



AFTER PREAKNESS, MARYLAND RACING WILL RETURN TO LAUREL, BUT FOR HOW LONG?



Blazing Sevens working out at Pimlico | Jim McCue

by Bill Finley

Pimlico, the home of a Triple Crown race, is rundown and needs to be torn down and rebuilt. Its sister track, Laurel isn't in much better shape. To have two tracks in such condition does not make for a sustainable model for the future of Maryland racing, a problem that track owners and politicians have been trying solve for more than a decade.

But the latest round of give-and-take appears to have yielded a solution. Money once earmarked for a rebuild of both Pimlico and Laurel is expected to be used solely to rebuild Pimlico and to create a racing facility worthy of hosting the middle jewel of the Triple Crown. But there won't be any money left over for Laurel, which likely means the track is nearing the finish line.

The scenario has shifted dramatically since 2019 when the Stronach Group, which operates both Maryland tracks, was hoping to rebuild Laurel and close Pimlico. That would have meant moving the GI Preakness S. to Laurel. That led to the city of Baltimore filing suit against the Stronach Group trying to block them from closing Pimlico.

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THE EDUCATIONAL PARLAY OF CHASE CHAMBERLIN

by J.N. Campbell

Chase Chamberlin scrutinized the numbers. It was a Dickensian moment to be sure. The bank account didn't lie, he did in fact have a \$120 balance. There wasn't any way around it, he was broke. Well, nearly broke.

It was just a couple years prior that he had received one heck of a proposal though and it wasn't something he could pass up. So going all-in, as they say, was the plan. Not to put too fine a point on it, when opportunity knocks or in this case, arrives via Instagram, then you must be ready to parlay.

"It was at the 2022 Dubai World Cup and we had poured everything into the business and we needed a win," Chamberlin said. "There's a time to be disciplined and just go for base hits, but there's also a moment to be bold."

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JUVENILES EARN BULLETS IN TIMONIUM THURSDAY 9

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Pimlico Cont. From Pg. 1

Under political pressure to keep Pimlico open, track ownership pivoted and along with horseman, breeders, political leaders and others, got behind a new plan.

In May of 2020, The Racing and Community Development Act (RCDA) of 2020 was signed into law by then Governor Larry Hogan and on the surface, it seemed to be the answer to all of Maryland's problems. The legislation called for the Maryland Stadium Authority to issue up to \$375 million in bonds that were earmarked to pay for a rebuild of both tracks. The Preakness was going to stay in Baltimore, Pimlico was not going to close and the Stronach Group would be able to go forward with its plans to have a new and improved Laurel as the centerpiece of the Maryland racing circuit.

"This is a very important day in the future of Maryland racing," Alan Foreman, general counsel for the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, said when the legislation was signed into law.

And then the world shut down.



Mage at the Preakness | Jim McCue

Within weeks of the RCDA being signed, COVID-19 was in full throttle and that meant that nothing was going to happen anytime soon when it came to building new racetracks in the state.

It's been a bit more than three years since the RCDA legislation was approved and the pandemic is a thing of the past. But, when it comes to Pimlico and Laurel, time has stood still. Untouched, they remain in the same poor condition that they were in 2020. No shovels have hit the ground and not a penny of government money has been spent to improve either track.

The problem is that the bill that was signed in 2020 is no longer a viable solution in 2023. Three years later, the \$375 million originally budgeted to rebuild both tracks is not nearly enough to pay for the projects. **Cont.**



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By some estimates, due to inflation, the cost to rebuild both tracks has doubled. Additionally, rising interest rates have led to the bonds being worth less.

“Almost to the day that the RCDA was signed by governor the world shut down and COVID hit,” said Alan Rifkin, an attorney who represents the Stronach Group in Maryland. “Nothing was happening. When the world re-opened, interest rates and inflation went through the roof. The inflationary spiral was so substantial that things like lumber, concrete and steel cost 20 to 30% more right after COVID than they had been previously. The other problem is that the \$375 million we estimated would only produce today about \$220 million in proceeds. As you pay more in interest to bond holders, there’s less in the proceeds after interest payments are made. From the interest rate spiral and the inflationary spiral, that has meant that there is not enough money to do both Laurel and Pimlico. No matter how much you stretch the blanket, the blanket cannot cover the entire bed. That is the problem.”

But there should be enough money to rebuild one of the tracks, and everything points to that being Pimlico and not Laurel. Pimlico will be spared because that is what the city and the state politicians want, since a new track and a Triple Crown race remains a big part of the fabric of Baltimore. And it’s apparent that without the blessing of political leaders in the

state there is no way that the money needed to rebuild one track or the other would be made available to the Stronach Group.

“The legislature and the Governor’s office, the powers that be, have directed the parties to prioritize Pimlico,” Rifkin said. “We understand that there is not enough money to do both capital projects. The policy makers have instructed all of us in the industry working on this to prioritize Pimlico. We know that as a fact.”

“If there is going to be any redevelopment of the racetracks in Maryland, Pimlico has to be locked into that,” Foreman said. “That’s because of the Preakness and because of the importance of the racetrack to the city of Baltimore. They are inextricably linked.”

Closing Laurel would solve some problems, but also create some others, namely what to do with all the horses stabled there. The Pimlico backstretch is not big enough to handle the state’s horse population. A new training center that could accommodate as many as 1,000 horses would need to be built. Rifkin said that keeping Laurel open as a training facility is not likely to happen.

Another issue may be the vision the Stronach Group has for a Maryland racing circuit with just one track.

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Best of luck to all the **Kentucky-breds** as they seek a ninth consecutive victory in racing's second jewel of the Triple Crown.

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Rifkin maintains that the current structure, which includes year-round racing, is not economically viable. Not only does he want to see just one track, he wants to see a shorter racing season. That is something that could lead to a contentious relationship with horsemen.

"I don't think it should come as a surprise to anyone that operating two racing facilities 20 miles apart from one another is not conducive to profitability or, for that matter, sustainability under the current circumstances," he said. "That is why we continue to raise the question of industry-wide restructuring in an effort to right size the number of facilities and right size the number of racing days in order to best ensure a viable, sustainable and profitable racing industry for years to come."

Those are problems for another day. The emphasis now is on hitting the reset button on a project that would give Maryland racing a quality, modern facility that works for such a big event as the Preakness. With there still being a number of issues that have to be resolved before construction can begin on a new track, it's not clear what the timeline might be.

"There have been so many estimates so far as when a new Pimlico would be up and running," Foreman said. "There was a time that people were estimating it would be ready for this year's Preakness. And as you know, the wrecking ball hasn't hit the grandstand yet. During construction Laurel will have to be

operating during the time it will takes to construct a new Pimlico. I don't think the wrecking ball will hit Pimlico until a plan has been established for the racing industry in terms of year-round racing. That means that a training center site will have to be identified and plans for it will have to be developed. It's conceivable that construction could start after the Preakness next year, but a lot of work will have to be done between now and then to accommodate that happening."

No matter when it happens, the future of Maryland racing is set to look nothing like the present.

Pimlico is the more celebrated of the two tracks because it is the home of the Preakness, but Laurel has quite a history of its own. It opened on Oct. 2, 1911. In 1952, they ran the first ever Washington D.C. International, the first U.S. race that sought horses from overseas and it soon became one of the biggest events on the calendar. In 1984, the track was sold to Frank J. De Francis and his partners, Robert and John "Tommy" Manfuso, who brought several innovative improvements to Laurel.

But progress needs to be made in Maryland and most agree that the only way that will happen is if Laurel is razed and that a new Pimlico becomes the centerpiece of the future of Maryland racing.

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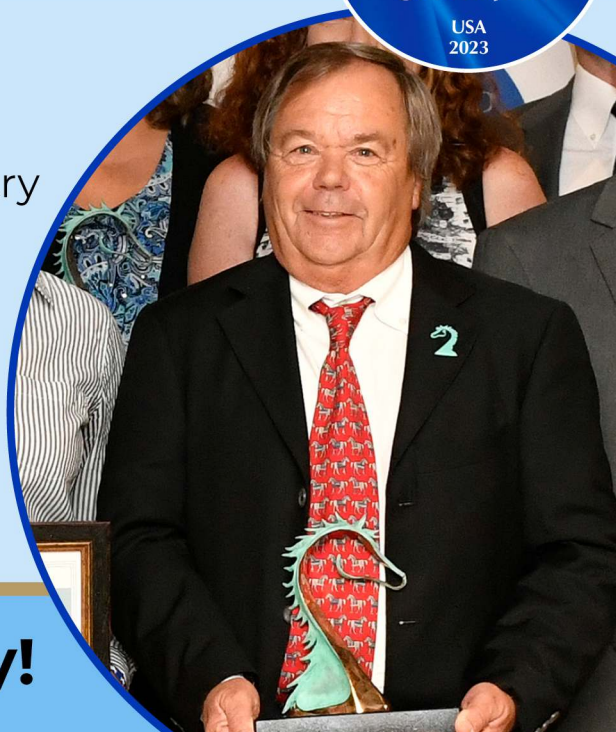
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Chase Chamberlin Cont. From Pg. 1

The series of conversations that spawned from that Instagram message sent by his fellow Western Michigan alum Brian Doxtator concerned the seed of a new company--Commonwealth, also known as CMNWLT--which the pair agreed early on was going to be about one thing, and one thing only, the members. Yes, the thrill of victory was involved and all that, but it would be about putting together a series of experiences around microsharing and sports. The engine behind it all and the driving force was a sense of belonging.

"Our model is about the journey," Chamberlin explained. "This is about sharing a belief because we realize that sports like horse racing are based on faith and if you don't build that through trust, then it is difficult to attract new customers."



Chase Chamberlin | Sara Gordon

As co-founders, Chamberlin who serves as the company's head of racing and Doxtator, who as CEO comes from a diverse tech background, envisaged a world of microsharing where investors could own an affordable piece of a Thoroughbred. They made

some well-documented wise calls, like in that aforementioned Dickensian moment in 2022 when **Country Grammar (Tonalist)** claimed victory in the G1 Dubai World Cup. Other hinge points have followed with **We The People (Constitution)** going off as the favorite in the GI Belmont S., and of course, when the 382 members that bought shares in **Mage (Good Magic)** watched that chestnut colt roll late to pick up the GI Kentucky Derby.

"We didn't plan to win the [Kentucky] Derby this soon, but

we knew that our program and our partnerships would put us in a position to compete at the highest levels because we have a great team and they know how to pick great horses."

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For Chamberlin, taking a chance on joining Doxtator in starting Commonwealth was full of risk, but he was confident that it was the right move.

His competitive nature in business that was honed at college comes directly from the equestrian world. When he was four years old growing up near Kalamazoo, Michigan, his mother who worked in a hair salon and his father in a paper mill, stoked his budding love of horses by enrolling him in riding programs. It took him down a path from hunters and jumpers to becoming a multi-national champion in which he showed horses from half-Arabians to Quarter Horses around the world.

"They didn't have any connection to anything equine-related, but they made sacrifices and that stoked my passion," he said. "Over time, I encountered all of these different breeds, people connected to them with their wonderful stories and it just created this obsession."

Then, he started to think about Thoroughbreds.

"I remember always hearing that showing was a hobby that wanted to be a business, while racing was a business that always wanted to be a hobby," Chamberlin said. "I could maybe be

away from horses for six months and then I would find a way to get right back to them."

Melding that love for all things equine with the mission of Commonwealth was linked by Chamberlin's last position as head of growth at Epipheo, a Cincinnati-based company that has assisted the likes of Walmart, Google, SAP and even the U.S. Air Force with brand awareness campaigns through what is called a video-first strategy. In other words,

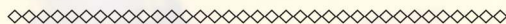
they explain stuff, succinctly and in a way that is palatable.

"Strategies through these explainer videos were built on education and we know through research that if you confuse people, you'll lose them," he said. **Cont.**



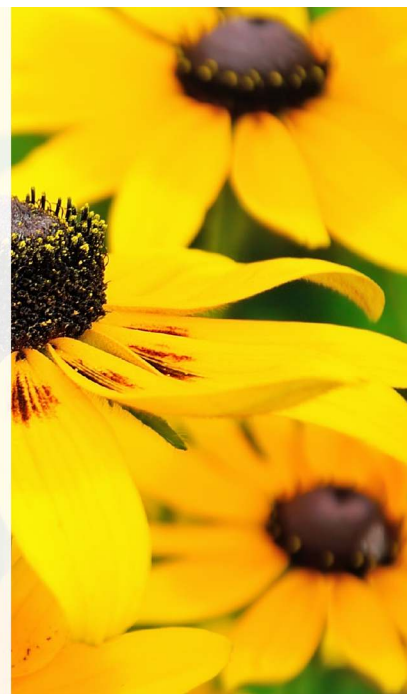
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Chase Chamberlin and Brian Duxtator at Pimlico | Sara Gordon

“So, you want members to soak up these complicated ideas because if they don't care, then the moment's gone. It's the old curse of knowledge. What we are doing with horse racing and Commonwealth is similar.”

Working with bloodstock agents like Marette Farrell, and WinStar Farm's Elliott Walden and David Hanley has brought Chamberlin to the immersive waters of the sales ring and he has learned the language of Thoroughbreds.

From breeding to racing, it continues to be an ongoing curve for him. There is a fair amount of torque that he has experienced, but the “vernacular” as he calls it, isn't that far off from the one he once knew.

“David [Hanley] was an Olympic-level show jumper, so when we talk horse flesh we have a certain understanding between us and that has only helped my education, which is all about being a sponge,” Chamberlin said. “This complex and dizzying world has brought us into contact with some amazing partners who are about integrity first and then talent, not the other way around.”

No matter what happens this weekend at the GI Preakness S., Commonwealth has wind in its sails. But Chamberlin is quick to remind anyone that will listen that this isn't just about victories. You can't have win after win in a business like this, no matter how blessed or brilliant you might be.

“Our focus here is to spread the word and not be drained by these moments of euphoria because we know they don't last in the way that our minds think they should,” he said. “So, what you do as a company is be grateful for them, relish it, file it away, but you can temper the downswing you will inevitably feel, if you enjoy that journey along the way.”

Finding the next Mage will not be easy, but remember Chamberlin's origin story as an equestrian, his sponge-like

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approach to knowledge and his ability to explain complexities are all built assets. As horse racing continues to try and solve their own Rubik's Cube when it comes to bringing new, younger faces into its fold, in just four years has Chase Chamberlin and Team Commonwealth found an answer?

With the sports betting revolution drawing in more diverse customers, in a similar way, Commonwealth is poised to expand their digital platform space into golf. The future looks bright for this unique business model. Affordable investing through a set of experiences which crossover to other sports? That sounds like quite a parlay coupled with a strong sense of belonging. Now, that might be an explainer video worth watching.

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ARROGATE, CATALINA CRUISER JUVENILES EARN BULLETS IN TIMONIUM THURSDAY



Hip 552 | Fasig-Tipton photo

by Jessica Martini

TIMONIUM, MD - A filly by Arrogate ([hip 552](#)) and a colt by [Catalina Cruiser](#) ([hip 568](#)) set the fastest furlong and quarter-mile times, respectively, during the final session of the under-tack show for the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale at the Maryland State Fairgrounds Thursday.

Both juveniles were stabled in Barn A, with the filly consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds and the colt in the L.G. consignment of longtime Hartley/DeRenzo employee Luis Garcia.

Hip 552 became the sixth juvenile of the under-tack show to work a furlong in [:10 flat](#) in the day's second set Thursday.

"I knew she was going to go fast," Randy Hartley said. "I was hoping for a [:9 4/5](#). It just depended on the track. But she's been the best filly on the farm all year. And when she prepped here, my kid said she was ready and she felt the best of all of them."

Out of Twixy (Mutakddim), the chestnut filly is a half-sister to multiple stakes winner Twixy Roll (Roll Hennessy Roll) and is from the family of multiple Grade I winner Caleb's Posse.

The filly was purchased by Hartley and Dean DeRenzo for \$255,000 out of Book 1 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"To me, she was the best-looking horse in Book 1," Hartley said. "Her pedigree was a little lighter for Book 1 and I think that's probably the reason we were able to buy her. It wasn't a big, Grade I mare or anything, but we just loved the filly. She's just a gorgeous filly. She looks like a colt."

Bloodstock agent Donato Lanni purchased Faiza ([Girvin](#)) on behalf of Michael Lund Petersen for \$725,000 at last year's Midlantic May sale and Thursday, a day before that undefeated filly goes postward in the GII Black-Eyed Susan S. at Pimlico, Lanni and Petersen stopped by Barn A specifically to look at the speedy Arrogate filly in Barn A.

Hip 568 matched the quarter-mile bullet set by a Hartley/DeRenzo consigned son of [Justify](#) Wednesday when he covered the distance in [:21 2/5](#) during the first set Thursday morning.

The chestnut colt is out of Wicked Speed (Macho Uno) and is a half-brother to stakes-winner Freedom Speaks (American Freedom). Wicked Speed is a half-sister to Canadian champion Fatal Bullet (Red Bullet).

Garcia and partner Gina Fennell purchased the colt for \$70,000 at Keeneland last September.

"I liked his body. He is a beautiful horse," Garcia said of the colt's appeal last fall. "And I like [Catalina Cruiser](#). I have a couple of them this year. They are really smart. They relax and they do everything perfectly."

The colt will be making his second trip through the sales ring this year. He RNA'd for \$85,000 following a [:10 2/5](#) breeze at the OBS March sale.

"He worked in March, but he wasn't really ready for that," Garcia said. "I took him out and brought him here. He is a big horse and kind of heavy. So I gave him more training and more time. And now he's doing everything on his own."

Of the decision to go a quarter-mile Thursday, Garcia explained, "We had him in that sale in March and he was kind of a heavy horse. So I trained him more, gave him more two-minute licks, and he was ready to go a quarter."

Garcia is just a few months short of his 16-year anniversary of working for Hartley/DeRenzo.

"If I left them, I'd feel lost," he said with a laugh.

While the under-tack show's second session Wednesday featured a significant tailwind throughout the day, Thursday's session was held amidst an intermittent headwind, which seemed to increase throughout the day.

Cont.



Hip 568 | Fasig-Tipton photo

"The track seems all over the place," Hartley said. "I think [Thursday] is a mixture between the first day and second day. I think it's not quite like the first day, and with the tailwind yesterday, today is kind of somewhere in between those two days."

The fifth set of Thursday's session was briefly halted when hip 536 got loose on the track prior to his work for Two Oaks Equine. The gray colt began running up the track as hip 421, a filly by Connect, was finishing up her furlong work in :10 4/5.

Eventually corralled by the outriders, hip 536 returned to the track during the session's seventh and final set and worked a furlong in :10 2/5.

After a pair of strong, if top-heavy, juvenile sales in Ocala earlier this spring, Hartley is hoping to see a broadening of the middle market when bidding opens in Timonium Monday morning.

"It's like we are missing the middle--we are missing that \$150,000 buyer," Hartley said of the 2-year-old market this year. "It's all or nothing, it seems like this year. Maybe people, like Linda Rice, are doing more claiming and getting their horses like that. The purses are really good, but it just seems like we need that guy to spend \$150,000 or \$200,000. I don't know if his wife is telling him, 'Oh, no. We're not buying a horse right now.' But we are missing that market and I don't know if it's going to be here or not. I hope it's going to be here. I hope we have more New York people coming down to this sale. The Maryland people will be here--I don't know if they will be in that middle market. They seem to shop to try to find nice racehorses for \$100,000 or less, although there are a couple who step up and spend a little bit more. But we need the guys from California to come."

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PREAKNESS PREVIEW: MAGE EVOLVES FROM UNDERDOG TO TARGET

by T. D. Thornton

Onward to Baltimore! Here are the GI Preakness S. entrants listed in "likeliest winner" order.



1) MAGE (c, **Good Magic**--Puca, by Big Brown) O-OGMA

Investments, LLC, Ramiro Restrepo, Sterling Racing LLC and CMNWLTH; B-Grandview Equine (KY); T-Gustavo Delgado. Sales history: \$235,000 yrl '21 KEESEP; \$290,000 2yo '22 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: GISW, 4-2-1-0, \$2,107,200. Last Start: 1st GI Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs May 6.

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GI Kentucky Derby winner Mage won't be a heavy favorite on Saturday. In fact, he projects as the possible second choice in the betting based on the "fresh competition" angle in a Preakness that will feature no other starters who ran in the 18-horse Derby.

Pari-mutuel value notwithstanding, a Preakness victory is within the grasp of this white-blazed, chestnut son of **Good Magic** (\$235,000 KEESEP; \$290,000 EASMAY). He's a lighter-framed colt who might not have taken the pounding that a bigger runner would have in a demanding race like the Derby. And in the eight-horse Preakness, he figures to be more in touch with the pace, and will likely not have to give up as much real estate (four wide on the far turn before floating to the eight path) as he did in the Derby.

We've now seen Mage uncork two consecutive, sustained, late-race bids against Grade I competition. One was a slightly premature move in the GI **Curlin** Florida Derby that catapulted him to the lead, only to be reeled in by the vastly more experienced divisional champ **Forte** (**Violence**). The other was a more measured move under Javier Castellano in the Kentucky Derby in which Mage went from 11th to second between the five-sixteenths and the three-sixteenths poles before zeroing in on a tiring (but not quitting) leader while being kept to task under hand-hustling though the final furlong and a half.

Mage's 105 Beyer Speed Figure stands out as at least seven points better than any number his rivals have run so far, but it remains to be seen whether that rating holds up. It was 11 points higher than Mage's previous best, and to fully embrace it, you have to have faith that the 2-3-4 finishers in the Derby also realistically upped their Beyers by 4-10-10 points.



Mage | Sara Gordon



2) NATIONAL TREASURE (c, **Quality Road**--Treasure, by

Medaglia d'Oro) O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Catherine Donovan; B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$500,000 ylg'21 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: MGISP, 5-1-1-2, \$345,000. Last Start: 4th GI **Runhappy** Santa Anita Derby at Santa Anita Apr. 8.

• Bred by Peter Blum Thoroughbreds •

The draw of post one, the addition of blinkers, and the continued partnership with one of the game's premier front-end riders all point to John Velazquez seeking the lead in the Preakness with National Treasure.

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This \$500,000 FTSAUG son of **Quality Road** sports a past-performance block anchored by mid-90s Beyer and company lines featuring heavy divisional hitters. But there are also some gaps in his training, most notably time missed in early March because of a quarter crack that caused this colt to pass on an expected start in the GII San Felipe S.

Although he wasn't finishing with the authority of the top trio in the GI **Runhappy** Santa Anita Derby, National Treasure's fourth-place effort there can serve as a useful bridge to a better effort at 1 3/16 miles considering the nine-furlong try was his first race in three months.

Trainer Bob Baffert has saddled seven Preakness winners. Five of them were Kentucky Derby winners. The two who weren't both were beaten Derby favorites: Point Given (2001) and **Lookin At Lucky** (2010).



National Treasure | Jim McCue

3) FIRST MISSION (c, **Street Sense**--Elude, by **Medaglia d'Oro**) O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-1-0, \$276,500. Last Start: 1st GIII Stonestreet Lexington S. at Keeneland Apr. 15.

This Godolphin homebred by **Street Sense** debuted too late to make a run at Derby qualifying points, so after breaking his maiden at Fair Grounds in start number two on Mar. 18, his connections opted for the 1 1/16-miles GIII Stonestreet Lexington S. at Keeneland.

First Mission went off favored at 2-1, rolling out of the gate alertly, then conceding the lead while attaining inside position. He started to inch up 4 1/2 furlongs out over a short-stretch configuration, then reeled in an opening-up pacemaker who twice put him in tight at the fence through the stretch.

First Mission prevailed by half a length (98 Beyer), but it was the visual appeal of how he refused to be intimidated by the more experienced **Arabian Lion** (**Justify**) that contributed to this

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4) PERFORM (c, **Good Magic**--Jane Says, by **Tale of Ekati**)

O-Woodford Racing LLC, Lanes End Farm, Phipps Stable, Ken Langone, and Edward J. Hudson Jr.; B-Michael Orem & J.B. Lane Orem (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III. Sales history: \$230,000 ylg'21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW, 7-2-1-1, \$130,956. Last Start: 1st Federico Tesio S. at Laurel Park Apr. 15.

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Perform required six starts to break his maiden, but since tasked with two turns for the first time, he's 2-for-2. This \$230,000 KEESEP colt by **Good Magic** has also tangled with Mage once before, having run fourth, beaten 5 1/2 lengths by the eventual Derby winner, when that colt broke his maiden at Gulfstream back on Jan. 28.

Perform broke through with his first victory on the GIII Tampa Bay Derby undercard over one mile 40 yards, and both the second- and fifth-place finishers from that race came back to graduate in their next starts.

Let go at 10-1 odds in the \$125,000 Federico Tesio S., Perform dropped out to last and looked unlikely to even hit the board on the far turn, lingering near last after a dueling duo had set a tepid pace and opened up by five turning for home.

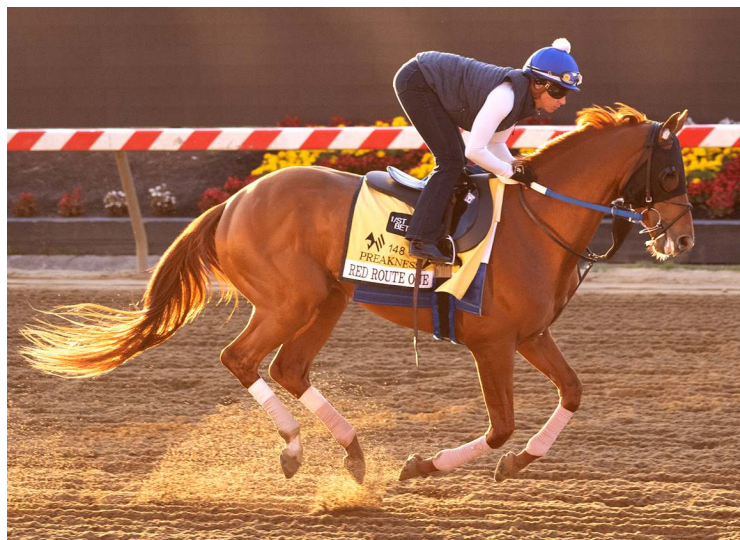
Weaving through the pack, jockey Feargal Lynch switched Perform off heels of tiring rivals not once, but three times through the Laurel homestretch, at the three-sixteenth pole, the eighth pole, and again in the run up to the wire. The result was a head victory, and although the 85 Beyer came back a little light, this could be an example of "how he did it" resonating more than "how fast" in terms of overall impression.

"I hope we're finishing with Mage and can outkick him," said Hall-of-Fame trainer Shug McGaughey. "But I think that just the two turns on the dirt, the distance, the mile and three-sixteenths, the timing is pretty good. We've got plenty of time in between races. He had a good work here last Sunday with Lynch on him, and that's what made up my mind that, along with his owners, to say, 'Let's give it a chance.'"

5) RED ROUTE ONE (c, **Gun Runner**--Red House, by **Tapit**)

O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. Lifetime Record: SW & GISP, 9-2-2-1, \$633,525. Last Start: 1st Bath House Row S. at Oaklawn Park Apr. 22.

Red Route One has stamped himself as a capable one-run closer from far back. That means he's going to be picking off horses late, but how many runners he passes in the stretch is



Red Route One | *Jim McCue*

largely going to be at the mercy of the pace. The faster they go up front, the better the finish for this Winchell Thoroughbreds homebred.

By **Gun Runner** out of a **Tapit** mare (same cross as stablemate and 'TDN Rising Star' **Disarm**, who was fourth in the Derby), the potential for later development has always figured in Red Route One's progress. Recall that his sire ran third in the 2016 Derby, finished on the board in a series of graded stakes into the summer and fall, but didn't truly burst onto the scene until after the Breeders' Cup, when he won the GI Clark H., and then seven of his eight final races against top-class competition.

Red Route One has run respectably over firm and good turf, plus sloppy and fast dirt, so he handles various types of footing quite well. He went 7 1/2 months between his first and second lifetime victories, but closed with abandon to score in the \$200,000 Bath House Row S. at Oaklawn, which was the Plan B option after failing to make the qualifying points cut for the Derby.



6) BLAZING SEVENS (c, **Good Magic**--Trophy Girl, by **Warrior's Reward**)

O-Rodeo Creek Racing, LLC; B-Tracy Farmer (KY); T-Chad Brown. Sales history: \$140,000 ylg'21 KEEJAN, \$225,000 ylg'21 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: GISW, 6-2-0-2, \$565,250. Last Start: 3rd GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland Apr. 8.



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Blazing Sevens (\$140,000 KEEJAN; \$225,000 FTSAUG), the third son of **Good Magic** entered in this Preakness field of eight, is the real handicapping conundrum among the trio. He hasn't won since the Oct. 1 GI Champagne S., yet his last two efforts have a "can't be as bad as they look" vibe about them.

Through his first five career tries, Blazing Sevens won twice and was beaten by champ Forte the other three times. Racing for the first time since the Breeders' Cup in the GII Fountain of Youth S., this colt got pinballed early and was never a factor, finishing eighth while beaten 26 lengths.

Stretched to nine furlongs in the Apr. 8 GI Toyota Blue Grass S., Blazing Sevens ran a so-so third, with the impression of that result blunted by the arresting stretch battle of the two dominant horses who finished six lengths ahead of him.

Blazing Sevens qualified for the Derby based on points, but was withdrawn by trainer Chad Brown to instead aim for the Preakness. Those skip-the-Derby tactics worked well for Brown in 2017 and 2022, when he won Baltimore's big race after opting out of Louisville with Cloud Computing and **Early Voting**, respectively.

Bettors who had a nose for that trend sniffed out 21-1 odds in the Preakness future wager, which is significantly higher than the 6-1 morning line ranking for Blazing Sevens.



Blazing Sevens | Jim McCue

7) CHASE THE CHAOS (c, Astern (Aus))--Live the Moment, by Uncle Mo O-Adam Ference and Bill Dory; B-Mr. & Mrs. Dale N. Krapf (PA); T-Ed Moger, Jr. Sales history: \$10,000 wlg'20 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: SW, 8-3-2-1, \$123,950. Last Start: 8th California Derby at Golden Gate Apr. 29.

Chase the Chaos (Astern {Aus}) started his career in Minnesota, winning at Canterbury on the grass before running credibly over Tapeta at Golden Gate Fields in early winter.

One of his two wins there, in the Feb. 11 El Camino Real Derby (lifetime best 82 Beyer), gave him an automatic berth into the Preakness. But this \$10,000 KEENOV gelding has been seventh and eighth in two starts since then.

He was outgunned in his only lifetime try over fast dirt in the Mar. 4 GII San Felipe S. at Santa Anita, then was the beaten 5-2 fave when returning to Golden Gate for the Apr. 29 California Derby.



8) COFFEEWITHCHRIS (g, Ride on Curlin--Andiemac, by Outflanker) O-John E. Salzman, Jr., Fred Wasserloos and Anthony Geruso; B-Thomas J. Rooney (MD); T- John E.

Salzman, Jr. Sales history: \$2,000 ylg'20 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: MSW, 12-3-3-2, \$225,600. Last Start: 5th Federico Tesio S. at Laurel Park Apr. 15.



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The Preakness is always a little more interesting with a Maryland-bred long shot in the mix, and Coffeewithchris fits the bill as this year's local hopeful after having sold for \$2,000 as an EASOCT yearling.

This gelding has been steadily competing in the series of sophomore stakes on the Maryland circuit, and he most recently raced to the front in the moderate-paced \$125,000 Federico Tesio S., where he held well under pressure until upper stretch before regressing to fifth.

But they'll be going a bit quicker in the Preakness, and the 88-85-82 downward arc of the last three Beyers for Coffeewithchris doesn't bode well for his chances.

His sire, Ride on **Curlin**, finished second in the 2014 Preakness at 10-1 odds behind California Chrome. He competed in all three Triple Crown races (7th, 2nd, 11th), yet concluded his 22-race career never having won beyond six furlongs.

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BLACK-EYED SUSAN CARD KICKS OFF PREAKNESS WEEKEND

by Christina Bossinakis

BALTIMORE, MD--The past two weeks has seen the kind of drama that one might expect in soap opera, laden with twists and turns that have left even the most seasoned turfwriters scratching their heads in disbelief. However, despite the all head-snapping headlines, the days leading up to this year's Preakness at Pimlico were business as usual. Thursday morning's activity matched the Baltimore weather, brisk and clear, with everything seemingly running without any major glitches. Following a brief hiatus because of the COVID pandemic, the morning tours were back in force at Pimlico, and given the robust turnout, it appeared fans remained eager to come out and experience racing's biggest events.

Meanwhile, the 1/ST team of vets were clearly getting their steps in, making their rounds throughout the Preakness barns, while the typical mass of reporters milled about waiting for the reigning Kentucky Derby champ **Mage** (**Good Magic**) to make his way to the track promptly after the break at about 8:45a.m.

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Faiza at Pimlico this week | Jim McCue

Faiza Puts Unbeaten Record on the Line

Friday's card at Pimlico is highlighted by a trio of graded stakes, anchored by the nine-furlong GII George E. Mitchell Black-Eyed Susan S. The one clearly to beat is the undefeated Michael Lund Petersen's **Faiza** (**Girvin**), who has reeled off four consecutive graded victories, including the GI Starlet S. last December. This season, she won the GIII Las Virgenes S. and GIII Santa Ysabel S. before taking the GII Santa Anita Oaks.

"She's very professional. She's got a really good mind," said trainer Bob Baffert. "Every time [Flavien] Prat rides, he says there is so much more in the tank because she doesn't win by a lot. I think [the Black-Eyed Susan] is going to be a step up. She will be running against more horses, so you never know. But she's doing really well."

In Faiza's latest start in the Apr. 8 Santa Anita Oaks, she rolled home an impressive 6 1/2-length winner.

"She was really on when he asked her to go. I trained her a little bit stiffer for that one because I figured it was going to be a tougher race," Baffert explained. "She looks great. She's healthy. She's really in the zone right now. I think she would have been tough in the [Kentucky] Oaks, but we'll find out in the Black-Eyed Susan."

Flying a bit under the radar is Madaket Stables' **Balpool** (Uncaptured), who rides a two-race win skein. A comfortable winner going a mile at the Big A Apr. 7, the Florida-bred followed up with another in an off-turf renewal of the Memories of Silver S. at that venue Apr. 29.

"We were kind of scratching our heads as to what kind of filly she was," admitted trainer Rob Atras. "That allowance race came up, so we figured we'd give her another shot in there and she really handled that field well that day. She really finished up good and kind of ran away from them. We got a little lucky with the stake [coming off the turf] but she still beat a couple decent

fillies in there so, to me, it looks like she's progressing and getting better with every start. We're kind of excited about her and we're hoping that if we do run that she'll take another step forward."

Brad Cox offers a two-pronged attack with Don Alberto's **Merlazza** (**Medaglia d'Oro**) and Godolphin homebred **Comparative** (**Street Sense**). The former won two of her first three starts before adding a victory in Oaklawn's Valley Of The Vapors S. Apr. 22.

"We have been pointing to this race with her since she won the first level allowance at the Fair Grounds [Mar. 25]," confirmed Cox.

Florent Geroux, who was aboard for her first three starts before being replaced by Joel Rosario for her latest, gets back aboard Friday. In regard to her latest victory, Cox explained, "I just liked the way the race came up at Oaklawn. I thought she fit very well. It was a bit oddly run since there wasn't much pace and she sat behind horses and Joel did a good job of getting her out and letting her finish up."

Although stepping up to graded company for the first time, Cox remains confident the Don Alberto homebred is up to the task.

"She's had two solid works since at Churchill and she shipped well and looks amazing," he said. "I think she'll handle the mile and an eighth. It's her first attempt at graded stakes company but I think she's that caliber."

And another reason to run at Pimlico?

"I obviously want to keep her away from Wet Paint," he said with a chuckle.

Comparative needed several tries to get going, but finally broke through going 8 1/2 furlongs at the Fair Grounds in February before making it two straight in a Keeneland optional claimer Apr. 7. Luis Saez was aboard for both her career victories.

"I think Merlazza is probably a little bit quicker off the blocks than Comparative, but I think I would like Luis to keep Comparative involved [early]," Cox explained. "I think she does her best running when she's up close, and she showed that in her last two. She's stepping up in competition and we're going to need to see her move forward."

Friday Undercard Packs Competitive Affairs

Cox also packs a punch in the six-furlong GIII Miss Preakness S. with morning line favorite **Key of Life** (**Mo Town**). The winner of three consecutive races last season, including the Myrtlewood S. at Keeneland, the bay finished third in the mud in the Dixie Belle S. at Oaklawn in February before annexing two straight in the Purple Mountain S. followed by the seven-furlong Beaumont S. at Keeneland Apr. 16. **Cont.**

“That’s a good race,” said Cox of the Miss Preakness. “It’s not a big field but it’s a competitive group. There are some other fillies in there with speed, so I think it’s going to be a jock’s race. Flavien [Prat] is going to have to figure out a trip from down on the inside. They’ll obviously need to get out and get some position, but hopefully, we can have enough late so she can finish down the lane.”

Trying to play the role of spoiler in the Miss Preakness is undefeated **Maple Leaf Mel** (Cross Traffic). All three of her wins have been recorded while facing New York-bred competition, including her sole start in 2023 in the East View S. at Aqueduct Mar. 24. She is campaigned by famed Hall of Fame football coach Bill Parcell’s August Dawn Farm.

In the male handicap division, Twin Creeks’ **Law Professor** (**Constitution**) will try and collect his first graded score since taking the 2021 renewal of the GII Santa Anita Mathis Mile. Victorious in last season’s **Tapit** S. at Kentucky Downs before finishing runner-up to **Life Is Good** in the GI Woodward S. and a fifth in the GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile, the gelding launched 2023 with a win in the Queen’s County S. at Aqueduct in January before coming home third in Oaklawn’s GIII Razorback H. Feb. 18. Well supported in a muddy renewal of the nine-furling Excelsior Apr. 1, he came home a 4 1/4-length winner. Manny Franco, who was aboard for both wins this season, gets the call.

Also coming into this year’s Pimlico Special off a win is Lucky Seven Stable’s **Rattle N Roll** (**Connect**), victorious in the GIII Ben Ali S. at Keeneland Apr. 22. Trained by Ken McPeck, the chestnut won three races at the stakes level, including the GIII Oklahoma Derby at Remington Park.

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MCGAUGHEY COLT PRIMED FOR A BREAKOUT PERFORMANCE

by Katie Petrunyak

At this year’s GI Preakness S., Shug McGaughey is aiming to win his own version of the Triple Crown. The Hall of Fame trainer won the third leg of the series in 1989, when Easy Goer famously defeated Sunday Silence in the GI Belmont S., and then Orb (Malibu Moon) earned the Kentucky horseman a GI Kentucky Derby score in 2013.

This Saturday, McGaughey could claim his final Triple Crown jewel with a promising contender in Perform (**Good Magic**).

On Thursday morning shortly after eight, as Perform walked the Preakness stakes barn shedrow following an easy gallop, McGaughey reflected on the significance of a potential victory at Pimlico.

“It would mean a lot,” he said. “It’s really at the top of my list. I’m very excited about the opportunity and if I could get all three of them it would really mean a lot. Then I could start all over again.”

McGaughey has not had a Preakness starter since Orb ran fourth here 10 years ago.

“I’m excited,” he said. “I like this weekend down here. I think it’s a lot of fun. You see a lot of people that you don’t see year-round. There’s a lot of enthusiasm and I’m glad to be here. I’ve never won it and if he’s standing in the stall, I’m still never going to win it.”

While Perform is coming into the Preakness coming off two straight wins, it took a few tries for the colt’s true ability to shine through. After five starts all going a mile or less, he stretched out to a mile and 40 yards at Tampa Bay Downs on Mar. 11 and pulled away to win by 2 3/4 lengths.

“His maiden races going short were okay, but then when I stretched him out around two turns, it made a big difference,” McGaughey said. “We ran him at Tampa and Irad Ortiz rode him. He got him to relax really well coming off the sprints and he finished really well.”

McGaughey considered several spots for the colt’s next start, but ultimately landed on the Federico Tesio S. going a mile and an eighth at Laurel Park. While Perform took the lead at the top of the stretch in his maiden win, he showed that he could work through traffic at Laurel. After stumbling at the start, the sophomore sat near the back of the field with Feargal Lynch aboard and then weaved through horses late to get up in the nick of time.

“I listened to Feargul’s interview [after the race] and he said it was too bad that the horse wasn’t nominated to the Preakness because he’s that kind of horse, but I knew something he didn’t know,” McGaughey said with a laugh.

Perform is owned in partnership by Woodford Racing, Lane’s End Farm, Phipps Stable, Ken Langone and Edward Hudson Jr. When McGaughey approached the group about supplementing their new stakes winner to the Preakness, it was an easy sell.



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Thursday morning at Pimlico | Sara Gordon

With 15-1 morning line odds, Perform drew the number six post position for Saturday's race. Local jockey Feargal Lynch retains the mount to take on his first start in the Preakness.

"He rode him great and knows the racetrack," said McGaughey. "Why not?"

The conditioner explained that he was particularly impressed with Perform's final breeze at Belmont last Sunday going four furlongs in :48.09 (2/44).

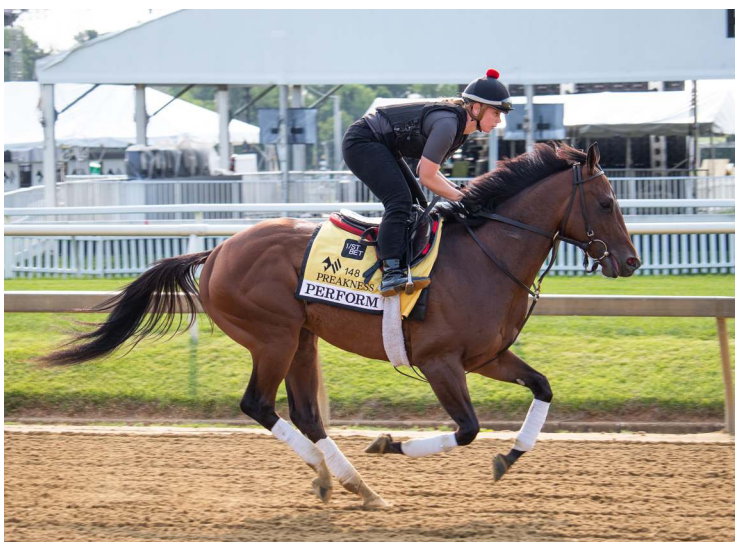
Now that Perform has had a few mornings to acclimate at Pimlico, McGaughey said that the track and the distance should fit his colt's running style.

"It should be right in his bread basket," he noted. "He seems to be getting over the track really well in his gallops and we'll see if he likes it on Saturday."

Eddie Woods picked Perform out as a yearling, purchasing him for \$230,000 out of the Beau Lane Bloodstock consignment at the 2021 Keeneland September Sale for his Quarter Pole Enterprises. The son of **Good Magic** is out of the **Tale of Ekati** mare Jane Says, whose second dam is Broodmare of the Year Leslie's Lady (Tricky Creek).

"He was a very strong, well-proportioned horse," Woods recalled. "He was good-looking

with a beautiful head and he was a good mover."



Perform acclimates to the track at Pimlico | Sara Gordon



Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey is back at the Preakness for the first time since 2013 with a contender who seems to have a lot of upside: Perform. Katie Ritz talks to McGaughey about Saturday's race.

Click the play button to watch the video. | Jim McCue photo

A few months after the purchase, *TDN* visited Eddie Woods Stable in Ocala. When asked to predict who would be the top first-crop sires in 2022, Woods mentioned **Good Magic** as a leading candidate and pointed out the **Good Magic** colt out of Jane Says who would later be called Perform ([click here to watch](#)).

"The Good Magics are very nice horses," Woods said in February of 2022. "Laid back, kind of **Curlin**-y type horses. We have a **Good Magic** out of Jane Says colt who is a beautiful-looking horse...we're real happy with him."

While Perform went on to breeze in :10 1/5 at the OBS March Sale, he got sick soon after and was forced to scratch from the sale. He returned to the Woods base and had returned to breezing when David Ingordo visited the farm and purchased the colt for the current ownership group.

Eddie Woods Stable was represented by Preakness winner Big Brown (Boundary) in 2008 and this year, their program's graduates include two Preakness contenders in Perform and National Treasure (**Quality Road**).

Perform is one of three sons of **Good Magic** entered in the Preakness along with GI Kentucky Derby hero Mage and last year's GI Champagne S. victor Blazing Sevens. **Good Magic** currently leads the way as the **leading second-crop sire**.

"He looks like a top-end sire and rightly so," Woods said of the red hot stallion. "They're all pretty good, high-energy horses. They train well and are very professional about everything."

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SIXTH CIRCUIT: NO REHEARING ON HISA CONSTITUTIONALITY DECISION

by T.D. Thornton

The United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit ruled Thursday that it will not grant a full-court rehearing to the losing plaintiffs who contested a three-judge panel's Mar. 3 decision to uphold the constitutionality of the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA).

The case is one of five anti-HISA constitutionality lawsuits currently active in the federal court system. Led by the states of Oklahoma, West Virginia and Louisiana, the plaintiffs collectively petitioned Apr. 17 for a rarely granted "en banc" procedure that **asked for a rehearing** before all 28 of the Sixth Circuit's judges instead of just the panel of three who had ruled that a change of language in the HISA law was sufficient to alleviate the plaintiffs' concerns over constitutionality.

"The court received a petition for rehearing en banc. The original panel has reviewed the petition for rehearing and concludes that the issues raised in the petition were fully considered upon the original submission and decision of the case. The petition then was circulated to the full court."

"No judge has requested a vote on the suggestion for rehearing en banc. Therefore, the petition is denied," the May 18 order stated in its entirety.

A United States Court of Appeals explanatory page about how en banc requests work stated that the granting of that type of rehearing was "rare" at the federal level. The Sixth Circuit took on only seven en banc hearings between January 2018 and September 2021, according to the University of Cincinnati Law Review.

Beyond the above-mentioned states, the plaintiffs include the racing commissions from Oklahoma and West Virginia, plus three Oklahoma tracks (Remington Park, Will Rogers Downs and Fair Meadows), the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Association, the U.S. Trotting Association, and Hanover Shoe Farms, a Pennsylvania Standardbred breeding entity.

The defendants are the United States of America, the HISA Authority, and six individuals acting in their official capacities for the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

The underlying lawsuit dates to Apr. 26, 2021, when the plaintiffs sued, alleging that "HISA gives a private corporation broad regulatory authority."

On June 2, 2022, that claim was dismissed by a judge in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky (Lexington) for failure to state a claim of action. The plaintiffs then appealed to the U.S. Sixth Circuit.

In between the filing of that appeal and the Sixth Circuit's decision on it, an updated version of HISA was passed into law Dec. 29, 2022, with the aim of fixing constitutional flaws that a separate Fifth Circuit appeal had identified.

The Mar. 3 order by the Sixth Circuit **affirmed the constitutionality** of the amended HISA law. On remand from the Fifth Circuit, a United States District Court judge in Texas did the same thing May 4.

In its Apr. 17 rehearing petition, the plaintiffs had stated that parts of the panel's decision were "erroneous, and this Court should rehear the case en banc in order to resolve those questions of exceptional importance."

Thursday's ruling by the Sixth Circuit disagreed.

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TOM DURKIN RETURNS TO CALL THE BELMONT STAKES ON FOX



Tom Durkin | Horsephotos

Tom Durkin will return to the announcers booth to call the Belmont Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets on Saturday, June 10, according to a press release from FOX Sports.

In addition to calling the Belmont Stakes, Durkin will announce all races aired during the network's Belmont Stakes Day coverage on FOX—scheduled for 4:00-7:30 p.m. Eastern. FOX Sports presents the Belmont Stakes for the first time in 2023 as part of the agreement establishing the network as the home of the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival through 2030.

"This is yet another example of FOX' commitment to producing a dynamic broadcast of the Belmont Stakes presented by NYRA Bets," said NYRA Chief Revenue Officer Tony Allevato. "Tom Durkin's calls are synonymous with the very biggest moments in the sport, and his return to the announcer's booth will be a thrill for sports fans around the country."

One of the most respected announcers in the sport, Durkin called some 80,000 races during his storied 43-year career, the last 24 years of which he spent as the NYRA announcer before his retirement in 2014.

"The Belmont Stakes has been an iconic part of sports culture for more than 150 years," said Durkin. "There is nothing like the energy and enthusiasm around Belmont Park with a Triple Crown on the line. It is the apotheosis of excitement."

"We are honored to have the legendary Tom Durkin return for the Belmont Stakes this year," said FOX Sports President of Production/Operations and Executive Producer Brad Zager. "When it became official that an iconic piece of the historic Triple Crown would air on FOX, we knew it could only be complete with Tom's voice as the soundtrack."

Born in Chicago, Durkin studied theatre at St. Norbert College and began calling races at county fairs in Wisconsin in the

summer of 1971. In 1975, he moved on to announce at a string of small Midwestern tracks, before landing the job at famed Hialeah Race Course in 1981. Three years later, Durkin became the announcer for the Breeders' Cup, a position he held until 2005, and gained further prominence calling the Triple Crown for a decade beginning in 2001.

"The stretch duel of the 1998 Belmont Stakes remains the most thrilling race I have ever had the privilege to call," added Durkin. "Those are the kinds of races and individual moments that stay with us forever, and I can't wait to give it another go come June 10." Victory Gallop got up for a narrow victory to deny Real Quiet the Triple Crown, with Durkin saying, "A picture is worth a thousand words. This photo is worth five million dollars," referring to what would have been Real Quiet's bonus payout for winning the Triple Crown.

Just prior to his retirement, The New York Times referred to Durkin as "the man widely considered the greatest race caller in the history of thoroughbred racing." In 2015, Durkin was honored with the Eclipse Award of Merit for a lifetime of outstanding achievement in the sport of thoroughbred racing.

This year's Belmont marks the 50th anniversary of Secretariat's Triple Crown and his track-record setting performance in the Belmont, which he won by 31 lengths.

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REMI AND PIERRE (PEB) BELLOCQ JOIN THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST



Remi and Pierre Bellocq | Courtesy Bellocq family

It's not hyperbole to call cartoonist Pierre Bellocq a legend. Since he arrived in the U.S. from his native France in the mid-fifties he spent the next 50-plus years making readers of the old *Morning Telegraph* and the *Daily Racing Form* laugh. His cartoons were always creative, witty, thought-provoking and, most importantly, fun. Now 96, Peb lives in Princeton, New

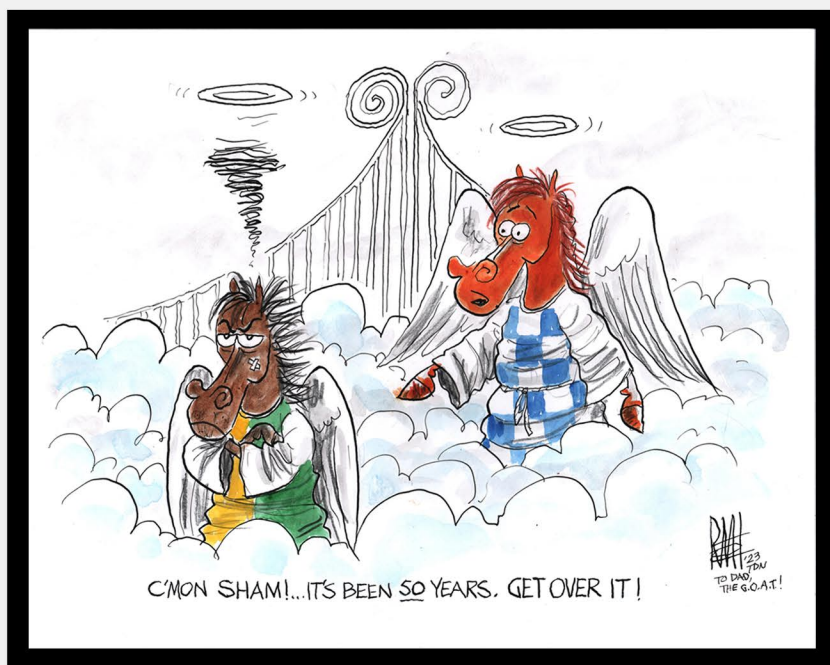
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FOR YOUR FAVORITE BELLOCQ!

We have challenged TDN cartoonist **Remi Bellocq** and his father, the famous **Pierre “Peb” Bellocq**, to a cartoon-off!

Subject:

SECRETARIAT, 50 YEARS LATER



Remi Bellocq
C'mon Sham, 2023



Pierre “Peb” Bellocq
Secretariat, 2023

Go to the TDN Twitter feed **@theTDN**, and vote for your favorite!

Then, make sure to follow **@BellocqRemi** in order to enter a drawing to win the original cartoon.

VOTING ENDS MONDAY!

The winner will be announced on the Wednesday, May 24 TDN Podcast.

Jersey and, if you ask him to do so, he'll crank out a cartoon that is every bit as good as anything he's ever done. We brought in Peb and his son, Remi, who does a weekly cartoon for the *TDN* to join us this week on the *TDN Writers' Room* podcast presented by [Keeneland](#). They were this week's [Green Group](#) Guests of the Week.

Peb explained how it all began for him, back when he was a young boy in France.

"I always tried to copy from the newspapers," he said. "When I was a kid I was copying cartoons and it was my ambition to draw. I made albums of a caricature of politicians. I have albums full of those things. I had a great passion for that."

Because his father was a head lad for a French stable, Bellocq was also interested in racing and capturing the sport through his cartoons. In 1954, John D. Schapiro became aware of Peb's work and brought him in from France to do the art work for the inaugural running of the Washington D.C. International, which would lead to a job with the *Morning Telegraph*. His accommodations on that first trip over weren't necessarily first class.

"They invited me to come to America, but they were wondering how they could bring me here," he said. "I found that a friend of mine was putting together a plane in Chicago with four horses that were coming for the Washington, DC International. So, they said, if you want, you can take advantage of that. So I went on as cargo. I was sitting on the hay in cargo with the horses. This is how I came to America. It was absolutely wonderful. And as you know, I ended up here for good."

At one point in his career, Peb was also doing political cartoons for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Walter Annenberg owned both the *Inquirer* and the *Form*. But he sold the *Inquirer* and the new owners told Peb he had to make a choice, racing cartoons or political cartoons. He chose racing.

"The paper soon got sold from Annenberg to Knight Ridder," Remi Bellocq said. "He had to make a decision to go for one or the other. I want to point out that had my father decided to stay with the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, with Knight Ridder, he'd probably have a wall full of Pulitzers at this point. A lot of other cartoonists have said so. That might have been the loss of the political world, but our gain certainly in horse racing."

The segment included a contest between the two Bellocqs. Each was asked to draw a cartoon about the 50th anniversary of Secretariat winning the Triple Crown. The two cartoons are shown during the podcast and viewers were invited to vote for their favorite.

A random drawing will be held among those voting for the winning cartoon and that person will win the original cartoon. To do so, follow Remi Bellocq on Twitter at [@BellocqRemi](#) and visit the [TDN's Twitter page](#) to vote.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by [Coolmore](#), the [Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association](#), [Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders](#), [1/St Racing](#), [WinStar Farm](#), [XBTv](#), the [2023 Penn Mile](#) and [West Point Thoroughbreds](#), podcast regulars Zoe Cadman, Randy Moss and Bill Finley took a look at the GI Preakness S. The consensus was that Mage ([Good Magic](#)) will be tough to beat but that he's no lock. With Mage being the only Derby starter to return for the Preakness, the subject of changing the spacing of the Triple Crown races produced a lively debate, with all three arguing that the time has come to make some necessary adjustments and improvements. The reports that Forte ([Violence](#)) tested positive following his win in last year's GI Hopeful S. brought about strong condemnation of the New York Times for sensationalizing the story and using the word "doping" in the headline. And everybody was left scratching their heads over the fact that it took more than eight months before the matter was made public.

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WEEKLY STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS, MAY 9-15

Every week, the *TDN* publishes a roundup of key official rulings from the primary tracks within the four major racing jurisdictions of California, New York, Florida and Kentucky.

[Here's a primer](#) on how each of these jurisdictions adjudicates different offenses, what they make public (or not) and where.

With the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) having gone into effect on July 1, 2022, the *TDN* will also post a roundup of the relevant HISA-related rulings from the same week.

California

Track: Santa Anita

Date: 05/12/2023

Licensee: Timothy Miller, owner

Penalty: Suspended license

Violation: Failure to appear for a hearing

Explainer: Owner Timothy Miller (DBA: ATREIDES RACING, LLC), having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on May 11, 2023, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear), pending an appearance at a hearing

before the Board of Stewards to answer to charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility \$2,084.55 to KC Horse Transport, Inc.). Suspension to commence May 19, 2023.

Florida

The following was taken from the ARCI's "[recent rulings](#)" webpage.

Track: Gulfstream Park

Date: 05/5/2023

Licensee: Eduardo Azpurua, trainer

Penalty: Suspended license

Violation: Failure to meet financial obligations

Explainer: Violation - Default Judgement obtained for outstanding financial obligation for services received from Northwest Distributors, LLC. License is SUSPENDED until Respondent has fully satisfied all outstanding financial obligations in the amount of \$9910.85 plus interest, and proof of such payment is received by the Commission.

Track: Gulfstream Park

Date: 05/4/2023

Licensee: Ramon Minguet, trainer

Penalty: Fifteen-day suspension, \$500 fine

Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: Violation = 3-hydroxylicocaine (a metabolite of lidocaine). "MOONCAPTURE" *Purse due from Owner - Soler & Soler

Track: Gulfstream Park

Date: 05/4/2023

Licensee: Diley Dakin, trainer

Penalty: \$1,000 fine

Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: Violation = Dexamethasone. "PRINCIPIA" *Return of Purse due from Owner - Proper Fix Racing Stables

New York

Track: Belmont Park

Date: 05/11/2023

Licensee: Todd Pletcher, trainer

Penalty: Ten-day suspension, \$1,000 fine

Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: Having received a report from the NYS Gaming Commission Equine Drug Testing Laboratory of the finding of Meloxicam in the post-race sample taken from horse "Forte" (#2), which finished 1st in the 11th race at Saratoga Race Course on September 5, 2022, trainer Todd Pletcher is fined the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars and suspended ten calendar days.

Having appealed a stay has been granted.

Furthermore, the Stewards order horse "Forte" disqualified from any part of the purse and the purse redistributed as follows:

1. (#4) Gulfport
2. (#6) Blazing Sevens
3. (#5) Mo Strike
4. (#3) Bourbon Bash
5. (#1) Western Ghent

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[Read more about the story here](#), including on the connections' appeal.

NEW HISA STEWARDS RULINGS

The following rulings were reported on HISA's "[rulings](#)" portal, except for the voided claim rulings which were sent to the *TDN* directly. Some of these rulings are from prior weeks as they were not reported contemporaneously.

One important note: HISA's whip use limit is restricted to six strikes during a race.

Violations of Crop Rule

Horseshoe Indianapolis

Isaias Florentino Ayala – violation date May 9; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Mckenna K Anderson – violation date May 11; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

DeShawn L Parker – violation date May 11; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Santa Anita

Abel Cedillo – violation date May 13; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Drayden Van Dyke – violation date May 14; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Cont.

Penn National

Vladimir Diaz – violation date May 10; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 8 strikes and three-in a row

Edilberto Rodriguez – violation date May 10; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 8 strikes

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**CLAIMING CROWN RETURNS TO FAIR GROUNDS**

The 2023 Claiming Crown will be staged for the first time since 2011 at the Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots in New Orleans on Saturday, Dec. 2, the National HBPA and the TOBA said in a joint release early on Thursday.

The event will feature eight races totaling \$1 million in base purses, headlined by the \$200,000 Claiming Crown Jewel.

Eric Hamelback, CEO of the National HBPA said, "The Claiming Crown was designed to celebrate our hard-knocking, unsung heroes of the turf.

The deadline to make horses eligible for the Claiming Crown is November 18, with entries to be taken November 25.

Click [here](#) for Eligibility Request Forms.

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CARAVEL NAMED 2022 PENNSYLVANIA HORSE OF THE YEAR

Caravel (Mizzen mast), winner of the 2022 GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, was named the 2022 PA-Bred Horse of the Year, Older Female, Female Sprinter and Turf Female at the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association's annual Iroquois Awards held Friday, May 12.

Racing in 2022 for Qatar Racing, Marc Detampel and Madaket Stables LLC and trained by Brad Cox, Caravel won five of eight starts during her 5-year-old season while racing exclusively in stakes. She was Pennsylvania's richest state-bred of the year, with \$930,983, which pushed her over the million-dollar mark for her career.

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KENTUCKY DERBY MUSEUM NAMES NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Katrina Helmer has been named the new Director of Communications at the Kentucky Derby Museum, taking over from Rachel Collier Carr.

As Communications Director, Katrina is thrilled to be part of

the creative team that will drive the Museum's messaging and storytelling for the historic Derby 150 and beyond.

"Katrina has done a stellar job with our Communications platform since coming to Kentucky Derby Museum," said Patrick Armstrong, Kentucky Derby Museum President and CEO. "She was a natural fit for the Director position, and we are excited about her bright future at the Museum."

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ADDENDUM: In Wednesday's *TDN*, we [ran a story](#) on the headwinds facing the Texas racing industry which extensively quotes Amy Cook, the Texas Racing Commission executive director. The story cites an investigation by the Arizona Republic from 2016 of Cook's tenure at the head of the Arizona U.S. Property and Fiscal Office (USPFO) during her time in the military. Cook assumed that position after serious questions had been raised of financial irregularities within the department.

The Arizona Republic story claims that under Cook's watch, several Arizona National Guard colonels suspended over suspected financial wrongdoing were subsequently exonerated by an internal investigation, but not before their careers were ruined or finished in what they perceived as a leadership purge. The Arizona Republic also claims that Cook's false allegations, employee suspensions and transfers created havoc in the USPFO.

Since this story was originally published, Cook has provided to the *TDN* a one-page portion of a military report to Congress. The report finds that the Arizona National Guard and the USPFO failed to have sufficient controls in place to assure that government funds were not wasted or abused.

Cook also provided a copy of a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, which she received in 2017 for her leadership at the helm of the USPFO. According to the narrative qualifying the medal, "During this period of service, COL Cook has demonstrated her ability to build consensus in solving difficult fiscal and property accountability issues that other senior officers were reluctant to handle, while exhibiting the character and moral courage required of a National Guard senior leader."

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Friday, Pimlico #13, post time: 5:44 p.m. EDT

GEORGE E. MITCHELL BLACK-EYED SUSAN S.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sacred Wish 	Not This Time	Black Type Thoroughbreds, Swinbank Stables, Adkisson, S, Dunn, C & Spinazzola, A	Weaver	Velazquez	118
2	Pate	Super Saver	Agave Racing Stable & Living The Dream Stables	Maker	Ortiz	118
3	Hoosier Philly 	Into Mischief	Gold Standard Racing Stable, LLC	Amoss	Morales	124
4	Merlazza 	Medaglia d'Oro	Don Alberto Stable	Cox	Lynch	120
5	Frosty O Toole	Frosted	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Pletcher	Rosario	118
6	Miracle	Mendelssohn	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
7	Comparative	Street Sense	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Saez	120
8	Balpool	Uncaptured	Madaket Stables LLC	Atras	Franco	118
9	Faiza	Girvin	Michael Lund Petersen	Baffert	Prat	124
10	Taxed 	Collected	Richard Bahde	Morse	Bejarano	118
11	Cats Inthe Timber	Honor Code	Haymarket Farm LLC	Russell	Toledo	120
12	Towhead 	Malibu Moon	Pura Vida Investments, Hutson, Cindy & Setzer, B	Maker	Gaffalione	118

Breeders: 1-John R. Penn, 2-Chance Farm, 3-Candy Meadows LLC, 4-Don Alberto Corporation, 5-Helen Barbazon, Joseph Barbazon & Godolphin, 6-Magnolia Mares, LLC & Pony Express Sales, Inc., 7-Godolphin, 8-A. Francis Vanlangendonck & Barbara Vanlangendonck, 9-Brereton C. Jones, 10-Brereton C. Jones, 11-Haymarket Farm LLC, 12-DJ Stable, LLC

Friday, Pimlico #12, post time: 5:10 p.m. EDT

PIMLICO SPECIAL S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kuchar	Uncle Mo	LSU Stables	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
2	Rattle N Roll 	Connect	Lucky Seven Stable	McPeck	Prat	126
3	Clapton	Brethren	Arindel	Alvarado	Jaramillo	122
4	Armando R 	Blame	Ronald E. Cuneo	Dilodovico	Karamanos	120
5	Law Professor	Constitution	Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC	Atras	Franco	122
6	Cooke Creek	Uncle Mo	Cheyenne Stable LLC	O'Dwyer	Rosario	120
7	Speed Bias 	Uncle Mo	Johnston, Keith F. and Sparks, William S.	Moquett	Saez	120
8	Keystone Field 	Candy Ride (Arg)	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	120

Breeders: 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-St. Simon Place, 3-Arindel, 4-Brushy Hill, LLC, 5-Twin Creeks Farm, 6-Candy Meadows LLC, 7-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 8-CRK Stables, LLC



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Friday, Pimlico #10, post time: 4:07 p.m. EDT**MISS PREAKNESS S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	L Street Lady	Munnings	Madaket Stables LLC	Russell	Toledo	120
2	Key of Life	Mo Town	Flurry Racing Stables & Hoffman Family Racing	Cox	Prat	124
3	Happy Clouds 🦟	Paynter	Timothy Freitag	Farrior	Bocachica	118
4	Afternoon Tea 🦟	Speightstown	WinStar Farm LLC	Brisset	Ortiz, Jr.	118
5	Topsy 🦟	Bee Jersey	Heiligbrodt, L. William & Corinne and Jackpot Farm	Asmussen	Gaffalione	118
6	Maple Leaf Mel 🦟	Cross Traffic	August Dawn Farm	Englehart	Rosario	122
7	Bound by Destiny	Lord Nelson	Black Cloud Racing Stable, LLC	Russell	Russell	120

Breeders: 1-T & G Farm of Kentucky, LLC, 2-Moreau Bloodstock International, Inc., 3-Robert B. Tilyer & Dr. Chet Blackey & Sebastien Murat, 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Charles Fipke, 6-Joe Fafone, 7-Sanford Robertson

Saturday, Pimlico #13, post time: 7:01 p.m. EDT**PREAKNESS S.-GI, \$1,500,000, 3yo, 1 3/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	National Treasure	Quality Road	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC, and Catherine Donovan	Baffert	Velazquez	126
2	Chase the Chaos 🦟	Astern (Aus)	Adam Ference and Bill Dory	Moger, Jr.	Russell	126
3	Mage 🦟	Good Magic	OGMA Investments, LLC, Ramiro Restrepo, Sterling Racing LLC and CMNWLTH	Delgado	Castellano	126
4	Coffeewithchris	Ride On Curlin	John E. Salzman, Jr., Fred Wasserloos, and Anthony Geruso	Salzman, Jr.	Rodriguez	126
5	Red Route One	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	126
6	Perform 🦟	Good Magic	Woodford Racing LLC, Lanes End Farm, Phipps Stable, Ken Langone, and Edward J. Hudson Jr.	McGaughey III	Lynch	126
7	Blazing Sevens 🦟	Good Magic	Rodeo Creek Racing, LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	126
8	First Mission	Street Sense	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Saez	126

Breeders: 1-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Mr. & Mrs. Dale N. Krapf, 3-Grandview Equine, 4-Thomas J. Rooney, 5-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Michael Orem & J.B. Lane Orem, 7-Tracy Farmer, 8-Godolphin

Saturday, Churchill Downs #11, post time: 5:58 p.m. EDT**LOUISVILLE S.-GIII, \$225,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Limited Liability	Kitten's Joy	Stuart S. Janney, III	McGaughey III	Graham	118
2	Bay Street Money	Street Sense	Sanford J. Goldfarb	Maker	Gutierrez	118
3	Mount Rundle 🦟	Jack Milton	Circle 8	Nihei	Rodriguez	118
4	Tiz the Bomb	Hit It a Bomb	Brookdale Racing, Inc.	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	118
5	English Conqueror	English Channel	JWS Farms	Banach	Leparoux	118
6	Time for Trouble 🦟	English Channel	Jeff A. Hiles and Thorndale Stable LLC	Hiles	Talamo	118
7	Therapist	Freud	Michael Dubb	Maker	Santana, Jr.	123
8	Yamato	Artie Schiller	Paradise Farms Corp. and David Staudacher	Maker	Castillo	118
9	Another Mystery	Temple City	Team Block	Goldfine	Loveberry	118
10	Foreign Relations 🦟	Karakontie (Jpn)	Double O Racing	Murphy	Cannon	118
11	Smokey Lee 🦟	Brody's Cause	Waylon Cundiff	Cundiff	Cohen	118

Breeders: 1-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC, 2-Adena Springs, 3-Pope McLean, Marc McLean, Pope McLean Jr. & Taproot Bloodstock, LLC, 4-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 5-JWS Farms, 6-Calumet Farm, 7-Oak Bluff Stable, LLC & C. Clement, 8-Recep Avsar, 9-Team Block, 10-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 11-Spendthrift Farm, LLC

Saturday, Pimlico #6, post time: 1:29 p.m. EDT**CHICK LANG S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Havnameltdown	Uncaptured	Michael E. Pegram, Karl Watson, and Paul Weitman	Baffert	Saez	124
2	Ryvit	Competitive Edge	L. William and Corinne Heiligbrodt	Asmussen	Asmussen	124
3	Frosted Departure 🌿	Frosted	C and H Diamond Racing, LLC	McPeck	Prat	124
4	Bristol Channel	English Channel	A A C Racing Inc.	Covello	Nunez	118
5	Super Chow	Lord Nelson	Lea Farms, LLC	Delgado	Lopez	122
6	Prove Right 🌿	Justify	James K. Chapman and Stuart Tsujimoto	Chapman	Barbosa	118
7	Prince of Jericho	Munnings	Michael Dubb and Morris Bailey	Russell	Russell	120

Breeders: 1-Katherine S. Devall, 2-Curt Leake, 3-Alastar Thoroughbred Company, LLC, 4-English Channel Co-Owners & Sheltowee Farm, 5-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 6-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 7-Edward Seltzer

Saturday, Pimlico #8, post time: 2:49 p.m. EDT**DINNER PARTY S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Atone	Into Mischief	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	126
2	Speaking Scout 🌿	Mr Speaker	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Motion	Saez	120
3	Easter (Fr)	Exosphere (Aus)	Madaket Stables LLC	Motion	Castellano	120
4	Hurricane Dream (Fr)	Hurricane Cat	Team Valor, et al	Motion	Rosario	120
5	Rising Empire 🌿	Empire Maker	Russell Welch and Ran M. Leonard	Walsh	Velazquez	120
6	Never Explain 🌿	Street Sense	Courtlandt Farms	McGaughey III	Prat	120
7	Emmanuel 🌿	More Than Ready	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Mike Abraham, 3-Aleyrion Bloodstock Ltd., 4-Marie Laurence Oget & Andre Brakha, 5-Gainesway T horoughbreds LTD., 6-Hidden Brook Farm & Godolphin, 7-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust

Saturday, Pimlico #7, post time: 2:08 p.m. EDT**GALLORETTE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Whitebeam (GB)	Caravaggio	Juddmonte	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120
2	Sopran Basilea (Ire)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Madaket Stables LLC and Bill Strauss	Motion	Saez	120
3	Traffic Song 🌿	Cross Traffic	Burning Daylight Farms, Inc. and Rebecca Galbraith	Toner	Ruiz	120
4	Eminent Victor	Mr. Z	Michael Dubb, The Elkstone Group, LLC, Louis Lazzinnaro LLC and Michael J. Caruso	Brown	Prat	120
5	Vergara 🌿	Noble Mission (GB)	Gary Broad	Motion	Rosario	120
6	Bipartisanship (GB) 🌿	Bated Breath (GB)	As One Racing, LLC, Commonwealth Thoroughbreds, LLC and Edgar Harty	Motion	Velazquez	120
7	Princess Theorem 🌿	Nyquist	Dewberry Thoroughbred LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	120

Breeders: 1-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 2-Aidan Sexton, 3-Bill Poston, Brad Smith & Jodi Smith, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Neil Jones, 6-Ebonos Limited, 7-Barry Becker & Judith Becker



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Saturday, Pimlico #11, post time: 4:53 p.m. EDT
MARYLAND SPRINT S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Full Authority 🍀	Summer Front	Danny Brown, Charis Brenneman, and Greg Compton	Compton	Rodriguez	120
2	Prevalence	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Ortiz, Jr.	120
3	Threes Over Deuces 🍀	Flat Out	Pocket 3's Racing LLC	Capuano	Barbosa	120
4	Al Loves Josie	Holy Boss	C J I Phoenix Group and No Guts No Glory Farm	Robb	Perez	120
5	Willy Boi	Uncaptured	Lea Farms, LLC	Delgado	Lopez	120
6	War Tocsin 🍀	Violence	Trin-Brook Stables, Inc.	St. Lewis	Rosado	120
7	Nakatomi 🍀	Firing Line	Bottle Rocket Stable, Qatar Racing Limited and Marc Detampel	Ward	Gaffalione	120
8	Straight No Chaser	Speightster	MyRacehorse	Blacker	Velazquez	124
9	Hello Hot Rod	Mosler	George A. Sharp	Russell	Toledo	120
10	Wondrwherecraigis 🍀	Munnings	Michael Dubb, The Elkstone Group, LLC, Madaket Stables LLC and Michael J. Caruso	Russell	Russell	120

Breeders: 1-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm, 2-Godolphin, 3-Machmer Hall & Montese LLC, 4-Anchor & Hope Farm Inc., 5-Ocala Stud & William J. Terrell, 6-Hare Forest Farm, Ltd., 7-Arnold Zetcher LLC & Crestwood Farm, 8-John Eaton & Steve Laymon, 9-Hillwood Stables, LLC, 10-Fleur de Lis Stables

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FRIDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:



Undefeated Sunday Shoes looks to make it three in a row | Coady

PAIR OF UNDEFEATED FILLIES SQUARE OFF

2nd-CD, \$134K, OC, 3yo, f, 6f, 6:28 p.m.

A pair of fillies will look to stay unbeaten in their third career starts at Churchill Downs on Friday evening.

'TDN Rising Star' **SUNDAY SHOES** (Pioneer of the Nile) came from off the pace breaking her maiden sprinting at Turfway Park Feb. 15, then got up by 3/4 of a length in Florence Apr. 1 in the Serena's Song S. over next-out stakes winner Jill Jitterbug (Cross Traffic). The \$500,000 Keeneland September Yearling sale purchase trained by Wesley Ward counts among her female family Grade I winners like third dam Easy Now (Danzig) and her half-brother, Easy Goer (Alydar).

Another filly with a perfect record is the WinStar-bred and Juddmonte-owned **Dazzling Blue** (Into Mischief) from the barn of Brad Cox. She comes out of the same sale and went for the same price as her aforementioned rival here, but her debut victory came under the Twin Spires late in her juvenile campaign when she won by 4 1/2 lengths before winning the Letellier Memorial S. Dec. 26 at Fair Grounds.

Opposing them is a more experienced layoff runner from trainer Larry Rivelli's shedrow with Jareth Loveberry aboard. **Back to Ohio** (**Midshipman**) sold last year for \$385,000 at the OBS April sale and broke her maiden during the summer at Presque Isle Downs. She then proceeded to win three of her next four races in minor stakes along the Ohio-Pennsylvania circuit with the last coming around two turns Oct. 29 in the Best of Ohio John W. Galbreath S. at Mahoning Valley. **TJCIS PPS**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Churchill Downs, \$101,830, Alw, 5-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT, 2:16.23, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.

FRIVOLE (FR) (f, 4, Anodin {Ire}--Houleuse, by Dynaformer)



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raced in France in all of her 10 previous starts as a 3-year-old for trainer Carlos Laffon-Parias where she was last seen running second twice against allowance company in November. Sold a month later, she shipped to America, and under the care of Graham Motion, worked at Palm Meadows and then Fair Hill before heading to Louisville. Racing with Lasix for the first time and bet down to 9-2 here, the bay filly was content to settle towards the back of the field as longshot Sweets Maker (Empire Maker) showed the way. Into the far turn, Frivole stuck close to the rail, swung wide into the stretch, and, under strong encouragement, flashed late speed in time to score by 2 1/2 lengths over Elle Est Forte (Flintshire {GB}). The winner's dam is responsible for a yearling filly named Bourrasque (**Ghostzapper**) and she was bred to **Uncle Mo** last year. Sales History: €155,000 3yo '22 ARQDEC. Lifetime Record: 11-2-4-2, \$94,783. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-Chervenell Thoroughbreds, LLC; B-Wertheimer et Frere (FR); T-H. Graham Motion.

6th-Belmont, \$95,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 5-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.92, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

FIRELINE (f, 3, Arrogate--High Ridge Road {GSW, \$442,157}, by Quality Road) debuted last fall in the slop during the Belmont at the Big A meet when she was a well-beaten fifth behind next-out stakes winner Good Sam (**Good Samaritan**) and next-out Gulfstream maiden breaker Seduction (Bernardini). The gray filly came back to South Ozone Park a month later going a mile and graduated by 13 1/2 lengths before going to the bench. The Juddmonte homebred returned as the heavy 4-5 favorite here, and, despite a slow beginning, tracked Tough Street (**Speightster**) along the rail from second. Around the far turn, Fireline took aim at the pacesetter, tipped to the outside at the top of the lane and ran her stablemate down past the sixteenth pole to win by 1 1/4 lengths. The winner's GSW dam is a half-sister to GISP Connie and Michael (Roman Ruler), who is responsible for GSW Curly Jack (**Good Magic**) and SP Fannie and Freddie (Malibu Moon). She has a yearling filly by **Not This Time** and unfortunately lost a foal this past spring after bring bred back to him. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$102,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

1st-Churchill Downs, \$111,900, Msw, 5-18, 2yo, 5f, :57.92, ft, neck.

WILSON Q (c, 2, Constitution--Margate Gardens, by Speightstown) debuted here at odds of 4-1 and was sent on his



Wilson Q | Coady

way early while being tracked from the inside by longshot Works for Me (Daddy Long Legs). The chestnut colt's aforementioned rival would not go away, but past the sixteenth pole, Wilson Q finally got the better of him and found the wire in time to fend off a charging Gold Sweep (**Speightstown**) by a neck. Out of a female family which includes MGSW Bridgetown (**Speightstown**), the winner's third dam Empress Aly (Alydar) is a full-sister to both Derby hero Strike the Gold and MGSW Greydar. Dam Margate Gardens has produced a yearling colt by **Gun Runner** and just reported a brand new filly by Yaupon (Apr. 28). Sales History: \$100,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$69,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-The Del Mar Group; B-Runnymede Farm LLC & Peter J Callahan (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill.



2nd-Gulfstream, \$65,000, Msw, 5-18, 2yo, f, 5f, 1:00.30, ft, 8 lengths.

AVELLINO (f, 2, Adios Charlie--Offlee Sheikh, by Offlee Wild), a well-beaten fourth versus the boys after showing speed on debut Apr. 21, was off as the 7-5 favorite here and broke alertly from her outside post. She established the lead while racing along the rail before the far turn, shrugged off a challenge from Sugar N Spice (Adios Charlie) and was let loose down the lane to win going away by eight lengths over Florindia (Gone Astray). Second dam Sheikh's Serenade (Unbridled's Song), who was sent to Japan in 2014 after bringing \$550,000 from Shimokobe Farm at the Keeneland November sale, produced SW & G1SP Notturmo (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$45,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-John Grossi's Racing Corp.; B-John Grossi (FL); T-Jena M. Antonucci.


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Catalina Cruiser (**Union Rags**), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
 110 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Churchill Downs, 6:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Aim Higher, 4-1
 3-Churchill Downs, 6:56 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Vibe Check, 8-1
 \$110,000 KEE SEP yrl

Demarchelier (**GB**) (Dubawi {Ire}), Claiborne Farm, \$5,000
 71 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Lone Star, 8:59 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Take My Picture, 15-1
 \$7,500 KEE NOV wnl

Mitole (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
 159 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 3-Churchill Downs, 6:56 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Cheetah Miss, 3-1
 \$175,000 OBS MAR 2yo
 1-Churchill Downs, 6:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Sapphire Nights, 9-2
 3-Churchill Downs, 6:56 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, V V's Dream, 9-2
 \$130,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$190,000 KEE SEP yrl

St Patrick's Day (Pioneerof the Nile), Journeyman Stud, \$3,500
 71 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Gulfstream, 1:19 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Jive, 6-1
 \$23,000 OBS WIN wnl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MAY 19*2023 Stud Fees Listed*

Accelerate (**Lookin At Lucky**), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
 214 foals of racing age/32 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Lone Star, 10:23 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, **Accelerate** Judy, 4-1
 \$30,000 KEE SEP yrl
 3-Penn National, 6:54 p.m. EDT, Alw 5fT, True Queen, 10-1
 \$25,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$15,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$55,000 RNA OBS
 MAR 2yo

Army Mule (**Friesan Fire**), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$12,500
 143 foals of racing age/40 winners/7 black-type winners
 5-Golden Gate Fields, 6:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, She's
 Inthearmynow, 2-1
 \$25,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$60,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$140,000 OBS APR
 2yo

Bee Jersey (Jersey Town), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000
 87 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
 10-Pimlico, 4:07 p.m. EDT, \$150K GIII Miss Preakness S.
 Presented by Case Tractor, 6f, Topsy, 8-1
 \$42,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$225,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Bolt d'Oro (**Medaglia d'Oro**), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000
 256 foals of racing age/46 winners/6 black-type winners
 11-Pimlico, 4:38 p.m. EDT, \$100K Hilltop S. Presented by
 AeroVanti, 1mT, Thirty Thou Kelvin, 20-1
 \$145,000 RNA FTK NOV wnl; \$110,000 FTK OCT yrl

City of Light (**Quality Road**), Lane's End Farm, \$60,000
 209 foals of racing age/24 winners/6 black-type winners
 1-Pimlico, 11:30 a.m. EDT, Alw 1 1/8mT, Battle of Normandy,
 5-2
 \$500,000 FTS AUG yrl

Cloud Computing (**Maclean's Music**), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
 199 foals of racing age/30 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Pimlico, 3:05 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Cloud Music, 8-1

Collected (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 234 foals of racing age/30 winners/1 black-type winner
 1-Pimlico, 11:30 a.m. EDT, Alw 1 1/8mT, Collection Day, 50-1
 \$19,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$19,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl
 8-Pimlico, 3:05 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Collectorate, 30-1
 \$37,500 FTK OCT yrl; \$90,000 OBS APR 2yo
 13-Pimlico, 5:44 p.m. EDT, \$300K GII George E. Mitchell
 Black-Eyed Susan S., 1 1/8m, Taxed, 15-1
 \$27,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$105,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Free Drop Billy (**Union Rags**), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
 106 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Charles Town, 10:32 p.m. EDT, Alw 7f, Malibu Billy, 5-1
 \$25,000 KEE SEP yrl

Girvin (**Tale of Ekati**), Airdrie Stud, \$20,000
 180 foals of racing age/35 winners/5 black-type winners
 13-Pimlico, 5:44 p.m. EDT, \$300K GII George E. Mitchell
 Black-Eyed Susan S., 1 1/8m, Faiza, 7-5
 \$90,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$725,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Good Magic (**Curlin**), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$50,000
 237 foals of racing age/45 winners/9 black-type winners
 11-Pimlico, 4:38 p.m. EDT, \$100K Hilltop S. Presented by
 AeroVanti, 1mT, Miss New York, 20-1
 \$115,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$145,000 FTS AUG yrl; €280,000 ARQ
 MAY 2yo

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Good Samaritan (Harlan's Holiday), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
172 foals of racing age/37 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Churchill Downs, 6:28 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Holiday Decision, 20-1
\$35,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$105,000 KEE SEP yrl

Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday), Northview Stallion Station, \$5,000
156 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Pimlico, 3:05 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Goodafternoonoscar, 12-1
\$10,000 EAS OCT yrl

Irish War Cry (Curlin), Northview Stallion Station, \$4,500
104 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Pimlico, 3:05 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Kidman Kerry, 50-1
\$9,000 EAS OCT yrl

Justify (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$100,000
344 foals of racing age/45 winners/7 black-type winners
11-Pimlico, 4:38 p.m. EDT, \$100K Hilltop S. Presented by
AeroVanti, 1mT, Aunt Shirley, 9-2

Long River (A.P. Indy), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$1,500
48 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Pimlico, 2:04 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, And Whistle, 10-1

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
348 foals of racing age/51 winners/3 black-type winners
13-Pimlico, 5:44 p.m. EDT, \$300K GII George E. Mitchell
Black-Eyed Susan S., 1 1/8m, Miracle, 10-1
\$110,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$250,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$360,000 OBS
MAR 2yo

Mor Spirit (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
190 foals of racing age/31 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Lone Star, 10:51 p.m. EDT, Alw 1 1/16mT, Mor Victory, 2-1
\$25,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$25,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mo Town (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000
172 foals of racing age/33 winners/3 black-type winners
10-Pimlico, 4:07 p.m. EDT, \$150K GIII Miss Preakness S.
Presented by Case Tractor, 6f, Key of Life, 1-1
\$42,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$350,000 OBS APR 2yo
3-Pimlico, 12:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Marvelette, 20-1
\$90,000 OBS OCT yrl

Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy), Mill Ridge Farm, \$20,000
172 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Pimlico, 12:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Caroline Krystyna, 6-1
\$50,000 KEE SEP yrl

Redesdale (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga
Thoroughbreds, \$2,500
74 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Charles Town, 9:02 p.m. EDT, Alw 4 1/2f, Haggardsdale, 10-1
\$5,000 EAS OCT yrl

Sharp Azteca (Freud), Three Chimneys Farm, \$15,000
200 foals of racing age/53 winners/4 black-type winners
1-Golden Gate Fields, 4:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Deo, 15-1
2-Penn National, 6:27 p.m. EDT, Alw 5fT, Sharp Catch, 5-1
\$7,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$30,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Sky Flight (Sky Mesa)
12 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Lone Star, 7:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Dulce Amanecer Yg,
12-1
\$2,200 TTA APR 2yo
1-Lone Star, 7:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Indy La Primera, 8-1
\$4,000 TTA APR 2yo

West Coast (Flatter), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
198 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Lone Star, 10:23 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, San Mateo Kat, 8-1
\$70,000 FTK OCT yrl



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**STAKES RESULTS:**

SWIFTY SIRED FILLIES H., (NB) \$100,000, Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-17, (S), 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.27, ft.

1--FOREVER NOTED, 120, f, 3, by Forever d'Oro--Moro's

Delight, by Moro Oro. O-Marion F. Gorham; B-Hidden Springs Farm (IN); T-Robert M. Gorham; J-Eduardo E. Perez. \$57,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$83,950.

2--Wildcatjustice, 120, f, 3, Harry's Holiday--Super Stacy, by Super Saver. O-Lucky J Stables, LLC, Granitz, Anthony J. and Tonda, Carlos; B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (IN); T-Anthony J. Granitz. \$19,000.

3--Brittanysgldnfaith, 122, f, 3, Greeley's Conquest--Golden Striker, by Langfuhr. O-Millard R. Seldin Revocable Trust; B-Millard R. Seldin Rev. Trust (IN); T-John Alexander Ortiz. \$10,450.

Margins: 1 1/4, HF, 3/4. Odds: 10.60, 18.00, 2.80.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Belmont, \$100,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 5-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 7ft, 1:21.46, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

REGAL REALM (f, 4, Animal Kingdom--Sky Willow {SW, \$114,979}, by Empire Maker) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-2, \$153,997. O-Augustin Stable; B-George Strawbridge (KY); T-Jonathan Thomas.

7th-Pimlico, \$55,200, 5-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:51.06, ft, nose.

MONTAUK POINT (c, 4, Violence--Antics, by Unbridled)

Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-1, \$175,146. O-Allen, Annette and Alexander, Helen C.; B-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III. *\$550,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL. **1/2 to Covfefe (Into Mischief), Ch. Female Sprinter & 3-Year-Old Filly, MGISW, \$1,110,025; Albiano (Harlan's Holiday), MGSW & MG1SP-Jpn, \$1,567,617.

6th-Gulfstream, \$49,600, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.88, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

RACHEL'S ROCK (f, 4, Jess's Dream--Diamondaire {MSP}, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$96,600. O/B-Jacks or Better Farm, Inc. (FL); T-Ralph E. Nicks. *1/2 to C. Zee (Elusive Bluff), GSW, \$486,902.

7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$42,000, (S), 5-18, (NW4LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.75, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.

BLUELIGHTSPECIAL (f, 3, Super Saver--Maddy's Way, by Bellamy Road) Lifetime Record: MSP, 11-4-2-3, \$216,015.

O-Contreras Stable Inc. & Knapczyk, Andrew; B-H. Allen Poindexter (IN); T-Cipriano Contreras. *\$34,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$22,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.



5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$38,000, (S), 5-18, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.54, ft, 3/4 length.

QUILTER (f, 3, Munnings--Ode to a Skylark, by Flatter) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$45,810. O-Richard Perkins; B-Richard W. Huddleston (IN); T-Anthony J. Granitz. *\$50,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

8th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$38,000, (S), 5-18, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38.83, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

SASSY KATIE (f, 3, Temple City--Isteefaa, by Eddington) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$55,000. O/B-Smokey Creek Farm (IN); T-Robert M. Gorham.

7th-Hawthorne, \$31,500, 5-18, (NW1X), 3/up, 6f, 1:10.02, ft, head.

PAPA ROCKET (g, 4, Into Mischief--Javanese, by Medaglia d'Oro) Lifetime Record: 13-4-0-0, \$106,102. O-Charles W. Ritter & Scott Becker; B-Bluewater Sales LLC, Three Diamonds Farm & Glenn Hogan (KY); T-Scott Becker. *\$300,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

3rd-Penn National, \$30,634, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.64, ft, 1/2 length.

ATHENA BEACH (f, 3, Bank Heist--Beach, by Tapit) Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$50,400. O-Peter Kazamias; B-Kaz Hill Farm (NY); T-Dimitrios K. Synnefias.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Blame Shifter, g, 3, Blame--Bling On the Music (MSW & GSP, \$153,167), by Too Much Bling. Hawthorne, 5-18, 1m 70y, 1:43.53. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$22,700. B-International Equities Holding, Inc. (KY). *\$9,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

Leopardess (GB), f, 3, Bobby's Kitten--Apparatchika (GB), by Archipenko. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-18, 1mT, 1:38.91. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$34,036. B-Miss K. Rausing (GB).

Ambor Night, c, 3, Cross Traffic--Ambleside Park (SW), by Fusaichi Pegasus. Gulfstream, 5-18, (C), 1mT, 1:35.25. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,600. B-George Gilbert (KY). *\$10,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$20,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Americana Anna, f, 3, **Fast Anna**--Big Sister Ridge, by Cactus Ridge. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-18, (S), 1mT, 1:39.88. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-0, \$24,570. B-Ben & Elaine Grimme (IN).

Z's Guitar, c, 3, **Star Guitar**--Ameliatheaviator, by Henrythenavigator. Evangeline Downs, 5-18, (S), 7f, 1:27.59. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$22,440. B-Cypress Bend Farm (LA).

Road to Music City, g, 4, **Music City**--Miss Hill Road, by The Deputy (Ire). Belterra, 5-18, (S), 6f, 1:13.30. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$17,879. B-Dolores Dissinger (OH).

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Adios Charlie, Avellino, f, 2, o/o Offlee Sheikh, by Offlee Wild. MSW, 5-18, Gulfstream

Animal Kingdom, Regal Realm, f, 4, o/o Sky Willow, by Empire Maker. AOC, 5-18, Belmont

Anodin (Ire), Frivole (Fr), f, 4, o/o Houleuse, by Dynaformer. ALW, 5-18, Churchill Downs

Arrogate, Fireline, f, 3, o/o High Ridge Road, by **Quality Road**. AOC, 5-18, Belmont

Bank Heist, Athena Beach, f, 3, o/o Beach, by **Tapit**. AOC, 5-18, Penn National

Blame, **Blame** Shifter, g, 3, o/o Bling On the Music, by Too Much Bling. MSW, 5-18, Hawthorne

Bobby's Kitten, Leopardess (GB), f, 3, o/o Apparatchika (GB), by Archipenko. MSW, 5-18, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Constitution, Wilson Q, c, 2, o/o Margate Gardens, by

Speightstown. MSW, 5-18, Churchill Downs

Cross Traffic, Ambor Night, c, 3, o/o Ambleside Park, by Fusaichi Pegasus. MOC, 5-18, Gulfstream

Fast Anna, Americana Anna, f, 3, o/o Big Sister Ridge, by Cactus Ridge. MSW, 5-18, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Forever d'Oro, Forever Noted, f, 3, o/o Moro's Delight, by Moro Oro. Swifty Sired Fillies H., 5-17, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Into Mischief, Papa Rocket, g, 4, o/o Javanese, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. ALW, 5-18, Hawthorne

Jess's Dream, Rachel's Rock, f, 4, o/o Diamondaire, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 5-18, Gulfstream

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Music City, Road to Music City, g, 4, o/o Miss Hill Road, by The Deputy (Ire). MSW, 5-18, Belterra

Star Guitar, Z's Guitar, c, 3, o/o Ameliatheaviator, by Henrythenavigator. MSW, 5-18, Evangeline

Super Saver, Bluelightspecial, f, 3, o/o Maddy's Way, by Bellamy Road. ALW, 5-18, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Temple City, Sassy Katie, f, 3, o/o Isteefaa, by Eddington. ALW, 5-18, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Violence, Montauk Point, c, 4, o/o Antics, by Unbridled. ALW, 5-18, Pimlico



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THE FOXES PREVAILS IN DANTE THRILLER



The Foxes and Oisin Murphy | [Racingphotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

by Tom Frary

There was as much uncertainty as to what would start favourite for Thursday's G2 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Dante S. than what would emerge on top in York's time-honoured Derby trial, but in the end it was one of the benchmark horses **The Foxes (Ire)** (**Churchill {Ire}**)--Tanaghum {GB}, by Darshaan {GB}) who held the bragging rights. King Power Racing's G2 Royal Lodge S. winner had been undone by Indestructible (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) in the G3 Craven S. at Newmarket last month but appreciated this step up to an extended 10 furlongs and travelled sweetly under cover on the rail for Oisin Murphy throughout the early stages.

Arriving on the front end passing the furlong pole, the Andrew Balding-trained 6-1 shot veered right but held the slow-starting **White Birch (GB)** (Ulysses {Ire}) to score by a neck, with 1 1/4 lengths back to the slightly unlucky 9-2 market-leader **Passenger** (Ulysses {Ire}) and **Continuous (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) who shared third.

"He did a bit of meandering across the track, but he's a very good horse and it looked a deep Dante," Balding said. "He's very professional, he was the most beautiful yearling and he's been a star to train so far. You'd have to think Epsom is the next step as long as you take the usual caveats into account, it comes close enough for example, but if he comes out of it well I think we'd have to give it a go." **Cont. p3**

'I DOUBT THERE'S ONE WITH A BETTER TURN OF FOOT' - FOXES TEAM HIGH ON DERBY

By Brian Sheerin

International bloodstock agent Alastair Donald, who purchased Thursday's G2 Dante S. winner The Foxes (Ire) (**Churchill {Ire}**) on behalf of the King Power team, is backing the colt to get the Derby trip at Epsom.

The Foxes was cut into a general 8-1 chance for Derby glory after winning the key trial at York for trainer Andrew Balding and the in-form jockey Oisin Murphy.

He hails from a family the connections know well, given the half-brother Bangkok (Ire) (**Australia {GB}**) carried the blue and white silks of King Power with great distinction, and Donald had to go to 440,000gns to secure him at Book 1 at Tattersalls from his breeders Barronstown Stud. **Cont. p5**

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Former champion jockey Oisin Murphy is enjoying an excellent spring since getting back in the saddle. He rode The Foxes (Ire) (*Churchill {Ire}*) to victory in the G2 Dubai Duty Free Dante S. at York on Thursday. | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

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The G2 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Middleton Fillies' S. at York.

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G2 Dante S. Cont. from p1

He added, "I think the main thing is he'd give himself every chance of staying because of his demeanour."

The Foxes, whose juvenile form also included a maiden win at tricky Goodwood, has his trainer full of hope heading to the Blue Riband. "We've gone close in the Derby a few times, but I think he'd be the best chance we've had going there as both [runners-up] Hoo Ya Mal and Khalifa Sat were big prices," he added. "His half-brother Bangkok went there after winning this well-fancied, but he ran poorly. We always thought he'd stay, but he was a real 10-furlong horse. I think he'll stay, as his dam got a mile and a half well."

John Murphy's son and assistant George said of the G3 Ballysax S. winner White Birch, who was compromised by missing the break, "He ran a super race, quickened up really well and just bumped into one on the day, but we couldn't be happier with the run. He's a super mover and a big, powerful horse--ground doesn't seem to bother him. We'll take him home and see how he comes out of it, but I think he's more entitled to take his chance in the Derby now. If the owners are happy to go there and he comes out of it well, I think he definitely deserves a crack at it."

Also set for Epsom is the unexposed Wood Ditton winner Passenger, who was stopped in his run inside the final two

furlongs. After jockey Richard Kingscote stated, "It was my fault, I couldn't get him a run. It's very frustrating," Sir Michael Stoute's assistant James Savage added, "It was a bit of a hard-luck story. He was in the stalls a long time, he jumped well and did everything brilliantly for a horse having only his second start after running on a straight mile at Newmarket. There are a lot of positives to be taken out of the race. It didn't happen for Richard up the straight, but that's just one of those things."

The Niarchos Family's racing manager Alan Cooper also said of the third, who was the subject of a significant late gamble and who would need to be supplemented for the Derby at a cost of £85,000, "He's shown that he's a good horse on only his second start. Let's regroup. The family will follow Sir Michael's advice."

Pedigree Notes

The Foxes is one of six black-type winners for Tanaghum including the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 scorer Matterhorn (Ire) (Raven's Pass), the aforementioned G2 York S. winner Bangkok (Ire) (**Australia {GB}**) and the G3 Curragh Cup winner Tactic (GB) (Sadler's Wells). She is also the second dam of the four-times Group 1-winning star miler and sire Ribchester (Ire), last year's G2 Vintage S. scorer Marbaan (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) and the G3 Ballycorus S. winner Convergence (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}). **Cont. p4**

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- 3 **SPREWELL** showed his Epsom Derby credentials by winning the Derby Trial Stakes-Gr.3 at Leopardstown by 3 lengths.
- 4 **GRAND ALLIANCE** won the John Porter Stakes-Gr.3 at Newbury.



“That was fantastic.... [The Foxes] relaxes and he can show that turn of foot. He's a son of Churchill, who is having a big impact at the moment, and he has all the attributes of a top-quality horse.”

Jockey Oisin Murphy, Racingpost.com, after the Dante Stakes-Gr.2

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Tanaghum is out of Mehthaaf (Nureyev), who captured the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and is kin to Danzig's G1 July Cup hero and sire Elnadim and the Lyphard mare Only Seule, who went on to prove an important broodmare for the Wertheimers by producing the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Prix de la Foret heroine Occupandiste (Ire) (Kaldoun {Fr}) whose own progeny list is headed by the GI Arlington Million hero Mondialiste (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and who is the second dam of Galileo's G1 Prix du Jockey Club-winning sire Intello (Ger). Tanaghum's yearling is a full-sister to The Foxes.

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Thursday, York, Britain

AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI DANTE S.-G2, £192,250, York, 5-18, 3yo, 10f 56yT, 2:05.84, g/f.

1--**THE FOXES (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by **Churchill (Ire)**

1st Dam: Tanaghum (GB) (SP-Eng), by Darshaan (GB)

2nd Dam: Mehthaaf, by Nureyev

3rd Dam: Elle Seule, by Exclusive Native

(440,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT). O-King Power Racing Co Ltd; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Andrew Balding; J-Oisin Murphy.

£109,025. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$253,979. *Full to Perotan (Ire), SW-Ire; and 1/2 to Matterhorn (Ire) (Raven's Pass), G1SW-UAE, SW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$780,089; Bangkok (Ire) (**Australia {GB}**), MGSW-Eng, SP-Qat, \$926,107; Tactic (GB) (Sadler's Wells), GSW-Ire, SW & GSP-Eng, \$142,213; Yaazy (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), SW & MGSP-Fr; and Zahoo (Ire) (Nayef), SP-Eng.

Werk Nick Rating: A++. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

2--**White Birch (GB)**, 128, c, 3, Ulysses (Ire)--Diagnostic (GB), by Dutch Art (GB). (75,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; 48,000gns RNA Ylg '21 TATOCT). O-Mrs C C Regalado-Gonzalez; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-John Joseph Murphy. £41,334.

3(DH)--**Continuous (Jpn)**, 128, c, 3, Heart's Cry (Jpn)--Fluff (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Westerberg; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (JPN); T-Aidan O'Brien. £20,686.

3(DH)--**Passenger**, 128, c, 3, Ulysses (Ire)--Dilmun, by **War Front**. **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd; B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd (KY); T-Sir Michael Stoute. £20,686.

Margins: NK, 1 1/4, DHT. Odds: 6.00, 9.00, 6.00, 4.50.

Also Ran: Epictetus (Ire), Killybegs Warrior (Ire), Liberty Lane (Ire), Dear My Friend (GB). Scratched: King Of Steel. **VIDEO.**

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The Foxes Cont.

Donald recalled, "We had a natural affiliation towards the pedigree with Bangkok being a good horse for the King Power team but, even without Bangkok being in the pedigree, the mare is faultless. To be honest, he was a better-looking horse than Bangkok was as a yearling.

Bangkok is a very elegant horse but this fella is even more so.

"He had more scope than Bangkok, however, he is still quite an old-fashioned and pretty horse--he almost looks like a show horse in the ring, accentuated by the flashiness of his white socks etc. But, walking around the paddock, he's a horse who naturally catches the eye."

Thursday proved that The Foxes, who hails from that outstanding broodmare Tanaghum (GB) (Darshaan {GB}), dam of six black-type performers including Matterhorn (Ire) (Raven's Pass), has an engine to match his looks.

His progression has delighted Donald, who put forward the

colt's potent turn of foot as a key asset with a view towards winning the Derby.

He said, "From the moment he won the Royal Lodge, it was always going to be the plan for him to run in the Craven as a stepping stone towards the Dante. Now it's on to the big one, all

being well.

"The fact that he switches off and relaxes so much more than Bangkok used to--he was very much a 10-furlong horse and was always on it a bit--gives him a great chance of getting the Derby trip."

Donald added, "He relaxes a lot better than Bangkok did and, obviously, his full-sister Perotan (Ire) stayed two miles. I wouldn't go to Epsom beating the drum saying, yes, he'll definitely get the 12 furlongs, but I think there are plenty of things to suggest that he

will. And, if he does, I doubt there will be a horse in the Derby with a better turn of foot than he has."



Alastair Donald | Tattersalls/Laura Green

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Asked what victory at Epsom would mean to the team, Donald concluded, "King Power have put a lot of money into the game and this is what it is all about--winning big races. We've had some nice horses and winners at Royal Ascot. We've had Group 1 winners and Winter Power (Ire) (Bungle Inthejungle {GB}) has been great for us, but the Derby is everyone's dream and it's very hard to get a runner in the race, let alone one with a decent chance."

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FREE WIND SURVIVES MIDDLETON ENQUIRY

by Sean Cronin

George Strawbridge's 5-year-old mare **Free Wind (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}--Alive Alive Oh {GB}, by Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}), seen out just once since 2021, was fit and raring to go for Thursday's G2 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Middleton Fillies' S. at York and collected a fourth straight pattern-race rosette with a narrow victory in the extended 10-furlong contest.

The April-foaled bay, whose resume also features wins in the G3 Prix Minerve, G2 Park Hill S. and G2 Lancashire Oaks, was settled off a sedate pace in sixth until turning for home. Making eyecatching progress on the bridle once into the straight, the 6-5 favourite assumed control passing the quarter-mile marker and kept on strongly, despite edging right in the closing stages, to withstand the persistent threat of last term's Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial victrix **Rogue Millennium (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) by a neck. The Knavesmire's stewards were called into action in the immediate aftermath, but allowed the finishing order to remain unchanged.

"She [nearly] got put through the rails at Haydock [in the Lancashire Oaks last year] and won despite that near fatal accident," reflected John Gosden after notching a fourth win in the contest. "She has come back from a nasty injury and 10 months off and it was a long way for her to come back, physically and mentally. She's done that and showed a great attitude, so we couldn't be more pleased with her. She was running way below her [optimum] trip today. She wasn't

originally in the race, but [owner] Mr [George] Strawbridge is over from America to see Epictetus run in the Dante and we thought we'd supplement Free Wind and run her, too. She's done great as this trip is a bit sharp for her. She's won a Park Hill over a mile-and-six furlongs, which is a slightly different ball game, and we're very clear that we're going a mile-and-a-half next time. She's in the [G2] Hardwicke [S. at Royal Ascot] and that would be a strong possibility at this stage."



Free Wind | [Racingfotos.com](#)

Rogue Millennium holds a special place in Tom Clover's heart and the Newmarket-based conditioner was delighted by the performance of his stable star. "She ran a lovely race and Jack [Mitchell] gave her a lovely ride," he said. "He followed Frankie the whole way and she takes a step forward with each run. She ran well in France and ran well in the Magnolia at Kempton, when she didn't get a clear run. She didn't have a clear run in France either. She's a really lovely filly, she's improved from three to four and was well sourced by the [Rogues Gallery] team. It's great to have a high-class filly of this nature and it would be lovely to win a group race with her this year. The obvious targets would either be the [G3] Hoppings [at Newcastle] or the [G1] Pretty Polly in Ireland, so we'll see."

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Pedigree Notes

Free Wind, one of her late sire's 242 pattern-race winners, is the second of four foals and one of two scorers for multiple stakes-winning G3 Dance Design S. placegetter Alive Alive Oh (GB) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}), herself half to G3 Fukushima Kinen and G3 Tanabata Sho victor Crescendo Love (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}). Alive Alive Oh is also kin to the dam of the dual stakes-placed Soldier's Minute (GB) (Raven's Pass). The April-foaled bay's second dam Higher Love (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), who was runner-up in the Listed Cheshire Oaks, is out of Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial runner-up Dollar Bird (Ire) (Kris {GB}), herself a half-sister to G2 King Edward VII S.-winning sire Amfortas (Ire) (Caerleon) and to the dam of G1 1000 Guineas heroine Virginia Waters (Kingmambo) and G1SP sires Chevalier (Ire) (Danehill) and Alexander of Hales (Danehill). Alive Alive Oh has a 2-year-old full-brother to Free Wind yet to come.

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Thursday, York, Britain

AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI MIDDLETON FILLIES' S.-G2,

£154,800, York, 5-18, 4yo/up, f, 10f 56yT, 2:10.06, g/f.

1--**FREE WIND (IRE)**, 128, m, 5, by Galileo (Ire)

1st Dam: Alive Alive Oh (GB) (SW & GSP-Ire),
by Duke Of Marmalade (Ire)

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

3rd Dam: Dollar Bird (Ire), by Kris (GB)

(325,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT). O-George Strawbridge; B-Mrs Sue Ann Foley (IRE); T-John & Thady Gosden; J-Lanfranco Dettori. £87,787. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 8-6-1-0, \$348,472.

Werk Nick Rating: A+. [Click for the](#)

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[free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

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2--**Rogue Millennium (Ire)**, 128, f, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Hawaafez (GB), by Nayef. (35,000gns 2yo '21 TATMA). O-The Rogues Gallery; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (IRE); T-Tom Clover. £33,282.

3--**Poptronic (GB)**, 128, f, 4, Nathaniel (Ire)--Alpine Dream (Ire), by Dream Ahead. O/B-David & Yvonne Blunt (GB); T-Karl Burke. £16,656.

Margins: HF, 2 3/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.20, 20.00, 25.00.

Also Ran: State Occasion (GB), Stay Alert (GB), Sea Silk Road (Ire), Aristia (Ire). Scratched: Toskana Belle (Fr). **VIDEO.**

CALIF SCOOTs CLEAR IN BADEN-BADEN

FEATURE *by Sean Cronin*

Stall Hanse's **Calif (Ger)** (Areion {Ger}--Cherry Danon {Ire}, by Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), fit and fresh coming back off a third in last month's G3 Fruhjahrs-Meile at Dusseldorf, stepped forward

in style to register a career best in Thursday's G3 45th Kronimus Badener Meile at Baden-Baden.

The Peter Schiergen trainee, who also hit the board in 2021's G3 Zukunfts-Rennen and last term's G3 Fritz Henkel Stiftung-Rennen, employed waiting tactics from flagfall and was anchored in rear for most of this eighth black-type start. Stirred into action off the home turn, the 6-1 chance made continued headway in the straight to lead passing the eighth pole and surged clear from there to easily account for Parol (Ger) (Pastorius {Ger}) by an impressive five lengths.

"There wasn't much doing to begin with, but the pace was really strong and that gave him a chance to settle and find his rhythm," explained winning rider Adrie de Vries. "Last time out, at Dusseldorf, he just took too long to come to the boil, but today he went beautifully and absolutely relished the longer straight. He was always finding more."



Calif | Baden-Baden/Marc Ruhl

Pedigree Notes

Calif becomes the 29th pattern-race winner for his sire (by Big Shuffle) and the first for G3 Hamburger Stutenmeile victrix and G2 German 1000 Guineas runner-up Cherry Danon (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}). Cherry Danon has also produced the stakes-winning trio Celebrity (Ger) (Shamardal), Chilly Filly (Ger) (Makfi {GB}) and Cherry Lady (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}). She has the 2-year-old filly Cherry Lou (Ger) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and a weanling filly by Mehmas (Ire) to come. The April-foaled dark bay's second dam Sherifa (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) is a full-sister to the stakes-winning dam of three black-type winners headed by MGSW sire Sommerabend (GB) (Shamardal). From the dam line of legendary champion Schwarzgold (Ger) (Alchemist {Ger}), this is a family which includes G1 Hollywood Turf Cup hero Sanagas (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}) and G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin winner Sirius (Ger) (Dashing Blade {GB}).

Thursday, Baden-Baden, Germany

45TH KRONIMUS BADENER MEILE-G3, €55,000, Baden-Baden, 5-18, 3yo/up, 8ft, 1:38.13, gd.

1--**CALIF (GER)**, 127, g, 4, by **Areion (Ger)**

1st Dam: **Cherry Danon (Ire)** (GSW-Ger & GSP-Itly, \$103,338), by **Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Sherifa (Ger)**, by **Monsun (Ger)**

3rd Dam: **Shona (Ger)**, by **Windwurf (Ger)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (€95,000 RNA Ylg '20 BBAGS). O-Stall Hanse; B-Gestut Brummerhof (GER); T-Peter Schiergen; J-Adrie de Vries. €32,000. Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-3, €80,850. *1/2 to **Celebrity (Ger)** (Shamardal), MSW & GSP-Ger; **Chilly Filly (Ger)** (Makfi {GB}), SW & GSP-Ger; and **Cherry Lady (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}), SW-Ger. **Werk Nick Rating: C+**. Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**, or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

2--**Parol (Ger)**, 125, g, 6, **Pastorius (Ger)**--**Palucca (Ger)**, by **Big Shuffle**. (€64,000 RNA Ylg '18 BBAGO). O/B-Dirk von Mitzlaff (GER); T-Bohumil Nedorostek. €12,000.

3--**Aemilianus (Ger)**, 129, g, 4, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--**Assisi (Ger)**, by **Galileo (Ire)**. O/B-Gestut Schlenderhan (IRE); T-Markus Klug. €6,000.

Margins: 5, 3/4, HD. Odds: 6.00, 4.60, 7.20.

Also Ran: **Nano Nagle (Ire)**, **Western Soldier (Ger)**, **Best Lightning (Fr)**, **Runnymede (GB)**. **VIDEO**.



Quickthorn | Scoop Dyga

The Quick And The Dead

In a strong year for the stayers, the incredible 14-length success of Quickthorn in the two-mile Lonsdale Cup was one of the peak performances of 2022. Trainer Hughie Morrison believes that the impact of that wide-margin win from Coltrane (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) was lost after his subsequent heavy defeats in the G1 Prix du Cadran and British Champions Long Distance Cup. Lady Blyth's homebred was also sixth behind Broome in the Dubai Gold Cup and the trainer is hoping he can arrest the worrying declining trend. "My concern is that I might have left my year behind in Dubai, but I've been perfectly happy with him at home," he told the *Qipco British Champions Series*. "It wasn't easy getting him out of a field in December to have him ready for a fast-ground race in Dubai that looked like a group one three months later."

"It was a **Flightline**-type performance, but he didn't get the **Flightline**-type recognition," Morrison added of the Lonsdale Cup victory. "It might have been a once-in-a-lifetime performance, but I do think it was exceptional, and the disappointment was that neither Stradivarius nor Trueshan ran that day because we'd have got the credit then. Coltrane obviously didn't run to his best, but Quickthorn absolutely dominated him and I think if you look at the sectionals, he went fast all of the way. The ground had gone when he went to Longchamp, and it was the same story at Ascot. The year before he'd had enough by October, and I think that was probably a factor again, too."

Marygate Poser

Friday's undercard at York includes the 19th edition of the five-furlong Listed Clipper EBF Marygate Fillies' S. which has attracted a trio of juveniles by first-crop sires. **Cont. p9**

RACE PREVIEWS

YORK: ALL EYES ON GOLD CUP-BOUND ELDAR ELDAROV IN THE YORKSHIRE CUP

by Tom Frary

Friday's G2 Boodles Yorkshire Cup features two high-class veterans in the G2 Lonsdale Cup winner **Quickthorn (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) and **Broome (Ire)** (**Australia {GB}**) whose reinvention as a stayer was confirmed with a G2 Dubai Gold Cup success, but it could be that youth counts as **Eldar Eldarov (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) makes his seasonal return in the 14-furlong feature. Primed for two major efforts at three when successful in Royal Ascot's G2 Queen's Vase and the G1 St Leger at Doncaster, KHK Racing's flagbearer was only seventh stretching out to two miles in the G2 British Champions Long Distance Cup but is back in his sphere of comfort here. "He's really doing well of late and has obviously been very good at both tries over this distance," trainer Roger Varian said. "We do see him being very effective when he races over Cup distances, but I think a mile and six furlongs is a good distance to start his season off at, and we hope he runs a good, solid race on Friday that means we can then take aim at the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot."



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Friday Preview Cont.

Chief among them is Amo Racing's **TDN Rising Star Persian Dreamer (Calyx {GB})**, one of two representing Dominic Ffrench Davis, who bids to underline a stunning debut performance at Newmarket last month. Her contemporaries include race sponsor Clipper Logistics' Newmarket runner-up **Dorothy Lawrence (GB)** (Soldier's Call {GB}) from the double-handed Karl Burke team and the once-raced Brian Ellison trainee **Callianassa (Ire)** (Invincible Army {Ire}).

Queen Bee?

Also on Friday is a potentially talent-rich renewal of the Listed Oaks Farm Stables Fillies' S., where Normandie Stud's **TDN Rising Star Queen For You (Ire)** (Kingman {GB}) bids to take further steps towards the G1 Coronation S. won by her dam Fallen For You (GB) (Dansili {GB}) 11 years ago. With the John and Thady Gosden stable which houses its usual quota of high-class fillies, she made the ideal start at Ascot early this month and Thady is hoping she keeps building. "She seems to have come forward for the run and although it is a big jump up into listed company, we'd be hopeful," he said. Also engaged in what could be a key prep for the Royal Ascot fillies' feature is Godolphin's Newmarket maiden winner **Silver Lady (GB)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), a daughter of Lumiere (GB) (Shamardal), and James Wigan's Haydock scorer **Stormy Sea (GB)** (Territories {Ire}), a half-sister to Bay Bridge (GB) (New Bay {GB}).

Next Stop Emily Dickinson

Last year's renewal of Leopardstown's G3 Saval Beg Levmoos S. saw the arrival front-and-centre of Ballydoyle's Kyprios (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) on the stayers' scene with a 14-length success in the 14-furlong Gold Cup prep and Friday's edition sees the stable's more-than-able deputy **Emily Dickinson (Ire)** (Dubawi

{Ire}). Demonstrative when ending her 3-year-old campaign and beginning her current season with clear-cut wins in the division's key Irish races, the G3 Loughbrown S. and Listed Vintage Crop S., the daughter of Chicquita (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) bids to win over Ryan Moore who dashes here from York after partnering another potential Gold Cup ride in Broome (Ire) (Australia {GB}).

Modern Games Stars In Lockinge Field

Godolphin's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, GI Woodbine Mile and GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero **Modern Games (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) will face 12 rivals in Saturday's G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. at Newbury. Charlie Appleby reported the 2022 Eclipse Champion Male Turf Horse, who was second in Keeneland's GI Maker's Mark Mile last month, to be raring to go for the mile feature for which he is drawn on the wing. "Hopefully, this will be the opportunity for Modern Games to win a Group 1 in the UK. The Maker's Mark Mile proved a strangely-run race from our perspective, but he came out of it well and heads to Newbury in great shape. We know that he is a crack miler and he goes here with the benefit of a run under his belt. Conditions at Newbury should suit, especially with the drying ground, and he is going to be a big player."

John and Thady Gosden supply Juddmonte's **TDN Rising Star** and G1 Sun Chariot S. runner-up **Laurel (GB)** (Kingman {GB}), while fellow Newmarket raider **My Prospero (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}) kickstarts his 4-year-old campaign having finished third in the G1 Champion S. at Ascot in October. He is drawn next to Modern Games in 12, while Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum's **Jadoomi (Fr)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), who finished third behind Bayside Boy (Ire) (New Bay {GB}) and Modern Games in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S., is drawn on the other extreme in one.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

STUDY POINTS TO SUSTAINED GROWTH OF IRISH RACING

The racing and breeding industry delivered €2.46bn to the Irish economy in 2022, according to a survey undertaken by Deloitte and commissioned by Horse Racing Ireland (HRI).

This figure represents a rise of 34% since 2016, while the number of jobs supported by the sector has also increased during that time, by 1,450, to a total of 30,350.

Of that total economic impact, €819m is generated by the breeding industry, €264m is spent by owners in the training and running of horses, and a further €193m comes through on- and off-course spending by racegoers.

The report, which was published on Thursday, also states that Ireland is second only to the USA in the amount of money generated by bloodstock sales, with €538m in turnover during 2022.

"Ireland's global position in racing, from fledgling status a few short decades ago, is today a strong one," said HRI chairman Nicky Hartery. "Last year the industry was responsible for over €550m of foreign direct investment, which points to the stability this industry offers to international investors.

"With the continued investment, expertise, and passion of Ireland's racing sector, we aim to expand the global market for Irish thoroughbreds, create an even bigger domestic footprint to continue to deliver for the rural economy, and demonstrably lead the sector on key measures of equine welfare and sustainability."

The number of registered owners in Ireland has also increased over the last six years, to a current level of 4,757, which is up from 3,663 in 2016.

HRI CEO Suzanne Eade, added, "The figures from the research carried out by Deloitte on behalf of HRI demonstrate the significance of racing and breeding to the rural economy and is testament to decades of consistent government support.

"Behind the significant economic impact and our global reputation is a hugely skilled workforce, dedicated to the horses in their care. Our industry supports in excess of 30,000 FTEs, 9,400 of those in the core industry, making their living as a direct or indirect result from the racing and breeding industry.

"We are acutely aware that racing and breeding is a very competitive and mobile industry. We will continue to work with government and all stakeholders to maintain our competitive advantage and Ireland's reputation as global leaders at breeding and training racehorses."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, May 19, 2023:

UNITED KINGDOM

Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}), Coolmore Stud

103 foals of racing age

13:50-YORK, 70K The Clipper Ebf Marygate Fillies' Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)5f, Persian Dreamer

€145,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud

168 foals of racing age

14:40-NEWBURY, 6f, Rust E Boy (Ire)

€37,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022

Invincible Army (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud

95 foals of racing age

13:50-YORK, 70K The Clipper Ebf Marygate Fillies' Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)5f, Callianassa (Ire)

€23,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; £14,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

Land Force (Ire) (No Nay Never), Highclere Stud

117 foals of racing age

14:40-NEWBURY, 6f, Quickfire (GB)

36,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 47,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022

Soldier's Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud

121 foals of racing age

17:40-HAMILTON PARK, 5f, Defying Orders (Ire)

€48,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022

13:50-YORK, 70K The Clipper Ebf Marygate Fillies' Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)5f, Dorothy Lawrence (GB)

17:40-HAMILTON PARK, 5f, Muqtahem (Ire)

£27,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022; £60,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2023

Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud

149 foals of racing age

14:40-NEWBURY, 6f, Rednblue Sovereign (Ire)

€25,000 Goffs February Sale 2022; €60,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022

IRELAND

Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Manton Park Stud

103 foals of racing age

1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 7.25f, Instant Appeal (GB)
78,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

Phoenix of Spain (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud
97 foals of racing age
1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 7.25f, Spanish Flame (Ire)
€34,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021

Study of Man (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Lanwades Stud
54 foals of racing age
1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 7.25f, Deepone (GB)
31,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 62,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022



Study Of Man has a runner at Leopardstown | Lanwades Stud

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

DIANE WARM-UP FOR TDN RISING STAR ELZORA

15.25 Chantilly, Cond, €28,000, 3yo, f, 10fT
ELZORA (FR) (Almanzor {Fr}) earned **TDN Rising Star** status for Riviera Equine and Eric de Chambure and the Jean-Claude Rouget stable with a stirring display at ParisLongchamp last month and preps for a possible tilt at the G1 Prix de Diane in this intriguing affair. A full-sister to last year's G1 Prix Saint-Alary third Queen Trezy (Fr), the May-foaled bay encounters four well-regarded fillies including Juddmonte's Andre Fabre-trained **Ottery (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who disappointed when only fifth as the 6-4 favourite for last month's G3 Prix Cleopatre.

16.20 Newbury, Mdn, £12,000, 3yo, 10fT
SEENDID (IRE) (Dubawi {Ire}) is one of a few interesting bluebloods in this, being a full-brother to the G1 Pretty Polly S. heroine Nezwaah (GB), William Haggas saddles Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum's homebred alongside Shadwell's **Naqeeb (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}), the half-brother to Baaeed (GB) ([Sea The Stars](#) {Ire}) who shaped more in the mold of that luminary's G1 Coronation Cup-winning full-sibling Hukum (Ire) when third on debut at Leicester last month.

16.40 Leopardstown, Mdn, €16,000, 2yo, 7f 69yT
GASPARE GABRIELLI (IRE) (**No Nay Never**) debuts for Ballydoyle in the maiden won 12 months ago by the much-vaunted Alfred **Munnings** (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and in which the stable introduced **Gleneagles** (Ire). A half-brother to the G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Nassau S. heroine Fancy Blue (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) from the family of High Chaparral (Ire), the April-foaled bay is joined by stablemate **Latin (Ire)** (**No Nay Never**), a relative of Harzand (Ire).

HOW THEY FARED

16.45 York, Mdn, £30,000, 2yo, 6fT
Impressive Act (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), the 650,000gns Book 1 purchase and son of the G3 Fred Darling S. winner and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac third Dabiyah (Ire), showed up for a long way and boxed on for second behind the experienced winner in a debut performance full of promise.

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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

BRITISH EBF 40TH ANNIVERSARY WESTOW S.-Listed, £70,000, York, 5-18, 3yo, 5fT, :57.14, g/f.

- 1--**GREAT STATE (GB)**, 130, g, 3, by Havana Grey (GB)
1st Dam: Foxcatcher (GB), by Foxwedge (Aus)
2nd Dam: Copy-Cat (GB), by Lion Cavern
3rd Dam: Imperial Jade (GB), by Lochnager (GB)
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (14,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; £60,000 Ylg '21 GOFFUK). O-Al Mohamediya Racing; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-Richard Fahey; J-Oisin Murphy. £39,697.
Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, \$80,852.
- 2--**Pillow Talk (Ire)**, 125, f, 3, Kodiak (GB)--Flawless Jewel (Fr), by Kheylef. (80,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT). O-Clipper Logistics; B-Mountarmstrong Stud & Partners (IRE); T-Karl Burke. £15,050.
- 3--**Michaela's Boy (Ire)**, 130, c, 3, Ribchester (Ire)--Joyce Compton (Ire), by Tamayuz (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (£28,000

Ylg '21 GOFFUK). O-Newtownstewart Construction UK Ltd; B-Redpender Stud Ltd (IRE); T-Michael Appleby. £7,532.

Margins: 2HF, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 6.50, 12.00, 33.00.

Also Ran: Silent Words (GB), Looking For Lynda (Ire), Rocket Rodney (GB), Walbank (Ire), Hispanic (Ire), Changeofmind (Ire), Rogue Spirit (GB). Scratched: Katey Kontent (GB).

Quickening ground on the Knavesmire on day two of the Dante meeting meant that only the seriously fast need apply and the maturing sprinting force Great State emerged on top of a typical York burn-up over the rapid five-furlong strip. Honed into a specialist at the trip by Richard Fahey, the grey had captured a Southwell handicap in March and Thirsk's soft-ground Coronation Trophy 12 days previously but needed time to find his feet during the tumultuous early stages of this competitive affair. Staying on into contention inside the two, he swooped on the lead with 150 yards remaining and into the clear from last year's Listed Marygate Fillies' S. winner Pillow Talk.



Great State | Getty Images

"We had a long discussion whether we kept this horse back for the sprint at Ascot [the Palace of Holyroodhouse S.], because we do like the horse and it's not very often you have a horse rated in the 90s that you think is well handicapped," Fahey said. "He won't be well handicapped any longer, but I'm delighted for Sheikh Sultan. He's a real dude, very laid-back and easy to deal with, he's a pleasure to train and I'm delighted to have him. I was a little bit worried because he'd been running on the all-weather and won on very soft ground last time and it was quick ground today, so I had the excuse ready if he did get beat."

Becoming the eighth black-type winner for his second-season sire, Great State is out of a half to the G3 John O'Gaunt S. winner Pastoral Player (GB) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}) and the listed scorer and G2 Sandown Mile-placed Chil The Kite (GB) (Notnowcato {GB}). She is a granddaughter of Imperial Jade (GB) (Lochnager {GB}), who was runner-up in this track's G2 Lowther

S. before producing the G3 King George S.-winning sire Averti (Ire) who finished third in the G1 Nunthorpe S. at the Ebor meeting. Her 2-year-old gelding by Showcasing (GB) is named Showhound (GB), while she also has a yearling colt by Zoustar (Aus). **VIDEO.**

2nd-Salisbury, £17,500, Nov, 5-18, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:00.72, gd. RELIEF RALLY (IRE) (f, 2, Kodiak {GB}--Kathoe {Ire}, by Fayruz {GB}), an Apr. 24 debut winner at Windsor in her only prior start, was well away from the outside gate and settled under cover in fourth through the initial fractions of this return. Making smooth headway from halfway, the 9-4 second choice was shaken up to challenge Juniper Berries (GB) (**Expert Eye {GB}**) entering the final furlong and kept on strongly under mild coaxing to comfortably defeat that rival by 1 3/4 lengths. Relief Rally, the latest of eight reported foals and one of five scorers for her dam, hails from the family of G1 Irish 2000 Guineas-winning sire Jaazeiro (Sham) and G1SW Irish champion Woodstream (Northern Dancer). The April-foaled bay is a full-sister to G3 Chipchase S. victor Koropick (Ire). Sales history: 58,000gns Ylg '22 TATSOM. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$15,831. O-Simon Munir & Isaac Souede; B-C M Farrell (IRE); T-William Haggas.

3rd-Salisbury, £10,000, Nov, 5-18, 2yo, 5fT, 1:01.17, gd. PALMAR BAY (FR) (c, 2, Exceed And Excel {Aus}--Di Fede {Ire} {MSW-Eng & SP-Fr, \$145,917}, by Shamardal), a May 8 debut second over this distance at Windsor last time, tracked the leaders in fourth from the outset here. Creeping into contention at halfway, the 3-1 third choice was hustled along approaching the final furlong and ran on in relentless fashion to deny Jasour (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}) by a neck in the dying strides. Palmar Bay is the first of two foals and lone scorer bred from dual Listed October S. victrix Di Fede (Ire) (Shamardal), herself a full-sister to stakes-winning G1 Epsom H. and G1 Chipping Norton S. runner-up Dibayani (Ire). Di Fede is also kin to the dam of dual Group 3 scorer Diamil (Ire) (Awtaad {Ire}). Hailing from the family of G1 Prix du Jockey Club-winning sire Darshaan (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}), the April-foaled bay is half to a weanling colt by Romanised (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$9,928. O/B-Robert Ng (FR); T-Ralph Beckett.

5th-Salisbury, £8,500, Novice, 5-18, 3yo/up, c/g, 9f 201yT, 2:09.89, gd.

KINGFISHER KING (GB) (c, 3, Farhh {GB}--Queen Consort, by Kingmambo), runner-up on debut at Yarmouth last month, raced in mid-pack early. Staying on down the outer, the 11-8 favourite collared Ibrahimovic (Ire) (Le Havre {Ire}) on the line to prevail by a short head in the race won 12 months ago by the smart Missed The Cut (**Quality Road**). **Cont. p13**

5th-Salisbury Cont.

The winner is currently the last known foal out of the dam, a daughter of the G3 Brigadier Gerard S. scorer New Morning (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) who produced the Listed Criterium du FEE runner-up Officer Of State (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}). New Morning is a sister to the Ballymacoll celebrities Islington (Ire) and Greek Dance (Ire) out of the operation's G1 Yorkshire Oaks heroine Hellenic (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}). Sales history: 62,000gns Ylg '21 TADEY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$8,263. O-Mr T J W Bridge; B-Culworth Grounds Farm (GB); T-William Haggas.

6th-Salisbury, £8,500, Novice, 5-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 201yT, 2:11.26, gd.

TRUTHFUL (IRE) (f, 3, Sea The Stars {Ire}--My Timing {GB}, by Street Cry {Ire}), who attracted support into 100-30 second favouritism, tracked the leading duo early. Challenging Mantoog (GB) (Kingman {GB}) on the lead over a furlong from home, the bay was cajoled by that rival in the dying strides for a head success. The unraced dam, whose trio of foals including the stable's useful Sea On Time (Ire) are all fillies by this sire, is a daughter of the G3 Winter Hill S. winner and G2 Windsor Forest S. third Lay Time (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) who produced the Listed Criterium de Vitesse scorer and G3 Prix Texanita runner-up Beau Ideal (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}). The third dam Time Saved (GB) (Green Desert), who was out of the high-class Time Charter (Ire), was responsible for Plea Bargain (GB) (Machiavellian) who enjoyed his finest hour in the G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot where this filly could be heading in a month's time. Sales history: 120,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,731.

O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing - Nelson Mandela;
B-Sunderland Holding Inc (IRE); T-William Haggas.

1st-Newmarket, £8,000, Novice, 5-18, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.16, g/s.

FLAG OF ST GEORGE (IRE) (c, 2, U S Navy Flag--Tamazug {GB} {GSP-Ire}, by Machiavellian), fourth on debut in the track's five-furlong novice in which the day's York scorer Cuban Thunder (Ire) (Profitable {Ire}) was second, recovered from an awkward start to chase the leaders. Taking until the furlong pole to get to the front, the 13-8 favourite stayed on to score by 2 1/4 lengths from Maymay (Fr) (Cloth Of Stars {Ire}). The Group 3-placed dam, who produced the GIII Providencia S. and GIII Seniorita S. runner-up Sterling Crest (Ire) and the stakes-placed Beechwood Ella (Ire) by No Nay Never, hails from the family of the brilliant Sakhee. Her yearling colt is again by No Nay Never. Sales history: 32,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$6,179. O-Mr Laurence Holder; B-Longueville Bloodstock (IRE); T-Jane Chapple-Hyam.

6th-York, £30,000, Mdn, 5-18, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.86, g/f.

CUBAN THUNDER (IRE) (c, 2, Profitable {Ire}--Grace Rafaela {Ire}, by Dragon Pulse {Ire}), runner-up to Blue Storm (GB) (Blue Point {Ire}) in the five-furlong Newmarket novice which has produced three other winners, stalked the pace in third throughout the early stages. Shaken up to lead passing the furlong pole, the 5-4 favourite was pushed out to record a two-length success from Impressive Act (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). "He ran a blinder at Newmarket and he's such a laid-back individual he was half-asleep that day," trainer Dominic Ffrench Davis said. "Today he was very different and I did think York might do that to him as they have to walk over the track and can get a little bit on their toes. He was very professional in the race. Halfway through he switched off and Kevin wondered how well he was going, but he asked him to quicken and he was straight back on the bridle. He'll get seven furlongs and he's a lovely horse going forward. The team will have to decide about Royal Ascot, but he'd have to be in mind for the Coventry if there was bit of juice in the ground." The winner is the first foal out of a full-sister to the stakes-placed Firefight (Ire) and a granddaughter of the G1 Oaks d'Italia heroine Menhoubah (Dixieland Band). Her yearling colt is by El Kabeir. Sales history: €54,000 Ylg '22 GOFFEB; 150,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$22,445. O-Amo Racing Limited; B-Mighty Universe Ltd (IRE); T-Dominic Ffrench Davis.

3rd-Newmarket, £10,000, Mdn, 5-18, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:26.98, g/s.

ENGLISH ROSE (IRE) (f, 3, Frankel {GB}--Sobetsu {GB} {G1SW-Fr, G1SP-Eng, \$353,582}, by Dubawi {Ire}), a daughter of the stable's G1 Prix Saint-Alary and G2 Prix de la Nonette winner, was restrained to race towards the rear early. Making smooth headway approaching the dip, the 9-2 shot was in front a furlong from home and asserted to beat stablemate Spring Dawn (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) by 1 3/4 lengths. The winner is the second foal out of the aforementioned Sobetsu, who is a daughter of the dual listed scorer and G3 Prix de Flore-placed La Toya (Darshaan {GB}). The family includes the G1 Satsuki Sho hero Dee Majesty (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), the G1 Sprinters S. winner Tower Of London (Jpn) (Raven's Pass) and the Derby and Oaks winners Generous (Ire) and Imagine (Ire). Sobetsu's yearling filly is by Sea The Stars (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,743.

O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

3rd-York, £50,000, Hcp, 5-18, 4yo/up, 7f 192yT, 1:34.35, g/f.

CROUPIER (IRE) (g, 4, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Aaraamm, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-1, \$87,477. O-Edward J Ware; B-Mabaki Investments (IRE); T-Simon & Ed Crisford. *100,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT; 68,000gns RNA 2yo '21 TATAHI.

FRANCE

Thursday's Results:

PRIX DE PONTARME-Listed, €55,000, ParisLongchamp, 5-18, 3yo, 7fT, 1:21.46, g/s.

1--**OCEAN VISION (IRE)**, 126, c, 3, by **U S Navy Flag**

1st Dam: Balaagha, by Mr. Greeley

2nd Dam: Ech Echo Echo, by Eastern Echo

3rd Dam: Kashie West, by Sir Ivor

O-J Kirkland & Mrs G Ryan; B-Mighty Universe Ltd (Ire); T-Tim Donworth; J-Christophe Soumillon. €27,500. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 9-4-0-2, €154,953.

2--**Cawdor (GB)**, 126, c, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Delivery (GB), by Rail Link (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ireland (GB); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. €11,000.

3--**Knock On (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Zelzal (Fr)--Acclamee (Fr), by Acclamation (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Ecurie Griezmann, Ecurie Seyssel & Haras de Saint-Voir; B-Haras de Saint-Voir (FR); T-Philippe Decouz. €8,250.

Margins: 3/4, NK, HF. Odds: 2.00, 5.20, 14.00.

Also Ran: Kimi Orenda (Fr), Lunala (Fr), Le Tabou (GB), Next Episode (GB), Society Man (Fr), Queen Sao (Fr), La Galiote (GB).

Already successful in Deauville's Listed Prix de la Vallee d'Auge over five furlongs in August and third in the G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte over six staged at Chantilly in October, Ocean Vision stretched out to a mile to finish third in the Feb. 18 Al Rayyan Mile and stayed at that trip to capture a Chantilly conditions event in March. Gifted the inside post over this specialist course and distance, the reliable and versatile bay proved as straightforward as ever, stalking and pouncing inside the final furlong.



Ocean Vision | Scoop Dyga

"He's a nice little horse--tough and consistent," trainer Tim Donworth said. "I decided to give him a break after his last run as we want to have a horse for the whole season. Now we have the option of the [G3] Jersey [at Royal Ascot] or the [G3] Prix Paul de Moussac, but I'd love to go to Ascot."

One of two stakes winners for his second-season sire, Ocean Vision is out of the Listed Valiant S. runner-up Balaagha who is kin to three stakes performers headed by the GII Forward Gal S. scorer Letgomyecho (Menifee). Her three graded-stakes winners are headed by the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, GI Frizette S. and GI Spinaway S. heroine Echo Zulu (**Gun Runner**) and the GI H. Allen Jerkens S. winner **Echo Town (Speightstown)**. Balaagha's 2-year-old colt by El Kabeir is named Ocean Force (Ire). **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

PRIX MAURICE ZILBER - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE-Listed, €48,000, ParisLongchamp, 5-18, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:20.83, g/s.

1--**SICILIAN DEFENSE (GB)**, 123, f, 4, **Muhaarar (GB)**--

Manasarova (SP-Fr), by **More Than Ready**. (€35,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP). O-Argella Racing & Gemini Stud; B-SCEA Haras de Saint Pair (GB); T-Yann Barberot; J-Alexis Pouchin. €24,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 13-3-3-2, €116,060.

2--**Fiduciary (GB)**, 123, m, 6, **Bated Breath (GB)**--Ombre (GB), by Galileo (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. (40,000gns HRA '20 TATDEC; \$100,000 HRA '22 FTKJUL). O-China Horse Club International Limited; B-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd (GB); T-Jane Chapple-Hyam. €9,600.

3--**Sweetheart (Fr)**, 123, f, 4, Al Wukair (Ire)--Santa Christiana (Fr), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (€37,000 HRA '22 ARQDEC). O-Mlle Sandrine Gavrois & LG Bloodstock; B-Haras de Saint Julien (FR); T-Christophe Ferland. €7,200.

Margins: SNK, 1 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 2.40, 20.00, 14.00.

Also Ran: Loliwood (Fr), Tairann (GB), Sun Flare (GB), Gregarina (Fr), See You Pink (Fr).

Seventh and beaten just over two lengths after a bad trip from a horror draw in last year's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, Sicilian Defense was also third in the G2 Prix de Sandringham at Chantilly in June and successful in the Listed Prix Amandine over this trip at Deauville the following month. Dropping her standard a touch on her next three starts, the bay found her optimum conditions here to return to winning ways. Reserved early from her favourable draw, she was made to work by Fiduciary as that British raider cut loose in the straight but had the answers to cut her down late.

"She's always there for you," trainer Yann Barberot said. "She hated the ground last time and wasn't fully fit. Seven is her trip, so there are plenty of opportunities and most probably she will come back for the [G3] Prix de la Porte Maillot over this course and distance next month." **Cont. p15**

Listed Prix Maurice Zilber Cont.

Sicilian Defense is the second foal out of the listed-placed dam, whose family includes the dual GII Bernard Baruch H. winner Shakis (Ire) (Machiavellian) and the GII American Turf S.-placed Winfromwithin (Into Mischief). The fourth dam Thaidah (Vice Regent) is a half-sister to champion juvenile and leading sire Devil's Bag, with this being the dynasty of the four-times group 1-winning sire Singspiel (Ire) (In The Wings {GB}) and leading sire Rahy. Manasarova's 2-year-old filly is by Zoustar (Aus), while she also has a yearling filly by Kitten's Joy. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

PRIX ETALON LAVELLO - HARAS DU LION - PRIX URBAN SEA -

FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE-Listed, €48,000, Le Lion d'Angers, 5-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 10fT, 2:09.10, g/s.

1--WONDERFUL TIMES (IRE), 123, f, 4, Golden Horn (GB)--

Wonderfully (Ire) (GSW-Ire, \$121,955), by Galileo (Ire).

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (350,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT; 85,000gns HRA '22 TATDEC). O-Barton Stud; B-Ballylinch Stud (IRE); T-Mario Baratti; J-Alexandre Roussel. €24,000. Lifetime Record: 9-2-4-1, €49,129.

2--Babala (Ire), 123, f, 4, Sea The Stars (Ire)--Viva Rafaela (Brz), by Know Heights (Ire). O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE); T-Andre

Fabre. €9,600.

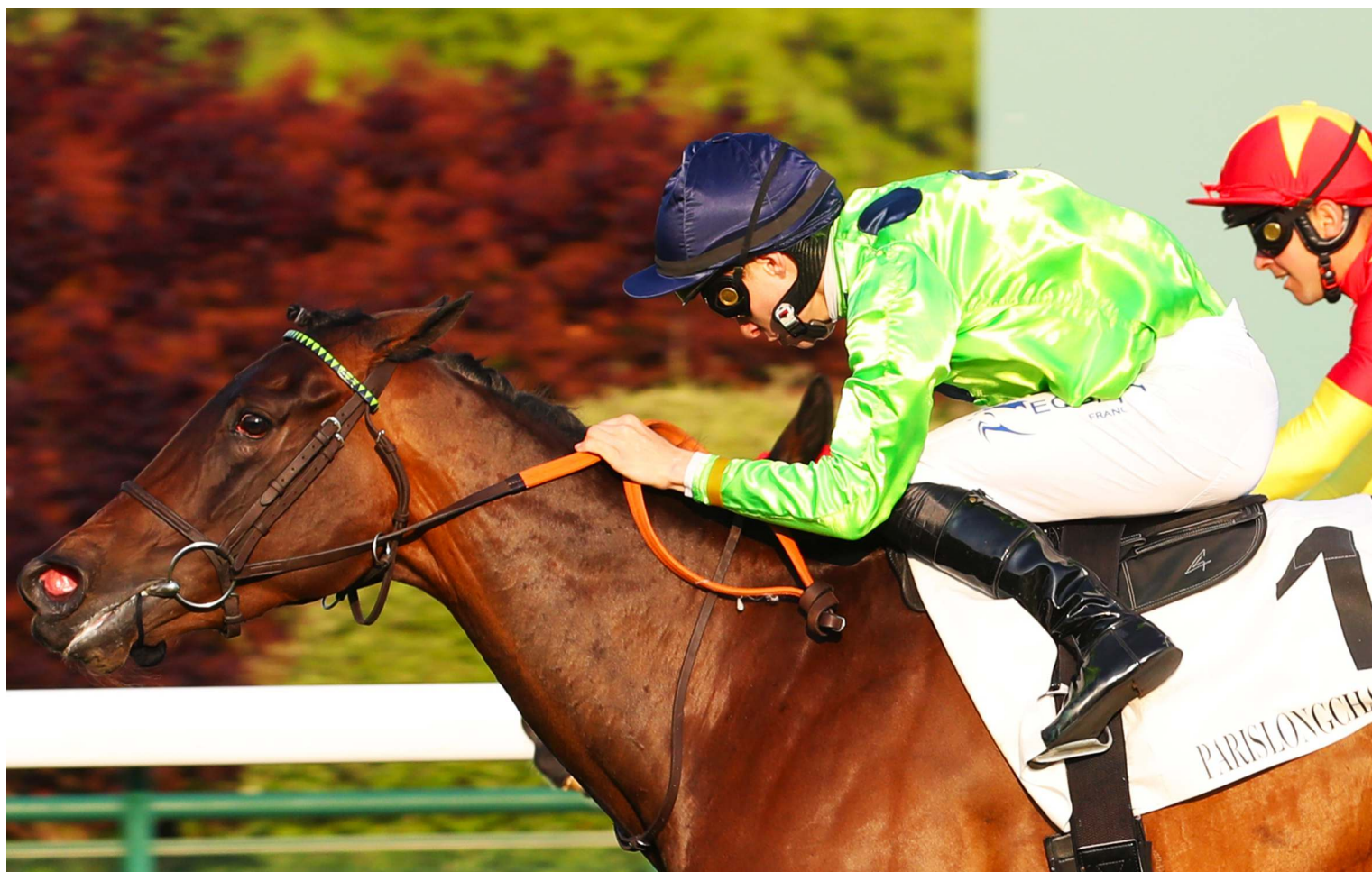
3--Clemmie C (Ire), 123, f, 4, Churchill (Ire)--Caserta (GB), by Dansili (GB). 1ST BLACK TYPE. (135,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT; 50,000gns RNA HRA '22 TATDEC). O-Max Morris; B-Philip & Carolyn Cort (IRE); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. €7,200.

Margins: NK, HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.40, 0.80, 10.00.

Also Ran: Rue Des Irlandais (Ire), Lovely Diamond (Fr), Tut Tut (Ire), Eagle Rose (Fr), La Pelemoise (Fr), Through The Mist (Fr), Heytesbury Lane (Ire), Portalma (Ire), Blue Stars (Fr). Scratched: Mademoiselle Rose (Fr).

Wonderful Times, successful once in six starts for the John and Thady Gosden team last year, opened up for new connections with a conditions second at Bordeaux in March. She lined up for this second black-type starts coming back off a fourth in last month's Listed Prix Zarkava at ParisLongchamp. The eventual winner was sent forward to stalk the pace in third after passing the judge in mid division first time around. Rowed along on the home turn, the 22-5 chance locked horns with Babala at the top of the straight and stayed on in determined fashion to outwit that rival nearing the line.

Wonderful Times becomes the 13th stakes winner for her sire (by Cape Cross {Ire}) and the first for G3 Silver Flash S. victrix Wonderfully (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). **Cont. p16**



Sicilian Defense clawed out a narrow win on Thursday | Scoop Dyga

Listed Prix Urban Sea Cont.

Wonderfully is a full-sister to four stakes winners headed by G2 Superlative S. victor and G1 St. James's Palace S. runner-up Gustav Klimt (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). She is also kin to G1 Gran Criterium heroine Nayarra (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}). Another full-sister, the stakes-winning Cuff (Ire), is the dam of the G3 Killavullan S. victor Cairo (Ire) (**Quality Road**). The March-foaled bay's stakes-winning second dam Massarra (Ire) (Danehill) is one of four black-type winners out of G1 Prix de Diane heroine Rafha (GB) (Kris {GB}), the latter's list being headed by G1 Haydock Sprint Cup hero Invincible Spirit (Ire) (Green Desert). Rafha is also the second dam of the MG1SW on-hold sire Mishriff (Ire) (Make Believe {GB}). Wonderfully's eight foals also include the unraced 2-year-old filly Vidal (Ire) (Make Believe {GB}), a yearling colt by **Wootton Bassett** (GB) and a weanling filly by Palace Pier (GB). **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

4th-Le Lion d'Angers, €30,000, Cond, 5-18, 3yo, 10fT, 2:09.63, g/s.

DEVIL IN THE SKY (IRE) (c, 3, **Starspangledbanner {Aus}--**Diabliesse** {GB} {MSP-Fr}, by **High Chaparral** {Ire})**, off the mark over 9 1/2 furlongs on Chantilly's Polytrack in March, was anchored with one behind early. Outpaced inside the final half a mile, the 6-5 favourite got motoring in time to deny Ponty (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}) near the line and score by a head. The dual listed-placed dam, whose yearling filly is by **Holy Roman Emperor** (Ire), descends from the G2 Prix de l'Opera winner Mona Stella (Nureyev) who was responsible for the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud-winning sire Special Quest (Fr) (Rainbow Quest) and the G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte scorer and stakes producer Moiava (Fr) (Bering {GB}). Sales history: €50,000 Ylg '21 ARQAug; €75,000 2yo '22 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, €37,950. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Philippe Allaire; B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm, SCEA Marmion Vauville & SCEA de la Fontaine (IRE); T-Yann Barberot.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Lyon Parilly, €22,000, Cond, 5-18, 3yo, 10fT, 2:17.81, g/s.

MONONOF (FR) (c, 3, **Zelzal {Fr}--**Andira**, by **Elusive Quality**)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, €29,450. O-Masao Ogawa; B-Petrus Breeding Inv Ltd (FR); T-Satoshi Kobayashi. *€100,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT.

6th-Lyon Parilly, €15,000, Cond, 5-18, 4yo, 8fT, 1:44.49, g/s.

LOKMAN (FR) (g, 4, **Prince Gibraltar {Fr}--**Lucky Millionaire** {Ire}, by **Indian Rocket** {GB})** Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, €27,150. O-Nuri Ozdogan; B-Gerda Kok (FR); T-Jerome Reynier. *€1,000 RNA Ylg '20 ARQFEB.

GERMANY

Thursday's Results:

GROSSER PREIS DER SPARKASSE DORTMUND-Listed, €25,000, Dortmund, 5-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 9fT, 1:48.90, sf.

1--**STELLA (GER), 128, m, 5, **Neatico** (Ger)--**Startissima** (GB), by **Green Tune****. O-Gestut Ittlingen; B-Gestut Hof Ittlingen (GER); T-Markus Klug; J-Michael Cadeddu. €15,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ger, 17-4-1-5, €90,185.

2--**Cantilena (Ire), 128, f, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Opera Comique (Fr), by Singspiel (Ire)**. O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. €5,000.

3--**Task (Ire), 126, f, 4, Mastercraftsman (Ire)--Tusked Wings (Ire), by Adlerflug (Ger)**. O/B-Gestut Schlenderhan (IRE); T-Peter Schiergen. €3,125.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3/4, 2. Odds: 3.90, 3.10, 6.00.

Also Ran: Tres Queen (Fr), Shymay (GB), Nina's Lob (Ger), Agneta (GB). Scratched: Ability (Ger), Mowe (Ger).

PREIS DER BADEN-BADENER HOTELLERIE & GASTRONOMIE-

Listed, €25,000, Baden-Baden, 5-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 11fT, 2:22.39, gd.

1--**KOLOSSAL (GER), 126, m, 5, **Outstrip** (GB)--**Kolosseum** (Ger), by **Samum** (Ger)**. (€22,000 Ylg '19 BBAGS). O-Stall Blue Diamond; B-Gestut Karlshof (GER); T-Carmen Bocskai; J-Mickael Forest. €15,000. Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-2, €54,610.

2--**Grey m (Fr), 126, f, 4, The Grey Gatsby (Ire)--Ymlaen (Ire), by Desert Prince (Ire)**. O/B-Derek Clee (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. €5,000.

3--**Lovely Caroline (Ire), 126, m, 5, Canford Cliffs (Ire)--Ley Percy (GB), by Sir Percy (GB)**. **1ST BLACK TYPE**. (€1,000 RNA Ylg '19 BBAGO). O/B-GKZ SRO (IRE); T-Eva Fabianova. €3,125.

Margins: 14.40, 3.50, 9.00. Odds: 14.40, 3.50, 9.00.

Also Ran: Mythicara (Ire), Narmada (Ger), Derida (Ger), Palatina (Ger), Daddy's Black Girl (Fr), Amaana (Ger), Queen Lady (Fr), Play All Day, Queen Of Starlets (Fr), Swoosh (Ger).

1st-Dortmund, €10,000, Mdn, 5-18, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:26.48, sf.

SUNSET LANE (IRE) (f, 3, **Soldier Hollow {GB}--**Survey** {Ger} {GSW-Ger, \$245,718}, by **Big Shuffle**)**, an Apr. 10 debut runner-up over this trip at Cologne last time, settled fourth along the rail after a swift break here. Easing closer in the straight to launch her challenge at the quarter-mile marker, the 2-5 lock inched ahead with 300 metres remaining and was ridden out in the latter stages to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from Lucia Aratori (Ire) (Caravaggio). **Cont. p17**

1st-Dortmund Cont.

Sunset Lane is the latest of seven reported foals and sixth scorer from as many runners out of G3 Schwarzgold-Rennen victrix Survey (Ger) (Big Shuffle), herself a half-sister to G3 Albert von Metzler-Rennen winner Shadow Sadness (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}). The April-foaled homebred bay is a half-sister to the multiple stakes-placed distaffer Sunny Belle (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €8,000. O-Gestut Ittlingen; B-Gestut Hof Ittlingen (IRE); T-Marcel Weiss.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Superius (Ger), c, 3, **Helmet (Aus)**--Suada (Ger) (MGSP-Ger), by Maxios (GB). Dortmund, 5-18, 10 1/4ft, 2:10.58. B-Art 4 Horseracing (GER).

American Hope (Fr), g, 3, **Hunter's Light (Ire)**--Amerique (Ger), by American Post (GB). Baden-Baden, 5-18, 8ft. B-Gerard Decocq (FR). *€9,500 Ylg '21 BBAGO.

**IN ITALY:**

Schindlers Ark, h, 9, **Exchange Rate**--Sweet Science (GSP-US, \$241,100), by Diesis {GB}. Firenze, 5-18, Hcp., 1800mT, 2:01.40. O/T-Lisa Pobitzer Stampfl. B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY). *\$22,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; €5,000 HRA '17 GOFOCT; £4,000 HRA '18 TATAUG; 8,500gns HRA '19 TATMAY.

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Friday, York, Britain, post time: 15:35

BOODLES YORKSHIRE CUP S-G2, £180,000, 4yo/up, 13f 188y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Eldar Eldarov (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	KHK Racing	Roger Varian	David Egan	134
2	Broome (Ire)	Australia (GB)	M Matsushima/Mrs Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	132
3	Get Shirty (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Akela Thoroughbreds Ltd	David O'Meara	Jason Watson	129
4	Giavellotto (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Scuderia La Tesa Ltd	Marco Botti	Andrea Atzeni	129
5	Quickthorn (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Lady Blyth	Hughie Morrison	Oisin Murphy	129
6	Siskany (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	129
7	Tashkhan (Ire)	Born To Sea (Ire)	P Boyle	Brian Ellison	Ben Robinson	129

Breeders: 1-Kirsten Rausing, 2-Epona Bloodstock Ltd, 3-Haras du Mont Dit Mont, 4-Societa Agricola La Tesa SRL, 5-Lemington Grange Stud, 6-Godolphin, 7-His Highness The Aga Khan's Studs SC

Friday, Chantilly, France, post time: 14:15

PRIX TEXANITA-G3, €80,000, 3yo, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Wodao (Fr)	Showcasing (GB)	D O'Brien	G Ryan	126
2	3	Denver Chop (Fr)	Vale Of York (Ire)	O de Montzey	Forest	126
3	5	Lova (Fr)	Goken (Fr)	Gadbin	Crastus	122
4	7	Believing (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Boughey	Barzalona	122
5	4	Zudu Spirit (Ire)	Zoustar (Aus)	Delcher Sanchez	Piccone	122
6	6	Moon Ray (Fr)	Saxon Warrior (Jpn)	N Clement	Pasquier	122
7	2	Shalromy (Fr)	Shalaa (Ire)	Ferland	Guyon	122

Friday, Leopardstown, Ireland, post time: 18:55

SAVAL BEG LEVMOSS S-G3, €31,500, 4yo/up, 14f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dawn Rising (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	John P McManus	Joseph O'Brien	D P McDonogh	131
2	Emily Dickinson (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, D Smith, Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	R L Moore	131
3	Okita Soushi (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Toshihiro Matsumoto	Joseph O'Brien	M P Sheehy	131
4	Point King (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Lloyd J Williams Syndicate	Joseph O'Brien	D McMonagle	131
5	Stratum (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Tony Bloom	Willie Mullins	L Dettori	131
6	Yashin (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Tom & Gerry Met Mickey Syndicate	Jessica Harrington	S Foley	131
7	Cairde Go Deo (Fr)	Camelot (GB)	Mark Dobbin	Ger Lyons	C T Keane	128
8	Icykel (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Barnane Stud	Johnny Murtagh	B M Coen	128
9	Moon Daisy (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Mrs A M O'Brien	Donnacha O'Brien	K J Leonard	128

Breeders: 1-Barronstown Stud, 2-Chicquita Syndicate, 3-Coolmore, 4-Rockfield Farm, 5-Al Asayl Bloodstock Ltd, 6-Gerry Byrne, 7-Haras du Logis Saint-Germain, 8-Ridgemont Stud (Ltd), 9-Whisperview Trading Ltd



Saturday, Newbury, Britain, post time: 15:35**AL SHAQAB LOCKINGE S.-G1**, £350,000, 4yo/up, 8f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Berkshire Shadow (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Berkshire Parts & Panels Ltd No1 Fancub	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128
2	Checkandchallenge (GB)	Fast Company (Ire)	A Hetherton	William Knight	Andrea Atzeni	128
3	Chindit (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Michael Pescod	Richard Hannon	Pat Dobbs	128
4	Jadoomi (Fr)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum	Simon & Ed Crisford	James Doyle	128
5	Jumby (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Anthony Pye-Jeary and David Ian	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	128
6	Light Infantry (Fr)	Fast Company (Ire)	NeverSayDie & Light Infantry Partnership	David Simcock	Jamie Spencer	128
7	Lusail (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Al Shaqab Racing	Richard Hannon	Ryan Moore	128
8	Modern Games (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
9	Mutasaabeq (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	Charles Hills	Jim Crowley	128
10	My Prospero (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Sunderland Holding Inc	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	128
11	The Wizard Of Eye (Ire)	Galileo Gold (GB)	Humphrey, Favel, Humphrey, Moore	Stan Moore	Kieran Shoemark	128
12	Triple Time (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	Kevin Ryan	Neil Callan	128
13	Laurel (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Juddmonte	John & Thady Gosden	Frankie Dettori	125

Breeders: 1-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 2-Meon Valley Stud, 3-JC Bloodstock & R Mahon, 4-Suc. de Moratalla, A Chevalier du Fau & Pierre-Hughes Henry, 5-Ballylinch Stud, 6-Barbara Moser, 7-Tally-Ho Stud, 8-Godolphin, 9-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd, 10-Sunderland Holding Inc, 11-M Phelan, 12-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 13-Juddmonte Farms Ltd

Saturday, Newbury, Britain, post time: 14:25**AL RAYYAN S. (ASTON PARK S.)-G3**, £100,000, 4yo/up, 12f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bolshoi Ballet (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, D Smith, Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
2	Gaassee (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	128
3	Israr (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	John & Thady Gosden	Jim Crowley	128
4	Kemari (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	James Doyle	128
5	Old Harrovian (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Michael Blencowe	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128
6	Yibir (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
7	Haskoy (GB)	Golden Horn (GB)	Juddmonte	Ralph Beckett	Frankie Dettori	125

Breeders: 1-Lynch-Bages & Rhinestone Bloodstock, 2-Godolphin, 3-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd, 4-Fittocks Stud, 5-Niarchos Family, 6-Godolphin, 7-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd

Saturday, Baden-Baden, Germany, post time: 15:50**JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION - DERBY-TRIAL-G3**, €55,000, 3yo, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	7	Aspirant (Ger)	Protectionist (Ger)	Klug	Starke	128
2	6	Fantastic Moon (Ger)	Sea The Moon (Ger)	Steinberg	Piechulek	128
3	2	I Fight For Lips (Ger)	Ulysses (Ire)	Suborics	Seidl	128
4	1	Ikarus (Ger)	Tai Chi (Ger)	Klein	Scardino	128
5	4	Quality Road (Ger)	Areion (Ger)	P Schiergen	Vogt	128
6	5	Saint Cloud (Ger)	Amaron (GB)	Grewe	Delozier	128
7	8	Straight (Ger)	Zarak (Fr)	Wohler	Pedroza	128
8	3	Vintage Moon (Ger)	Sea The Moon (Ger)	Weiss	Byrne	128

Sunday, Tokyo, Japan, post time: 15:40 p.m.

YUSHUN HIMBA (JAPANESE OAKS)-G1, ¥286,000,000, 3yo, 2400mT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ravel (Jpn)	Kitsan Black (Jpn)	Yahagi	Sakai	121
2	Light Quantum (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Take	Tanabe	121
3	Kita Wing (Jpn)	Danon Ballade (Jpn)	Kojima	Sugihara	121
4	Kimionawa Maria (Jpn)	Harbinger (GB)	Chida	Miura	121
5	Liberty Island (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Nakauchida	Kawada	121
6	Golden Hind (Jpn)	Gold Ship (Jpn)	Takeichi	Sugawara	121
7	Hip Hop Soul (Jpn)	Kitaskan Black (Jpn)	Kimura	Tsumura	121
8	Remige (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Matsunaga	Ogino	121
9	Kona Coast (Jpn)	Kitaskan Black (Jpn)	Shimizu	Lane	121
10	So Dazzling (Jpn)	Otonashi	Otonashi	Take	121
11	Mikki Gorgeous (Jpn)	Mikki Rocket (Jpn)	Yasuda	Tosaki	121
12	Harper (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Tomomichi	Lemaire	121
13	Dura (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Takahashi	Saito	121
14	Perifania (Jpn)	Maurice (Jpn)	Shikato	Yokoyama	121
15	Emu (Jpn)	Harbinger (GB)	Wada	Demuro	121
16	Doe Eyes (Jpn)	Rulership (Jpn)	Shono	H Yoshida	121
17	Shinryokuka (Jpn)	Satono Diamond (Jpn)	Takeuchi	Y Yoshida	121
18	England Eyes (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Yasuda	Yokoyama	121

Breeders: 1-Northern Farm, 2-Shadai Farm, 3-Mill Farm, 4-Tomokazu Iizuka, 5-Northern Racing, 6-Big Red Farm, 7-Shadai Farm, 8-North Hills Co. Ltd., 9-Northern Racing, 10-Shadai Farm, 11-Mizuki Noda, 12-Northern Racing, 13-Grande Farm, 14-Northern Farm, 15-North Hills Co. Ltd., 16-Northern Racing, 17-Shimokobe Farm, 18-Hara Reiko Racing Co. Ltd.

Sunday, Baden-Baden, Germany, post time: 14:45

GROSSER PREIS DER BADISCHEN WIRTSCHAFT-G2, €70,000, 4yo/up, 11fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Mendocino (Ger)	Adlerflug (Ger)	Steinberg	Piechulek	130
2	7	Sammarco (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	P Schiergen	de Vries	130
3	3	Assistent (Ger)	Sea The Moon (Ger)	Grewe	Delozier	128
4	2	Best Of Lips (Ire)	The Gurkha (Ire)	Suborics	Madamet	126
5	5	Mansour (Ger)	Tai Chi (Ger)	Vovcenko	Bojko	126
6	4	More No Never (Ger)	No Nay Never	Massaad	Cadeddu	126
7	6	Northern Ruler (Ger)	Ruler Of The World (Ire)	Wohler	Murzabayev	126

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Friday, York, Britain, post time: 13:50

CLIPPER EBF MARYGATE FILLIES' S.-Listed, £70,000, 2yo, f, 5f 0y

SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 Beenham (Ire)	Havana Grey (GB)	David Klein	Rod Millman	William Buick	126
2 Bellarchi (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Nick Bradley Racing 19 & Partner	Grant Tuer	Oliver Stammers	126
3 Callianassa (Ire)	Invincible Army (Ire)	P Boyle	Brian Ellison	Ben Robinson	126
4 Dorothy Lawrence (GB)	Soldier's Call (GB)	Clipper Logistics	Karl Burke	Ryan Moore	126
5 Gaiden (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Martin Hughes & Michael Kerr-Dineen	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	126
6 Got To Love A Grey (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Middleham Park Racing CXXI	Karl Burke	Sam James	126
7 Miss Woo Woo (GB)	Coach House (Ire)	The Cool Silk Partnership	Robert Cowell	Luke Morris	126
8 Persian Dreamer	Calyx (GB)	Amo Racing Ltd	Dominic Ffrench Davis	Kevin Stott	126
9 Tierney (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	The Gene Genies	Hugo Palmer	Oisin Murphy	126
10 Treasure Storm (Ire)	Expert Eye (GB)	Amo Racing Ltd	Dominic Ffrench Davis	David Egan	126

Breeders: 1-Hunting Hill Stud, 2-Con Marnane, 3-Eamonn McEvoy, 4-Branton Court Stud LLP, 5-Tally-Ho Stud, 6-Regatta Partnership, 7-The Cool Silk Partnership, 8-Diamond Creek Farm, 9-Michael McGlynn, 10-Rathbarry Stud

Friday, York, Britain, post time: 14:25

OAK FARM STABLES FILLIES' S. (MICHAEL SEELY MEMORIAL FILLIES' S.)-Listed, £70,000, 3yo, f, 7f 192y

SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 Juliet Sierra (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Juddmonte	Ralph Beckett	Rob Hornby	133
2 Clochette (Ire)	No Nay Never	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128
3 Fakhama (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	William Haggas	Jim Crowley	128
4 Glenlaurel (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	Kevin Ryan	Tom Eaves	128
5 Orchid Bloom (GB)	Farhh (GB)	Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	128
6 Queen For You (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Normandie Stud Ltd	John & Thady Gosden	Robert Havlin	128
7 Silver Lady (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
8 Sounds Of Heaven (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Craig Bernick/J Camilleri	Jessica Harrington	Rory Whelan	128
9 Stormy Sea (GB)	Territories (Ire)	James Wigan	Sir Michael Stoute	Ryan Moore	128
10 Urban Decay (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Clipper Logistics	Michael Bell	David Egan	128

Breeders: 1-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 2-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 3-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd, 4-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 5-Overbury Stallions & Conduit Farm Stud, 6-Normandie Stud Ltd, 7-Godolphin, 8-Fairway Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd, 9-London Thoroughbred Services Ltd, 10-Branton Court Stud

Saturday, Newbury, Britain, post time: 13:50

BETVICTOR CARNARVON S.-Listed, £50,000, 3yo, 6f 0y

SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 Rumstar (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Vincent Ward	Jonathan Portman	Hector Crouch	133
2 Aesop's Fables (Ire)	No Nay Never	M Tabor, D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
3 Desert Cop (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	J C Smith	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128
4 Noble Style (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
5 Rabaah (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	Charles Hills	Jim Crowley	128
6 Rousing Encore (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Paul K Spencer	Richard Fahey	Tom Marquand	128
7 Shaquille (GB)	Charm Spirit (Ire)	Hughes, Rawlings, O'Shaughnessy	Julie Camacho	James Doyle	128
8 Lady Hamana (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Zhang Yuesheng	Karl Burke	Clifford Lee	123

Breeders: 1-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 2-Barronstown Stud, 3-Littleton Stud, 4-Chasemore Farm, 5-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd, 6-Hunting Hill Stud, 7-Martin Hughes & Michael Kerr-Dineen, 8-Yulong Investments Yulong Stud

Saturday, Newbury, Britain, post time: 16:45

HARAS DE BOUQUETOT FILLIES' TRIAL S.-Listed, £70,000, 3yo, f, 10f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Polly Pott (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	The Megsons	Ben Pauling	Oisin Murphy	133
2	Bluestocking (GB)	Camelot (GB)	Juddmonte	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	128
3	Cloudbreaker (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	D R J King	Charlie Fellowes	James Doyle	128
4	Crack Of Light (GB)	Kingman (GB)	A E Oppenheimer	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	128
5	Inner Space (GB)	Siyouni (Fr)	George Strawbridge	John & Thady Gosden	Frankie Dettori	128
6	Lmay (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	The Thoroughbred Racing Corporation Ltd	John & Thady Gosden	Kieran Shoemark	128
7	Queen Of Fairies (GB)	Cracksman (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
8	Rich (GB)	Cracksman (GB)	Mrs J Wood	Richard Hannon	Pat Dobbs	128
9	Scenic (Fr)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	David Ward	Ed Walker	Hollie Doyle	128
10	Warm Heart (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, D Smith, Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128

Breeders: 1-Biddestone Stud Ltd, 2-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd, 3-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 4-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd, 5-George Strawbridge, 6-A Stroud, T Stewart & J Hanly, 7-Godolphin, 8-Sun Bloodstock SARL, 9-8 0 Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 10-Coolmore

Saturday, Baden-Baden, Germany, post time: 14:40

TATTERSALLS DIANA-TRIAL-Listed, €25,000, 3yo, f, 9fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	10	Evina (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Suborics	Seidl	128
2	2	Atlantica (GB)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	P Schiergen	Piechulek	126
3	5	Elle (Ger)	Areion (Ger)	Bocskai	Forest	126
4	9	Empathie (Ger)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Klug	Starke	126
5	6	Keziah (Fr)	No Nay Never	Pantall	Saadi	126
6	7	Laguna Beach (Ger)	Zarak (Fr)	Grewé	Delozier	126
7	8	Philaminte (Fr)	Roaring Lion	Fabre	Murzabayev	126
8	3	Rise And Shine (Fr)	Shalaa (Ire)	Shimizu	de Vries	126
9	1	Romina Power (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Figge	Madamet	126
10	4	Taiora (Ger)	Tai Chi (Ger)	Wohler	Pedroza	126

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'GOOD QUALITY ALWAYS SELLS' - CAREY BUYS 550K ZOUSTAR COLT



A colt by Zoustar | Magic Millions

by Oz Wedmore

The metrics were up on Day 1 of the Magic Millions National Weanling Sale, as Jim Carey secured the day's top two lots, going to new heights as a pinhooker.

At A Glance

- The first day of trade saw an improved average of \$85,000 compared to \$83,083 at the same point last year.
- The median was also improved, up to \$60,000 from \$50,000 in 2022.
- At 7 p.m. (AEST) on Thursday evening, 134 weanlings had sold, with 57 passed in for a clearance rate of 70.16%, down from 77% at the same point last year.
- Jim Carey stretched to \$550,000 for the day's highest-price weanling. Consigned as Lot 155 from Milburn Creek, the Zoustar colt was part of Sheriff Iskander's reduction.
- Concluding the day's trade was the Unreserved Dispersal Sale of Ian Smith's Edinburgh Park. They finished at the head of the vendors by aggregate (\$2,826,500) for their 23 offered, which sold at an average price of \$122,891.

- Widden Stud's Zoustar led the sires with an aggregate of \$1,745,000 for his six to sell on Thursday, with Kia Ora's first-season sire Farnan finishing a notable second on \$825,000 (for six sold).

Clearance the Only Woe Against Improved Metrics

After a first day of trade which held plenty of highlights, the same theme that has played out through much of the sales market this year failed to bypass the Magic Millions National Weanling Sale; whilst the top end was strong, reflected by the improved metrics, the dip in clearance rate suggests that a number of vendors weren't achieving the results they'd hoped.

Far from disastrous, and with more weanlings likely to be traded overnight, Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch took confidence from some positive statistics at the end of Day 1.

"I think there's an unquenchable thirst for quality horses when they walk in the ring that the pinhookers perceive will make the select sales next year and be horses that the market will swarm to," he reflected.

"I think in the ring there was a lot of confidence on those horses. There were some fantastic results throughout the day, there were 44 horses that made over \$100,000...You'd like to turn over more horses, that's probably the one negative from today. The market, as we're seeing at the moment, is very, very strong, but selective."



Barry Bowditch | Magic Millions

"I would have thought that the momentum and confidence will build out of today's (Thursday's) sale because there's plenty of people that...I know are here, are very motivated to buy, and aren't on the sheet yet; that augurs well for tomorrow's (Friday's) auction."

Commenting on Ian Smith's dispersal, which saw Edinburgh Park top the vendors' list after Day 1, Bowditch added, "I'm delighted, they're fantastic animals, a lot of those horses. Don't worry, I'll be making sure they have an entry form for the Magic Millions Yearling Sale--I'd love to sell them again because they're quality horses."

Carey Shoots At New Heights

Jim Carey stretched to \$550,000 to sign for Lot 155, the Zoustar colt from Milburn Creek. Topping both the first day of trade and Sheriff Iskander's reduction, he's the first foal from G3 Typhoon Tracy S. winner Embrace Me (NZ) (Shamexpress {NZ}), and his second dam, Party Royal (NZ) (King's Chapel), is a half-sister to G1 New Zealand Derby winner Military Move (NZ) (Volksraad {GB}).

Dismissing each successive competing bid within a fraction of a second, it wasn't obvious to onlookers that Carey was in fact making his most expensive weanling purchase ever on Thursday. Proven as an astute judge more than once in the past, surely Carey will be hoping for a seven-figure result at next year's sales.

"That's the plan, but there's a few hurdles to jump between now and then," he cautioned. "He comes off a great farm, he's a beautiful colt, great colour, great action (and) out of a bloody good mare.

"...He was our pick of the sale and a lot of good judges were underbidders so I just hope he's as popular next year as he was today.

"We're delighted to get him, and we're delighted to get him back to Newgate where he can grow out in our big paddocks and we'll bring him back either here or Easter next year and hopefully he makes good money."

And Carey wasn't done there. Admitting that he "Probably stretched a bit," he was back in action at the tail end of the Edinburgh Park Dispersal to secure Thursday's second-most expensive weanling for \$480,000. One of the star offerings from Edinburgh, Lot 1320 is the fourth foal from Serena Bay (Sebring)

by Champion Sire, Snitzel.

A winner of the Golden Gift and third in the G3 Percy Sykes S. as a juvenile, Serena Bay's two foals to race are headed by Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott's Summer Loving (Exceed And Excel), who was placed in both the R. Listed Magic Millions 2YO Classic, the R. Listed Magic Millions Wyong 2YO Classic, and the Golden Gift this season.

"Obviously comes off a great farm," Carey said. "She's a sister to a very promising 2-year-old this year who hopefully kicks on next year and can up the pedigree even further.

"She's a lovely, quality filly by a fantastic, proven stallion and I'm really happy to get a filly of that quality."

With two further purchases on Thursday, Carey spent an average of \$341,250 on his four from the first day of trade, a reflection of his confidence that the top end of the yearling market can be relied upon again next year.

"I think you look at the sales this year and that was the case,"

he said. "Good quality always sells whether it's Chanel handbags or horses."



Jackson Beirs, Jim Carey, Henry Field, Steve O'Connor | Magic Millions

Emotional Sign Off For Edinburgh Park's Ian Smith

Planted as the conclusion to the day's trade, the Unreserved Dispersal Sale of Ian Smith's Edinburgh Park led the vendors on Thursday. Their 23 offered sold for a total of \$2,826,500, at an average price of \$122,891.

Whilst the highest reached \$480,000, the lowest trailed in at just \$4,000, leading Smith to conclude, with some understandable emotion, that there were mixed results amongst the offloading of bloodstock in which he'd spent years investing more than just money.

"There were some nice horses who made very good money and then there were a few that were missed by people. We met the market, so that is all you can do," he concluded, adding a tribute to the hard work put in by his team to ready the dispersal at short notice.

"Timing is everything and the market is very choosy with what it wants at the moment and the good horses make plenty and the others just file in behind."

Looking ahead to the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale next week, at which Edinburgh will offer 40 mares, also unreserved and tailing the first day of trade on Tuesday, May 23, Smith was hopeful that buyers will feel more inspired to capitalise on his dispersal.

“What we proved today, Edinburgh Park is meeting the market and there’s tremendous opportunity with mares coming to the sale,” he said. “They arrive at 4 o’clock (this) morning. The opportunities for breeders is enormous.

“Today’s purchases prove there’s so much upside in buying this stock and there’s a buyers’ paradise next week.”

Yulong Snap Up Nine

The Yulong team were back in action in a now-typical show of force on Thursday. Though they were denied the top two lots by Jim Carey, they beat him—and indeed all other buyers—on total spend with an aggregate of \$1,475,000 for their nine weanling purchases.

Their most expensive purchase of the day came from the Edinburgh Dispersal, as they secured Lot 1316 for \$425,000. A daughter of Zoustar, she is out of Nothin But A Dream (USA) (First Defence {USA}), making her a half-sister to the Edinburgh Park-bred and -raced G2 Bill Stutt S. winner Glenfiddich (Fastnet Rock), who also placed in the G1 Champagne S. as a juvenile.

Yulong’s Chief Operating Officer Sam Fairgray revealed that the well-related filly will be retained to race in the Yulong silks.

“That is the idea, she is a lovely physical and she has lovely residual value there, so she is one we will add to the group, we’ll race her and then we’ll add her to the broodmare band,” he said.

“Ian Smith has been a very successful breeder and there’s lots of fillies in the family, so hopefully it will keep on improving.”

Speaking to *TDN AusNZ* after signing for their second-highest purchase of the day, a Written Tycoon colt consigned by Milburn Creek as Lot 133, Fairgray said, “Obviously, we’re supporting our stallions and we’ve bought some nice weanlings—so far, so good.”

A first foal from Group 3 winner Diamond Effort (Mossman), the Written Tycoon colt is from the family of Group 2 winner Second Effort, a sister to his dam, and last season’s G3 Monash S. winner Mileva (Headwater).

“He’s a nice colt from a very fast mare so we’re pleased to be taking him home,” Fairgray added. “We’ll decide whether we bring him back through as a yearling or we may even keep him and race him.

“He’s up there with some of the nicer ones we’ve got at home, so he’ll fit in well at the farm. He’s just a good physical and the first foal from a very fast mare, so (we’re) really pleased to get him.”

Farnan Leads First-season Sires

Whilst Widden Stud’s Zoustar led the sires by a significant margin with an aggregate of \$1,745,000 for his six to sell on Thursday, a notable second was Kia Ora’s first-season sire Farnan.

He had the same number sell for \$825,000, and led the first-season sires (of those with two or more to sell) with his average of \$137,500, and by that measure finished fifth overall, behind the established names of Written Tycoon, Snitzel and Deep Field respectively.

A Bivouac Boost From Gabbedy

A colt by Darley’s first-season sire Bivouac, the emphatic 2020 G1 VRC Sprint Classic winner, got Thursday’s trade off to a punchy start. Consigned as Lot 5, he is a son of the unraced I Am Invincible mare Viviette, whose only foal to hit the track so far is this season’s winning juvenile and G3 Kindergarten S. fourth Tumbling (Trapeze Artist).

Stiff competition forced Damon Gabbedy of Belmont Bloodstock Agency (FBAA) to his limit, with the colt eventually

knocked down for \$275,000.

Purchased on behalf of Wayne Mitchell, partner in McEvoy Mitchell Racing, he will not see a yearling sale, with Gabbedy targeting the value offered in securing him as a weanling as opposed to a yearling.

“We’ve seen how strong the yearling market is at the top end, they’re hard to buy,” Gabbedy said. “So, you can afford to pay a little bit more if you’ve got a bit of patience. I still think he ended up being cheaper than (he would be) as a yearling.”

Bred and sold by Three Bridges Thoroughbreds, the vendor was praised by Gabbedy for their natural approach to raising horses.

“He’s from a very good farm,” Gabbedy added. “Three Bridges are very good breeders, they rear their stock naturally and brilliantly, so great to buy off them.



Sam Fairgray & April Zhang | *Magic Millions*



Lot 126, a Zoustar (Aus) colt | Magic Millions

"He's a beautiful horse with a fantastic temperament. We saw him about four times over the last few days and he just did the right thing everytime--head down, great attitude, good walker."

Out of a young mare, the colt's second dam is Vincennes (GB) (King's Best {USA}), a Group 3 winner in Germany and half-sister to the breed-shaping Cape Cross (Ire) and Pastorale (Nureyev {USA}), the dam of Iffraaj (GB).

One of four by his sire in the National Weanling Sale, and the only to sell on Thursday, the colt now leads Bivouac's progeny, after just three Bivouacs sold at the recent Inglis Australian Weanling Sale from four offered, topped by a \$130,000 filly.

"He's (Wayne Mitchell's) got a very big wrap on Bivouac, he rated the highest first-season sire in the catalogue," Gabbedy said. "So, we loved Bivouac, the half-brother goes really well, he wanted to have a Bivouac so we thought we'd find the best one in the sale and thought this was it."

Hedge And Harron Combine on Zoustar Colt

He may have been overshadowed by Jim Carey's \$550,000 purchase, but the first Zoustar to make a splash on Thursday went to some connections more than familiar with the sire.

Part of Sheriff Iskander's reduction, Lot 126 was sold through Milburn Creek's draft, with the smart chestnut colt knocked down for \$310,000 to Suman Hedge Bloodstock (FBAA), David Redvers's Redwall Bloodstock and James Harron Bloodstock.

Hedge may be well accustomed to doing business with Redvers but it was a first time that he'd joined up with Harron. Whilst the latter may be more famed for his purchase of expensive yearling colts, he revealed that his latest acquisition is in fact a pinhook prospect.

"He'll be reoffered next year," Harron explained. "He's just a horse that everyone sort of came together on... We talked about him and liked him, and decided to join forces on him."

"We've done a bit of work together with David and Hannah [Wall], and so it was nice to partner up and get him."

Owner and manager of Tweenhills, Zoustar's shuttle home in the UK, David Redvers was, for his part, inspired by the strength this year's catalogue; amongst four further purchases on Thursday, he also picked up Lot 37, a Deep Field filly from Vinery Stud alongside Hedge for \$220,000, and later added a King's Legacy colt from Riversdale Farm (Lot 145) for \$160,000.

"I think it's as good a catalogue of foals that I have seen in the time we've been coming here, so we are thrilled to get on the board and buy a few," he said.

Redvers' headline Zoustar purchase on Thursday is the first foal from Delectation Girl (GB) (Delegator {GB}), a Group 3-winning juvenile in the UK, whose transitory career saw her win a Group 3 in Germany as a 3-year-old, before racing in the US then ultimately Australia.

"Zoustar is kicking goals in both hemispheres now and works particularly well with fast 2-year-olds, sprinters and milers," Redvers added. "He is such a strong physical, which is exactly what we are after."

"There aren't many better judges than those two boys, so it's great to be partners with them. These things sort of happen organically at a sale when you see you're falling on the same horse."

"He's been bought to be re-sold, so it works well. It is great having guys I highly respect down here to partner up with."

A Lonely Extreme

Just one of Extreme Choice's 2021 crop of 46 foals--his largest crop since his first year (2018) of 48--was offered at this year's National Weanling Sale. Consigned by The Chase as Lot 109, the colt out of Commandment (Commands) sold to Adrian Stanley's Woburn Farm and Dave Morrissey's Cannon Hayes Stud for \$240,000.



Lot 109, a colt by Extreme Choice | Magic Millions

His once-raced dam is a half-sister to G1 Australasian Oaks winner Tully Thunder (Thunder Gulch), whilst his second dam, Fleur De Chine (NZ) (Centaine), won the G2 Taranaki 2YO Classic.

Bought as a pinhook, Morrissey admitted that the pair “didn’t expect to get him”, but will now be taking him back to his Hunter Valley-based Cannon Hayes Stud, with a view to offering him at next year’s Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale.

However, he may yet be part of Woburn Farm’s first Easter draft since 2021, as Stanley looks to push out a diverse offering from his Waikato-based farm.

“We’re just trying to get the brand out there and trying to develop into all the different markets, place horses where they’re best suited, where I think they can get the best return on the investment,” he said.


Just three Extreme Choice weanlings sold at Riverside this year for an average of \$220,000. Before the sire’s explosion when his first two crops hit the racecourse, two of his three Group 1 winners were also sold as foals, both also bought as pinhook investments.

She’s Extreme cost \$32,500 and Stay Inside \$60,000--and before parting with a quarter of a million, no doubt Stanley and Morrissey will have noticed that the Newgate Farm resident’s yearling average climbed to an all-time high of \$412,544 from the 25 sold this year.

“It’s a bit of money but still under service so you’ve got to think about it that way as well,” Stanley said. “I valued him at between \$200,000 and \$250,000 and thought that if we got him in that price bracket he’d be good buying. That was my last bid.

“We had one (an Extreme Choice) in a draft last year, which we purchased out of this sale for \$350,000, a filly. She’s in training with Annabel Neasham--we sold her at Karaka and I kept a share in her because I believe in her. She’s had a second prep and she’ll get up in those earlier 2-year-old races hopefully and we’ll see how she develops.”

The second and final day of weanling trade will commence at 10 a.m. AEST.

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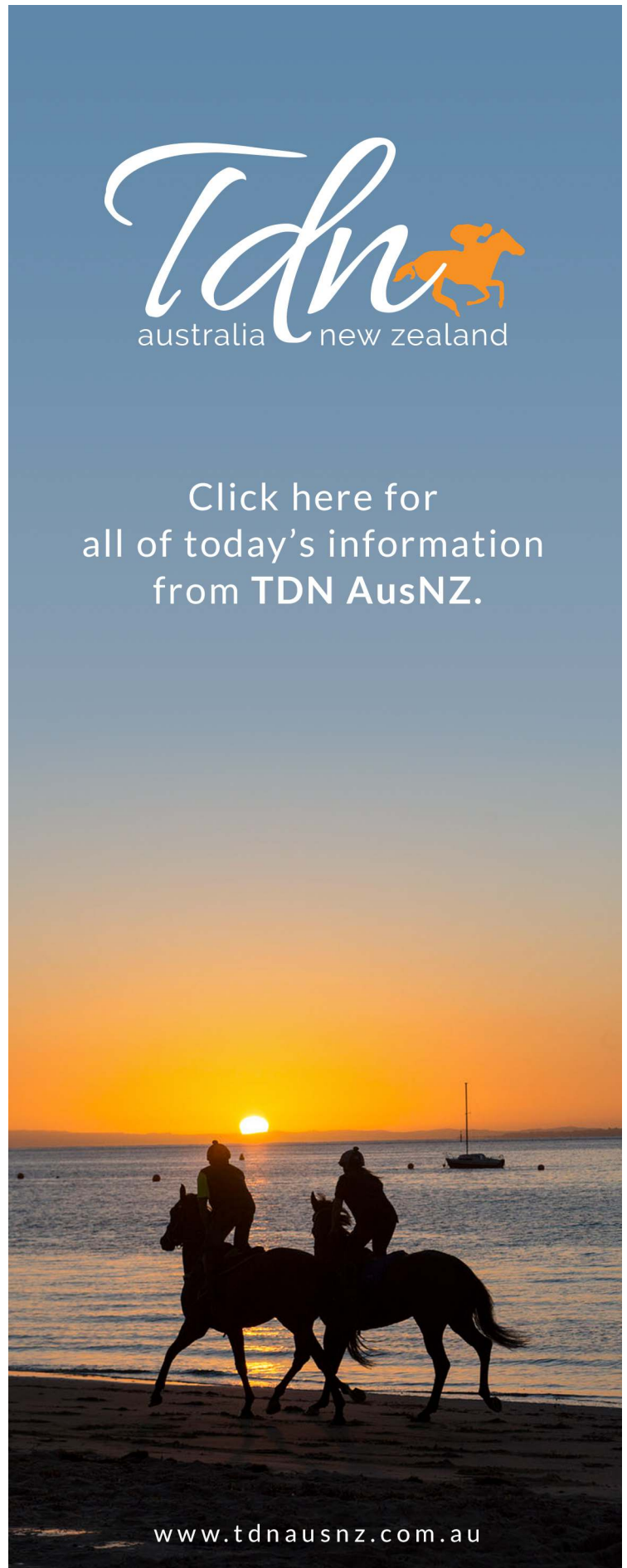
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