

ASMUSSEN POISED TO BECOME WINNINGEST TRAINER OF ALL TIME



Steve Asmussen | Sarah Andrew

by Bill Finley

It was back in the late seventies and early eighties, well before Steve Asmussen had his trainer's license, that the foundation was being set for what was to become an historic career. He was studying under his parents, Keith and Marilyn Asmussen, the multi-talented Texas-based team that did a little bit of everything, including breaking dozens of babies that would go on to stardom on the racetrack. Their youngest son, just a teenager then, saw what it took to be successful, the can't-miss combination of hard work, skill, devotion to every horse, opportunity and drive. They became the guiding principles of his own career.

"I feel that my training career is an extension of my parents and their horsemanship and work ethic," Asmussen said. "It was the perfect storm to be the youngest son of Keith and Marilyn Asmussen. With the way they implemented their tools, they were an inspiration to me. To be able to do it is one thing. To be willing to work so hard for it is another. From an unbelievably young age, for both me and my brother Cash, they taught us to respect the horse and the opportunity each one gave you. With them, that never wavered."

He learned well.

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FASIG-TIPTON RELEASES NEW YORK-BRED CATALOG

A total of 308 horses have been cataloged for the Fasig-Tipton New York-Bred Yearling Sale, to be held Sunday and Monday, Aug. 15 and 16 in the Humphrey S. Finney Sales Pavilion on the sales grounds in Saratoga Springs, New York. The New York-bred sale returns to its normal spot on the sales calendar after COVID-19 caused the New York-bred yearlings to be sold at the Selected Yearlings Showcase in Lexington last September.

"We are thrilled to be conducting this sale back in Saratoga Springs--where it belongs--following last year's cancellation due to the pandemic," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "We annually offer the cream of the New York-bred yearling crop at this auction, and the quality of sire power and conformation on offer this year is most impressive."

As the New York-bred program has continued to thrive--state-bred maidens are running for \$85,000, not to mention a robust state-bred stakes program at all of the New York tracks--the aforementioned sire power looks nothing like your typical regional sale.

A plethora of Kentucky stallions have youngsters cataloged for the sale, headlined by the 11 entered by **Practical Joke**, whose '**TDN Rising Star**' Wit was so impressive in winning the GIII Sanford S. July 17. **Constitution**, whose son **Tiz the Law** fetched \$110,000 from Sackatoga Stables' Jack Knowlton at this sale in 2018 and went on to win last summer's GI **Runhappy** Travers S., has eight in the catalog, while others include **Candy Ride (Arg)**-- sire of impressive July 18 maiden winner **Senbei--Distorted Humor**, **Hard Spun**, Into Mischief, **Liam's Map**, **Maclean's Music**, **Munnings**, **Nyquist**, **Street Sense**, **Uncle Mo** and **Violence**. New York-based stallions include the reliable Central Banker, **Freud** and a dozen by the sadly departed Laoban.

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Millionaire Zivo (above with trainer Cherie DeVaux) and 2014 Kentucky Derby contender Uncle Sigh will make appearances during Wednesday's inaugural New York Thoroughbred Aftercare Day at Saratoga Race Course. (See page 11 for more).

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The Jockey Club will hold its 69th annual Round Table as a virtual conference on Aug. 15.

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Keeneland has merged the final two sessions of its upcoming September Yearling Sale, which will now conclude Friday, September 24.

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Asmussen Poised to Become Winningest Trainer of All Time *(cont. from p1)*

As of July 18, Asmussen, 55, had 9,431 career wins, putting him just 14 behind the all-time leader, Waterford/Mountaineer Park kingpin Dale Baird. The record should fall some time later this month or in early August. He has trained champions, won Eclipse Awards, won Triple Crown and Breeders' Cup races and has been inducted into the Hall of Fame, but there is something incomparable about winning more races than anyone else in history. It takes more than skill or horsemanship. You cannot just be better than your competition, you must be more motivated and have an insatiable thirst for success.

"It's a big deal to me," Asmussen said of his impending record. "It's huge. It really is."

He wasn't thinking that way in the beginning. Having left the Asmussen nest in Texas and just 20 at the time, he won his first race in 1986 at Ruidoso Downs. His main goal then was to simply win another race. He went 1-for-15 that year with earnings of \$2,324. He did not win another race until the following year.

"I was struggling," he said.

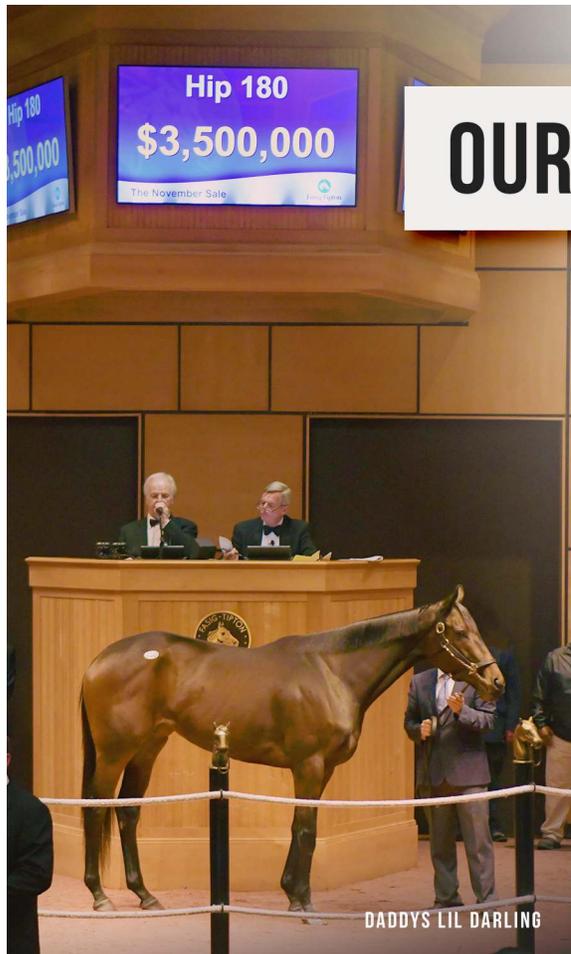
A year later, he got his first break. Owner Ron Lance was a Birmingham, Alabama, native and a close friend of the Asmussen family and wanted to begin a stable at the newly opened Birmingham Turf Club. Knowing that Keith and Marilyn

Asmussen had too much on their plate to set up a division at Birmingham, Lance decided to hire their son. Asmussen won 30 races that year, including a pair of \$15,000 stakes at Birmingham and a \$25,000 stakes at Charles Town.

"When Birmingham Race Course was opening up, [Lance] wanted horses there and he got dad to send me there with his horses," Asmussen said. "The Ruidoso Steve Asmussen was someone who was galloping horses on a freelance basis, had a couple of horses on the side and was enjoying being 20. The real start to this was when Ron Lance talked dad into sending me to Birmingham for the opening of that race meet. It was a completely different responsibility compared to what I had been doing. A sense of commitment had come over me."

Between 1987 and 1993, not much changed. He never had a year when he won more than 48 races, most of them at second-tier tracks. He showed little sign of being a future Hall of Famer. But he remained confident. He was inspired by Richard Hazelton, a top trainer on the Illinois circuit who, between 1980 and 1985, cranked out 846 winners.

"He was King Richard," Asmussen said. "I loved his personality and his horsemanship. He was on his way to winning 4,000 races. I just thought 4,000 races, that's 100 races a year for 40 years. I just thought wow. He was revered. Being around him made me want to do what he did. I thought, I can do this too."



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But he had problems breaking through. What he needed was a good horse.

At the 1995 OBS February sale, Keith and Cash Asmussen were hunting for horses for owners Bob and Lee Ackerley, who ran under the name of Ackerley Brothers Farm. It was there that they found Valid Expectations, a \$225,000 purchase who was turned over to Steve.

“We won the Sugar Bowl H. on Dec. 31 at the Fair Grounds and it was my first stakes win at the Fair Grounds,” Asmussen recalled. “That was the first year when our barn went over \$1 million in earnings. Next year he won the Derby Trial, which was our first graded stakes win ever and our first stakes win at Churchill Downs. He gave me my first stakes win in New York as well [in the 1996 GIII Sport Page H.]. Valid Expectations was the horse that propelled us.”

He had proven that he could win at the top levels, which opened doors. In 1995, he broke the 100-win barrier for the first time, winning 130 races. With momentum now in his favor, he proved unstoppable. In 2000, he won 233 races. In 2001, he won 294, including 31 stakes. For most everyone else, that would have been good enough, but not for Asmussen. His brand now well established, he kept getting bigger and better. In 2004, he set a single season record with 555 winners and topped it in

2008 with 621 winners. In 2013, he won his 6,418th race to pass Jack Van Berg to become the second leading trainer of all time.

His barn had as many top horses as anyone else’s and he was winning the biggest races out there with horses like **Curlin**, Rachel Alexandra, Untapable, Summerly, Tapizar and, more recently, **Gun Runner**.

Yet, he never forgot his roots and those early days around his parents. While Asmussen’s parents were breaking yearlings for such high-profile owners as the Winchell family, they were also kicking around tracks in Texas and New Mexico with their stable of Quarter Horses. Today, Steve Asmussen can just as easily be found in the entries for a beaten \$10,000 claimer at Remington Park as he can for a Grade I race at Saratoga. There is no other trainer like him when it comes to the diversity of his stable. That he still races at places like Remington, Lone Star, Delta Downs and Sam Houston is a major reason he has been able to compile the numbers he has.

“Why have those races always been important to me?”

he asked. “When you think of my mom and dad’s stable, you think of them running in south Texas with Quarter Horses and at the mixed meet at Ruidoso in the summer. During that time, my parents were still starting young horses off for the Winchells.”



With parents Marilyn and Keith Asmussen following Super Stock's in this year's GI Arkansas Derby | Coady

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Asmussen continued, “When I was in junior high, with them, I was around Tight Spot, Silver Ending, Olympio, Sea Cadet. So I was so blessed to be around champions and Grade I-caliber horses while we were making a living with lower-level horses. It goes back to my mom and dad showing me that every horse in front of you is important. To them, every single one of them was important, every horse just as important as the next one.”

To make it work, to have so many horses at so many tracks, Asmussen has to have a deep and talented team working behind him. He is always quick to praise assistants like Scott Blasi, Mitch Dennison, Toby Sheets and Pablo O’Campo. He also credits his family, his wife Julie and his three sons. Not only are they understanding of his hectic schedule, but they stay involved and pitch in any way they can. Asmussen was understandably overjoyed last year when his son, Keith, spent his summer vacation from college riding horses and winning races as an apprentice jockey for his father.

“We have all done this together,” he said of his team.

After passing Baird, Asmussen will have to set his sights on new goals. He admits that he very much wants to win his first GI Kentucky Derby. There’s also a trainer in Peru named Juan Suarez, who has more winners than Asmussen has. He wants to pass him. Beyond that, he simply wants to keep winning. There will be no slowing down.

“This has never been better,” he said. “It is so fun to train for the Winchells, the Heiligbrodts, the Ackerleys, because you ran their mothers and now we ran their sires. You had their half-sisters. When they come in, I like to notice the similarities and the differences. That is the fabulous part of it right now. We’ll have **Gun Runner** babies this summer. We’ve had the **Curlin** babies. You look at the pedigrees of some of these horses and I broke their third dam when I was in high school working for my dad.



Recent 'TDN Rising Star' Echo Zulu is a daughter of former Asmussen trainee **Gun Runner** | Sarah Andrew

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In his mid-fifties, Asmussen has many good years left. If he keeps up his current pace, and there’s no reason to suggest that he won’t, he could have as many as 15,000 wins by his 70th birthday. With fewer and fewer races being run each year, he is sure to set records that will never be broken.

In some ways he can’t help himself. Winning is in his blood.

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Freshman sires are also strongly represented in the catalog, including nine each for GI Kentucky Derby winner **Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister); **Army Mule** (Friesan Fire), whose first yearlings were coveted at Fasig-Tipton July last week; **Good Samaritan** (Harlan's Holiday); and Into Mischief's half-brother **Mendelssohn** (Scat Daddy).



Fasig-Tipton New York-bred graduate **Tiz the Law** | S Andrew

Owing to the day's scheduled racing program at the nearby racetrack, Sunday's session is set to begin at 7 p.m., while Monday's round of bidding will begin at 12 noon.

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THE JOCKEY CLUB ROUND TABLE TO BE HELD AUG. 15 *Edited Press Release*

The 69th annual The Jockey Club Round Table Conference on Matters Pertaining to Racing will be held virtually for the second consecutive year Sunday, Aug. 15, at 10 a.m. ET. It will be streamed on The Jockey Club’s website at jockeyclub.com and will also air on NYRA’s YouTube channel, the FOX Sports app, and Racetrack Television Network’s respective platforms. The Jockey Club Chairman Stuart S. Janney, III will preside over the conference.

Kristin Werner, senior counsel for The Jockey Club and administrator of The Jockey Club’s Thoroughbred Incentive Program, will moderate an aftercare panel that will discuss issues in the current aftercare landscape and programs in development to address them.



Jim Gagliano | *The Jockey Club*

Dr. Yuval Neria, professor, Clinical Medical Psychology, Columbia University, Departments of Psychiatry and Epidemiology, and director, Trauma and PTSD at the New York State Psychiatric Institute, will talk about the Man O’War Project. The Man O’War Project, founded by Ambassador Earle I. Mack, was the first university-led research study to examine the effectiveness of equine-assisted therapy in treating veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Emily Lyman, the founder and chief executive officer of Branch & Bramble, a digital marketing agency utilized by America’s Best Racing, will detail how her organization analyzes data to assess and react to public sentiment, build brand trust, and develop fans.

Will Duff Gordon, the chief executive officer of Total Performance Data (TPD), will provide an overview of TPD’s timing products, its work with Equibase Company’s Gmax system, and potential opportunities for TPD in the areas of sports betting, fixed odds, and the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA). **Cont. p8**



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Charles Scheeler and Dr. Tessa Muir will provide an update on HISA, which was signed into law at the end of 2020. In May, Scheeler was named the chairman of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority's board of directors. He is a retired partner at DLA Piper, and his background includes serving as lead counsel to former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell in connection with his independent investigation of performance-enhancing substance use in Major League Baseball (the Mitchell Report).

Muir, who is the former anti-doping manager at the British Horseracing Authority and has served as a regulatory veterinarian at Racing Victoria, joined the United States Anti-Doping Agency in March to assist with the implementation of HISA and facilitate a smooth transition to the new regulatory structure that will exist as a result of HISA.

David O'Rourke, the president and chief executive officer of the New York Racing Association (NYRA), will discuss NYRA's investment in its facilities, expanded television coverage, and NYRA Bets, its national advanced deposit wagering platform.

James L. Gagliano, president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club, will deliver a report on the activities of The Jockey Club. The full agenda and bios of all speakers will be posted on www.jockeyclub.com in advance of the conference.

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KEENELAND CONDENSES FINAL SESSIONS OF SEPTEMBER SALE

The final two sessions of the Keeneland September Yearling Sale have been condensed into one day of selling and the auction will now conclude Sept. 24. This joint day of selling will offer Session 11 hips in the morning and Session 12 hips in the afternoon.

In announcing the change, Keeneland said, "The adjustment will allow buyers to have a full day of yearlings to consider, rather than two shorter sessions at the end of the sale, and generate a more vibrant market for all involved on Friday."

The September sale had originally been slated to conclude Saturday, Sept. 25.

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INDIANA-BRED & -SIRE STAKES BACK TO \$100K MINIMUM

A proposal from the Indiana Thoroughbred Breed Development (ITBD) to return the purse levels of all Indiana-bred and -sired stakes races to a minimum of \$100,000 was approved by the Indiana Horse Racing Commission (IHRC) at a meeting held July 15. The increase applies to 22 stakes events and is being made retroactive to the beginning of the stakes season, which kicked off May 19.

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"Seeing this addition to our already healthy stakes schedule is a great boost to our racing program," said Eric Halstrom, Indiana Grand's Vice President and General Manager of Racing. "Indiana Grand is fortunate to have such great partnerships with both the state and the horsemen's organizations. This level of stakes purses brings us back to where we were in 2019, and it's a great incentive for future investment and participation in the state-bred program."

Jessica Barnes, Director of Breed Development, worked closely with the horsemen's organizations and Indiana Grand for the proposal to the IHRC. The increase will boost the state-bred stakes for 2021 by more than \$850,000.

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TVG EXPANDS COLLABORATION WITH JOCKEYS

Officials at TVG have announced that members of the Del Mar riding colony will collaborate with the network to enhance its daily coverage of horse racing.

Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith, who has appeared in commercial endorsements for TVG in the past, will be joined by his colleagues Umberto Rispoli, Flavien Prat and Jessica Pyfer in contributing to broadcasts, social media content and overall online presence.

In addition to periodically wearing cameras on their helmets during races, all the jockeys will make appearances as special guests on the network when their riding schedules allow to provide previews and analysis of upcoming races. All will also contribute to news.tvg.com.

"We are so excited to welcome some of the brightest stars in the sport to the TVG team," said Kevin Grigsby, Executive Producer and Senior Vice President of Television. "These riders will further enhance the fan experience through their unique perspectives and experiences both in and out of the saddle."

In addition to Smith, Prat, Rispoli and Pyfer, TVG may expand its content collaboration with other riders in California and other major racing markets, Grigsby indicated.



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“I am excited for the chance to work with TVG as my riding schedule allows,” said Smith. “TVG is part of the fabric of our sport, the network has always been supportive of the riders, and I’m looking forward to being able to further connect with the fans.”

TVG's Del Mar coverage this summer will also include Jockey Cams worn by Rispoli, Prat and Pyfer.

TVG has been a longstanding supporter of the Jockeys Guild PDJF and will again partner with the organization for the charity telethon later in the year.

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In addition to a meal, the event will feature family-friendly activities, music, raffle and silent auction items, along with book signings by Chris Brown, author of "Roll Cyrus Roll" and award-winning broadcaster and former jockey Donna Brothers, author of "Inside Track." There will also be guest appearances from racing celebrities including Maggie Wolfendale Morley, Acacia Courtney, Ramon Dominguez, and more.

"We are so excited to welcome back so many friends of the herd to celebrate the summer at Saratoga," said Kim Weir, Director of Major Gifts and Planning. "2020 was certainly a year unlike any other and we are so grateful for the continued support of our mission to save horses and change lives."

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LEADING LOUISIANA SIRE HALF OURS EUTHANIZED



Half Ours (2003-2021)

Half Ours (Unbridled's Song--Zing, by Storm Cat), a four-time leading sire in Louisiana, was euthanized Saturday, July 17, following a paddock accident at Clear Creek Stud. He was 18.

"It is a sad day for us all," said Clear Creek's Val Murrell. "Half Ours enriched our breeders' program in Louisiana and beyond, having touched many who bred and raced. He was obviously an integral part of Clear Creek Stud's very existence, like a family member that you saw every day. His loss will be felt by many and his influence will remain for years to come, defined by progeny that always showed up, held together, running on both dirt or grass."

Bred by Brilliant Stables, Half Ours was purchased by the late Buzz Chace for \$625,000 at the 2004 Keeneland September sale and became one of the first 'TDN Rising Stars' when graduating by better than 10 lengths as first asking for owners Aaron and Marie Jones and Barry K. Schwartz and trainer Todd Pletcher at Keeneland before following up in the Three Chimneys Juvenile S. in 2005. Aaron Jones bought out his partner when Half Ours sold for \$6.1 million to top the Keeneland November sale in 2006 and the colt ran his unbeaten streak to five with a victory in the 2007 GII Richter Scale Breeders' Cup H. before heading to the breeding shed with a career mark of 7-5-1-0.

Half Ours entered stud at Taylor Made Stallions in Kentucky before moving to Clear Creek for the 2011 breeding season. From 11 crops to race, he is the sire to date of 24 stakes winners and led the Louisiana sires' table from 2014 to 2016.

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ZIVO, UNCLE SIGH HIGHLIGHT AFTERCARE DAY

The inaugural New York Thoroughbred Aftercare Day at Saratoga Wednesday, July 21, will feature appearances by a pair of New York-bred fan favorites, millionaire GSW Zivo (True Direction) and 2014 GI Kentucky Derby participant Uncle Sigh (Indian Charlie).

Presented by the New York Racing Association (NYRA), New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NYTHA) and New York Thoroughbred Breeders (NYTB), New York Thoroughbred Aftercare Day will highlight the work of a variety of organizations committed to initiatives to benefit retired racehorses.

Zivo will lead the post parade for the day's featured event at the Spa, the \$100,000 Rick Violette S. Now 12, Zivo serves as the stable pony for trainer Cherie DeVaux, who was assistant to Chad Brown when Zivo was under his care. He was originally retired to stud Irish Hill Century Farm before being pensioned.

"When I found out he was being pensioned there was no other option as to where he was going," DeVaux said. "It was just a matter of what capacity with me and my family. I'm really excited the fans will get to see him once again."

Uncle Sigh's lone race beyond the borders of the Empire State came in the 2014 Derby. He retired through New York's TAKE THE LEAD Retirement Program to ReRun in upstate New York in January 2020.

"He acted like he had lived here his entire life," said ReRun Executive Director Lisa Molloy. "He never missed a beat--he usually takes most things in his stride."

More than 800 of New York's racehorses have been retired to TAA-accredited facilities through the TAKE THE LEAD Program. In addition to Zivo and Uncle Sigh, there will be demonstrations by TAKE THE LEAD graduates on the Saratoga main track before the first race Wednesday, with ReRun and New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program putting five horses through their second career paces. The demonstrations will take place between the eighth pole and the finish line from 11:45 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Click for [more information](#) about TAKE THE LEAD.

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LAKE GEORGE S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Demodog	American Pharoah	Lanni, Donato and Youngblood, John F.	Brisset	Landeros	120
2	Runaway Rumour	Flintshire (GB)	Lawrence Goichman	Abreu	Santana, Jr.	122
3	Fluffy Socks	Slumber (GB)	Head of Plains Partners LLC	Brown	Rosario	120
4	Invincible Gal (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Ryan, Michael J., Drown, Jeff and Team Hanley	Motion	Velazquez	118
5	Jouster	Noble Mission (GB)	Starlight Racing and Glen Hill Farm	Pletcher	Saez	124
6	Amy C (GB)	Charming Thought (GB)	Dubb, Michael, Madaket Stables LLC and LaPenta, Robert V.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120
7	Tobys Heart	Jack Milton	Hamilton, Terry, Lynch, Brian A. and Barber, Gary	Lynch	Castellano	122
8	Technical Analysis (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz	120
9	Navratilova	Medaglia d'Oro	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Arnold, II	Lezcano	122
10	Minaun (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Bradley Thoroughbreds, Iris Smith Stable, LLC and Rigney Racing, LLC	Brown	Franco	120

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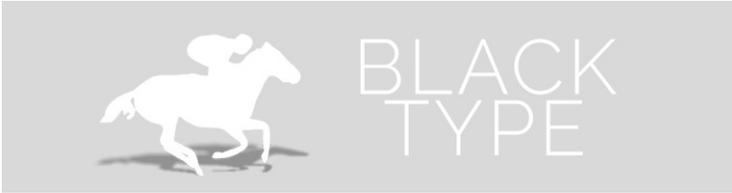
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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

NEW YORK DERBY, \$150,000, Finger Lakes, 7-19, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45.19, ft.

1--**AMERICANREVOLUTION**, 119, c, 3, by **Constitution**

1st Dam: Polly Freeze, by Super Saver

2nd Dam: Elusive Gold, by Strike the Gold

3rd Dam: Save My Soul, by I'ma Hell Raiser

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (\$275,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG). O-WinStar Farm LLC; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-Luis Saez. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$134,035.

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2--**Purple Hearted**, 118, g, 3, Normandy Invasion--Mamie Reilly, by Graeme Hall. O-Epona Racing Stable; B-Brian Culnan (NY); T-Chris J. Englehart. \$30,000.

3--**Lobsta**, 124, c, 3, Emcee--Salty Little Sis, by Chief Seattle. O-Eddie F's Racing; B-Fedwell Farms (NY); T-Gary Sciacca. \$15,000.

Margins: 7 1/4, 5 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 0.65, 20.00, 1.60.

Also Ran: Jaa Mode, Hold the Salsa, A Huge Checkpoint.

Scratched: Devious Mo, Here's Waldo.

Americanrevolution was hammered down to odds-on and backed that up in a big way in Monday's New York Derby at Finger Lakes, romping to a convincing score to become the latest stakes winner for star third-crop sire **Constitution**.

Finishing a sneaky-good fourth behind Saturday's GI TVG.com Haskell S. winner Mandaloun (Into Mischief) when unveiled for Rodolphe Brisset last October at Keeneland, the \$275,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga New York-Bred buy grinded out a game maiden score upon return for this outfit June 20 at Belmont, an effort that was flattered when runner-up Water's Edge (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) came back to earn his diploma with a 92 Beyer next out.

Taking all the money under Luis Saez, in town to ride on a Saratoga dark day, in this first two-turn try, Americanrevolution broke a touch awkwardly and was used early to sit in third behind a sharp :23.12 quarter. Finding a more comfortable stride down the backstretch past a :46.72 half, the blaze-faced chestnut quickly overhauled longshot pacesetter Purple Hearted just inside the five-sixteenths pole, also blowing by clear second choice Lobsta in the process. Shaken up by Saez entering the lane, he took command outside the furlong grounds and skipped away from there to score as much the best.

Purple Hearted held the place, with Lobsta finishing a flat third.

The winner is out of a half-sister to two-time Korean champion Cheongdam Dokki (To Honor and Serve) and shares a second dam with MGSW Silver Dust (**Tapit**) and promising GSW Forza Di Oro (**Speightstown**), who makes his 4-year-old debut in Wednesday's ninth race at Saratoga. That second dam, Elusive Gold, is a half-sister to MGSW Stop Traffic (Cure the Blues), the dam of brilliant GSW and sire Cross Traffic (Unbridled's Song). Polly Freeze, a \$75,000 purchase by Fred Hertrich at Keeneland November in 2016, is responsible for a juvenile **Hard Spun** colt named Bold Journey and a yearling filly by **Collected**. She was bred to **Frosted** this term. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

MALVERN ROSE S., \$102,695, Presque Isle Downs, 7-19, (S), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.42, ft.

1--**JUST ONE TIME**, 118, f, 3, by **Not This Time**

1st Dam: Ida Clark, by Speightstown

2nd Dam: Eliza Donner, by Oh Say

3rd Dam: Witch Wabbit, by Salem

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Warrior's Reward LLC (PA); T-Michael W. Salvaggio, Jr.; J-Angel R. Rodriguez. \$58,800. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$77,760. *1/2 to Black Stetson (**More Than Ready**), SW, \$141,678. **Ninth SW for sophomore sire (by Giant's Causeway).

2--**Maldives Model**, 119, f, 3, Petionville--Tahitian Pearl, by El Prado (Ire). O-Tom Coulter; B-Arrowwood Farm (PA); T-Erin C. McClellan. \$19,600.

3--**Tactical Pajamas**, 120, f, 3, Uncle Lino--Salishan, by Banker's Gold. O-James E. Hess; B-Vicky Schowe & Kemal Erkan (PA); T-Ron G. Potts. \$13,475.

Margins: 4 1/4, HF, 1. Odds: 3.90, 10.40, 5.20.

Also Ran: Rookery, Topsy Chatter, Jenna's Lil Agnes, La Reina Del Norte.

Just One Time pulled a good trip and kicked clear in the stretch to take the Pennsylvania-bred Malvern Rose S. Monday at Presque Isle.

Debuting as a 19-10 proposition against state-breds May 14 at Penn National, the homebred survived a pace duel and edged away late to score in a race that featured next-out victories from the second, third and seventh finishers. Off as a distant second choice here, the chestnut broke well and maneuvered into the pocket in third, tracking fractions of :22.71 and :45.91. Awaiting room on the turn, she split horses at the top of the lane, took command soon after straightening and drew off to a convincing tally. Maldives Model got up late to complete the exacta, while heavy favorite Rookery was a no-impact fourth.

Just One Time's victory extends second-crop sire **Not This Time's** lead with black-type winners among his intake to four, now having nine to next-closest Laoban's five. The second stakes victor from four foals to race thus far out of her dam, Just One Time is followed by a juvenile **Outwork** filly named Hard Place who sold for \$200,000 at OBS March, a yearling Goldencents colt and a filly of this season by **Runhappy**. Ida Clark was bred to **Catholic Boy** for 2022. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

11th-Del Mar, \$75,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000),
7-18, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.22, fm, head.

JAVANICA (f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Shuruq {Hwt. Older Mare at 4 at 7-9 1/2f & MGSW-UAE, GSW-Tur & GSP-Eng, \$658,709}, by Elusive Quality), a second-out winner on the Arlington turf last summer, was then runner-up in four consecutive stakes, the Glorious Song at Woodbine, the local GIII Jimmy Durante S., the Blue Norther S. at Santa Anita and the El Camino Real Derby against males at Golden Gate. Last of four when making her dirt debut in the GII Santa Anita Oaks, she was last seen finishing a troubled sixth--later elevated to fifth via DQ--in the GIII Senorita S. on the Arcadia lawn May 1. Finally getting a little class relief here, the homebred was made a 14-5 second choice and made the lead on her own power. Clicking off reasonable fractions of :23.79 and :48.09 while lightly pressured by favored Bleu Ballon (**Air Force Blue**), the bay shook away from that rival soon after turning for home and edged clear into the final furlong before just holding off late-running Burgoo Alley (Ire) by a head. The winner is a half to Antoinette (**Hard Spun**), GSW & MGISP, \$676,150. Her juvenile full-sister, named Early Glow, breezed a half-mile in :49.63 (23/54) Monday morning at Belmont. She also has a yearling half-brother by **Uncle Mo** and weanling **War Front** half-brother. Her dam, a half to Space Blues (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), French highweight and victor of last year's G1 LARC Prix Maurice de Gheest, was bred back to **War Front** this season. Lifetime Record: GSP, 9-2-4-0, \$168,773. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Eoin G. Harty.

Scanlon Training Graduate

6th-Colonial Downs, \$62,000, Alw, 7-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m,
1 1/16mT, 1:42.18, fm, nose.

GOLD FOR KITTEN (f, 3, Kitten's Joy--Olympic Avenue, by Hard Spun) graduated for a \$30,000 tag on debut Feb. 5 at Turfway and was haltered for \$50,000 from the Ramseys and Wesley Ward out of a mile turf victory May 6 at Churchill. Repeating in a starter allowance there June 20, the bay was made a 4-1 proposition to keep it going here and cleared from the outside stall with minimal resistance. Dictating terms through fractions of :24.39 and :48.87, she was collared by Deciding Vote (**Mr Speaker**) near the eighth pole and appeared beaten until the closing strides, where she dug in resolutely to get her nose down first. The winner has a juvenile **Maclean's Music** half-brother and a yearling half-sister by **Honor Code**. Sales History: \$95,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$102,608. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-DARRS, Inc.; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

2nd-Colonial Downs, \$57,500, (S), Msw, 7-19, 2yo, f, 5fT,
:56.14, fm, 2 lengths.

CAVALIER CUPID (f, 2, Quality Road--El Vedado, by Big Brown) finished a close second debuting over this distance on the Belterra turf June 22 and was given a 3-1 chance in this full 14-horse group on opening day. Breaking on top, the homebred settled in fourth at the rail behind a sharp :21.49 quarter, was jostled while in tight straightening for home, set her sights on pacesetter Rambert (Declaration of War) past mid-stretch and swept to the fore a sixteenth out, edging away from there to a two-length success. Rambert was well clear for second money. The victress has a yearling Point of Entry half-sister named La Befana and a half-sister by **Palace Malice** named Salalah foaled earlier this season. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$33,080. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-Big Lick Farm(MD); T-Sarah Nagle.



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7th-Indiana Grand, \$34,000, Msw, 7-19, 2yo, 1m, 1:40.66, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

ROYAL CONNECTION (c, 2, **Connect--Touch the Moon, by Malibu Moon)** failed to factor when seventh debuting over 5 1/2 furlongs June 11 at Churchill and was made the 17-10 second choice stretching to a flat mile here. Traveling in fifth off of a :24.52 quarter and :48.88 half, the homebred picked it up in the two path outside the eighth pole, ran past odds-on Ginnsu Warrior (**First Samurai**) soon after and powered clear from there to best that rival by 3 3/4 lengths. A half to Royal Approval (Tiznow), GSW, \$117,400, Royal Connection is the sixth winner for his freshman sire (by **Curlin**). His dam has a yearling **Will Take Charge** colt and foaled a colt by **Palace Malice** this term before being bred to **Nyquist**. Second dam Touch Here (Touch Gold) is a half to 2005 GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Summerly (Summer Squall). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$21,528. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-Three Chimneys Farm(KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

1st-Finger Lakes, \$31,000, Msw, 7-19, 2yo, f, 5f, :59.92, ft, 5 lengths.

THIN LEGS (f, 2, **Mission Impazible--Thin Dress, by Frost Giant),** given a 41-10 debut chance against four rivals in this Monday

opener, was hustled to the front from her rail draw, showed the way through a :22.68 quarter, discarded her nearest pursuer on the latter half of the bend and stayed in charge from there en route to a five-length graduation. She's a Tripp (**Mucho Macho Man**) was clearly second best. The winner's dam foaled colts by Central Banker each of the past two seasons. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,260. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**
O/T-James S. Acquilano; B-LRE Racing LLC (NY).

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2021 Stud Fees Listed

Astern (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro), Darley, \$7,500

84 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Colonial Downs, Msw 5f, She's Like Thunder, 10-1
\$20,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$21,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$19,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

Divining Rod (Tapit), Country Life Farm, \$5,000

68 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Colonial Downs, Msw 5f, Insurrectionist, 8-1
\$20,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$37,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Holy Boss (Street Boss), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$1,000

47 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-Colonial Downs, Msw 5f, Night Boss, 12-1

Midnight Storm (Pioneerof the Nile), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500

72 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Colonial Downs, Msw 5f, Miss Midnight, 8-1
\$39,000 FTK OCT yrl

Mohaymen (Tapit), Shadwell Farm, \$7,500

75 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Colonial Downs, Msw 5f, Tipharah, 20-1
\$13,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$27,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Valiant Minister (Candy Ride {Arg}), Bridlewood Farm, \$3,000

40 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Colonial Downs, Msw 5f, Nenas Power, 15-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, JULY 20

2021 Stud Fees Listed

Nyquist (Uncle Mo), Darley, \$75,000

214 foals of racing age/37 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Colonial Downs, Msw 5f, Sequist, 5-1
\$100,000 KEE SEP yrl

Outwork (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, \$15,000

211 foals of racing age/36 winners/4 black-type winners
7-Parx Racing, Msw 5f, I'll Go All In, 8-1
\$15,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Peace and Justice (War Front), Blackstone Farm, \$3,500
62 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Parx Racing, Msw 5f, Seven Years Later, 9-2
\$2,000 EAS OCT yrl

Uncle Lino (Uncle Mo), Northview Stallion Station, \$4,000
134 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Colonial Downs, \$75K Housebuster Overnight H., 7f,
Marvalous Mike, 5-1

War Dancer (War Front), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, \$7,500
129 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Colonial Downs, Msw 5f, El Bailador, 15-1
\$1,500 KEE NOV wnl; \$3,500 RNA WAN NOV yrl; \$37,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo



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IN JAPAN:

Nil Admirari, c, 3, **Dialed In**. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

Mesa Tesoro, f, 4, **Midnight Lute**--Cat's Fair, by Sir Cat.
Hakodate, 7-18, Allowance, 1200mT. Lifetime Record:
11-2-1-2, \$189,727. O Kenji Ryotokuji Holdings; B Clearsky Farms (KY); T-Toru Kurita. *1/2 to Crisp (El Corredor), GISW, \$286,431, dam of Danon Pharaoh (Jpn) (**American Pharaoh**), MSW-Jpn, \$1,427,254; and Deer Valley (**Speightstown**), SW, \$180,910. **\$95,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.



IN SOUTH KOREA:

Good Pilseung, c, 3, **Distorted Humor**--Rossezza, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. Seoul, 7-17, Hcp. (C3), 1400m. B-Edition Farm & **Distorted Humor** Syndicate (NY). \$50,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$13,000 2yo '20 OBSJUL. **VIDEO**

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World Top, c, 4, **Creative Cause**--O Happy Gray, by Cee's Tizzy. Busan, 7-18, Hcp. (C2), 1600m. B-Heinz H Steinmann (KY). *\$25,000 2yo '19 OBSJUN. **VIDEO**

Diamond Marine, g, 4, **Paynter**--Liz Hunter, by Smart Strike. Busan, 7-18, Hcp. (C3), 1800m. B-Damara Farm (KY). *Won by seven lengths. **\$5,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. **VIDEO**

Royal Elvis, g, 4, **Uncle Mo**--Malibu Legacy (SP), by Malibu Moon. Seoul, 7-18, Hcp. (C4), 1400m. B-Edward A Cox Jr (KY). *\$32,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. **VIDEO**

Final Star, g, 6, **Street Sense**--Key Is to Win, by Dixie Union. Seoul, 7-18, Hcp. (C3), 1200m. B-Doug & Felicia Branham (KY). *\$62,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN; \$67,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$37,000 2yo '17 OBSJUN. **VIDEO**

Jjang Kong, h, 6, **Tizway**--Carrietta (SP, \$299,340), by Stephen Got Even. Seoul, 7-18, Hcp. (C1), 2000m. B-Maharg Management Inc (KY). *\$9,500 Ylg '16 OBSAUG; \$37,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR. **VIDEO**

IN RUSSIA:

Agidel Star, f, 3, **Fort Larned**--Stunning Ghost, by **Ghostzapper**. Kazan, 7-16, Miss Tartarstan Prize (Oaks) (NBT), 2400m. B-Adena Springs (KY). *\$15,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

American Kid, c, 3, **Lemon Drop Kid**--Nasty Noozie (SP, \$188,893), by Partner's Hero. Kazan, 7-16, Prize Ak Bars (Anilina) (NBT), 2000m. B-Theta Holding 1 Inc (KY). *\$32,000 RNA Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$35,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

Whiskey Lemon Bars, c, 4, **Lemon Drop Kid**--Film Maker (GISW, \$2,203,730), by Dynaformer. Krasnodar, 7-17, Allowance, 2000m. B-Courtlandt Farm (KY). *1/2 to Film Making (Storm Cat), SP, \$175,388; and Film Shot (**Distorted Humor**), MGSP, \$206,375. **\$40,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.



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IN KAZAKHSTAN:

Hayat, f, 2, **Honor Code**--Kalani, by **Afleet Alex**. Almaty, 7-17, Semirechye S. (NBT), 1200m. B-Calumet Farm (KY). *\$7,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.



IN JAPAN:

Danon City (Jpn), h, 5, **Medaglia d'Oro**--City to City (MGSW, \$729,726), by City Zip. Kokura, 7-17, Allowance, 1200mT. Lifetime Record: 22-3-2-1, \$351,818. O Danox Inc; B K I Farm; T-Shinsuke Hashiguchi. *\$775,000 in utero '15 KEENOV.

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Raon the Fighter (Kor), c, 3, **Bayern**--Clarinda, by Empire Maker. Seoul, 7-17, Hcp. (C2), 1400m. B-Son Chun Soo. *Remained undefeated in six career starts, scoring by four lengths as the 3-10 favorite. **\$70,000 in utero '17 KEENOV. **VIDEO**



Saturday's Results:

3rd-Fukushima, ¥9,680,000 (\$88,450), Maiden, 2yo, 1700m, 1:47, ft.

NIL ADMIRARI (c, 3, Dialed In--Into Reality {SW, 4101,942}, by Untuttable) was a respectable fifth on Tokyo debut June 12 and improved to be a close third in a course and distance test July 3. Sent off the 21-5 third choice to get it right this time around, the North Hills runner tracked the pace from second, was ridden along approaching the final 400 meters and hit the front with about a sixteenth of a mile to race en route to a one-length graduation. Nil Amirari is a half-brother to the once-beaten Chick Lang S. winner Meadowood (Harlan's Holiday) and has a 2-year-old half-sister named Maria Knows (Shanghai Bobby). Into Reality is also the dam of a yearling Goldencents filly and was most recently bred to **Demarchelier (GB)**. A \$30,000 Keeneland November weaning, Nil Admirari improved into a \$130,000 Fasig-Tipton July yearling and fetched \$275,000 at OBS March after breezing a quarter-mile in :20 3/5. Sales history: \$30,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$130,000 Ylg '19 FTKJUL; \$275,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$62,818.

O-North Hills; B Scott Dilworth (KY); T-Shoichiro Wada.



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STAKES RESULTS:

MEADOW STABLE S., (NB) \$104,000, Colonial Downs, 7-19, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:02.45, fm.

1--**GRATEFUL BRED, 122, g, 5, Great Notion--Malibu Moment, by Malibu Moon.** O/B-Gordon C. Keys (MD); T-Madison F. Meyers; J-Jevian Toledo. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0, \$159,765.



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2--**Sky's Not Falling**, 118, g, 3, Seville (Ger)--Sky Copper, by **Sky Mesa**. (\$9,000 RNA Wlg '18 EASDEC). O-R. Larry Johnson & R. D. M. Racing Stable; B-R. Larry Johnson (MD); T-Michael J. Trombetta. \$20,000.

 **IT PAYS TO BREED MARYLAND-BREDS** 

3--**Flank Speed**, 122, g, 4, **Midshipman**--Leva Mae, by Emancipator. O/B/T-Susan S. Cooney (MD). \$11,000.

 **IT PAYS TO BREED MARYLAND-BREDS** 

Margins: 2 1/4, 1HF, HF. Odds: 2.10, 10.30, 66.60.

NELLIE MAE COX S., \$100,000, Colonial Downs, 7-19, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.40, fm.

1--**TASTING THE STARS**, 126, m, 5, **Bodemeister--Pink Champagne (GSW, \$145,957)**, by **Awesome Again**. (\$140,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT). O-Newtown Anner Stud Farm; B-Audley Farm Equine, LLC (VA); T-John C. Kimmel; J-Feargal Lynch. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 7-5-0-0, \$204,600.

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2--**Fionnbharr**, 122, m, 5, Exchange Rate--Embarr, by Royal Academy. O/B/T-Susan S. Cooney (VA). \$20,000.

3--**Urban Fairytale**, 122, f, 4, **Distorted Humor**--Fairytale Ending (Ire), by **Galileo (Ire)**. (\$250,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Winchester Place Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Audley Farm Equine (VA); T-Ian R. Wilkes. \$11,000.

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Margins: 2 1/4, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 3.00, 34.40, 0.50.

BERT ALLEN S., (NB) \$100,000, Colonial Downs, 7-19, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.73, fm.

1--**PASSION PLAY**, 122, g, 5, **Hold Me Back--Stylish Affair**, by **Not For Love**. (\$25,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Reiley McDonald; B-C. Oliver Iselin (VA); T-Mary E. Eppler; J-Horacio Karamanos. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 20-3-3-4, \$197,947. *Full to Hold Me Black, SP, \$297,883; and Drop Dead Red, SP, \$190,425.

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2--**Forloveofcountry**, 122, g, 5, **Sky Mesa**--Patriot Miss, by Quiet American. (\$87,000 Ylg '17 OBSOCT; \$300,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR). O-Troy Johnson, Charles Lo & Jagger, Inc.; B-Lazy Lane Farms, LLC. (VA); T-Jamie Ness. \$20,000.

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 **Another Yearling Graduate from Stuart Morris, Agent**

3--**Point of Grace**, 118, g, 3, Point of Entry--Sister Graceful, by Mr. Greeley. O/B-Quest Realty (VA); T-Susan S. Cooney. \$11,000.

Margins: 2, 6, HD. Odds: 7.60, 1.80, 24.70.

M. TYSON GILPIN S., (NB) \$100,000, Colonial Downs, 7-19, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.81, fm.

1--**PUPPYMONKEYBABY**, 118, f, 3, **Hit It a Bomb--Officer's Holiday (SP)**, by **Officer**. (\$13,000 Ylg '19 OBSWIN). O-Big Lick Farm; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Sarah Nagle; J-Jevian Toledo. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$78,300.

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2--**Envied**, 122, f, 4, **American Pharoah**--Halljoy (Ire), by Halling. (\$335,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP). O/B-HnR Nothhaft Horse Racing, LLC (KY); T-Ben Colebrook. \$20,000.

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3--**Door Buster**, 122, f, 3, **Speightster**--Miss Henny Penny, by Half Ours. (\$25,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT). O-Jay A. Reese; B-Catherine K Jennings & Scott Mallory (WV); T-Ollie L. Figgins, III. \$11,000.

Co-Bred & Sold by SCOTT MALLORY, agent

Margins: 3/4, HF, HF. Odds: 24.20, 18.40, 71.80.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-**Indiana Grand**, \$46,000, (S), 7-19, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:44.34, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

CASH LOGISTICS (g, 4, Unbridled Express--Trip to the Stars, by Trippi) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-5-3-1, \$200,184. O-James B. & Charlie A. Hancock; B-Charlie A. Hancock (IN); T-Genevieve Londono.

6th-**Delaware**, \$43,405, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 7-19, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.18, ft, neck.

HOPEFUL TREASURE (r, 4, Oxbow--Elle Special, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, \$132,102. O-Just In Time Racing LLC; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Michael L. Catalano, Jr. *\$6,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT.

3rd-**Indiana Grand**, \$41,000, (S), 7-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:45.96, ft, nose.

DANCE MONEY (f, 3, Majestic Harbor--Cactusa, by Cactus Ridge) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-0, \$63,085. O-Barbara Eakin & Shelly Nance; B-Anthony Wolfe & Julie Mudman (IN); T-Jonathan Nance. *\$14,000 Ylg '19 INDMIX.

3rd-**Delaware**, \$40,250, 7-19, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 5fT, :57.17, gd, 1/2 length.

A SONG FOR ARCH (g, 7, Songandaprayer--La Belle Bear, by Arch) Lifetime Record: 42-7-5-7, \$222,395. O-Larry J. & Katherine Menard; B-Larry Joseph Menard (LA); T-Brett A. Brinkman. *\$14,000 RNA 2yo '16 EQL2YO.

5th-Thistledown, \$35,700, (S), 7-19, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.62, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

SPIN DOCTOR (g, 5, Student Council--Surprise Gift, by Service Stripe) Lifetime Record: 27-8-5-2, \$124,706. O-Rumba Caliente Stable; B-Elkhorn Oaks Inc. (OH); T-Odin J. Londono, Jr.

7th-Thistledown, \$33,300, (S), 7-19, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:14.26, ft, 1 length.

INSPIRING LILY (f, 3, Twinspired--Lady in the Zone, by Dehere) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-3, \$56,495. O/B-Rocking H Farm, Inc. (OH); T-William D. Cowans.

6th-Louisiana Downs, \$24,000, (S), 7-19, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.77, my, 2 1/2 lengths.

BIRDIE CALL (f, 3, Captain Countdown--Malorie's First, by Total Command) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-2, \$67,380. O/B-Rick Maxey (LA); T-Patti Turner.

7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$20,140, (S), 7-18, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.28, ft, neck.

CASTLE REVIEW (f, 4, Windsor Castle--Stacia, by Aldebaran) Lifetime Record: 15-2-4-2, \$65,873. O-Shuler Stables LLC; B-Dennis Paul Finger (WV); T-Marion L. Cuttino.

7th-Fort Erie, C\$19,141, 7-19, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.14, ft, head.

MONEY MATTERS (g, 4, Bold Warrior--After the Applause {SP, \$252,753}, by Lost Soldier) Lifetime Record: 18-2-5-4, \$51,570. O-Anthony & Dale Powell; B-Hal Snowden (KY); T-Noel A. Williams. *Full to Like What I See, SW, \$239,847.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Addicted to Chaos, g, 2, Super Saver--Its a Date, by Dominus. Delaware, 7-19, (S), 5f, :59.46. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$32,300. B-T. F. Van Meter (KY). *\$7,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT.

My Sweet Story, f, 3, Afleet Alex--My Own Story, by Lasting Approval. Colonial Downs, 7-19, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.22. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$47,941. B-J. Amling & Merriemfield Farm (KY). *Full to My Afleet, SW, \$394,612; 1/2 to Real Story (Fast Bullet), GSW, \$349,592.

Jean V's Legacy, f, 3, Animal Kingdom--Smooth Performer (SW & GSP, \$247,900), by Benchmark. Presque Isle Downs, 7-19, 1m (AWT), 1:41.19. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$30,990. B-Betz/Burns/CHNNHK/Magers/CoCo/Ramsby (KY). *\$70,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. **1/2 to Into Trouble (Into Mischief), SW, \$182,749.

Santa Rita, f, 3, Curlin--Anabaa's Creation (Ire) (SW & G1SP-Fr & GISP-USA, \$330,826), by Anabaa. Louisiana Downs, 7-19, 5f (off turf), 1:00.57. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-0, \$39,677. B-St.

Elias Stables, LLC (KY). *\$200,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$210,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSAPR.

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C F V Guapo, g, 3, Medal Count--Another Dream, by Badge of Silver. Indiana Grand, 7-19, (S), 1m 70y (off turf), 1:48.22. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$29,355. B-Julie A Rini (IN). *\$5,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT.

The Programmer, g, 3, The Factor--Vodka Gal, by Street Cry (Ire). Presque Isle Downs, 7-19, (S), 1m (AWT), 1:40.07. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$19,826. B-Thomas G McClay (PA).

Treasury, g, 4, Speightstown--Treasure, by Medaglia d'Oro. Indiana Grand, 7-19, 1m 70y, 1:43.19. Lifetime Record: 10-1-4-0, \$67,658. B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY). *\$235,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKJUL.

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Animal Kingdom, Jean V's Legacy, f, 3, o/o Smooth Performer, by Benchmark. MSW, 7-19, Presque Isle Downs

Bodemeister, Tasting the Stars, m, 5, o/o Pink Champagne, by Awesome Again. Nellie Mae Cox S., 7-19, Colonial Downs

Bold Warrior, Money Matters, g, 4, o/o After the Applause, by Lost Soldier. ALW, 7-19, Fort Erie

Captain Countdown, Birdie Call, f, 3, o/o Malorie's First, by Total Command. ALW, 7-19, Louisiana Downs

Connect, Royal Connection, c, 2, o/o Touch the Moon, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 7-19, Indiana Grand

Constitution, Americanrevolution, c, 3, o/o Polly Freeze, by Super Saver. New York Derby, 7-19, Finger Lakes

Curlin, Santa Rita, f, 3, o/o Anabaa's Creation (Ire), by Anabaa. MSW, 7-19, Louisiana Downs

Great Notion, Grateful Bred, g, 5, o/o Malibu Moment, by Malibu Moon. Meadow Stable S., 7-19, Colonial Downs

Hit It a Bomb, Puppymonkeybaby, f, 3, o/o Officer's Holiday, by Officer. M. Tyson Gilpin S., 7-19, Colonial Downs

Hold Me Back, Passion Play, g, 5, o/o Stylish Affair, by Not For Love. Bert Allen S., 7-19, Colonial Downs

Kitten's Joy, Gold for Kitten, f, 3, o/o Olympic Avenue, by **Hard Spun**. ALW, 7-19, Colonial Downs

Majestic Harbor, Dance Money, f, 3, o/o Cactus, by Cactus Ridge. ALW, 7-19, Indiana Grand

Medaglia d'Oro, Javanica, f, 3, o/o Shuruq, by Elusive Quality. AOC, 7-18, Del Mar

Medal Count, C F V Guapo, g, 3, o/o Another Dream, by Badge of Silver. MSW, 7-19, Indiana Grand

Mission Impazible, Thin Legs, f, 2, o/o Thin Dress, by Frost Giant. MSW, 7-19, Finger Lakes

Not This Time, Just One Time, f, 3, o/o Ida Clark, by

Speightstown. Malvern Rose S., 7-19, Presque Isle Downs

Oxbow, Hopeful Treasure, r, 4, o/o Elle Special, by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 7-19, Delaware

Prospective, Baby Yoda, g, 3, o/o More Than Speed, by **More Than Ready**. STR, 7-17, Saratoga

Quality Road, Cavalier **Cupid**, f, 2, o/o El Vedado, by Big Brown. MSW, 7-19, Colonial Downs

Songandaprayer, A Song for Arch, g, 7, o/o La Belle Bear, by Arch. ALW, 7-19, Delaware

Speightstown, Treasury, g, 4, o/o Treasure, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. MSW, 7-19, Indiana Grand

Student Council, Spin Doctor, g, 5, o/o Surprise Gift, by Service Stripe. ALW, 7-19, Thistledown

Super Saver, Addicted to Chaos, g, 2, o/o Its a Date, by Dominus. MSW, 7-19, Delaware

The Factor, The Programmer, g, 3, o/o Vodka Gal, by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 7-19, Presque Isle Downs

Tiznow, Tizamagician, c, 4, o/o Magic Union, by Dixie Union. GIII Cougar II S., 7-18, Del Mar

Tonalist, Misty Veil, f, 3, o/o Genuine Class, by Birdstone. STR, 7-18, Saratoga

Twinspired, Inspiring Lily, f, 3, o/o Lady in the Zone, by Dehere. ALW, 7-19, Thistledown

Unbridled Express, Cash Logistics, g, 4, o/o Trip to the Stars, by Trippi. ALW, 7-19, Indiana Grand

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THE WEEKLY WRAP: THE POWER AND THE GLORY



Atomic Force wins the Prix Robert Papin | Scoop Dyga

By Emma Berry

It has been quite the week for two young stallions from Tally-Ho Stud. We barely stopped hearing about **Mehmas (Ire)** last season during his record-breaking assault on the freshman sires' championship, and the big question is always how a stallion will follow up on that early promise. It can be a long way to fall after a reputation is so swiftly created, but in the case of the 7-year-old son of Acclamation (GB) it looks very much as if he is consolidating his position as a stallion to follow with great interest.

He now leads the second-season sires' list in Europe and has accrued progeny earnings almost double his nearest rival, Territories (Ire). A further nine black-type winners have been added this year, including Saturday's G3 Anglesey S. winner **Beauty Inspire (Ire)** and **Going Global (Ire)**, who has doubtless broadened Mehmas's international appeal by winning three graded stakes in California.

Almost certain to try his hand next in stakes company will be **Gubbass (Ire)**, of whom we will hear more in tomorrow's *TDN*, the unbeaten winner of the Weatherbys Super Sprint.

Mehmas's fee rose in line with that burgeoning reputation from his 2020 low of €7,500 to €25,000 (he began his career at €12,500). [Cont. p2](#)

PYLEDRIVER TO MISS NINE-STRONG KING GEORGE AFTER SETBACK

Group 1 winner **Pyledriver (GB)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}) will miss the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. after suffering a setback, but nine still go forward, including the high-class **Love (Ire)** (**Galileo {Ire}**). Trainer William Muir revealed the news on the Nick Luck Daily Podcast. The G1 Coronation Cup victor sustained an injury to his off hind leg.

Muir told *Nick Luck's Daily Podcast*, "He worked superb on Saturday, we went to Charlie Hills's and he worked stunning with a very good miler. I walked over to meet him coming back-- he was bouncing --washed him down and what have you and all was fine, but that evening I just thought he was slightly wrong behind on his off hind.

"My vet came, his testicle was pulled right up so he thinks he might have rolled in his box and tweaked his groin. Any horse, they are my life, like my children, so I can't run him if he's not 100%. He'll be checked over again until we can find exactly what it is, but I told the owners I didn't even think I was going to confirm him which is gutting as he's as well as I could have him. He came off the gallops and I thought nothing could beat him.

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ASMUSSEN POISED TO BECOME WINNINGEST TRAINER

Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen is poised to become the winningest trainer in American history. Bill Finley has the story. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

THE WEEKLY WRAP

by Emma Berry



The Power & The Glory Cont. from p1

By all accounts, his book was not difficult to fill at that price. Quite the opposite in fact.

Cotai Glory (GB) joined the Tally-Ho roster the following year and, of the 85 named foals from his first crop, more than half of them have already made it to the racecourse: 46 at the time of writing, of which 21 are now winners.

Six of those winners came in an eye-catching week for the 9-year-old stallion, which also included a second group victory for **Atomic Force (Ire)**, who has now landed the G2 Prix Robert Papin and G3 Prix du Bois from his two French forays. Trained by Kevin Ryan for Siu Pak Kwan, the juvenile was gelded after his runner-up finish on debut at Musselburgh and has won all three subsequent starts. Naturally, he is now ruled out of a stud career himself but that only means that, like his sire, Atomic Force could potentially have a fairly lengthy career, whether he remains in Europe or heads to Hong Kong, where his owner is also heavily involved.

Cotai Glory himself raced for four years, winning the G3 Molecomb S. in his debut season. The son of top dual-hemisphere sire Exceed And Excel (Aus) had the G2 Flying Childers S. at his mercy on his next start, only to jink within the final furlong and unship his rider George Baker. An out-and-out sprinter, he raced beyond the minimum trip only five times in his 30 starts, and ran his fellow freshman sire Profitable (Ire) to a neck when second in the G1 King's Stand S. as a 4-year-old.

Over the last few years, there has been a concerted push by French racing to encourage more British owners to race in France for improved prize-money. How much the pandemic and onerous restrictions have acted as a deterrent for owners who would be unable to travel to see their horses is unknown, but undoubtedly the double whammy of Covid and Brexit has led to a significant drop in horse movements between the UK and France.

Ryan is one of those trainers who has persisted with travelling horses and now has two group wins to show for it, while Charlie Appleby landed last week's G1 Grand Prix de Paris in scintillating fashion with the Irish Derby winner **Hurricane Lane (Ire) (Frankel {GB})**.

Remarkably, the Robert Papin has been won by British-based trainers in nine of the last 10 years, and has only gone to a French trainer in 11 of the last 30 years. The first three home this time around were all trained outside France, with Italy's Vincenzo Fazio sending out the runner-up **Baghed (GB) (Twilight Son {GB})** and George Boughey continuing his good season with the third-placed **Hellomydarlin (GB)**. The latter represents another young Tally-Ho Stud resident, Galileo Gold (GB), who is alone among his peers in having sired two first-crop stakes winners to date in the listed winners Ebro River (Ire) and System (Ire). Both Hellomydarlin and Ebro River were bred by the O'Callaghans at Tally-Ho, as was Saturday's Redcar novice winner **Uncs (Ire)**—another from the Boughey stable.

Tally-Ho Stud can also claim some reflected praise from Cotai Glory's nearest challenger in the freshman sires' table, **Ardad (Ire)**. The Overbury Stud stallion is currently leading the British charge and has similarly encouraging statistics in that he had only 63 named foals, 31 of which have run to date providing him with 14 winners including the G2 Norfolk S. winner Perfect Power (GB). He is trained by Richard Fahey, who also has Ardad's G2 Coventry S-placed Vintage Clarets (GB). Ardad was himself bred and breezed by Tally-Ho and is a son of the stud's flagship stallion Kodiak (GB), who is now in danger of being upstaged by some of his barn-mates. [Cont. p3](#)

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IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

THE RACE THAT MADE EXCEED AND EXCEL

Tim Martin remembers **Exceed And Excel (Aus)**'s victory in the G1 Dubai Racing Club Cup at Caulfield. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

Japan's Global Outlook

On the back of a strong Tattersalls July Sale in Newmarket, the JRHA's dominant Select Sale also returned a clearance rate of 93% and some eye-watering figures for its consecutive sessions of yearlings and foals in Hokkaido. The equivalent of roughly £150 million (€175 million) was spent across the two days, and though international participation is not necessarily a theme of the sale, particularly during the pandemic, there is no shortage of global interest when it comes to the bloodlines on offer.

Even among just the top 10 lots on each day, the foals and yearlings represented mares who had been recruited, usually by the Yoshida brothers, from around the world, including America, Australia, Argentina, Britain, Ireland, France and Germany.

Katsumi Yoshida also contributed last week to a new world record for the pandemic-inspired boom market of digital sales when buying the Australian Group 1 winner **Funstar (Aus)** (Adelaide {Ire}) for A\$2.7 million. This made her the second highest-priced broodmare sold in Australia this year whether online or in person.



Katsumi Yoshida (second from left) prior to the 2019 Melbourne Cup
 Emma Berry

Yoshida's Northern Farm is also home to Funstar's fellow Group 1-winning half-sister Youngstar (Aus) (High Chaparral {Ire}) whom he acquired for A\$1.4 million. Another of their half-sisters, the minor winner Baggy Green (Aus) (**Galileo {Ire}**), is the dam of the treble Group 1 winner Tofane (NZ) (Ocean Park {NZ}), and the family traces its way back through the first two generations at least, to Ireland and Britain.

The sisters are grand-daughters of Bill Gredley's User Friendly (GB) (Slip Anchor {GB}), who won the Oaks, Irish Oaks, Yorkshire Oaks and St Leger and was second in the Arc through her outstanding Classic season. [Cont. p4](#)

The Power & The Glory Cont.

She was sold at the end of her racing career at Keeneland for \$2.5 million to Kazuo Nakamura and her first two daughters, User History (Mr Prospector) and Lady Venus (Kingmambo), both ended up as broodmares in Japan. Resold four years later to Barronstown Stud for \$1.7 million, User Friendly went on to produce seven winners in Europe, including Funstar's dam Starspangled (Ire) (Danehill).

The family has also been represented in Europe in recent seasons by the Gredleys' 2018 champion juvenile filly Pretty Pollyanna (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), a grand-daughter of User Friendly's half-sister Friendlier (GB) (Zafonic).



Pure Dignity as a yearling | Arqana

runner from Ecurie des Monceaux's high-class broodmare Starlet's Sister (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

The chestnut filly **Pure Dignity (GB)**, a Dubawi (Ire) half-sister to Arc winner **Sottsass (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}) and multiple Grade 1 winner Sistercharlie (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire}), topped Arqana's Select Sale last September when sold to Fawzi Nass and Oliver St Lawrence for €2.5 million. She is now in training in Newmarket with Roger Varian for her owners HH Shaikh Nasser Al Khalifa and KHK Racing and has her first entry at Ascot in the John Guest Racing British EBF Fillies' Novice S. on the opening day of the King George meeting.

Meanwhile, ongoing changes to restrictions, particularly between France and England, continues to make planning for the early part of the sales season a little fraught.

Pure Anticipation

This Friday may provide a first chance to witness the latest

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Mariah's Storm is pictured with James Mockridge at Coolmore Stud on Monday morning. Now 30 years of age and retired, she's the dam of Giant's Causeway and granddam of **Gleneagles**, Happily, Marvellous and Joan Of Arc. | Coolmore Stud

The Power & The Glory Cont.

Arqana's flagship August Yearling Sale had to be delayed last year until September and was thus renamed the Select Sale. The British government's announcement on Friday that travellers returning from France will have to undergo 10 days' quarantine and PCR testing threw a spanner in the works just ahead of so-called Freedom Day.

It is possible to attend both Arqana and the Goffs UK Premier Sale, which starts a week after the end of the August Sale and six days after Arqana's V.2 if taking up the test-to-release option after five days of quarantine, which of course comes at another extra cost. However, the rules are set to be reviewed once more at the beginning of August, so there is still hope that the 10-day quarantine, which does not apply to other countries on the UK's 'amber list' of foreign destinations, is removed before the European sales season gets underway.

At least there is now free movement between Britain and Ireland. Long may that last, especially when it comes to offering some sort of stability for those sales companies and consignors trying to finalise yearling plans.

Royal Flush

The Queen may have only made it to her beloved Royal Ascot for the final day of the meeting but her horses are ensuring that she is enjoying a thoroughly decent season even if she cannot be on track. Tactical (GB) (Tornado {Ire}), King's Lynn (GB) (Cable Bay {Ire}) and Light Refrain (GB) (Frankel {GB}) are all homebred listed winners in the royal silks this year, with the latter also winning the G3 Summer S. on her latest outing on July 9.

On Friday, The Queen was represented by three runners from three different stables at Newbury and Newmarket, and all returned victorious, including **Portfolio (Jpn)**, a daughter of Japan's late champion sire Deep Impact (Jpn) out of the listed winner Diploma (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) who has won her last two starts for Sir Michael Stoute.

McCain Girls Chip In

Donald McCain may have trained a Grand National winner of his own and been closely connected to the most famous Grand National horse of all time through his father's training of Red Rum (GB), but a Class 6 handicap and a maiden hurdle on July 14 nevertheless combined to provide an equally special day.

McCain's two daughters, Abbie and Ella, have both pursued a career in the saddle, with Abbie currently riding as a conditional over jumps and Ella as an apprentice on Flat. Last Wednesday, the stable's two winners at Uttoxeter and Ripon were each ridden by a McCain.

The trainer tweeted, "2 daughters, 2 rides, 2 codes, flat and jumps, 2 winners!! A very proud day." Rightly so.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

Pyledriver Out of Nine-Strong King George Cont. from p1

Added Muir of other potential targets for his stable star, "There's loads more races--we're in the [G1] Juddmonte [International S. at York on Aug. 18] whatever happens if it's something very simple. We were going to give him a break at some stage as we're thinking of taking him round the world at the back end of the season, so maybe this might be the enforced break. We've got to do whatever is right with every horse we've got."

Besides Love, seven other Group 1 winners--have stood their ground for the Ascot showpiece, including the 4-year-old filly **Wonderful Tonight (Fr)** (Le Havre {Fr}), as well as G1 Cazoo Derby hero **Adayar (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}) and **Broome (Ire)** (Australia {GB}), globetrotters **Mishriff (Ire)** (Make Believe {GB}) and **Addeybb (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}), and Galileo full-brothers **Mogul (GB)** and **Japan (GB)**.

"I talked to John after Mishriff worked on Saturday and John was very happy with him," said Ted Voute, racing manager for Mishriff's owner Prince Faisal on the \$20-million Saudi Cup and G1 Dubai Sheema Classic scorer. "It has very much been left up to John where he runs next and, having discussed it with the Prince, Ascot looks the likely target.

"We want to win a Group 1 in England with Mishriff and you can't win one unless you run in them. He has beaten some very good horses from around the world and now is the time to see what he can do against the big battalions from England and Ireland in particular."

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AUDARYA IN GOOD FORM FOR NASSAU



Audarya | Goodwood

Breeders' Cup champion **Audarya (Fr)** (**Wootton Bassett (GB)**), who was second in the G1 Prince Of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot in June, is doing well in advance of the July 29 G1 Qatar Nassau S. One of the highlights of the Qatar Goodwood Festival, the 10-furlong contest appears a good fit for the G1 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf heroine.

Soviet Song (Ire) (Marju {Ire}) won the Nassau 17 years ago for Fanshawe, who said on Monday, "Audarya seems in really good form. We've had the Qatar Nassau S. in mind for a while and she's been training well since Ascot. The handicapper kept her rating at 117 after the Prince Of Wales's S., but I felt it was a really good performance. I hope she can improve again.

Added the trainer of his G1 Prix Jean Romanet victress, "She won her Group 1s at Deauville and Keeneland which are both flat tracks, but she did win a handicap at Goodwood over 1-mile as a 3-year-old where she proved she can handle the track. In terms of ground, she has run on everything. It was very testing when she won the Prix Jean Romanet at Deauville and they broke the track record on firm ground when she won the Filly and Mare Turf at Keeneland, she's very versatile.

"Circumstances have meant that we've had a few different jockeys ride her, but William [Buick] seemed to get on well with her in the Prince Of Wales's S. and hopefully he can ride her next Thursday."

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MAURICE DE GHEEST IN THE CARDS FOR GLEN SHIEL

Glen Shiel (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), who ran sixth in the G1 Darley

July Cup on July 10, is enjoying a solid preparation in advance of a start in the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest on Aug. 8. Trained by Archie Watson, the 7-year-old gelding won the G1 QIPCO British Champions Sprint S. last term and was second in the June 19 G1 Diamond Jubilee S.

"He's bang on course for the Maurice de Gheest now, and we're looking forward to running him there and excited about his targets later in the year," said Simon Turner, of owner Hambleton Racing Syndicate. "Six and a half furlongs should be ideal, because he's such a strong-staying sprinter. It should suit him really well, and hopefully we can go there with confidence whatever the ground is."

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RCA TO WORK WITH UK GOVERNMENT OVER NEW COVID PASSPORT REGULATIONS

The Racecourse Association (RCA) will be working closely with the UK Government to ensure the successful rollout of the new covid pass requirement after Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced a full COVID-19 vaccination would be required prior to entry at "venues where large crowds gather" beginning in October of 2021. Johnson was speaking on 'Freedom Day', the date when the majority of coronavirus restrictions were eased in England. Racecourses were allowed to begin hosting unrestricted numbers of spectators on Monday.

Prime Minister Johnson said, "I should serve notice now that by the end of September, when all over 18s will have had the chance to be double jabbed, we are planning to make full vaccination the condition of entry to nightclubs and other venues where large crowds gather.

"Proof of a negative test will no longer be sufficient."

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Covid Pass Cont.

In response, the Racecourse Association (RCA) issued the following statement: “The RCA notes today’s announcement from the Prime Minister that as of Oct. 1, 2021, the Covid Pass is to be made mandatory for certain events in England.

“We welcome the fact that this inception date will allow all British adults to have the option of being double vaccinated.

“While we all sincerely hope the days of Covid restrictions are behind us, it is vital that horseracing and the wider sports/leisure economies have contingency plans to avoid commercially damaging restrictions being re-imposed but equally allow us to host safe events.

“Our immediate attention now turns to working with Government, stakeholder partners and member racecourses to understand the detail behind this plan and map out what will be a significant logistical operation.”

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Racecourses in the UK are once again open at full capacity
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BHA SUPPORTS INVESTIGATION INTO ABATTOIR IMAGES DISPLAYED IN PANORAMA PROGRAMME

Following the broadcasting of the BBC’s programme *Panorama: The Dark Side of Horse Racing* on Monday evening, the British Horseracing Authority announced its support to investigate the images of horses being euthanized in situations which may have harmed their welfare. In addition, several leaders from the British racing industry including the BHA, as well as the Horse Welfare Board will be meeting to discuss further issues raised by the Panorama programme on Tuesday. The BHA will also be in contact with Horse Racing Ireland over

the contents of the programme. which, it suggests, show horses, including former racehorses, being euthanised in circumstances which may have harmed their welfare. They also reported that some of the horses had been transported from Ireland to a British abattoir.

The BHA said in a statement, “No one in racing, and no one who loves horses, wants to see them caused distress or suffering at the end of their lives. If there has been a departure from approved abattoir practices and the welfare of the horses involved has been compromised, it is important this is addressed as a matter of urgency. This includes transporting horses over long distances to an abattoir, especially if these have injuries, which is not acceptable under the British racing industry’s guidelines for euthanasia.

“The Food Standards Agency, which regulates abattoirs, is responsible for maintaining standards of animal welfare. We would support them if they decide there is evidence of mistreatment of animals which requires investigation, given the public concern that may arise from this programme

“The British racing industry, and the 7000 and more staff who look after our horses day-in, day-out, across Britain, are proud of the unparalleled standards of love, care, attention, and respect our horses receive. Where end-of life decisions are being considered, we want these to take place in accordance with the euthanasia guidelines developed by the industry’s Horse Welfare Board over the last 12 months. These aim to ensure that horses’ welfare is protected and that all available options for rehoming are examined.

“Our sport has set out its wider approach to equine welfare in a strategy published in 2020, which the programme chose not to highlight. One of the core aspects of this strategy is collective lifetime responsibility, and the report identified the need to further enhance our record in the fields of aftercare and traceability.”

The BHA has already taken significant steps since publishing the above strategy, including:

- A review and recommendations for the funding of the aftercare sector;
- The introduction of euthanasia guidelines for the industry;
- Improving traceability of racehorses, including greater use of digital passports to assist in tracking cross-border horse movements
- The development of a £2.5m emergency COVID relief fund for thoroughbreds that risk falling into neglect. So far, this fund has not needed to be used.

Later on Monday evening, the National Trainers Federation also released a statement condemning the practices shown in the Panorama broadcast. [Cont. p8](#)

Panorama Cont.

The statement read: “The scenes at the abattoir shown in Panorama tonight were sickening and the National Trainers Federation (NTF) has no hesitation in condemning those practices. We note that the programme produced no examples of horses trained in Britain suffering a similar fate at this or any other abattoir.

Britain has a well-established and highly esteemed programme for rehoming racehorses trained in this country. Managed by the industry’s charity Retraining of Racehorses, the programme has successfully expanded the market for racehorses to move on to new careers away from the racecourse. Such is the demand, our trainers tell us that they have no difficulty finding good new homes for retired racehorses.

Along with all other stakeholders and participants in British horseracing, the NTF fully supports the industry’s Horse Welfare Strategy published in 2020 under the auspices of the independently chaired Horse Welfare Board. The strategy notes that “Euthanasia can...sometimes be effective in preventing unnecessary suffering and avoiding a welfare problem.” British trainers take a responsible and compassionate approach with racehorses that have long term injuries. If a vet recommends euthanasia, their aim would be to carry it out at the trainer’s premises in a professional and humane way in accordance with the industry’s euthanasia guidelines.”

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Tuesday, July 20, 2021:



Ultra has a runner at Saint-Malo on Tuesday | Marc Ruhl

UNITED KINGDOM

Acclaim (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), The National Stud
115 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
18:35-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, Banphrionsanaluas (GB)

Peace Envoy (Fr) (Power {GB}), Allevamento di Besnate di Pierantonio
23 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
18:35-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, Devon Envoy (GB)

Profitable (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
130 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
18:35-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, Sparkling Affair (Ire)
€18,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2019; £17,000 RNA
Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2020; £15,000 Goffs UK
2yo Breeze Up Sale 2021

FRANCE

Birchwood (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Haras de la Huderie
58 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
2-VICHY, 1000m, Madame Babette (Fr)

Storm the Stars (Sea The Stars {Ire}), Haras de Rosieres-aux-Salines
39 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-SAINT-MALO, 1600m, Stormy Spirit (Fr)

Ultra (Ire) (Manduro {Ger}), Haras du Logis
51 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-SAINT-MALO, 1600m, Perfect Colour (GB)
€18,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale 2020

Whitecliffsofdover (War Front), Haras de la Haie Neuve
58 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-SAINT-MALO, 1600m, Beauty Fatale (Fr)
1-SAINT-MALO, 1600m, La Petite Viree (Fr)

OBSERVATIONS on the European racing scene

SON OF ATTRACTION BEGINS IN WALES

14.30 Ffos Las, Mdn, £6,800, 3yo/up, 8f
Fairlawns Racing’s 3-year-old colt **SAYF AL DAWLA (GB) (Frankel {GB})** is the 11th foal produced by MG1SW European champion Attraction (GB) (Efisio {GB}) and thus a full-brother to MGSW sire and G1 Juddmonte International placegetter Elarqam (GB). Peter Chapple-Hyam’s representative was knocked down to Phoenix Thoroughbreds for 525,000gns at Tattersalls’ 2019 October Book 1 fixture and makes his belated debut in a modest affair at this Carmarthenshire venue. [Cont. p9](#)

Observations Cont.

The April-foaled bay's six rivals include Shadwell's **Moqadama (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire})**, who is a Charles Hills-trained 390,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 full-sister to MGSP G2 Norfolk S. second Log Out Island (Ire) and G1 Diamond Jubilee and G1 July Cup fourth Khaadem (Ire).

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BRITAIN

Monday's Results:

3rd-Royal Windsor, £7,000, Novice, 7-19, 2yo, f, 6f 12yT, 1:12.15, g/f.

DAIQUIRI FRANCAIS (GB) (f, 2, Havana Gold {Ire}--Moretta Blanche {GB}, by Dansili {GB}), who was only 12th on debut in a novice over this trip at Newbury at the start of the month, chased the leading trio throughout the early stages. Staying on to hit the front with half a furlong to race, the 18-1 shot asserted to score by 3/4 of a length from Rock Melody (Ire) (Fascinating Rock {Ire}). The dam, who was fourth in the G3 Oak Tree S. for this stable, is out of the Listed Flying Fillies S. winner Cotton House (Ire) (Mujadil). Already responsible for the Listed Prix Ceres scorer Blizzard (GB) (Medicean {GB}), her yearling filly is by Showcasing (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,208. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Absolute Solvents Ltd; B-Springcombe Park Stud (GB); T-Ralph Beckett.

4th-Royal Windsor, £7,000, Novice, 7-19, 2yo, f, 6f 12yT, 1:13.31, g/f.

PIFFLE (IRE) (f, 2, Camacho {GB}--Siphon Melody, by Siphon {Brz}), who was seventh on debut in the same Newbury novice in which the division one winner Daiquiri Francais (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}) was 12th, followed the leader Crocodile Tears (GB) (Bungle Inthejungle {GB}) early. Tackling that rival approaching the furlong pole, the 6-5 favourite was in front soon after before being headed again and finding extra late on to prevail by a short head. The dam, who also has a yearling filly by Galileo Gold (GB), is a half to the GII Caesars Palace Turf Championship H. winner and GI Hollywood Turf Cup runner-up Talloires (Tremolino). Sales history: 10,000gns Ylg '20 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,208. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** O-Mrs T Walker; B-Ringfort Stud (IRE); T-Ed Walker.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ionian Sea (Ire), g, 2, **Ardad (Ire)**--Bergamot Orange, by **War Front**. Beverley, 7-19, 5fT, 1:01.14. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0,

\$5,357. B-Mountain View Stud & J C Bloodstock (IRE).

*10,000gns Wlg '19 TATFOA; £18,000 Ylg '20 TATIRY.

Chelsea Annie (Ire), f, 2, **Mehmas (Ire)**--Miss Sally (Ire) (Hwt. 3yo Filly-Ire at 5-6f & MGSW-Ire, \$345,464), by Danetime (Ire). Ayr, 7-19, 7f 50yT, 1:33.42. B-Helen Smith & Sally Mullen (IRE). *€7,500 Wlg '19 GOFNOV; 25,000gns Ylg '20 TATASY.

IRELAND

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Crystal Black (Ire), g, 3, **Teofilo (Ire)**--She's Our Mark (GB) (MGSW-Ire, GSP-Eng, \$688,445), by Ishiguru. Ballinrobe, 7-19, 9f 96yT, 2:03.04. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,503. B-Moyglare Stud Farms Ltd (IRE). *€45,000 RNA Ylg '19 GOFFEB.

FRANCE

Monday's Results:

PRIX FREDERIC DE LAGRANGE-Listed, €55,000, Vichy, 7-19, 3yo, 12fT, 2:32.67, sf.

1--VAUBAN (FR), 126, g, 3, by Galiway (GB)

1st Dam: Waldfest (GB), by Hurricane Run (Ire)

2nd Dam: Gifted Icon (Ire), by Peintre Celebre

3rd Dam: Waldmark (Ger), by Mark of Esteem (Ire)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Philippe Decouz & Olivier de Seyssel; B-Philippe Decouz & SCEA du Bas Bugey (FR); T-Philippe Decouz; J-Jules Mobian. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €43,900.

2--Friendly Face (Ire), 126, c, 3, Galileo (Ire)--High Celebrity (Fr), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). O-Michael Tabor, Ecurie Victoria Dreams & Susan Magnier; B-Jean-Philippe Dubois (IRE); T-Andre Fabre. €11,000.

3--Smile Makers (Fr), 126, c, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Pearly Shells (GB), by Efisio (GB). (€80,000 Ylg '19 OSASEP). O-Le Haras de la Gousserie; B-SCEA Haras de Saint Pair (FR); T-Frederic Rossi. €8,250.

MAB Purchased by MAB Agency (M-A Berghgracht) Margins: SHD, 3HF, 3. Odds: 6.50, 2.70, 2.20.

Also Ran: Mika d'O (Fr), Rainband, Rumbles of Thunder (Ire). Scratched: Quickstep Girl (Ire).

Vauban went untested as a juvenile and posted fourth-place finishes at ParisLongchamp and Chantilly earlier in this sophomore campaign. He broke through by 4 1/2 lengths in a June 27 Lyon-Parilly conditions heat over 11 furlongs last time and stepped forward to claim a career high after a delayed start to this black-type bow. **Cont. p10**

Listed Prix Frederic de LaGrange Cont.

Positioned in a handy fifth for the most part, the 13-2 chance found little room when ready to challenge inside the quarter-mile marker and kept on relentlessly once forced outside for a clear run at the eighth pole to nail Friendly Face by a short head on the line. Gerald Mosse replaced Franck Blondel aboard Smile Makers after Blondel was injured when unshipped by the 11-5 favourite and eventual third on the way to post.

Vauban is the lone surviving foal produced by a winning half-sister to Listed Prix Delahante runner-up Maki Maki (Fr) (Makfi {GB}). Descendants of his GSP third dam Waldmark (Ger) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}), herself a half-sister to G1 Deutsches Derby-winning sire Waldpark (Ger) (Dubawi {Ire}), include MG1SW G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe-winning sire Waldgeist (GB) (**Galileo {Ire}**), G1 St Leger hero Masked Marvel (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) and G2 Prix de Malleret victrix Waldlied (GB) (New Approach {Ire}).

Click for the **Racing Post result**. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lakota Sweet (Fr), f, 2, **American Devil (Fr)**--Ascot Sweet (Ire), by Power (GB). Argentan, 7-19, 6fT, 1:18.90. B-C Stockwell & Mrs F D Stockwell (FR).

Purplepay (Fr), f, 2, **Zarak (Fr)**--Piedra (Ire), by Lawman (Fr). Vichy, 7-19, 8fT, 1:42.47. B-Mme Lisa Lemiere Dubois (FR). *2nd winner for freshman sire (by Dubawi {Ire}). **€100,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP.

Vardana (Fr), f, 3, **Awtaad (Ire)**--Vaderana (Fr), by Monsun (Ger). Lignieres-en-Berry, 7-18, 8fT, 1:34.80. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR). *1/2 to Vadsena (Fr) (Makfi {GB}), MSP-Fr; and Vadiyann (Fr) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**), SP-Aus, \$140,637.

SLOVAKIA

Sunday's Results:

- 29. SLOVENSKE DERBY RAIFFEISEN BANK INTERNATIONAL (NBT)**, €40,000, Bratislava, 7-18, 3yo, 2400mT, 2:40.98, hy.
1--RABBIT RED JAZZ (IRE), 128, c, 3, **Red Jazz--Jasmina (Ger)**, by **Monsun (Ger)**. (€2,000 Wlg '18 TATNOV). O-Rabbit Trhovy Stepanov; B-D Doyle; T-Allan Petrlik; J-Tomas Lukasek; €18,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, €23,115.
2--Abrams Creek (Ire), 128, c, 3, **Adlerflug (Ger)**--Santanna (Fr), by Country Reel. O-Lokotrans; B-Gestut Ebbesloh; T-Lubos Urbanek; J-Martin Laube; €8,400.
3--Rex of Thunder (Ire), 128, c, 3, **Night of Thunder (Ire)**--Rio's Cliffs (GB), by Canford Cliffs (Ire). (42,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT).

O-Staj Brezova; B-Snailwell Stud; T-Jan Demele; J-Michal Demo; €5,200.

Margins: NK, 2 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 9.80, 7.50, 1.40. **VIDEO**

EASTERN EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

Dakota (Fr), f, 3, **Elvstroem (Aus)**--Dorotka (Fr), by So Long Slew. Velka Chuchle (Czech Republic), 7-17, 2200mT. B-Jiri Travnicek Ing. **VIDEO**

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sandy Rose (Ire), f, 2, **Capella Sansevero (GB)**--Rangooned (GB), by Bahamian Bounty (GB). Bratislava (Slovakia), 7-18, 1200mT. B-Maria Richert. *€1,000 RNA Wlg '19 TATNOV. **VIDEO**



IN JAPAN:

Outperform (GB), c, 2, **Outstrip (GB)**--Triple Cee (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). Hakodate, 7-18, Maiden, 1200mT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$52,727. O-Godolphin; B-Kingston Stud; T-Toru Kurita. *1/2 to Dunkerron (GB) (Kuroshio {GB}), GSP-Eng. **20,000gns Wlg '19 TATDEF.

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Cumulative Leading Second-Crop Sires by Earnings

for stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, July 18

Earnings represent worldwide figures, NH-born progeny, stud fees listed are 2021 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Mehmas (Ire) <i>(2014) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2018</i>	14	24	7	16	1	3	171	94	248,792	3,375,638
										<i>Going Global (Ire)</i>	
2	Shalaa (Ire) <i>(2013) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2018</i>	2	4	1	3	--	1	102	39	134,302	1,466,102
										<i>No Speak Alexander (Ire)</i>	
3	Territories (Ire) <i>(2012) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2018</i>	2	9	1	3	--	1	98	52	165,025	1,443,524
										<i>Rougir (Fr)</i>	
4	Twilight Son (GB) <i>(2012) by Kyllachy (GB) FYR: 2018</i>	3	6	1	2	--	--	116	49	242,955	1,315,368
										<i>Aria Importante (GB)</i>	
5	Kodi Bear (Ire) <i>(2012) by Kodiak (GB) FYR: 2018</i>	5	9	1	6	--	2	85	32	246,669	1,221,816
										<i>Mystery Angel (Ire)</i>	
6	Goken (Fr) <i>(2012) by Kendargent (Fr) FYR: 2018</i>	3	5	2	3	--	--	57	27	142,819	1,194,385
										<i>Axdavali (Fr)</i>	
7	New Bay (GB) <i>(2012) by Dubawi (Ire) FYR: 2018</i>	2	7	2	2	--	1	61	32	165,782	1,143,132
										<i>Saffron Beach (Ire)</i>	
8	Adaay (Ire) <i>(2012) by Kodiak (GB) FYR: 2018</i>	--	3	--	1	--	--	110	39	182,988	969,921
										<i>Shark Two One (GB)</i>	
9	Belardo (Ire) <i>(2012) by Lope de Vega (Ire) FYR: 2018</i>	4	5	3	3	--	--	82	29	124,596	907,402
										<i>Lullaby Moon (GB)</i>	
10	The Gurkha (Ire) <i>(2013) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2018</i>	1	3	1	1	--	--	94	36	190,841	867,746
										<i>Best of Lips (Ire)</i>	

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THE RACE THAT MADE EXCEED AND EXCEL



Tim Martin with Exceed And Excel | TDN AusNZ

by Bren O'Brien

TDN AusNZ presents the latest instalment in a series profiling leading Australasian stallions with a focus on defining moments during their racing careers. In this article, we look at Australian Champion **Exceed And Excel** and his win in the 2003 G1 Dubai Racing Club Cup at Caulfield.

For trainer Tim Martin, Exceed And Excel was his horse of a lifetime.

Martin had purchased the son of Danehill (USA) for \$375,000 from the 2002 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale without a client to back him and then rode the journey all the way through as the star colt won seven of his 12 starts, including two Group 1s and nearly \$1.3 million in prizemoney.

The defining moment of the horse's career, according to Martin, came at his eighth start in the G1 Dubai Racing Club Cup, a handicap race over 1400 metres, now known as the Sir Rupert Clarke S.

In the seven years previous to 2003, it had been a race won by top 3-year-olds such as Testa Rossa, Encosta De Lago and Our Maizcay, and from the beginning of Exceed And Excel's spring 3-year-old campaign, it was a race that Martin had wanted to target with his star colt. But he had one major barrier to that plan, part-owner Nick Moraitis.

Moraitis, who had tasted amazing successes with Might And

Power (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) in the late 1990s, had come into the ownership of the horse along with Alan Osburg, after Martin had purchased the colt as a yearling.

"The Danehills were pretty hot at the time," Martin told TDN AusNZ. "I wanted to get a colt by Danehill and I watched all these colts go through their preps ahead of the sales. Untouchable, who sold to Darley for \$950,000, was obviously a really quality colt, but I targeted Exceed And Excel and had my heart set on him.

"I didn't have any clients to buy him when I spoke to people pre-sale, and so I specced him. Nick Moraitis and Alan Osburg had bought a colt with me by Danehill out of Sky Watch, and this was the year that X-rays were made post sale. The colt that they had bought failed the X-rays, and seeing this colt I had was going well, I recommended they take a share in him."

Martin's faith in Exceed And Excel, who was bred by the Ascot Breeding Partnership out of the imported mare Patrona (USA) (Lomond {USA}), looked well-placed after he won at Canterbury on debut and then ran a narrow second in the G3 Black Opal S. at Canberra at his second start. He then led all the way to win the G2 Todman S. before he tried to do the same in the G1 Golden Slipper S. but came unstuck.

"Things didn't really go right for him going into the Slipper, but I always had faith in him. I knew I had a really good horse. He came back as a 3-year old and I think the race that made him as a stallion was that Dubai Cup, when he broke the course record," Martin said.

A Difference of Opinion

Exceed And Excel resumed as a 3-year-old with a sixth in the G2 San Domenico, but while his owners had some doubts, Martin knew he had the colt back on track.

"The owners were not that happy with him but I told them he'd improve a lot from that. He really came on from that race and he won his next two in Sydney in the Up And Coming S. and then the Roman Consul S. I then wanted to target the race at Caulfield," he said.

That takes us back to the difference of opinion with Moraitis about which direction the colt should take.

"There was pressure from Nick Moraitis not to go down there because he'd have to take on the older horses at a tricky track," Martin said. "But we were lucky that we had done all our slow work at Rosehill left handed and I had given him some gallops on the grass that way and I felt he went better that way than the Sydney way.



Exceed and Excel | Darley Stallions

"I used to do that a lot with my babies and he just railed so well that way, so I knew there was no way he wouldn't handle the track."

The trainer won the argument, albeit only at the last moment.

"I was confident to get to Caulfield, but Nick wanted to run him in the Heritage S. here. I got my way only at the last minute and we actually flew him down, and got him down there on the Thursday," he said.

A Simple Plan

Martin engaged lightweight jockey Corey Brown to take his first ride on Exceed And Excel, with a simple plan--to make his rivals chase!

"I knew he had a good high-cruising speed. We had tried to ride him with a sit on a couple of occasions, but with 51kg, over seven furlongs, he had a nice speed and a nice turn of foot off it," he said. "I've never been so excited about a horse running in a race in my life."

Martin's anticipation was well-placed as Exceed And Excel jumped to the front, handled the Caulfield track with aplomb won by 1.8l in a track record of 1:21.20, a mark that still stands to this day.

"I remember Elvstroem won the Caulfield Guineas Prelude the race before, and my colt went over a second quicker than him over the same distance," Martin said. "It's my biggest win to this day. That day at Caulfield, it was spot on. It was his best performance and my best performance as a trainer."

Six months later in what would be his final racetrack appearance in Australia, Exceed And Excel would lead all the way to win one of Australia's greatest sprints, the G1 Newmarket H. again with Brown in the saddle. That was another memorable day for Martin, but not quite in the same league as the colt's breakthrough victory at Caulfield earlier in the season.

The Darley Era

A few days after Exceed And Excel's Newmarket win, he was sold to Darley for \$22 million, and while he would have one more run in the G1 July Cup, he would be retired to what has been a wonderfully successful career as a stallion.

As things stand, Exceed And Excel has produced an amazing 186 stakes winners and 1,579 winners overall, headed by a list of 16 Group 1 winners. He was crowned Australia's Champion Sire in 2012/13 and has finished top five on two other occasions, while he has produced stakes winners in 16 different countries.

It's a career that Martin has followed with some pride, knowing the role he played in the journey.

"I always dreamt of having a champion colt and getting him to stud and him being a champion stallion. To come to Sydney, buy him at the Inglis Easter Sale, and see him do what he has done is amazing," he said. "He's such a fantastic stallion. He's one of the best stallions in the country and now one of the last of the Danehill line. I can't believe how good he has been.

"He, Redoute's Choice and **Fastnet Rock** are the star sons of Danehill, and that's good company to be in."

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Date	Race	Track
July 24	G3 Bletchingly S.	Caulfield
Aug. 7	G3 Aurie's Star H.	Flemington
	G2 Missile S.	Rosehill
Aug. 14	G3 Vain S.	Caulfield
	G3 Quezette S.	Caulfield
	G2 P.B. Lawrence S.	Caulfield
	G3 Spring S.	Morphettville
	G3 Up and Coming S.	Randwick