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## PANDEMIC AFFECTS VISAS, LIMITING H-2B WORKERS



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by *Mike Kane*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. -- George Weaver feels it. So do Chad Brown, Todd Pletcher and Shug McGaughey. Among the many new issues that Thoroughbred trainers across the country must contend with during the 2020 pandemic is a shortage of skilled staff.

In recent years, it has become more difficult for horsemen to secure all the H-2B visas that they desire to legally bring foreign nationals into the country as guest workers. The arrival of COVID-19 in late winter closed U.S. consulates, compounding the problems, preventing visa holders from getting their entry documents from the State Department. On June 22, President Donald Trump signed an executive order suspending the visa program through December, a move designed to help the tens of millions of unemployed Americans find jobs.

"It is a problem," said McGaughey, who is missing some of his hotwalkers and could use another exercise rider. "The bad part about it is that Trump, or the government, just does not realize that these are jobs that American people refuse."

That's the rub. One of the key provisions of the H-2B visa program is that the jobs must first be offered to Americans before foreign residents can be hired. Trainers say they are always interested in hiring U.S.-based employees for the positions, primarily grooms and hotwalkers.

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## CHERI MANNING ENJOYS A DECORATED START TO OWNERSHIP

By *Katie Ritz*

For red hot trainer Christophe Clement, there's much to look forward to as his blossoming turf star Decorated Invader (Declaration of War) progresses through his sophomore season. But for owner Cheri Manning, the talented colt has already given her the ride of a lifetime.

In partnership with West Point Thoroughbreds, William Freeman and William Sandbrook, Manning has watched her horse cross the wire first in a juvenile maiden race at Saratoga, then the GI Summer S., the Cuter Bay S., the GII Pennine Ridge S. and most recently, the GII National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame S.

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**Pandemic Affects Visas cont. from p1****George Weaver** | Mike Kane

"The people that are needed, nobody wants to do this work," Weaver said. "It's not even about the money, nobody wants to wake up at 3:30, 4:00 in the morning every single morning or even six mornings a week. They don't want to do it."

Immigration attorney Will Velie of Norman, Oklahoma, is an expert whose Horseman Labor Solutions company has been helping trainers staff their stables with guest workers for 15 years. Velie estimated that approximately 1,500 people come into U.S., primarily from Mexico and Central American countries to work in the Thoroughbred racing industry. He said it costs trainers between \$1,500 and \$2,000 per worker in fees and legal expenses. In addition, trainers must pay for travel back and forth to the employees's home countries and other costs.

"They would not do this if they didn't have to," Velie said. "The only reason they are doing this is because they don't have the people to do the work anymore."

Velie said the pandemic, which led to border closings and the pause on the admission of people who do already had been approved for visas, has made a tough situation worse.

"It's particularly bad this year," he said. "It's always bad. It's been bad for a long time. So you've got this confluence of factors that make it to where it is very difficult to find enough workers on the backside of the track, even with 25 million unemployed people."

Weaver said none of the dozen or so internationals he had planned for are with him this summer at Saratoga Race Course.

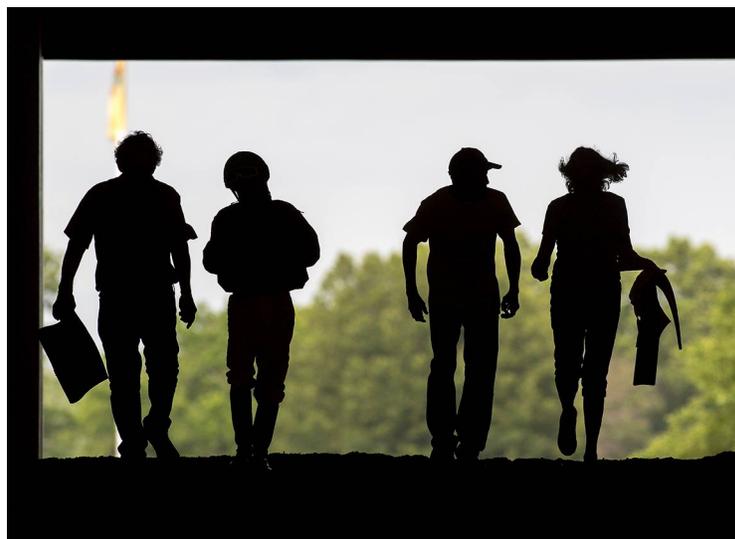
His exercise riders are helping out with hotwalking and he said that some of his grooms have to deal with six or seven horses every day, rather than the norm of four or five.

Like the other trainers, Weaver said his stable is getting by, but he is frustrated by how the situation played out despite doing the proper planning.

"It cost a lot of money, and when you pay the lawyer and you pay the stuff and you don't get your people, it's like you just [wasted] a bunch of money and you don't have your help," he said.

Pletcher's stable has been hit hard. He said that none of his 35 guest workers was able to come into the country before the program was closed.

"It has affected everyone," he said. "We have a large number of visa employees that were approved but have not been allowed to come over. We've had to have our staff pull off some overtime, put in extra hours and extra work. Yeah, it has been a



Sarah Andrew photo

hardship for a lot of people. This would be our peak time of the year, so we would have over 100 employees. We have similar numbers, in some cases less-experienced."

Pletcher nodded at the suggestion that some of his staff is receiving on-the-job training.

"Pretty much," he said. "At the same time you want new people coming into the business and learning. A lot of our visa workers have been with us for a long time, know the system and are skilled professionals." **Cont., p4**



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**Pandemic Affects Visas cont.**

Eric Hamelback, the CEO of the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, said that the jobs Pletcher and the other trainers must fill might seem to the casual observer to be low-level duties easy for most people to handle.

"It is a skilled labor. Yes, it's hard work. It is agricultural," he said. "But it's skilled when you are dealing with animals, whether they are a multi-million dollar horse or one that is a \$5,000 claimer. They can kill you in a heartbeat and it takes a certain strength and skill to work in this field. You can't just grab someone off the street and expect them to be able to hotwalk, much less groom."

Hamelback said that his organization, which represents nearly 30,000 trainers and owners, is working with the National Horse Council and the National Thoroughbred Racing Association to build congressional insight and support for changes to help the industry with the visa program.

Every year, the Thoroughbred industry is vying for a share of the 66,000 H-2B visas that are allotted. During the year, the White House may add more visas to the pool. The demand is intense: 100,000 applications for the 33,000 H-2B visas available in the first round for 2020.

"This is a big topic and it is a lot of work," Hamelback said.

Much like Pletcher, Brown has a very large operation and relies on foreign workers to fill some of his staff positions.



**Chad Brown** | *Mike Kane*

"It's been challenging," he said. "Thankfully, we have some of our workers who have been able to successfully come in before some stuff got shut down. Not all of them. I know some other trainers that are not in a good spot. It has really affected us. It has caused us to really change the management of our stable, such as how many we are able to have in New York."

Brown continued, "Thankfully, our team has all pulled together and everyone has picked up the slack. Our business is no different than a lot of other businesses, probably, just trying to get through this pandemic, knowing that there is probably light at the end of the tunnel, that it's not going to be this way forever. Keeping that mindset. Getting through each day the best we can."

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**Cheri Manning cont. from p1**



**Decorated Invader claims the GII National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame S.** | *Coglianesse*

Even with such a lengthy collection of victories, the Virginia resident still has yet to join her colt in the winner's circle.

"I almost don't even want to say this out loud, but I've never seen him win in person," Manning said. "The only races I've been to were his first start [a close second at Saratoga] and the Breeders' Cup [Juvenile Turf, where he finished fourth after a troubled trip]. So now I'm a little nervous to go see him run."

Although she's just getting started in her journey as an owner, Manning has been a fan of the sport since childhood.

"Even as a little kid, I enjoyed horse racing," she recounted. "I was lucky enough to grow up in the '70s, so Secretariat, Affirmed and Alydar are the first horses I remember. My dad was into horse racing, so we would watch on TV. I was your typical horse-crazy kid."

It wasn't until a few years ago that her interest in racing became something more.

"When I went to college, I stopped riding and horses kind of slipped out of my life," she said. "But I always continued to follow racing. Then I started to get closer to the age of 50. And when that happened, I started thinking, 'Alright, I'm going to do something for myself.'" **Cont. p5**

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**Cheri Manning cont.**

Manning bought in on two 2-year-olds through West Point Thoroughbreds in 2016 and as she notes, “away we went.”

“Ownership was way more than I expected going in,” she said. “That first summer, coming up to Saratoga for the first time was quite the experience— being a total newbie on the backstretch and watching one of my horses run there. I felt like everyone in the industry was so welcoming. Even if you don’t know what the heck you’re talking about, everyone wants to help give you the information you need without making you feel stupid.”

That same year, a third juvenile on the West Point roster named Arch of the Diver (Arch) caught her eye.

“He was a bit more on the expensive side, so I tried to be practical and buy into two horses for the price of one,” Manning said. “But I couldn’t stop thinking about him, so I ended up buying into him.”

Arch of the Diver showed promise early on, but endured several injury-induced setbacks. It wasn’t until he was a 4-year-old that he broke his maiden at Saratoga by almost 10 lengths.

“I cried so hard,” Manning said with a laugh.

The gelding later won at Delaware Park, scoring a 93 Beyer Figure, but soon after an injury forced the West Point team to retire him. They turned to Manning to ask if ‘Archie’ could find a new home with his biggest fan.

“They knew I loved him and that he would be going to a really good home,” Manning said. “So when they asked me I said, ‘Yes. We will figure it out. We will make it happen.’”

While Archie has yet to start a new career under saddle, he is thriving at his new home in Virginia.

“This horse is the biggest klutz. It’s a miracle he raced at all, let alone won two races,” Manning joked. “The hope is to eventually get him under saddle and see what he wants to do, even if it’s just hack around and be a trail horse. But if he ends up being a pasture pet, that’s great too.”

Even though Manning has only been involved in racing for five years, she’s already giving back to the sport through her dedication to aftercare and has big plans to do more.

“Eventually I could see myself having the Northern Virginia Home for Wayward Thoroughbreds, or something like that,” she said.

At around the same time of Arch of the Diver’s retirement, a yearling with Arch as a broodmare sire became available.

“I really like turf horses, and the fact that he was out of an Arch mare really sold him for me,” Manning recalled.

Soon after, she was in on Decorated Invader’s ownership.

“If you could line up Northern Dancer, Danzig, War Front, and Decorated Invader, the similarities would be so striking. It’s quite a lineage,” she said.

Her ownership on Decorated Invader has quickly become a family affair.

“When we were in Saratoga last summer, my sister Cathy fell in love with him,” Manning said. “She was going on and on about how amazing he was after his first race when he ran second. I had an odd percentage on him, so I said, ‘happy birthday’ and gave her a small percentage. She says it was the best birthday present ever. She always liked horses and enjoyed going to the

track with me, but with Decorated Invader, she knew he was The Horse, and now she’s gotten the bug.”

Manning has also introduced her 13-year-old niece Vivienne to horse racing.

“From day one, Vivienne has been my silent partner,” she said. “She unofficially owns half the horses I partner in. She’s your typical horse-crazy girl. What did we do for her Christmas break? We went to Florida to visit Payson Park and she was thrilled.”

For years, Vivienne and Manning also had their own

riding horse that they owned together.

“Unfortunately he passed away in February of cancer,” Manning said. “So this year has really sucked, but Decorated Invader has sort of made up for a lot of not-so-great things.”

Manning remembers the Cutler Bay S. in March at Gulfstream as her favorite race of the season.

“Midway through the race he was totally out of it,” she said. “And you’re like, ‘Oh that’s fine, it’s his first race this year.’ And then all of a sudden, he turns on an extra gear and wows us all. The way he won that day was amazing. That’s when we knew it was going to be a fun year.”

Of course, having one of the hottest trainers on the Saratoga backstretch in Christophe Clement is a definite asset.

“I can’t believe that barn,” Manning said. “They so deserve it. One of the deciding factors for me in buying a horse through West Point is if it’s going to Clement.” **Cont. p6**



**Cheri Manning and family visit a juvenile Decorated Invader on the Saratoga backstretch | Katie Ritz**

**Cheri Manning cont.**



**Decorated Invader** | Sarah Andrew

Manning shared that while Clement’s assistant trainer and son Miguel says Decorated Invader acts studish whenever he’s working with the colt, Manning finds that the bay is nothing less than a gentleman when she comes to the barn with carrots in hand.

“He’s a very nice horse,” she said. “He’s so smart, you get that vibe from him right away. He’s got that intelligent eye. I’m so thankful to Terry Finley, Bill Freeman, Bill Sandbrook, as well as the West Point buying team and David Ingordo for finding Decorated Invader and letting me join the party. He’s definitely special, and he knows he’s special..”

West Point’s COO Tom Bellhouse said that Decorated Invader has an equally-special owner.

“Cheri is a dream partner,” he said. “She’s a great person. She takes the good news with the bad, and is always so supportive. She’s a big believer in the animal and for caring for the animal. Any time you spend with Cheri, it will put a smile on your face.”

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**OWNERS CAN ATTEND RACES AT DEL MAR**

Starting Friday July 31, licensed owners with a horse entered can attend the races at Del Mar. Space is limited to two licensed owners per horse. No guests are permitted.

Up until now, licensed owners have been on track in the morning to watch workouts. The first come, first serve seating in the afternoons will be located in the same area in the clubhouse box seating. Owners will be required to email Mary Forney, Executive Director of TOC ([mforney@toconline.com](mailto:mforney@toconline.com)) to secure access, and reservations can be made up until 24 hours before race day. If a horse has more than two owners wishing to attend the races, TOC will do its best to accommodate if space is available.

Owners must show their license when entering the Del Mar Race Track and park in the designated area just outside the clubhouse. Owners will enter through the same area they have been using in the morning, adjacent to the clubhouse entrance. Owners will be required to be on the owner reservation list, provide their CHRB owners license, and undergo a full Covid-19 health screening including a temperature check. Masks will be required to be worn at all times, and owners must respect social distancing guidelines.

Owners will be required to remain in the clubhouse seating area the entire time and may not enter the paddock or the winners circle. Owners are still not permitted to access the backstretch. Any violation of this strict policy will result in a forfeiture of racetrack privileges.

“We appreciate that owners have been practicing social distancing, wearing masks, and creating a safe environment for all horsemen in the morning,” said TOC Chairman Nick Alexander. “Because that has been successful, we are now able to watch our horses in the afternoon. We recognize owners have been attending races in Northern California, Kentucky, and New York, and for some it has been frustrating having limited access to watch our thoroughbreds race in Southern California. Please continue to respect the new rules and guidelines so we can hopefully safely allow more members to attend the races.”

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## A SPOTLIGHT ON STRESS IN THE ERA OF COVID



*Working in racing has always been a stressful occupation; a roller-coaster of emotions, triumphs and tragedies, long hours and travel. Add a global pandemic and unprecedented economic worry, with many participants fearing for their health, livelihoods and businesses, and the stress can become almost overwhelming. It's the sort of topic many people don't like to talk about, but we asked several industry participants to open about what particular stresses they were feeling during these very concerning times, and how they were dealing with them.*

### CRAIG BANDOROFF, Denali Stud



Craig Bandoroff | Jon Siegel

This business is stressful ALL the time. Nobody reading this needs me to go into the specifics or myriad ways. But above all else, the thing I have found in my career that really makes this business so hard is that the percentage of success is so small. Racing, breeding, mares, stallions, pinhooking, whichever facet you look at, the percentage of good outcomes is very small. The opportunities to give good news is infrequent. So often when you call someone, it's a hard call to make.

With COVID, we're sitting here as the yearling sales approach with no idea what the market is going to be like. All indicators say it will be down and that it will be tough. The big question is are foreigners going to be allowed to attend. And if so, will they attend even if we find a way to get them here? It just adds to what already is a difficult business and environment. Fortunately, there's people who love it and want to do it despite how hard it is.

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been through lots of things from caterpillars to recessions and down cycles before. I feel like there is very little that could happen that I haven't seen. Obviously this is a very different situation, but we've been doing this a long time and have managed to get through difficult years before. Because of that, I have the confidence that we will get through this one.

I think the main thing that helps me sleep at night is recognizing what's important. How much your horse brings at the sale, although it's significant, in the scheme of things we are just selling horses, not saving lives. As long as we and our loved ones have our health and safety, and we are surrounded by people who love us, those are the things that are truly important. So we need to remind ourselves of what's important and keep things in perspective.

I find I have to read the news less and enjoy a good book more. I remind myself, Conrad and our team: We can only control what we can control. Finally, remember what our grandmothers told us: This too shall pass.

*Would you be willing to share your thoughts on stress during this particularly difficult time? Email the TDN's Katie Ritz at [katieritz@thetdn.com](mailto:katieritz@thetdn.com) or Sue Finley at [suefinley@thetdn.com](mailto:suefinley@thetdn.com).*

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"We are hoping that by opening later the Coronavirus situation will settle down in Arizona," said track general manager Vincent Francia. "Regardless we will have health protocols in place when the meet opens."

Francia added, "We are working with AZHBPA president Bob Hutton as to a date when the horses can begin to arrive in the stable area."

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## REPORTS OF MARES BRED DUE AT THE JOCKEY CLUB BY AUGUST 1

The Jockey Club issued a press release Tuesday reminding stallion managers to submit their Reports of Mares Bred (RMBs) for the 2020 breeding season by Aug. 1.

"To ensure that the breeding statistics we release in the fall are as accurate as possible, we request that RMBs be submitted by Aug. 1," said Matt Iuliano, executive vice president and executive director of The Jockey Club. "In addition to the utility of covering information in mare produce records and

catalog-style pedigrees available through equineline, the number of mares reported bred each year is an important economic indicator of the health of the Thoroughbred breeding industry."

Stallion managers who submit completed RMBs by Aug. 1 are among the first to receive their Stallion Service Certificates, which facilitates the timely registration of 2021 foals.

Reports of Mares Bred may be submitted via Interactive Registration at [www.registry.jockeyclub.com](http://www.registry.jockeyclub.com) or a form is available by email, fax, or mail by contacting [inquiries@jockeyclub.com](mailto:inquiries@jockeyclub.com).

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**SHARED BELIEF S., \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Uncle Chuck	Uncle Mo	Pegram, Watson or Weitman	Baffert	Van Dyke	124
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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Paynter</b> (2009) by Awesome Again FYR: 2015 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$10,000	4	11	1	3	--	1	182	67	136,989	2,923,021
										Ring Leader	
2	<b>Violence</b> (2010) by Medaglia d'Oro FYR: 2015 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$25,000	3	6	2	4	2	2	165	69	268,366	2,792,841
										No Parole	
3	<b>Flat Out</b> (2006) by Flatter FYR: 2015 Stands: Mighty Acres OK Fee: \$3,000	2	8	1	4	--	--	161	56	139,050	2,117,153
										Piece of My Heart	
4	<b>Take Charge Indy</b> (2009) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2015 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$17,500	1	4	--	1	--	--	127	46	156,268	1,692,220
										Isshin	
5	<b>Orb</b> (2010) by Malibu Moon FYR: 2015 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$10,000	1	7	--	6	--	1	121	36	102,174	1,499,545
										Top Seed	
6	<b>Alternation</b> (2008) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2015 Stands: Pin Oak Stud KY Fee: \$10,000	2	3	1	1	--	--	91	32	280,533	1,332,569
										Serengeti Empress	
7	<b>Oxbow</b> (2010) by Awesome Again FYR: 2015 Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: \$10,000	--	2	--	1	--	--	115	50	87,205	1,331,816
										Whimsical Muse	
8	<b>Point of Entry</b> (2008) by Dynaformer FYR: 2015 Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: \$15,000	2	4	1	2	--	1	99	33	114,660	1,297,225
										Admission Office	
9	<b>Overanalyze</b> (2010) by Dixie Union FYR: 2015 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$7,500	1	2	--	2	--	--	119	40	114,850	1,266,119
										Piedi Bianchi	
10	<b>Brethren</b> (2008) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2015 Stands: Arindel Farm FL Fee: \$7,500	1	2	1	1	--	--	91	35	93,403	1,140,533
										Cookie Dough	
11	<b>Jimmy Creed</b> (2009) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2015 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$15,000	--	3	--	1	--	1	92	29	62,347	1,118,887
										Visual Magic	
12	<b>Graydar</b> (2009) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2015 Stands: Milky Way Farm CA Fee: \$4,000	--	3	--	2	--	--	115	36	118,200	1,073,379
										Dream Marie	
13	<b>Smiling Tiger</b> (2007) by Hold That Tiger FYR: 2015 Stands: Harris Farms CA Fee: \$7,500	3	5	--	--	--	--	69	24	178,620	1,054,670
										Smiling Shirlee	
14	<b>Poseidon's Warrior</b> (2008) by Speightstown FYR: 2015 Stands: Equistar PA Fee: \$5,000	1	1	1	1	--	--	84	27	262,500	932,971
										Firenze Fire	
15	<b>Justin Phillip</b> (2008) by First Samurai FYR: 2015 Stands: The Quarter Company NM Fee: \$3,000	1	2	--	--	--	--	91	32	115,025	898,679
										Just Might	

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## CINCO CHARLIE GETS FIRST WINNER AT BELTERRA

Spendthrift Farm's Cinco Charlie (Indian Charlie) was represented by his first winner Tuesday when Patricia and Daniel Yates' **Big On Big** scored a hard-fought victory in his career debut.

Showing a mostly pedestrian local worktab until perking up with a five-furlong bullet in 1:02 4/5 (1/7) July 18, the dark bay took a late punch to be 28-5 at the off and led narrowly as the middle marker in a three-way pace duel through a sharp :22.40 quarter. Starting to find a bit of daylight past a :47.26 half, he repelled the challenge of Armada (Paynter) and kicked away past the eighth pole before holding sway from late-running longshot Brig (Midshipman) for a 1 1/2-length success. The winner has a yearling half-brother by Jimmy Creed named The Real Guy.

Cinco Charlie, a \$190,000 OBS March purchase in 2014, captured the GIII Bashford Manor S. as a juvenile, added a pair of stakes wins and a runner-up finish in the GII Woody Stephens S. at three and annexed the Duncan F. Kenner S. at four. He stands for \$5,000 at Spendthrift.

4th-Belterra, \$21,600, (S), Msw, 7-28, 2yo, 6f, 1:15.04, ft. **BIG ON BIG** (c, 2, Cinco Charlie--Justoneatheguys, by Corinthian) Sales History: \$27,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,960. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#) O/B-Daniel J. Yates & Patricia J. Yates (OH); T-William D. Cowans.

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7th-Parx Racing, \$35,750, (S), Alw, 7-28, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 7 1/2ft, 1:33.84, fm.

**BUY LAND AND SEE** (c, 3, Cairo Prince--Twiggles, by Maria's Mon), closed to be third debuting in a Saratoga turf sprint last August--a race in which leading GI Kentucky Derby contender Art Collector (Bernardini) was the runner-up--and set a local course record in an 8 1/4-length maiden win going this distance before scoring in the Awad S. Oct. 26 at Belmont. **Cont. p2**



Big On Big gets it done at first asking to get Cinco Charlie off the mark as a sire | Coady

Unseen since then, the gray was hammered down to 2-5 returning against Pennsylvania-breds here and sped off on the lead. Second choice Dee Jay (Imagining) closed the gap to a length nearing the lane, but the favorite was always going better of the two and burst clear once again after turning for home en route to a wrapped-up 5 1/4-length triumph. Dee Jay held for second. The winner is a half to Sweet Bye and Bye (Sky Mesa), SW & GSP, \$341,650. His unraced dam, just a \$5,000 Keeneland September buy in 2009, is represented by a juvenile Bodemeister filly named Laynlomakndough and a yearling filly by Liam's Map. Lifetime Record: SW, 4-3-0-1, \$131,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Joseph M. Imbesi (PA); T-Steve Klesaris.



**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**4th-Lone Star, \$40,120, Msw, 7-28, 2yo, f, 5f, 1:00.26, my.**  
**DOHA (f, 2, Dialed In--Powertap, by Tapit),** bought for only \$2,200 at Keeneland September, showed promise with a pair of local half-mile bullet breezes from the gate, most recently going in a best-of-95 time of :47 1/5 July 15. Given a 21-5 chance, the dark bay showed that speed, out-breaking the field and showing the way through a :22.90 quarter. Widening approaching the stretch, she never faced an anxious moment down the lane, rolling to a 3 1/2-length graduation. Scat for the Cause (Creative Cause) closed for the place. The victress's third dam is MGISW Fleet Renee (Seattle Slew). Her dam, a \$70,000 pickup at Keeneland November in 2015, has a yearling filly by Keen Ice. Sales History: \$2,200 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,832. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/T-Nathan Wallis; B-Calumet Farm (KY).

**VINERY SALES GRADUATE**

**2nd-Colonial Downs, \$39,600, Msw, 7-28, 2yo, 5fT, :57.17, fm.**  
**AMSDEN (c, 2, American Pharoah--Tessie Flip, by Grand Slam)** displayed an intermittent series of breezes at Keeneland going back to mid-March, capped by a half-mile gate move in :49 2/5 (34/70) July 18, and was made a prohibitive 2-5 chalk in this debut. Away sharply, the \$350,000 Keeneland September buy was badgered by Harbor Court (Palace) through the opening quarter and lost the lead to that one briefly nearing the stretch. Battling back along the fence, he started to regain control outside the eighth pole and edged away to score convincingly in

the end by three lengths over his pace rival. The victor is a half to Jo Jo Air (Scat Daddy), MSW, \$200,474. His dam, a half-sister to MGISW Switch (Quiet American), has a yearling Practical Joke colt and produced a colt by Mendelssohn this season. Sales History: \$350,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Andrew Farm, For the People Racing Stable LLC & Windmill Manor Farm; B-Springhouse Farm, Crosshaven Bloodstock & Circular Rd Breeders (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.

**1st-Colonial Downs, \$39,600, Msw, 7-28, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.92, ft.**  
**BRANCO MARIA (c, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--Heidi Maria {MSW, \$220,764}, by Rockport Harbor),** a \$385,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga buy, was third when unveiled over six furlongs on the Tampa main track May 13 and dropped two spots when routing over turf with blinkers added July 5 at Monmouth. Crushed down to 3-10 favoritism in this meet opener, the dark bay tracked the pace from fourth behind a :22.33 quarter, awaited room along the inside on the turn, found clear sailing at the top of the lane and gradually wore down pacesetting Per Diem (Carpe Diem) in the final furlong to score by 2 3/4 lengths. Per Diem was 14 1/4 lengths clear for the place. Sales History: \$385,000 Ylg '18 FTSAUG. The victress has a juvenile Shanghai Bobby half-brother named Harbor Boy, a yearling full-sister and a half-sister of this term by Good Magic. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$26,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Phoenix Thoroughbred, LTD; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Michael Stidham.

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**Branco Maria | Coady**

**1st-Indiana Grand, \$31,000, Msw, 7-28, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.57, ft.**

**UNCLE KICK (g, 4, Uncle Mo--Firefly, by Tapit)**, eighth debuting at six furlongs May 17 at Churchill, improved two spots when stretched out to a sloppy mile there June 21 and was backed down to even-money in this two-turn bow. Jostled on both sides at the start, the homebred traveled second-last behind a :24.04 quarter, overtook the pacesetter in hand five-sixteenths from home and steadily drew clear from there to romp by eight lengths under wraps. Cielo Azul (Misremembered) was second at 30-1. The winner's dam, bought with him in utero for \$260,000 at Keeneland November in 2015, is a half-sister to the speedy GSW La Traviata (Johannesburg), who in turn produced MG1SW Seventh Heaven (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and G1SW Crusade (Mr. Greeley). Firefly is responsible for a juvenile Distorted Humor filly and a yearling colt by Arrogate. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$20,392. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** O/B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Jose Fernandez.



Uncle Kick | Coady



**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JULY 29**

**Hit It a Bomb** (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
33 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
7-Parx Racing, Msw 4 1/2f, TIC TIC TIC BOOM, 20-1  
\$4,500 RNA FTK OCT yrl

**Not This Time** (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made Farm, \$12,500  
111 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Parx Racing, Msw 4 1/2f, NIENTE, 7-2  
\$26,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$53,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Nyquist** (Uncle Mo), Darley, \$40,000  
94 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
7-Parx Racing, Msw 4 1/2f, VEQUIST, 8-1  
\$120,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Outwork** (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
118 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Parx Racing, Msw 4 1/2f, CATTI LA BELLE, 10-1  
\$40,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Peace and Justice** (War Front), Northview PA, \$3,500  
23 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Parx Racing, Msw 4 1/2f, JUSTICE WAS SERVED, 15-1

**Speightster** (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$10,000  
122 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Parx Racing, Msw 4 1/2f, STONEHARBOR BLONDE, 7-2  
\$12,500 FTK OCT yrl; \$12,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Upstart** (Flatter), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000  
101 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
2-Canterbury, Msw 5ft, TUFFENOUGHTOSTART, 10-1  
\$6,500 ARZ NOV yrl

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JULY 29**

**American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private  
318 foals of racing age/46 winners/9 black-type winners  
10-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2ft, ZERO TO SIXTY, 8-1  
\$100,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$320,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Carpe Diem** (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
231 foals of racing age/34 winners/2 black-type winners  
4-Colonial Downs, \$60K Camptown S., 5 1/2f, BELLA AURORA, 5-2  
\$87,000 EAS OCT yrl

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*Fasig-Tipton Saratoga grad **Branco Maria** (Candy Ride {Arg}) gets off the mark in the Colonial meet lid-lifter*

**Danza** (Street Boss), Fair Winds Farm, \$2,500  
140 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners  
5-Canterbury, \$60K MTA Stallion Auction S., 6 1/2f, TIZTHEBOSS, 15-1

**Golden Lad** (Medaglia d'Oro), Northview Stallion Station, \$5,000  
125 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners  
7-Parx Racing, Msw 4 1/2f, AURNIA, 10-1

**Govenor Charlie** (Midnight Lute), Lovacres Ranch, \$3,000  
60 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Canterbury, Msw 5fT, DRIED PEPPER, 6-1  
\$7,500 RNA NCA AUG yrl; \$19,500 ARZ NOV yrl



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#### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-Parx Racing, \$53,300**, 7-28, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m,  
1:39.65, ft.

**DREAMER'S MOON** (f, 4, **Alternation--Dream Realized, by Awesome Again**) Lifetime Record: 21-5-1-2, \$159,989. O-MCA Racing Stable LLC; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. \*\$9,000 RNA Ylg '17 EASOCT.

**6th-Prairie Meadows, \$44,156**, (S), 7-27, (C), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f,  
1:02.57, ft.

**SCRUTINIZER** (g, 7, **Native Ruler--Sharlilly, by Sharkey**) Lifetime Record: 36-12-8-3, \$450,934. O-Martin Brothers, Inc.; B-Dream Farm LLC (IA); T-William N. Martin.

**9th-Lone Star, \$41,300**, 7-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.20, fm.

**ROYAL BERTRANDO** (g, 3, **Royal Orleans--Bertrando's Lady, by Bertrando**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$44,953. O/B-Jim Volk (NM); T-Kevin G. Scholl.

**10th-Parx Racing, \$35,750**, (S), 7-28, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f,  
1:10.64, ft.

**PINK CADDY** (f, 3, **El Padrino--Avani Force, by Forestry**) Lifetime Record: SW, 5-3-0-1, \$127,730. O-Club Risque Stable & Gregory K. Quick; B-Beatrice Patterson & Vicky Schowe (PA); T-Randy Allen. \*\$40,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT. \*\*1/2 to Call Paul (Friesan Fire), MGSW & GISP, \$573,720.

**6th-Parx Racing, \$35,500**, (S), 7-28, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f,  
1:15.80, ft.

**FORTHELUVOFBOURBON** (g, 3, **Bourbon Courage--Nosubstituteforluv, by Not For Love**) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$53,510. O-Daniel M. Ryan; B-Hidden Acres 4-D Farm (PA); T-Michael V. Pino.

**9th-Parx Racing, \$35,500**, 7-28, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70yT,  
1:43.79, fm.

**MUCHA MEZQUINA** (f, 4, **Mucho Macho Man--Sweet Dixie Girl, by Dixie Union**) Lifetime Record: 23-5-2-2, \$138,523. O-Anthony Spinazzola; B-Mike Fitch (KY); T-Mark V. Salvaggio.

**4th-Indiana Grand, \$34,500**, (S), 7-28, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y,  
1:44.48, ft.

**IDEA MAN** (c, 3, **Strong Mandate--Rose Run, by Will's Way**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$43,329. O/B-Fred & Neil McCrary (IN); T-Joseph D. Davis. \*1/2 to Torazo (El Corredor), SP, \$239,478.

**8th-Prairie Meadows, \$32,500**, 7-27, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f,  
1:09.96, ft.

**MOTO MOTO** (g, 4, **Super Saver--How Pleasant, by Distorted Humor**) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-3, \$76,470. O-Travis Swan Murphy & Probable Cause Racing Stables; B-Three Chimneys Farm (KY); T-Travis Swan Murphy. \*\$6,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

**6th-Presque Isle Downs, \$32,280**, 7-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f  
(AWT), 1:10.35, ft.

**SAVAGE NATION** (g, 5, **Two Step Salsa--Tacky Image, by Halo's Image**) Lifetime Record: 28-4-2-3, \$98,645. O-See the Line Racing, LLC; B-Get Away Farm (FL); T-Thomas J. Cooper. \*\$9,500 RNA Ylg '16 OBSWIN.

**7th-Canterbury, \$31,300**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 7-27,  
3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.74, ft.

**GOT EVEN SMARTER** (g, 6, **Stephen Got Even--Just Smart, by Smart Strike**) Lifetime Record: 27-4-8-4, \$173,657. O-Les Schneider; B-Wildcat Ranch LLC & Paul W. Schaffer (MN); T-Larry J. Sterling, Jr. \*\$30,000 Ylg '15 MNSAUG.

**9th-Canterbury, \$30,720, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 7-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.99, ft.**

**READY TO RUNAWAY (f, 4, **First Dude**--Ready to Rip, by More Than Ready)** Lifetime Record: 14-7-4-3, \$269,980. O-John Mentz; B-Wildcat Ranch LLC (MN); T-McLean Robertson. \*\$4,000 Ylg '17 MNSAUG.

**7th-Thistledown, \$29,300, (S), 7-28, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.86, ft.**

**INTO THE OUT (g, 4, **Goldencents**--Limpopo, by Lion Heart)** Lifetime Record: 19-6-4-1, \$82,809. O-Urieta's Racing Stable; B-Daniel J. & Patricia J. Yates (OH); T-Johanna Urieta. \*\$19,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTKOCT.

**5th-Thistledown, \$28,500, 7-28, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.40, ft.**

**CIRCUS RINGS (m, 5, **Wilburn**--Ring Ring Ring {SP}, by Petionville)** Lifetime Record: 23-7-2-2, \$165,341. O-Knights A to Z Racing LLC; B-Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer (OH); T-Valerie K. Shanyfelt. \*1/2 to Badabing Badaboom (Spring At Last), SW, \$228,425.

**4th-Canterbury, \$26,400, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 7-27, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.75, fm.**

**CREATIVE PLAN (g, 3, **Creative Cause**--Let's Park, by Divine Park)** Lifetime Record: SP, 6-3-0-1, \$58,965. O-M and M Racing (Mike Sisk); B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Karl Broberg. \*\$37,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$45,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Maci's Jamming, f, 2, **Raison d'Etat**--Tango Juliet, by Speightstown.** Indiana Grand, 7-28, 5f, 1:01.05. B-Calumet Farm (KY). \*\$1,000 RNA Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$2,500 Ylg '19 KEESEP. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**She's Fire and Ice, f, 3, **Bodemeister**--Your Flame in Me (MSW & GSP, \$206,840), by Boundary.** Canterbury, 7-27, 1mT, 1:36.48. B-Fedai Kahraman (KY). \*\$27,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$15,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

**Empress of Fire, f, 3, **He Be Fire N Ice**--Impressive Miss, by Matthews Keep.** Del Mar, 7-27, (S), 1mT, 1:34.91. B-Cicero Farms LLC (CA).

**Haddy Up, f, 3, **Majesticperfection**--Five Star Swank, by Five Star Day.** Canterbury, 7-27, (S), 6f, 1:13.44. B-John Mentz (MN). \*1/2 to Wynn Time (Three Hour Nap), MSW & GSP, \$326,479.

**Shar's Treasure, g, 3, **Treasure Beach (GB)**--Somethingaboutther (MSP, \$107,040), by War Chant.** Louisiana Downs, 7-28, 7 1/2fT, 1:33.87. B-Maharg Management Inc (FL).

**Approved for Flyby, f, 3, **Vronsky**--Approved to Fly, by Perfect Mandate.** Del Mar, 7-27, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.32. B-Old English Rancho (CA). \*\$15,000 Ylg '18 BARJAN.

**Odin's Steed, g, 5, **Violence**--Scene Maker, by Unbridled's Song.** Finger Lakes, 7-28, 6f, 1:13.12. B-Sequel Thoroughbreds & JMJ Racing Stable (NY). \*1/2 to Big Screen (Speightstown), SW & MGSP, \$363,837.



**ALTERNATION, Dreamer's Moon, f, 4, o/o Dream Realized, by Awesome Again.** ALW, 7-28, Parx Racing

**AMERICAN PHAROAH, Amsden, c, 2, o/o Tessie Flip, by Grand Slam.** MSW, 7-28, Colonial Downs

**BODEMEISTER, She's Fire and Ice, f, 3, o/o Your Flame in Me, by Boundary.** MSW, 7-27, Canterbury

**BOURBON COURAGE, Fortheluvofbourbon, g, 3, o/o Nosubstituteforluv, by Not For Love.** ALW, 7-28, Parx Racing

**CAIRO PRINCE, Buy Land and See, c, 3, o/o Twiggles, by Maria's Mon.** ALW, 7-28, Parx Racing

**CANDY RIDE (ARG), Branco Maria, c, 3, o/o Heidi Maria, by Rockport Harbor.** MSW, 7-28, Colonial Downs

**CINCO CHARLIE, Big On Big, c, 2, o/o Justoneatheguys, by Corinthian.** MSW, 7-28, Belterra

**CREATIVE CAUSE, Creative Plan, g, 3, o/o Let's Park, by Divine Park.** AOC, 7-27, Canterbury

**DIALED IN, Doha, f, 2, o/o Powertap, by Tapit.** MSW, 7-28, Lone Star

**EL PADRINO, Pink Caddy, f, 3, o/o Avani Force, by Forestry.** ALW, 7-28, Parx Racing

**FIRST DUDE, Ready to Runaway, f, 4, o/o Ready to Rip, by More Than Ready.** AOC, 7-27, Canterbury

**GOLDENCENTS, Into the Out, g, 4, o/o Limpopo, by Lion Heart.** ALW, 7-28, Thistledown

**HE BE FIRE N ICE, Empress of Fire, f, 3, o/o Impressive Miss, by Matthews Keep.** MSW, 7-27, Del Mar

**MAJESTICPERFECTION, Haddy Up, f, 3, o/o Five Star Swank, by Five Star Day.** MSW, 7-27, Canterbury

**MUCHO MACHO MAN, Mucha Mezquina, f, 4, o/o Sweet Dixie Girl, by Dixie Union.** ALW, 7-28, Parx Racing

**NATIVE RULER, Scrutinizer, g, 7, o/o Sharlilly, by Sharkey.** ALW, 7-27, Prairie Meadows

**RAISON D'ETAT, Maci's Jamming, f, 2, o/o Tango Juliet, by Speightstown.** MSW, 7-28, Indiana Grand

**ROYAL ORLEANS**, Royal Bertrando, g, 3, o/o Bertrando's Lady, by Bertrando. ALW, 7-27, Lone Star

**STEPHEN GOT EVEN**, Got Even Smarter, g, 6, o/o Just Smart, by Smart Strike. AOC, 7-27, Canterbury

**STRONG MANDATE**, Idea Man, c, 3, o/o Rose Run, by Will's Way. ALW, 7-28, Indiana Grand

**SUPER SAVER**, Moto Moto, g, 4, o/o How Pleasant, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 7-27, Prairie Meadows

**TREASURE BEACH (GB)**, Shar's Treasure, g, 3, o/o Somethingaboutther, by War Chant. MSW, 7-28, Louisiana Downs

**TWO STEP SALSA**, Savage Nation, g, 5, o/o Tacky Image, by Halo's Image. ALW, 7-27, Presque Isle Downs

**UNCLE MO**, Uncle Kick, g, 4, o/o Firefly, by Tapit. MSW, 7-28, Indiana Grand

**VIOLENCE**, Odin's Steed, g, 5, o/o Scene Maker, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 7-28, Finger Lakes

**VRONSKY**, Approved for Flyby, f, 3, o/o Approved to Fly, by Perfect Mandate. MCL, 7-27, Del Mar

**WILBURN**, Circus Rings, m, 5, o/o Ring Ring Ring, by Petionville. ALW, 7-28, Thistledown



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There was a degree of worry and stress for the connections and abundant fans of **Stradivarius (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) to endure during Tuesday's G1 Al Shaqab Goodwood Cup, but ultimately it was the familiar outcome as Bjorn Nielsen's chestnut wrought a fourth victory in this historic prize. Momentarily pinned behind **Nayef Road (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Santiago (Ire)** (Authorized {Ire}) inside the last two furlongs, the 4-7 favourite had to make his own racing room as the last furlong neared but by now there seems very little that he is incapable of. Picking up to overhaul them in the final 100 yards, he again dominated the climax of yet another top staying prize to step closer to immortality. Despite the tense nature of the preceding moments, there was a comfortable air to his length verdict over the long-time leader Nayef Road, while the G1 Irish Derby hero Santiago was unable to capitalise on his 15-pound weight-for-age concession 1 1/4 lengths behind in third. With this latest momentous achievement under his belt, the ever-composed Stradivarius now heads down a very different route with the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in the owner-breeder's and trainer's sights.

"We talked about this a year ago and John [Gosden] said if he stays healthy we'll train him for the Arc," Nielsen commented. "There is no [Weatherbys Hamilton £1 million] bonus this time and he can have six weeks off now and probably go for the [G2 Prix] Foy three weeks before the Arc. Unfortunately, we won't have our jockey so we'll have to find a substitute." **Cont. p2**

## SIBLINGS TO 22 G1SWS CATALOGUED FOR DEAUVILLE SELECT SALE

The Arqana Deauville Select Sale, which contains full- or half-siblings to 22 Group 1 winners among its **492-strong catalogue**, will take place in Deauville on Sept. 24-26. Graduates of the rescheduled sale—which is usually held as the Arqana August Sale—have made an impact on the international stage, with French Classic hero Sottsass (Fr) (Siyouni {Ire}), G1SW Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and three-time American Grade I winner Uni (GB) (More Than Ready) among their number. Despite the difficulties presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, a total of 98 stallions are represented, while there are also 96 yearlings out of black-type winners.

Perennial champion sire Galileo has seven yearlings set to go under the hammer, including Ecurie des Monceaux colts out of G3 Prix Minerve heroine Golden Valentine (Fr) (Dalakhani {Ire}) (**lot 103**) from the family of Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa); a full-brother to Group 1 winner Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) as **lot 199**; and **lot 230**, out of a Cape Cross (Ire) half-sister to G1SW Plumania (GB) (Anabaa). **Cont. p4**

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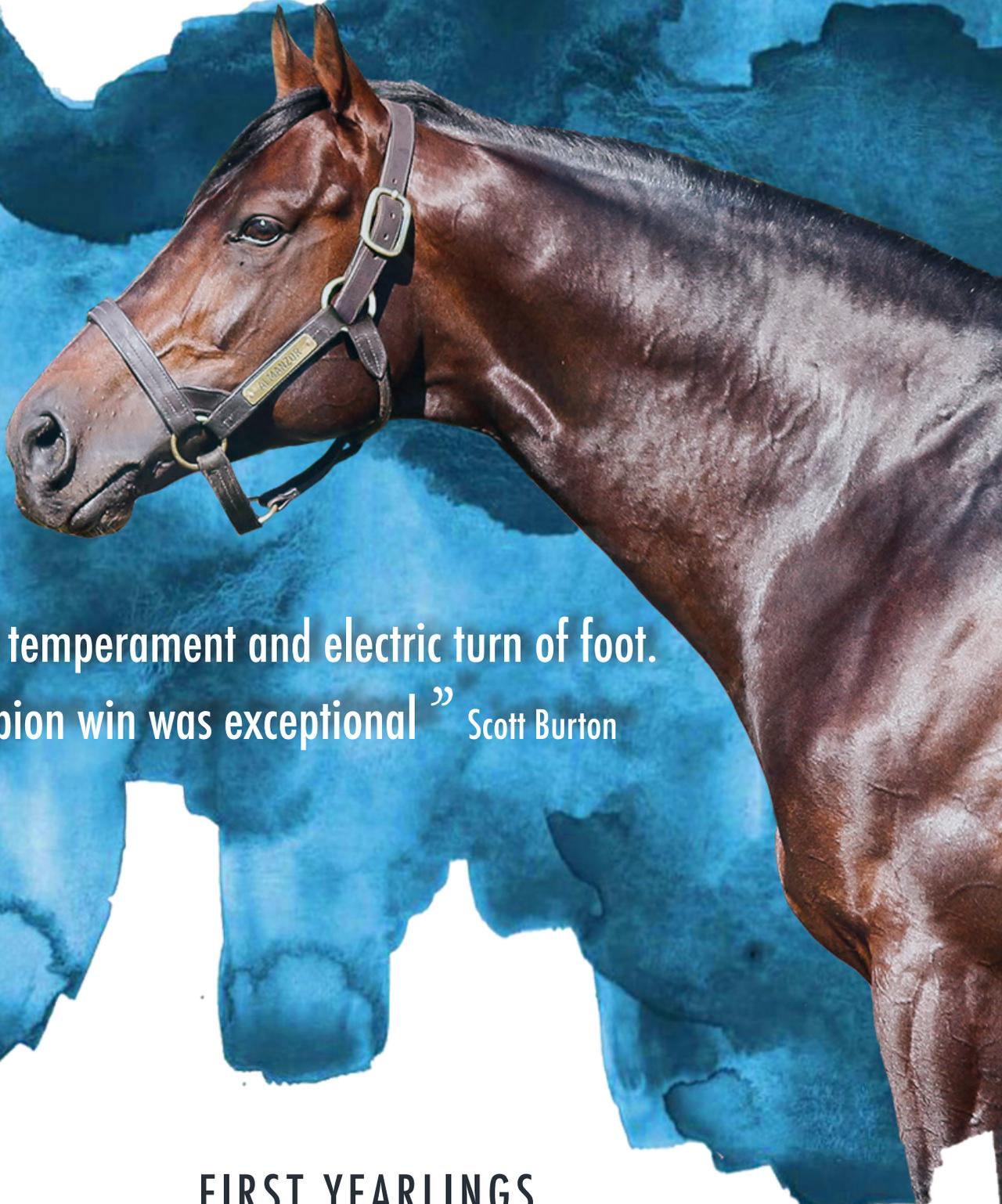
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**G1 Al Shaqab Goodwood Cup S. Cont. from p1**

These staying races are fast regaining their prior glory and there are few who would deny that Stradivarius now sits alongside the revered staying greats such as Sagaro (GB), Ardross (Ire) and Yeats (Ire). Nielsen was typically humble when asked for his opinion. “That’s for other people to decide, but I think he deserves to be in the conversation,” he said. “They are rare horses and it’s amazing that he turned up on my doorstep--there is a lot of luck involved.”

Much water has passed under the bridge since Stradivarius played the role of young upstart when denying the dual Goodwood Cup hero Big Orange (GB) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) his own landmark in the 2017 edition of this race. Since that first top-level success, which was followed by a third placing in a strong renewal of the G1 St Leger, he has garnered two £1-million Weatherbys Hamilton bonuses and dealt with a list of classy performers in this division including Vazirabad (Fr) (Manduro {Ger}), Torcedor (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Order of St George (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Dee Ex Bee (GB) (Farhh {GB}) and Cross Counter (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}). Like his stable’s leading lady Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}), he seems to have an insatiable appetite for prestige events which shows no sign of diminishing.

Sticking to the inside up the straight as the expertly-ridden Nayef Road set down to see off all-comers, Frankie was going best passing two out but was being leaned on by **Eagles By Day (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) which kept him a pocket. As Santiago took on the Mark Johnston front-runner, Ballydoyle’s 3-year-old may have been briefly ahead but Silvestre de Sousa conjured more from Nayef Road to re-assert. Stradivarius had meanwhile

muscled his way out into the clear and when he needed his trademark acceleration to overwhelm that duo it was as potent as ever.

Just as he had in 2019, Dettori was revelling in completing a high-profile double in less than a week, supplementing the high he experienced on Saturday with Enable. “What a horse. He’s given 15 pounds away, everyone rode to beat me and he still gets out and wins,” he commented. “He’s an amazing horse and well done to Bjorn Nielsen. I go from a superstar mare in Enable

to this champion horse in three days. It’s the stuff of dreams. I just had to be patient and when you have good horses the gap will come. I’ve been in that position before and it’s not nice to be there, but we got out.”

“Obviously, I thought the biggest danger was Santiago, so I was trying to get behind him. I thought, with a 15-pound weight spread, he would try to make the most of it and probably make it a true test from four out but it turned into a two-furlong

sprint,” he added. “For a minute I was boxed in, but if you want to sprint with Stradivarius you’ve got to be pretty good. For a furlong he took a little bit of organising, then he was amazing--he can put two lengths on any horse in a furlong. It’s amazing for a stayer. I really did not expect the race to turn out like that, only sprinting for two furlongs. He’s so good and so versatile, he can get me out of trouble. I’m still floating from the King George, so I have to pinch myself that this is actually happening. To do it again this year is amazing.”

John Gosden said, “The key thing when you’re tracking a horse like Santiago, who is in receipt of 15 pounds, is not to attack two and a half to three furlongs down and turn it into a real slog.”

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**G1 Al Shaqab Goodwood Cup S. Cont.**

He continued, “Nayef Road ran a blinder again right beside us and I think it was right to wait. When he hits the front now, he thinks that’s it. It was a great performance under that weight. He has a great heart, is very cool and relaxed. Mr. Neilsen and I have discussed it and he will run in the Prix Foy next and then be aimed at the Arc.”

Despite his multitude of accomplishments in this sphere, the winner’s prospects of a successful career at stud remains a sticking point for his owner-breeder. “The demand for him commercially isn’t there, as horses who have won just Group 1s over a mile would command more of a stud fee,” Nielsen said. “That’s just the way it is, the trends and the fashion but hopefully it reverts and people will wake up.”

**Pedigree Notes**

Stradivarius’s dam Private Life (Fr) (Bering {GB}) had no other offerings after him, but her 70,000gns purchase at the 2006 Tattersalls December Mares Sale has reaped rich dividends. Also responsible for the G3 Bavarian Classic and G3 Furstenberg-Rennen scorer Persian Storm (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) and the group-placed Rembrandt Van Rijn (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), she hails from the family of the G1 Melbourne Cup hero Protectionist (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) and descends from

Pawneese (Ire). Horse of the Year in England and champion 3-year-old filly in France in 1976 courtesy of her triumphs in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. and the G1 Prix de Diane, she is also the ancestress of the brilliant Peintre Celebre.

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**Tuesday, Goodwood, Britain**

**AL SHAQAB GOODWOOD CUP S.-G1**, £250,000, Goodwood, 7-28, 3yo/up, 16fT, 3:35.07, gd.

**1--STRADIVARIUS (IRE), 135, 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. £141,775. Lifetime Record: 2x Hwt. Older Horse-Eur at 14f+, 23-16-2-3, \$3,681,261. \*1/2 to Persian Storm (Ger) (Monsun {Ger})), Hwt. 3yo-Ger at 9.5-11f & MGSW-Ger, \$121,198; Rembrandt Van Rijn (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), GSP-UAE, \$167,081; and Magical Eve (Ger) (Oratorio {Ire}), SP-Saf. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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**2--Nayef Road (Ire), 135, c, 4, Galileo (Ire)--Rose Bonheur (GB), by Danehill Dancer (Ire).** (100,000gns Ylg ‘17 TATOCT).

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O-Mohamed Obaida; B-B V Sangster (IRE); T-Mark Johnston. £53,750.

3--**Santiago (Ire)**, 120, c, 3, Authorized (Ire)--Wadyhatta (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire). O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-Lynch Bages Ltd (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. £26,900. Margins: 1, 1 1/4, 3. Odds: 0.57, 20.00, 1.88.

Also Ran: Eagles By Day (Ire), Euchen Glen (GB), Spanish Mission, Who Dares Wins (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

**Arqana Deauville Select Sale Cont. from p1**

La Motteraye Consignment brings a colt and filly, respectively, to the Deauville ring--**lot 4** from GSP Zut Alors (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) and thus a half-brother to Classic heroine Precieuse (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}); and the first foal out of MGSW Realtra (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) (**lot 203**). Another with an appealing international pedigree is Haras des Capucines filly **lot 54**, the daughter of listed winner Come to Heel (Ire) (Elnadim), herself a full-sister to the GSW Pasar Silbano (Ire) (Elnadim), dam of GSW & MG1SP Zousain (Aus) (Zoustar {Aus}). G1 Falmouth S. heroine Giofra (GB) (Dansili {GB})'s filly (**lot 100**) will be offered by Haras de la Perelle.



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Monceaux also offers a Dubawi (Ire) half-sister (**lot 251**) to US champion and MGSW Sistercharlie (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire}), the aforementioned MG1SW Sottsass and GSW My Sister Nat (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}), one of six in the sale for the Darley sire. He also is represented by a half-sister to G1SW Biz the Nurse (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}) (**lot 34**) from Allevamento Le Gi.

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### Arqana Deauville Select Sale Cont.

Other lots of note are: a full-sister to dual G1 Prix du l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) as **lot 269** from her breeder Haras du Quesnay; Haras d'Etreham's half-brother (**lot 274**) by Almanzor (Fr) to MGISW Uni; a colt by Frankel (GB) out of G1SW Baltic Baroness (Ger) (Shamardal) from Gestut Ammerland as **lot 30**; another Frankel (GB) colt, this time from Ballylinch Stud, who is a half-brother to G1SW and Classic placed Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead) (**lot 144**); Haras du Logis Saint Germain offers a Gleneagles (Ire) half-brother (**lot 277**) to G1 French 1000 Guineas heroine Dream and Do (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}); and G1 Coronation S. heroine Watch Me (Fr) (Olympic Glory {Ire})'s Elvstroem (Aus) half-brother (**lot 286**) from the consignment of Haras du Petit Tellier; G1SW Polydream (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB})'s yearling half-sister (**lot 194**) by Siyouni (Fr) from Ecurie des Monceaux; **lot 173**, a half-sister to G1SW African Rose (GB) (Observatory) by Churchill (Ire) from the Haras d'Etreham consignment; **lot 239**, a Teofilo (Ire) colt out of G1SW Silca's Sister (GB) (Inchinor {GB}) consigned by Haras de Grandcamp; and **lot 39**, a Dream Ahead filly who is a half-sister to MG1SW Addeybb (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) from Haras de Montaigu. There is one lot, **lot 124**, by the late Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) from Haras de Colleville out of the GSP Kenriya (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}).

During the 2019 Arqana August Yearling Sale, 228 yearlings sold of 304 offered (75%), with an average of €187,671 and a median of €125,000. The aggregate was €42,789,000. Topping last year's sale was the Dubawi (Ire)-Prudenzia (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) filly Philomene (Ire), who sold to Godolphin for €1,625,000 from the Ecurie des Monceaux draft.

Part 1 of the sale will take place on Sept. 24-25 beginning at 2 p.m. each day, while Part 2 of the sale will begin at 11 a.m. on Sept. 26. This rescheduling will allow international buyers to take part in the three main European sales in a single visit. For the complete catalogue, go to [www.arqana.com](http://www.arqana.com).

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## BLUES GOT RHYTHM ON THE DOWNS

Retaining all his old pizzazz, 'TDN Rising Star' **Space Blues (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) backed up victories in last month's Listed Spring Trophy and G3 Prix de la Porte Maillot with an impressive win in Tuesday's G2 Qatar Lennox S. over seven furlongs at Goodwood. Adopting his usual patient role off the tempo in ninth through halfway, the 2-1 favourite made eye-catching headway out wide in the straight and was not for catching once quickening smartly for control approaching the final eighth to easily outpoint **Duke of Hazzard (Fr)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) by two lengths. **Escobar (Ire)** (Famous Name {GB}) ran on to finish a half-length further back in third.

"He ran very well when he was third over 6 1/2 furlongs in the Maurice de Gheest last year, he's a horse who's still improving and he's very professional and easy to deal with," said in-form rider William Buick of last year's G1 Prix Jean Prat and G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest placegetter. "It's beautiful ground out there and they're making a print, which suits him, and I thought that was a really good performance today. Six furlongs at Meydan in the Spring didn't work out for him, but that was not the horse's fault, and seven is his optimum trip. Charlie [Appleby] will keep all options open for him."

Appleby, who had teamed up with Buick to garner Sunday's G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis at Munich, added, "He got a nice, clean run round and there was plenty of pace on. William [Buick] was keen to make sure he kept it simple with him and that's what he did. I was always confident he was going to pick up, it was a good performance and I'm delighted."

Looking ahead to another tilt at the Deauville festival, the trainer continued, "On the back of that, it'll be nice to see how fresh we can get him, as quick as possible, as I feel the Maurice de Gheest is a nice race for him. He ran well in it last year and he's a stronger horse this year. He's a great traveller in his races and he has got that gear change. **Cont. p6**

Space Blues | *Racing Post*

## G2 Qatar Lennox S. Cont.

He added, "It'd be nice to give him another crack at a Group 1, but it does come soon enough. He's a seven-furlong specialist, it's proven on paper statistically throughout his career, and there's obviously the [G1 Prix de la] Foret [at ParisLongchamp on Arc weekend] to consider too."

## Pedigree Notes

Space Blues, one of four winners produced by G2 Challenge S. victress Miss Lucifer (Fr) (Noverre), is a half-brother to MGSW G2 Al Maktoum Challenge and G3 UAE Oaks winner Shuruq (Elusive Quality), herself the dam of stakes-winning GII Fair Grounds Oaks and GIII Wonder Again S. placegetter Antoinette (Hard Spun). The homebred chestnut is also kin to the unraced 2-year-old filly Beautiful Future (Ire) (Night of Thunder {Ire}) and a 2020 Dark Angel (Ire) filly. Miss Lucifer is out of a winning half to G2 King Edward VII S.-winning sire Amfortas (Ire) (Caerleon) and fellow sires Chevalier (Ire) (Danehill) and Chief Lone Eagle (Giant's Causeway). She is also kin to G3 Prix de Royaumont victress Legend Maker (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), herself the dam of G1 1000 Guineas heroine Virginia Waters (Kingmambo), and to the dam of G1 Matron S. victress Chachamaidee (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}).

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## Tuesday, Goodwood, Britain

**QATAR LENNOX S.-G2**, £100,000, Goodwood, 7-28, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:27.48, gd.

1--**SPACE BLUES (IRE)**, 129, c, 4, by **Dubawi (Ire)**

1st Dam: Miss Lucifer (Fr) (GSW-Eng, \$193,403), by Noverre

2nd Dam: Devil's Imp (Ire), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB)

3rd Dam: High Spirited (Ire), by Shirley Heights (GB)

'**TDN Rising Star**'.O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. £56,710. Lifetime Record: GSW & MG1SP-Fr, 12-6-3-1, \$357,820. \*1/2 to Shuruq (Elusive Quality), Hwt. Older Mare-UAE at 7-9.5f, MGSW-UAE, GSW-Tur & GSP-Eng, \$658,709. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

**Werk Nick Rating: A.**

2--**Duke of Hazzard (Fr)**, 129, c, 4, Lope de Vega (Ire)--With Your Spirit (Fr), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). (€130,000 Ylg '17 ARAUG). O-Fitri Hay; B-Runnymede Farm Inc & C W Clay (FR); T-Paul Cole. £21,500.

3--**Escobar (Ire)**, 129, g, 6, Famous Name (GB)--Saying Grace (Ire), by Brief Truce. (€105,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; €280,000 Ylg '15 GOFORB; 100,000gns HRA '17 TATAHI). O-Withernsea Thoroughbred Ltd; B-Peter Evans (IRE); T-David O'Meara. £10,760.

Margins: 2, HF, HF. Odds: 2.00, 5.00, 40.00.

Also Ran: Safe Voyage (Ire), Sir Dancealot (Ire), D'Bai (Ire),

Marie's Diamond (Ire), Graignes (Fr), Glorious Journey (GB), Pierre Lapin (Ire), History Writer (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

## WAR FRONT COLT TAKES VINTAGE BATTLE

Fresh from an impressive tally in Royal Ascot's Listed Chesham S., Coolmore's **Battleground** (War Front) emulated last year's winner of that contest--Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal)--by doubling up in Tuesday's G2 Veuve Clicquot Vintage S. at Goodwood. Employing patient tactics trapped three wide in sixth after a level break in the seven-furlong contest, the 13-8 favourite made smooth headway on the bridle in the straight to challenge at the quarter-mile marker and he was driven out once seizing control soon after to deny G2 Superlative S. runner-up **Devious Company (Ire)** (Fast Company {Ire}) by two lengths. Newmarket maiden winner **Youth Spirit (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}) ran on well from the rear to finish 1 1/4 lengths further adrift in third.

"He travelled very easily through the race, he picked up Devious Company quite quickly and was just doing enough in front," explained winning rider Ryan Moore. "He's a beautiful horse, he has plenty of speed and we'll see how he develops."



**Battleground** | *Racing Post*

The May-foaled bay had opened up with a maiden fifth over six furlongs in his June 8 debut at Naas and jumped to the head of all ante-post lists as favourite for next year's G1 2000 Guineas in the aftermath of this latest victory. His short-term target is back on home soil in The Curragh's Sept. 13 G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S., with trainer Aidan O'Brien explaining, "This was his first run after [Royal] Ascot, we were very happy with him at home and we thought it was a lovely race for him to get experience from. The ground was lovely and safe and Ryan [Moore] was very happy with him. We think his next run will be the National S., everything being well, but he is a horse we have always loved. He is a big, powerful horse and very genuine, and that's the way his dam was as well." [Cont. p7](#)

## G2 Veuve Cliquot Vintage S. Cont.

He added, "We think he will be a miler. He is a strong traveller, but he is by War Front, and being out of Found we thought he might get a mile and that is what we would be hoping for. Obviously all the 2-year-olds got a little bit messed up, with the start of the season not being there, and then we had to rush some of them to get them to Ascot. A lot of stuff wasn't ideal, but he was lovely. It is very early for horses. Some will improve, some will stand still and some will go back, but we are delighted with this horse."



Battleground as a yearling | Coolmore

## Pedigree Notes

Battleground is the first and only foal to date produced by G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, GI Breeders' Cup Turf and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac heroine Found (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who was bred to Justify last year. Found is a daughter of G1 Lockinge S. and G1 Matron S. victress Red Evie (Ire) (Intikhab), herself out of stakes-winning G3 Prix du Calvados third Malefemmena (Ire) (Nordico), and thus a full-sister to G3 C L Weld Parks S. winner Magical Dream (Ire) and G3 Give Thanks S. winner Best in the World (Ire). His G3 Athasi S.-winning fourth dam Martinova (Ire) (Martinmas {GB}) ran third in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and produced MGSW sire Export Price (Fr) (Habitat).

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## Tuesday, Goodwood, Britain

**VEUVE CLICQUOT VINTAGE S.-G2**, £50,000, Goodwood, 7-28, 2yo, 7fT, 1:28.80, gd.

1--**BATTELGROUN**D, 127, 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 GROUP WIN.** O-Michael Tabor, Deriick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (KY); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. £28,355. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$66,599. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ \*Triple Plus\***. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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 2--**Devious Company (Ire)**, 127, c, 2, **Fast Company (Ire)**--Seren Devious (GB), by Dr Devious (Ire). (£45,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR). O-Russell Jones; B-Owenstown Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Tom Dascombe. £10,750.  
 3--**Youth Spirit (Ire)**, 127, c, 2, **Camelot (GB)**--Rocana (GB), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). (€60,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; €100,000 RNA Ylg '19 ARAUG). O-Ahmad Al Shaikh; B-Ringfort Stud & Paul Hancock (IRE); T-Andrew Balding. £5,380.  
 Margins: 2, 1 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.63, 4.00, 6.50.  
 Also Ran: Gorytus (Ire), Fountain Cross (GB), Dark Lion (Ire), Kraken Power (Ire), King Zain (Ire), Painless Potter (Ire), Thunder of Niagara (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

## A SUSSEX TO SAVOUR ON WEDNESDAY

With the delayed 2020 turf season now enjoying some kind of equilibrium, the pick of the season's milers line up for one of the first category-defining moments in Wednesday's G1 Qatar Sussex S. Of the older brigade, last year's G1 St James's Palace S. and G1 Prix du Moulin hero **Circus Maximus (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) is an outsider if the betting is to be believed at present despite returning to add the June 16 G1 Queen Anne S. to his tally. Out of luck in the Queen Anne but highly impressive in Ascot's G2 Summer Mile July 11, Shadwell's **Mohaather (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) has put himself front and centre, while the 3-year-olds include the 2000 Guineas heroes **Siskin** (First Defence) and **Kameko** (Kitten's Joy) and the promising **Vatican City (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). This is a far cry from some of the weaker editions of recent times and puts the Goodwood feature back on centre stage where it belongs.

With no pacemaker in the field, it is likely that one of Ballydoyle's Circus Maximus and **Wichita (Ire)** (No Nay Never) and possibly both will go forward from the outset. The former is used to forcing a battle, having denied Terebellum (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) in a thriller at the Royal meeting last time, and his best chance will be to try and engage some way out and draw the sting from the likes of Siskin and Mohaather. [Cont. p8](#)

Kameko | *Racing Post*

### Qatar Goodwood Festival Previews Day 2 Cont.

Kameko, who stayed on past Wichita to take the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket June 6, is another who will probably not be ridden for pace in what is a fascinating tactical conundrum.

Kameko's trainer Andrew Balding has no fears about any lasting effects of his effort when fourth in the July 4 G1 Epsom Derby and has spoken about the constitution of Qatar Racing's flagbearer on several occasions. Being that this provides an automatic entry into the GI TVG Breeders' Cup Mile, connections are keen to place a flag in that particular territory. "He won a Guineas over a mile, so it was always the intention to come back down in trip after the Derby," he said. "I'm looking forward to it and I couldn't be happier with him. It's a very strong field, as it should be for one of the championship races of the summer."

Oisín Murphy has the responsibility of weighing up tactics, but there are very few among his profession better-placed than him to do so. "I'm drawn in stall two next to Siskin, with Mohaather near in four as well. Circus Maximus normally goes forward and Aidan O'Brien could have the first three 'in the run' with Wichita normally forwardly-placed and Vatican City a strong stayer at the trip," he summarised in his pre-race analysis. "This time of year is a good time to take on the older horses, given the weight allowance, and we'll see what happens."

Mohaather proved when beating **San Donato (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) by 3 3/4 lengths in the Summer Mile that he stays a mile well and has retained all the class that trainer Marcus Tregoning hoped he would despite setbacks along the way. He is awaiting the contest with relish. "It's not a biggish field and hopefully he'll run very well," he said. "In all honesty, it was quite an easy race for him [at Ascot], as it turned out. He cantered the next day and we've been happy with him since. It's

a tough order, but I don't think we could have Mohaather any better and he deserves a crack at it. I don't see why he won't handle the track, because he's a neat horse who travels well and has plenty of speed. Hopefully he's going to run a big race."

Khalid Abdullah's Siskin answered his own doubters when taking the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh June 12 and he had 1 3/4 lengths to spare over Vatican City on that occasion. As the only unbeaten runner in the race, another first to his name will see him enter cherished company and trainer Ger Lyons can only wait and watch now. "On ratings we have to improve, it's as simple as that--we think he has, but we won't know until he runs," he said. "He has to improve to even get close to some of these horses. He is working well at home, but he does need to improve. I think he'll cope with the track, because he's pretty straightforward. He's a very professional horse and if he gets beat it's because he's not good enough."

Aidan O'Brien's trio are outside the first three in the market, positions not normally customary for representatives of Ballydoyle, and all are there on merit. Of Vatican City, he said, "The Irish Guineas was a funnily-run race--it just became a bit of a mess. It was a little bit of a non-event for Vatican City, who was also having his first run of the year after two very soft runs last year. He's been to Epsom since and ran respectably, even though he didn't stay. We think going back to a mile will suit him much better."

"Circus Maximus will only ever just win--Ryan will tell you, that's the way he is," he added. "He's a very solid miler and a very tough but lazy horse. At home he'd do the same thing, no matter what you work with him, so we don't really know what his limit is. Wichita is really maturing and he's a massive horse, so with every month that goes by he's progressing. Hopefully they'll all run well. Everyone wants to see the best horses in the race, as it means a lot more to a horse if they win it. It's exciting that they're all there and we're really looking forward to it."

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Siskin | *Racing Post*

### Qatar Goodwood Festival Previews Day 2 Cont.

Even San Donato cannot be discounted, as he was running for the first time since finishing third in the 2019 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains last May when chasing home Mohaather at Ascot. "It's been jolly frustrating that he's only run twice in the last 20 months, but they've been two very good runs," trainer Roger Varian said. "The winner won well at Ascot that day, but I was delighted with my guy--I thought it was a very good run against some solid group two opposition and I do anticipate him coming forward from that run."

Goodwood's only other black-type event is the G3 Markel Insurance Molecomb S., in which Michael O'Callaghan pitches the impressive July 22 Naas maiden scorer **Steel Bull (Ire)** (Clodovil {Ire}). He encounters Amo Racing Limited's June 20 G2 Queen Mary S. fourth and July 9 Listed Marygate Fillies' S. scorer **Sardinia Sunset (Ire)** (Gutaifan {Ire}) and several other fast and precocious types as he travels across the Irish sea. "He came out of Naas well and it was just like a piece of work for him really--it was no more than a half-speed and he quickened up very well," O'Callaghan commented. "We've always thought a lot of him at home, so it was no surprise to see him win the way he did. I think he could be very, very good. He's a very fast horse and he should he take a bit of beating, I hope."

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### JOINT TOPPERS AT DONCASTER DAY 2

Two 3-year-old gelding stores, by Diamond Boy (Fr) and Soldier of Fortune (Ire), respectively, both brought £80,000 in consecutive lots to top the Goffs UK Summer Sale at Doncaster on Tuesday. **Lot 25**, named Boy Adely (Fr) and consigned by Lakefield Farm, was snapped up by Twiston-Davies Equine to briefly hold sole topper honours. His dam is a Bering (GB) half-sister to MGSP hurdler Monsieur Lecoq (Fr) (Diamond Boy {Fr}).

The next lot in the ring, **lot 26**, from Ballincurrag House Stud, equaled that price on the bid of Shaun Brookhouse. A grandson of the listed hurdler Afarka (Ire) (Flemensfirth), the bay is out of a half-sister to Grade 2 hurdle winner Younevercall (Ire) (Yeats {Ire}).

A filly consigned by Battlefield Stud and purchased by Stroud Coleman Bloodstock was both the priciest of her sex and the second dearest lot overall at £70,000. **Lot 35**, by Midnight Legend (GB) and out of the listed hurdle winner Annie's Answer (Ire) (Flemensfirth) is from the same family as fellow listed jumps winners Basilea (Ire) (Strong Gale {Ire}) and Grand Slam

Hero (Ire) (Anshan {GB}).

After Monday's Supplementary Store session, Tuesday's Spring Store session grossed £3,535,000 for 145 sold from 192 offered (75.5%). The average settled at £24,379 and the median was £20,000.

The sale concludes with a session of stores, horses-in-training and point-to-pointers beginning at 10 a.m.

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, July 29, 2020:

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Adaay (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), Whitsbury Manor Stud  
94 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
15:45-GOODWOOD, 5f, FURLONG FACTOR (GB)  
£10,000 Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Yearling Sale 2019

**Air Force Blue** (War Front), Ashford Stud  
107 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:45-GOODWOOD, 40K GIII THE MARKEL INSURANCE MOLECOMB STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 3)5f, CHIEF LITTLE HAWK

**Kodi Bear (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), Rathbarr Stud  
83 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
16:30-THIRSK, 5f, DIGITAL (Ire)  
£52,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

**Prince of Lir (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), Ballyhane Stud  
77 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner  
15:45-GOODWOOD, 5f, LADY AMALTHEA (Ire)  
€1,000 RNA Goffs February Mixed Sale 2019; 15,000gns  
Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up Sale 2020



Vadamaos is aiming for a third winner at Thirsk on Wednesday.

Tally-Ho Stud



Cairn Island, from the family of Canadian Horse of the Year Arravale, graduated at third asking on Tuesday. | *Racing Post*

**Twilight Son (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}), Cheveley Park Stud  
122 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner  
16:30-THIRSK, 5f, PENOMBRE (GB)  
18,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; 25,000gns  
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

**Vadamos (Fr)** (Monsun {Ger}), Tally-Ho Stud  
127 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
16:30-THIRSK, 5f, BALLINTOY HARBOUR (Ire)

## BRITAIN

### Tuesday's Results:

**2nd-Ayr, £6,400, Nov, 7-28, 2yo, 6fT, 1:16.68, g/s.**  
**CAIRN ISLAND (IRE) (c, 2, Kodiak {GB}--Landmark, by Arch)** ran a close-up fifth, to subsequent G2 Superlative S. and G2 Vintage S. second Devious Company (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}), in his June 20 debut over seven furlongs at Haydock and fourth dropped to six back there in a July 17 novice heat last time. Prominent in second from flagfall here, the 9-4 favourite eased to the front approaching the two pole and was ridden clear

inside the final eighth to assert by 3 1/4 lengths from Kats Bob (GB) (Bobby's Kitten). Becoming the seventh scorer out of a winning full-sister to MGISW Canadian Horse of the Year Arravale (Arch), the March-foaled bay is a half-brother to dual Listed August S. victor Cameron Highland (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and G2 Ribblesdale S. runner-up Field of Miracles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Sales history: 525,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$5,719.

O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Epona Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Kevin Ryan.

**3rd-Great Yarmouth, £5,400, Novice, 7-28, 2yo, 7f 3yT, 1:24.62, g/f.**

**SUGAULI (IRE) (c, 2, The Gurkha {Ire}--Wood Chorus {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Singspiel {Ire})**, sent off at 4-1, was slowly away from his wide draw and anchored in last racing keenly throughout the early stages. Forced to race away from his rivals with plenty of ground to make up passing halfway, the bay was cajoled to the front inside the last 100 yards and was hand ridden to score snugly by half a length from Alpine Springs (Ire) (Anjaal {GB}).

### 3rd-Great Yarmouth Cont.

The second winner for his sire (by Galileo {Ire}), he is out of a listed-placed dam, who also has a yearling colt by Mastercraftsman (Ire) and a filly foal by Sea the Moon (Ger), is a half to the G2 Yorkshire Cup and G3 Lingfield Derby Trial winner Franklins Gardens (GB) (Halling) and the G3 Joel S. and G3 Park S. scorer Polar Ben (GB) (Polar Falcon). Sales history: 16,000gns Ylg '19 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,499. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-The Rogues Gallery; B-Workshop Manor Stud (IRE); T-Tom Clover.

**7th-Goodwood, £21,500, Mdn, 7-28, 2yo, c/g, 6fT, 1:13.04, gd. ALKUMAIT (GB) (c, 2, Showcasing {GB}--Suelita {GB}, by Dutch Art {GB}),** who had caught the eye with a highly encouraging debut effort when fourth in a six-furlong Newbury maiden nine days previously, raced in rear early with Jim Crowley keen to wait. Brought wide with a steady run to lead approaching the furlong pole, the 5-4 favourite asserted to score by 2 1/4 lengths from Tawleed (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). "He's a lovely little horse and has plenty of speed," trainer Marcus Tregoning commented. "He settled beautifully and quickened and I was impressed with him today. He's quite a nice horse in the making hopefully. He's been a little bit firey at home and Martin [Dwyer] gave him a lovely confidence-boosting ride at Newbury. He half pulled a shoe off today, which wouldn't have helped but I thought he'd win and fancied him quite strongly. He's got loads of pace, so we'll definitely stay at six." The winner is a half-brother to the listed-winning sprinter The Broghie Man (GB) (Cityscape {GB}) and to the listed-placed Gloves Lynch (GB) (Mukhadram {GB}). Suelita, who also has a yearling full-sister to the winner, is a half to the G3 Cornwallis S. runner-up Outer Space (GB) (Acclamation {GB}) and to the dam of the G2 Lowther S. scorer Living in the Past (Ire) (Bungle Inthejungle {GB}). The third dam Horatia (Ire) (Machiavellian), a half-sister to the 2011 G2 Goodwood Cup hero Opinion Poll (Ire) (Halling) who captured the GIII Matchmaker S., produced Moment In Time (Ire) (Tiger Hill {Ire}) who took the G3 Pinnacle S. and was third in the GI E. P. Taylor S. Sales history: 150,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; 220,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$17,834. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-Marcus Tregoning.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**New Chapter (GB), c, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Silk Sari (GB)** (GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$363,251), by Dalakhani (Ire). Ayr, 7-28, 10fT, 2:13.88. B-Fittocks Stud & Arrow Farm Stud (GB). \*65,000gns RNA Ylg '18 TATOCT.

**Piranesi (Ire), g, 3, Zoffany (Ire)--Starship (Ire), by Galileo (Ire).** Great Yarmouth, 7-28, 8f 3yT, 1:35.62. B-Des Scott (IRE). \*1/2 to Alexander Pope (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), GSW-Ire, GSP-Eng, \$252,049, to Out and About (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), GSW-HK, \$917,418, & to Rivet (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), G1SW-Eng & G1SP-Fr, \$618,183.

## RETURN TO SCHOOL GRANTS TO BE PROVIDED BY RACING WELFARE

Return to School grants to racing industry families will be provided by Racing Welfare. Applications are being accepted from July 28, with funding from the John Pearce Foundation and The Racing Foundation. At £100 per child, up to four children per family may receive a grant, with the grants available to anyone currently working in the Thoroughbred racing and breeding industry who has dependent school age children (4-18 years) and meets eligibility criteria.

For more information on eligibility and the grants, please go to [www.racingwelfare.co.uk](http://www.racingwelfare.co.uk).

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## IRELAND

### Tuesday's Results:

**COLM QUINN BMW IRISH EBF CORRIB FILLIES S.-Listed,** €48,000, Galway, 7-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT, 1:27.67, yl.

1--**CHAMPERS ELYSEES (IRE), 128, f, 3, by Elzaam (Aus)**  
**1st Dam: La Cuvee (GB), by Mark of Esteem (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Premiere Cuvee (GB), by Formidable**

**3rd Dam: Clicquot (Ire), by Bold Lad (Ire)**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (€12,500 Wlg '17 TATFBR; €28,000 Ylg '18 TIRSEP; €95,000 RNA 2yo '19 GOFHIT). O-Fitzwilliam Racing; B-Karl Bowen (IRE); T-Johnny Murtagh; J-Ben Coen. €28,800. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$89,328.

2--**Auxilia (Ire), 128, f, 3, Free Eagle (Ire)--Ipsa Loquitur (GB), by Unfuwain.** (€36,000 Wlg '17 GOFNOV; €140,000 Ylg '18 GOFOR). O-Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd; B-D Phelan & Irish National Stud (IRE); T-Ger Lyons. €9,600.

3--**A New Dawn (Ire), 128, f, 3, Zoffany (Ire)--Simply a Star (Ire), by Giant's Causeway.** O-Scott C Heider; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien. €4,800.

Margins: 7, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.88, 14.00, 6.00.

Also Ran: Miss Myers (Ire), Inhale (GB), Chrysalism (Ire), Precious Moments (Ire), Mid Winster (GB), Galtee Mist (Ire), Between Hills (Ire), Celestial Object (Ire), Titanium Sky (Ire). Scratched: Crotchet (GB), Faire Croire (Ire), Surrounding (Ire), Unforgettable (Ire).



Champers Elysees | Racing Post

Off the mark over six furlongs on heavy ground at The Curragh in September, Champers Elysees was runner-up in Naas's "Birdcatcher" nursery over that trip the following month before returning to take a seven-furlong Curragh handicap June 12. Gaining a perfect tow here in fourth throughout the early stages, the bay was sent to the front turning for home and surged away for an authoritative first black-type success. "She was very impressive--they went very quick early on and she travelled nicely," jockey Ben Coen said. "Coming out of the dip, I asked her to pick up and she went about it very well. She loves a bit of juice in the ground and had that today." Johnny Murtagh added, "I thought there was a bit to left to work on and I thought she could get there some day, but that was very impressive and she went right up to the line. She's in a different zone now and has really improved from two to three."

Champers Elysees is a granddaughter of the G3 Goldene Peitsche-winning German champion Premiere Cuvee (GB) (Formidable) who was also second in the G3 Prix du Gros Chene. Her daughter She Bat (GB) (Batshoof {GB}) took the G3 Premio Sergio Cumani before producing four black-type performers including the G2 Premio Regina Elena (Italian 1000 Guineas) third She Basic (Ire) (Desert Prince {Ire}). The dam also has the unraced 2-year-old colt Performance Plus (Ire) (Alhebayeb {Ire}) and a yearling colt by Mehmas (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#)

**1st-Galway, €16,500, Mdn, 7-28, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:28.48, yl.**

**MEALA (IRE) (f, 2, Epaulette {Aus}--Labhandar {Ire}, by Authorized {Ire})** had been fourth behind Frenetic (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Mother Earth (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) and Snowfall (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) on debut over an extended five furlongs at Navan June 10, third to Oodnadatta (Ire) (Australia {GB}) and Minaun

(Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) over this trip at Leopardstown 11 days later and runner-up to the promising Vafortino (Ire) (New Bay {GB}) back over the latter track and trip July 11, tracked the leading duo throughout the early stages. Sent to the front on the home turn, the 11-4 joint-favourite hit the line with 11 lengths to spare in this maiden won in recent times by Legatissimo (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and Hermosa (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). "She had come into this race with three very solid runs behind her and plenty of experience," jockey Kevin Manning said. "That last one rode like a very smart maiden on the day and she stays well and travelled very well in behind. She was very impressive and I was surprised that she was still a maiden at this point. She has a lovely attitude and switched off nicely." The winner is the first foal out of an unraced half-sister to Home School (Ire) (Intense Focus), who was runner-up in the G3 Tyros S. From the extended family of the great Miesque (Nureyev), her yearling filly is by Parish Hall (Ire). Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$19,647. O-Mrs J. S. Bolger; B-J. S. Bolger (IRE); T-Jim Bolger.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

**Rocket Science (Ire), f, 3, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Hairy Rocket (GB)** (GSP-Eng), by Pivotal (GB). Galway, 7-28, 7fT, 1:29.79. B-Frank Dunne (IRE).

## FRANCE

#### Tuesday's Results:

**2nd-Clairefontaine, €27,000, Cond, 7-28, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:26.20, sf.**

**LA GIOIOSA (FR) (f, 2, Myboycharlie {Ire}--Zaraba {Ire}, by Sakhee)** Sales history: €2,500 Wlg '18 ARQDEC. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €13,715.

O-Enrico Ciampi; B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran, Enrico Ciampi & SCEA Haras du Ma (FR); T-Andrea Marcialis.

**MAGNA MATER (IRE) (f, 2, Zoffany {Ire}--Marie Celeste {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})** Sales history: 85,000gns Ylg '19 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €10,415.

O-Godolphin; B-Mrs Sonia Rogers (IRE); T-Andre Fabre.

La Gioiosa, the 12-5 second choice, and Magna Mater, a 22-5 chance, fought nip and tuck throughout the final quarter-mile, giving as good as each other, and crossed the line in unison to both shed maiden status after a stewards' enquiry confirmed a dead-heat result. La Gioiosa, who ran second over six furlongs in her July 13 debut at Saint-Cloud, was well away to set the tone from flagfall while Magna Mater, who ran fifth over six in her May 25 unveiling at Lyon-Parilly, was the last of five into stride before finding a rhythm in fourth. Hooking up after swinging wide into the straight, the pair battled gamely with neither managing to gain a decisive edge after a ding-dong drive. [Cont. p13](#)

**2nd-Clairefontaine Cont.**

La Gioiosa is the latest of seven foals and third scorer out of an unraced half-sister to MGSP Listed Galtres S. and Listed Warwickshire Oaks victress Set To Music (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). Magna Mater, half to a yearling filly by Caravaggio from the family of G1SW sire Bachelor Duke (Miswaki), is the second of three foals and first winner produced by a full-sister to stakes-winning G3 Park Express runner-up Gemstone (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**2nd-Clairefontaine, €27,000, Cond, 7-28, 2yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:27.10, sf.**

**DARKNESS (FR) (c, 2, Siyouni {Fr}--Kerila {Fr}, by Makfi {GB})**, who broke through in a June 30 maiden going 6 1/2 furlongs at Saint-Cloud last time, broke on the front end and shadowed the pace in second for most of this one. Sent wide with the field off the home turn, the 3-5 pick gained a slender lead underneath the stands' side rail with 350 metres remaining and was ridden out to hold the rallying effort of pacesetter Ballade Song (GB) (Danon Ballade {Jpn}) by a head in a bobbing finish. Half-brother to a yearling colt by Ribchester (Ire), he is the first of two foals produced by a winning half to a four stakes performers headed by G3 Prix du Bois victress Keratiya (Fr) (Iron Mask) and Listed Prix Hampton winner Kerasona (Fr) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Sales history: €220,000 Ylg '19 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, €27,800. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard; B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran & Ecurie Melanie (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



**Darkness** | Scoop Dyga

**4th-Clairefontaine, €20,000, Mdn, 7-28, unraced 3yo, f, 12fT, 2:34.90, sf.**

**FRANKEL'S MAGIC (FR) (f, 3, Frankel {GB}--Global Magic {Ger} {SP-Ger & Ity}, by Lando {Ger})** was hustled up from the boxes to occupy a midfield slot for most of this unveiling. Taking closer order rounding the home turn, the 19-5 chance quickened to the fore at the top of the straight and stayed on well under continued urging inside the final quarter mile to withstand the persistent attention of Best Win (Fr) (Red Dubawi {Ire}) by a neck. Half to a 2-year-old filly and a yearling filly by Siyouni (Fr), the homebred bay is the second surviving foal and scorer out of the dual stakes-placed Global Magic (Ger) (Lando {Ger}), herself kin to seven black-type performers headed by G2 Maurice Lacroix-Trophy victor Global Dream (Ger) (Seattle Dancer) and G3 Fruhjahrsmeile winner Global Thrill (GB) (Big Shuffle). Sales history: 1,150,000gns RNA Ylg '18 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** 1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-Rashit Shaykhutdinov (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet.

**5th-Clairefontaine, €20,000, Mdn, 7-28, unraced 3yo, c/g, 12fT, 2:36.40, sf.**

**SAGHIR (IRE) (g, 3, Nathaniel {Ire}--Sagawara {GB} {G1SW-Fr, \$250,572}, by Shamardal)** raced third going by the judge first time and shifted up one spot early in the backstraight. Shaken up for his challenge off the home turn, the 12-5 favourite was ridden to the front approaching the final eighth and drew off under continued coaxing to prevail by an ultimately comfortable two lengths from Dojo (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). Becoming the second scorer produced by G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Sagawara (GB) (Shamardal), the homebred chestnut is a half to Listed Danish Jockey Club Cup third Sanary (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and a yearling filly by Almanzor (Fr). His third dam is G1 Gran Premio di Milano runner-up and G2 Prix de Royallieu-winning matriarch Saganeca (Sagace {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,000.

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**Wednesday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 3.15 p.m.**

**QATAR SUSSEX S.-G1**, £275,000, 3yo/up, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Circus Maximus (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	R Moore	A O'Brien	134
2	4	Mohaather (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Crowley	Tregoning	134
3	3	San Donato (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Atzeni	Varian	134
4	2	Kameko 	Kitten's Joy	Murphy	Balding	126
5	1	Siskin	First Defence	Keane	Lyons	126
6	6	Vatican City (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Buick	A O'Brien	126
7	7	Wichita (Ire)	No Nay Never	Dettori	A O'Brien	126

**Wednesday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 2.45 p.m.**

**MARKEL INSURANCE MOLECOMB S.-G3**, £40,000, 2yo, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	10	Army of India (Ire)	Sepoy (Aus)	Fanning	Johnston	127
2	3	Ben Macdui (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Stott	K Ryan	127
3	5	Chief Little Hawk	Air Force Blue	R Moore	A O'Brien	127
4	2	Deliver the Dream 	Kantharos	Bishop	Cowell	127
5	9	Internationaldream (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Mathers	Fahey	127
6	6	Night On Earth (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Murphy	Balding	127
7	1	Significantly (GB)	Garswood (GB)	Curtis	Burke	127
8	7	Steel Bull (Ire)	Clodovil (Ire)	Keane	O'Callaghan	127
9	8	Sardinia Sunset (Ire)	Gutaifan (Ire)	R Ryan	Varian	124
10	4	Wings of a Dove (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Shoemark	R Spencer	124

**Thursday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 3.15 p.m.**

**QATAR NASSAU S.-G1**, £250,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 197yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Deirdre (Jpn)	Harbinger (GB)	Murphy	Hashida	133
2	5	Lavender's Blue (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Buick	Perrett	133
3	2	Magic Wand (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Dettori	A O'Brien	133
4	4	Nazeef (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Crowley	Gosden	133
5	7	Queen Power (Ire)	Shamardal	de Sousa	Stoute	133
6	3	Fancy Blue (Ire)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	R Moore	D O'Brien	124
7	1	One Voice (Ire)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Marquand	Harrington	124

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## HARRON STRIKES FOR PIERRO'S SISTER



Right Cord | Magic Millions

By Paul Vettise

The record-breaking opening session of the Magic Millions Broodmare Sale was always going to be an impossible act to follow, but trade on Day 2 at the Gold Coast remained vibrant and was topped by another seven-figure headline act.

### At A Glance:

- Pierro's sister **Right Chord** (Lonhro), in foal to Exceed And Excel, lived up to her name when she struck the top note, selling to James Harron for \$1,050,000.
- Yarraman Park Stud featured in two major sales when it bought back a major share in **Mark Two (NZ)** (Pins) presented in foal to I Am Invincible and later sold group-winning mare **Pecans** (Skilled) for \$560,000.
- Offered by Arrowfield Stud in foal to The Autumn Sun, Sunlight's half-sister **Solar Girl** (Lonhro) was signed for by James Bester and Tim Stakemire for \$500,000.
- Yulong continued to snap up mares for resident sires Alabama Express and Grunt (NZ), including the day's third top-priced lot **Storytime (NZ)** (Savabeel) in foal to I Am Invincible for \$575,000.
- With 264 lots sold for \$39,374,000, the sale average remains a healthy \$149,144 compared to last year's \$146,9147. The Day 2 average currently sits at \$103,907.

- The current clearance rate of 72% is down on the 79% of 12 months ago, but will lift in the coming days, while the median has dropped from \$70,000 to \$60,000.

### A Regal Offering

Multiple Group 1 winner Sunlight (Zoustar) lived up to all pre-auction hype and then some on Monday when she realised a staggering \$4.2 million and it was the Godolphin-offered Right Chord (Lonhro) who was the star of the show on Tuesday when she was knocked down to agent James Harron for \$1,050,000.

The well-bred Lot 384 is a sister to the five-time Group 1 winner and leading sire Pierro and, in foal to Exceed And Excel, attracted an opening bid of \$300,000 before Harron beat off spirited live and online competition.

"She's a very exciting mare and she's obviously quite a rare commodity and Pierro is doing an incredible job at stud," he said.

"I've been lucky to be quite closely associated with Pierro through the Kolivos family, so I was really excited to see this mare. She's such a beautiful type and I think she's in foal to the perfect mating in Exceed And Excel.

"The page is outstanding and there's a lot of fillies in the Godolphin system being bred to the best stallions in the country and being trained by one of the best trainers in the country [James Cummings], so you can look forward to lots of updates.

"With Pierro just kicking so many goals for a young stallion, she was a must-have and once we saw her we fell in love with her.

"Exceed And Excel's going through a real purple patch and he's got some really exciting colts, so he could be on a real run. Hopefully we get a nice foal."

Harron said he would wait until the end of the sales series before giving serious thought to the next mating for Right Chord.

Also a half-sister to the G2 Wakeful S. winner Ambience (Street Cry {Ire}), Right Chord is out of the unraced Miss Right Note (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}). She is a half-sister to the dual international Group 1 winner Laverock (Ire) (Octagonal {NZ}).

"It's a premium family, as evidenced, and we do have a lot of sisters and half-sisters to Pierro, but having said that, our view was to expose a branch of the family to the market," Godolphin Australia's Managing Director Vin Cox said.

"They become partners with us in the pedigree, they are obviously going to invest very heavily in the mare and it's something that, together, we might be able to keep building the pedigree. That was part of our thinking.



James Harron purchased Right Cord | *Magic Millions*

“Coming up here, if someone said we were going to get \$1 million for her we would have grabbed it with both hands. It became evident that she was hugely popular during the week, as happens at a horse sale, but to crack seven figures is a remarkable result by anyone’s chances.”

Harron enjoyed a busy and successful day with his first move for **Kanga’s Eye** (Denman), who is in foal to Not A Single Doubt, from the draft of Turangga Stud as Lot 260 for \$300,000. She is a granddaughter of the G2 Grand Prix S. winner Sky Watch (Star Watch), who has produced the stakes winners Lim’s Prestige (Flying Spur) and Risky Business (Danehill Dancer {Ire}).

Harron later secured **Queen Of The Air** (I Am Invincible) for \$300,000, who was offered by Baystone Farm as Lot 373 in foal to Written Tycoon. A two-time winner, the mare is a half-sister to the leading sire Not A Single Doubt and the family of this season’s dual Group 1-winning 2-year-old King’s Legacy (Redoute’s Choice) and the G1 Flight S. winner Oohood (I Am Invincible).

“It’s been a very robust market. People certainly know what they want and are happy to bid strongly on the mares,” Harron said. “It’s great that we’re able to get here for the Sale and Magic Millions has done an incredible job to put it on.”

### **Yarraman Makes Mark**

Mark One (NZ) (Pins) was offered as Lot 304 by Yarraman Park Stud to dissolve a partnership and was bought back for \$600,000 by the leading Hunter Valley farm, but with a high-profile identity joining in the ownership.

“It was a partnership and the partner wanted to sell out so the way its fallen is that Yarraman will stay in with Gerry Harvey as the other partner,” Arthur Mitchell said.

“She’s a young mare with good form and a lovely pedigree, so

if she has a nice Vinnie or two, she’ll be fine. She’s a lovely mare and Pins is shaping up as a very good broodmare sire.”

“I think the nicer ones are selling well and the lesser ones probably aren’t, but there aren’t that many top-quality mares here.”

The ticket on the mare, who is in foal to champion Yarraman stallion I Am Invincible, was signed for by his brother Bill, who operates under the Mitchell Bloodstock banner with his son James.

Mark Two was lightly-raced and won once in an eight-start career and showed her quality as a runner-up in the G2 Sir Tristram Fillies’ Classic from Stephen Marsh’s stable. She is a sister to the G3 Eulogy S. winner Whistling Dixie (NZ) and a half-sister to the Listed UCI S. winner Atmosphere (NZ) (Savabeel), who as Victory Magic won the Listed Hong Kong Derby and finished runner-up in the G1 Champions & Chater Cup. Their dam is the unraced Danasinga mare Zephyr Song (NZ) and she is a half-sister to the dual Group 2 winner Glenview (NZ) (Sir Tristram {Ire}). They are out of the G1 New Zealand Oaks winner Zepherin (NZ) (Zephyr Bay).



Mark Two | *Magic Millions*

### **In Action Again**

Yarraman was also central to another high-profile sale when the farm offered the well-performed mare Pecans (Skilled) in foal to Pierro as Lot 357 with Chris Lee, of A List Stud, having the final say at \$560,000.

“It is really helping and strengthening the A List broodmare band and keeps increasing the mare quality, which is why I purchased this mare,” Lee said. “I also have a good association with Darley, which is why she appealed to me. I think the price represents value, considering she is in foal to a stallion like Pierro and I am really happy.”

“She will go to I Am Invincible. I purchased Sanity the year before and she is also in foal to I Am Invincible.”

Pecans won six races and twice successful at Group 3 level in the Belle of the Turf H. and the Hawkesbury Godolphin Crown. Out of the stakes-winner Walnut (Procul Harem), she is a half-sister to the multiple winner and black type performer Secession (Lonhro).

Lee said the resilience and ongoing success of the domestic racing industry was encouraging buyers.

“I can see the market is a bit tough at the moment, but because Australian racing is still going on, the market is still finding support. Also, Hong Kong is still racing and a lot of my clients are there, so I am not really, really worried.”

### *Star in Bester's Eyes*

Bester considered the \$500,000 spent to secure Sunlight's half-sister **Solar Girl** (Lonhro), Lot 434 presented by Arrowfield Stud, to be good value following the events of Monday.

“After Monday's \$4.2 million purchase she looks cheap. The plan is to send her to Zoustar and at that kind of price we think she is very well bought,” Bester said.

“There was always the possibility that she could have cost more than that, obviously Sunlight with all her Group 1 wins was a different kettle of fish, but she is an attractive mare and we were banking on the fact that she wasn't on the complex.”

The first foal produced by the dual Group 3 winner Solar Charged (Charge Forward), Solar Girl unfortunately slipped to Zoustar last year, but is safely in foal to The Autumn Sun.

“I inspected her beforehand and you can always get lucky out of the circumstances. The Autumn Sun was an attractive prospect for sure. He is likely to be a highly-sought after first-season sire when this foal comes to be sold, so my word that played a par,” Bester said.

“It has been patchy and very difficult to buy top of the market type horses and I would imagine there are vendors out there who have found it hard going.

“So many of us buy on spec, so horses that may not appeal to us on catalogue, when you are at a sale the horses are on complex and word gets around and you can dart over and have a look at it and that helps a lot.

“This is one of the disadvantages at the moment, but we need to be grateful and I think given the circumstances it is holding up really well.”

### *Yulong a Happy Camp*

Yulong successfully continued its shopping for mares to be served by resident stallions Alabama Express and Grunt (NZ) with another eight added to the list.

The Victorian operation purchased three during the opening session, headed by the \$2,750,000 buy Unforgotten (Fastnet Rock), and Tuesday's purchases were led by **Storytime (NZ)** (Savabeel), Lot 455, secured out of Yarraman Park Stud's draft for \$550,000.

“They will all be going to our stallions and Mr. Zhang is continuing a trend to buy more nice mares to support our horses,” Yulong Chief Operating Officer Sam Fairgray said. “They are a really nice group of mares and in foal to quality stallions.”

A winner and runner-up in the G2 Sir Tristram Fillies' Classic, Storytime is in foal to I Am Invincible and will be visiting Alabama Express while Grunt's highest-priced future consort is **Miss Imagination** (Fastnet Rock), Lot 318, a \$270,000 purchase also offered by Yarraman.

A sister to the stakes-winner Miss Debutante, their dam is the North American Group 2 winner More Than Real (More Than Ready {USA}) with Miss



**Solar Girl in foal to The Autumn Sun | Magic Millions**

Imagination in foal to Deep Field.

“I think it's been a very good sale and nice mares with good pedigrees and selling very well, the top end is strong,” Fairgray said. “The middle and lower end is very tough and that's been the way all sales have been going.”

### *Inside Knowledge*

Musk Creek Farm put the ring around **Notre Dame** (Exceed And Excel), offered as Lot 342 and a daughter of the four-time Group 1 winner Divine Madonna (Hurricane Sky), pre-auction and they duly secured the Godolphin-offered mare for \$320,000.

“Notre Dame was our main target of the in-foal mares as we've got some inside knowledge of the family. We've got another daughter of Divine Madonna on the farm and we're looking to develop that family,” Farm Manager Scott Williamson said.

Notre Dame's half-sister Deipara (Lonhro) was a \$600,000 Gold Coast broodmare sale buy two years ago.

"We've seen what she has produced already so the family is definitely going in the right direction. We've retained a rising 2-year-old by Exceed And Excel in training with Anthony Freedman and she's got a rising yearling by I Am Invincible that we are pretty excited about.

"We've seen what she has produced already so the family is definitely going in the right direction."

Musk Creek and Boomer Bloodstock went slightly over budget to claim Notre Dame, but were quite happy to do so.

"We thought she would go for about \$300,000, maybe a bit more and I'm stuck in Victoria, but from all reports she's a very good mare," Williamson said.

"She's a lovely balanced mare with plenty of quality," said Rounsefell. "I love daughters of champions and I get a lot of confidence buying off Godolphin with their full disclosure. Hopefully she'll produce a good horse for Musk Creek Farm."

Notre Dame was unraced and was offered as the only mare in the sale in foal to the multiple Group 1 winner Street Boss (USA).

"We're quite a big fan of Street Boss and obviously with the likes of Hanseatic still to come out as a 3-year-old it's exciting times. He's a very good, consistent stallion so we're happy, for sure," Williamson said.

Breeding plans for Notre Dame have yet to be decided and will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

"It's still pretty fresh so we'll sit down in the coming days and hash out a mating. We've got a little bit of time as she's about four weeks away from foaling, but we'll be looking at some of the nice stallions in the Hunter Valley," Williamson said.

### **Bowditch Happy with Outcome**

Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch believed vendors to have taken a realistic approach would be satisfied, while buyers were able to take advantage of the chances presented by the current times.

"It is hard to have clear expectations in the current times, but I thought vendors on the whole did their best to meet the market. There are a lot of opportunities for buyers," he said.

"A lot of these horses have got good covers and they are young mares and I expect anyone keeping their lists long at this

sale would have a fruitful outcome in years to come.

"There is obviously a little bit more uncertainty at the moment, whether everyone has seen the mares, because there is a good percentage of them at home, but all in all when you look at the figures and what the good mares made today I would have thought the vendors would be pleased with the outcomes.

"The average is healthy and there are plenty of buyers here that have got money to spend on the right product and a lot of it is still in their pockets, which bodes well for tomorrow and for the guys that are bidding online doing their research and getting among it."

Bowditch said the highlight of day three would undoubtedly be

the multiple Group 1 winner **Viddora** (I Am Invincible).

"Hopefully tomorrow we can continue to find some of our breeders some products at the right price with some important mares to go through, including Viddora.

"She was a superstar on the racetrack and she is a good-looking mare and she has a great cover to Lope De Vega. She is the headline act. I think it will be another solid day's trade."



**Barry Bowditch** | *Magic Millions*

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