai (Aus) | Stott | K Ryan | 126 |
| 19 | 4 | The Good Ting (GB) | Dragon Pulse (Ire) | Bishop | S Moore | 126 |
| 20 | 20 | Wings of a Dove (Ire) | Dark Angel (Ire) | H Doyle | R Spencer | 126 |

Saturday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 1.50 p.m.**COVENTRY S.-G2, £60,000, 2yo, 6FT**

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|----|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | 10 | Admiral Nelson (GB) | Kingman (GB) | R Moore | A O'Brien | 127 |
| 2 | 13 | Army of India (Ire) | Sepoy (aus) | J Doyle | Johnston | 127 |
| 3 | 12 | Choritzo (GB) | Lethal Force (Ire) | de Sousa | Loughnane | 127 |
| 4 | 9 | Creative Force (Ire) | Dubawi (Ire) | Buick | C Appleby | 127 |
| 5 | 15 | Dark Lion (Ire) | Dark Angel (Ire) | D Egan | Varian | 127 |
| 6 | 8 | Existent (GB) | Kingman (GB) | Dettori | Gosden | 127 |
| 7 | 14 | Igotatext (Ire) | Ajaya (GB) | H Doyle | A Watson | 127 |
| 8 | 16 | Lauded (GB) | Acclamation (GB) | Kingscote | Dascombe | 127 |
| 9 | 5 | Mehmo (Ire) | Mehmas (Ire) | Levey | Kelleway | 127 |
| 10 | 6 | Nando Parrado (GB) | Kodiac (GB) | Kirby | Cox | 127 |
| 11 | 2 | Painless Potter (Ire) | Camacho (GB) | Harley | King | 127 |
| 12 | 4 | Qaader (Ire) | Night of Thunder (Ire) | Crowley | Johnston | 127 |
| 13 | 3 | Saeiqa (GB) | Shalaa (Ire) | Dwyer | Gosden | 127 |
| 14 | 11 | Science (Ire) | No Nay Never | Murphy | A Watson | 127 |
| 15 | 7 | Talbot (Ire) | Gleneagles (Ire) | Marquand | Meehan | 127 |
| 16 | 1 | Thunder of Niagara (Ire) | Night of Thunder (Ire) | Fanning | Johnston | 127 |

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THE BUILDING OF VINERY



More Than Ready and Peter Orton | *Bronwen Healy*

By Bren O'Brien

On the 20-year anniversary of his arrival at Vinery Stud, we speak to General Manager Peter Orton about the journey he has taken since establishing the brand in Australia and the legacy he hopes to leave.

It was 20 years ago that Peter Orton walked into Vinery Stud, looking to build a new Australian thoroughbred brand basically from scratch.

The Vinery name had come to Australia two years earlier in 1998, initially under the ownership of American George Hoffmeister, who had an established breeding operation in the United States. Soon after German Dr. Tom Simon took control with Vinery having a prime Hunter Valley farm in the original Segenhoe property, as well as Dr. Simon's own breeding operation at Roselands in Victoria.

Determined to make a splash in a burgeoning market, Dr. Simon intended to shuttle stallions from Vinery in America to capitalise on what he saw as a real opportunity in Australia.

What he needed was a local general manager, who could not only execute his strategy but build their own, utilising substantial local knowledge and connections to ensure the prosperity and success of Vinery in Australia.

Orton came with impeccable credentials. He had worked with John Messara for 17 years, building the Arrowfield business up from standing one stallion, Rancher, at Middlebrook Park, to

building and establishing a new farm at Jerrys Plains in 1989. He then helped establish Arrowfield Stud's current base in 1996 after the sale of the Jerrys Plains property to Coolmore.

Along the way, Orton had helped Messara initially launch the stallion which would redefine Australian breeding for the next generation, Danehill (USA), and had overseen the growth of two of Danehill's sons, Flying Spur and Danzero, to become star stallions in their own right. With another superstar son of Danehill in Redoute's Choice about to launch his breeding career at Arrowfield in 2000, the farm was at the peak of its powers when Orton took the opportunity to move up the road and kickstart Vinery's interests in Australia.

He remembers walking onto the farm on that first day, excited and nervous in equal measures about the task that lay ahead of him.

"It's always daunting taking on a new role. But I knew the farm well and I knew the people that were here, so the transition wasn't too difficult. I had only moved 2km down the road," he said. "At the time, the decision to move from one role to another was a difficult one because the position I had at Arrowfield as manager was the best one available. Taking on the Vinery project was really an opportunity to take on another challenge."

Orton's remit was fairly straightforward, albeit a little intimidating, with Dr. Simon wanting to establish a world-class broodmare band and service them with world-class stallions. In a competitive environment, the new general manager was very much aware of the challenges he would have to face, the most pressing of which was establishing a brand and a reputation.



Danehill | *Bronwen Healy*

"To begin with a new name and to be right in the heart of it all, on the original Segenhoe property, was an interesting challenge. We had to establish a new operation under a new name, unfamiliar to the whole business and you had to start from scratch. We had to get some branding out there," Orton said.

The Outcross Phenomenon

The considerable asset from the outset that Vinery had was its access to the quality of stallions from America. Looking at what was on offer, and very much aware of the growing dominance of the Danehill line in Australia, Orton plotted a strategy which for many years would define Vinery's Australian operations.

"Fortunately, we were able to access horses of the calibre of Red Ransom and several other stallions that were already proven in America," he said. "It was at a time of great optimism for the industry. There was a lot of opportunity there and shuttling was really hitting full swing fuelled by a market which had an open mind when it came to shuttle stallions.

"Red Ransom was proven worldwide at that stage, so he came in and then we found Mossman. One of the reasons behind standing the stallions we did, was that I had just come from a farm that was standing Flying Spur and Danzero and had at one stage stood Danehill and was just about to stand Redoute's Choice.

"To get another son of Danehill of that calibre was going to be difficult. So we positioned ourselves in the market where we could access outcross stallions such as Red Ransom and Mossman, and then More Than Ready. That's how we ended up kicking off the business and ensuring we had a point of difference."

It was important for Orton and Dr. Simon to establish that Vinery was anything but 'Arrowfield-Lite', although Orton said the experience of working and setting up several farms with Messara was crucial to Vinery's early success.

"The background I had leading into that was fantastic. Certainly, working with John from the early days of Middlebrook Park, and then down to Jerrys Plains and to the current base and getting the opportunity to build those two farms," he said. "I guess the thing is, you get the chance to make so many mistakes, you learn a lot. That's an important aspect of this business. It's such a positive and enthusiastic business and the more you drive forward, the more people appreciate you.

"To be a part of Arrowfield for 17 years and having taken that

journey from Middlebrook where we had 11 mares and one stallion to what it was with Redoute's Choice arriving, it was a hell of an experience.

"I also had the chance to work in Kentucky, so I knew that side of the business. That sort of experience was unique and gave me that ability to foster the relationship with our sister farm in America."

The Importance of Good People

While horses are obviously key to any major stud, the quality of people is what drives things forward. Again, Orton had a very determined strategy about the people he wanted to surround himself with, and that approach is what has underpinned so much of the stud's success in the 20 years that have passed.

"There's a particular way we like to run the business at Vinery. It's about the quality of the people. We like straight-forward people who are very good horsemen. We want people who are

honest and loyal. There were good people here already when I started and we have brought some great people in along the way," he said. "My PA has been with me for 25 years and [Bloodstock Manager] Adam White has been here for 20 years. My Stud Manager has been here for 10-12 years. They are good people that become part of the business, and they know what you want to achieve and they get on and utilise their skills. The people are so vital for how we run this farm."



Gerry Harvey & Peter Orton | Bronwen Healy

The third plank of Vinery's success has been the farm itself. Orton said he inherited a wonderful property, which while it needed some TLC at the time, was perfect to facilitate Vinery's ambitions for Australia.

"It was at a good stage when I arrived. You can't buy time and a lot of the things we needed were already established. But the farm needed a lot of work from a maintenance perspective, which was good in a sense because it gives you the opportunity to do more than just renovate. You can do a big overhaul," he said. "We put in a new stallion complex, added a new yearling complex and were able to utilise a lot of facilities that were already here.

"It's just such a beautiful farm. It's a naturally spectacular farm. It's got good irrigated flats, but we've also got undulating land and the valleys at the back. They are quite unique. Utilising that was key to it as was an opportunity to upgrade what was here. We updated it and steered it towards the facilities we needed towards the future. It has come together beautifully.

"We were aware of the importance of the whole area. It's got such a great feel and we didn't want to overpower that either. The farm continues to respect the history that was here and we have brought the facilities up to a state of the art level."

The Power of the Partnership

All businesses face challenges, and five years in, it became clear that Dr. Simon needed to cut back on his thoroughbred interests. At a point where Vinery was just starting to bloom, its immediate future was under threat. Orton saw opportunity in a crisis and helped facilitate a solution which saw Dr. Simon form a partnership with several of Australia's leading breeders. The Victorian arm was sold off and the focus was very much on the heart of the business in the Hunter Valley.

That partnership has evolved into the current ownership group, which includes Alan Green, David Paradise, Gerry Harvey, Greg Perry, Neil Werrett and Steve McCann, something which Orton believes has become a tremendous asset.

"When it became clear that Dr. Simon was looking to reduce his interests, it seemed a shame that Vinery may be broken up and that's when we came up with a theory that we would have a group of investors," he said. "We all had our own individual approaches and many of them had their own things going on, but we came together on stallion opportunities and had a combined approach to building the stallion offering.

"We all race a lot of horses and in this game, sometimes it's not a matter of how much money you have, it's the ability to access a horse. Hopefully, within this group, we have that. We have come up with a couple of horses we have raced and that gives us a closer opportunity to access those horses."

Legacy Well-poised to Continue

Vinery has celebrated a myriad of successes in the past 20 years, many of them on the track through the iconic green with a white V, but most satisfying for Orton has been the way in which the stud's stallions, and the strategy which he pioneered with them, have shaped the direction of the thoroughbred breed in Australia.

"It is very satisfying to sit back and watch the influence and change these stallions make. Being involved with Danehill from the beginning and seeing him come into the industry and make such an impact, when there was such a need for fresh blood in the industry, gave me a sense of that," he said. "Having a genetic balance is a key aspect of any level of farming, and if you have a theory and you can see a pathway through the industry and you can get your team and steer them through that and go for it, it's very satisfying to see that evolve."

The development of the horses that have graced the lush

paddocks of the Vinery, names that live on like Red Ransom (USA), Mossman and More Than Ready (USA), as well as the staff that have worked with him, are what he feels is his greatest legacy to the business.

"I think through some of the horses we have had here, we have created the opportunity for them to have great legacies through their bloodlines," he said. "Then there's the people. A number of young people that have come off this farm have gone on to run other businesses and in that regard it has been a great education farm, a lot of people go on after coming through."

Orton doesn't see his stint at Vinery ending any time soon but doesn't doubt that if he had to walk out the door tomorrow that the farm would continue to go from strength to strength.

"My job is as a professional manager, so I always keep my perspective on that. You have to do that, or you lose balance on it all. I don't think I'm irreplaceable by any means," he said. "I've got a great team here and I could step down at any time and not cause any disruption, I don't plan to do that. I'm feeling ok, so plan to be here for a little while yet."



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Al Muthana, c, 2, **Deep Field**--El Daana (GSW-Aus, \$377,600), by Redoute's Choice. Turffontein, 6-18, Maiden Juvenile Plate, 1160m, 1:06.85 (new class record). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Stud Australasia Ltd (NSW); T-Mike de Kock. *1ST TIME STARTER. **First South African winner for sire (by Northern Meteor). ***1/2 to Wawail (Lonhro), MGSW-Aus, \$478,550.

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