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## EPICENTER DRAWS SIX AS 7-5 FAVORITE IN TRAVERS



**Epicenter (Not This Time)** breezes with Wilson Fabian aboard Monday at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

Winchell Thoroughbreds' MGSW and GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. runner-up **Epicenter (Not This Time)** drew post six in a field of eight and was installed as a significant 7-5 favorite in Saturday's 153rd renewal of the \$1.25 million GI **Runhappy** Travers S. The Steve Asmussen pupil, last seen producing a dazzling late-to-first kick to capture the local GII Jim Dandy S. July 30, will be ridden by regular jockey Joel Rosario, who missed most of the past week of racing at Saratoga with an illness.

Given the second-choice nod at 7-2 is Gold Square's rail-drawn multiple Grade I winner **Cyberknife (Gun Runner)**. Scoring in the GI Arkansas Derby earlier this year, Cyberknife has bounced back from a disappointing run in the Kentucky Derby with back-to-back successes in the GIII Matt Winn S. and GI Haskell Invitational S. The chestnut will look to give trainer Brad Cox consecutive Travers triumphs after his champion **Essential Quality (Tapit)** won the 1 1/4-mile test in 2021.

Kentucky Derby upsetter **Rich Strike (Keen Ice)** drew post two as a 10-1 chance. After his unforgettable closing flourish to shock the Run for the Roses at 80-1, the Eric Reed trainee famously passed on a try at the Preakness only to run sixth in the GI Belmont S. Journeyman Sonny Leon keeps the mount.

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## UNSUNG BUT VITAL: 'THE JOHNNY BURKE TREATMENT'

by Chris McGrath

Anyone else who had trained this many Grade I winners-- there's barely space for their photographs in the barn office-- would by now be knocking at the door of the Hall of Fame. But how many even know the name of Johnny Burke? How many know his cheerful, friendly face or the store of experience that draws together so many evocative names, on two legs and four, of his own and past generations?

As an adolescent, Burke was the first person ever to sit on the back of Midnight Court, subsequently winner of the 1978 Cheltenham Gold Cup. Four decades later, he took an unsung role in the success of Mystic Guide (**Ghostzapper**) in the G1 Dubai World Cup, having welcomed the horse into his care as rehab trainer for Godolphin. **Cont. p3**

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**CLASSICAL CAT A GOOD OMEN FOR MENDELSSOHN 7**

*Patrycja Szpyra talks to Michael House, co-owner of potential champion Nest (Curlin), about an exciting 2-year-old named Classical Cat (Mendelssohn), who continued the ascent of her freshman sire with a good-looking score Saturday at Del Mar.*

**BEST ACTOR CRUISES IN SMARTY JONES 9**

*Gary and Mary West's Best Actor (Flatter) staked his claim as a major threat for next month's GI Pennsylvania Derby with a comprehensive 5 3/4-length score in Tuesday's GIII Smarty Jones S. at the Bensalem oval.*

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**Epicenter Draws Six As Travers Favorite cont. from p1**

Leading trainer Chad Brown will have three starters in the Travers: Preakness hero **Early Voting** (**Gun Runner**, 8-1, post seven), Grade I winner and Derby third **Zandon** (**Upstart**, 5-1, post eight) and **Artorius** (Arrogate, 9-2, post five), an impressive winner of the **Curlin** S. July 29 at the Spa. Brown, who made news last week after he was **arrested** in Saratoga Springs, is looking for his first Travers victory.

Rounding out the field are Iowa Derby winner **Ain't Life Grand** (**Not This Time**, 20-1) from post three and **Curlin** runner-up **Gilded Age** (**Medaglia d'Oro**, 30-1) from post five.

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**The Johnny Burke Treatment cont. from p1**

In between, Burke has accumulated memories and expertise that makes it a true privilege to intrude on his company, in the apt seclusion of the auxiliary stabling below the Rice Road perimeter of Keeneland racetrack.

"I'm just a small cog in a big wheel," he protests. "My crew here, when the horses have gone back to the trainers, they're all in here screaming at the TV. That's what I love to see."

This determined effacement of his own role will not be shared by anyone else in the American branch of Sheikh Mohammed's racing empire. Talk to the trainers, talk to the team at Jonabell,

and you'll often hear grateful reference to how Burke has redeemed the potential of priceless animals. Since hiring him in 2006, they have been able to rotate a constant floating population--seldom more than 30, but by now around 2,000 in aggregate--of horses that need to regroup or reset.

"We're very fortunate that we have trainers who catch things early," Burke says. "But, of course, stuff happens with horses that's unavoidable, and a lot of young horses will have setbacks. With those, there's still a lot going on: they're still growing, still learning. But with all of them, ideally, you want them to graduate back out of this barn so that their progression can continue. They obviously all come here for a reason: maybe a soft tissue, a bit of surgery. And you're never sure if that might have left an impression. So my philosophy would always be, besides physical rehab, that they'll often need to get their confidence back as well. That was always a big thing with my old man: their confidence."

Ah, yes, the old man. Like so many Irishmen of his generation who have found a niche in the American industry, Burke benefitted from a hardboot upbringing with a strong steeplechasing flavor. Indeed, when he lost his father three years ago, the whole sport in his homeland lost a precious connection.

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# Maryland-bred Grade 1 Saratoga Ladies

The big races for the girls this month have been won by the best--

**The Grade 1 Test** (*run Aug 6*). In 1989 it was won by **SAFELY KEPT**, eventual 1989 Eclipse Award-winning Sprinter. She ran it in 1:21<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub>. The Test Stakes was one of her eight stakes wins from nine starts as a 3-year-old. Her only loss that year was a second in the Breeders' Cup Sprint when she was caught at the wire by Dancing Spree. **SAFELY KEPT** was the first sprinter to have ever earned more than two million dollars. Maryland-bred and Maryland-sired. She was inducted into the National Racing Hall of Fame in 2011.



**The Grade 1 Ballerina running August 28.**

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**Johnny Burke** | *Landon Antonetti*

Mick Burke had been the last living apprentice of Vincent O'Brien's Clashganniff era. In his youth, he had schooled Cottage Rake.

So far as his son is concerned, however, the key phase of Burke, Sr.'s varied and colorful career was his service as private trainer to Viscount Petersham (later Earl of Harrington) on Richmond Stud in Co Limerick. This was where Burke was raised, and where he was first hoisted onto big, rangy steeplechasers

when no more than 12 years old.

Burke will never forget the first piece of work he ever rode.

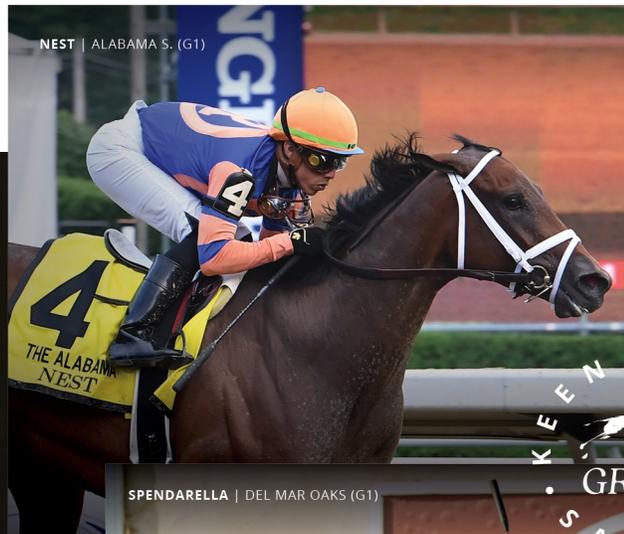
"Upsides with dad," he recalls. "No helmets. I would have been about 15. We went into this big stubble field, we weren't really supposed to be in there, and the old man said, 'Right, just get a hold of him and sit quiet.' And we just winged it up that hill. Some buzz. I'd never felt anything like it. After that, it was all I wanted."

One of the raw young horses Burke helped his father to break had been bought cheaply for the boss from Toss Taaffe: by Twilight Alley out of a mare named Strumpet.

"And actually I was the first person across his back," Burke says. "We broke him at Richmond and Dad ran him a couple of times. I think he just gave him a run in a maiden hurdle first up, in Down Royal, and might have got 'called in' over that! And then he went to Mallow and won a bumper."

That earned Midnight Court a place in the Tom Costello nursery. Around that time, however, Petersham decided that he was being driven out of Ireland by taxes, and sold up for Monte Carlo.

"So the question was what should they do with the Twilight Alley horse, over at Tom's?" Burke recalls. "So the old man got in touch with Fred Winter, picked him up at Shannon airport, and they went out to look at the horse." **Cont. p5**



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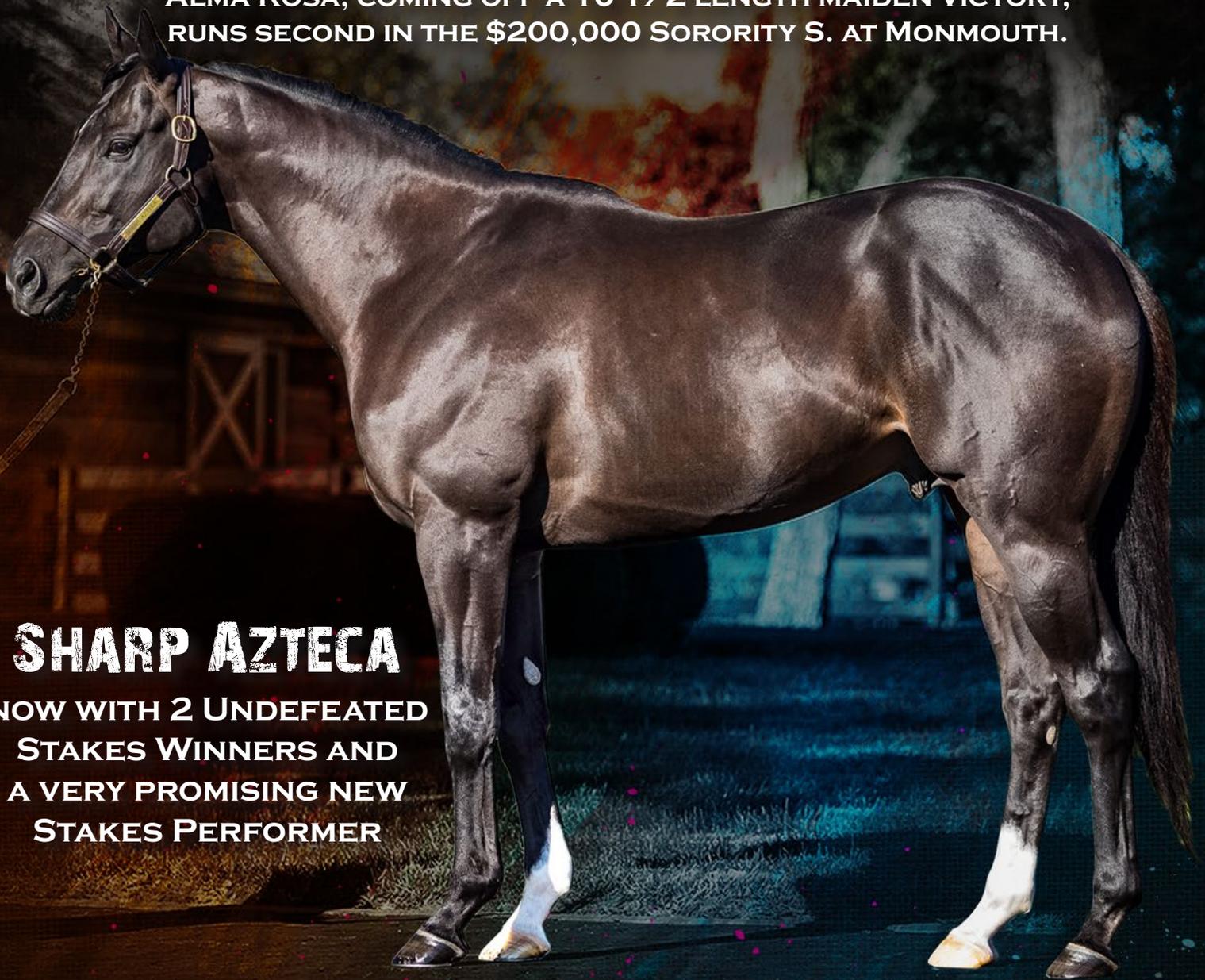
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“I think the guvnor [i.e. Winter] might even have popped him over a pole. Anyway the deal was done, the horse went over to England as a novice, and won the Gold Cup the next season.”

Burke himself would end up following Midnight Court to Uplands, after first becoming one of many compatriots indebted to Dr. Michael Osborne's course at the Irish National Stud.

“It's funny how many people come from the jump game and end up doing the type of thing we're doing now,” Burke muses. “But I think all of us, in my generation, were at the last cusp of the old school. In those days the guvnor would come round evening stables, and you twisted in your doorways and stood your horses up. It just gave me a good grounding.”

Burke had absorbed his education so well that Osborne asked him back to the National Stud to assist the next intake as a yard foreman. And it proved to be some crop, that year: Niall

Brennan, Eoin Harty, James Keogh, Jim FitzGerald, Sam Bradley, Michael O'Hagan.

There had, after all, been another dimension to Burke's education at home: he had worked with the yearlings at

Dooneen Stud, an annex of Greenmount (since largely absorbed by Limerick racecourse) where the Stanhope family housed a number of fast stallions.

“Huntercombe, a Derring-Do horse, held the record for a long time at Longchamp,” Burke recalls. “When I was working at Winter's, there was a lad there who used to ride him on the gallops at [Guy] Harwood's. He said he was the only horse he ever had to work wearing goggles! They also had Pitcairn, who sired Ela-Mana-Mou out of

Rose Bertin. I remember her when she came to Pampapaul at the Irish National Stud. He'd beaten The Minstrel in the Irish Guineas but was a terribly slow breeder.” **Cont. p6**



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“He bit her, she turned and kicked, and he whipped out of the way so quick that she caught me over the eye. We'd be sent into a different shed with Pampapaul, he might take two or three hours and hold everyone up. But then that Yellow God line was all very quirky.”

That's just one small sample of how Burke's reminiscences are strewn with names that make you want to stop him so that he can take you down the next warren of stories. But we can't keep him all day, so let's fast forward: through a couple of years in Australia, turning down an offer to stay on from C.S. Hayes because he hadn't yet experienced Kentucky; then coming to the Bluegrass in 1983, aged 23, and finding Lexington full of guys he knew from back home.

“Though most of the ones who'd done the [National Stud] course all ended up on farms,” he says. “And all along I had always been the one who wanted to wear a helmet, the one who would end up on the track.”

But not, crucially, the only one. An Australian student, Murray Johnson, had come here to become a trainer, and would one day saddle Perfect Drift (Dynaformer) to run third in the Kentucky Derby.

Johnson is now back in Australia, but Burke called him recently and said, “You know, next March it'll be 40 years since you and I were having a beer one night here in Lexington. And you said, ‘Come on, let's go down to Keeneland in the morning and get on some horses.’”

Burke continues the story: “So I bought a helmet and a pair of cowboy boots, and Murray said that we should help out this guy, he needed a couple of riders. It happened to be Carl Nafzger's barn--and I ended up staying with him six and a half years. We banged heads a fair bit, but I hope we both brought something to the table. I was there until '89 and the last two or three years, I had his second string. He'd say, ‘This horse needs the Johnny Burke treatment.’ And he'd send it over to me to get it right.”

Which is, of course, pretty much the role Burke has today. In between, however, there still remained a fairly long and winding road, not without moments of doubt. Again, we'll have to compress the tale a little.

Having tired of the traveling circuit, met future wife Patricia, and applied for residency, Burke was next indebted to Niall Brennan for introduction to a couple of opportunities. First was a pinhooking venture for Hong Kong clients in Ocala, “back in the days when 11: was still a good move” at the 2-year-old sales. And then Brennan heard that Tony Foyt was looking for an exercise rider back at Keeneland.

That gave Burke a foot back in the Kentucky door, but he was still making do with some part-time work at Gainsborough when a guy he'd met in Ocala rang and said he had a horse too mediocre to remain at Jonathan Sheppard's stable. Would he

maybe take it on?

“So Howard Battle gave me this one stall down here on Rice Road,” Burke recalls. “I used to come in and train this horse, go off and do my day's work at Gainsborough, and then come back in at four to feed him.”

Burke still only had one charge, albeit with a few more promised, when next renting 10 boxes at what is now the Kentucky Horse Center. The bank wouldn't loan him the money for his first month's rent, so Patricia paid from her nursing wages. Friends like Robbie Lyons and Padraig Campion stepped up to the plate with clients, and for 15 years or so Burke held his own, exercising most of the horses himself.

“We did okay,” he says. “Didn't run a lot of horses, but I made a living and was able to go home once a year and do a bit of hunting. And I trained a couple of winners for Sheikh Mohammed. Michael Banahan had said to Jimmy Bell, ‘These fillies are fairly fit, why don't we send them down to Johnny and see if he can break their maiden and we'll get them bred as well.’ So I ended up sending back a few with their win pictures and a 42-day certificate of pregnancy.”

But the fact was that Burke was now well into his mid-forties, there were now twins at home, and he took a couple of bad falls in trackwork.

“Hunting falls were all right, you were full of port!” he says. “But one day up at Paris Pike I got kicked in the sternum and ended up in the ICU. Every now and then I still feel it. That was telling me, there and then, that my time was coming up. And it was shortly afterwards that Jimmy Bell called to say Darley were thinking of a permanent rehab and pre-training yard at Keeneland. Luckily I had the sense to see I was never going to get a chance like this again.”



Music Note | Sarah Andrew

Ever since, Burke has enjoyed the ideal equilibrium between his employers' unprecedented blend of quality and quantity, on the one hand, and a stable that always permits him an intimate connection with his charges.

"All the trainers have their different ways, but we're all aiming at the same thing," he says. "Everybody's tied in, and it's pretty fine-tuned now. You know how long it should take you to get back from a certain issue or setback. You're training horses, same as you ever did, but really nice horses. The methods are no different, but there's great satisfaction."

He gestures to one of the many framed photographs.

"Look up there," he says. "Music Note (A.P. Indy). What I call one of our first 'charter members.' First group that ever came in here: she'd had minor setback, she was a little bit in limbo. Five Grade I's! Sometimes you have to remind yourself where you are. You don't take anything for granted, by any means. But look, there's Girolamo (A.P. Indy). That's Dickinson (**Medaglia d'Oro**). This right here is Wedding Toast (**Street Sense**). She had a few quirks as a 2-year-old, got confidence in herself and turned the corner. There's a mare the boss had out of Uruguay, Cocoa Beach (Chi) (Doneraile Court). She and Music Note just had the misfortune of being around the same year as Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}). **Maxfield (Street Sense)**, he had a couple of visits here.

"It's great getting a couple of works into these horses and knowing they're in a good place. Or, sometimes, getting a nice surprise. Every now and then a horse comes in that has never really played his hand. Training horses, it's a bit like playing poker. You give him a bit of a squeeze and he looks at you, and you look at him: yeah, I know where you're at. But generally I just try to get them back in the game. If they're not comfortable, they'll usually tell you. And if they are enjoying themselves, they'll soon tell you that, too."

It's a world apart from his boyhood, Midnight Court, that stubble field. But it's the same world, too.

"I've dealt with them all," Burke says. "The black types and the white types! And, to me, they're all going to teach you something. I tell the 'Flying Start' students that it's never cut-and-dried, never black and white. If you don't have that connection, don't get their aura, you're better off doing something else. I love walking round the barn when it's quiet. That's when you might just see something, might suddenly connect. Because it's always about what you do when they're ready--and you're not going to do that, unless you get in touch with them.

"I think Dad was quite proud when I called and told him they'd offered me a spot here. It was him who taught me always to do things right. Do it properly. Of course, it was a different era. But while it may sound corny, I won't ever be satisfied, going home,

unless I've put in a day's graft. And, as you get older, you look back and think: you know, it's been a bit of fun."

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## CLASSICAL CAT ANOTHER GOOD OMEN FOR MENDELSSOHN



**Classical Cat holds firm over \$3.55-million purchase Hejazi | Benoit**

*by Patrycja Szpyra*

It's not a too common occurrence for sales-topping purchases to make it on the track despite the world of promise their pedigree, physical, and connections might imply. Further out still is the extraordinary feat of reproducing themselves or--at the very least--producing several runners of equitable talent between them, though stallions have the task on significantly easier asking than do the fillies and mares. **Mendelsohn** is patiently inching closer to changing that outlook and his Del Mar winner from last Saturday proves the stallion can get a promising runner at any budget; one of the most potent qualities a sire could have, especially early in his career.

**Classical Cat (Mendelsohn**--Conquest Strate Up, by Not Bourbon) streaked home on debut a gutsy 2 1/2-length winner for Michael House and conditioner Philip D'Amato, in a race under keen observation admittedly more for who finished behind him--this year's \$3.55-million Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May Sale topper, Hejazi (Bernardini).

Himself a modest \$65,000 purchase at Keeneland September last year by a friend of House, the **Mendelsohn** colt needed some early correction after the break, but once he was given a target and his cue to strike the lead, Classical Cat would not be stopped. For House, it was quite the thrill to see his horse put his best foot forward right at first asking.

"It sure was fun...we were telling [Classical Cat] all week that he cost \$5 million so he wouldn't feel bad," House joked, on his way to the barn when the call went through Monday. **Cont. p8**



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“[D’Amato] was very positive and confident in him. He’d been doing everything right. He wasn’t too worried about the other competition, probably not as much as we were.”

Classical Cat wasn’t the only runner House had that day, either. Across the country at Saratoga, his co-owned filly Nest (**Curlin**) put on a masterclass in the GI Alabama S. and all but began the process of etching her name onto the plaque for the divisional title. House admitted that, while they’d wanted to go, the lure of seeing their horses at Del Mar—where they were conveniently close for himself and his wife—proved too strong, and they’d stayed home to see their local runners on the card.

“We’d flown out before to see her run, but we had so many entries that day. So, we saw her on TV before our horses ran here,” he said.

On the end of the call, and clearly ready to head out with his bag of carrots, House quickly included that, while his colt wasn’t displaying his sire’s liking of loudly announcing his presence at every opportunity, there was a strong trait he liked.

“He’s the sweetest guy in the barn. He’s got the sweetest disposition. We’ve been babying him,” House said. “[Classical Cat] is a big, good-looking colt...**Mendelssohn** was a great racehorse himself and now he’s starting to show it as a sire.”



**Mendelssohn** | Sarah Andrew

Said sire (by Scat Daddy) bucked the trend of multi-million dollar auction horses never quite reaching their full potential. The \$3-million KEESEP topper in 2016—the same sale which yielded Triple Crown hero **Justify** (Scat Daddy) and MGISW **Good Magic** (**Curlin**), to name a couple—earned over \$2.5 million in his career, crowned by victories in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf and G2 U. A. E. Derby. The latter was an 18 1/2-length romp as his final prep for the GI Kentucky Derby, where he was eased to last after being banged around. He went on to hit the board in the GII Dwyer S., GI **Runhappy** Travers S., and GI Jockey Club Gold Cup S. before calling it a career after placing fifth in the

GI Breeders’ Cup Classic and fourth in the GI Cigar Mile.

Retired to stud for 2019, **Mendelssohn** came armed with one of the best female families in the Stud Book as a son of the venerable Leslie’s Lady (Tricky Creek), making him a half-sibling to Hall of Famer Beholder (Henny Hughes) and now three-time reigning champion general sire, Into Mischief (Harlan’s Holiday).

Well-received in the ring, his offspring got off to a quiet initial start with several hitting the board over every surface—from the all-weather at Woodbine to French turf courses and the Saratoga main track—but none were getting their picture taken. Then, once the parade of debut winners began, the performances got better and flashier with a ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ among them.



**Pink Hue** earns ‘Rising Star’-dom on debut | Sarah Andrew

**Pink Hue** showed grit and heart in her unveiling over a route of ground on the grass, becoming **Mendelssohn**’s seventh individual winner at that point, but his first and for now only, to receive the **Rising Star** nod from the TDN. A \$310,000 KEESEP grad, purchased by Mike Ryan as agent for e Five Racing, the filly has an Into Mischief-sired, winning older sibling named Man of Promise, who annexed the G3 Emirates Skycargo Nad Al Sheba Turf Sprint, as well as placing third in the G1 Azizi Developments Al Quoz Sprint. Her dam, a **Speightstown** mare named Involved, is a half-sister to GIII Bay Shore victor Skip to the Stone (Skip Trial) and the stakes-placed stakes producer My Heavenly Sign (Forest Camp).

Currently, **Mendelssohn** tallies nine individual winners and will have two chances Aug. 26 at Saratoga to become the sire of black-type horses. The powerful partnership of WinStar and Siena Farm will send New York-bred **Miracle** to post in the state-restricted Seeking the Ante S. from the barn of Rudolphe Brisset. The \$360,000 OBSMAR speedster was a six-length debut winner July 27 at the venue.

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Prior to the 2-year-old sale, she'd passed through the ring as a yearling at SARAUG 2021 for \$250,000 to Bay Hill Stables, and as a weanling at FTKNOV 2020 for \$110,000 to American Equistock.

The second opportunity will come later in the card when owner/trainer Uriah St. Lewis sends out his New York-bred **Belt Parkway** in the Funny Cide S. A \$160,000 SARAUG purchase by Christophe Clement, acting as agent, the colt resurfaced in the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale in May and went to Trin Brook Stables for only \$30,000. Belt Parkway comes in off a nose unveiling victory in a dirt dash at Parx.

With many juveniles filling maiden special entries in the coming days, in addition to the stakes action, the slow start looks to be in **Mendelsohn's** rear view mirror. If his siblings are used as an auspicious indicator of things to come, further successes will arrive in due time and on their own time.

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**Tuesday, Parx Racing**

**SMARTY JONES S.-GIII**, \$300,000, Parx Racing, 8-23, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.14, ft.

1--**BEST ACTOR**, 124, c, 3, by **Flatter**

1st Dam: **Abraqat**, by **Smart Strike**

2nd Dam: **Spun Sugar**, by **Awesome Again**

3rd Dam: **Irish Cherry**, by **Irish Open**

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN.** (\$330,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-Gary & Mary West; B-E. H. Beau & Gail McMichael Lane & J. B. Lane & Michael Orem (KY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Florent Geroux. \$166,500. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$382,120. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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2--**Kissalot**, 121, g, 3, Fort Larned--Kissin Kim, by Yes It's True.

**1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.** O-Dailey Double Racing, LLC; B-Adena Springs (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. \$55,500.

**1/2 bro Hip #1874 sells w/ BUCKLAND at KEESEP**

3--**Creative Minister**, 121, c, 3, **Creative Cause**--Tamboz, by **Tapit**. (\$180,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-Fern Circle Stables, Back Racing, LLC & Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeek); B-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek. \$27,750.

**HIP 851: Half-sis sells with St George Sales at KEESEP**

Margins: 5 3/4, 2, NK. Odds: 2.50, 12.00, 1.70.

Also Ran: Golden Alchemist, Practical Coach, Clapton, Witty, Pioneer of Medina. Scratched: Camp David, Icy Storm. **Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCS.com PPs or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

Gary and Mary West's Best Actor, who suffered the first defeat of his young career by a half-length last out, rebounded and then some with a dominant victory in Tuesday's GIII Smarty Jones S. at Parx, the local prep for the Sept. 24 GI Pennsylvania Derby.

Debuting with a game frontrunning 1 3/4-length success going two turns in the Oaklawn slop Apr. 16, the \$330,000 Keeneland September buy repeated by four lengths in a Churchill allowance/optional claimer June 12 before stumbling at the break and just failing to reel in Actuator (Bodemeister) in the GIII Indiana Derby July 9.

Backed stoutly here to be the narrow second choice after tightening the screws with a five-furlong bullet work in :59 2/5 (1/18) Aug. 15 at Churchill, Best Actor broke smoothly and found a perfect spot stalking the speed of longshot Practical Coach (**Practical Joke**) from second through splits of :23. and :47. Overtaking the pacesetter in hand midway around the far turn, the dark bay widened into the lane and poured it on in the final furlong despite staying on his left lead en route to a 5 3/4-length romp. Kissalot completed the exacta, with favored Creative Minister winning a photo for third.



**Best Actor** | Nikki Sherman/EQUI-PHOTO

**Pedigree Notes:**

The winner is the third foal to race out of his dam, a daughter of Spun Sugar, who annexed the GI Apple Blossom H. and GI Go For Wand H. in 2006. Spun Sugar is also a full-sister to GISW Daaher and a half to the dam of this spring's GII Twin Spires Turf Sprint S. Arrest Me Red (Pioneerof the Nile). Bought by Beau Lane for \$55,000 at Keeneland November in 2016, Abraqat is responsible for a juvenile half-brother to the winner named Money Run (**Runhappy**) who was ninth debuting in an Ellis turf sprint last Friday, and foaled a colt by **Gun Runner** this season before visiting Yaupon.

## KHRC RULES THE FOCUS ON DAY 2 OF MEDINA SPIRIT DQ APPEAL

by Sara Gordon

A deeper dive into the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission's rules defining what medications are considered prohibited versus those that are considered therapeutic and the standards for out-of-competition testing in relation to betamethasone as opposed to post-race testing were the hot topics during day two of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission's hearing addressing trainer Bob Baffert's appeal Tuesday.

Baffert filed the appeal to clear from his record a 90-day suspension he already served this spring, along with reversing Medina Spirit (Protonico)'s disqualification from his victory in the 2021 GI Kentucky Derby.

Both were the result of the Baffert trainee testing positive for betamethasone after winning the first leg of last year's Triple Crown, which led to the stewards' February ruling which disqualified the horse, cost owner Zedan Racing Stables the \$1.86-million purse, and served Baffert his suspension (which ran from April through early July) and a \$7,500 fine.

The day started off with Kentucky chief steward Barbara Borden taking the witness stand, where she stayed nearly four and a half hours while providing testimony, as Baffert's team argued that since the betamethasone was administered as an ointment rather than injected, it did not violate any regulations. However, the KHRC maintained that any systematic presence of betamethasone, regardless of how it was received, is prohibited on race day.

Borden took to the stand at 9 a.m., where she began answering questions from KHRC general counsel Jennifer Wolsing, setting the foundation for further inquiry with a review of Gamine (Into Mischief)'s disqualification from her third-place finish in the 2020 GI Kentucky Oaks following her post-race blood test that revealed the presence of betamethasone. Along with Gamine's disqualification, Baffert was fined \$1,500.

From there, Borden responded to questions specifically regarding what transpired following the confirmation of Medina Spirit's betamethasone overage in the 2021 Kentucky Derby.

"I'm not happy when there's any medication violation. I felt like the process we were going to go through...there was going to be a lot of publicity, [it would be] bad for racing in general, [and] would possibly be drawn out like it has been," she responded when asked by Wolsing what her reaction to the positive test result was.

When asked if her decision in the final ruling was influenced at all by factors such as the media, the cases with Churchill Downs and the New York Racing Association, or Gerard O'Brien--Borden's significant other of 30 years that is a seasonal employee of Turfway Park (which is owned by Churchill Downs)

--Borden was firm in her answer, "no."

She reaffirmed that the stewards' decision was based on Baffert's four offenses in the 365-day period, including Gamine and Medina Spirit's overages of betamethasone in Kentucky--both considered Class C violations--and the overages of lidocaine found in the post-race samples of **Charlatan (Speightstown)** and Gamine after each won on 2020 GI Arkansas Derby Day, which are considered Class B violations.

"We did consider everything that was presented to us and ultimately this was our unanimous decision," she said.

Also, during Wolsing's time taking testimony from Borden, she presented results of a review of positives for betamethasone that noted since the threshold change on Aug. 25, 2020, there were only two positives, and both were in Baffert horses: Gamine and Medina Spirit.

Over an objection by Baffert's attorney Clark Brewster, Wolsing presented a 2016 case regarding a betamethasone positive that involved trainer Tom Amoss, where he explained that he believed it came from application of an ointment. Though the case was dealt with under old rules, the case was presented to draw a parallel to the Baffert case, as Borden said the administration of the betamethasone was irrelevant then and Amoss was sanctioned and the horse that tested positive was disqualified.

The case of Kentucky-based trainer Carlos Lopez, who was suspended a total of 180 days following four violations within a year-period in 2014 and 2015, was also brought up as a parallel to Baffert's case.

In the final moments of Wolsing's cross-examination of the witness, Wolsing asked Borden if the ruling handed down to Baffert by the stewards for his four offenses in that year period was a penalization that she'd stand behind today. Borden was quick to respond, "Yes."

After a brief break, Brewster began his questioning of Borden, focusing intently on the line drawn between what is considered a therapeutic medication and what is a prohibited medication, specifically in the case of the topical ointment Otomax, which contains betamethasone. Though she acknowledged that it is used therapeutically, Borden said that betamethasone is prohibited completely in a post-race sample, meaning it cannot be present in the horse's system at any level on race day.

Brewster also focused on Kentucky's out-of-competition rules, which center around out-of-competition testing's focus on finding substances that are never allowed in the horse, but does allow betamethasone as a therapeutic use, since those tests are not administered on race day.

Borden was adamant to point out that these rules only applied to out-of-competition testing, not testing completed on the day of a race, which strictly prohibits betamethasone. **Cont. p11**

Later on, Brewster questioned Borden about the Kentucky rules that offer different guidance of various medications based on method of administration, while also citing the differences in rules for non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and corticosteroids (which is the category betamethasone falls under), as both are considered Class C medications.

He also cited the lack of detail that came with the 14-day stand down period, which was added in August 2020, and emphasized that it appeared to be “advisory” rather than firm. Brewster also noted the lack of limit or threshold listed, along with the absence of a stop or start time for the stand down period.

“There is no reference at all in a stand down definition that it is regulated by a lab test, is there?” he asked Borden.

“Not in this definition,” she replied.

Later in the day, Kentucky equine medical director Bruce Howard took to the witness stand, where he explained how the out-of-competition testing was handled prior to the 2021 Kentucky Derby, how testing was handled on race day, and what the process of collecting and sending out the post-race samples was like.

“We tested every horse in the Derby, even some that didn’t draw in,” said Howard, when asked about the out-of-competition testing conducted.



**Bob Baffert** | *Horsephotos*

It was during this time that Howard shared that pre-race testing of Medina Spirit, conducted Apr. 18, did not reveal any detection of betamethasone.

“I was a little surprised we didn’t find it,” said Howard. “If it was being applied every day, I would’ve expected we’d still see it.”

When asked about his reaction to Medina Spirit’s betamethasone positive in his post-race sample following his Derby victory by attorney Luke Morgan, representing the KHRC, Howard said, “I hate it when we have this happen. It leads to a

lot of problems, obviously. My wish every year is for a good, safe, clean race.”

In terms of substances in the Kentucky rules that do not list a threshold for, Howard made it clear that they are not allowed at any level in the horse on race day, which follows guidance from the industry’s Racing Medication and Testing Consortium and the model rules of the Association of Racing Commissioners International.

“Moving these drugs away from race day would give us a clearer picture when we did our race day exams,” Howard said, in response to a question about the stand down period rule change. “If there is a systemic level of corticosteroids or NSAIDs or any of these kinds of drugs, it doesn’t matter how it gets in. Anything that can cause a systemic level in a horse concerns us.”

Rounding out the day’s session, Brewster questioned Howard on the absence of betamethasone from the list of medications with detection thresholds, also citing a lack of matrix.

“If the medication is not listed with a threshold, it is a limit of detection drug,” replied Howard.

Brewster also brought up whether trainers were properly notified that there was a rule change, which established a zero tolerance of betamethasone, arguing they were not. Howard referenced the guidance from national and international bodies that study medication in racing, also pointing out that he offered his contact information for anyone who had questions concerning the new rule.

Howard ended his time on the stand, and the day’s session, answering a few final questions presented by Morgan.

When asked if the route of administration of a drug mattered in terms of a positive finding of a banned substance on race day, Howard firmly replied, “No.”

The hearing in Frankfort, Ky., continues for a third full day beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday and will move along with morning and afternoon sessions Thursday. If the hearing is not done by Thursday afternoon, it will resume next Monday.

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## CHURCHILL STAKES WORTH \$8.31 MILLION; NO TURF RACING FOR SEPTEMBER MEET

Churchill Downs will host 26 stakes races worth \$8.31 million during its upcoming September and Fall meets.

The 14-day September meet, which runs from Sept. 15-Oct. 2, will include 11 stakes races worth a total of \$3.36 million. The line-up is led by the \$400,000 GII Lukas Classic for 3-year-olds and up at 1 1/8 miles and the \$300,000 GIII Ack Ack S. for 3-year-olds and up at one mile--a Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" race for the GI Dirt Mile--Oct. 1.

The meeting also hosts the first races on the Road to the 2023 Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks series with the \$300,000 GIII Iroquois S. and \$300,000 GIII Pocahontas S. on Sept. 17. Both races will also award points on the Breeders' Cup "Dirt Dozen" series for their respective divisions.

Racing during the September meet will be run exclusively on the dirt course to allow the track's new Bermuda-hybrid turf course to continue to mature to its ultimate potential. Turf racing is projected to return for the Fall Meet, which will be held Oct. 30-Nov. 27.

The Fall meet will host 15 stakes events worth \$4.95 million. The meet is anchored by the Nov. 25 \$750,000 GI Clark S.

Churchill will host its 18th annual "Stars of Tomorrow" during the Fall meet, with the \$200,000 GIII **Street Sense** S. and the \$200,000 Rags to Riches S. highlighting the opening-day card Oct. 30 and the \$400,000 GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. and \$400,000 GII Golden Rod S. scheduled for Nov. 26.

Churchill Downs will host the Claiming Crown Championship Series for the first time Nov. 12. The 24th renewal of the event will feature eight races worth \$1.05 million.

The condition book of scheduled races for the September meet was released online Monday and features 135 races and a record \$13,791,000 in prize money, for a daily average of \$985,071. Maiden special weight races have a \$120,000 purse, while allowance races range from \$127,000 to \$141,000.

All purses, including claiming races, include prize money from the Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund.

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## MR FREEZE TO STAND IN OHIO

Multiple graded stakes winner **Mr Freeze** (To Honor and Serve--Heavenly Cat, by Tabasco Cat) has been retired to stud at Raimonde Farms Ltd. in Wooster, Ohio. Owned by Jim Bakke and Gerald Isbister and trained by Dale Romans, the 7-year-old

chestnut retired with a 6-4-2 record in 19 starts, earning \$1,595,600 over his career.

"He was a gifted horse with a great mind," said Romans. "He ran with the best and we couldn't be happier about this opportunity."

Mr Freeze was a graded stakes winner at ages three, four and five, racking up four graded tallies overall to go with two Grade I placings. He retires to Ohio as a result of a deal brokered by Paul Devine of Devine Line Stables, an advocate for the Ohio Thoroughbred breeding industry.

"I was looking for a talented, durable runner with a tremendous female family. Mr Freeze certainly fit those requirements," said Devine. "Not only did Mr Freeze win almost \$1.6 million dollars on the track, but he is also a beautiful horse and I think Ohio breeders will be very pleased when they see him."

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for stallions standing in North America through Monday, August 22

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Gun Runner</b> (2013) by <b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> Crops: 2	9	21	5	14	3	4	83	34	1,521,520 Cyberknife	7,691,806
2	<b>Not This Time</b> (2014) by Giant's Causeway Crops: 3	5	12	3	8	--	2	59	32	2,140,000 Epicenter	5,445,064
3	<b>Into Mischief</b> (2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 11	3	17	2	9	--	1	133	58	199,380 Provocateur	4,428,144
4	<b>Keen Ice</b> (2012) by <b>Curlin</b> Crops: 2	2	7	1	1	1	1	94	52	1,977,500 Rich Strike	4,211,519
5	<b>Uncle Mo</b> (2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 8	3	13	3	9	1	2	71	31	1,314,000 Mo Donegal	4,115,874
6	<b>Arrogate</b> (2013) by Unbridled's Song Crops: 2	4	7	1	2	1	1	64	29	1,449,250 Secret Oath	3,905,137
7	<b>Pioneerof the Nile</b> (2006) by Empire Maker Crops: 10	4	10	4	6	1	1	54	24	906,200 Matareya	3,789,547
8	<b>Curlin</b> (2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 11	2	3	1	2	1	1	72	29	1,530,550 Nest	3,629,346
9	<b>Munnings</b> (2006) by <b>Speightstown</b> Crops: 9	7	9	3	4	1	1	60	27	611,400 Jack Christopher	3,116,785
10	<b>More Than Ready</b> (1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 19	6	8	3	5	--	2	78	37	616,126 Jean Gros	3,077,412
11	<b>Practical Joke</b> (2014) by Into Mischief Crops: 2	2	7	2	3	--	--	105	42	174,000 Wit	3,044,939
12	<b>Cupid</b> (2013) by <b>Tapit</b> Crops: 2	3	7	1	4	--	1	95	49	463,750 Desert Dawn	2,918,744
13	<b>Twirling Candy</b> (2007) by <b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> Crops: 8	2	4	2	2	--	--	56	29	941,500 Pinehurst	2,725,555
14	<b>The Factor</b> (2008) by <b>War Front</b> Crops: 7	--	1	--	1	--	--	95	42	190,298 Shonan Magma (JPN)	2,712,931
15	<b>Quality Road</b> (2006) by Elusive Quality Crops: 9	2	9	--	5	--	--	70	31	351,400 Ethereal Road	2,658,411

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Plot the Dots	Uncle Mo	Danny J. Chen	Gonzalez	Cruz	118
2	Mind Control	Stay Thirsty	Red Oak Stable and Madaket Stables, LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
3	Last Samurai 🌿	Malibu Moon	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Lukas	Court	120
4	Art Collector	Bernardini	Bruce Lunsford	Mott	Saez	118
5	Treasure Trove 🌿	Tapizar	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	Acosta	120
6	Officiating 🌿	Blame	Vegso Racing Stable	Joseph, Jr.	Castellano	120
7	Muad'dib	Fiber Sonde	David M. Raim	Runco	Bocachica	118
8	Jalen Journey	With Distinction	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	Arroyo	118

**Breeders:** 1-The Elkstone Group LLC, 2-Red Oak Stable, 3-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 4-W. Bruce Lunsford, 5-John Fradkin & Diane Fradkin, 6-Vegso Racing Stable, 7-John McKee, 8-Dennis Foster & Edward Pendray-Arindel



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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**CATHRYN SOPHIA S.**, \$150,000, Parx Racing, 8-23, 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:39.77, ft.

1--**GREEN UP, 124, f, 3, by Upstart**

**1st Dam: Green Punch, by Two Punch**

**2nd Dam: Green Jeans, by Green Dancer**

**3rd Dam: Duds, by Ack Ack**

(\$10,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT). O-Team Valor International, LLC; B-Althea Richards (VA); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0, \$220,760.

2--**Interstatedaydream, 124, f, 3, Classic Empire--Babcock, by Uncle Mo.** (\$105,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN; \$130,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$175,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR). O-Flurry Racing Stables LLC; B-William D. Graham (ON); T-Brad H. Cox. \$30,000.

3--**Morning Matcha, 124, f, 3, Central Banker--Home Ice, by Iam the Iceman.** (\$18,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT). O-LC Racing, Cash is King LLC and Barber, Gary; B-Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr..\$15,000.

Margins: 3 3/4, 6 1/4, 15HF. Odds: 2.90, 0.50, 4.60.

Also Ran: Shotgun Hottie, Emerald. Scratched: Bazinga C, Butterbean, Ha' Penny, Silverleaf.

Green Up kept her hot streak rolling with a victory in the Cathryn Sophia S. Dispatched as the second choice due to the presence of MGSW Interstatedaydream, the dark bay saved ground in a joint third as the chalk clocked a :22 4/5 opening quarter. Switched to the outside by Irad Ortiz at the half-mile marker, she ranged up on the pacesetter's outside and overtook her foe entering the far turn. Three wide in the lane, Green Up bounded clear to win as she pleased.

Privately purchased by these connections and transferred to Todd Pletcher after finishing second on debut at Churchill Downs in May of 2021, Green Up romped when next seen at Gulfstream Mar. 13 of this year. She followed suit with an optional claimer score there Apr. 21 and was a decisive winner of the Boiling Springs S. at Monmouth July 3.

The winner's dam Green Punch is a half to GSW Just Call Kenny (Jump Start) and SP Determined Vision (Jump Start). Green Up is her most recent foal, but she was bred to **Upstart** this year.

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**8th-Parx Racing, \$75,250, Alw, 8-23, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.17, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.**

**SCARAMOUCHE (g, 3, Munnings--Haunting, by Bernardini)** is four-for-five at this venue, including a stakes victory and a last-out allowance romp Aug. 3. Bet down to 7-5 favoritism this time, the dark bay raced off the fence in fourth early through a sharp first quarter. Ranging up two wide turning for home, the gelding took command in the lane and strode clear to win by 3 1/4 lengths over Vidal (**Midshipman**). Haunting is also the dam of the unraced juvenile colt Pass It Around (**Alternation**). Sales history: \$20,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: SW, 8-5-0-1, \$216,660. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.**

O-Nicholas Cammarano, Jr.; B-Stoneway Farm (KY); T-Guadalupe Preciado.



**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**4th-Colonial Downs, \$60,000, Msw, 8-23, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.17, fm, 6 lengths.**

**G LAURIE (f, 2, Oscar Performance--Lovely Island {SP}, by Arch)** was given a 3-1 chance to become the eighth winner for her freshman sire (by Kitten's Joy) in this career bow. Last early, the bay moved int second last as the opening quarter went up in :23.83. Advancing three wide on the backstretch run, she took control in early stretch and sailed clear for a six-length triumph. Determined Crush (**Hard Spun**) was the runner-up. SP Lovely Island has not produced a foal since the winner. Sales history: \$80,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.**

O-Madaket Stables LLC; B-Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.

**9th-Parx Racing, \$56,000, Msw, 8-23, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.83, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.**

**TALK TO THE JUDGE (f, 2, Golden Lad--Talkin Smack, by Not For Love),** given a 6-1 shot in this unveiling, went straight to the front and never looked back to earn her diploma by 3 1/4 lengths. Foggy Night (Khozan) filled the place spot. Talkin Smack had a Hoppertunity colt in 2021 and a Great Notion filly in 2022. She was bred back to **Divining Rod**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Waldorf Racing Stables LLC; B-Thomas Bowman (MD); T-Marya K. Montoya.



**5th-Presque Isle Downs, \$35,900, Msw, 8-23, 2yo, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.98, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.**

**SHAMMAH (g, 2, Free Drop Billy--Ithinkits Monday, by Afleet Alex)** missed by a head in his unveiling here Aug. 2 and was favored at 9-5 to get the job done this time. Contesting the early pace, the gelding gained a narrow advantage as the opening quarter went in :22.56. Showing the way into the lane, Shammah extended clear to win by 2 3/4 lengths over Schiffhauer Strong (**Palace Malice**). The winner's dam's most recent produce is a yearling colt by Gormley. She visited **Tacitus** this term. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$28,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC; B-Angela M Ingenito (FL); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

**3rd-Finger Lakes, \$32,100, Msw, 8-23, 2yo, 5f, :59.29, sy, 7 lengths.**

**BOBBY RIDE (g, 2, Central Banker--Irish Heiress, by Shakespeare)** finished second on debut over this track and trip July 26 and was hammered down to 1-5 to go one better here. Breaking on top, the dark bay shot clear instantly, ticking off a

:22.62 first quarter. Turning for home well in front, the gelding cruised home a seven-length winner. Gold In Them Hills (Central Banker) was best of the rest in second. The winner has a year-younger full-sister named Celtic Currency. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$25,680. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Cramer, David and Triple B Stables, LLC (Ryter); B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY); T-Karl M. Grusmark.



## SUMMER BREEZES

by Alan Carasso

Some of the most highly anticipated races during the summer racing season are the 'baby' races during the boutique meetings at both Saratoga and Del Mar and at Ellis Park, which attracts its fair share of high-priced offspring from a variety of top national outfits. Summer Breezes highlights debuting 2-year-olds at those meetings that have been sourced at the breeze-up sales earlier in the year, with links to their under-tack previews. Already this year at Saratoga, **City Man (Mucho Macho Man)**, **Mo Strike (Uncle Mo)** and **Empress Tigress (Classic Empire)**--each a graduate of the 2-year-old sales--have already struck at stakes level, while the likes of juvenile purchases and **'TDN Rising Stars'** **Taiba (Gun Runner)**, **We The People (Constitution)** and **Onesto (Ire) (Frankel {GB})** have also left their mark on graded/group competition this season. To follow are the horses entered for Wednesday:

**Wednesday, August 24, 2022**

**Saratoga 2, 1:39 p.m. ET**

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price	Breeze
Sweet Blush ( <b>Candy Ride {Arg}</b> )	OBSAPR	\$200,000	<b>click</b>

C-de Meric Sales, agent; B-Bradley TBs, agent for Fairview

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*2022 Stud Fees Listed*

**Hoppertunity** (Any Given Saturday), Northview Stallion Station, \$5,000

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

1-Delaware, 12:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Cesar, 8-1

\$3,000 EAS DEC yrl

1-Delaware, 12:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Secret Addiction, 9-2

\$15,000 EAS DEC wnl; \$10,000 EAS OCT yrl

**Sharp Azteca** (Freud), Three Chimneys Farm, \$5,000

130 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners

2-Saratoga, 1:39 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, In Good Trouble, 10-1

\$30,000 SAR AUG yrl

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24**

*2022 Stud Fees Listed*

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

96 foals of racing age/32 winners/3 black-type winners

7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:36 p.m. EDT, \$100K Peony S.,

1 1/16mT, Climber, 15-1

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

102 foals of racing age/40 winners/2 black-type winners

8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:07 p.m. EDT, \$100K **Bucchero** S.,

1 1/16mT, Mowins, 9-2

**Practical Joke** (Into Mischief), Coolmore Ashford, \$35,000

269 foals of racing age/62 winners/6 black-type winners

1-Delaware, 12:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, My Last Hope, 8-1

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**PARX DASH S.**, \$200,000, Parx Racing, 8-23, 3yo/up, 5f (off turf), :57.95, ft.

1--**VIOLENT TURBULENCE, 122, g, 5, Violence--T'as d'Beaux Yeux, by Desert Party.** (\$45,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$25,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT; \$40,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR). **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Pewter Stable and Spedale Family Racing, LLC; B-Beckie & Charles Kent Cantrell (FL); T-Kathleen A. Demasi; J-Silvestre Gonzalez. \$115,800. Lifetime Record: 18-6-0-3, \$274,975.

2--**Extreme Force, 122, g, 5, Constitution--Yawkey Way, by Grand Slam.** (\$145,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-All In Racing Stables LLC and J P S Stable; B-Sabana Farm, LLC (KY); T-Farrel Mann. \$38,600.

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3--**Doc Amster, 122, h, 5, Midshipman--Gabeira, by Medaglia d'Oro.** (\$10,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$115,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Russell Staggs; B-Robert V. LaPenta (KY); T-Jorge Delgado. \$19,300.

**LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE**

Margins: 3 1/4, 3 3/4, NO. Odds: 12.20, 42.10, 0.90.

**STORM CAT S.**, \$100,000, Parx Racing, 8-22, (S), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.65, ft.

1--**TOO BOSS, 126, c, 4, El Padrino--Bossy Posse, by Posse.** **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O/B-Michael Joseph Cascio (PA); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-Kendrick Carmouche. \$55,200. Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-1, \$249,420.

2--**Far Mo Power, 126, g, 4, Uncle Lino--J. D. Safari, by Power by Far.** **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Joseph E. Sutton; B-Peter Giangiulio (PA); T-Louis C. Linder, Jr. \$18,400.

3--**Ruby Bleu, 122, g, 8, Messner--Ruby Soul, by Perfect Soul (Ire).** O-Albert R Lupcho, Jr.; B-Donald L. Brown (PA); T-Miguel A. Rodriguez. \$9,200.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 1.20, 4.50, 12.00.

**CTHS SALES S.**, C\$50,000, Hastings Racecourse, 8-22, 2yo, c/g, 6 1/2f, 1:17.86, ft.

1--**BUCK IN COMMAND, 119, g, 2, Second in Command--Rosesforgrace, by Rosberg.** (C\$2,000 Ylg '21 BRCSEP). **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Joe & Gloria Russo; B-Ralph Jesiak (BC); T-Patty Leaney; J-Scott Williams. C\$28,500. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$32,035.

2--**Legacy Square, 122, g, 2, Lent--Architecture, by Dixie Chatter.** (C\$25,000 Ylg '21 BRCSEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Tod Mountain Thoroughbreds and Redekop, James; B-Christine Ammann (BC); T-Edgar Mendoza. C\$10,000.

3--**Bak to Liberty, 120, g, 2, Bakken--Montero, by Louis Quatorze.** (C\$30,000 Ylg '21 BRCSEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Tod Mountain Thoroughbreds and Redekop, James; B-Red Rock Farm & Suzanne Anderson (BC); T-Edgar Mendoza. C\$5,000. Margins: NK, 4, 2HF. Odds: 24.65, 0.95, 2.65.

**CTHS SALES S.,** C\$50,000, Hastings Racecourse, 8-22, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18.77, ft.

1--**LOVEABOVEANDBEYOND, 122, f, 2, Counterforce--Interrogar, by Tejabo.** (C\$5,000 Ylg '21 BRCSEP; C\$5,000 RNA 2yo '22 CTHSBC). **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Martin A. Miller; B-Ralph Jesiak (BC); T-Mark Cloutier; J-Efrain Hernandez. C\$27,500. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$48,916.

2--**Matsqui, 119, f, 2, Finality--Queen's Emblem, by Mass Market.** (C\$8,500 Ylg '21 BRCSEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Renfrew Racing, B and B Racing, No Trump Stable, Elder, Matt and Breen, Bill; B-Suzanne I Anderson (BC); T-Mark A. Freeman. C\$10,000.

3--**Licorice, 119, f, 2, Finality--Quatre Cat, by Abraaj.** (C\$17,000 Ylg '21 BRCSEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Swift Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Gladys & Karen Dittloff and Dave & Sylvea Gregory (BC); T-Dino K. Condilenios. C\$5,000.

Margins: 3 1/4, 2HF, NO. Odds: 3.30, 64.75, 6.50.

**CTHS SALES S.,** (NB) C\$50,000, Hastings Racecourse, 8-22, 3/4yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44.81, ft.

1--**DAPHNE, 121, f, 4, Gemologist--Langers, by Indian Charlie.** (\$2,000 Ylg '19 KEEJAN; C\$35,000 Ylg '19 BRCSEP). O-Blue Willow Dairy, Ltd.; B-Dermot Joyce (KY); T-David Forster; J-Jose Roberto Gomez. C\$29,500. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, \$49,380.

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2--**We B Three, 120, f, 4, Teide--Lost Humor, by Langfuhr.** (C\$1,000 Ylg '19 BRCSEP). O-Willow Creek Farms; B-Ole A. Nielsen (BC); T-Steve Henson. C\$10,000.

3--**Marys Tappin Shoes, 115, f, 3, Creative Cause--Andtheliviniseasy, by Gone West.** (C\$39,900 RNA Ylg '20 BRCSEP). O-Conrad Rozenek; B-David H Pihl (BC); T-Mel Snow. C\$5,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1 1/4, 3. Odds: 6.40, 0.45, 35.45.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**3rd-Colonial Downs, \$72,000,** (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 8-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.12, ft, neck.

**HASHTAG LUCKY (f, 4, Speightster--Bern Legacy {SP}, by Bernstein)** Lifetime Record: 27-6-5-3, \$186,938. O-Lugamo

Racing Stable LLC; B-Barbazon Racing and Bloodstock & Pedigree Partners (FL); T-Rodolfo Sanchez-Salomon. \*\$55,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$70,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTKOCT; \$18,000 2yo '20 OBSOCT.

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**13th-Parx Racing, \$71,500,** (S), 8-22, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25.12, ft, 4 lengths.

**GOLDEN TABBY (f, 3, Golden Lad--Macroeconomics, by Exchange Rate)** Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, \$148,100. O-Shooting Star Stable (Anspach); B-Michael R. Anspach (PA); T-Kathleen A. Demasi.

**5th-Parx Racing, \$68,450,** (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 8-23, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.80, ft, neck.

**MR SANDMAN (c, 3, Uncle Lino--Avani Force, by Forestry)** Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-2, \$138,125. O-Club Risque Stable and Quick, Gregory K.; B-Beatrice Patterson & Vicky Schowe (PA); T-Randy Allen. \*\$75,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT. \*\*1/2 to Pink Caddy (El Padrino), SW, \$182,930; Maythehorsewithu (Bullsbay), SW, \$200,171; and Call Paul (Friesan Fire), MGSW & GISP, \$573,720.

**6th-Parx Racing, \$55,250,** (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 8-23, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.82, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**BE ONBOARD (c, 3, Street Sense--Always Trouble, by Bernardini)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$73,490. O-JKX Racing; B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY); T-Juan Carlos Guerrero. \*\$95,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to The Right Path (**Quality Road**), SP, \$197,365.

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**10th-Prairie Meadows, \$40,048,** 8-22, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.56, ft, nose.

**WOKE UP IN LOVE (g, 5, Woke Up Dreamin--All the Love, by Malabar Gold)** Lifetime Record: 15-4-3-2, \$123,298. O-Jason Kindle; B-Jason Patrick Kindle (IA); T-Sean P. Foley.

**7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$38,880,** 8-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5ft, :57.59, fm, 1 length.

**ADIOS ASHER (g, 3, Adios Charlie--Rooney Doodle, by Lit de Justice)** Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-2, \$182,521. O-Patricia's Hope LLC and Ravin, Richard; B-Richard Ravin (NY); T-Larry Rivelli. \*Full to Dugout, MSW, \$563,573; and Jean Elizabeth, MGSW-Can, MSW-USA, \$662,786; and a 1/2 to What's Up Dude (**First Dude**), GSP, \$402,459; .

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**3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$36,000, 8-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37.03, fm, nose.**

**RED FLAG ALERT (h, 5, Ghostzapper--Underwater {GSP-Fr }, by Theatrical {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 16-3-5-2, \$79,435. O-Silver Leaf Stables; B-Brent Douglas Wilson & Douglas Wilson (KY); T-Cheryl Winebaugh. \*\$110,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; \$80,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$600,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Investissement (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), GSP-Fr, \$165,352.

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**8th-Thistledown, \$35,800, (S), 8-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.04, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.**

**SUSHI Q (f, 4, Palace--Sushi Girl, by Orientate)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$47,748. O-N and E Racing Stables; B-Sheltowee Farm & Mariah Thoroughbreds LLC (OH); T-Carlos Inirio.

**7th-Thistledown, \$32,500, 8-23, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.04, ft, neck.**

**CHANNEL FURY (c, 4, Even the Score--Star Sheba {SP, \$104,472}, by Elusive Hour)** Lifetime Record: 14-5-3-2, \$120,660. O/B-Elkhorn Oaks Inc. (KY); T-James R. Jackson. \*Full to Command Strike, SW, \$183,698; and Shadow Tracer, SP, \$277,927.

**5th-Finger Lakes, \$25,800, 8-23, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:46.29, sy, 3 3/4 lengths.**

**CHARGE NURSE (f, 3, Alpha--Clean Jean {SW, \$274,775}, by Ecton Park)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$50,280. O-Allread, Neal M. and Langlais, Dan; B-Daniel Langlais & Neal Allread (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart.

**1st-Finger Lakes, \$24,000, (S), 8-23, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48.38, sy, 3 1/4 lengths.**

**BIG TIME LADY (f, 4, Big Brown--Liza Lu, by Menifee)** Lifetime Record: 20-4-2-2, \$146,340. O-Corms Racing Stable and Dark Horse Racing Stable; B-Spruce Lane Farm, et al (NY); T-Chris J. Englehart. \*\$100,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG; \$49,000 RNA 4yo '22 FTKFEB. \*\*Full to Jemography, SW, \$401,975.

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**5th-Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, \$22,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$10,000), 8-23, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.34, ft, head.**

**AFTER MY BROTHER (g, 3, Fast Anna--Aroseformineshaft, by Mineshaft)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, \$33,230. O/B-Peter Scott Reiman (IL); T-Eddie M. Essenpreis.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Rockin the Dad Bod, g, 2, Dads Caps--Cagey Girl (SW, \$304,496),** by Crowd Pleaser. Prairie Meadows, 8-22, (S), 6f, 1:11.16. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$36,798. B-Nick Metzen (IA).

**Fierce Justice, g, 2, Harry's Holiday--Ocala's Queen,** by Scat Daddy. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-23, (S), 5f, :58.70. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,100. B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (IN). \*\$11,000 Ylg '21 INDMIX. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Palace Guard, g, 2, Palace Malice--Addy Annie (SP),** by Posse. Prairie Meadows, 8-22, (S), 6f, 1:11.45. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$26,581. B-MAMAS Thoroughbreds, LLC (IA). \*\$12,000 Ylg '21 IOWOCT. \*\*1/2 to Tin Badge (The Deputy {Ire}), MSW, \$397,055.

**Imagine the Moon, f, 2, Ready's Image--Themoonandthestars,** by Malibu Moon. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-22, (S), 5f, :59.00. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$32,725. B-Rancho Monarca (IN).

**Daddys Dream, g, 2, Skylord--Meanerthanu,** by Arch. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-23, (S), 5f, :59.61. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,100. B-Patrick D. Donahoe (IN). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Stormin'unclejack, g, 2, Uncle Vinny--Miss Flaming,** by Diabolo. Thistledown, 8-23, 6f, 1:11.68. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$22,176. B-Jack Treadway (FL).

**Signature Street, f, 3, Elnaawi--Sig K,** by Mr. Sekiguchi. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-23, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:47.10. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$33,855. B-Alexander J. Lee (IN).

**Vaccina, f, 3, Lea--Defrock,** by Blame. Presque Isle Downs, 8-23, (S), 1m (AWT), 1:38.44. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, \$31,015. B-Warrior's Reward LLC (PA).

**Ballyhoo Prince, g, 6, Handsome Mike--Queen Amira (GB) (SW),** by Forestry. Colonial Downs, 8-23, (C), 1mT, 1:38.08. Lifetime Record: 22-1-6-5, \$99,452. B-Hidden Lake Farm LLC (NY). \*\$28,000 Wlg '16 FTNMIX; \$12,000 RNA Ylg '17 SARAUG.

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**Adios Charlie**, Adios Asher, g, 3, o/o Rooney Doodle, by Lit de Justice. ALW, 8-23, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Alpha**, Charge Nurse, f, 3, o/o Clean Jean, by Ecton Park. ALW, 8-23, Finger Lakes

**Big Brown**, Big Time Lady, f, 4, o/o Liza Lu, by Menifee. ALW, 8-23, Finger Lakes

**Central Banker**, Bobby Ride, g, 2, o/o Irish Heiress, by Shakespeare. MSW, 8-23, Finger Lakes

**Counterforce**, Loveaboveandbeyond, f, 2, o/o Interrogar, by Tejabo. CTHS Sales S., 8-22, Hastings

**Dads Caps**, Rockin the Dad Bod, g, 2, o/o Cagey Girl, by Crowd Pleaser. MSW, 8-22, Prairie Meadows

**El Padrino**, Too Boss, c, 4, o/o Bossy Posse, by Posse. Storm Cat S., 8-22, Parx Racing

**Elnaawi**, Signature Street, f, 3, o/o Sig K, by Mr. Sekiguchi. MSW, 8-23, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Even the Score**, Channel Fury, c, 4, o/o Star Sheba, by Elusive Hour. ALW, 8-23, Thistledown

**Fast Anna**, After My Brother, g, 3, o/o Aroseformineshaft, by **Mineshaft**. AOC, 8-23, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing

**Free Drop Billy**, Shammah, g, 2, o/o Ithinkits Monday, by Afleet Alex. MSW, 8-23, Presque Isle Downs

**Gemologist**, Daphne, f, 4, o/o Langers, by Indian Charlie. CTHS Sales S., 8-22, Hastings

**Ghostzapper**, Red Flag Alert, h, 5, o/o Underwater, by Theatrical (Ire). ALW, 8-23, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Golden Lad**, Golden Tabby, f, 3, o/o Macroeconomics, by Exchange Rate. ALW, 8-22, Parx Racing

**Golden Lad**, Talk to the Judge, f, 2, o/o Talkin Smack, by Not For Love. MSW, 8-23, Parx Racing

**Handsome Mike**, Ballyhoo Prince, g, 6, o/o Queen Amira (GB), by Forestry. MCL, 8-23, Colonial Downs

**Harry's Holiday**, Fierce Justice, g, 2, o/o Ocala's Queen, by Scat Daddy. MSW, 8-23, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Lea**, Vaccina, f, 3, o/o Defrock, by **Blame**. MSW, 8-23, Presque Isle Downs

**Munnings**, Scaramouche, g, 3, o/o Haunting, by Bernardini. ALW, 8-23, Parx Racing

**Oscar Performance**, G Laurie, f, 2, o/o Lovely Island, by Arch. MSW, 8-23, Colonial Downs

**Palace**, Sushi Q, f, 4, o/o Sushi Girl, by Orientate. ALW, 8-23, Thistledown

**Palace Malice**, Palace Guard, g, 2, o/o Addy Annie, by Posse. MSW, 8-22, Prairie Meadows

**Ready's Image**, Imagine the Moon, f, 2, o/o Themoonandthestars, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 8-22, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Reload**, Loaded Secret, f, 3, o/o Salvar, by Eddington. MSW, 8-23, Fort Erie

**Second in Command**, Buck in Command, g, 2, o/o Rosesforgrace, by Rosberg. CTHS Sales S., 8-22, Hastings

**Second in Command**, Porter Gent, g, 5, o/o Faidra, by Elusive Quality. ALW, 8-23, Hastings

**Skylord**, Daddys Dream, g, 2, o/o Meanerthanu, by Arch. MSW, 8-23, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Speightster**, Hashtag Lucky, f, 4, o/o Bern Legacy, by Bernstein. AOC, 8-23, Colonial Downs

**Street Sense**, Be Onboard, c, 3, o/o Always Trouble, by Bernardini. AOC, 8-23, Parx Racing

**Uncle Lino**, Mr Sandman, c, 3, o/o Avani Force, by Forestry. AOC, 8-23, Parx Racing

**Uncle Vinny**, Stormin'unclejack, g, 2, o/o Miss Flaming, by Diablo. MSW, 8-23, Thistledown

**Upstart**, Green Up, f, 3, o/o Green Punch, by Two Punch. Cathryn Sophia S., 8-23, Parx Racing

**Violence**, Violent Turbulence, g, 5, o/o T'as d'Beaux Yeux, by Desert Party. Parx Dash S., 8-23, Parx Racing

**Woke Up Dreamin**, Woke Up in Love, g, 5, o/o All the Love, by Malabar Gold. ALW, 8-22, Prairie Meadows


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## MCSTAY STRIKES FOR £230K NIGHT OF THUNDER COLT



Mark McStay signs for the top lot on day one | Sarah Farnsworth

By Brian Sheerin

The opening day of the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale followed a familiar theme with Mark McStay, who was busy at the first European yearling Sale of the year at Arqana just over a week ago, once again opening his shoulders back to secure the top lot at Goffs UK--lot 170, a colt by Night Of Thunder (Ire).

The sire of last Friday's breathtakingly good G1 Nunthorpe S. winner Highfield Princess (Fr), Night Of Thunder was labelled a rock solid stallion by McStay, who felt lot 170--for all that he looked like a son of Dubawi (Ire)--was the standout colt on day one.

So much so, the leading agent, who would not disclose who the Mountarmstrong-consigned colt was bought for, went to £230,000 to secure him.

"Lovely colt by a proven sire at this stage in his career, Night Of Thunder," McStay said. "He actually looked like a Dubawi to me. He was well-produced and comes from a very good nursery in Mountarmstrong. Noel O'Callaghan breeds and sells good horses and I thought he was the standout colt on offer here today."

He added, "We had to stretch to buy him. I thought we'd get him for quite a bit less, but my client is brave and encouraged me to keep going and to secure him."

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## CUNHA SEEKING FLYING MACHINES OF A DIFFERENT KIND

by Emma Berry

Newmarket may be known for its dominant stables that currently house headline names such as Baaeed (GB), Stradivarius (Ire) and Alpinista (GB), but the town is also home to a large number of smaller yards, and the newest trainer to join the town's ranks is Dylan Cunha.

The South African is new to Britain but he is not new to training. In his home country he won the G1 Steinhoff International Summer Cup with Strategic News (Aus) (Strategic {Aus}) in 2007. To include him within our Local Heroes series is then perhaps then somewhat erroneous as, at one stage, Cunha was heading for the big time in South African racing before largely turning his back on the sport to become an airline pilot.

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**GOFFS UK DAY 1 - TOP LOTS**

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*A rundown of the session leaders of the Goffs UK Premier Sale, which kicked off Tuesday.*

**ALCOHOL FREE TO MISS HAYDOCK SPRINT**

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*Four-time Group 1 winner Alcohol Free (Ire) (**No Nay Never**) has been ruled out of Saturday's G1 Betfair Sprint Cup at Haydock.*

**DAUGHTER OF SHALAA SCORES AT DEAUVILLE**

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*Shalromy (Fr), a G1 Prix Marcel Boussac entry, triumphs by two lengths at Deauville Tuesday afternoon.*

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## McStay Strikes for Night of Thunder Colt

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“Look, we’re seeing what Night Of Thunders are doing on the track and I don’t think that they are going to get any cheaper. I can’t say who he has been bought for, but he’s been bought for an existing client. He’ll be broken in Ireland and plans are fluid.”

The Night Of Thunder colt hails from a cracking family. He is out of Pious Alexander (Ire), a winner by Acclamation (GB), who is out of dual Group 3 winner Lady Alexander (Ire) (Night Shift). She is the dam of 10 winners, including Dandy Man (Ire) and Anthem Alexander (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**).



Session-topping son of Night of Thunder | Sarah Farnsworth

McStay also signed for WH Bloodstock’s inspired Kuroshio (Aus) pinhook (**lot 171**) for £120,000; Baroda Stud’s Zoustar (Aus) colt (**lot 19**) out of black-type performer Golden Spell (GB) (Al Kazeem {GB}) for £72,000; a US Navy Flag colt (**lot 91**) consigned by Monksland Stables for £38,000 and the first horse through the ring, Grove Stud’s grey filly by **Starspangledbanner {Aus}** (**lot 1**) for £35,000.

It proved a bountiful day for consignors, with many buyers—be they agents, trainers and breeze-up operators—relaying that there was stiff competition for the nicest horses, which was evident in the figures.

Of the 218 lots offered, 199 were sold, representing a clearance rate of 91%. The aggregate, average and median were

all up as well. An aggregate of £8,954,500 represented a 28% rise on last year, while the average was up 15% to £44,997 and a median of £38,000 cemented a 27% rise on 2021.

Renowned bloodstock agent Ross Doyle reflected on an encouraging day’s trade after purchasing **lot 211**, a Baroda Stud-consigned colt by New Bay (GB), late in the day for £200,000. That brought Doyle’s total spend on day one to £642,000 across nine yearlings and he was quick to praise Goffs for assembling a fantastic bunch.

Doyle said, “It’s been very good, very strong, which is great to see. I’ve never seen so many people here than over the past few days, which is a testimony to Goffs and all their team. You only have to look around the pictures on the walls, some very good horses have come out of this sale, so they deserve people to turn up and get stuck in. We’d a very good shortlist and we’re the same tomorrow.”

On lot 211, he added, “I thought he was outstanding. I thought he was the best-moving horse here today. He’s obviously by a sire doing extremely well and he seems to upgrade everything.

“He’s out of a black-type mare [Rubira {Aus} (Lope De Vega {Ire})] and comes from a good home. We put him down as the best individual that we’ve seen, as far as movement goes, for a long time. He covers serious ground and it’s all very natural and relaxed, which is a good sign.”



Ross Doyle and Richard Hannon, Jr | Sarah Farnsworth

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Doyle continued, “He’s been bought for an existing client who has plenty of horses with Richard [Hannon] and has been a very good supporter of this sale in particular.”

**Hesketh and Wadham in Clover With Cracking Kuroshio**

Violet Hesketh and Mimi Wadham, who run WH Bloodstock, have rightly earned a reputation for being among the shrewdest young operators in the business. The pinhook of **lot 171**, purchased by the pair as a foal at Goffs for €38,000 before selling on Tuesday to Avenue Bloodstock for £120,000, confirmed that reputation to be bang on the money.

Some of the top buyers were on to the son of Starfield Stud's Kuroshio. In the end, it was Mark McStay, flanked by trainer Fozzy Stack, who secured him.

Hesketh said, “I am delighted. We knew we had a nice colt, but you never expect to get that sort of a price. We bought him in the February Sale at Goffs for €38,000 and he has just improved and improved.

“He was an absolute pro and didn't miss a beat in every show. Some of the top judges were on him. We'll be sad to see him go, but very happy with the price we got. We'll look forward to seeing him racing.”

A lovely colt, lot 171 was out of the Pivotal (GB) mare Pivotal Era (GB), herself a full-sister to Humouresque (GB), who carried the Cheveley Park silks to Group 3 glory at Saint-Cloud in 2003.

Hesketh added, “He was a gorgeous foal and is out of a good Pivotal mare, which obviously everyone loves. He had such a good attitude. We’re very happy.”

Jamie Railton's pinhook with **lot 21**, a filly by **Ten Sovereigns (Ire)**, was another shrewd piece of business. Bought by Railton for €26,000 at Goffs last November, the filly was knocked down to Richard Hughes for £110,000.

Hughes, who is operating at a 25% strike-rate with his 2-year-olds this season and has nine winners on the board in that sphere, bought four yearlings all told for a combined sum of £224,000.

**Kinane on the Hunt for Hong Kong**

In his role of sourcing European horses on behalf of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Mick Kinane has already come up trumps with this year's Hong Kong Derby winner Romantic Warrior (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), and the legendary jockey revealed that **lot 57**, a £200,000 colt by the same sire, will chart a similar path.

The Trinity Park Stud-consigned son of Acclamation is from the family of Puncher Clynch (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}), who did well in Hong Kong, and Kinane is hopeful that his latest acquisition can forge out a career for himself in that jurisdiction in time.

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Kinane said, “He has a champion in Hong Kong [Puncher Clyinch] and is a similar type. He’s a nice horse. I was here the past two years, but I didn’t find them [good horses]. There’s nicer horses here this year.

“He’ll be broken and will go into pre-training and then we’ll see what he can do. Hopefully he’ll do well in Hong Kong.”



**Mick Kinane signs for lot 57 | Sarah Farnsworth**

The Acclamation colt was consigned by Trinity Park Stud on behalf of Peter Gleeson, who bought and raced the dam Isole Canarie (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}), a dual listed winner in Italy. Lot 57 was fancied by those closest to him to go down well with the buyers, but the £200,000 fetched in the ring exceeded all expectations.

Becky Marsh, of Trinity Park Stud, said, “I thought we had a very nice horse, but I wasn’t expecting that. I said to Henry Beeby this morning when he came to look at the horse before he auctioned him that I would be delighted if he made £100,000. Obviously I’m overwhelmed.”



**HKJC purchases Hip 57 for £200,000 | Sarah Farnsworth**

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She added, “We foaled and raised this yearling--he’s been with us since day one and he’s always shown a lot of class. Since he came here he’s not put a foot wrong. He’s walked out perfectly every day and he had the right people on him.

“Isole Canarie was bought by Peter Gleeson, who raced her in Italy and then France, then brought her back here to breed. He’s been lucky with Italian mares before and it’s worked really well for him. The mare has an **Oasis Dream (GB)** colt at foot, but was not bred back this year.”

### **Warren Tips Land Force For First-Season Sire Honours**

Jake Warren of Highclere Stud, who stands Land Force (Ire), is confident that the young stallion has what it takes to be champion first-season sire in 2023. A total of 17 yearlings by the son of **No Nay Never** were catalogued in the sale, eight of which found new homes on day one, averaging at a highly respectable £34,500 for a stallion who stands for just £5,000 [stood at £6,500 in his first season].

However, what was most notable were the hotels that the Land Force yearlings have joined as multiple Group 1-winning trainer Clive Cox and renowned breeze-up consignors Katie Walsh and Con Marnane featured among the list of buyers.



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Warren said, "It's always a nervous time when you bring a new stallion to the market, but the thing with Land Force is, and one of the main reasons why we've had the confidence to keep breeding to him over the past three years, is he throws these powerful, strong, good-shouldered, big physicals that are just what breeders are looking to produce. It's also what 2-year-old buyers are trying to secure. He's just ticking those boxes."

He added, "There's no first-season sires with more offerings at this sale, so he has the numbers to back him up. **No Nay Never** has had an amazing year with his 2-year-olds and there's no reason why Land Force can't be the champion first-season sire next year. It's exciting."

It was lot 71 who shot the lights out for Land Force at £85,000. On the eve of the sale, **Natalie Folland and her partner Matt Bowen** told *TDN* about how they wanted to make their clients proud with the first yearlings they offered under the Folland-Bowen Bloodstock banner this week.

Well, the couple could hardly have done a better job with their Land Force colt, the first yearling they sent through the ring together, who walked around like a pro en route to commanding that impressive price tag.

Fighting back the tears in Barn J shortly after the sale, Folland said, "I'm going to cry. The owner has just been on the phone, she's bawling crying telling us how delighted she is. He's gone to

Clive Cox, who has the half-brother Ascot Adventure (GB) (Mayson {GB}) and Joe Foley was the underbidder. He was vetted four or five times, so it's great to have received such support."

She added, "I knew he was busy, but we would have been happy with £50,000 so, to get £80,000, we're over the moon. His owner, Fiona Trenchard, is delighted. She's such a pedigree fanatic and has tried really hard with this mare as she's been very hard to keep in foal. It hasn't been easy so, to have a result like that, I'm more emotional for her really."

Marnane went to £30,000 to secure **lot 26**, a Mickley Stud-consigned filly by Land Force, while Walsh bought a colt by the stallion, **lot 63**, off Anna Sundstrom's Coulonces for £40,000.

### **Soldier Answers Foley's Call**

Land Force was not the only young sire making waves. **Joe Foley expressed his confidence** behind the progeny of his own Ballyhane Stallion Soldier's Call in Monday's *TDN* and, less than 24 hours later, he put his money where his mouth was in securing Tinnakill's chestnut colt by the classy sprinter for £105,000.

**Lot 212** is a half-brother to Marygate S. winner Sardinia Sunset (Ire) (Guitafan) and was sold by Tinnakill House Stud on behalf of Kevin Blake's Golden Farm Thoroughbreds.



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Seven of the eight yearlings by Soldier's Call were sold on day one, with Mick Easterby forking out £65,000 to bag Trickledown Stud's colt by the sire [lot 48] and Oliver St Lawrence going to £50,000 for Manister House Stud's offering [lot 190].

Andrew Balding also picked up two by the sire, Ballyhane's lot 59 for £30,000 and lot 109 for £22,000. The seven yearlings sold by Soldier's Call averaged at just under £50,000 apiece.

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<b>170</b>	<b>c, Night of Thunder (Ire)--Pious Alexander (Ire)</b> <i>Bred by Mountarmstrong &amp; Alexander Bloodstock (Ire)</i> <i>Consigned by Mountarmstrong Stud</i> <i>Purchased by Avenue Bloodstock</i>	<b>230,000</b>
<b>057</b>	<b>c, Acclamation (GB)--Isole Canarie (Ire)</b> <i>Bred by P J Gleeson (GB)</i> <i>Consigned by Trinity Park Stud</i> <i>Purchased by HKJC</i>	<b>200,000</b>
<b>211</b>	<b>c, New Bay (GB)--Rubira (Aus)</b> <b>(€100,000 i/u '21 GOFFEB)</b> <i>Bred by The Applecross Syndicate (Ire)</i> <i>Consigned by Baroda Stud</i> <i>Purchased by Peter &amp; Ross Doyle Bloodstock</i>	<b>200,000</b>



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240	c	Zoffany x So Devoted	36,000	GOFNOV	B C BS
250	f	<b>Calyx</b> x StaceyMac	21,000	GOFNOV	Browne Bros BS
251	c	Dark Angel x Star Approval	40,000	TATDEC	Grangemore Stud
252	c	<b>Calyx</b> x Star Fire	23,000	TATDEC	Gillon BS/Castle Syn.
253	c	Cotai Glory x Star of Malta	16,000	GOFNOV	Galway Bay BS Ltd
254	f	Havana Gold x Starlight Circus	14,000	GOFNOV	Joey Fallon (P.S.)
256	f	Advertise x Stranagone	32,000	GOFNOV	Munster BS
257	f	<b>U S Navy Flag</b> x Style And Grace	7,000	TATDEC	Sebastian M Woods
259	c	Soldier's Call x Suedehead	50,000	GOFNOV	JR BS
260	f	Dandy Man x Summarise	17,000	GOFNOV	JODK BS
265	c	Ribchester x Sweet Serendipity	12,000	TATDEC	Bobby O'Ryan
266	c	<b>Ten Sovereigns</b> x Swinging Jean	25,000	TATDEC	Mike Channon BS
270	f	Too Dam Hot x Talema	22,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
276	f	Le Brivido x Tete Orange	1,000	TATDEC	Simon Heaney
281	c	Profitable x Tickle Me	8,000	TATDEC	Park Wood Stud
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294	c	Kodi Bear x Turn On The Tears	20,000	GOFNOV	Paul Curran
299	c	Soldier's Call x Union City Blues	23,000	GOFNOV	Paula Flannery
310	c	Too Dam Hot x Whispering Bell	70,000	TATDEC	Ahmad Alotaibi
313	c	Australia x Yeah Baby	27,000	GOFNOV	Woodtown House Stud
314	c	Mehmas x Yin	15,000	GOFNOV	Weir View
315	c	Adaay x Zaranayna	6,000	TATDEC	KS BS
319	f	Dandy Man x Zippy Rock	22,000	GOFNOV	Danielle BS
323	f	Eqtidaar x Adaalah	15,000	TATDEC	BBA Ireland
324	c	Ulysses x Adornment	18,000	TATDEC	Vendor
325	c	Soldier's Call x Aegean Sunset	20,000	GOFNOV	Aegean BS

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Pedigree</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Previous Sale</u>	<u>Buyer</u>
326	f	Dandy Man x Agapantha	13,000	GOFNOV	S & M BS
329	c	Shalaa x Ajou	8,000	ARQDEC	Kelly Equine Services Ltd
332	c	New Bay x Alkhawarah	28,000	TATDEC	Vendor
333	f	Invincible Army x All Speed	14,000	GOFNOV	JB BS
337	c	Inns of Court x Amthal	32,000	TATDEC	Mayfield Farm
339	c	<b>Sioux Nation</b> x Annie Fior	35,000	GOFNOV	Lynn Lodge Stud
342	f	Ardad x Athbah	40,000	TATDEC	Oaks Farm Stables
347	c	Invincible Army x Babette	36,000	TATDEC	Yeomanstown Stud
350	f	<b>Sioux Nation</b> x Badalona	10,000	GOFFEB	Frederik Tylicki BS
352	c	Harry Angel x Balance	14,000	TATDEC	Vendor
354	c	Tasleet x Barbs Princess	10,500	GOFFEB	Compas Equine
359	c	Kodiac x Beat The Stars	35,000	TATDEC	Moigne Combe Stud
366	f	Ardad x Broughtons Secret	9,000	TATDEC	Noel Quinlan
367	c	Bungle Inthejungle x Buroog	11,000	TATIRENOV	Con Marnane
368	c	<b>Starspangledbanner</b> x Butterfly Kiss	25,000	TATDEC	Racing Partnership
371	f	<b>U S Navy Flag</b> x Cabelo	18,000	GOFNOV	Francesca Aori
374	c	Invincible Army x Cape Joy	45,000	GOFNOV	Manister House Stud
379	c	Ulysses x Chapel Choir	20,000	TATDEC	Equitarno
380	c	Acclamation x Chica La Habana	22,000	TATDEC	Moigne Combe Stud
382	c	Phoenix of Spain x Chicita Banana	21,000	GOFNOV	WH BS
384	c	Kodiac x Claoimh Geal	20,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
387	c	Mayson x Collegiate	13,500	TATDEC	Manister House Stud
389	f	<b>Sioux Nation</b> x Cyrenaica	12,500	GOFNOV	Rodrigo Goncalves
390	f	Invincible Army x Dabtiyra	15,000	GOFNOV	MG BS
397	c	Twilight Son x Darwinia	22,000	TATDEC	Smeaton Manor Stables
399	c	Mayson x Dea Caelestis	11,000	TATDEC	Gary Dowling /BBA Ireland
401	c	Cotai Glory x Deliziosa	16,500	GOFNOV	Sean Ronan
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407	f	Invincible Army x Doris Bleasedale	23,000	GOFNOV	Paul Birchall
408	f	Profitable x Dream Craft	11,000	GOFNOV	JODK BS
410	c	Bungle Inthejungle x Dromana	15,000	GOFNOV	Highpoint BS
414	c	Dandy Man x Duchess of Foxland	41,000	GOFNOV	Federico Barberini
415	c	Masar x Dularame	20,000	TATDEC	Vendor
419	c	<b>Holy Roman Emperor</b> x Dynalosca	12,000	TATIRENOV	Stone Farm
424	c	Soldier's Call x Elshabakiya	18,000	GOFNOV	JODK BS
428	f	Havana Grey x Enchanted Linda	26,000	TATDEC	Margaret O'Toole
431	c	Cable Bay x Esteemable	8,500	TATDEC	Racing Partnership

\*Information sourced from Weatherbys. \*\*Price is in currency of sale sold at.

- 147 c, Kodiak (GB)--Night Queen (Ire) 160,000**  
*Bred by The Night Queen Partnership (Ire)*  
*Consigned by Alice Fitzgerald*  
*Purchased by Manor House Farm*
- 192 f, Ten Sovereigns (Ire)--Rainbow Moonstone (Ire) 150,000**  
**(€50,000 i/u '20 GOFDEC)**  
*Bred by RJB Bloodstock (Ire)*  
*Consigned by Manister House Stud*  
*Purchased by Manor House Farm*
- 213 c, Ulysses (Ire)--Russian Punch (GB) 150,000**  
*Bred by Mrs D. O'Brien (GB)*  
*Consigned by Bearstone Stud*  
*Purchased by Manor House Farm*
- 055 c, Mehmas (Ire)--Ishimagic (GB) 130,000**  
**(€70,000 wnlg '21 GOFNOV)**  
*Bred by Golden Vale Stud (Ire)*  
*Consigned by Tally Ho Stud*  
*Purchased by Sackville Donald*
- 077 c, Inns of Court (Ire)--Key to Power (GB) 125,000**  
*Bred by Tally Ho Stud (Ire)*  
*Consigned by Tally Ho Stud*  
*Purchased by Robson Aguiar/Amo Racing*

## LOCAL HEROES

### Cunha Seeking Flying Machines of a Different Kind *(cont. from p1)*

With his stable of five horses recently assembled in the bottom yard at William Jarvis's Phantom House, he now hopes to make his mark on the town where he once completed a stint working for Robert Armstrong.

"I was 18, coming from a hot city in Durban, and Robert Armstrong was coming to the end of his careers so a lot of the lads were in their seventies," he recalls of his first Newmarket experience. "I was the only kid there with one other kid, Dominic Fox, who became an apprentice. So that was a culture shock to me but it was the best learning experience ever. I got to learn the proper, old school way, which is what I love. From there I went on to Barry Hills, and it was a good year, 1999, when Distant Music won the Dewhurst and Rainbow High (GB) won the Chester Cup."

After two seasons with Hills, Cunha, a former amateur rider, returned to South Africa to work for champion trainer Justin Snaith for four years before setting up on his own.

"I was too young," he admits. "Justin's dad told me when I went that I was too young. But I was young and cocky so I did it. And he was right, because I didn't really enjoy it, even though we did well. We won the biggest race in Johannesburg, third biggest race in South Africa, lots of other listed races, mostly

with cheap buys. Strategic News didn't get a bid in Australia when I bought him. The breeder came to me, because he knew I liked him and he said, 'I'll tell you what. Take him home, and you can pay for him when you've got a client for him'."

Eventually Cunha followed another dream of becoming a pilot, working for Mango Airlines, living on the beach in Durban with his family, and pretty much enjoying life until the pandemic struck.

"I did a flight on 24 March 2020 to Cape Town and back, landed, went home. Everything was fine," he recalls. "That afternoon, I got an email saying 'That's it'. And that was it." With two sisters and a brother already in the country and a brother-in-law working for Simon Crisford, Cunha decided to return to Britain with his wife and children, and was drawn back to the one thing that had always been a part of his life, even when relegated to the background.



**Dylan Cunha with his first British winner Mighty Wind**  
*Emma Berry*

"I grew up with horses. You grow up, and you reflect. I had 10 years of flying aeroplanes, reflecting, sitting, thinking," he says. "I stayed watching racing. I owned a share with my dad. We bought one horse every year and we had a really good one, which we sold and it funded a lot of this actually."

"If I'd stayed training, maybe I would never have had that time to reflect. I think you've got to do that. You've got to be self critical."

There's less time for reflection now that Cunha has horses under his care again. His team may be small at present but he is hands-on and does a lot of the work himself.

"I was Robert Armstrong's muck out boy, so I don't need to pay anyone to do that," he says with a laugh.

And he is clearly enjoying being around horses full-time again as he runs through his hopes for his team, which is led by the 88-rated Moliwood (GB) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who was recently bought by the Sarkar family at the Tattersalls July Sale and sent to him to train.

His promising fourth-place in the Shergar Cup Stayers has encouraged Cunha to give Moliwood an entry in the Cesarewitch. The trainer also understandably has a soft spot for Mighty Mind (GB) (Poet's Voice {GB}), who became his first winner in Britain at Chelmsford on August 9.

Cunha proudly was touched to receive a handwritten letter from his landlord and fellow trainer William Jarvis, congratulating on his debut success second time around and says, "Even though I did well before, there were a lot of mistakes I made personally, with owners, with horses. You learn, and I've grown a lot from that. I used to be very stressed, so hyped up and then so disappointed. I don't get stressed now, and I don't get disappointed either."

He does, however, get excited at the prospect of targeting York's Mallard Handicap with Moliwood followed by a possible run in one of Newmarket's most historic races.

"I get goosebumps even thinking about the Cesarewitch," he says.

And while acknowledging the escalating costs of running horses in Britain, which does not compare favourably to the subsidised travel and jockey fees in South Africa, Cunha clearly is still relishing this second opportunity to train while based in the town where horseracing, as we know it, began.

"English racing is by far the best in the world," he adds. "The racecourses are amazing. You take the big festivals: there's nothing better. And then the small meetings...every time I stand in Brighton, I just look up and I'm like, 'What?' You would never see this anywhere else in the world. It's unique."

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### ALCOHOL FREE TO MISS HAYDOCK SPRINT CUP

Four-time Group 1 winner **Alcohol Free (Ire)** has been ruled out of Saturday's G1 Betfair Sprint Cup at Haydock with a minor injury.

A winner at the top level at two, three and four, the Andrew Balding-trained filly required stitches for a cut in an "awkward place" and looks likely to be sidelined for around ten days. "Unfortunately Alcohol Free has sustained what we hope is a minor injury, but it is significant enough to rule her out of the Sprint Cup," reported Balding.

"She's got a cut which requires some stitches in an awkward place. Hopefully it is not the end of her career, but it will seriously compromise her chances of getting to Haydock in top

form, so we have decided to scrap that and work on alternative plans."

Having won the Cheveley Park S. as a juvenile, Alcohol Free's successful 3-year-old campaign included victories over a mile in the Coronation S. and Sussex S. A drop back in trip this season also saw Jeff Smith's colour-bearer claim the July Cup at Newmarket before finishing third to Baaeed (GB) in a repeat attempt at the Sussex S. at Goodwood.



Alcohol Free | Goffs

Her trainer added, "We are just going to have to be guided by how she responds. It has been stitched and we need to see how she responds to that, and we certainly wouldn't be taking any chances, so we will be playing it on a day-by-day basis.

"We will know more about things in a week's time. Racing is full of setbacks and disappointments, so we are fairly used to them. It is a blow, but thankfully they can't take away what she has already achieved."

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

### UNITED KINGDOM

**EXPERT EYE (GB)** (Acclamation {GB}), Banstead Manor Stud  
97 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners

13:40-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, *Ellexis (Ire)*  
27,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2021

**HAVANA GREY (GB)** (Havana Gold {Ire}), Whitsbury Manor Stud  
115 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners

14:00-CATTERICK BRIDGE, 7f, *Kamada (GB)*  
2,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2020

**HAWKBILL** (Kitten's Joy), Darley Japan  
24 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

17:30-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, *Endangered* (GB)

13:50-MUSSELBURGH, 7.25f, *Harry's Hero* (GB)  
2,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2020; 12,000gns  
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2021

**KESSAAR (IRE)** (Kodiac {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud  
77 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners

14:20-MUSSELBURGH, 5f, *Don't Fight It* (Ire)  
€18,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2020

**ROARING LION** (Kitten's Joy), Tweenhills Stud  
104 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners

17:30-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, *Dubai Mile* (Ire)  
€20,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2021

**SIoux NATION** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Stud  
165 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners

14:00-CATTERICK BRIDGE, 7f, *Jam Nation* (Ire)  
£42,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2021

17:30-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, *Ninety-nineproblems* (Ire)  
30,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2021

**U S NAVY FLAG** (War Front), Coolmore Stud  
72 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners

13:50-MUSSELBURGH, 7.25f, *Star Start* (Ire)  
£19,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2021; £8,400  
Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2022

**WASHINGTON DC (IRE)** (Zoffany {Ire}), Bearstone Stud  
47 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

13:40-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, *Liberty Mountain* (GB)

**ZOUSTAR (AUS)** (Northern Meteor {Aus}), Tweenhills Stud  
107 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner

13:40-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, *Do It For Love* (GB)  
£35,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2021; £10,500  
Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2022

**ZOUSTAR (AUS)** (Northern Meteor {Aus}), Tweenhills Stud  
107 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner

14:00-CATTERICK BRIDGE, 7f, *Sky Dancer* (GB)  
15,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2021

### FRANCE

**CLOTH OF STARS (IRE)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), Haras du Logis  
75 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

3-VICHY, 1600m, *I Am Sovereign* (Fr)

### IRELAND

**ROARING LION** (Kitten's Joy), Tweenhills Stud  
104 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners

1-BELLEWSTOWN, 8f, *Roaring Gallagher* (Fr)  
€50,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2021

**SEAHENGE** (Scat Daddy), Haras de la Haie Neuve  
50 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

1-BELLEWSTOWN, 8f, *Holy Scat Passion* (Fr)  
€9,500 Arqana Deauville Autumn Flat Yearling Sale 2021;  
€12,000 Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2022

**TASLEET (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Nunnery Stud  
69 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner

1-BELLEWSTOWN, 8f, *She's Local* (Ire)  
€25,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2020

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# FRANCE

**Tuesday's Results:**

**2nd-Deauville, €34,000, Cond, 8-23, 2yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:30.38, st.**

**SHALROMY (FR) (f, 2, Shalaa {Ire}--Vegas Valentine {Fr}, by Lope De Vega {Ire})**, who finished three lengths off the 'TDN Rising Star' display of Kelina (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) when an Aug. 6 debut second over this trip on the turf here last time, tracked all six rivals for the most part. Tanking forward in the straight, the 3-10 lock quickened impressively to seize control with 150 metres remaining en route to an easy two-length defeat of Mandega (Fr) (Panis). Shalromy, a G1 Prix Marcel Bousac entry, is the lone reported foal out of a winning half-sister to G3 Prix de Guiche third Gardol City (Fr) (Elusive City) and the dual stakes-placed Desert Icon (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}). The January-foaled bay's unraced third dam Peace Signal (Time For A Change) is kin to six black-type performers, headed by multiple Group 1-winning sire Peintre Celebre (Nureyev). Sales history: €60,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €22,400.

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O-SL Family Racing, Filippo Ezri, Frederic Bianco, Rolland Capozzi, Mme Jennifer Bianco & Mme Michele Blanc; B-Frederic Bianco & Mme Jennifer Bianco (FR); T-Christophe Ferland.

**2nd-La Teste De Buch, €18,000, Cond, 8-23, 2yo, f, 8fT, 1:45.40, sf.**

**DABIRADJA (FR) (f, 2, Dabirsim {Fr}--Mowaajaha, by Invincible Spirit {Ire})**, fourth on debut over seven furlongs at Dax July 26, was restrained early to end up towards the rear. Challenging wide in the straight, the 7-2 shot had a slim advantage approaching the furlong pole and stayed on to score by a short neck from Mamamouchi (Fr) (Shalaa {Ire}). The winner is currently the last known foal out of the unraced dam, whose family includes the G2 Prix de Sandringham scorer Baqah (Ire) (Bahhare) and her GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.-winning son Almanaar (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), as well as the GI American Oaks heroine Lady Prancealot (Ire) (Sir Prancealot {Ire}). Sales history: €33,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €10,800.

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O-Endre Rosjoe, Gael Lhermite & D Guillemin; B-Haras De Magouet (FR); T-Didier Guillemin.



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**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**3rd-Deauville, €27,000, Cond, 8-23, 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:19.18, st.**

**LADY MIA (FR) (f, 2, Outstrip {GB}--Mrs Micawber {GB}, by Nayef)** Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, €49,300. O-Mme Michele Cazaubon, Alessandro Botti, Giuseppe Botti, Daniel Cole & Mme Rana Khaddam; B-Daniel Cole, Mme Valerie Dubos & AS Kleber Haras du Bois d'Argile (FR); T-Alessandro & Giuseppe Botti.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Gaudio (Fr), g, 2, Al Wukair (Ire)--Orlaine (Fr), by Orpen.** La Teste De Buch, 8-23, 8fT, 1:46.20. B-Thousand Dreams (FR).  
**Naranco (GB), c, 3, Kingman (GB)--Patsy Boyne (Ire), by Galileo (Ire).** La Teste de Buch, 8-23, 9fT, 1:53.40. B-Eric Chen (GB).  
 \*300,000gns Wlg '19 TATFOA; £170,000 RNA HRA '21 TATJUN.

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