

WIT FINDS IT EASY LIKE A SUNDAY MORNING



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by Chris McGrath

The whole place was overgrown, and there was just so much work to be done. But among the weeds and dilapidation were rampant wild roses, and hedge apples; and they had each other, and they had a dream. For all the toil ahead, Rosilyn Polan and her husband Kenneth felt such a sense of homecoming that she had to scroll all the way back to girlhood for an answering chord of memory.

"When I was little, waking up on a Sunday morning, you'd smell coffee brewing in the kitchen, and pancakes cooking," she explains, some 30 years later. "And so I always thought Sunday morning was just the best feeling. But when we bought the farm I thought, no, this here is 'Sunday morning'; this is the best feeling."

And so they called it Sunday Morning Farm, this a 100-acre parcel between a loop of the Kentucky River and the Woodford Reserve Distillery. Even so, they knew that all the repose seeping from the name would have to be deferred for much honest labor.

Learning that the fencing was coming down at the old Warnerton Farm, they offered the crew a deal. If they did the work, could they keep the timber? Well, sure.

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GRITTY WHITMORE 'STILL THERE BEING HONEST' by Mike Kane

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.--To illustrate his point about **Whitmore** (Pleasantly Perfect), trainer Ron Moquett stepped into the Eclipse Award winner's stall Sunday morning saying, "This is not the time to do this," and rubbed his star's coat with a small towel. Showing his displeasure, Whitmore promptly kicked the wall. Hard.

"He is as consistent as the day is long," Moquett said, smiling. "He will do everything the exact same way. Our job is to get done, working with him, knowing his idiosyncrasies."

Moquett and his staff live in Whitmore's world, ruled by the 8-year-old gelding who is scheduled to make his 42nd career start--the 13th in a Grade I--in the Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. Saturday at Saratoga Race Course. Dependable as he is gritty and irascible, Whitmore, who was 19th in the 2016 GI Kentucky Derby, has flourished in the sprint division and was the 2020 champion. **Cont. p7**

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"We had a long pole, and a chain, and a wheel," Polan remembers. "And we'd hook the chain over one end of the pole, and the other end would go over the tire, and we'd get on the end of it and just push, push, push, until it would pull that chain end up, and pull the fence post out of the ground."

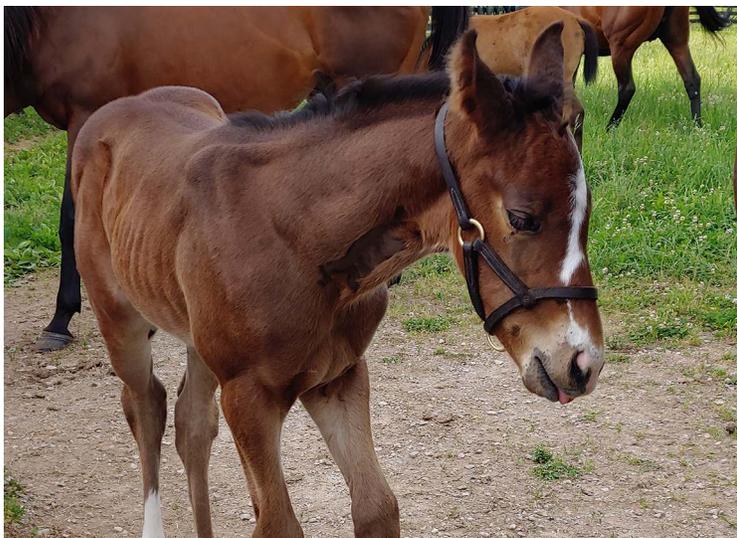
They loaded the salvage onto the truck and took it home, where they pried out all the nails and sawed off the jagged ends. They'd bought a post driver, among a lot of other old equipment bought at auctions to repair, and Kenneth mounted each board onto its post with a hammer.

"If you had seen the place then, it almost makes me weep to think back to how hard we worked," Polan says. "I can't believe that we did that. But we just worked and cleared. We were young--well, Kenneth wasn't that young! But he was tough. And we were just 'living off love'."

Polan speaks those last words with a charming, singsong lilt of self-deprecation, without remotely diminishing the joys that redeemed the perspiration of those days. Because somehow they made it work: they cleaned offices at night, they cut hay for other people, and of course there was still the catering business. Because the whole adventure had been underpinned by an inspiration that had seized Polan, pondering a history of her own with horses, when her delicatessen in downtown Lexington stood idle during sale weeks.

"I thought, 'Gosh, everybody's at the horse sale but me,'" she remembers. "So I thought I'd go out and see if anybody wants me to deliver lunch. Because prior to that, you'd just send out one of your show crew to McDonalds, and nobody liked their lunch."

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Wit as a foal | Rosilyn Polan



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She started with a single client, but was soon known all round the barns as "The Bag Lady," her sandwiches keeping consignors and their help going through long days of showing in the extremes of the Kentucky climate. It went so well that Polan was ultimately able to join the competition. But for all the romance of the idea, and the name, there was never anything merely fanciful about Sunday Morning.

"Kenneth was not a horse person, but he had grown up farming," Polan says. "His family raised hay and tobacco, with a horse-drawn plough, and a horse-drawn hay cutter, so he had a knack--plus he was a really hard worker, and knew how to do anything. So we were a good complement, building this farm.

"My dad and his brothers had a hill farm in the mountains of West Virginia. All the aunts and uncles and cousins would go up

there for the summer, and the menfolk would leave the womenfolk and go back to Huntington to work all week, and then come back at the weekend. We had a couple horses up

there, that lived in the forest in the winter and then in the summer we had them brought over, and that was how I learned to ride: my mother standing at one point, my brother at another, and me going from one to the other. And then I'd spend the entire rest of my day in the shed where those horses liked to loaf in the cool, standing around among the tractors and machinery, and I'd read to them and write stories about them and I was just one of those horse crazy girls."

So after college Polan decided she'd learn the horse business properly, and wrote to farm after

farm in Kentucky. But every owner, every manager, told her the same. We don't hire women.

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Wit at KEESEP | Keeneland

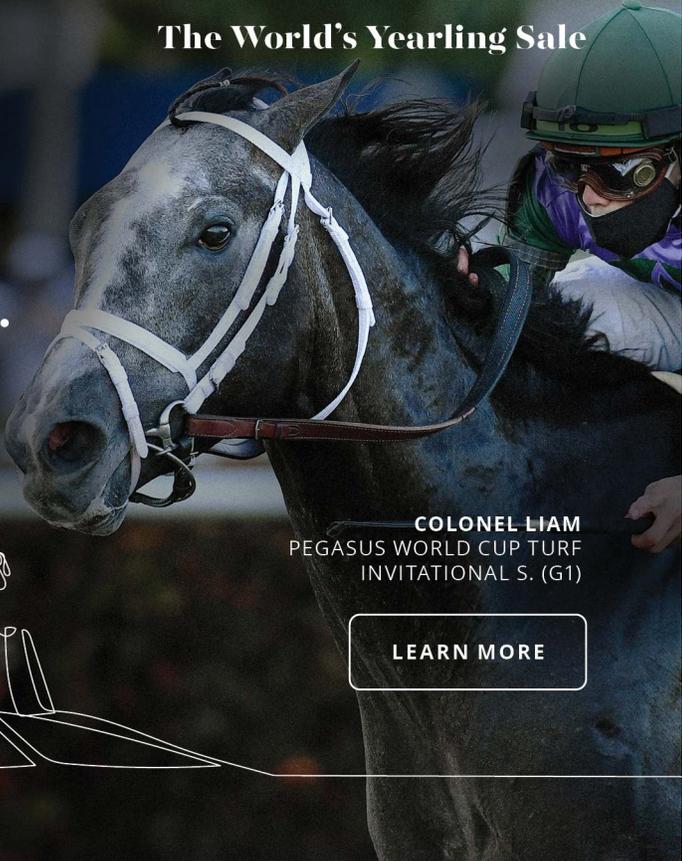


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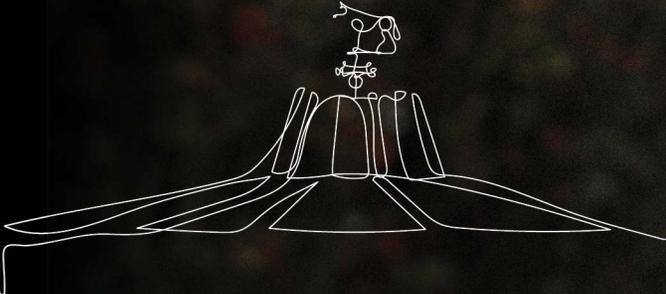
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Eventually she got a foot in the door, when Harold Snowden at the Stallion Station sent her to Keeneland, where his son was training, with instructions to give her a job walking hots; until, at last, Jonabell Farm gave her the farm work she craved. No doubt it was a wider education, too, with the grooms teaching her to shoot craps in the tack room during their lunch break. But the whole environment was so immersive that she would now feel ever restless, unless and until able to tend horses for herself someday.

In the early Sunday Morning years, admittedly, it proved just as well that they were still harvesting plenty of tobacco. Though they had scraped together enough for a first mare, her yearlings tended to sell for only \$3,000 or so. But then, in 2005, everything changed.

Polan had bought a Meadowlake mare for \$51,000 at the 2003 November Sale, in foal to El Corredor. She now sold the resulting colt at the Fasig-Tipton July Sale to B. Wayne Hughes, the new owner of Spendthrift Farm, for \$385,000. Almost as suddenly as the sun had come out over the farm, however, it was hidden behind the blackest cloud imaginable. For it was that same year that Kenneth was claimed by cancer.



Wit and his winning connections | Coglianesse

"At least he knew he was now leaving me financially secure," reflects Polan. "He was there at the sale that day, and he was so proud. Because of that colt, I had a little money in my pocket. We paid off all our debts, and Kenneth made sure I had new equipment. And, in the years since, I've somehow had more home-run, lucky years than unlucky ones."

So while quantity remains modest--with nine mares of her own, and five boarders--Polan has achieved repeated and skillful increments in quality, each success containing the seedcorn of the next. The one time she made a perilous stretch was in borrowing \$160,000 for a **Tapit** mare named Anchorage, in foal to **Will Take Charge**, at the 2015 November Sale. **Cont. p6**

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Each of her foals sold since, however, has raised more than she cost--notably a \$370,000 **Runhappy** filly at the 2019 September Sale.

In further vindication of her strategy, essentially to seek fine mares with glamorous rookie covers, at the same auction she realized \$250,000 for a **Frosted** colt acquired in utero with an unraced **Medaglia d'Oro** mare, Numero d'Oro, for \$175,000 at the 2017 November Sale. The following year, however, the same mare's colt by **Practical Joke** would do better yet.

"I was one horse in the middle of three huge consignments, and I would have to push my way into the middle to make room for him to be shown," Polan remembers. "But he never turned a hair. He just got bigger and better every day. He just puffed up and his stride got longer. He was so professional--and he was shown a lot. He was scoped, oh, 27 times I think. People came back and back, and several who I know told me: 'Rosilyn, this is one of the nicest horses in the whole sale.' There we were, day one of Book 2, surrounded by Tapits and Curlins and Medaglia d'Oros. And he was head and shoulders above anything in there. Every time I watched him go out, he made my knees go weak. He knew he was special."

And so, it appeared, did everyone else. There was a single caveat: slightly puffy tendons. In a normal year, Polan might have done some therapy to tighten them up a little, maybe some ultrasound or PST. But this was not a normal year. Who on earth, she asked herself, would be buying racehorses in the time of coronavirus? But the ultrasounds evidently showed only an immature, growthy colt, just maybe not the type for a 2-year-old sale.

As it was, he made \$575,000. His new owners, regular partners Vinnie Viola and Mike Repole along with Antony Beck of Gainesway, gave him the time he needed; and when he surfaced from the Pletcher barn on Belmont S. day, under the name of Wit, he won by six lengths. The dazzling impression he made then has, of course, since been reinforced by a still more emphatic success in the GIII Sanford S. at Saratoga, qualifying him as the trailblazer of the juvenile crop.

"Nothing like this has ever happened to me before," Polan says. "I've sold well, more than once. And I've always thought that was the ultimate. But now, oh my gosh! In both races he was away a little slow but he didn't have to do anything, just lengthened and lengthened as he went through the race. It was like a dream, watching, and it still is. I'm just so proud of that boy."

"To me, the best part was after his first race, when he loped back to the winner's circle on a loose rein. He turned to the crowd, took in his surroundings, and just put his nose on the rail, took a deep breath and seemed to say: 'Now what do you want me to do?' He's always been a 'What-can-I-do-for-you-today?' type."



And this, of course, is a win-win situation. Polan is not just delighted for the buyers who gave the farm such a good payday, but also in a position to reap further rewards through Wit's dam. Numero d'Oro was wisely given a fallow year, having delivered Wit as late as May 5, but now has a City Of Light weanling colt who Polan describes as a "duplicate" of his sibling; and she is in foal to Authentic.

"She just has an aura about her, a beautiful walk and beautiful manner," says Polan. "It makes your eyes happy to watch her walking, and her baby the same. He has just the same big rear end, the same bullet appearance as Wit, that same swinging stride. They're just so confident and unruffled."

Whatever each may have been inherited from their dam, the intimate Sunday Morning regime has doubtless contributed significantly as well.

"Well, I do handle my foals a lot," Polan says. "But nothing really special. I have two young men who work for me, and they too have really easy-going temperaments. We hand walk, for sales prep. We've dogs running around. In the evening I'll go through the fields, give them a scratch, take their fly masks off. They pretty much do what you ask, and we don't fight. For years I did this by myself, so they had to be good. But really I don't know that much. I just give them time."

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"It just shows, anybody can do it," Polan says. "I started out peddling sandwiches. I've just been super lucky. People always say, 'Well, you work so hard.' But we all work so hard, don't you agree? And some of us are lucky, some of us are not. But I'm not only a very lucky person. I'm a positive person, too. I expect good things to happen. And when bad things do happen, I just keep looking forward.

"Even at age 68, I'm still like a little kid. These horses give me way more than I do them. My farm's so pretty, so secluded. Lot of birds. And then to have these beautiful horses, that give me so much joy... So you meet your challenges, and you carry on. And then when you hit a home run like Wit, really there are no words. It just fills me up so much, looking at his baby pictures: that cute little bugger, with a zigzag stripe on his face."

So really the GI Hopeful S., scheduled as the next step of the colt's journey at the end of the Saratoga meet, has seldom been so well named. Wit will not just represent Sunday Morning Farm, but every program that has realized what could have been an idle dream, not so much by dollars and cents as by passion and endeavor.

"I'll never go anyplace or do anything," says Polan. "My life is very small. You think, how nice it would be to go trekking through the Alps, go see Machu Picchu. But I'll never do that. This is who I am. And I'm just really happy doing what I do."

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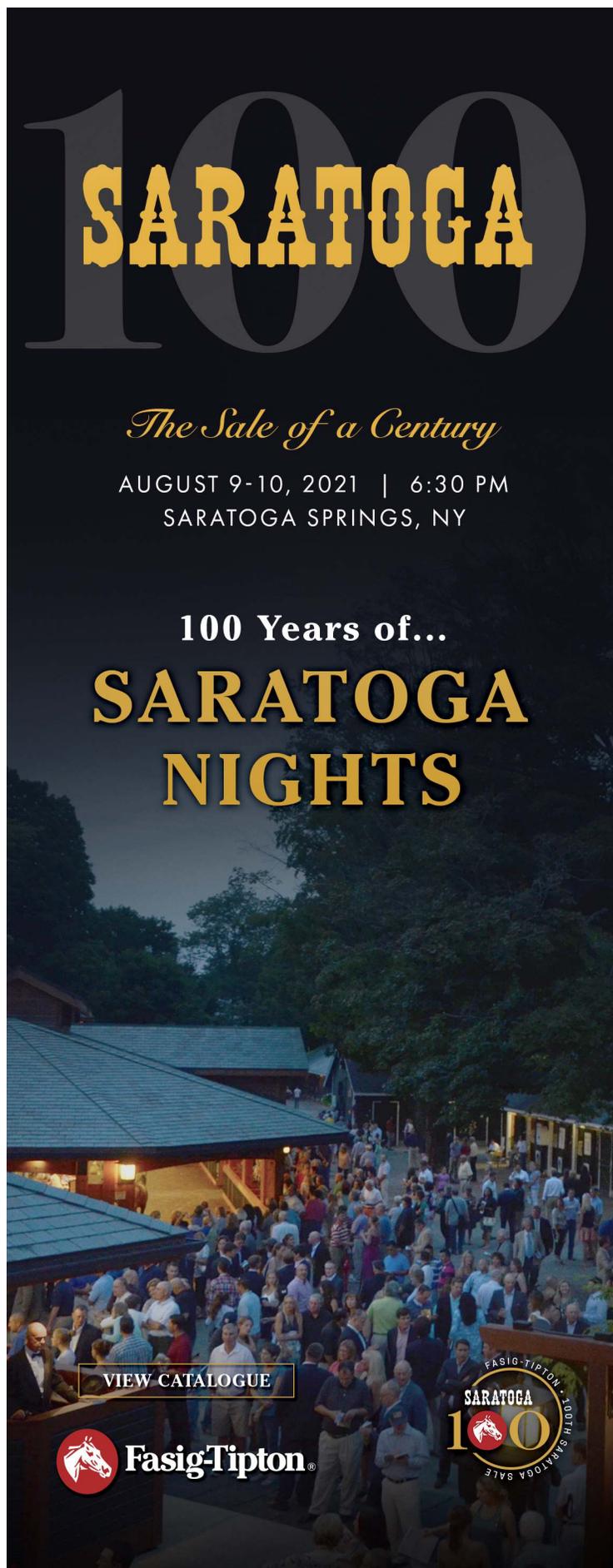
Gritty Whitmore Still Honest *(cont. from p1)*

Overall, during his career, he won 15 times and has finished in the money in 78% of his races while earning over \$4.4 million in purse money.

In the seven years since Moquett purchased the 2-year-old named Pleasant Mel in a private sale for \$37,000, he and his staff have learned how to keep Whitmore in balance. Carlos Monroy has been his groom since he arrived. Moquett's wife and training partner, Laura, is his exercise rider. Moquett repeats a word to describe Whitmore's personality and his competitive nature, which is why he is catered to every morning and afternoon.

"I'm amazed all the time, just in his consistency," Moquett said. "The thing is Whitmore doesn't owe us anything. So he gets to do what he wants to do every day of his life. If he wants to stay in the barn and do nothing, that's what he gets to do. His honesty and loyalty has been there and we owe him."

It's fair to say that Whitmore reached another level of popularity with his victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint last November at Keeneland. **Cont. p8**



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Moquett said he was overwhelmed by who responded to the decisive score in the Sprint.



Ron Moquett with Whitmore | Mike Kane

"The thing that will always be what touched me the most was other trainers' and competitive owners' and jockeys' reactions," he said. Among those who reached out to Moquett, 49, were Hall of Fame trainers Todd Pletcher, Steve Asmussen, Bob Baffert and Richard Mandella, who developed his sire, Pleasantly Perfect, into a major star.

"Here's the thing that people have got to realize," Moquett said. "One, I like horses more than your average person likes horses. Two, I love horse racing. So I'm still a fan, even though I'm in the business. So when you get a text from Pletcher, you get a text from Asmussen or Asmussen cheers for your horse..."

Moquett didn't complete the sentence, but finished the thought. "I get people coming up to me and they don't know me from a load of hay," he said. "I could have been the leading trainer at Oaklawn or Churchill or Ellis by 50-whatever and they might not say hi to you. But they relate to him and they're like, 'Man, congratulations. I was really cheering for your horse.' That's something for a guy that grew up just a huge fan of all things racing."

Moquett started with Quarter Horses and moved to Thoroughbreds in 1997. He has a solid stable that is nearing \$32 million in career earnings, but Whitmore is by far the most successful of his runners. It took an interesting twist of fate for Moquett to land Whitmore. Shut out at the 2015 June Ocala sale, Moquett asked his friend, the agent Jeff Mackor, to send him some pictures of horses that had not sold and were still available. One of the dozen images Mackor sent him prompted a reaction.

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"That's a running joke, too," Moquett said. "People that knew when I bought him I just despised the name. I know it's named after a lady named Melody and his mother's name was Melody [Melody's Spirit, by Scat Daddy]. And the daddy is Pleasantly Perfect. They combined it, but he was neither a Mel nor pleasant."

Moquett renamed the horse for Wilbur Whitmore, his high school basketball teammate in Pocola, Okla.

"I changed his name after him because he kind of reminded me athletic-wise of Whitmore," Moquett said. "Whitmore is just a natural athlete that could do anything better than you."

Moquett had two partners in Whitmore when he ran in the Derby: Robert LaPenta and Harry Rosenblum. Sol Kumin's Head of Plains Partners purchased Rosenblum's stake in the horse in April 2017.



Whitmore in his stall at Saratoga this week | Mike Kane

Whitmore came out of the Derby with a chip in his knee that had to be removed by surgery. Moquett said his partners never quibbled about the surgery but he fretted about how it would affect the horse.

"That was the time where I went, 'Man. I hope we can 'cause a lot of horses don't come back,'" he said. "That's the reason why a lot of horses retire whenever they have a little bit of something wrong with them is because they come back a dimmer version of what was so bright."

Whitmore promptly answered the question when he returned to competition in December 2016 with the first of five straight victories. He's been a serious player in the sprint division ever since. He was second in the '18 Breeders' Cup Sprint and third in 2019.

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"There's not a big turnover in our barn for employees. There's a familiarity that allows us to know the subtle things," Moquett said. "And we use that as an indicator. We're going too far. We're not going far enough. We're going too hard. We're not pushing. We take in all that. I think it's kind of like cooking with the same skillet. You know what you're doing after that."

With his compelling back story and his strong performances in graded stakes after graded stakes, Whitmore has become an inspiring horse.



Whitmore's Breeders' Cup Sprint | Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

"This has nothing to do with me. A lot of people that cheer for Whitmore can't tell you my name," Moquett said. "They liked the fact that he ran in the Kentucky Derby. Everybody else is going to make babies and whatever and he's just still there being honest. And he wins. He wins when he's supposed to. He tries. From that point on, that's all anybody wants is honesty. They want to know that they got a fair shake.

"The thing about 'Whit' is you can never guarantee a win or whatever, but you can guarantee that he'll give you what he's got. I think that makes people like him."

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Lothenbach Stables' Bell's the One outbattled Lake Avenue in a thrilling dash to the wire to win the GII Honorable Miss S. Wednesday at Saratoga. Sent off the 4-5 favorite, Bell's the One trailed the field down the backstretch through an opening quarter in :22.80, but began making forward progress on the turn. Tipped out to the center of the track after a half in :45.85 she shadowed the move of Lake Avenue just to her inside and those two rivals went toe-to-toe before Bell's the One surged to the lead in the final strides.

"I just let her run her race and when she got on her left lead on the turn, she said, 'It's time to go' and started making up ground so easy," said winning jockey Corey Lanerie. "The four horse [Lake Avenue] actually put in more of a fight than I expected. I thought when I got to her, I was going to run away. But she wouldn't go away for a while; we were running home. This was a good race."

Winning trainer Neil Pessin, who was saddling his first-ever Saratoga starter, added, "It's been a hard track to close on today. I think she's the only one that deep-closed any at all, but I thought she was also the best horse in the race coming in, and I feel that way coming out. She's about as high-class a filly as you want. She gives it her all every time she runs. Hopefully, now she'll get the accolades she deserves and people won't put her on the backburner when they talk about the sprint fillies."



Honorable Miss winner's circle | Sarah Andrew

Bell's the One captured her first graded victory in the 2019 GII Raven Run S. and added last year's GIII Winning Colors S. and earned a first win at the top level with a narrow victory over GI Kentucky Oaks winner Serengeti Empress (**Alternation**) in the Sept. 5 GI Derby City Distaff S. She concluded the year with a third-place effort behind champion Gamine (Into Mischief) in the Nov. 7 GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint. The bay mare improved on her third-place effort in last year's GI Madison S. with a runner-up effort in that Keeneland race to begin 2021.

Fourth in the Derby City Disaff, she was making her first Saratoga start off a win in the Roxelana S. at Churchill Downs June 19.

Asked about Bell's the One's next start, Pessin said, "Probably to the [Oct. 9 GII] Thoroughbred Club of America at Keeneland. It's a "Win and You're In" and then we'll go to the Breeders' Cup from there."



Bell's the One and Corey Lanerie | Sarah Andrew

Pedigree Notes:

Street Mate, a half-sister to graded stakes winner Tap Day (Pleasant Tap), has a 2-year-old filly by **Cairo Prince**, who sold for \$400,000 at last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale, and produced a filly by **Collected** this year before being bred back to **Not This Time**.

Bell's The One's third dam is multiple graded stakes winner Possible Mate, who produced multiple graded stakes winner Fairy Garden (Lyphard).

TRAINING OVER NEW MAIN TRACK AT LAUREL TO START AUG. 10 by T.D. Thornton

The extensive, expensive, and months-delayed installment of the new main track from the base up at Laurel Park is now close enough to completion that executives with The Stronach Group (TSG) have greenlighted Aug. 8 as the move-in date for horses and Aug. 10 as the first day of training.

Speaking via videoconference, Steve Koch, the senior vice president of racing for TSG, which owns both Laurel and Pimlico Race Course, said July 28 that the "whole oval really is an entirely new racetrack."

Years of piecemeal repair jobs failed to provide the uniformity and safety standards that led to the closure of the surface for racing after the Apr. 11 program.

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He's a very nice individual. We liked him this winter, but the last three weeks he has really blossomed. He is a big horse and will continue to develop. **We feel he has a very bright future.**”

- Arnaud Delacour, trainer

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After switching the race meet over to Pimlico Apr. 22, TSG officials had initially targeted the start of June for the return of racing at Laurel.

At an Apr. 22 Maryland Racing Commission meeting, members expressed frustration at how Laurel's main track problems got so out of hand so quickly, grilling TSG executives for not having the foresight to identify and remedy the difficulties before the project spiraled into a multi-million dollar rehab.

But the initial excavation work revealed even more extensive problems, and then TSG ran into trouble with the sourcing of base and cushion materials.

Horses were mandated to be moved out of Laurel during the week of the GI Preakness S. in mid-May, and a revised July move-in date had to be pushed back to August as work progressed.

On Wednesday, Koch detailed the remaining work in stages, starting with the back straight from the six-furlong pole to the half-mile marker.

"All of the deep excavation is completed. All of the drainage tiles are laid in. All of that's been in-filled back. The base is laid back in there. And between finalizing the base and laying in that cushion, that will continue to happen through this weekend," Koch said.

From the half-mile pole around the far turn to the second finish wire, Koch said the work "really is complete. The base is laid in all the way around there, and the tractors are actually working that material, getting a head start on having all of that cushion fully settled in. So that's really great news, that you can see a complete track all the way around the turn down the front stretch."

From second finish wire around the clubhouse turn to the six-furlong pole, "that is where we still have a lot of work. That is where we are still re-laying that base rail to rail in fine grade, and it will receive its cushion going into next week," Koch said.

"The very last thing that we will do is the chute. We anticipate that the chute will be done by the time that we are training horses out there on Aug. 10. But it will be last, and if any [remaining work] is held over, it ought to be in the chute," Koch said.

The last four days of TSG's repair timeline before horses train over the surface are reserved for track maintenance crews "to be working the track in like a racetrack should be worked in before it's ready and safe for training and racing," Koch said.

Mick Peterson, the director of the Racetrack Safety Program and a professor of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering at the University of Kentucky, has been retained as a consultant by TSG for the project.

HORSE TRAINERS AND OTHER EMPLOYERS MAY FILE H-2B VISA PETITIONS FOR RETURNING WORKERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

Horse trainers and other employers who rely on the H-2B visa guest worker program may file petitions for returning workers only if they are likely to suffer irreparable harm without these additional workers. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that petitioners must file a new **Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker** by September 15, together with an approved and valid temporary labor certification that states an employment start date for the second half of the fiscal year. They also must attest that these noncitizens are returning workers who were issued an H-2B visa or otherwise granted H-2B status in FY 2018, 2019 or 2020.

The FY 2021 H-2B supplemental visa temporary final rule published in May offered employers 22,000 supplemental H-2B visas for FY 2021. Of these, 6,000 were reserved for nationals of the Northern Triangle countries of Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala and 16,000 for returning workers. Although the USCIS announced that they had received enough petitions for the 16,000 visas initially made available for returning workers, it did not receive enough to reach the 6,000 allocated for workers from the Northern Triangle countries. The remaining visas are now available, as long as the supply lasts, to eligible H-2B returning workers from any country.

"Horse trainers should file petitions well in advance of the September 15 deadline due to the limited number of these supplemental H-2B visas," said NTRA President and CEO Alex Waldrop. "We recognize the frustrations trainers have with the program, mainly with the limited annual supply of H-2B visas, but are pleased to see this opportunity for them. The NTRA continues to support efforts to reform guest worker visa programs in general."

The H-2B visa guest worker program is a nonimmigrant visa program used by many industries that need temporary non-agricultural help when domestic workers are unavailable. For the horse racing industry, trainers rely heavily on the H-2B program to fill various backside positions.



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Peterson fielded a question about the markedly different coloring of the new cushion by explaining its reddish hue is by design.

“The color does matter, and that's one of the tests we do,” Peterson said. “A small amount of iron oxide can make a big difference in the way it performs. That will tend to be redder. Not surprisingly--it's rust.”

As for the grass course, Koch said, “The turf at Laurel is looking great.”

But Koch quickly added the caveat that “it is suffering from some heat stress,” which is a typical mid-summer problem in the region.

Koch said the deep-tine aeration strategy that has been implemented throughout the course since the spring thaw has now been paused during the summer heat, but he added that it will probably become a permanent part of Laurel's ongoing turf maintenance.

“I can say this with confidence: The turf course is now draining way, way better than it was a year ago and it will continue to make improvements,” Koch said.

Racing continues at Pimlico through Aug. 22, then moves to Timonium during the Maryland State Fair Aug. 27-Sept. 6. Opening day at Laurel is Sept. 9.

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VET WHO ALLEGEDLY BRAGGED ABOUT SELLING PEDS TO CHANGE PLEA

by T.D. Thornton

Kristian Rhein, a veterinarian formerly based at Belmont Park whom federal prosecutors allegedly have on tape bragging that he sold “assloads” of the illegal performance-enhancing drug SGF-1000, has been granted an Aug. 3 change-of-plea hearing at which he is expected to alter his initial “not guilty” plea in the highly publicized racehorse doping scandal.

Rhein was allegedly part of a “widespread, corrupt scheme” dating to at least 2017 that allegedly involved the now-barred trainers Jorge Navarro and Jason Servis, plus a vast network of co-conspirators who allegedly manufactured, mislabeled, rebranded, distributed and administered performance-enhancing drugs to racehorses all across America and in international races.

Rhein's desire to change his plea comes just days after co-defendant Michael Kegley Jr. entered a guilty plea to one count of drug adulteration and misbranding July 23 in United States District Court (Southern District of New York) as part of a plea bargain agreement. Kegley will be sentenced Nov. 22.

Kegley told a federal judge last Friday that, “Beginning in 2016, I was an independent contractor for a company, MediVet Equine. We sold a variety of products, including SGF-1000. I sold

these products to veterinarians, horse trainers. When I did that I knew there was no medical prescription for those products. Also at the time, I knew that the product was not manufactured in an FDA approved facility, nor was it approved for sale by the FDA.”

According to the initial March 2020 indictment, Rhein was one of those veterinarians to whom Kegley routinely sold SGF-1000.

SGF-1000, according to the indictment, was allegedly a drug of choice administered to racehorses trained by Servis, including to the disqualified 2019 GI Kentucky Derby winner **Maximum Security**.

According to the indictment, on June 5, 2019, **Maximum Security** was subjected to out-of-competition drug testing. This was allegedly a short time after the colt had received a shot of SGF-1000. Servis called Rhein out of concerns the colt might test positive.

“They don't even have a test for it in America,” Rhein allegedly told Servis during a wiretapped conversation, adding that the presence of SGF-1000 could, however, return a false positive for “Dex.”

The indictment stated that later that same day, Servis received a promise from another veterinarian who agreed to falsify records to make it appear that **Maximum Security** was treated with “Dex” and not the illegal SGF-1000.

On July 16, 2019, on another recorded phone call, Rhein and Kegley allegedly discussed how Servis and his associates are “buying literally as much” SGF-1000 as Rhein was able to source from Kegley's firm.

The indictment stated that “Rhein bragged that he was selling ‘assloads’ of SGF-1000.”

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ERIC GUSTAVSON JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM



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Following the tragic loss of Coolmore's cornerstone stallion Galileo, champion sire Into Mischief has suddenly found himself at center stage as the top stallion in the world in just about every category. On this week's TDN Writers' Room podcast presented by Keeneland, the crew sat down with Eric Gustavson of Spendthrift Farm, a new sponsor of the show, to talk about their rise of success with the son of Harlan's Holiday.

"For us to have Into Mischief is the classic case of how a rising tide lifts all boats," said Gustavson, who joined in as the Green Group Guest of the Week. "He's our rising tide and he brings so much attention to the farm. He's so powerful and dominant in so many categories as a stallion and it's mind blowing that you could ever have one like this. That he is considered one of the all-time greats, if not the best in the world, is really humbling."

Gustavson, who serves on the Board of the Directors for Breeders' Cup, also spoke out on racing's urgent need for change.

"The industry is so fractious...with the issues of lack of uniformity in medications and things like that," he said. "The industry cannot grow unless these things start to change. We need to have innovation. We need to have inclusion. We need to have uniformity to the point where we're not dysfunctional and referring to a weak regulatory system. These are the kinds of things that I would like to help change because we're just stuck. There is a lot of talk about the pros and cons of the government coming in and being involved with control over the drug issues. A lot of people are against it, but my feelings are that we have to do something and if this is the only way to do it, then so be it. Let's have the uniformity and have some kind of oversight that has some teeth."

Elsewhere on Wednesday's podcast, which welcomed the Minnesota Thoroughbred Association 2021 Yearling Sale in joining additional sponsors West Point Thoroughbreds and Legacy Bloodstock, the writers recapped another great week of racing at Saratoga, discussed the recent controversy with trainer Marcus Vitali and looked forward to this weekend's racing at the Spa and beyond.

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ON THE ROAD TO 9,446



Steve Asmussen is nearing the record for most-ever wins by a North American-based trainer as he closes in on Dale Baird's mark of 9,445 wins. The TDN is monitoring his progress daily.

Baird: 9,445

Asmussen: 9,436

Wednesday: Steve Asmussen moved one race closer to breaking the record with a win by Hillstone Martini (Kantharos) in the sixth at Indiana Grand, a maiden special weight race for 2-year-old fillies. His other starter at Indy, Country Time (Lemon Drop Kid), failed to hit the board. He was also winless at Saratoga, where Honey I'm Good (Shackleford) could not pull off the upset in the GII Honorable Miss S.

Thursday: Asmussen's lone runners Thursday will both race at Saratoga, where he has two entered, including Captain Bombastic (Forty Tales) in the John Morrissey H.

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CHURCHILL UNVEILS RENOVATION PLANS

Churchill Downs has unveiled plans for three capital investments to the historic Louisville track, beginning with the Homestretch Club for Kentucky Derby 2022 and culminating with a paddock area redesign for the 150th running of the Kentucky Derby in 2024.

The Homestretch Club will renovate and update the grandstand area adjacent to the Twin Spires along the track's homestretch. The project will convert what is currently outdoor bleacher seating next to the Winner's Circle Suites and below the Jockey Club Suites into three unique seating options with all-inclusive amenities. Ticketed guests in the Homestretch Club will have access to 18,600 sq. ft. of new interior premium hospitality space in the first-floor concourse area.

In total, the \$45-million project will provide for 3,250 all-inclusive seats, which is 1,950 fewer reserved seats than were previously in this area. It is expected to be completed by the 2022 Derby.

The Turn 1 Experience will introduce permanent all-inclusive stadium seats at Churchill Downs in a unique location with exclusive views of the Kentucky Derby walkover and the picturesque first turn framed by the Twin Spires. The project will upgrade and expand what is currently 3,400 temporary Oaks and Derby seats to 5,100 all-inclusive permanent stadium seats with significantly improved amenities designed to enhance the overall guest experience. The permanent construction will also add a climate-controlled hospitality venue below the new stadium seats that will serve as premium seating for up to 2,000 guests.

In total, the project will provide for 7,100 all-inclusive seats, which is 3,700 more reserved seats than were previously in this area. The \$90-million Turn 1 Experience is scheduled for completion in time for the 2023 Derby.

The final project, the Paddock Area Redesign, is still in the early design stage, with plans to introduce new and innovative seating and experiences.

"We have so much to anticipate as we look toward the 150th Kentucky Derby in 2024," said Mike Anderson, president of Churchill Downs Racetrack. "We've listened to our customers' feedback over the years and the response to those demands can be seen in these upcoming capital projects. The design of each will blend 147 years of tradition with an updated atmosphere that celebrates our storied past and ushers in a spectacular future for Churchill Downs."

Also Wednesday, Churchill Downs Incorporated announced a \$76-million expansion at its Louisville gaming facility, Derby City Gaming, that includes construction of a hotel, additional gaming positions and expansion of the current amenities.

"Derby City Gaming continues to exceed the company's expectations," said Bill Carstanjen, CEO of CDI. "The expansion of this premier gaming property is intended to create an elevated experience for our guests that is inclusive of all their hospitality needs and is anticipated to fuel ongoing growth in purse contributions for Churchill Downs Racetrack."

Construction on the project is scheduled to begin in early 2022 pending rezoning review and approval by the City of Louisville. The expanded gaming floor is targeted to open in late 2022 and the hotel is expected to open in the spring of 2023.

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ELLIS PARK TRACTOR DRIVER PASSES AWAY

Dorris "Heavy" Watson, the driver of the tractor that [hit the inner rail Friday at Ellis Park](#), necessitating the moving of two turf races on the card to the dirt, has died. He had experienced a medical emergency during track maintenance and was taken to the hospital.

Watson began his Ellis Park career in 1997 and was well known at the track. Service arrangements are pending.

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FIGUEROA & MEJIA ON THE MEND

Jockey Heriberto Figueroa, injured in a spill at Monmouth Park last Sunday, will resume riding at the track during Friday's card. Tomas Mejia, who was involved in the same spill, is likely to be out at least one more week while he recovers, according to the agents for both riders.

"He's doing fine and ready to ride again," said John Salamone, Figueroa's agent. "He's 100%."

As for Mejia, his agent Robert Tuccille said he is taking extra time as a precaution.

"He is feeling a lot better, but we're going to take the safe approach and not rush back so he will not ride this weekend," said Tuccille. "He's just sore, so we'll give it another week. The plan is for him to resume riding next weekend."

Both riders were transported by ambulance to Monmouth Medical Center following the spill in Sunday's fifth race. Both were released later that night.

The incident occurred when Mejia's mount, Service With Honor, appeared to clip heels with a tiring One More Nightcap coming out of final turn of the mile and a sixteenth starter allowance on the grass, with Mejia slamming into the turf. Figueroa, aboard Rose for a Saint, went down trying to avoid Service With Honor.

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SAM HOUSTON 2022 MEET TO OPEN JAN. 6

Sam Houston Race Park's expanded 50-day Thoroughbred meet will begin next Jan. 6 and will continue through Apr. 9. The dates were approved by the Texas Racing Commission Tuesday.

Sam Houston Race Park was granted 46 Thoroughbred days in 2021 and had one of its most successful seasons since it opened in 1994 as the first Class 1 racetrack in Texas. One of the major highlights was its \$5.3-million handle for the annual Houston Racing Festival. Sam Houston Race Park also received approval for its annual Quarter Horse racing season. The 25-day meet will begin Apr. 22 and continue through June 18.

"We are pleased that we have approval for next year's live racing schedule," said Dwight Berube, Sam Houston Race Park's General Manager. "We are in the midst of planning for 2022 and look to build on the momentum that we were able to achieve this year."

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NYRA TO HONOR JOHNSTONE

The New York Racing Association will honor the late horseman when it presents the Bruce Johnstone Best Turned Out Horse Award to the groom of the horse deemed by NYRA racing officials to be best presented in the paddock ahead of the GI Longines Test at Saratoga Aug. 7. The winning groom will receive a \$150 gift card.

Johnstone, who passed last February, transitioned from a successful career as a trainer to management at NYRA, where he spent the last 13 years of his career as Manager of Racing Operations.

"Bruce was a true horseman who used the lessons of a lifetime to make all of us better in so many big and small ways," said NYRA President & CEO Dave O'Rourke. "He was a man of impeccable integrity who was a beloved member of the Thoroughbred racing community here in New York and around the country. Bruce was universally admired for all the right reasons--and he is missed."

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SWINGLEY HONORED BY ITOBA

Longtime Indiana horseman Duane Swingley was honored by the Indiana Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association during a winner's circle presentation during the races at Indiana Grand Tuesday.

"Duane has dedicated a lot of years to the sport of horse racing," said Tom Mosley, president of ITOBA. "Even before the first pari-mutuel race and even before the first slot machine, Duane has been committed to the betterment of the sport in our state."

Swingley, who was joined in the winner's circle by members of ITOBA along with Indiana Grand management, received a plaque and belt buckle for more than 50 years of service to Indiana horse racing.

Swingley is a longtime board member for ITOBA and currently serves as first vice president of the executive board. In addition to being an active trainer and owner, Swingley also owns and operates Duane Swingley Auctioneers. Each fall he handles the details for ITOBA's Fall Mixed Sale. This year's event is set for Saturday, Oct. 16 beginning at 1 p.m. in the Receiving Barn at Indiana Grand.

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JOHN SHEAR RETIRES

John Shear, Santa Anita's 100-year-old Paddock Captain, announced his retirement Monday after 60 years of service at the Arcadia track.

"It's official, I have retired from work," Shear wrote in a tweet Monday. "For 60 years, I worked all the Southern California racetracks, met many incredible people and saw the best horses. It has been a career I look back [upon] with great pride and wonderful memories. I'm in great health and will visit Santa Anita as a fan."

Santa Anita will honor the man who gained national attention nine years ago when he heroically threw himself between an on-rushing loose horse and a 5-year-old girl, with a special paddock dedication and ceremony on opening day of the 2021 Autumn Meet Oct. 1.

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NEW VOCATIONS TO HOST 18TH ANNUAL THOROUGHBRED SHOW

New Vocations, the country's oldest and largest racehorse adoption program, will host the 18th Annual All-Thoroughbred Charity Horse Show Sept. 3-5. The event will be held at Highfields Event Center in Aiken, S.C. Iris Smith Stable, LLC will be the title sponsor.

One of the largest fundraisers for New Vocations, the annual show was held virtually last year due to COVID-19. As a way of showcasing the versatility of Thoroughbred athletes, classes will include hunter, jumper, combined test, pleasure, in-hand, dressage, and western. An exhibitor's party will take place on the Friday of the event and a live concert will be held Saturday.

"We are excited to welcome Thoroughbreds and their exhibitors back to compete and connect with others who share the same love and passion for the breed," said Anna Ford, program director for New Vocations. "The support we have received for this year's show has been simply amazing. So many Thoroughbred owners, breeders, trainers, industry partners, and fans have become sponsors of the event."

Entries are open until Aug. 27 to any Thoroughbred registered with The Jockey Club's Thoroughbred Incentive Program (T.I.P.). For sponsorship information or any other questions, please visit newvocations.org/event_detail/24.

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LONGRUN HOLDS VIRTUAL RACE TO THE PLATE

A total of 39 graduates of LongRun, one of the first adoption and placement programs for Thoroughbred racehorses in Ontario, are part of Race to the Plate, an initiative that invites people to sponsor a horse to a maximum of \$25 per person, with each \$5 donation providing one length for the horse as part of a contest that culminates with a winner being announced Aug. 22, Queen's Plate day, at Woodbine Racetrack.

"One of our TAA [Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance] partners, Maryland Horse Rescue, they did an event like this around the Preakness," said Pappas, LongRun's Chair and one of its founding members. "We thought it was a great idea. We're not able to have a big gala like we usually do to fundraise, so this was this alternative. And it seems to be working out extremely well."

Photos and short bios of the horses are featured on the LongRun [website](#).

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lexitonian	Speightstown	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Lezcano	118
2	Mischevious Alex 🌿	Into Mischief	Cash is King LLC and LC Racing	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	124
3	Firenze Fire	Poseidon's Warrior	Mr. Amore Stable	Breen	Ortiz	122
4	Strike Power 🌿	Speightstown	Courtlandt Farms	Asmussen	Gaffalione	118
5	Three Technique 🌿	Mr Speaker	August Dawn Farm	Englehart	Franco	117
6	Whitmore	Pleasantly Perfect	LaPenta, R, Moquett, R & Head of Plains Partners	Moquett	Santana, Jr.	123
7	Miles Ahead 🌿	Competitive Edge	Melin, David, Ellman, Leon and Plesa, Laurie	Arnold, II	Saez	118
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9	Special Reserve	Midshipman	Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David	Maker	Rosario	119

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Mr Amore Stables, 4-Courtlandt Farm, 5-Omega Farm LLC & Bally Breeders, 6-John Liviakis, 7-Nicholas M. Lotz & Betsy Kelley, 8-Mike G. Rutherford, 9-Russell L. Reineman Stable, Inc

Saturday, Del Mar #10, post time: 9:30 p.m. EDT

BING CROSBY S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Shooters Shoot 🌿	Competitive Edge	ERJ Racing, Exline-Border Racing & Hudock, Dan	Eurton	McCarthy	122
2	Vertical Threat 🌿	Tapiture	MyRacehorse and Slam Dunk Racing	Baltas	Bravo	122
3	C Z Rocket	City Zip	Altamira Racing Stable, Madaket Stables LLC, Barber, Gary and Kagele, Tom	Miller	Geroux	122
4	Law Abidin Citizen 🌿	Twirling Candy	Agnew, Dan J., Schneider, Gerry and Xitco, John V.	Glatt	Barnett	122
5	Quick Tempo	Tapizar	Dare To Dream Stable LLC	Davis	Rispoli	118
6	Collusion Illusion 🌿	Twirling Candy	Agnew, D, Schneider, J, Orr, R & MyRacehorse.com	Glatt	Baze	124
7	Eight Rings 🌿	Empire Maker	Coolmore Stud, Golconda Stable, Madaket Stables SF Racing LLC and Starlight Racing	Baffert	Cedillo	122
8	Dr. Schivel 🌿	Violence	Red Baron's Barn, Rancho Temescal, Branch, William A. and Reeves, William Dean	Glatt	Prat	120
9	Brickyard Ride	Clubhouse Ride	Alfred Pais	Lewis	Hernandez	124

Breeders: 1-Nancy C. Shuford, 2-Albert Davis & Teresa Davis, 3-Farm III Enterprises LLC, 4-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc, 5-Albert G Bell & Joyce E Bell, 6-Donald R. Dizney, LLC, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-William A. Branch & Arnold R. Hill, 9-Alfred A. Pais

“Keeneland September is the heart of the global yearling market and Taylor Made September is a microcosm of Keeneland September. It’s all about quality in quantity.”

— MARK TAYLOR

Among the most successful horses sold by Taylor Made at the September Sale are recent Grade 1 winners Improbable, Mischevious Alex, Princess Noor, Vexatious and more.

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Saturday, Saratoga #9, post time: 5:39 p.m. EDT**JIM DANDY S.-GII, \$600,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dr Jack 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Harrell Ventures, LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz	118
2	Masqueparade 🌿	Upstart	FTGGG Racing	Stall, Jr.	Mena	120
3	Weyburn	Pioneerof the Nile	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Jerkens	Ortiz, Jr.	120
4	Keepmeinmind	Laoban	Cypress Creek Equine, Bennewith, Arnold and Spendthrift Farm LLC	Diodoro	Rosario	120
5	Essential Quality	Tapit	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Saez	124
6	Risk Taking 🌿	Medaglia d'Oro	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Franco	120

Breeders: 1-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables, 2-Brereton C. Jones, 3-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 4-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 5-Godolphin, 6-G. Watts Humphrey Jr.

Saturday, Saratoga #10, post time: 6:13 p.m. EDT**BOWLING GREEN S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Channel Cat	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Velazquez	122
2	Cross Border 🌿	English Channel	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Saez	122
3	Breakpoint (Chi)	Constitution	Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, Don Alberto Stable, Siena Farm LLC and Drown, Jeff	Brown	Castellano	120
4	Rockemperor (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Madaket Stables, Dubb, Michael, Wonder Stables, Kisber, Michael E. and Caruso, Michael J.	Brown	Rosario	118
5	Channel Maker 🌿	English Channel	Wachtel Stable, Barber, Gary, R. A. Hill Stable and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Mott	Franco	124
6	Red Knight	Pure Prize	Trinity Farm	Mott	Gaffalione	120
7	Moon Over Miami	Malibu Moon	Summer Wind Equine	Mott	Alvarado	122
8	Shamrocket 🌿	Tonalist	Donegal Racing	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Berkshire Stud & B. D. Gibbs, 3-Haras Don Alberto, 4-Haras du Mezeray, 5-Tall Oaks Farm, 6-Trinity Farm, LLC, 7-Summer Wind Equine, 8-Rustlewood Farm, Inc.

Saturday, Monmouth #10, post time: 4:33 p.m. EDT**MONMOUTH OAKS-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	She a Hot Mess	Union Rags	Cantrell Family Partnership	Brinkman	Diaz, Jr.	115
2	Midnight Obsession	Overanalyze	Main Line Racing Stable	Servis	Lopez	115
3	Leader of the Band	Bandbox	SMD Limited	Servis	Pennington	117
4	Gigi B. 🌿	Street Sense	George Chris Coleman	Walsh	Ferrer	117
5	Orbs Baby Girl 🌿	Orb	Triple JD Stable and A R M Racing LLC	Margotta, Jr.	Sanchez	119
6	Allworthy 🌿	Tonalist	Slam Dunk Racing, S Joseph, D Damen, D Damico, Bouchey, S, Parkinson Goodrich, K-Mac Stables & Martin, B	Joseph, Jr.	Corrales	115
7	Miss Leslie	Paynter	BB Horses	Gonzalez	Laprida	119
8	Coppelia 🌿	Not This Time	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Juarez	117
9	Edie Meeny Miny Mo	Upstart	Holly Hill Stables, LLC	Vera	Espinoza	115

Breeders: 1-Cantrel Family Partnership, Ltd., 2-Four Bucks Racing, 3-SMD, Ltd., 4-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables, 5-Castleton Lyons and Kilboy Estate, 6-R. S. Evans, 7-Maxis Stable, 8-Gabriel Duignan & Crosshaven Bloodstock, 9-Dark Hollow Farm



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Gun Runner (2013) by <i>Candy Ride (Arg)</i> FYR: 2019 Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$50,000	--	1	--	--	--	--	17	7	88,988	397,704
2	Practical Joke (2014) by <i>Into Mischief</i> FYR: 2019 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$22,500	1	1	1	1	--	--	14	5	132,000	336,083
3	Caravaggio (2014) by <i>Scat Daddy</i> FYR: 2019 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$25,000	2	4	1	2	--	--	45	11	57,616	309,853
4	Stanford (2012) by <i>Malibu Moon</i> FYR: 2019 Stands: Tommy Town Thoroughbreds CA Fee: \$5,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	10	6	79,576	272,736
5	Connect (2013) by <i>Curlin</i> FYR: 2019 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	16	6	47,650	260,503
6	Klimt (2014) by <i>Quality Road</i> FYR: 2019 Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$10,000	--	1	--	--	--	--	26	5	43,820	254,174
7	Classic Empire (2014) by <i>Pioneer of the Nile</i> FYR: 2019 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$17,500	--	--	--	--	--	--	15	5	66,488	238,683
8	Unified (2013) by <i>Candy Ride (Arg)</i> FYR: 2019 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$10,000	1	1	--	--	--	--	9	3	147,698	234,958
9	Gormley (2014) by <i>Malibu Moon</i> FYR: 2019 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$5,000	--	1	--	1	--	--	14	4	66,724	182,341
10	Shaman Ghost (2012) by <i>Ghostzapper</i> FYR: 2019 Stands: Adena Springs North ON Fee: 7,500	1	1	--	--	--	--	22	5	28,820	178,217
11	Astern (Aus) (2013) by <i>Medaglia d'Oro</i> FYR: 2019 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$7,500	--	1	--	1	--	--	10	2	58,500	170,670
12	Mohaymen (2013) by <i>Tapit</i> FYR: 2019 Stands: Shadwell Farm KY Fee: \$7,500	--	--	--	--	--	--	14	6	34,360	164,649
13	American Freedom (2013) by <i>Pulpit</i> FYR: 2019 Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$6,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	16	5	47,910	159,551
14	Bal a Bali (Brz) (2010) by <i>Put It Back</i> FYR: 2019 Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: \$5,000	1	1	--	--	--	--	16	2	63,300	150,732
15	Straight Fire (2014) by <i>Dominus</i> FYR: 2019 Stands: Legacy Ranch CA Fee: \$3,500	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	3	51,000	122,608

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OBS BULLET BREEZER, CARAVAGGIO FILLY DEBUT IN SPA TURF SPRINT

6th-SAR, \$100k, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 3:55 p.m. ET

A pair of promising-looking juvenile fillies will make their respective debuts while breaking next door to each other in this Thursday turf dash. **EMPRESS TIGRESS (Classic Empire)** made a big splash at OBS April when breezing a quarter-mile in an eye-popping :20 2/5, one of only two horses in the entire sale to hit that mark, and landed with Augustin Stable after the hammer dropped for \$410,000. Trained by Jonathan Thomas, she's out of a half-sister to GSW/MGISP turfer Stays in Vegas (City Zip), while her second dam is a half to Persistently (Smoke Glacken), who upset the mighty Rachel Alexandra (**Medaglia d'Oro**) in the 2010 GI Personal Ensign S. over the Saratoga main track. Given the slight nod on the morning line one stall to her outside is **Her World (Ire) (Caravaggio)**, who looks to keep things rolling for her breakout freshman sire, already represented by 11 winners from his first crop of 2-year-olds. Trained by Wesley Ward, the \$400,000 Keeneland September buy shows a few snappy works over the Oklahoma turf, most recently going a half-mile in :49 flat (4/68) around dogs July 23. The gray is a half to Group 1-placed Consort (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) out of a half to MGSW Surya (Unbridled), who produced GISW Aruna (Mr. Greeley). Further down the page are six-time Grade I winner Miss Oceana (Alydar) and Group 1 winners Kitwood (Nureyev) and Magic of Life (Seattle Slew). **TJCS PPs --@JBiancaTDN**

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SUMMER BREEZES

Under-tack video of debuting juveniles* for Thursday, July 29

Saratoga 6

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price	Breeze
Bembang (Shanghai Bobby)	OBSJUN	\$65,000	click
Empress Tigress (Classic Empire)	OBSAPR	\$410,000	click

C: Niall Brennan Stables, agent; B-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners

C: Golden Rock Thoroughbreds; B-Donato Lanni, agent



Empress Tigress at OBS April | ThoroStride/Matt Goins

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

NEW YORK STALLION SERIES S., \$150,000, Saratoga, 7-28, (C), 3yo, 1mT, 1:35.83, fm.

1--STEP DANCER, 124, c, 3, by War Dancer

1st Dam: Just Be Steppin, by English Channel

2nd Dam: War Indian, by Indian Charlie

3rd Dam: Kadwah, by Mr. Prospector

O-Hayward R. & Donna R. Pressman & Diamond M Stable;
B-Sugar Plum Farm & Richard Pressman (NY); T-Barclay Tagg;
J-Dylan Davis. \$82,500. Lifetime Record: GSP, 7-3-1-2,
\$219,800.



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2--**Dreamer's Disease**, 121, g, 3, Laoban--Marketplace, by **Stormy Atlantic**. (\$74,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSMAR). O-Cypress Creek Equine & Arnold Bennewith; B-Southern Equine Stables, LLC (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro. \$30,000.

3--**It's Gravy**, 118, g, 3, **Freud**--It's Macaroni, by City Zip. O/B-Mr. Amore Stable (NY); T-Kelly J. Breen. \$18,000.

Another Travis Durr Graduate from Webb Carroll Training Center

Margins: NK, 4 3/4, NK. Odds: 1.45, 6.80, 15.50.

Also Ran: Gator Bite, Barrage, Devious Mo, Ocala Dream, Tales of Saratoga. Scratched: Market Alert.

Step Dancer, a 3 1/2-length winner on debut at 24-1 here last summer, was third in the GIII Pilgrim S. before annexing the Awad S. in his juvenile finale. Disappointing when eighth in the Cutler Bay S. making his 3-year-old bow Mar. 27 at Gulfstream, he ran a narrow third in a state-bred allowance May 13 at Belmont before completing the exacta in a different New York Stallion Series S. last out there June 19. Favored to get back on track, the bay settled third-last at the fence as Dreamer's Disease showed the way through splits of :23.80 and :48.77. Finding a seam in the two path approaching the lane as the pacesetter made a break for it, he closed with a flourish in the final furlong to just nail that rival in the shadow of the wire.

"Right out of the gate, he got squeezed and I was hoping to get some earlier position," said winning rider Dylan Davis. "After that, I had to go to Plan B, save all the ground into the first turn and I was happy with where I was at. Into the second turn, I was able to save ground again throughout maybe three quarters of that turn. The one horse [Dreamer's Disease] was getting away down the stretch, so I had to get into him a little earlier and he had a lot of ground to make up, but he was on a mission. He made up that ground nicely and ran superb today." **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**



Step Dancer runs down Dreamer's Disease | Sarah Andrew

Thursday, Saratoga, post time: 5:39 p.m. EDT

JOHN MORRISSEY S., (S), \$100,000, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Wow Brown	Big Brown	Davila Jr	Babcock	20-1
2 Captain Bombastic	Forty Tales	Santana Jr	Asmussen	12-1
3 My Boy Tate	Boys At Tosconova	Franco	Nevin	7-2
4 Our Last Buck	Courageous Cat	Saez	Nevin	7-2
5 Wudda U Think Now	Fast Anna	I Ortiz Jr	Rodriguez	3-1
6 Morning Breez	Morning Line	Lezcano	Reynolds	12-1
7 Foolish Ghost	Mineshaft	Rosario	Handal	9-2
8 Jemography	Big Brown	Davis	Hennig	6-1
9 Runningwscissors	Congaree	Gaffalione	Englehart	15-1



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Saratoga, \$100,000, Msw, 7-28, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49.51, ft, head.

VINDICTIVE (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Exotic Bloom {MSW-USA, GSP-Can, \$257,281}, by Montbrook), a half-brother to Stopchargingmaria (**Tale of the Cat**), MGISW, \$3,014,000, made no impact when fifth debuting over a Belmont dirt mile June 12 and was let go at 93-10 here as the money poured in on well-regarded Cody's Wish (**Curlin**). The race changed immediately when that foe broke several lengths last, and Vindictive was hustled early to press the pace from second through a :23.81 quarter. The headstrong chalk tugged all the way up to duel with pacesetter Pipeline (**Speightstown**) past a :48.69 half, leaving Vindictive in the catbird seat heading into the far turn. Cody's Wish was the first to give out at the top of the lane and Vindictive found a game customer in Pipeline through the stretch, but gradually wore down his rival to prevail by a head. The winner's dam foaled a filly by **Curlin** this season before being bred to Authentic. Sales History: \$200,000 Ylg '19 KESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$58,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Grandview Equine, Cheyenne Stable, LLC & LNJ Foxwoods; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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5th-Saratoga, \$85,000, (S), Msw, 7-28, 2yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.79, fm, neck.

TIMBUKTU (c, 2, Munnings--Corner Three, by Scat Daddy) showed an upbeat worktab for this unveiling, capped by a half-mile breeze over the local main track in :48 flat (14/113) Saturday, and was backed accordingly as an 11-5 favorite. Off a touch awkwardly, the blaze-faced chestnut settled in seventh behind a :24.39 quarter and moved up a spot as the half went up in :50.59. Steadily reeling in the leaders three wide on the far turn, he put away Resilient Courage (Bourbon Courage) at the sixteenth pole and held late-closing longshot Achilles Heel (Fed Biz) at bay to score by a long neck. The winner's dam is responsible for a yearling filly by **Maclean's Music** and foaled a **Preservationist** filly this term. Sales History: \$25,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$46,750. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Calumet Farm; B-Masters 2013 (NY); T-Brad H. Cox.

THINK INDIAN CREEK

SONG HILL THOROUGHBREDS **FOALED & RAISED**



Timbuktu | Sarah Andrew

5th-Colonial Downs, \$53,500, Msw, 7-28, 2yo, 1mT, 1:35.93, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.

ELECTROSTATIC (c, 2, Midnight Storm--Extra Sharp, by Cherokee Run) showed a few lively drills at his trainer's Fair Hill base for this career bow, punctuated by a five-furlong bullet in 1:00 flat (1/10) July 6, and was made a 28-5 proposition. Sixth off of dueling leaders through a sizzling :22.32 quarter, the \$185,000 Fasig-Tipton Selected Yearling buy was shuffled back two places as the tempo moderated through a :46.99 half. Saving ground while patiently handled on the far bend, the long-striding bay bravely squeezed through a narrow rail

opening at the furlong grounds and bounded clear to a sharp 2 1/2-length graduation over longshot Speaking Scout (**Mr Speaker**). The second winner for his freshman sire (by Pioneer of the Nile), Electrostatic is a half to Colonel Sharp (Colonel John), MSW & GSP, \$376,384. His second dam is seven-time Grade I-winning multimillionaire Sharp Cat (Storm Cat), herself a half to MGISW and sire Royal Anthem (Theatrical {Ire}). Extra Sharp has a yearling **Dialed In** colt and produced a filly by **Audible** this season. Sales History: \$185,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Mark B. Grier; B-Susan Casner (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour.

6th-Indiana Grand, \$36,700, Msw, 7-28, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.76, ft, 1/2 length.

HILLSTONE MARTINI (f, 2, Kantharos--Indiana Charmer, by Indian Charlie) ran a pace-chasing third on debut July 3 at Lone Star and was made the 13-10 chalk to go two better here. Sent to the front, the \$80,000 Fasig-Tipton October purchase dueled with a longshot through a :22.75 quarter, lost the lead narrowly to her rival on the turn, but re-asserted command passing a :46.45 half and held sway late from 22-1 closer Bella Bolle (Mondavi) for a half-length success. The winner has a yearling half-sister by Attila's Storm and her dam was paired with **Practical Joke** this spring. Sales History: \$80,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$24,822. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-J. Kirk & Judy Robison; B-Fred Alexander (NM); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

LEGACY GRADUATE



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3rd-Indiana Grand, \$34,000, Msw, 7-28, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.68, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

GRATZ PARK (f, 2, **Upstart--Woodford Girl, by Honour and Glory)** ran an even sixth when debuting in the local slop July 8 and was pegged as a 13-2 chance here. Bobbling and bumped some at the start, the dark bay ran in a distant fifth early. Still with a lot to do as late as the eighth pole, she came alive in the final sixteenth and charged past tiring odds-on favorite Head Start (**Upstart**) to win going away by 1 1/2 lengths, giving her second-crop sire the exacta. The victress, a half to Rich Mommy (**Algorithms**), GSW, \$249,815, has a yearling half-brother by **Frosted**. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$20,740. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Lantern Hill Farm LLC & Roger McDaniel; B-Lantern Hill Farm LLC (KY); T-Rey Hernandez.



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Airoforce (Colonel John), Equistar Training and Breeding Center, \$2,500

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

5-Belterra, Msw 5f, Shady Baby, 15-1

American Freedom (Pulpit), Airdrie Stud, \$6,000

125 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners

3-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, Jack's Ruca, 10-1

\$10,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$7,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Bal a Bali (Brz) (Put It Back), Calumet Farm, \$5,000

98 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner

5-Canterbury, Msw 5f, Rollin Blackout, 15-1

\$19,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$15,000 OBS APR 2yo

Caravaggio (Scat Daddy), Ashford Stud, \$25,000

154 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners

6-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2fT, Her World (Ire), 5-2

\$400,000 KEE SEP yrl

Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, \$17,500

116 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners

6-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2fT, Empress Tigress, 8-1

\$37,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$410,000 OBS APR 2yo

Connect (Curlin), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000

119 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners

3-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, Beneath the Stars, 5-1

\$1,500 FTK OCT yrl

Klimt (Quality Road), Darby Dan Farm, \$10,000

153 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners

4-Thistledown, Msw 5 1/2f, Rumble Strip Ron, 7-2

\$45,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Segovia (Unbridled's Song)

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

8-Thistledown, Msw 5 1/2f, Playing Ball, 8-1

Union Jackson (Curlin), Sequel New York, \$2,500

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

3-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, I B Nasty, 15-1

\$9,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JULY 29

2021 Stud Fees Listed

Air Force Blue (War Front), Ashford Stud, \$10,000

179 foals of racing age/36 winners/1 black-type winner

6-Arlington, Msw 5fT, Miss High N Mighty, 5-1

Candy Dandy (Candy Ride {Arg})

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

1-Canterbury, Msw 5f, Ears to Me, 12-1

Golden Years (Not For Love), O'Sullivan Farms, \$1,500
 25 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, Blue N Gold, 2-1

Not This Time (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made Farm, \$40,000
 205 foals of racing age/52 winners/9 black-type winners
 2-Thistledown, Msw 6f, Carson City Storm, 10-1
 \$8,200 KEE SEP yrl

Tourist (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$5,000
 158 foals of racing age/35 winners/1 black-type winner
 4-Arlington, Msw 5f, Journeyist, 7-2



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STAKES RESULTS:

HARD SPUN S., \$100,000, Presque Isle Downs, 7-27, (S), 3yo/up,
 1m 70y (AWT), 1:40.86, ft.

- 1--**WAIT FOR IT, 117, g, 6, Uptowncharlybrown--Kimberley Diamond, by Posse.** O-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC; B-Fantasy Lane Stable (PA); T-Edward J. Coletti, Jr.; J-Anthony Y. Nunez. \$59,400. Lifetime Record: 30-12-6-3, \$619,228.
 - 2--**Viski Jones, 116, g, 8, Smarty Jones--Viski, by Peteski.** (\$7,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG). O-Odin Londono III; B-Maria Montez Haire (PA); T-Michelle Winters. \$19,800.
 - 3--**Ravens Delight, 121, g, 6, Great Notion--Darn That Raven, by Dance With Ravens.** O-Joseph E. Besecker; B-Elizabeth R. Houghton (PA); T-Hugh I. McMahon. \$10,890.
- Margins: 1, 1, NK. Odds: 0.70, 33.10, 2.60.

- BARBOSA MEMORIAL S.**, \$41,040, Camarero, 7-26, 4yo/up,
 1 1/4m, 2:05.05, my.
 - 1--**WALKOFF, 117, g, 5, by Street Sense--Flying Train (MSP, \$126,630), by Empire Maker. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Sonata Stable; B-Repole Stable Inc (KY); T-Ramon Morales; J-Javier Santiago. \$23,803. Lifetime Record: 18-7-3-3, \$193,869.
 - 2--**Precise Dancer, 124, c, 4, Verrazano--Sky Bird, by Birdstone.** (\$5,500 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR). O-Sonata Stable; B-Kip McCreery & Bill Oppenheim (KY); T-Jose D. Velez. \$8,208.
 - 3--**Pradar, 117, g, 5, Skipshot--Heatherthefeather, by Macho Uno.** O-Sonata Stable; B-Mikhail Yanakov (KY); T-Edwin Diaz, Jr. \$4,104.
- Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 7.55, 0.45, 22.50.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

- 7th-Saratoga, \$110,000, (NW3\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 7-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.32, fm, 2 lengths.**
- l'LLHANDALTHECASH (m, 5, Point of Entry--Sudden Ghost {SW}, by Ghostzapper)** Lifetime Record: 17-4-1-2, \$268,022. O-VinLaur Racing Stables, LLC, Dark Horse Racing Stable & Taste Of Victory Stables LLC; B-Wynnstay LLC & Jay McKee (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$1,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$150,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.



- 8th-Saratoga, \$103,000, 7-28, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:02.38, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.**
- NOBLE EMOTION (g, 4, Noble Mission {GB}--Emotional Words, by Curlin)** Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-0, \$182,602. O-Michael J. Ryan & Sarah Sutherland; B-Graceville Breeding (NY); T-Horacio DePaz. *\$40,000 Ylg '18 SARAUG.

THINK INDIAN CREEK

Broken & Trained by **KARL KEEGAN, LUCAN BLOODSTOCK**

- 7th-Colonial Downs, \$77,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 7-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.30 (NCR), fm, 1 1/4 lengths.**
- FESTIVE STAR (GB) (f, 4, Golden Horn {GB}--Festoso {Ire} {SW & G1SP-Eng, \$144,335}, by Diesis {GB})** Lifetime Record: SW & Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ity, SP-Fr & SP-Eng, 11-4-0-2, \$109,954. O-Heider Family Stables LLC; B-Sun Kingdom Pty LTD (GB); T-Brendan P. Walsh. 35,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT.

- 8th-Colonial Downs, \$64,000, 7-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:02.82, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.**
- INHALATION (GB) (g, 4, Bated Breath {GB}--Al Joudha {Fr}, by Green Desert)** Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-3, \$46,012. O/T-Edward Vaughan; B-Pantile Stud (GB). *\$32,000gns RNA Ylg '18 TAOCT.

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8th-Colonial Downs, \$58,000, 7-28, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.00, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

SAIL ON ELLEN (f, 4, American Pharoah--Dame Ellen {SW}, by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 15-2-3-5, \$137,620. O-Hoi Fung; B-Double Duck, Inc. (KY); T-Michelle Lovell.

8th-Parx Racing, \$56,050, 7-28, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.44, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

PRINCE OF RAIN (g, 4, El Padrino--Cimarron Rain, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 7-3-3-1, \$102,842. O-Z and Z Stables; B-Angelo Zalalas (PA); T-Michael Zalalas.

9th-Parx Racing, \$46,500, 7-28, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70yT, 1:40.15, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

ZEYARAAT (f, 3, Honor Code--Buneya, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$61,000. O-Shadwell Stable; B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY); T-Michael V. Pino.

7th-Delaware, \$45,505, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 7-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.27, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

CHARGE ACCOUNT (f, 4, Take Charge Indy--Candy Trophy, by Candy Ride {Arg}) Lifetime Record: SP, 22-8-2-3, \$181,862. O-Kenwood Racing LLC & Degaetano and Pastore, Inc.; B-D. J. Stable (KY); T-Kelly J. Breen. *\$14,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT.

8th-Indiana Grand, \$43,000, (S), 7-27, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38.09, fm, 1 length.

BREWSKY (f, 4, Strong Contender--C O Barqueen, by Thunder Gulch) Lifetime Record: 20-3-2-5, \$108,208. O/B/T-Marvin A. Johnson (IN).

7th-Indiana Grand, \$42,000, (S), 7-28, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:29.32, fm, 3/4 length.

LEADING THE CHARGE (g, 4, Suntracrer--Dashel, by Cashel Castle) Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1, \$99,440. O/B-Team Block (IN); T-Robert E. Dobbs, Jr.

7th-Indiana Grand, \$41,000, (S), 7-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.71, fm, 3 1/2 lengths.

NAUGHTY JUSTICE (f, 4, Elusive Bluff--Pink Kitten, by Kitten's Joy) Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-3, \$75,170. O-Gene Austin; B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (IN); T-Aaron M. West.

7th-Penn National, \$34,160, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 7-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :57.96, ft, head.

CHILLY SKY (f, 4, Sky Mesa--Holiday Chills, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-4-2-2, \$123,772. O-Alexander R. Levengood; B-Horseshoe Valley Equine Center LLC (PA); T-Brandon L. Kulp. *1/2 to Chilly Start (Jump Start), SP, \$335,711; and Chilly in Charge (Take Charge Indy), SW, \$296,289.

7th-Thistledown, \$32,500, 7-28, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.22, ft, 6 lengths.

DOUGIE D ORO (g, 5, Mio d'Oro--Do the Tiger, by Hold That Tiger) Lifetime Record: 7-5-0-1, \$99,315. O/T-Jerry S. Sparks; B-Douglas Shanyfelt (OH).

7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$31,880, (S), 7-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.98, ft, 6 1/2 lengths.

PRINCESS JAVONCIA (f, 4, Animal Kingdom--Dancinginthestreet, by Street Boss) Lifetime Record: 17-2-4-4, \$63,032. O-Greyledge Thoroughbreds; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Timothy E. Hamm. *\$6,000 Ylg '18 KESEP.

6th-Penn National, \$31,600, (S), 7-27, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.24, ft, 3/4 length.

TRADERS LUCK (g, 3, Weigelia--Deanies Dancer, by Lion Hearted) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$39,816. O-Sylmar Farm; B-Elizabeth R. Houghton (PA); T-T. Bernard Houghton.

3rd-Penn National, \$29,120, 7-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.74, fm, 1/2 length.

UNCLE ANDREW (g, 4, Jack Milton--Bonnie Rose, by Hansel) Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-2, \$71,430. O-David R. Lengel; B-Lazy Lane Farms, LLC. (VA); T-James L. Lawrence, II. *\$22,000 RNA Ylg '18 EASOCT; \$37,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

8th-Finger Lakes, \$26,550, 7-27, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.03, ft, nose.

TOMMY THE TORCH (g, 4, Golden Ticket--Peace Queen, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 15-4-2-2, \$67,687. O-Edwin J. Schatzel; B-James G. Doyle (NY); T-John Tebbutt.

9th-Finger Lakes, \$25,695, 7-28, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.47, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

TWICE SMITTEN (f, 3, Daredevil--Blue Valentine, by Silver Train) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-1, \$51,577. O/B-Windylea Farm, LLC (NY); T-Jonathan B. Buckley.

6th-Thistledown, \$25,500, 7-28, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.46, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

BOURBON SOCIAL (f, 3, Overanalyze--Bourbon and a Kiss, by Sky Mesa) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$30,118. O-Quarter Pole Investments, LLC; B-David Purcell (KY); T-Kevin Fletcher.

6th-Louisiana Downs, \$21,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 7-27, 3yo/up, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:43.82, sy, 1/2 length.

QUARTERBACK DAK (g, 4, Alternation--My Girl Bess, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-3, \$85,090. O-PH Stables LLC; B-Ed Few (TX); T-Al Cates. *\$18,500 Ylg '18 TTAMIX.

4th-Hastings Racecourse, C\$19,200, (NW3L)/Opt. Clm (\$9,963-\$12,753), 7-27, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.66, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

SLEW'S DA BOSS (g, 6, Cause to Believe--Slewpast {MSW & MGSP, \$281,769}, by Western Trick) Lifetime Record: MSP, 26-5-9-3, \$113,336. O-Mel Snow, Doug Corsan & Len Houweling; B-Foundation Racing Stable (BC); T-Mel Snow. *C\$6,500 Ylg '16 BRCSEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Evangeline Allons, f, 2, Dortmund--Serilda, by Etched. Colonial Downs, 7-28, (C), 5fT, :57.54. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$25,745. B-Bonita Farm & Partners (MD). *Second winner for freshman sire (by Big Brown).

Our Last Song, f, 2, Itsthesameoldsong--Oh So Easy (MSW, \$304,520), by Take That Step. Thistledown, 7-28, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.82. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,900. B-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC (OH). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Starlit Secret, f, 2, Secret Circle--Park View, by Quiet American. Thistledown, 7-28, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.88. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,900. B-Langsem Farm, Inc (OH). *\$7,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Vancouver's Hunter, g, 2, Vancouver (Aus)--Resonating, by Smart Strike. Hastings Racecourse, 7-27, (C), 6f, 1:14.01. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,768. B-Tod Mtn. Thoroughbreds (BC). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Victoria's Dance, f, 3, First Dude--Maria's Dance (SP, \$116,660), by Maria's Mon. Finger Lakes, 7-28, 5 1/2f, 1:06.88. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,960. B-Sally J. Andersen (FL). *\$1,200 Ylg '19 OBSOCT. **1/2 to Maria's Heart (Shanghai Bobby), MSP-Jpn, \$651,978. ***1ST-TIME STARTER.

Brooklyn's Dabomb, f, 3, Hit It a Bomb--Mix and Mingun, by Mingun. Colonial Downs, 7-28, 6f, 1:10.64. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$35,226. B-Thoroughbred Racing Nation (KY).

Holy Breeze, f, 3, Liam's Map--Holy Wine (SP), by Holy Bull. Finger Lakes, 7-28, 1m 40y, 1:45.04. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$25,582. B-Our Sugar Bear Stable & White Owl Stable (NY). \$70,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG.

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Eye Flirt, f, 3, Notional--Ancient Bells, by Harlan's Holiday. Indiana Grand, 7-28, (S), 6f, 1:11.62. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-1, \$38,850. B-Swifty Farms Inc. (IN). *\$8,500 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

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Sweet Sky, f, 3, Skylord--Sweetasnails, by Put It Back. Indiana Grand, 7-28, (S), 6f, 1:12.30. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,100. B-Ledgelands LLC & Amalio Garcia (IN). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Made to Hustle, f, 3, Weigelia--Notacloudinthesky (SW, \$145,307), by Weather Warning. Penn National, 7-27, 5fT, :56.76. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-1, \$38,794. B-Arrowwood Farm, Inc. (PA).

Mission Cat, f, 4, Mission Impazible--Kat Scratch Fever, by Forest Wildcat. Finger Lakes, 7-28, 5 1/2f, 1:06.37. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$27,285. B-Topsmeade LLC (NY).

Centrifuge, c, 4, Tapit--Serena's Cat (SW, \$131,391), by Storm Cat. Thistledown, 7-28, 1m, 1:40.04. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-0, \$27,705. B-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC & Hill N Dale Equine Holdings, Inc (KY). *\$700,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$67,000 4yo '21 FTKFEB. **1/2 to Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Ch. Older Horse & MGISW, \$2,518,260; Noble Tune (Unbridled's Song), MGSW & GISP, \$492,222; and Declarationofpeace (War Front), SW-USA & SP-Ire, \$160,864.



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American Pharoah, Sail On Ellen, f, 4, o/o Dame Ellen, by Elusive Quality. ALW, 7-28, Colonial Downs

Animal Kingdom, Princess Javoncia, f, 4, o/o Dancinginthestreet, by Street Boss. ALW, 7-27, Presque Isle Downs

Bated Breath (GB), Inhalation (GB), g, 4, o/o Al Joudha (Fr), by Green Desert. ALW, 7-27, Colonial Downs

Cause to Believe, Slew's Da Boss, g, 6, o/o Slewpast, by Western Trick. AOC, 7-27, Hastings

Daredevil, Twice Smitten, f, 3, o/o Blue Valentine, by Silver Train. ALW, 7-28, Finger Lakes

Dortmund, Evangeline Allons, f, 2, o/o Serilda, by Etched. MCL, 7-28, Colonial Downs

El Padrino, Prince of Rain, g, 4, o/o Cimarron Rain, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 7-28, Parx Racing

Elusive Bluff, Naughty Justice, f, 4, o/o Pink Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. ALW, 7-27, Indiana Grand

First Dude, Victoria's Dance, f, 3, o/o Maria's Dance, by Maria's Mon. MSW, 7-28, Finger Lakes

Golden Horn (GB), Festive Star (GB), f, 4, o/o Festoso (Ire), by Diesis (GB). AOC, 7-28, Colonial Downs

Golden Ticket, Tommy the Torch, g, 4, o/o Peace Queen, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 7-27, Finger Lakes

Hit It a Bomb, Brooklynn's Dabomb, f, 3, o/o Mix and Mingun, by Mingun. MSW, 7-28, Colonial Downs

Honor Code, Zeyaraat, f, 3, o/o Buneya, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 7-28, Parx Racing

Itsthesameoldsong, Our Last Song, f, 2, o/o Oh So Easy, by Take That Step. MSW, 7-28, Thistledown

Jack Milton, Uncle Andrew, g, 4, o/o Bonnie Rose, by Hansel. ALW, 7-27, Penn National

Kantharos, Hillstone Martini, f, 2, o/o Indiana Charmer, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 7-28, Indiana Grand

Liam's Map, Holy Breeze, f, 3, o/o Holy Wine, by Holy Bull. MSW, 7-28, Finger Lakes

Majesticperfection, Bell's the One, m, 5, o/o Street Mate, by Street Cry (Ire). GI Honorable Miss H., 7-28, Saratoga

Midnight Storm, Electrostatic, c, 2, o/o Extra Sharp, by Cherokee Run. MSW, 7-28, Colonial Downs

Mio d'Oro, Dougie D Oro, g, 5, o/o Do the Tiger, by Hold That Tiger. ALW, 7-28, Thistledown

Mission Impazible, Mission Cat, f, 4, o/o Kat Scratch Fever, by Forest Wildcat. MSW, 7-28, Finger Lakes

Munnings, Timbuktu, c, 2, o/o Corner Three, by Scat Daddy. MSW, 7-28, Saratoga

Noble Mission (GB), Noble Emotion, g, 4, o/o Emotional Words, by Curlin. ALW, 7-28, Saratoga

Notional, Eye Flirt, f, 3, o/o Ancient Bells, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 7-28, Indiana Grand

Overanalyze, Bourbon Social, f, 3, o/o Bourbon and a Kiss, by Sky Mesa. ALW, 7-28, Thistledown

Point of Entry, I'llhandalthecash, m, 5, o/o Sudden Ghost, by Ghostzapper. AOC, 7-28, Saratoga

Secret Circle, Starlit Secret, f, 2, o/o Park View, by Quiet American. MSW, 7-28, Thistledown

Sky Mesa, Chilly Sky, f, 4, o/o Holiday Chills, by Harlan's Holiday. AOC, 7-27, Penn National

Skylord, Sweet Sky, f, 3, o/o Sweetasnails, by Put It Back. MSW, 7-28, Indiana Grand

Street Sense, Walkoff, g, 5, o/o Flying Train, by Empire Maker. GI Barbosa Memorial S., 7-26, Camarero

Strong Contender, Brewsky, f, 4, o/o C O Barqueen, by Thunder Gulch. ALW, 7-27, Indiana Grand

Suntracer, Leading the Charge, g, 4, o/o Dashed, by Cashel Castle. ALW, 7-28, Indiana Grand

Take Charge Indy, Charge Account, f, 4, o/o Candy Trophy, by Candy Ride (Arg). AOC, 7-28, Delaware

Tapit, Centrifuge, c, 4, o/o Serena's Cat, by Storm Cat. MSW, 7-28, Thistledown

Treasure Beach (GB), Caribbean Gold, g, 4, o/o Mafietta, by Giant's Causeway. MCL, 7-28, Saratoga

Uncle Mo, Vindictive, c, 3, o/o Exotic Bloom, by Montbrook. MSW, 7-28, Saratoga

Upstart, Gratz Park, f, 2, o/o Woodford Girl, by Honour and Glory. MSW, 7-28, Indiana Grand

Uptowncharlybrown, Wait for It, g, 6, o/o Kimberley Diamond, by Posse. **Hard Spun S.**, 7-27, Presque Isle Downs

Vancouver (Aus), Vancouver's Hunter, g, 2, o/o Resonating, by Smart Strike. MOC, 7-27, Hastings

War Dancer, Step Dancer, c, 3, o/o Just Be Steppin, by **English Channel**. New York Stallion Series S., 7-28, Saratoga

Weigelia, Made to Hustle, f, 3, o/o Notacloudinthesky, by Weather Warning. MSW, 7-27, Penn National

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In the battle between the 3-year-old colts and fillies, it was Jeff Smith's **Alcohol Free (Ire)** (**No Nay Never**) who prevailed over **Poetic Flare (Ire)** (**Dawn Approach {Ire}**) with an impressive success in Wednesday's G1 Qatar Sussex S. at Goodwood, a Breeders' Cup 'Win and You're In' for the GI FanDuel Breeder's Cup Mile. Trapped wide throughout the early stages from her wide draw and forced to take back and race towards the rear, the 7-2 second favourite who had annexed the G1 Coronation S. at Royal Ascot June 18 was delivered by Oisin Murphy to cut down Jim Bolger's G1 2000 Guineas and G1 St James's Palace S. hero approaching the furlong pole. Brushing that 11-8 favourite aside, she stayed on strongly to score by 1 3/4 lengths, with the same margin back to Alcohol Free's G1 Falmouth S. conqueress **Snow Lantern (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) in third as the Classic generation dominated. "Alcohol Free is so, so talented and what a thrill I got from that," Murphy said. "The race really ran from when we turned into the straight and then it was a grind to the line." Showing talent from the outset, Alcohol Free raced solely over six furlongs with success in the G1 Cheveley Park S. at Newmarket and a second in Salisbury's G3 Dick Poole Fillies' S. in September to show from a light campaign. Back with a win in the seven-furlong G3 Fred Darling S. at Newbury Apr. 18, she was an uncertain stayer heading to the May 2 1000 Guineas at Newmarket and that was still a question mark after she finished fifth there but in the Coronation she emphatically proved her staying power. **Cont. p2**

AUDARYA PRIMED FOR NASSAU BID

With the major contests going the way of the 3-year-olds so far, it is up to **Audarya (Fr)** (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**) to attempt to bring that generation back into line a touch in Thursday's G1 Qatar Nassau S. at Goodwood. Improving markedly at this stage last term, Alison Swinburn's 5-year-old captured the G1 Prix Jean Romanet on soft ground at Deauville in August, was third to Tarnawa (Ire) (Shamardal) in the G1 Prix de l'Opera on heavy at ParisLongchamp in October before capturing the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf on firm going at Keeneland in November. Giving Love (Ire) (**Galileo {Ire}**) a scare when 3/4-of-a-length second to that luminary in the G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot June 16, she sets a clear standard on that form. "Audarya ran really well at Royal Ascot and she's come out of the race in good form," trainer James Fanshawe said. "Six weeks is a nice gap between races when you are taking things step by step and we've had this race in mind for a while. **Cont. p8**

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Forced to make the running when third in the Falmouth at Newmarket July 9, she may have been compromised as much by quicker ground as the tactics and so when the rain came the Kingsclere confidence rose. Forced out on the track soon after the start as **Tilsit** (First Defence) made his move forward, Alcohol Free was going to have to do it the hard way as had so often been the case throughout her career. Reined back to race alongside Snow Lantern as the GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero **Order of Australia (Ire)** (Australia {GB}) put the pace to the race kept company by **Century Dream (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}), she had to surrender first run to Poetic Flare who had been ideally placed tracking that duo. No sooner had Kevin Manning forged a narrow lead on the favourite from Century Dream heading to the furlong pole, Alcohol Free was upon him and the result was quickly settled as she swamped him to become the first of her sex to win this since Soviet Song (Ire) (Marju {Ire}) in 2004.

"I knew James Doyle would go forward on Century Dream, but on his own terms and in his own rhythm," Murphy reflected afterwards. "I knew Tilsit under Kieran Shoemark and Alcohol Free would fight for the same position. Unfortunately, she is 440kgs and Tilsit is probably 500kgs plus. I was never going to win that battle and was happy to come back and trust that Kieran would move at the right time and that I would be able to get out and slip into the race. I can't thank everyone at Park House enough. Alcohol Free really can be a handful in the mornings. Cassia has to deal with her every day and deserves a medal because she can be really tough work."

Trainer Andrew Balding added, "Oisin was at pains to try and tuck in and get some cover, because she's so much better when you are able to do that and she has got something to aim at. Poetic Flare is a very good horse, but she really did it well in the end. I am sure there were hard-luck stories, but I am sure she was the best horse on the day. It was lovely to see her do that because we have always believed in her. It is no easy task taking on the colts and older horses and to do it in that style was just fantastic."

"Watching her work is demoralising for the other horses; we have to keep swapping the lead horse because she is just so, so good," her handler continued. "You see her afterwards and she is hardly blowing--it is effortless really. She has been the victim of bad draws whenever she has run, to be honest. She probably would have won the Dick Poole, and, with a good draw, I think in the Guineas she would have gone close had she been drawn in the middle or to the far side. It was Jeff Smith's idea in the first place, and I don't think it's a bad idea, to put her in the [Aug. 18 G1 Juddmonte] International at York and we decided to keep her in at yesterday's forfeit stage. It might be asking a bit much, going a mile and a quarter, but she's a filly that has won three Group 1 races, so we have very little to lose. If it doesn't work,

we'll regroup and go back to the mile race on Champions Day."

Una Manning said of the runner-up, "Kevin [Manning] said for Poetic Flare that it was the same as France again. The ground just blunted his speed and I would say the wind drying it out has just made the ground tacky. We were always going to turn up here, it was just unfortunate that the rain came. We were game to go and had to give it our best go. Poetic Flare has lost nothing in defeat. He loves his racing, loves his work. He's an easy horse to deal with and to travel. Bringing him over here wasn't going to be any sort of disadvantage to him, even if the ground didn't turn out like he wanted."

Kevin Manning added "It was the same as in Paris. I was riding Poetic Flare a little bit behind the bridle from a long way down, whereas on good ground he is travelling into his races. I think the ground has just blunted him for speed. It is tacky, holding ground and there is no bounce in it. Poetic Flare has dug very deep and I thought for a few strides when Alcohol Free came by that he would shunt her back. He's won a 2000 Guineas and St James's Palace on good to quick ground. The runs that he hasn't lived up to have both come on soft ground."

Snow Lantern stayed on from behind once again and jockey Jamie Spencer suggested that a step up in trip could suit. "The pace was only just okay," he said. "When they quickened at the three, I was caught a little flat-footed, but I hit the line very strong. Further won't be a problem."



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Pedigree Notes:

Alcohol Free, who was completing an afternoon group double for her sire after Armor (GB) had taken the Molecomb, is a daughter of Plying (Hard Spun) who also produced the Listed Prix le Fabuleux scorer Alexander James (Ire) (Camelot {GB}).

The second dam is the Listed National S.-placed Nasaieb (Ire) (Fairy King), who is also responsible for the G2 Flying Childers S. and G3 Princess Margaret S. third Kissing Lights (Ire) Machiavellian) and is a half-sister to the G3 Solario S. scorer Raise a Grand (Ire) (Grand Lodge). From the family of the champion juvenile Numbered Account (Buckpasser), Plying's unraced 2-year-old filly Hooked On You (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) was a 130,000gns purchase by Creighton Schwartz Bloodstock at



No Nay Never made it three group winners in five days when Alcohol Free took the G1 Sussex S. Armor gave him a pattern race double on the Goodwood card when winning the G3 Molecomb S. | Coolmore

the Tattersalls December Yearling Sale and is owned by John and Jess Dance in training with Karl Burke. Her yearling colt by Dandy Man (Ire) was bought by Ballyhane for €80,000 at the Goffs November Foal Sale.

Alcohol Free is the third group winner for **No Nay Never** in the space of five days, following Armor (GB) in the G3 Molecomb S. earlier on the Goodwood card and Zain Claudette (Ire) in the G3 Princess Margaret S. at Ascot on Saturday. All three were bought at the middle to lower end of the market as foals or yearlings—Zain Claudette £20,000, Alcohol Free €40,000 and Armor €55,000. **No Nay Never's** yearlings of this year are his first bred on a six-figure fee (€100,000), and he covered 175 mares this year at €125,000.

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ALCOHOL FREE (€40,000 foal) notched up her third Group 1 success in the **Sussex Stakes-Gr.1** defeating 2,000 Guineas winner Poetic Flare. Trained by Andrew Balding for Jeff Smith and bred by Churchtown House Stud. **FOALED AT CASTLEHYDE STUD.**

ARMOR (€55,000 yearling) was a runaway winner of the **Molecomb Stakes-Gr.3**. Trained by Richard Hannon for Al Shaqab Racing and bred by C E Stedman.

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ZAIN CLAUDETTE (£20,000 yearling) landed the **Princess Margaret Stakes-Gr.3**. Trained by Ismail Mohammed for Saeed H Al Tayer and bred by Andriy Milovanov. **FOALED AND RAISED AT CASTLEHYDE STUD.**

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QATAR SUSSEX S.-G1, £1,000,000, Goodwood, 7-28, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:42.83, sf.

1--**ALCOHOL FREE (IRE)**, 123, f, 3, by **No Nay Never**

1st Dam: **Plying**, by **Hard Spun**

2nd Dam: **Nasaieb (Ire)**, by **Fairy King**

3rd Dam: **Atyaaf**, by **Irish River (Fr)**

(€40,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV). O-J C Smith; B-Churchtown House Stud (IRE); T-Andrew Balding; J-Oisin Murphy. £567,100.

Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-1, \$1,378,006. *1/2 to Alexander James (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**), SW-Fr. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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2--**Poetic Flare (Ire)**, 126, c, 3, **Dawn Approach (Ire)**--Maria Lee (Ire), by **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**. O-Mrs J. S. Bolger; B/T-Jim Bolger (IRE). £215,000.

3--**Snow Lantern (GB)**, 123, f, 3, **Frankel (GB)**--Sky Lantern (Ire), by Red Clubs (Ire). O/B-Rockcliffe Stud (GB); T-Richard Hannon. £107,600.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 3.50, 1.38, 6.00.

Also Ran: **Duhail (Ire)**, **Order of Australia (Ire)**, **Space Traveller (GB)**, **Lope Y Fernandez (Ire)**, **Century Dream (Ire)**, **Tilsit**.

Scratched: **Battleground**, **Chindit (Ire)**. Click for the **Racing Post result** or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

LAST EMPIRE REIGNS IN GOODWOOD'S OAK TREE

With drying conditions taking the sap out of heavy ground to produce a tacky and testing turf, day two of Glorious Goodwood was one for the specialists and Clipper Logistics' **Last Empire (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}), a beneficiary of similar factors when annexing last November's Listed Prix de Bonneval at Chantilly, bounced back from an off-the-board effort--when reported in season--in May's Listed Cecil Frail S. at Haydock to emerge best in Wednesday's G3 Whispering Angel Oak Tree S. at the Sussex venue. The 5-year-old bay was sharply away from an inner gate and settled behind the leaders in third after the initial exchanges. Slipping to fourth with three furlongs remaining, the

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16-1 chance was angled into an open lane for her challenge passing the quarter-mile marker and driven out once gaining an edge entering the final furlong to hold the dual threat of **Onassis (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and **Highfield Princess (Fr)** (Night of Thunder {Ire}) by a half length and a neck for a career high.

"Last Empire loves soft ground and, although her last run was very disappointing, she came back very heavily in season," explained trainer Kevin Ryan. "We brought her back, got her nice and fresh and started again. She looked great again today and Danny [Tudhope] gave her a great ride."



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Ryan added, “When you have a good draw here, you have to keep it and believe they are going to get the trip. I spoke to [owner] Steve Parkin this morning and he was very confident she would get the trip. If you are going to get it, you are going to get it around here. I am delighted for everyone involved with Clipper [Logistics]. They are great supporters of the yard and it’s nice to repay them with a big winner. We were always aiming for the [Oct. 16 G1 British Champions] Sprint on Champions Day [at Ascot] because we felt that she would likely get her ground there and the stiff six furlongs will suit her. I would say that will still be on the agenda.”

Jockey Danny Tudhope, like Ryan, registered a fifth Glorious Goodwood success with the win and added, “The ground is drying out and it’s hard work, but she loves this sort of stuff and handles it better than most of them. Maybe we’ve been getting the trip wrong with her and it was her first time over seven [furlongs]. I was always confident, she travelled good and picked up well.”

Looking back at the performance of runner-up Onassis, Charlie Fellowes said, “She looks like she got a dream run through, but the ground has got quite holding and sticky and it’s difficult to come from the back. Everything that could have gone wrong went wrong for our other filly [Vadream]. I am gutted for the team at home, they deserve so badly to win a big race like this and Cheryl [Armstrong], my head girl, rides both every day. All options are open for Onassis, she is pretty straightforward and could travel if we wanted her to. We could stretch to a mile around a bend and that brings in America. Equally, we could go to France as I have always wanted to run her in the [G1 Prix de la] Foret on really soft ground on Arc weekend.”

Pedigree Notes

Last Empire is the leading performer produced by the dual stakes-placed Final Dynasty (GB) (Komaite), herself a full-sister to G3 Cornwallis S. victrix Castelletto (GB), who in turn is the dam of Listed Silver S. runner-up Castle Guest (Ire) (**Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}**). The May-foaled bay, the fifth of seven foals for her dam, is a full-sister to the hitherto unraced 2-year-old filly Sealitwithakiss (GB). She is also a half-sister to Listed Scarborough S. runner-up Thesme (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}).

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WHISPERING ANGEL OAK TREE S.-G3, £80,000, Goodwood, 7-28, 3yo/up, f, 7fT, 1:30.77, sf.

1--**LAST EMPIRE (GB)**, 129, m, 5, by Pivotal (GB)

1st Dam: Final Dynasty (GB) (MSP-Eng), by Komaite

2nd Dam: Malcesine (Ire), by Auction Ring

3rd Dam: Vain Deb (Ire), by Gay Fandango

1ST GROUP WIN. (70,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT). O-Clipper Logistics; B-Mrs G S Rees & Douglas McMahon (GB); T-Kevin Ryan; J-Daniel Tudhope. £45,368. Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 15-5-3-1, \$146,886. *1/2 to Thesme (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), SP-Eng, \$145,018. **Werk Nick Rating: D+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Onassis (Ire)**, 129, f, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Jacqueline Quest (Ire), by **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**. (200,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT). O-Triermore Stud & The Hon P Stanley; B-C O P Hanbury (IRE); T-Charlie Fellowes. £17,200.

3--**Highfield Princess (Fr)**, 129, f, 4, Night of Thunder (Ire)--Pure Illusion (Ire), by Danehill. (29,000gns RNA Ylg '18 TATDEY). O/B-Trainers House Enterprises Ltd (FR); T-John Quinn. £8,608. Margins: HF, NK, 1. Odds: 16.00, 7.50, 4.50.

Also Ran: Lullaby Moon (GB), Isabella Giles (Ire), Jouska (GB), Vadream (GB), Bounce The Blues (Ire), Agincourt (Ire), Dandalla (Ire), Meu Amor (Fr), Helvezia (Ire).

Scratched: Lavender's Blue (Ire), Valeria Messalina (Ire), Sacred (GB), Passionova (Ire), Star of Emaraaty (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

ARMOR SHINES IN THE MOLECOMB

Al Shaqab Racing's **Armor (GB)** (**No Nay Never**) backed up an Apr. 24 maiden score at Doncaster with a close-up fifth, to the reopposing **Chipotle (GB)** (Havana Gold {Ire}), in Royal Ascot's June 16 Listed Windsor Castle S. and announced his arrival on the juvenile scene with a devastating closing burst to seal an impressive triumph in Wednesday's G3 Markel Molecomb S. at Goodwood. The 6-1 chance was sharply into stride from the stands' side stall and occupied a forward berth in sixth through the early fractions of this five-furlong dash. Nudged along to close soon after halfway, he was ridden to join the front rank passing the eighth pole and surged clear once engaging turbo under a drive inside the final 100 yards for a taking 3 1/4-length success from **Fearby (Ire)** (Havana Gold {Ire}).

"We have always thought a lot of him and he worked very well on Sunday morning," revealed trainer Richard Hannon. "He ran very well at Royal Ascot, even though he still looked a little inexperienced, and he's won very well today."

ARMOR

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Hannon continued, “He was tapped for speed a little bit coming down to the furlong-and-a-half marker, but he would have loved that ground. Ryan [Moore] said he would like the ground, I think he knows what he’s on about, and he did. He’s not a big horse and, if he makes a 3-year-old, then great. This is his year and he is good enough now. I’ve not made too many flash entries for him, but we’ll look at something like the [Aug. 22 G1] Prix Morny [at Deauville] and, maybe, the [Sept. 10 G2] Flying Childers [at Doncaster]. He will get six furlongs and we’ll have to have a go at a Group 1 race over that trip now.”

Reflecting on the performance of 13-8 favourite Fearby, rider PJ McDonald said of the runner-up, “He has run a brilliant race. He is an honest little horse, who has never run a bad race, and there is more to come from him. I challenged on the wing and he handled the ground, but he would be better on better ground.”

Armor is the latest of four foals and becomes the first stakes scorer for Hestia (Fr) (High Chaparral {Ire}), herself a winning daughter of Listed Prix La Sorellina second Tadorne (Fr) (Inchिनor {Ire}). Tadorne, who also produced G2 Prix Guillaume d’Ornano and G3 Prix Daphnis victor Pinson (Ire) (Halling), is kin to four black-type winners.

They are G1 Grand Criterium third Ximb (Fr) (Septieme Ciel), G3 Prix Miesque and G3 Chartwell Fillies’ S. placegetter Verba (Fr) (Anabaa), MGSP Listed Criterium du Bequet victrix Welcome Millenium (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}) and G3 Prix Miesque runner-up Kambura (Fr) (Literato {Fr}). Tadorne is also a half-sister to the dam of MGSW G1 2000 Guineas third Native Khan (Fr) (Azamour {Ire}).

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MARKEL MOLECOMB S.-G3, £75,000, Goodwood, 7-28, 2yo, 5ft, :59.26, sf.

1--**ARMOR (GB)**, 127, c, 2, by **No Nay Never**

1st Dam: **Hestia (Fr)**, by **High Chaparral (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Perruche Grise (Fr)**, by **Mark of Esteem (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Tadorne (Fr)**, by **Inchinor (GB)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (€55,000 Ylg '20 ARQDOY). O-Al Shaqab; B-C E Stedman (GB); T-R Hannon; J-R Moore. £42,533. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$63,378.

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2--**Fearby (Ire)**, 127, c, 2, Havana Gold (Ire)--Coolminx (Ire), by One Cool Cat. (13,000gns Wlg '19 TATFOA; 21,000gns Ylg '20 TAOCT). O-Clarendon Thoroughbred Racing; B-Ringfort Stud (IRE); T-Ed Bethell. £16,125.

3--**Boonie (Ire)**, 127, c, 2, Brazen Beau (Aus)--Dice Game (GB), by Shamardal. O-Seymour Bloodstock & Mark Balnaves; B-Seymour Bloodstock (IRE); T-Kevin Ryan. £8,070.

Margins: 3 1/4, 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 6.00, 1.63, 9.00.

Also Ran: Nymphadora (GB), Mojomaker (Ire), Chipotle (GB), Kingboard Star (Ire), Swayze (GB), Arboy Will (GB), Kaboo, Chimgan (Ire). Click for the **Racing Post result** or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

Audarya Returns in Nassau cont. from p1

Fanshawe continued, "She's got better as she's got older and she's doing everything right at home. It was fast ground at Keeneland and Royal Ascot, but she shouldn't have any problem on easier going because it was very testing last year when she won the Romanet and very soft when she ran so well in the Prix de l'Opera."

Also flying the flag for the older fillies and mares is **Lady Bowthorpe (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}), who like Audarya has gone from strength to strength since last summer and seeks a first top-level success after two fine efforts at this level in 2021. Runner-up to Palace Pier (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**) in the G1 Lockinge S. at Newbury May 15 and fourth when suffering a troubled trip in the G1 Falmouth S. at Newmarket July 9, she tries this 10-furlong trip for the first time having won over nine in the May 2 G2 Dahlia S. at Newmarket. "She's grown up as a 5-year-old mare and she's much more amenable now," trainer William Jarvis said. "As a 3 and 4-year-old, we thought she was very much a soft-ground filly but her run in both the Dahlia Stakes at Newmarket and more recently in the Falmouth Stakes were on good-to-firm ground and I think she's pretty adaptable. She was very tired when she came out of the Lockinge Stakes, but we had a very good preparation between Ascot and Newmarket and she's really been pleasing me since the Falmouth."

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Aidan O'Brien puts forward two high-achieving 3-year-olds in the June 20 G1 Prix de Diane winner **Joan of Arc (Ire)** (**Galileo {Ire}**) and **Empress Josephine (Ire)** (**Galileo {Ire}**), who beat her stablemate in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas at The Curragh May 23. "We are lucky to have some great fillies and we try to keep them apart and give them their best chance by picking the races which will suit them best, but we have been aiming both of these fillies for this race," he said. "Joan of Arc won the Prix de Diane and has been progressing lovely all season. Empress Josephine will be stepping up to a mile and a quarter. We went further with her in Gowran before she won the Guineas and then went back in trip. She's a full-sister to Minding, who got a mile and a quarter and got a mile and a half. It's possible she could leave that Gowran run behind her and get the trip, but she is a filly that's got plenty of speed."

Shadwell's **Zeyaadah (Ire)** (Tamayuz {GB}) beat Mantonbury Stud's **Technique (GB)** (**Mastercraftsman {Ire}**) by a cosy head margin in the G3 Hoppings Fillies' S. over this trip at Newcastle June 25 and the former's trainer Roger Varian is hoping the ground continues to dry. "She'll need to step up on the Newcastle form to win a Nassau, but while she only won a head she was in command at the line there. Bar the Oaks, she's done nothing wrong in her career. There was only one winner that day and the rest were nowhere. I think she's a 10-furlong filly and I also think she's a better-ground filly now she's going up against better horses, although she's got soft-ground form. She's in good form and I think she's ready for this test."

In the G2 Unibet Richmond S. for the 2-year-olds, Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum's June 17 G2 Norfolk S. winner **Perfect Power (Ire)** (Ardad {Ire}) bids to defy a penalty moving up from five to six furlongs. His defeat of Go Bears Go (Ire) (Kodi Bear {Ire}) was made to look even better after the runner-up captured the G2 Railway S. and there is no reason on pedigree and racing style that he will not be at least as effective over this trip. "He has a three-pound penalty for his Royal Ascot win, which is always tough but the horse is in great order," trainer Richard Fahey commented.



Audarya winning last fall's G1 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf Horsephotos

"The ground is drying up and should be beautiful by the Richmond Stakes, possibly just on the dead side but he should handle that. I have no worries about going up to six furlongs, in fact I think he'll be better for it." Leora Judah's **Asymmetric (Ire)** (Showcasing {GB}) looks to add to Alan King's week to remember and has sound claims based on his second to Lusail (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}) in the G2 July S. at Newmarket July 8, while Jassim bin Ali Al Attiyah's July 17 Weatherbys Super Sprint winner **Gubbass (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}) represents the Richard Hannon stable.

In the G3 John Pearce Racing Gordon S., the June 26 G1 Irish Derby third and July 14 G1 Grand Prix de Paris runner-up **Wordsworth (Ire)** (**Galileo {Ire}**) takes the next step towards a G1 St Leger bid. He is joined by stablemate **Sir Lucan (Ire)** (**Camelot {GB}**), who beat him in the 13-furlong Listed Yeats S. at Navan May 15 but has been absent since. "I don't think you can readily rule out any of

these, so it's a competitive group 3, albeit one lacking a stand-out," Wordsworth's rider Ryan Moore commented. "That said, I think my mount Wordsworth is the one to beat in here, even if Sir Lucan got the better of him the last time they met at Navan back in May. Wordsworth has clearly improved since then, being placed in group 1 company on his last two starts and his Grand Prix de Paris second last time came in testing ground."

Ballydoyle's duo encounter stiff opposition headed by Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum's **Third Realm (GB)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}), who beat Adayar (Ire) (**Frankel {GB}**) in the May 8 Listed Lingfield Derby Trial before disappointing when over 11-lengths fifth behind that peer in the June 5 G1 Epsom Derby. Also down the field in the blue riband was Ahmad Al Shaikh's May 5 G3 Chester Vase winner **Youth Spirit (Ire)** (**Camelot {GB}**), while Godolphin's **Yibir (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) is another intriguing candidate having returned to form when capturing the 13-furlong G3 Bahrain Trophy at Newmarket July 8.

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The yearling sales season will get off to its traditional start in Britain with the Goffs UK Premier Sale which commences on Tuesday, Aug. 24. Taking place over two days, the 400-lot sale is immediately followed on Wednesday afternoon by the Silver Sale, which comprises another 90 horses. Catalogues for both are now online. The line-up for this year's Premier Sale, which is down in numbers from 469 yearlings catalogued in 2019, includes a Dark Angel (Ire) half-brother to G2 Coventry S. winner Rajasinghe (Ire), offered in the Yeomanstown Stud draft as **lot 40**. Also catalogued is a Croom House Stud-consigned full-brother to the G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. winner Illuminate (Ire), by the late Zoffany (Ire), who is **lot 291**.

The sales also includes four yearlings from the sole crop of the late Roaring Lion--three colts and a filly, including **lot 303**, a son of the G2 May Hill S. winner Rich Legacy (Ire) (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**), offered by Hillwood Stud.

The most recent group-winning graduate of last year's sale came on Saturday with the victory of Zain Claudette (Ire) (**No Nay Never**) in the G3 Princess Margaret Keeneland S. at Ascot. The Ismail Mohammed-owned filly was bought by Saeed Al Tayer for just £20,000 at Doncaster in August and is now the winner of two of her three starts. Other graduates include the Royal Ascot-winning sprinters Dream Of Dreams (Ire) (Dream Ahead) and Rohaan (Ire) (Mayson {GB}).

"From the coveted European 2-year-old races to Royal Ascot's most famed contests, international Group 1 sprints to the Classics, this sale has celebrated recent winners in them all, a clear demonstration as to the ever-increasing class of horse this sale is producing. And that class is expanding from the track to the covering sheds and breeding paddocks," said Goffs UK managing director Tim Kent. "The sale is also making its mark with its fillies. Multiple Group 1 victrix and Classic winner Laurens (Fr), who celebrated her first foal this year, is the sale's obvious star and this season has seen more fillies prove their worth with the Group 2 winner Fev Rover (Ire) and stakes winner Mystery Angel (Ire) both achieving Classic placings in the 1000 Guineas and Oaks respectively, highlighting their class and the sale's ongoing ability to produce."

Further incentive for buyers to head to Doncaster in August is provided by the launch of the Goffs UK Premier Prizes. The winning owners of York's Premier Yearling Stakes, which is open to graduates of last year's sale, will win a free horse from Goffs UK as well as a hospitality package from York Racecourse. The winning trainer is given a free six-month lease of a two-stall Theault horsebox.

Kent added, "The first Premier Prizes will be awarded at this year's race on Aug. 19 so the winning owners will be able to bid on their free horse at this year's sale."

"The launch of the Premier and Silver Sale catalogues is always something we look forward to and especially this year as we take a positive step after a difficult 2020. We will be marketing these sales worldwide via our vast international network of Goffs agents and are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone to Doncaster on Aug. 24 and 25."

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SIR RON PRIESTLEY RE-AGGRAVATES OLD INJURY

Sir Ron Priestley (GB) (Australia {GB}) could be facing retirement from racing after re-aggravating the suspensory injury that forced him to the sidelines for the entirety of his 4-year-old campaign last year, trainer Mark Johnston told *Racing Post*. Paul Dean's 5-year-old entire finished third in Tuesday's G1 Goodwood Cup, but was promptly pulled up by Franny Norton 300 yards after the finish line and brought back in the horse ambulance for assessment.

"He has re-injured the old suspensory injury that kept him out during 2020," Johnston told *Racing Post*. "It could well be worse than it was last time. It's not good news but it's not life threatening."

"He walked on the box, he was standing out here for a while after they bandaged him. He's not fine, it's a serious injury. These things are serious but it's not life threatening in any way."



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Sir Ron Priestley, a 70,000gns yearling purchase by Johnston and a half-brother to the yard's G1 Gold Cup winner Subjectivist (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}), won the G3 March S. at three and was second in the G1 St Leger. He returned from a 19-month layoff to win a listed race at Nottingham in April and the G2 Jockey Club S. three weeks later, and added the G2 Princess of Wales's S. on July 8. after a third in the G2 Yorkshire Cup and seventh in the G2 Hardwicke S.

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HARRINGTON APOLOGISES FOR GALWAY MIX-UP

Trainer Jessica Harrington took to Twitter on Wednesday to apologize for the error that saw the wrong horse run in, and cross the wire first, in a 2-year-old maiden at Galway on Tuesday.

Harrington's first-time starter **Alizarine (GB)** (Sea The Moon {Ger}) had been entered for the race and appeared to run out an eye-catching winner, but it was soon discovered that the stable's 3-year-old filly **Aurora Princess (Ire)** (**The Gurkha {Ire}**), who had nine prior starts for two wins, had mistakenly run instead. Galway stewards disqualified the winner, meaning the race went to the runner-up and pre-race favourite **Twinkle (Ire)** (**Galileo {Ire}**), a full-sister to G1 Derby winner Anthony Van Dyck (Ire) who was making her second start.

Harrington tweeted, "On behalf of all at #TeamJHR I want to apologise to everyone for what happened yesterday. We are particularly sorry for the owners of both fillies but also to anyone else who was impacted by our mistake. It was human error, a mistake that we will learn from. We will ensure that it never happens again. Thankfully both horses are home safe and sound."

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CHARITY CYCLE IN MEMORY OF SMULLEN

The **Coast To Curragh** charity cycle will be staged on Sept. 25, with a host of racing personalities taking place in the event that will raise money for Cancer Trials Ireland in memory of Pat Smullen. Smullen, nine times Irish champion jockey and a beloved member of the Irish weighing room, lost his battle with pancreatic cancer last September after fighting so bravely and raising millions for Cancer Trials Ireland.

The cycle will begin at Laytown Races and finish at The Curragh, a distance of 155 km that will feature various stops along the way, including at Gilltown Stud where there will be a meet and greet with Smullen's 2016 Derby and Irish Derby winner **Harzand (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}). Cyclists can opt to complete the entire journey or join in at the various stops.



Bryan Cooper, Ruby Walsh and Paul Townend gear up for the Coast to Curragh charity cycle | Healy Racing

Members of Smullen's family along with Ruby Walsh, Johnny Murtagh, Paul Carberry, Joseph O'Brien, Fran Berry, Charlie Swan, Barry Geraghty, Paul Townend, Patrick Mullins and racing pundits Kevin Blake and Gary O'Brien are some of the racing stars who are supporting the cycle. To take part, register on the Cycling Ireland website.

The Coast To Curragh charity cycle is the brainchild of Gavin Lynch, who lost his mother to pancreatic cancer. "This is going to be a very special cycle and I'd love to see as many people taking part and supporting Cancer Trials Ireland," he said. "We have had brilliant support so far, including generous support from Paddy Power and Servier Laboratories (Ireland) Ltd. The cycle is open to all levels of fitness and ability, so I encourage everyone to give it a go."

Frances Crowley, Pat's wife, said, "Pat was so focused and determined to raise as much awareness as possible about pancreatic cancer and raise money for Cancer Trials Ireland's vital cancer research work, so I know he would be very proud and humbled that Gavin shares the same vision. I'd like to sincerely thank Gavin for organising this very special cycle and I'd encourage everyone to take part, even if it is to cycle one or two stages. It's going to be brilliant fun and everyone taking part will visit some of Ireland's most picturesque and iconic racecourses and stud farms--some of Pat's favourites and all very close to his heart."

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GOODWOOD MAIDEN TO BE IRE INCENTIVE RACE

The EBF Maiden S. at Glorious Goodwood on Saturday will be part of Horse Racing Ireland's IRE Incentive scheme, meaning a €10,000 Irish sales voucher will be up for grabs for connections of an Irish-bred winner.

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The vouchers, of which €440,000 worth have been paid out since the scheme launched in March, are redeemable for Irish-bred yearlings at Irish public auction sales.

"Great Britain is by some distance the biggest export market for Irish Thoroughbreds and it is important to expand the IRE Incentive there," said Charles O'Neill, chief executive of Irish Thoroughbred Marketing. "There will be more IRE Incentive races run in Britain ahead of the Irish yearling sales. This Saturday's race at the prestigious Qatar Goodwood Festival is the perfect way to kick things off."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

FRANCE

Johnny Barnes (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), Haras des Granges
45 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-LION D'ANGERS, 1400m,
€8,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2020; £12,600
Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up & HIT Sale 2021

Recorder (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de Montfort & Preaux
110 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
4-LION D'ANGERS, 1400m, Lunaire (Fr)
€1,200 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2019 - English
Version

Recorder (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de Montfort & Preaux
110 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
4-LION D'ANGERS, 1400m, Recorwoman (Fr)



Ardad | Sarah Farnsworth

UNITED KINGDOM

Aclaim (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), The National Stud
115 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
14:00-NOTTINGHAM, 6f, Noble Albert (GB)
16:10-GOODWOOD, 7f, South Audley (GB)

Ardad (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Overbury Stud
91 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
16:10-GOODWOOD, 7f, Blue Collar Lad (GB)
1,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 4) 2020
14:25-GOODWOOD, 150K GII THE UNIBET RICHMOND STAKES
(CLASS 1) (Group 2)6f, Perfect Power (Ire)
16,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020;
£110,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2021

Caravaggio (Scat Daddy), Ashford Stud
154 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners
16:10-GOODWOOD, 7f, Aswan (Ire)
£100,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2020
16:45-GOODWOOD, 7f, Signorina Merisi (GB)
37,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020

El Kabeir (Scat Daddy), Yeomanstown Stud
120 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
19:05-EPSOM DOWNS, 7f, Ice Fury (Ire)
€7,500 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale Online 2020

Galileo Gold (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
109 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
14:25-GOODWOOD, 150K GII THE UNIBET RICHMOND STAKES
(CLASS 1) (Group 2)6f, Ebro River (Ire)
75,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020

Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
136 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
16:10-GOODWOOD, 7f, Highland Premiere (GB)
32,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2019; 15,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020

Mattmu (GB) (Indesatchel {Ire}), Bearstone Stud
9 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
16:10-GOODWOOD, 7f, Favourite Child (GB)
4,500gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 4) 2020

Profitable (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
130 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
19:05-EPSOM DOWNS, 7f, Hen Harrier (Ire)
£15,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2020

Ribchester (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Kildangan Stud
118 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
14:00-NOTTINGHAM, 6f, Raneen (Ire)
35,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2019; £22,500 Goffs
UK Premier Yearling Sale 2020

BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

5th-Goodwood, £50,000, Novice, 7-28, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:00.14, sf.
ILLUSTRATING (GB) (f, 2, Showcasing {GB}--Maids Causeway {Ire} {G1SW-Eng, \$644,496}, by Giant's Causeway), who was seventh in the G2 Queen Mary S. over this trip at Royal Ascot June 16, travelled strongly behind the leaders throughout the early stages of this British Stallion Studs Alice Keppel EBF Fillies' Conditions S. Taking over approaching the furlong pole, the 2-1 favourite readily asserted to score by 2 3/4 lengths from Anadora (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}). "She has an amazing turn of foot," trainer Karl Burke said. "The only filly that I have trained that has a turn of foot like her was Quiet Reflection. She has that burst. I was keen to go to Ascot with her. It was getting late on and we ran her at Catterick 10 days before on ground that we thought would be a bit quick for her. It was close to home, so we took the chance, and she bolted up. Then we went to Ascot and she was a bit gassy--she was very sharp out of the stalls and ended up chasing the speed of the Americans. She just did too much too soon in the race, really. She handles that ground and she is in the [G2] Lowther [at York Aug. 19]. We have to step up to six furlongs but I think, if she relaxes, she has a great chance of staying it." The winner is a half-sister to the GII Nassau S. and GIII The Very One S. scorer Elizabeth Way (Ire) (**Frankel {GB}**), GSW-Can, GSW-US, \$238,377. The dam, who took the G1 Coronation S. and was runner-up in the G1 1000 Guineas, is a half to the group 3-placed Uimhir A Haon (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) from the family of the G1 Hong Kong Vase heroine Vallee Enchantee (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), the G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 Prix Jean Prat hero Vespone (Ire) (Llandaff). Her yearling colt is by Dandy Man (Ire), while she also has a filly foal by Soldier's Call (GB). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$40,183. O-Clipper Logistics; B-Branton Court Stud (GB); T-Karl Burke.

3rd-Sandown, £10,000, Novice, 7-28, 2yo, 7fT, 1:27.73, hy.
EL BODEGON (IRE) (c, 2, Kodiak {GB}--Al Andalyya, by Kingmambo), who was runner-up over six furlongs at Windsor July 5, raced in second throughout the early stages. Moving to the front passing the two-furlong pole, the 13-2 shot asserted to beat Velazquez (Ire) (**Caravaggio**) by two lengths in a heavy rainstorm which forced the abandonment of the rest of the card. The winner is a full-brother to the G1 Caulfield Cup, G1 Grosser Preis von Baden and G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin-winning Australian champion stayer Best Solution (Ire),

Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 11-14f, Ch. Stayer-Aus, G1SW-Aus, MG1SW-Ger, MGSW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, SP-Tur, \$3,314,220. He is currently the last known foal out of the dam, who is a half to three black-type performers including the G2 Prix Hocquart runner-up Cape Clear Island (Ire) (**Fastnet Rock {Aus}**). This is the family of the G1 St Leger hero Brian Boru (GB) and the G1 Epsom Derby and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe-winning sire Workforce (GB) (King's Best). Sales history: 70,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$9,951. O-NAS Syndicate & A F O'Callaghan; B-Cecil and Martin McCracken (IRE); T-James Ferguson.

2nd-Redcar, £7,200, Nov, 7-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT, 1:22.98, gd.
STAR JEWEL (GB) (f, 3, Territories {Ire}--Dubai Affair {GB}, by Dubawi {Ire}), who was penalised seven pounds for notching a two-length success over this distance at Kempton in her Nov. 4 debut last time, broke well and raced in a handy sixth through the early stages of this turf bow. Tanking forward from halfway, the 1-4 lock cruised to the front on the bridle approaching the quarter-mile marker and kept on powerfully under mild coaxing in the closing stages to easily account for Biplane (Noble Mission {GB}) by an impressive 6 1/2 lengths. From the family of G1SW sire Sakhee's Secret (GB) (Sakhee), she is the fifth of eight foals and one of four scorers out of a winning half to Listed Bosra Sham Fillies' S. victrix Queen's Grace (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}). The February-foaled bay is kin to the once-raced 2-year-old filly Lullaby Bay (GB) (Profitable {Ire}), a yearling filly by **Oasis Dream (GB)** and a weanling colt by **Calyx (GB)**. Sales history: 38,000gns Ylg '19 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$10,720. O-Rabbah Racing; B-Bearstone Stud (GB); T-Simon & Ed Crisford.



Showcasing, sire of Goodwood winner Illustrating
Whitsbury Manor Stud

1st-Leicester, £10,100, Mdn, 7-28, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:12.85, gd.
JUMBLY (GB) (f, 2, Gleneagles {Ire}--Thistle Bird {GB} {Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 9 1/2-11f, G1SW-Ire, MGSW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$577,634}, by Selkirk), sent off the 9-2 second favourite, raced under cover tracking the early leaders. Moving to Round Acre (GB) (Garswood {GB}) with 150 yards remaining, the homebred asserted to beat that rival by a length. The dam captured the G1 Pretty Polly S. and two renewals of the G3 Princess Elizabeth S. as well as placing in the G1 Nassau S. and G1 Prix de l'Opera. A half to the dual Australian Group 3 winner and G1 Cantala Plate runner-up McCreery (GB) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}), she is a daughter of the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest third Dolma (Fr) (Marchand de Sable) from the family of the five-times group 1-winning Solow (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}). Thistle Bird's yearling colt is by **Kingman (GB)**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,569.

O-E Rothschild & Ptnr; B-Emily Rothschild (GB); T-R Charlton.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

1st-Goodwood, £50,000, Hcp, 7-28, 3yo, 11f 218yT, 2:44.04, sf.
NAGANO (GB) (g, 3, Fastnet Rock {Aus}--Nazym {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$46,344. O-Nurlan Bizakov; B-Hesmonds Stud Ltd (GB); T-Roger Varian. *1/2 to Nausha (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**), GSW-Eng & SP-Fr, \$107,310.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Milbanke (GB), g, 2, **Intello (Ger)**--Augusta Ada (GB), by Byron (GB). Redcar, 7-28, 5f 217yT, 1:11.60. B-L C & A E Sigsworth (GB). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Subtle Beauty (Ire), f, 3, **Gleneagles (Ire)**--Mirage (Ire) (SW, \$115,803), by **Oasis Dream (GB)**. Leicester, 7-28, 7fT, 1:36.36. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$15,057. B-Mrs Fitri Hay (IRE).

FRANCE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Pedrochec (Fr), c, 2, **Pedro the Great**--Inner Beauty (GB), by Pivotal (GB). Saint-Malo, 7-28, 5 1/2fT, 1:06.29. B-J Ouechec (FR). *€45,000 Ylg '20 AROCT.

Schooner Ridge (Ire), f, 3, **Siyouni (Fr)**--Surprisingly (Ire), by **Galileo (Ire)**. Argentan, 7-28, 6fT, 1:19.80. B-Chelston (Ireland) (IRE). *£75,000 RNA 2yo '20 TTIGOR.



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Thursday, Goodwood, post time: 15.35

THE QATAR NASSAU STAKES (CLASS 1) (GROUP 1) (BRITISH CHAMPIONS SERIES)-G1, £600,000, 9F 197y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Audarya (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Mrs A. M. Swinburn	James Fanshawe	William Buick	133
2	Lady Bowthorpe (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Ms E. L. Banks	William Jarvis	Kieran Shoemark	133
3	Empress Josephine (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Frankie Dettori	124
4	Joan of Arc (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	124
5	Technique (GB)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Mantonbury Stud	Martyn Meade	Tom Marquand	124
6	Zeyaadah (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	Roger Varian	Jim Crowley	124

Breeders: 1-S.A.R.L. Haras D'Ecouvres, 2-Scuderia Archi Romani, 3-Coolmore, 4-Coolmore, 5-The Pocock Family, 6-Shadwell Estate Company Limited

Thursday, Goodwood, post time: 14.25

THE UNIBET RICHMOND STAKES (CLASS 1) (GROUP 2)-G2, £150,000, 6F 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Perfect Power (Ire)	Ardad (Ire)	Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum	Richard Fahey	Paul Hanagan	129
2	Asymmetric (Ire)	Showcasing (GB)	Ms Leora Judah	Alan King	Martin Harley	126
3	Caturra (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Mr Saeed Bin Mohammed Al Qassimi	Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	126
4	Ebro River (Ire)	Galileo Gold (GB)	Al Shaqab Racing	Hugo Palmer	James Doyle	126
5	Gis A Sub (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Mr Steve Ryan	Kevin Ryan	Kevin Stott	126
6	Gubbass (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Mr Jassim Bin Ali Al Attiyah	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	126
7	Khunan (GB)	Twilight Son (GB)	AlMohamediya Racing	Richard Fahey	Hollie Doyle	126

Breeders: 1-Tally-Ho Stud, 2-Redpender Stud Ltd, 3-Tally-Ho Stud, 4-Tally-Ho Stud, 5-Kildaragh Stud, 6-Tom Lacy, 7-Bumble Bloodstock Ltd

Thursday, Goodwood, post time: 15.00

THE JOHN PEARCE RACING GORDON STAKES (CLASS 1) (GROUP 3)-G3, £175,000, 11F 218y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Yibir (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	130
2	Youth Spirit (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Ahmad Al Shaikh	Andrew Balding	Tom Marquand	130
3	Aleas (GB)	Archipenko	Miss K. Rausing	Ralph Beckett	Hector Crouch	127
4	Belloccio (Fr)	Belardo (Ire)	All for One Racing	David Menuisier	Oisin Murphy	127
5	Ottoman Emperor (Ire)	Excelebration (Ire)	O.T.I. Racing	J. P. Murtagh	Ben Coen	127
6	Sir Lucan (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier	Aidan O'Brien	Frankie Dettori	127
7	Third Realm (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	Roger Varian	Andrea Atzeni	127
8	Wordsworth (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	127

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Ringfort Stud & Paul Hancock, 3-Miss K. Rausing, 4-Vasby Distribution Ab, 5-Castletown and Minch Bloodstock, 6-Coolmore, 7-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 8-Barronstown Stud

Friday, Goodwood, post time: 15.35

THE KING GEORGE QATAR STAKES (CLASS 1) (GROUP 3)-G3, £300,000, 5F 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Arecibo (Fr)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Mr T. W. Morley	Robert Cowell	Jamie Spencer	128
2	Art Power (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Tim Easterby	Silvestre De Sousa	128
3	Battaash (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	Charles Hills	Jim Crowley	128
4	Good Effort (Ire)	Shamardal	Mr Abdulla Al Mansoori	Ismail Mohammed	Ray Dawson	128
5	Liberty Beach (GB)	Cable Bay (Ire)	Mr Philip Wilkins	John Quinn	Jason Hart	128
6	Ornate (GB)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	Kings Road Racing Partnership	David C. Griffiths	Phil Dennis	128
7	Stone of Destiny (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Andrew Balding	David Probert	128
8	Zargun (Ger)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Sexy Six Partnership	Scott Dixon	Ben Curtis	128
9	Glass Slippers (GB)	Dream Ahead	Bearstone Stud Limited	Kevin Ryan	Tom Eaves	125

10	Keep Busy (Ire)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Mrs Doreen Tabor	John Quinn	Ryan Moore	125
11	Dragon Symbol (GB)	Cable Bay (Ire)	Mr Yoshiro Kubota	Archie Watson	Oisin Murphy	124
12	Ubettabelieveit (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Martin Webb Racing	Nigel Tinkler	Rowan Scott	124
13	Suesa (Ire)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Mr George Strawbridge	Francois Rohaut	William Buick	121

Breeders: 1-Wertheimer & Frere, 2-Owenstown Bloodstock Ltd, 3-Ballyphilip Stud, 4-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 5-Phillip Wilkins, 6-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 7-Biddestone Stud, 8-Gestut Karlishof, 9-Bearstone Stud Ltd, 10-Hackcanter Ltd & Mr P. Gleeson, 11-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 12-Ringfort Stud, 13-Thomastown Farm Ltd

Friday, Goodwood, post time: 16.10

THE L'ORMARINS QUEEN'S PLATE GLORIOUS STAKES (CLASS 1) (GROUP 3)-G3, £100,000, 11f 218y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Euchen Glen (GB)	Authorized (Ire)	Mr W. M. Johnstone	Jim Goldie	Paul Mulrennan	130
2	Alounak (Fr)	Camelot (GB)	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Andrew Balding	Silvestre De Sousa	127
3	Eagles By Day (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Clipper Logistics	David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope	127
4	Fox Tal (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Andrew Balding	David Probert	127
5	Mogul (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	127
6	Outbox (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Hambleton Racing Ltd XXXIII	Archie Watson	Hollie Doyle	127
7	Pablo Escobarr (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Mr Hussain Alabbas Lootah	William Haggas	William Buick	127
8	Passion And Glory (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Godolphin	Saeed bin Suroor	Oisin Murphy	127
9	Without A Fight (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	Simon & Ed Crisford	Andrea Atzeni	127

Breeders: 1-W. M. Johnstone, 2-East Bloodstock Ltd & SCEA Des Prairies, 3-Mrs Vanessa Hutch, 4-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 5-Newsells Park Stud, 6-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 7-R. Scarborough & Carradale, 8-Godolphin, 9-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum

Friday, Goodwood, post time: 14.25

THE BONHAMS THOROUGHBRED STAKES (CLASS 1) (GROUP 3)-G3, £100,000, 8f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Baaeed (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	William Haggas	Jim Crowley	127
2	El Drama (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	Roger Varian	Andrea Atzeni	127
3	Khartoum 🦿	Pioneerof the Nile	D Smith/Mrs Magnier/M Tabor/P Brant	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	127
4	Perotto (GB)	New Bay (GB)	Halcyon Thoroughbreds	Marcus Tregoning	William Buick	127
5	Rhythm Master (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	John and Jess Dance	Richard Fahey	P. J. McDonald	127
6	Tactical (GB)	Toronado (Ire)	The Queen	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	127
7	Tasman Bay (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Sir Peter Vela	Sir Mark Todd	David Probert	127
8	Passionova (Ire)	Bated Breath (GB)	Sir John Ritblat, P Bowden & G Baker	George Baker	Hollie Doyle	124

Breeders: 1-Shadwell Estate Company Limited, 2-Farm Cove Thoroughbreds, 3-RanJan Racing, Inc., 4-China Horse Club International Ltd, 5-Yeomanstown Stud, 6-The Queen, 7-S.A.R.L. de Chambure Haras D'Etream & S.A.R.L. Ecurie des Charmes, 8-Kildaragh Stud & M. Downey

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STALLIONS POISED TO MAKE AN IMPACT



Deep Field leads all Australian sires with 185 foals | Newgate Farm

by Bren O'Brien

With the new racing season approaching and a fresh bunch of rising 2-year-olds readying themselves for a career on the racetrack, we have taken a deep dive on the Australian foal crop data from 2019 to see which stallions will have numbers on their side heading into the 2021/22 racing season.

There were 12,862 live foals registered in Australia in 2019, a drop of 149 from the previous season, corresponding with a drop off in both mare and stallion returns across the previous decade.

The one trend that was clear from the 2018 breeding season, which produced the upcoming 2-year-old crop, is that it provided a peak in the number of 'big book' stallions, with 13 individual sires having books of mares of above 200. That compared with just six in that category in 2017 and nine in 2019.

Rubick, then at Coolmore, may have had the biggest book at 263, but it was Newgate's Deep Field who produced the biggest crop, with 185 live foals. Lyndhurst Stud Farm's Better Than Ready had a crop of 178, two more than Widden's Zoustar and four more than Rubick, who had 174.

STALLION FOALS COVERS

Stallion	Foals	Covers
Deep Field	185	246
Better Than Ready	178	236
Zoustar	176	243
Rubick	174	263
Smart Missile	169	222
I Am Invincible	162	228
Capitalist	162	233
Russian Revolution	157	226
So You Think	152	225
Sebring	152	199
Spirit Of Boom	149	217

Table: Top 10 Australian stallions by 2019 foal crop

In terms of the greatest increase in foal crop, it was Smart Missile, then in his first season at Twin Hills Stud, who produced the most significant jump, with his crop of 169, 126 more than he produced the previous year.

That jump was not only due to his relocation, but also from the fact he got his first Group 1 winner, Maid Of Heaven, early in that 2018 season.

Rubick, who relocated to Swettenham Stud in Victoria this season, can be expected to make more of a mark with his 2-year-olds in the upcoming season based on numbers alone, with an increase of 83 compared to last year while Deep Field's numbers have also exploded, up by 78.



Likely First-Season Sire Extreme Choice | Newgate

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Both Rubick and Deep Field had big jumps in their fourth crops which usually indicates that 12 months earlier when those matings were planned, that the stallions' first-crop progeny had been well-received commercially through the yearling sales, and that the feedback on them ahead of their first racing season was very positive.

Shuttle stallions can also benefit significantly in terms of their fourth crop because they may have a first Northern Hemisphere crop already making their mark on the track. In the case of Toronado (Ire), he had seven winners in Europe before the start of the Australian breeding season in 2018. His foal crop jumped by 71 to 135 the following season and those horses are turning two on Sunday.

Other stallions which saw a significant year-on-year jump were Better Than Ready (+70), Coolmore's So You Think (NZ) (+59) and Pierro (+38), and Zoustar (+55).

Changing of the Guard

What the foal crop stats of 2019 also point to is the generational change that was about to take place, with the dominant stallions of the previous decade all at a point where their books were more carefully managed and some approaching the end of their careers.

It was to prove the final crop of the great Redoute's Choice, who left us in March 2019. As things stand, the Arrowfield legend has produced 190 2-year-old winners, 40 of them at stakes-level across nine countries. His final 2-year-old crop has just 23 members.

It is also the final crop of Widden Stud's Sebring, who died a month before Redoute's Choice, but he will have a very strong representation, with a foal crop of 152 in 2019 ready to enhance his considerable legacy.

It is the penultimate crop of now pensioned Arrowfield stallion Not A Single Doubt, with 44 foals, a drop off of 54 from his crop number for the group about to turn three.



The late Redoute's Choice | *Brown Healy*

Darley's Exceed And Excel also had a drop in his foal crop numbers in 2019, from 75 to 48--it subsequently rebounded to 86 in 2020--so he won't have big numbers on his side when it comes to the new season 2-year-old races.

Vinery Stud's **More Than Ready** (USA) was in his second last season in Australia in 2018 and his foal crop in 2019 of 42 was the smallest of his 19 seasons shuttling.

Second-Season Stars

The freshman stallions of 2020/21 have created history at almost every turn in the past season, with high expectations of their long-term impact on the Australian breeding landscape.

Newgate's Capitalist, who with 21, has the most winners of any of that crop of stallions, will have the numerical advantage on his rivals with a second foal crop of 162 to represent him through the upcoming season. That's just three fewer than his first-crop numbers.

Barnmate Flying Artie, who is likely to finish third in the Champion First Season Sire standings and has produced 10 Australian winners, had a second crop of 109, slightly down from his first crop of 145, but still a very strong representation.

Coolmore's **American Pharoah** (USA) also had a triple-figure foal crop total (103), while Arrowfield's Shalaa (Ire) had 99.

Vinery Stud's Star Turn has already been able to produce 19 winners from his first crop of 115 foals and while his numbers in the second crop dropped to 91, he will still be well-positioned to make an impact.

Newgate's Extreme Choice should, barring late drama, be crowned Champion First Season Sire, which is quite remarkable for a stallion who, due to fertility issues, produced a first crop of 48 foals. His second crop is smaller in number, at 29, but that and the success of his first crop created considerable demand for his progeny through this year's yearling sales, where they averaged over \$154,000.

The Established Stars

Written Tycoon looks destined to secure his first Australian Sires' Title this season ahead of his move back to Victoria to his new home at Yulong Stud in 2021.

In the 2018 breeding season, he stood at Woodside Park Stud at an increased fee of \$110,000 (inc GST) and the following year produced a crop of 123 foals, eight fewer than he did the previous year.

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I Am Invincible's price at Yarraman Park also jumped significantly to \$192,500 (inc GST) in 2018 and it certainly didn't dissuade support for him, with his biggest-ever crop of 162 foals produced the following year.

Snitzel went into the 2018 breeding season having won his second consecutive Champion Sires' title with his fee at Arrowfield advancing to \$220,000 (inc GST). He served a book of 177 mares that year and produced a crop of 135, who are set to turn two this week.

The New Kids

The fresh crop of Australian stallions with their first runners in 2021/22 will be highly anticipated and on numbers alone, they are poised to make a considerable impact.

Newgate's Russian Revolution produced the biggest crop of foals, with 157, while Coolmore's Merchant Navy has a first crop of 134 to secure some early success.

Darley's Impending has a crop of 119 foals, one more than Yarraman Park's Hellbent, while Swettenham Stud's **Highland Reel (Ire)** (103) and Aquis' Spieth (102), both have triple-figure representatives.

Arrowfield Stud's Pariah has a crop of 99 to source success from, while **Caravaggio** (USA), who shuttled to Coolmore Australia for one season, has 91.

Raheen Stud's Heroic Valour could be a first-season surprise packet, as he has a first foal crop of 85 to derive his success from, while Woodside Park's Tosen Stardom (Jpn) also had 85 live first-crop foals.

Also above 80 were Aquis' Invader (82) and Coolmore shuttle stallion **Churchill (Ire)**, who had 81 live foals in 2019.

The other first-season stallion to make a major mark on the Australian yearling sales in 2021 was Cambridge Stud's Almanzor (Fr). It would be unusual for a New Zealand-based stallion to have an impact in Australian 2-year-old races, but he does have a strong first foal crop of 94 to source success from.

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