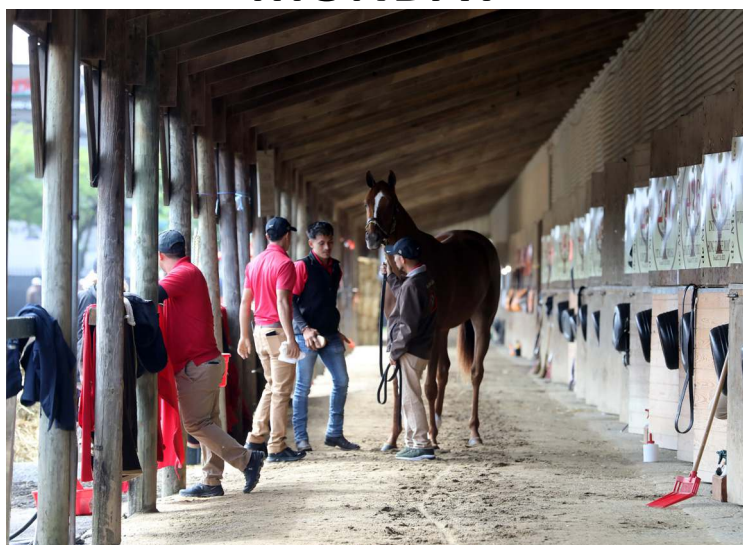


RACETRACK SUCCESS LEADS BACK TO TIMONIUM AS FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC SALE BEGINS MONDAY



Midlantic sales barns | Fasig-Tipton photo

by Jessica Martini

TIMONIUM, MD - The Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, whose graduates have been hitting on all cylinders on the racetrack recently, begins Monday morning at the Maryland State Fairgrounds. A total of 603 juveniles have been catalogue for the two-day auction and bidding begins at 11 a.m sessions Monday and Tuesday.

"There has been a lot of interest and we have the right people here--either they have been here or their agents have been here to watch the horses breeze," Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Sales Director Paget Bennett said at the sales barns Sunday morning. "So we are cautiously optimistic."

In addition to GI Kentucky Derby winner Mage (**Good Magic**), who sold for \$290,000 in Timonium last May, the Midlantic auction was represented by a pair of graded stakes winners at Pimlico this past weekend, with Straight No Chaser (Speightster) winning the GIII Maryland Sprint S. and Maple Leaf Mel (Cross Traffic) taking the GIII Miss Preakness S.

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LISA LAZARUS TALKS HISA ON EVE OF DRUG PROGRAM LAUNCH

by Dan Ross

After a series of false starts, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act's (HISA) signature anti-doping and medication control (ADMC) program is **now set** to go into effect Monday.

On Friday, *TDN* spoke with HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus on a variety of topics including the launch of HISA's signature drug control program, operational expenses, the Forte situation, Kentucky Derby week and Texas. The following is a very lightly edited version of that interview.

TDN: Last week, the *TDN* published a story on the headwinds facing the Texas racing industry. In it, the Texas Racing Commission executive director, Amy Cook, reaffirmed Texas's position that unless HISA is restructured or replaced by a "cooperative agreement grant program," the law could not go into effect in the state. What's your response to the substance of that argument? Cont. Pg. 3

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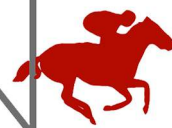
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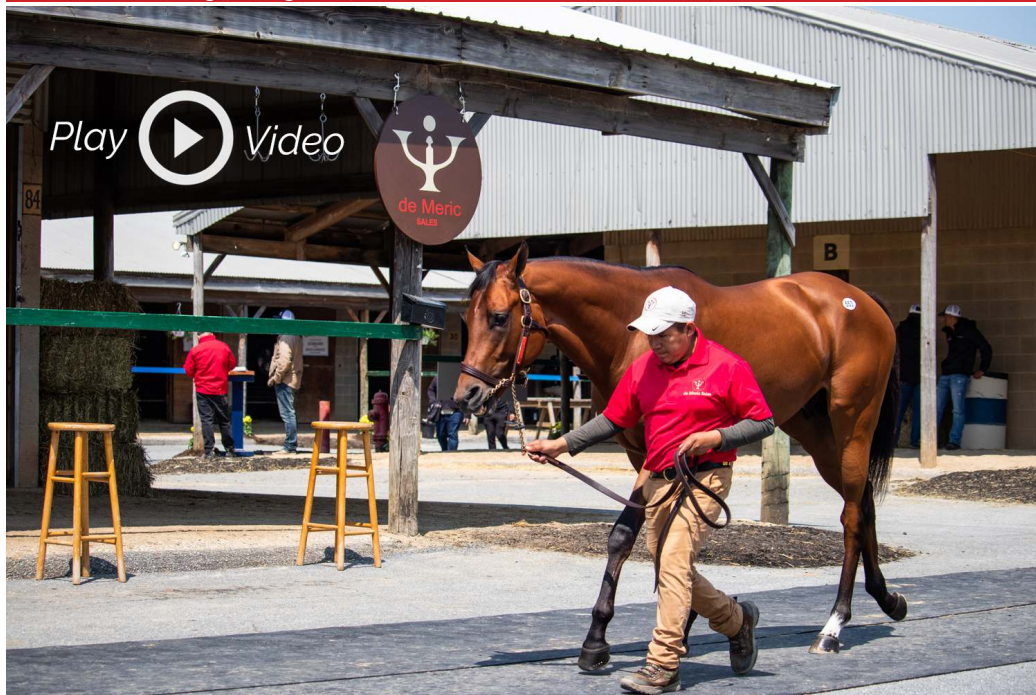
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Lazarus: There's no change from my earlier response which is that we've done the legal research on this and we think without question there's really no dispute that the Texas Racing Commission absolutely could implement the HISA rules the same way that every other racing jurisdiction has, and that their decision not to is simply a policy choice.

TDN: What do you tell those Texas industry stakeholders who want to join HISA in order to send out their simulcasting signal?

I would say, I'm so sorry that your racing commission is not willing to engage with us to find a solution. But if you have any suggestions or recommendations on how we could have that conversation with the racing commission, I'm all ears. But unfortunately, I'm powerless to require the racing commission to change their policy.

TDN: The commission's stance is they've tried to maintain a dialogue.

That's not true. [Cook] invited me out to Texas more than a year ago before HISA was implemented. I did go out there and we did have a very good conversation, and I thought we had an opportunity to sort of find a way to accommodate Texas' concerns while still allowing HISA to be implemented. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in those follow up conversations. I have not actually heard from her or anyone in the Texas situation for more than a year.

TDN: At the same time, lawsuits still abound. If HISA as currently written is once again found unconstitutional in one of these cases, how confident are you Congress can and will fix it again?

I don't agree with the basic premise of your question. It's extremely unlikely that any court will find HISA unconstitutional as currently written. If you read the Sixth Circuit opinion, and if you read the district court opinion out of Texas, I think you'll be able to see the courts' reasoning. I really don't see any genuine risk going forward.

TDN: Let's move onto the Forte situation, the Todd Pletcher trained runner who last year tested positive for the nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug, meloxicam. Now, it took from September 23, when the A sample findings came back, to Jan. 28 for the B sample to be confirmed. With HISA's regs as currently written, the public might still not be notified until the B sample is returned. What mechanisms are in place to ensure such a similar delay doesn't happen under HISA?

One of the key criteria for selecting the six labs that form part of the HISA program was a contractual agreement around turnaround times. And so, given the contracts they currently have in place--unless there's something extremely unusual--I'm very confident that the turnaround times will be quick and won't create significant delays.

For a vets' list test, it's five days from [when] the laboratories received the

sample. For a post-race test, it's 10 business days from [when] the labs received the sample. The B samples will vary depending what the substance is. We expect the B samples to also be in the 10-day timeframe, but that will vary to some extent based on the sample that's being confirmed.

TDN: HISA will be using three less RMTC-accredited labs than is currently the case. Can you make any promises that lab capacity is up to the challenge?

I can promise that if the labs want to remain part of the HISA program, they will have to comply with the contractual agreement, which are those timelines. So yes, I can promise that if they don't comply with them, they'll no longer be a HISA lab.

TDN: Given how rarely a B sample differs from the A sample finding, is there any consideration to alerting the public of an A sample positive finding?

As the rules are currently written? No.
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What I will say, I think there's maybe an interesting exception to that, which is that HIWU does have the option to ask the internal adjudication panel to disqualify a result ahead of the B sample, if that result will impact an important qualification. In other words, you have a situation where a horse won a race and that race qualified them for, let's say, the Derby, and there's a concern that B sample won't be back in time. HIWU can ask the arbitration panel to disqualify the result ahead of the Derby so that the second-place horse qualifies, or whatever the details are there. That would be up to the arbitration panel.

TDN: Forte's connections have suggested that the meloxicam positive is the result of environmental contamination, which touches upon a major fear among law-abiding trainers and owners. What specific assurances can you give those trainers who play by the rules that they're not going to be found guilty of a positive that wasn't their fault?

I'm not going to talk about Forte specifically, but what I will tell you is that HISA's screening limits from meloxicam track the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities' screening limits. Therefore, our screening limit is one nanogram per milliliter in blood and 10 nanograms per milliliter in hydrolyzed urine. If what has been reported--and I haven't verified this--but if that positive was [indeed] 500 picograms, that would be below our screening limit and would not ever be notified as a positive under HISA.

Point two, HISA has an atypical findings policy with 27 substances listed, and if [one of those] substances are detected in a horse's system, it goes through a special process to determine whether or not it's contamination. That's reviewed by the scientific committee. If the committee determines that it is contamination, then it never even rises to a violation.

There's another provision in our rules called contaminated product. In that situation, if it's not subject to the atypical findings policy, and it's above the screening limit, there would still be disqualification. But the trainer could argue that it was a contaminated product or there was contamination, and they have the opportunity to have their sanction reduced to zero if they can convince the arbitration panel that it was contamination.

TDN: But at the end of the day, if they haven't got a perfect answer--like a groom was prescribed that specific medication or proven contaminated feed--aren't potentially innocent trainers at serious risk of being inadvertently swept up in the net? They're certainly facing some pretty stark consequences.

Yes, they are. But there's a lot of things that make it far less likely under our program that that is going to happen.

With our accreditation program, we have far stricter requirements around the cleanliness of the test barn so that you have less of a risk of things in the facility causing contamination.

The second is that we've done audits of some of the state racing commissions' collection programs, and many of them were not using secure collection mechanisms, were not using gloves, were really not--in our view--maintaining a safe chain of custody process. Our rules do that. That also reduces the likelihood of contamination.

And then there are the rules I identified. We have screening limits that are sensible. We have an atypical findings policy that no state racing commission has ever had. And then we have rules where you can defend yourself.



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TDN: Let's move onto the events surrounding the Kentucky Derby. You've said that HISA is performing its own investigation into the rash of fatalities at the track, and you've detailed what you're doing. But specifically, how does this differ from the one being conducted by the state racing commission?

I'm not sure exactly what they're doing. Obviously, there'll be some overlapping. But ultimately, there's a couple important things that are different. One is, since HISA's already been in effect, we have a fair amount of data that we mandate and collect that we can use to analyze, consider and review the issues.

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TDN: I think some of our more jaded readers reading your comments will come away thinking this is just another exercise in rubber-stamping. Are there any real-world consequences if you find something wrong?

I can't speak specifically to the pending investigation because we haven't made determinations yet. What I can tell you is, look at the Turf Paradise example.

We required Turf Paradise to make some very significant repairs and we made it clear to Turf Paradise that if they didn't, they would lose their right to export their [simulcasting] signal. We gave them a deadline, and they were able to essentially meet the deadline by a few hours. If they had not, we would have most certainly taken actions to restrict their signal. And they did also pay a financial penalty. We have a wide range of disciplinary authority.



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TDN: I've spoken with a number of industry stakeholders who voiced frustration that during Derby week when the track experienced its spate of fatalities, HISA was largely silent. Kind of "disappeared into the background," is how one person described it. If you could run that week again, would you do anything differently?

I don't think we were largely silent. There are authority issues that come into play, right? HISA's rule is not always to step in. Also, the way the rules are constructed is to support the local commission, the local track, to make sure they're doing everything possible to maximize safety. We will step in if there's a crisis that needs to be managed, if there needs to be some sort of immediate discipline. But otherwise, part of our role is to support and to provide resources and to really help ensure that everything is being done.

The second thing is that without the Anti-Doping and Medication Control program [in effect], without oversight of both pieces of the puzzle, it's difficult for HISA to really have full control. And so, I'm looking forward to restarting the ADMC program on Monday, because I feel like once we have that piece of it as well, we'll be in a much stronger position.

TDN: Isn't that a bit of a cop-out though, blaming the lack of an ADMC program? You don't think that was a missed opportunity to show the public there's a new sheriff in town?

First, we did release a statement. I did address the media. I did go on CNN. I think your question seems to presuppose that the problem was the track and that was not the information that we were getting. The track was evaluated a number of times. And the information that I received from our person, Mick Peterson, is that there was no data or no information that he received from his usual tests that raised any particular issue that could be rectified.

I also went into the jocks' room on the day and spoke to as many jocks as possible. I feel like a good way of determining whether or not the track is a problem is asking the jocks who are actually on it. The feedback that I got is 'no, the track was not the problem.'

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[However], breakdowns are multi-factorial and we still need to make sure that we finish our investigation to be confident that there was not a track issue.

TDN: Talking of HISA's racetrack safety rules, it currently requires that every racetrack have necropsies performed on horses that are euthanized or die on their property. Is that happening right now?

Yes, it is happening.

TDN: Every single horse that dies on a racetrack that falls under HISA's umbrella undergoes a necropsy?

I mean, that's absolutely our rule. We follow up and whenever we become aware of a horse death on the racetrack. We reach out to the racetrack to make sure that the horse was sent for a necropsy. In some situations, if we have pushback from the racetrack, we take on the financial responsibility and then bill back the racetrack after.

There's a number of racetracks where the bills from the necropsies come right to me because we're concerned that the racetrack may not agree to make those financial promises or agree to pay for it. So, to my knowledge, yes, every horse that breaks down on the racetrack goes for a necropsy.

TDN: What about equine fatalities both during training and during racing--is HISA currently collecting that information from all participating tracks?

That is required. To the extent that we've audited it, if we see that something is missing or we're aware of it, we let the racetracks know. Obviously, it's a lot harder for us to audit and monitor whether or not we're getting all the information from training. It's far easier for us to identify if there's a breakdown in a race.

In terms of how long we'll be able to send the data back [to the public], what we've talked about internally is that we need at least one full year. Where we start that year may not be July 1 based on the amount of information that we have. But we do plan to share with the public our findings and we've already done that in certain areas.

TDN: In terms of the 2023 fee assessments, HISA has either received payment from the state commission or at least one racetrack in the following 10 states: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Nebraska, New York, Pennsylvania. But exactly how are HISA's operations currently being financed?

Two ways. One, we were under budget for 2022, so that allowed us to use the operating cash into 2023. When we send the [2023 fee] assessments to the states, we offer them a credit for their assessment from what was saved in 2022. We also did have to go back to our original lenders for some additional loans. **Cont.**



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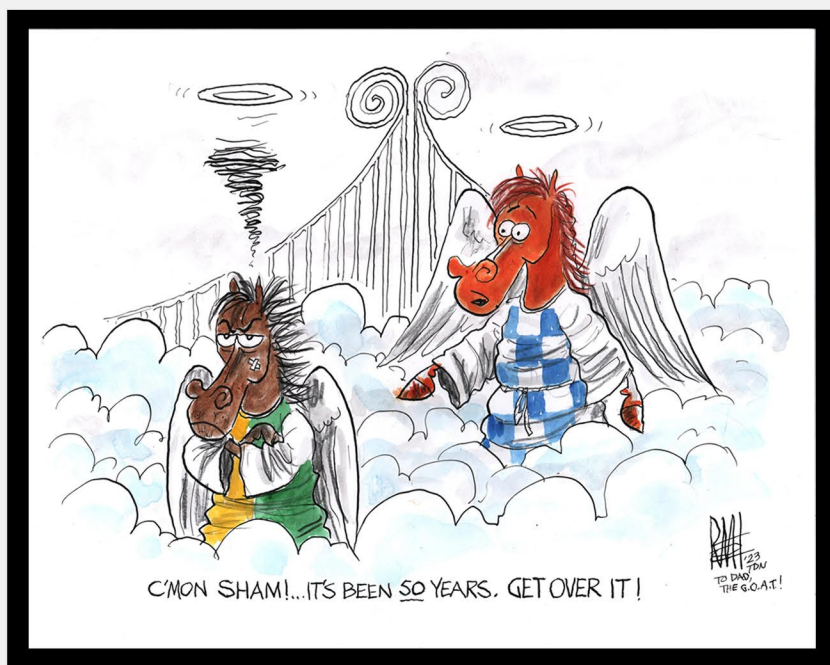
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That's still a work in progress. I can't answer that question yet.

TDN: What about interest rates?

Pretty much no interest. The most recent ones are short term just to cover our operational costs.

TDN: Finally, with the ADMC program launching on Monday, what do you want to tell the industry?

I truly believe that once we launch and we have an opportunity to get going, that anybody who is on the fence or had concerns will feel confident, that this is absolutely the right move for the industry, and that we balance the key important issues for the industry.

I think most horsemen would say they want a uniform medication control program, they want uniform sanctions, shorter timelines and more efficiencies. Once we actually launch the ADMC program, there will be collective recognition of the value that provide for the industry.

I also think we'll be able to grow trust within the industry that we're doing this the right way, we're doing it ethically, we're doing it professionally, we're doing it responsibly, and that everyone is going to benefit, not just the horses.

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Another 2022 graduate of the sale, multiple graded-stakes winner Faiza ([Girvin](#)) was third in the GII Black-Eyed Susan S.

"It just tells you, you can get any kind of horse out of this sale," Bennett said of the auction's impressive roster of graduates. "It's just huge. It's so rewarding to have this sale finally get the attention that it deserves."

The Midlantic sale has become the only major 2-year-old auction to conduct its under-tack show over a dirt track, which could be an added attraction to buyers, according to Bennett.

"They want to see them on dirt and then they can figure out how that relates to where they go next," she said. "From start to finish, they see them on the surface that they are going to run on."

A common refrain from consignors Sunday, however, was a question mark about how buyers would react to the times of the works from last week's three-day under-tack show.

"My main worry is what the buyers are taking away from the breeze show because it wasn't the usual 2-year-old breeze show where the track is fast," said consignor Cary Frommer. "It was just a normal track. And those were good times on a normal track. I am afraid the buyers aren't going to make the correlation. But the smart ones will.

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1	F	Audible-Yankee Victoria	\$82,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	James Layden	James Layden
3	C	Audible-You Laughin	\$175,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Heiligbrodt/Green/Castille	SBM Training & Sales
5	C	Competitive Edge-A Bit of Pressure	\$7,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	BET	Paul Sharp
6	C	Girvin-Absoulute Heaven	\$110,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Champion Equine	Tom McCrocklin
7	C	Tapiture-Abundanceofcaution	\$40,000	FTKSUM YLG 2022	Omar Ramirez	Coastal Equine
8	C	Free Drop Billy-Acelebrate	\$80,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 2022	Crow-Sharp	Paul Sharp
9	C	Creative Cause-Acenda	\$90,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Red Wings Enterprises	Wavertree Stables
10	C	Goldencents-Adira	\$20,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Grassroots Training & Sales	Grassroots Training & Sales
12	C	Constitution-Akris Queen	\$47,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Good Games	Top Line Sales
13	F	Bolt d'Oro-Alette	\$80,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 2022	Kings Equine	Kings Equine
15	C	Flameaway-Allez Jete	\$70,000	FTKSUM YLG 2022	Gina Fennell	LG
17	F	Sky Mesa-Amadeus Melody (GB)	\$22,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Kings Equine	Kings Equine
23	F	World of Trouble-Appearance	\$90,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	McMahon & Hill Bloodstock	Hidden Brook
24	F	Union Jackson-Aquariva	\$10,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	L. G.	LG
25	F	Solomini-Arch Royal	\$30,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 2022	Kings Equine	Kings Equine
27	C	Collected-Armony's Angel	\$23,000	FTKSUM YLG 2022	Kenneth R. Kachel	Top Line Sales
28	F	Not This Time-Aronia	\$150,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	JK Bloodstock	James Layden
29	F	Cable Bay (Ire)-Art Institute	\$95,929	GOFFS ORBY YLG 2022	Top Line Sales	Top Line Sales
30	C	Arrogate-Aspiring	\$85,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Newday Training Center	Mckathan Bros. Sales
31	F	Goldencents-Asscher Rose	\$20,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Shiloh Stables	Bryan Ford Training Stable
32	C	Constitution-Athens Queen	\$110,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Miacomet Bloodstock	Eddie Woods
36	C	Accelerate-Avendesora	\$87,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 2022	Scanlon Training & Sales	Scanlon Training & Sales
37	C	Uncle Mo-Awesome Bella	\$60,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Lugamo Racing Stables	De Meric Sales
39	C	Nyquist-Back to Love	\$150,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Pick View	Pick View
40	C	Omaha Beach-Bahama Babe	\$110,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Capensis Bloodstock	Kings Equine
43	F	Twirling Candy-Batalha	\$40,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Nick J. Hines	JVC Training & Sales

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44	F	Mitole-Bay Harbor	\$140,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Marquee Bloodstock	Pick View
45	C	Practical Joke -Bayou Miss	\$60,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	Machmer Hall	SBM Training & Sales
46	F	Maclean's Music -Beauty for Ashes	\$150,000	OBSWNT MIX 2022	Woodford Thoroughbreds	Woodford Thoroughbreds
48	C	Lookin At Lucky -Bedanken	\$45,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Antonio Sano	Julie Davies
49	F	World of Trouble -Beginner's Luck	\$40,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 2022	Sunset Ridge Farms	Ricehorse Stable
52	C	Mitole-Bellissima Indy	\$59,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Kings Equine	Kings Equine
53	F	Omaha Beach-Benvenutta	\$100,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Dennis O'Neill	Wavertree Stables
56	F	Accelerate -Bethan	\$15,000	FTKSUM YLG 2022	Joe Deegan	Shamrock Stables
58	F	Get Stormy-Bisou Francais	\$37,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 2022	Kings Equine	Kings Equine
63	C	Palace Malice -Blue Grass Mary	\$5,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Carter Brothers	Wes Carter
64	F	Take Charge Indy -Bodebabe	\$45,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Clark Brewster	Bryan Ford Training Stable
65	C	Twirling Candy -Bonita Cat	\$90,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Barry Berkelhammer	Cary Frommer
66	F	Lord Nelson-Bonita Mia	\$125,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	St. Elias Stables/Michael Wallace	SGV Thoroughbreds
67	F	Street Boss-Boom Town Sally	\$50,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	St. Elias Stables/Michael Wallace	SGV Thoroughbreds
69	F	Maximus Mischief-Box Office Smash	\$65,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	3-D Bloodstock	Bryan Ford Training Stable
72	C	Bernardini-Brilliancy	\$9,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	James Layden	James Layden
74	F	Maximus Mischief-Brittney Brat	\$18,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Erick Aquino	Golden Rock Thoroughbreds
75	F	Palace Malice -Broad Stripes	\$20,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Nick J. Hines	Pick View
79	F	Enticed -Brown Eyes	\$25,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2022	War Horse Place	Golden Rock Thoroughbreds
80	C	Take Charge Indy -Butterscotch Rose	\$32,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Justin Wojczynski	White Pine Thoroughbreds
81	F	More Than Ready-Cabana	\$70,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Kings Equine	Kings Equine
84	F	Tapwrit -Candy d'Oro	\$17,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Martinez Brothers	SBM Training & Sales
85	F	Mo Town -Can't Steal My Joy	\$65,000	OBSWNT MIX 2022	Woodford Thoroughbreds	Woodford Thoroughbreds
86	C	Flatter-Cap	\$90,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Cary Frommer	Cary Frommer
87	C	Practical Joke -Caramel Candy	\$115,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Aint Rich	Coastal Equine
88	C	Take Charge Indy -Careless Moment	\$100,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Cary Frommer	Cary Frommer
90	C	Violence -Caroline's Spirit	\$60,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Barry Berkelhammer	Cary Frommer
91	C	Awesome Slew-Cash Reserve	\$150,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Champion Equine	Tom McCrocklin
95	F	Free Drop Billy-Centerpiece	\$40,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Paul Sharp	Paul Sharp
96	C	Vino Rosso-Chaparella	\$25,000	FTKSUM YLG 2022	Six K's Training & Sales	Six K's Training & Sales
100	F	Cross Traffic-Childhood Dream	\$60,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 2022	Tom McCrocklin	Tom McCrocklin

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102	F	Solomini-Chocolate Smoothie	\$10,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	III Beautys Thoroughbreds	Golden Rock Thoroughbreds
103	F	Bolt d'Oro-Circleofcompetence	\$30,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	DCI Racing	Top Line Sales
104	C	Not This Time -Citrus Bloom	\$80,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 2022	Brick City Thoroughbreds	Brick City Thoroughbreds
105	C	Munnings -Civility Pledge	\$45,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Keith Johnston/Jeffrey Macor II	Tom McCrocklin
106	F	Qurbaan-Clara Kelly	\$35,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Blumberg/Migliore	Julie Davies
112	F	Yoshida (Jpn) -Cool Sky	\$13,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Charles Lo	Paul Sharp
113	C	Blame -Corsage	\$50,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Lynne Boutte	Boutte Sales
114	F	Dialed In -Courageous Angel	\$35,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 2022	Bronco Stables	Wavertree Stables
115	F	Maximus Mischief-Courier	\$50,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	Wynnstay	Cary Frommer
116	C	Central Banker-Courtly Lark	\$21,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Hidden Brook	Hidden Brook
117	F	Maximus Mischief-Cove	\$70,000	FTKSUM YLG 2022	Lehigh Bloodstock	Wavertree Stables
119	C	American Pharoah -Crafty's Dream	\$125,000	FTKSUM YLG 2022	Kings Equine	Kings Equine
120	F	Mohaymen-Crayon	\$52,000	TEXAS YLG 2022	Bill & Corrine Heiligbrodt	SBM Training & Sales
121	F	Mendelssohn -Creative Talent	\$60,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	M H	JVC Training & Sales
122	F	Mendelssohn -Critic's Choice	\$28,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Lara Run	Ricehorse Stable
124	C	Into Mischief-C. S. Royce	\$300,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Hartley/De Renzo	Hartley/De Renzo
125	C	Maximus Mischief-Daddy's Diva	\$72,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Cary Frommer	Cary Frommer
126	C	Nyquist -Dance Thewayyouare	\$110,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Elusive Thoroughbreds	Top Line Sales
127	C	Liam's Map -Darby Blush	\$280,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 2022	L.E.B.	Wavertree Stables
128	C	Distorted Humor-Dark Mission	\$75,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Kaden Clary/Brad Walker	Pick View
129	C	City of Light -Dating Game	\$160,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	Stone Bridge Investments	Pike Racing
130	C	Omaha Beach-D'cats Meow	\$125,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Hoby Kight	SBM Training & Sales
132	F	Honor Code -Debbie's Diamond	\$19,000	FTIDEC MIX 22	Jose Aguilar	Randy Miles
134	C	Into Mischief-Delightful Mary	\$560,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Tom McCrocklin	Tom McCrocklin
136	C	American Pharoah -Desert Isle	\$120,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Barry Berkelhammer	Cary Frommer
137	C	Temple City-Desi Girl	\$11,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Grassroots Training & Sales	Grassroots Training & Sales
138	C	The Factor -Dillingham	\$42,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Grassroots Training & Sales	Grassroots Training & Sales
139	C	Mastery -Dilly	\$70,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Eisaman Equine	Eddie Woods
141	F	Tapiture -Divine Friends	\$40,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	J & S Stables/Tom McCrocklin	Tom McCrocklin
142	F	Tapwrit -Dixie Dancer	\$50,000	FTKSUM YLG 2022	Scanlon Training & Sales	Scanlon Training & Sales
144	C	Munnings -Downstream	\$135,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	Stone Bridge Investments	Pike Racing

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147	C	Midnight Storm-Ecliptical Mary	\$14,000	OBSWNT MIX 2022	5G Ranch	Top Line Sales
148	F	Connect -Elazani	\$40,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Granpollo Stables	Golden Rock Thoroughbreds
150	F	Solomini-Electric Boots	\$18,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Schiano Racing	Julie Davies
151	C	Eng. Channel-Elegant Supermodel (Ger)	\$20,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Kirkwood Advisory	Cary Frommer
154	F	Mendelssohn -Empire Queen	\$22,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	RT Racing Stable/Ramon Tallaj	Sterling Thoroughbreds
156	F	Tapit -Enchanted Ghost	\$200,000	OBS MAR 2YO 2023	Remount Thoroughbreds	Pick View
157	F	Union Rags -Enchanted Jasmine	\$60,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Down Soud Bloodstock	Julie Davies
158	C	Nyquist -Envious Moon	\$150,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 2022	Scanlon Training & Sales	Scanlon Training & Sales
160	F	Munnings -Everyonelovesjimmy	\$155,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Becky Thomas	Sequel Bloodstock
161	C	Audible -Evita's Sister	\$80,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Hoppel	Coastal Equine
163	F	Accelerate -Eye of Taurus	\$26,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	2023 Breeze	Crane Thoroughbred Serv.
164	F	Catholic Boy -Faith in Me	\$10,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	L. G.	LG
165	F	Enticed -Fantastic Girl	\$87,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Pick View	Pick View
167	F	Connect -Fashion Forward	\$37,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2022	D K W Racing	Grassroots Training & Sales
169	C	Liam's Map -Fire Assay	\$70,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 2022	Grassroots Training & Sales	Grassroots Training & Sales
172	F	Midshipman -Flat Out Gittin It	\$40,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	2023 Breeze	Crane Thoroughbred Serv.
173	C	Gun Runner -Flatterywillgetyou	\$220,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 2022	Colt Pike	Pike Racing
174	F	City of Light -Fly to the Stars	\$130,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Lehigh Bloodstock	SGV Thoroughbreds
176	C	Violence -Forbidden Kiss	\$170,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Cary Frommer	Cary Frommer
184	C	Mendelssohn -Full Swing	\$210,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	St. Elias Stables/Michael Wallace	SBM Training & Sales
185	F	Force the Pass-Gabby's Brown	\$17,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Grassroots Training & Sales	Grassroots Training & Sales
189	C	Munnings -Ghost Jumper	\$50,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Sean S. Perl Bloodstock	Wavertree Stables
193	C	Goldencents-Glorious Hour	\$140,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	GOLF	Wavertree Stables
194	C	Good Magic -Glory	\$37,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Borealis Bloodstock	Paul Sharp
195	C	Take Charge Indy -Goias (Ire)	\$9,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Antigo Ranch	Coastal Equine
197	C	Twirling Candy -Goldenmine	\$62,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 2022	Kings Equine	Kings Equine
198	C	Not This Time -Goodness Unbridled	\$260,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Pick View	Pick View
199	F	Anchor Down-Grace Almighty	\$20,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	J.T.	Coastal Equine
201	C	Funtastic -Gracious Sakes	\$12,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	John Castillo & Michael Inciarle	Crown Thoroughbred
203	F	Vino Rosso-Groovitude	\$17,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	VC Corporation	Two Oaks Equine
207	F	Klimt-Haka's Sister	\$23,000	FTK FALL MIX 2021	Emerald Equine	De Meric Sales

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208	F	World of Trouble-Happy Destiny	\$60,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Corinne & Bill Heiligbrodt	SBM Training & Sales
212	F	Frosted-Helotes	\$38,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 2022	Kings Equine	Kings Equine
216	F	Classic Empire-Hint of Mint	\$5,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	JEH	Coastal Equine
217	F	Hoppertunity-Holiday Hopes	\$10,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Grassroots Training & Sales	Grassroots Training & Sales
219	C	Solomini-Holly's Star	\$40,000	OBSWNT MIX 2022	First Finds	Pike Racing
220	F	Bee Jersey-Icy Tales	\$5,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	JEH	Coastal Equine
223	C	World of Trouble-Indian Splendor	\$42,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Crestani/Classic Bloodstock	Classic Bloodstock
224	F	Catalina Cruiser-Industrial Policy	\$43,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Kings Equine	Kings Equine
225	F	Runhappy-Invested Prospect	\$10,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Six K's Training & Sales	Six K's Training & Sales
226	F	Uncle Mo-Issues	\$245,000	FTK FALL MIX 2021	Colt Pike	Pike Racing
228	C	Liam's Map-Jaylan	\$115,000	FTKWNT MIX 2022	Cary Frommer	Cary Frommer
229	C	Gun Runner-Jemmabelle	\$80,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	David Geofroy	Golden Rock Thoroughbreds
231	C	Kitten's Joy-Joels Last Laugh	\$95,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	D K W Racing	Woodford Thoroughbreds
232	C	Uncle Mo-Jumby Bay	\$50,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Justin Wojczynski	White Pine Thoroughbreds
233	F	Mitole-Junoon	\$15,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Raramuri Equine	CM Thoroughbreds
236	F	Vino Rosso-Katie Lane (Ire)	\$52,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2022	Fortune Farm	Coastal Equine
237	C	Mor Spirit-K C's Songofprayer	\$22,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Carter Brothers	Wes Carter
238	C	Maximus Mischief-Killay (GB)	\$40,000	FTKSUM YLG 2022	Bobby Rankin	Six K's Training & Sales
239	C	Midshipman-Kipling's Joy	\$57,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 2022	Bronco Bloodstock	Wavertree Stables
241	F	Get Stormy-Lacie Slew	\$15,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Crown Thoroughbred	Crown Thoroughbred
242	F	Mo Town-La Condesa	\$50,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 2022	Grassroots Training & Sales	Grassroots Training & Sales
243	F	Violence-Lady Aphrodite	\$35,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2022	D K W Racing	Grassroots Training & Sales
244	F	Central Banker-Lady Daphne	\$43,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Kathryn Martin	De Meric Sales
245	F	Mendelssohn-Lady Hansen	\$125,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	C S V	Paul Sharp
246	F	Curlin-Lady Kitten	\$130,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	James Layden	James Layden
249	C	Twirling Candy-Lady Mamba	\$65,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Grassroots Training & Sales	Grassroots Training & Sales
251	C	Munnings-La Rumbra	\$55,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	Milfer Farm	Paul Sharp
253	C	Maximus Mischief-L. A. Way	\$55,000	FTKSUM YLG 2022	Kings Equine	Kings Equine
254	C	Speightstown-Lawn Party	\$80,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Lady Bug Bloodstock	Top Line Sales
256	C	Central Banker-Light the Dynamite	\$13,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Hide-n-Seek Farm	Tom McCrocklin
257	F	Practical Joke-Line of Best Fit	\$45,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Carter Brothers	Wes Carter

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259	C	Solomini-Literary Lady	\$25,000	FTN FALL MIXED 2021	Colt Pike	Pike Racing
260	F	Coal Front-Littlestone	\$13,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	EXL Racing	Tom McCrocklin
261	F	Ghostzapper -Little Swoon	\$105,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Cypress Creek Equine	Woodford Thoroughbreds
262	C	Mitole-Liza Too	\$350,000	FTNSEL YLG SAR 2022	Champion Equine/T. McCrocklin	Tom McCrocklin
263	F	Cairo Prince -Lookin' for Indy	\$30,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Hidden Brook	Hidden Brook
264	C	Speightstown -Looking Great	\$205,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	JK Bloodstock	James Layden
265	C	Liam's Map -Lough Derg	\$45,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Robyn Kaiser	Boutte Sales
266	C	Quality Road -Love Child	\$250,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	William Piercy	Wavertree Stables
267	F	Mitole-Love My Girl	\$12,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	J. Asemcion Monteagudo Avila	Little Farm Equine
270	F	Street Boss-Maddie P	\$39,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	Stoneriggs Farm	Hidden Brook
272	F	Kantharos -Magically	\$105,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Tom McCrocklin	Tom McCrocklin
276	C	Girvin -Italian Rose	\$60,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	De Meric Sales	De Meric Sales
278	F	Omaha Beach-Majestic Monarch	\$80,000	FTKWNT MIX 2022	R. Dalyn Jones	Julie Davies
283	C	Liam's Map -Market Lover	\$80,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Grassroots Training & Sales	Grassroots Training & Sales
284	C	Maclean's Music -Martini	\$275,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Hartley/De Renzo	Hartley/De Renzo
289	F	Practical Joke -McHugh	\$72,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Teddy Bear Stables	SGV Thoroughbreds
290	F	Twirling Candy -Meetmeonline	\$160,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2022	Sand Hill Bloodstock	De Meric Sales
292	F	Sky Mesa -Mellonbrook	\$13,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Barry Berkelhammer	Cary Frommer
293	F	Practical Joke -Meow	\$27,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Antigo Ranch	Coastal Equine
294	C	Uncle Mo -Meta Mu	\$142,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	III Beautys Thoroughbred	Golden Rock Thoroughbreds
295	F	Army Mule -Mezcalita	\$105,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Tom McCrocklin	Tom McCrocklin
296	F	Cloud Computing-Midnight Blvd	\$23,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Hidden Brook	Hidden Brook



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She continued, "The first day there was certainly more moisture in the track, it was a little bit sticky. The second day there was a great tailwind and the third day there was a headwind. That's mother nature. If you take those things into consideration, you're fine. But if you're strictly a numbers person, you are going to miss some really good horses."

Carlos Manresa of Sequel Bloodstock agreed buyers should take conditions from day to day of the under-tack show into consideration.

"They did a very good job maintaining the track," Manresa said. "I think the weather conditions were very inconsistent. But I think the buyers have a good read on those kinds of things. I think they are very aware of what day horses were breezing and what time they were breezing. If you went on the second day, they look at those numbers a little bit differently than they do on the first day and third day horses."

Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables sent out 17 horses to work over the track in Timonium last week. Without the super-fast works that have become common at the juvenile sales, Dunne hopes buyers will spread their interest out over a wider swath of horses.

"The racetrack wasn't like any of us had expected in terms of how fast it was," Dunne said. "But the fact that everyone went the same, I think it's making the buyers work harder. And maybe that will spread them out more."

Sequel Bloodstock had a notable 2022 Midlantic consignment, which featured the \$3.55-million sale topper Hejazi (Bernardini), as well as Derby winner Mage. The operation returns with 11 juveniles this year.

Manresa is expecting a strong top market this week in Maryland, while hoping for a broader middle market.

"I've seen significant buyers here who are wanting to spend a lot of money," Manresa said. "I think the top end, as usual, will

be very strong. The middle market, we will have to wait and see if something develops there. That's always been the more difficult area to sell horses and I don't think this sale is going to be any different."

The Midlantic sale's setting at the confluence of a number of different tracks--from Maryland to Pennsylvania and New York--makes it easily accessible to regional buyers and could help boost that middle market.

"I think we get a lot of New York trainers turning out for this sale," Manresa said. "There are a lot of people who come to our consignment specifically looking for New York-breds, which is helpful for us. So I think regional-breds tend to do very well here at this sale."

With six Maryland-breds and a handful of New York-breds, Frommer is also looking to take advantage of the regional market.

"I know Maryland is in a little bit of turmoil right now and I have a lot of Maryland-breds--and some really nice Maryland-breds, so it remains to be seen [how strong the regional market will be]," Frommer said. "There is always a nice string of people from New York coming down this way. And that's always good. But we will see. I am hoping it will be strong."

Jorge Villagomez's JVC Training and Sales, which debuted its consignment in Timonium in 2018, returns with a seven-horse consignment this year.

Villagomez was finding activity brisk at the sales barns Sunday morning.

"It's been steady," he said. "We've been busy all morning. All the big buyers are here and the good horses are showing. We have seven horses and we've been busy with all of them."

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Of his under-tack show results, Villagomez said, “They all performed well. And the good ones showed up. The ones that were fast on the farm, went fast here.”

Villagomez, who preps horses for Gary and Mary West at his Ocala base, worked with Eisaman Equine for 15 years before going out on his own six years ago.

“It was our first consignment here in 2018,” Villagomez said. “We came in with three horses and we sold all three of them. We have been coming every year since.”

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SO MANY STORYLINES ON PREAKNESS DAY BUT NONE BIGGER THAN ANOTHER TRAGEDY



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The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

There was an exciting race, a thrilling stretch duel between winner National Treasure (**Quality Road**) and runner-up Blazing Sevens (**Good Magic**), and the first-ever win in the GI Preakness S. by classy Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez. And think what you want of Bob Baffert, but his winning the first Triple Crown race he entered since the suspensions and bans had ended was a compelling chapter to this story. The man sure can train a race horse.

But those stories will start to drift away as we head to the GI Belmont S. and beyond. The one that will not is that this was another Triple Crown race marred by the death of a race horse. Havnameltdown (Uncaptured) broke down on the undercard, during the running of the GIII Chick Lang S., and had to be euthanized. That he is also trained by Baffert was red meat for racing's many critics.

This came after seven horses died at Churchill Downs in the lead-up to the GI Kentucky Derby. Two more horses have died at Churchill since the Derby, including one on Saturday.

From the mainstream media, the takes on the Preakness were predictable. A front-page, above-the-fold story in the Baltimore Sun appeared under this headline: 'National' Conflict. National Treasure's victory in the race contrasted with a horse's death earlier in the day--highlighting the controversy in a historic, but deadly sport. This was the headline on the Associated Press's report of the race: “Baffert back from ban, wins Preakness with National Treasure after another horse euthanized.”

And please don't dismiss this as noise from those who don't understand our game. On the two biggest racing days of the year so far, two days where the general public is paying attention to the sport, we left them with a dark and disturbing narrative, that as long as there is horse racing, horses will die. What's not to understand about that? We had hoped the Preakness card would shift the story, that the day would be without incident, that Mage (**Good Magic**) would win again and put himself in position to win a Triple Crown, and that we could put the seven deaths at Churchill in the background, at least somewhat. So much for that.

Had it happened to any other trainer, the story wouldn't have taken off like it did. But Baffert, because he is highly visible, trains a lot of very good horses, and has had his problems, is under the microscope like no other trainer.

A day after the Preakness, the Baltimore Sun, never known to be an anti-racing publication, was at it again. This time the subject was Baffert. The headline read “After a record-setting victory, Bob Baffert remains a messy figure atop a messy sport.” The story included this take on the Hall of Famer: “No one does a better job preparing horses to meet their potential on the most-watched stages in racing. No one inspires greater distaste from those who see racing as corrupted by drugs and death.”

Does Baffert deserve to have all the fingers pointed at him? He has had a spotless medication record since coming back from suspension and Havnameltdown was the first horse of his to break down in a race since he came back. Pimlico officials were extra careful to check every horse racing on the card from head to toe and their vets found nothing wrong with Havnameltdown. That Baffert would never have another horse break down was never going to happen. This one just happened to happen at the worst time possible.

In the aftermath of his roller-coaster day, the sport saw a side of him rarely seen. He was obviously very troubled by the death of the horse and during at least one interview was fighting back tears. It was more of the same Sunday when he spoke to the Pimlico media team.

“To me, the memory of this race would be that I lost Havnameltdown,” he said. “It was nice to win the race, but to me it was a pretty sad day.” He continued: “I'm still upset about losing that horse yesterday. My memory of this race is going to be about him. It just took all the fun out of it.” **Cont.**

None of what he said either Saturday or Sunday seemed contrived or an act. You could tell that he was really hurting.

But this shouldn't be about Baffert. It is much bigger than that. It is about what happened at Santa Anita in 2019. It is about the deaths at the Derby. It is about the two horses that died just down the road at Laurel on the April 20 card. It is about those horses you never heard of who have died in races, like Hair of the Dog (Hangover Kid), who died in a \$4,500 claimer on April 1 at Charles Town, while no one was paying any attention.

Yes, we can and have done a better job protecting these horses. We could do better still, starting with changing all dirt tracks to the much-safer synthetic surfaces that are out there. That would make a huge difference. But I won't waste much more time on that argument because that's never going to happen. Then there's HISA. It is not a magic bullet, but it should make things better. It goes into effect Monday.

But here's the real problem. We will not ever eliminate breakdowns that lead to horses being euthanized. We still have a social license to operate, but will that last forever? The best we can do right now is to ask the public to accept that horses dying in races is inevitable and that we are working on the problem. That's a tough sell.

Then we cross our fingers, move on to the next big race and hope and pray that nothing goes wrong. It's a terrible position to be in.

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PREAKNESS RUNNERS PLAN NEXT STEPS; MAGE TO TARGET TRAVERS

Following his win in the GI Preakness S. Saturday, trainer Bob Baffert said that National Treasure (**Quality Road**) and Sir Barton Stakes winner Arabian Lion (**Justify**) would stay at Pimlico for a few more days this week and may go on to New York for races on the Belmont S. program June 10. Though he did not rule out Arabian Lion, he said National Treasure was a more likely candidate for the 1 1/2-mile Belmont S. Baffert said he did not want to send the colts back to his base at California and then ship back to New York.

"They went so slow early, he had so much horse that he couldn't pull him up at the end he told me," Baffert said. "Arabian Lion, I'm not sure if he's up for the mile and a half, but he did run a big race yesterday. It could change. I have until tomorrow to make these calls. I could change my mind and send them back home on Tuesday. So long as they are eating well, which they are, and they came out of it well, I think I'll be keeping them here relaxed for a little bit and I don't have to ship them."

Next up for GI Preakness S. third-place finisher Mage (**Good Magic**) is some time off. The colt will head to The Thoroughbred Center in Lexington, Ky.



National Treasure | Jim McCue

"He was there from May of last year to October," Restrepo said after checking on Mage at the Pimlico Stakes Barn Sunday morning. "We will get him turned out and do some training. Everything is great. The colt is fantastic, bright-eyed and his head is up. We could not be any happier with him after trying as hard as did in the Preakness. The kid is an iron horse."

The next goal for Mage, who won the GI Kentucky Derby in his fourth start, will be the GI Travers S. at Saratoga Race Course Aug. 26.

"We will give him a little vacation and he will power up and we will figure out the best way to get to the Travers," Restrepo said. "He has not missed a day and has been on the engine since January."

Blazing Sevens (**Good Magic**) finished a head behind National Treasure in the second leg of the Triple Crown Saturday.

"We thought he ran exceptionally well," said John Capek. "It's tough to be a little bit short on the winning side of things, but we are pleased with his progress."

Blazing Sevens shipped back to New York early Sunday morning. Trainer Chad Brown has not said what the colt's next race will be.

"We will talk to Chad and see what is best for the horse for his next race," said Capek.

Trainer Steve Asmussen saw enough in Red Route One's (**Gun Runner**) fourth-place finish that after the race he said the GI Belmont S. is the obvious target.

"You're not guaranteed to get pace in the Belmont. You win races because of pace, and you benefit from it periodically. And then other times you don't. This would have been the latter for him," he added. "He's kept very good company his whole career and was probably beaten [4 3/4] lengths in the Preakness in a race I don't think set up ideally for him. Does he beat them under different circumstances? Who knows? But I do like the opportunity to run him a mile and a half." **Cont.**

While he did not contest the Preakness as the runner-up at the Kentucky Derby, Two Phil's (**Hard Spun**) is possible to return to Churchill Downs in June for the GIII Matt Winn S. according to trainer Larry Rivelli.

Rivelli stated Two Phil's could run in either the Matt Winn June 11 or the GIII Ohio Derby June 24 at Thistledown. Either would be used as a prep for the GI Haskell S. at Monmouth Park July 22 and the GI Travers S. at Saratoga Aug. 26.

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FORTE WORKS AT BELMONT, TAKES STEP CLOSER TO BELMONT S.



Forte trains at Belmont | *Susie Raisher*

by Bill Finley

Eclipse Award winner Forte (**Violence**) worked a half-mile in :50.31 breezing Sunday morning at Belmont Park, which has him back on a path to make it to the GI Belmont S. It was his first work since he was scratched the morning of the GI Kentucky Derby by a state veterinarian due to a foot bruise.

After the scratch, Forte was placed on the vet's list in Kentucky for 14 days, which meant he could not run in the GI Preakness S.

"He looked very good in this work and everything is pointing in the direction of the Belmont," trainer Todd Pletcher said.

There is one more hurdle to be cleared before he can become eligible for the race. Pletcher said that Forte will work again on Friday and will do so before a veterinarian. If the vet is satisfied with the work he will be officially cleared.

When asked if he thought Forte would pass that test, Pletcher replied: "Knock on wood, but I am super happy with him right now."

It will be a less-than-ideal scenario for Forte coming into the Belmont. His work Sunday was his first in 22 days and he will be entering a mile-and-a-half race off a 10-week layoff. His last race was the win in the GI Florida Derby April 1.

Pletcher doesn't think those obstacles are insurmountable.

"I think we have a chance to have him at his best," said Pletcher, a four-time Belmont Stakes winner. "He's got a high degree of natural fitness. This morning he did everything very effortlessly and galloped out nicely and wasn't blowing at all. He pulled up and came back to the barn. And we still have time for two more good, solid works which I think would have him ready to go. It will be 10 weeks between races and it's a mile-and-a-half, but he gives me the impression, despite missing that little bit of training, that he's retained his fitness very well."

It's been a tough few weeks for Forte and his connections, who had to watch a horse in Mage (**Good Magic**) that Forte beat twice go on to win the Kentucky Derby.

"It's been very frustrating and very disappointing," Pletcher said. "Most of all I'm disappointed for the owners, the connections and especially for the horse. He seems to be the most talented colt in the group and for him to not get that chance to run was frustrating. I probably jinxed this horse when I talked about how perfectly everything was going during the winter and early spring. Thankfully, it was just a foot bruise. He's fully recovered from it now and is training the way we've grown accustomed to seeing him train."

Pletcher said he could have as many as four horses in the Belmont. **Tapit** Trice (**Tapit**), who was seventh in the Derby, is a definite go. He said he will consult with the owners of Kingsbarns (**Uncle Mo**), who was 14th in the Derby, before making a decision regarding his Belmont status. Prove Worthy (**Curlin**), a recent maiden winner at Churchill, is also under consideration.

Though **Tapit** Trice didn't run his best in the Derby, he could be among the favorites in the Belmont. Pletcher has a history of taking horses who didn't bring their "A" game to the Derby and, after passing the Preakness, having them ready to go for a big effort in the Belmont. It's a pattern he followed last year with Belmont winner Mo Donegal (**Uncle Mo**), who was fifth in the Derby.

"This path has worked well for us in the past," Pletcher said. "He's a horse that I've always felt would suit the Belmont very well. He's by **Tapit**, who has had a lot of success in the Belmont. He's out of a Dunkirk mare and we finished second in the Belmont with him. He's a big, long-striding colt and I think the big, wide sweeping turns at Belmont will suit him very well. We've seen in a couple of his races, including the Tampa Bay Derby, that he doesn't run tight turns really well. The bigger oval at Belmont will really suit him."

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NEW AMERICAN OWNERS OF PORTA FORTUNA HAPPY TO BE ASCOT-BOUND

When Porta Fortuna (Ire) (Caravaggio {Ire}) won the G3 Coolmore Stud Irish EBF Fillies Sprint S. at Naas on Sunday, there was a collective cheer from her new partners across the pond.

Medallion Racing, a racing partnership put together by Taylor Made Farm, bought the two-year-old filly after her five-furlong win at the Curragh in April with partners Barry Fowler, Steve Weston and Dean Reeves. She took the Sunday stakes at Naas in just her second start, her first for the new partners, and now will head to Royal Ascot.

"We traditionally try to buy one to two horses a cycle from Europe," said Medallion's Phillip Shelton. "We find that the prices are a little more reasonable, and you can find a horse with Grade I potential. We bought a filly named Papilio (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**) last year from Europe who won the Grade II Appalachian at Keeneland in April."

"We loved the way this filly quickened on debut," Shelton continued. "She was a bit green and never looked like she was going to win until she made up a couple of lengths in what felt like a few strides. The group stakes schedule gives you an immediate shot at group black type. In America there isn't a graded stakes for two-year-old fillies on grass until September."

Originally owned by Annemarie O'Brien, Porta Fortuna stayed with her son, trainer Donnacha, despite the switch in owners.

"We work with Mark McStay of Avenue Bloodstock and we started discussing if there was a deal to be done. Luckily, we were able to get a deal done, and were happy to keep the filly with Donnacha," said Shelton. "We couldn't do any of it without our partners who trust us to put them in on the right horses. Our Medallion partners have been great, as well as Steve Weston and Barry Fowler, who are two of our biggest supporters, and partners on Papilio as well. This is the first horse we have had with Dean Reeves, but he has been a Taylor Made customer in the past. All of our yearlings are broken at Two Springs Farm, of Chetley and Nellie Breeden's. Dean owns the farm and we got to spend some time together this winter talking about trying to find the right horse to partner on."

"We thought she was a nice filly, but obviously you never expect to win a Group race with a filly that's had just one run," O'Brien said. "It's nice to see her handle the step up in class well. She has a really good pedigree; back along there are a lot of good horses in it."

As to which race they'll target at Ascot, "We'll leave that up to Donnacha," said Shelton. "The race today was a stiff six furlongs and she quickened really well, so the Group 3 Albany could suit. She probably has enough pace for the Group 2 Queen Mary if we wanted to drop her back, but we will let Donnacha guide us on the best spot."



Porta Fortuna (Ire) | *Racingfotos*

Said O'Brien, "If she goes it will probably be for the Albany as she looked to get a stiff six furlongs here well. She handles all kinds of ground, so I wouldn't be worried either way. The American partners, they liked her, they invested in her and they were dead right. She's a valuable filly now."

Added Shelton, "We are very excited. Royal Ascot is such a special meeting, and should be on everyone's racing bucket list. We'll be going this year with a filly we think has a shot to run very well."

"We thought she was smart."

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SEVERAL DERBY RUNNERS BACK ON SUNDAY WORK TAB

Sunday morning's work tab at Churchill Downs featured a trio of trainer Brad Cox's GI Kentucky Derby runners who recorded their first breezes since running on the first Saturday in May.

At 5:30 a.m., third-place finisher Angel of Empire (**Classic Empire**) recorded a half-mile move in :49. The colt, owned by Albaugh Family Stables, is possible to run in the GI Belmont S. June 10.

Shortly after, Verifying (**Justify**), who finished 16th in the Derby, worked a half-mile in :49.60.

At 7:45 a.m., Gary and Mary West's Hit Show (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), fifth in the Derby, breezed a half-mile in :49.40.

Hit Show and Verifying's next starts have yet to be determined.

LNJ Foxwoods and Clearsky Farms' Botanical (**Medaglia d'Oro**), the 13th-place finisher in the GI Longines Kentucky Oaks, worked an easy half-mile in :50.

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NORTH AMERICAN RACING



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

MIZDIRECTION S., \$101,000, Santa Anita, 5-20, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, 1:13.23, fm.

1--**ELM DRIVE**, 124, f, 4, Mohaymen--Lets Dance Charlie, by **Indian Charlie**. (\$40,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT; \$165,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR). O-Little Red Feather Racing; B-Kenneth D'Oyen (KY); T-Philip D'Amato; J-Ramon A. Vazquez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 10-5-0-1, \$408,140. *1/2 to Mother of Dragons (**First Dude**), MSW, \$153,995.

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2--**Honey Pants**, 122, m, 5, **Cairo Prince**--Queens Carousel, by Afternoon Deelites. (\$90,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). O-Bakster Farm LLC and Isbister, Gerald; B-Betz/Lamantia/J. Betz (KY); T-Philip D'Amato. \$20,000.

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3--**Big Summer**, 124, m, 5, Mr. Big--Ultimate Summer, by Cee's Tizzy. O-Robert Abrams, Mitchell Dutko and Michael Paran; B-Mitchell Dutko & Bob Abrams (CA); T-Carla Gaines. \$12,000. Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 5.70, 8.30, 1.10.

Also Ran: Very Scary, Una Chiquitita (Chi), Canoodling, Freedom Flyer. Scratched: Lady Jae, One Silk Stocking.

Elm Drive had an early challenger--but none late--as the eye-catching filly made her maiden trip on the turf a fruitful one when she blitzed the field in the Mizdirection S. at Santa Anita.



Elm Drive | Benoit

Considering she's already a two-time graded stakes winner sprinting on the main track, including last out Apr. 8 when she led gate-to-wire in the venue's off-turf GIII Monrovia S., the betting public was slightly wary of Elm Drive's ability to produce the same performances on the grass and sent her away the 5-1 co-third choice against a field of confirmed turf specialists.

Away quickly in the early stages, she ceded the lead to an equally eager Freedom Flyer (**Constitution**), who stepped forward to set the fractions as the eventual winner tracked her from second. Moving to apply light pressure from the outside, Elm Drive took over as the pacesetter gradually faded to last and moved over to claim the inward lane once clear of that tiring rival. She kicked on from there to safely hold a closing Honey Pants as Big Summer came from farther back to round out the trifecta.

Her dam's most recent winner and thus far the most accomplished, Elm Drive has a 2-year-old half-brother by **Accelerate** as well as a yearling half-brother by **Volatile**. Lets Dance Charlie was bred to **Violence** last season. This is the female family of no less than 10 graded or listed black-type earners and the extended family of Canadian champion older mare MGSW Pennyhill Park, and Japanese multimillionaires Sterling Rose (Jpn) (Afleet) and his full-sister MSW Golden Jack. **Click for the [Equibase.com](https://www.equinbase.com) chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

DESERT CODE S., \$100,500, Santa Anita, 5-21, 3yo, 6 1/2fT, 1:11.25, fm.

1--**CONCLUDE**, 120, c, 3, by **Collected**

1st Dam: Believe You Can (GISW, \$1,280,324), by Proud Citizen

2nd Dam: El Fasto, by El Prado (Ire)

3rd Dam: Taegu, by Halo

(\$140,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Little Red Feather Racing, Madaket Stables LLC and Brereton C. Jones; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Philip D'Amato; J-Juan J. Hernandez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$119,600. *1/2 to Believe in Royalty (**Tapit**), SW & GSP, \$194,385.

2--**First Peace**, 124, c, 3, **Funtastic**--Peace Opportunity, by Point of Entry. (\$15,000 Ylg '21 FTKFEB; \$65,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$75,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN). O-Rancho Temescal LLC, Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rodney E. Orr; B-Christopher L. Baker & Mullikin Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Mark Glatt. \$20,000.

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3--**Ransomware**, 120, c, 3, Ransom the Moon--Thalias Fire, by Philanthropist. (\$1,500 Ylg '21 FTKFEB; \$32,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT; \$19,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Agave Racing Stable, Kevin Knuckley and Steven A. Lehman; B-Snipe Racing LLC, Steve Lehman & Or Wilke (KY); T-Philip D'Amato. \$12,000.



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 Margins: NO, 1HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 1.70, 1.10, 17.50.
 Also Ran: Mas Rapido (GB), Valiancer, Acquired Class.

Conclude earned his first black-type victory at The Great Race Place on Sunday afternoon after finishing a debut second when he sprinted over the Santa Anita turf Jan. 21 and then when he broke his maiden over that surface Mar. 4 by 4 1/4 lengths. However, the chestnut colt missed the board as the short-priced favorite when he tried the Hillside for the first time in the John Shear S. Apr. 9.

Sent off as the 8-5 second choice here, Conclude made the front with the 1-1 chalk First Peace tracking him closely from second. Setting some stiff fractions of :21.25 for the first quarter and :42.50 at the half mile, the Phil D'Amato trainee traversed the dirt and clinging to the fence began to duel with his adversary. Squaring up, they went back and forth all the way to the wire, but it was Conclude who owned the well-timed bob to secure the victory.

"Hat's off to Billy Koch and Gary Fenton [of Little Red Feather Racing], they have been really good supporters of mine," said trainer Phil D'Amato.

"It was good to have a nice weekend with them, especially getting this horse back on track. We had high expectations for him when he broke his maiden and he had a legitimate excuse last time, but you still never know until they [prove it]. I thought he [came with] a top effort today.

When asked where Conclude might land next, D'Amato said, "We will see, maybe a mile with this horse. I've got to get him to relax a little bit more. Like Juan said, he's just a little rambunctious in the gate. I think if we can get him to relax and settle down, a mile is within his scope and we'll see from there."

Out of GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Believe You Can, the winner is a half-brother to SW Believe In Royalty (**Tapit**) and his full-sister Birdy Num, who sold for \$1 million at the Keeneland September Yearling sale in 2017 to the Don Alberto Corp. and who produced Montastical (**Uncle Mo**), who went for \$425,000 last year at the OBS Spring auction to Grace Diamond. Believe You Can's last produce is a yearling filly by **Nyquist**.

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Conclude (right) | Benoit

ROAR S., \$75,000, Gulfstream, 5-20, 3yo, 5fT, :56.82, fm.

1--**WIDE WEST (IRE)**, 113, f, 3, by **Frankel (GB)**

1st Dam: Deer Valley (SW, \$180,910), by **Speightstown**

2nd Dam: Cat's Fair, by Sir Cat

3rd Dam: Very Fair, by Honest Pleasure

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Glen Hill Farm; B-Craig Bernick (IRE); T-Thomas F. Proctor; J-Edwin Gonzalez. \$42,750. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$104,185.

ANOTHER LEGEND BRED IN IRELAND



2--**Harry Time (Ire)**, 118, c, 3, Harry Angel (Ire)--Silver Rainbow (Ire), by **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**. (£32,000 Ylg '21 TATIRY; 82,000gns 2yo '22 TATBRE; £300,000 2yo '22 GOFLOM).

1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Michael Iavarone; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.. \$15,675.

3--**Dr Oseran**, 118, c, 3, Kitten's Joy--Act Now, by **Street Sense**. (\$70,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-Michael J. Caruso and Michael Dubb; B-Kim and Rodney Nardelli & William Werner (KY); T-Christophe Clement. \$7,125.

Margins: HD, 1 1/4, NO. Odds: 6.60, 3.70, 1.60.

Also Ran: Portofino, Mooncapture, Jetaros, Extendo, My Man Ira, Cooler King, Uncaptured Star. Scratched: Grand Bey.

Wide West looked her fellow Irish-bred challenger in the eye here, and would not be denied, gamely outbattling Harry Time to secure her first black-type as the only filly in the Roar S. field.

Coming into this contest with a fifth place seasonal opener at course and distance Mar. 25 and then winning last out Apr. 22 over the synthetic track, she jumped at 6-1 odds and pressed from the three path as the early pacesetter was given no quarter through the opening splits. Taking command around the turn and roused for more from four wide into the homeward drive, Wide West braced herself for the inevitable challenge as Harry Time loomed her most pressing danger in the final stages, but refused to be denied.

Harry Time's bid fell a head short while even-money favorite Dr Oseran came on from the back for the last spot in the minors.

The victress is the flag bearer for Deer Valley, who also produced 2-year-old King Julien (**Kingman {GB}**) on her return from her stint in Europe after being bred. She missed in 2022 after visiting **Curlin** and had been bred to both **Candy Ride (Arg)** and **Quality Road** for 2023. Deer Valley is a half-sister to GISW Crisp (El Corredor), who produced Japan Dirt Derby winner Danon Pharoah (Jpn) (**American Pharoah**), and to the dam of GSP Malibu Bonnie (Malibu Moon). This is the extended female family of MGSW Spellbinder (Tale of the Cat); GISW Whywhywhy (Mr. Greeley); GSP Big Top (Giant's Causeway); and MGISP Make Change. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**



Wide West (inside) | Ryan Thompson

GOLDEN CIRCLE S., \$49,000, Prairie Meadows, 5-20, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.13, ft.

1--**UNCASHED**, 118, g, 3, Uncaptured--Charlie B, by War Chant.

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Patricia's Hope LLC; B-Nicksar Farms (FL); T-Larry Rivelli; J-Orlando Mojica. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0, \$86,000.

2--**Ocean of Storms**, 118, c, 3, Malibu Moon--Wind Racer, by **Curlin**. (\$12,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-NBS Stable; B-Baoma Corp (KY); T-Jon G. Arnett. \$10,000.

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3--**Kyandi**, 118, g, 3, Danzing Candy--Surf Dancer, by Bertrando. (\$9,000 2yo '22 CTBAJA). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Jordan Racing LLC; B-Liberty Road Stables (CA); T-Todd James Jordan. \$5,000. Margins: 8HF, 2HF, 3 1/4. Odds: 0.30, 6.40, 12.70. Also Ran: Arizona Andrew, Call Me Ice Man. Scratched: Toddchero.

Uncashed dominated his rivals in the Golden Circle S. in a wire-to-wire victory at Prairie Meadows.

Coming into this first-time stakes try a half-length shy of perfection, and a winner of the other three races by a combined near 20 lengths, Uncashed was bet down to 1-5 favoritism before making it look like a gift. On top by almost four coming off the turn, the winner bounded home with ears pricked and of his own volition as jockey Orlando Mojica largely just had to make sure he looked good for the picture. It was 8 1/2 lengths back to Ocean of Storms as that one rallied from the rear of the field and Kyandi had to settle for third.

The Florida-bred is his dam's third to the races and second multiple winner behind Anna's Dream (Fast Anna). They have a 2-year-old half-sister Cool Tricks (**Practical Joke**) as well as a yearling half-sister by **West Coast** named Miss Zelenskyy. Charlie B has a 2023 **Connect** filly on the ground and hails from the female family of MGSW Anguilla in addition to being a half-sibling to GSW Lomaki (A.P. Indy); SW Dr Large (A.P. Indy); and SP Global Force (Giant's Causeway). Further down the page, GISW American Alive and Special Account--sister to champion 2-year-old filly Numbered Account--both make appearances. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

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8th-Churchill Downs, \$125,785, Alw, 5-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15.88, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

SAUDI CROWN (c, 3, **Always Dreaming--New Narration, by Tapit)** was sparkling in his debut Apr. 16 at Keeneland last month when he kicked away by 4 3/4 lengths. Looking to clear the next condition here, the 1-2 heavy favorite showed speed early and despite receiving pressure from Sweet Cherry Pie (**Twirling Candy**) into the far turn--the half was a brisk :45.01--the gray colt responded into the stretch. Set down for a drive past the eighth pole, Saudi Crown showed mettle and with a final push, put away his rival by 1 3/4 lengths. Out of an unraced dam, the winner hails from a female line that includes second dam GSW New Normal (Forestry) and third dam MGSW New Economy (Red Ransom). New Narration produced a 2-year-old unraced colt named Truncator (Exaggerator), who was sent to Panama last year after being purchased at the Fasig-Tipton Yearling sale for \$16,000 by Jose Blanco.

She also has a yearling filly by **Yoshida (Jpn)** and was bred last year to King for a Day. Sales History: \$45,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$240,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$131,085. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-FMQ Stables, Inc.; B-Chc Inc. (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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8th-Belmont, \$85,000, (S), Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 5-21, 3yo/up, 6f (off turf), 1:09.73, ft, 1/2 length.

AWESOME NATIVE (c, 4, **Practical Joke--Bella Kateri, by Tale of the Cat)** once again found his way to the winner's circle here after missing in his last two outings as the post-time favorite. With no SW Listentoyourheart (Afleet Alex) nor SP Prince of Pharoahs (**American Pharoah**) to contend with here--and as the race came off the turf--the 4-5 favorite had to be coaxed out of the gate and was in no rush early, settling in sixth. Three wide as he was called on for run, he swung six off the rail into upper stretch and rallied furiously to catch Brew Pub (**Street Sense**) before being caught up in rough traffic as that one tried to intimidate from the outside. Taking command and inching away to win by a half-length, Awesome Native also survived a trainer's objection on behalf of the runner up. Flag bearer for Bella Kateri, the winner also has a unraced 3-year-old half-sister by War Dancer as well as a yearling half-brother by **Twirling Candy**. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$142,610. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Farone Stables LLC; B-Tom & Joan Farone (NY); T-Jorge R. Abreu.

8th-Monmouth, \$58,800, Alw, 5-21, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:03.93, ft, 3/4 length.

MINISTER FOR MAGIC (c, 3, **Malibu Moon--**Could Be Magic**, by **Speightstown**)** after a dismal showing on the Churchill Downs sod three weeks ago in his first start since a drumming in the Sapling S. last August, Minister for Magic clearly didn't mind returning to the main track after the New Jersey rains forced his race off the turf here. After the scratch to his inside left him closest to the rail in the gate, the chestnut battled for the lead to the inside of both Tenebris (**Violence**) and 3-5 favored Great King (Fr) (Shamardal) to his outside all the way up the backstretch while maintaining a slight lead. Midway around the turn he gave up his advantage to his outside rivals briefly, but clawed his way back at the head of the lane and dug in, gamely outpacing the favorite in the drive to the wire to win by three-quarters of a length. The winner's dam, who also produced an unnamed 2-year-old filly by **Audible** and a colt this year by **Instilled Regard**, is a half-sister to MGSW **Good Samaritan** (Harlan's Holiday) and SW Brave Nation (Pioneer of the Nile). Some other names to appear in his female family include champion Outstandingly (Exclusive Native), Caress (Storm Cat), Country Cat (Storm Cat), Della Francesca (Danzig) and Bernstein (Storm Cat). Sales History: \$250,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$63,715. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Mark B. Grier; B-Angela M Ingenito & Spendthrift Stallions LLC (FL); T-Jane Cibelli.

9th-Woodbine, C\$55,963, Ocl (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$29,642), 5-21, 3yo, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.09, ft, 9 3/4 lengths.

PATCHES O'HOULIHAN (g, 3, **Reload--**Maythefourthwithu**, by **Silent Name {Jpn}**)** broke smartly from the gate, sped to the lead and never looked back en route to a 9 3/4-length romp over 3-1 favorite Jamiesta (Arpista) to earn his second win in his third career start. The Ontario-bred gelding, who was the 9-2 second choice, used similar tactics when he broke his maiden at this distance here in September and then posted a poor sixth-place finish in the restricted Bull Page S., and after an eight-month vacation returned to his preferred running style for the win. His winning dam, who is a half-sister to MGSP Artica (Frosty the Snowman) also produced the 2-year-old colt May and June (Souper Speedy) and that colt's full-brother this year. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$53,600. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Frank D. Di Giulio, Jr. (ON); T-Robert P. Tiller.

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9th-Churchill Downs, \$123,240, Msw, 5-21, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.89, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

TAKING CANDY (c, 3, [Twirling Candy](#)--Taking Aim, by Trappe Shot), not seen since his debut last August at Saratoga in a route over the turf where he finished a well-beaten sixth, returned here as the 8-1 choice. The bay colt settled mid-pack as the leaders tried to slow the pace down the backstretch. Taking Candy looked for running room along the rail on the far turn, cut to the three path at the top of the lane, and found a gap past the eight pole. Diving through a gap shortly thereafter, He rallied up the inside past 2-1 favorite St. Neots (Flintshire {GB}) for a 1 3/4-length victory. Second dam Winning Call (Deputy Minister) is responsible for the late GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile hero Tapizar ([Tapit](#)) and his full-sister Tamboz, who produced the likes of GISP Creative Minister ([Creative Cause](#)) and MGSP Oceanwave (Harlan's Holiday). The winner is his dam's first offspring, but the \$200,000 '19 Fasig-Tipton Winter sale purchase has produced an unraced 2-year-old named Rascality (Into Mischief). That filly, who worked out at Santa Anita on Sunday going three furlongs (:38.40, 21/31), was bought by Legacy Ranch at the '22 Fasig-Tipton October Yearling sale for \$190,000. Taking Aim also has yearling filly by [Speightstown](#). Sales History: \$155,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL; \$400,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$70,050. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.** O-Lael Stables; B-KatieRich Farms (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux.

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7th-Churchill Downs, \$95,250, Msw, 5-21, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.51, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

BRITERDAYZAHEAD (c, 3, [Girvin](#)--Pure Grey {SP}, by Too Much Bling) debuted in a stacked Saratoga maiden race as a juvenile; one that ultimately yielded MGSW Instant Coffee (Bolt d'Oro), GSW Dubyuhnell ([Good Magic](#)), GSW Rocket Can (Into Mischief), and next-out winner Arthur's Ride ([Tapit](#)). Each went on to face tough company in some form--either on the Triple Crown trail or in black-type contests. Gone since then and back to the races Apr. 16 on seasonal bow at Keeneland, he ran into Saudi Crown ([Always Dreaming](#)), who would go on to blitz the field and then come back a race later on this card to win a salty allowance. Sent away here at 2-1, he bounced off the horse to his inside at the jump but recovered to prompt the pace from the two path.

Stubbornly stuck to Wild Thinker (Lord Nelson)'s hip around the turn, he was in the lead and in hand entering the lane as his sparring mate tried to mount a response. Drawing off in midstretch, he was 4 1/4 lengths in front at the wire as Wild Thinker managed to come out on the better end of a photo for second. The only foal for his dam thus far, Briterdayzahead is out of a half-sister to MSW Supermason and that one's full-brother SW Shotsoft. The is the female line of GISW Folk Art. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$52,481. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.**

O-Brad Grady; B-Brad & Misty Grady (FL); T-Joe Sharp.

3rd-Belmont, \$87,300, Msw, 5-21, 3yo/up, 7f (off turf), 1:24.80, gd, 10 lengths.

DARK VECTOR (c, 3, Bolt d'Oro--Just Louise {GSW}, by Five Star Day) began his career a well-beaten sixth to eventual GI Kentucky Derby hero Mage ([Good Magic](#)) Jan. 28 at Gulfstream Park. The dark bay colt then switched to the grass in Hallandale and was second by 8 3/4 lengths to Carl Spackler (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) before moving to the Tapeta Mar. 30 when fourth. Back on the dirt Apr. 28 at Keeneland, he just missed graduating by 3/4 length. After more than half the field scratched here once the race was moved to the main track, the 1-5 chance tracked a pair of leaders up the backstretch, ranged up to the outside three wide and was let loose at the top of the lane en route to a 10-length victory. The winner counts Forbidden Kingdom ([American Pharoah](#)), MGSW & GISP, \$547,500, as a half-brother, and he also has a 2-year-old half-sister by [Not This Time](#). His dam, who is a half-sister to MGSW Sara Louise (Malibu Moon), foaled a filly by [American Pharoah](#) on Feb. 25. Sales History: \$275,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$86,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.** O-R. A. Hill Stable, Gatsas Stables, RAP Racing & Chris Mara; B-Springhouse Farm (KY); T-George Weaver.

 **SGV THOROUGHBREDS GRADUATE** 

5th-Woodbine, C\$87,114, Msw, 5-21, 2yo, 4 1/2f (AWT), :51.83, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

BOLT ENOREE (f, 2, Bolt d'Oro--Enoree {SP}, by More Than Ready)'s stablemate Pennick ([Hard Spun](#)) achieved 'TDN Rising Star' status in victory at this very condition and distance on Saturday at Woodbine. Also campaigned by Al and Bill Ulwelling, the 5-1 first timer here wrangled the lead away before the far turn, flashed excellent speed before the top of the lane and ran on nicely to get the money over 4-5 favorite My Boy Prince ([Cairo Prince](#)) by 1 3/4 lengths. The winner's dam is responsible for a yearling filly by [Twirling Candy](#) and she was bred to [Maclean's Music](#) last year. Sales History: \$160,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$39,039. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)

O-Al and Bill Ulwelling; B-Mark Dodson (ON); T-Kevin Attard.

• **WOODS EDGE FARM GRADUATE** •

1st-Santa Anita, \$63,000, Msw, 5-21, 3, 4/5yo, f/m, 6fT, 1:08.81, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

SPICYBUG (f, 3, Speightstown--Midnight Miley {Ch. Older Mare-Can, MGSW, \$296,730}, by Midnight Lute) was closest in pursuit of Kissed by Fire (Friesan Fire) from that one's outside and launched her challenge from the two path coming home. Locking horns, the fillies battled down to the final sixteenth where the eventual winner took a short lead; ultimately drawing clear by 1 1/4 lengths at 3-1 odds while the 2-1 favorite had to settle for second. Third at Del Mar last July, the dark bay was unplaced there in September and was most recently third in her turf bow locally Apr. 7. Out of Canada's champion older mare, Spicybug is her first to make it to the races after the first two foals died. The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister Skinny Cosmo (Constitution) and a yearling half-brother by Flatter. Midnight Miley had been bred to Authentic for 2023. This is the female family of Japanese multimillionaire MSW Suni (Soto); 15-time winner MSW Promise of War (Lord at War {Arg}); 11-time winner MSW Britt's Jules; GISP Social Probation; GISP Putthebabiesdown and GSW Gucci Factor (Gio Ponti). Sales history: \$250,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$54,740. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)

O-Mike G. Rutherford; B-Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm (KY); T-Michael W. McCarthy.

Broodmare Purchased by ARCH BLOODSTOCK, LLC
• **WARRENDALE GRADUATE** •

5th-Santa Anita, \$62,000, (S), Msw, 5-21, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52.08, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

REFOCUS (c, 2, Pavel--Redo It, by Square Eddie), after a set of steady works over the past month, debuted at 2-1 odds here. The homebred got down to business early along the backstretch, but rounding the far turn he was soon joined to his outside by 9-5 favorite Last Call London (Stay Thirsty). As the pair dueled for control, Refocus turned back his rival past the eighth pole and sped away to a 4 1/4-length victory. The winner has a 3-year-old half-brother by I'll Have Another who was purchased for \$17,000 at last year's FTCL Yearling sale by Don Cox. His dam visited Nyquist in 2022. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,600. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)

O/B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Doug F. O'Neill.

1st-Monmouth, \$55,225, Msw, 5-21, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.16, ft, head.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT (g, 3, Gun Runner--Indygita, by Indygo Shiner) debuted a well-beaten seventh Feb. 11 at Gulfstream Park before being gelded. Back to work last month and trying two turns here, the 9-2 shot was taken back initially as the rest of the field scrambled for control up front. Justice Department began to make up ground into the far turn, skimmed the fence as Life On the Nile tired with a sixteenth left and battled to get up just in time to score by a head. Second dam Singita (Holy Bull) is a half-sister to MGSW Juniper Pass (Lemon Drop Kid). The winner is his dam's first offspring, but she has an unraced 2-year-old filly named Mendel's Daughter (Mendelssohn). She reported a brand new colt Feb. 9 by Justify. Sales History: \$230,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$35,200.

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6th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 5-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.08, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

CAN'T STOP (f, 3, Empire Maker--Washington Bridge {GSW, \$273,502}, by Yankee Gentleman) debuted here as the 7-2 third choice after several sharp works over the past couple of months. The bay filly sat behind a wall of horses down the backstretch and into the far turn, but she angled out three wide and began to kick clear. Down the lane she accelerated under a hand ride to win by 5 1/4 lengths over 9-5 favorite Libban (Laoban). The winner is a full-sister to Mnasek, GSW-UAE, \$118,653, but also has a 2-year-old unraced half-brother named Implementer (Liam's Map) and a yearling half-sister by McKinzie. Her dam just dropped a filly by Yaupon Apr. 25.

Sales History: \$100,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)

O-Steinmetz Equine Holdings LLC; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Jena M. Antonucci.

7th-Lone Star, \$33,000, Msw, 5-21, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :53.28, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

CLASSIC RICK (c, 2, Classic Empire--Orb's Joy, by Orb) was well-handled along the rail after the jump and launched his rally from sixth in mid-stretch to close with a rush late. He was 3 1/4 lengths best over long-time leader Secret Tavern (Secret House). Classic Rick is his dam's first surviving foal and winner.

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He has a yearling half-sister by Street Boss. Sales history: \$53,000 RNA 2yo '23 TTAAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,620. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**
O-Richard L. Davis; B-Davis Stables, LLC. (KY); T-J. R. Caldwell.



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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, MAY 22

2023 Stud Fees Listed

Always Dreaming (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
213 foals of racing age/29 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:07 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Always Dream Big, 20-1
\$40,000 OBS APR 2yo
2-Thistledown, 1:20 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Always Mischievous, 8-1

Eastwood (Speightstown), Blackstone Farm, \$1,250
17 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Parx Racing, 3:22 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6 1/2f, Broadwaycharlyrose, 5-2

Forever d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), Breakway Farm, \$2,000
21 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Positive Change, 20-1
\$3,300 IND MIX yrl

Good Magic (Curlin), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$50,000
237 foals of racing age/45 winners/9 black-type winners
10-Parx Racing, 4:53 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1mT, Jackson Road, 8-1
\$47,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$62,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; \$49,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
348 foals of racing age/52 winners/3 black-type winners
10-Parx Racing, 4:53 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1mT, Not Normal, 9-2
\$150,000 KEE SEP yrl

Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy), Mill Ridge Farm, \$20,000
172 foals of racing age/24 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Black White N Gold, 15-1

Sharp Azteca (Freud), Three Chimneys Farm, \$15,000
200 foals of racing age/53 winners/4 black-type winners
8-Presque Isle Downs, 6:09 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Lilli Rose, 15-1
\$15,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Yockey's Warrior (Warrior's Reward), Holly Hill Farm
35 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Louisiana Downs, 5:53 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Sono, 9-2



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STAKES RESULTS:

KING CORRIE S., C\$116,000, Woodbine, 5-21, 3yo, 7f (AWT), 1:23.02, ft.

1--**TWIN CITY, 118, g, 3, Klimt--Minnie Apple Is, by Harlan's Holiday.** (C\$40,000 Ylg '21 CANSEP). **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Russell Brent, and Roy E. McLellan, and Stuart C. Simon; B-Frank DiGiulio (ON); T-Stuart C. Simon; J-Gary Boulanger. C\$72,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-4-0, \$197,213.

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2--**Wico (Ire), 118, c, 3, No Nay Never--Mundus Novus, by Unbridled's Song.** (\$440,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Andrew Farm and For the People Racing Stable LLC; B-Lynch Bages Ltd & Rhinestone B/Stock (IRE); T-Wesley A. Ward. C\$20,000.

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3--**Keen Flatter, 120, c, 3, Ami's Flatter--Keen's Success, by Successful Appeal.** **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Ivan Dalos; B-Tall Oaks Farm (ON); T-Josie Carroll. C\$12,000.

Margins: NO, 2, 3/4. Odds: 10.55, 0.70, 42.05.



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JOHN J. REILLY H., \$90,100, Monmouth, 5-21, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.41, ft.

1--**SPEAKING, 120, g, 4, Mr Speaker--High Noon Nellie, by Silver Deputy.** O/B-Holly Crest Farm (NJ); T-Eddie Owens, Jr; J-Jairo Rendon. \$51,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 13-5-2-1, \$339,840. *1/2 to Stiffed (Stephen Got Even), MSW & MGSP, \$256,559.

2--**No Cents, 120, g, 5, Goldencents--Faker, by Petionville.**

O/B-Hope Haskell Jones & Isabelle de Tomaso (NJ); T-Cathal A. Lynch. \$17,000.



3--**Amatteroftime, 119, g, 8, Eskendereya--Victory Pool, by Victory Gallop.** O/T-Silvino Ramirez; B-New Farm (NJ). \$8,500. Margins: HF, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.00, 7.80, 8.00.

THIRD CHANCE S., \$75,000, Hawthorne, 5-21, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.62, ft.

1--**OEUVRE, 125, f, 4, Shackleford--Love This Kitten, by Kitten's Joy.** O/B-Richard Perkins (IL); T-Mickey A.

Goldfine; J-Orlando Mojica. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 19-11-3-2, \$529,176.

2--**Ronan, 120, m, 7, Successful Appeal--Swan Peak, by Broad Brush.** O-Eugene Sandrowski; B-Hutch Holsapple & Dennis Peterson (IL); T-Max Quinonez. \$15,000.

3--**White Lies, 119, m, 6, Palace--Military Mama, by Include.** (\$18,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKFEB; \$40,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$35,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Jessamyn L. Glander; B-John Truscott Racing (IL); T-Patti R. Miller. \$7,500.

Margins: 4 3/4, 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 0.10, 47.10, 20.80.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Churchill Downs, \$134,805, (NW3\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 5-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.55, fm, neck.

HENRIETTA TOPHAM (m, 5, Lemon Drop Kid--Miss Silver Brook, by Cozzene) Lifetime Record: SW, 11-4-1-0, \$314,128.

O/B-Cambus-Kenneth Farm, LLC (KY); T-Geoff Mulcahy.

4th-Belmont, \$92,150, 5-21, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:43.45, gd, head.

CONSTITUTIONLAWYER (g, 4, Constitution--Lawyer Brockmeyer, by Lawyer Ron) Lifetime Record: 13-2-0-3, \$170,105. O-West Paces Racing LLC, Brown Road Racing and Raymond Handal; B-Silver Springs Stud, LLC & Sandra Sexton (KY); T-Raymond Handal. *\$85,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$170,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

7th-Belmont, \$80,000, (S), 5-21, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.39, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

FANCY JOKE (f, 3, Practical Joke--Anjorie {SP, \$102,035}, by A. P Jet) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$92,900. O-Lugamo Racing Stable LLC; B-Sugar Maple Farm (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez. *\$27,000 Ylg '21 SARAUG; \$100,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Fierce Lady (Competitive Edge), SW, \$313,950; 1/2 to Bluegrass Jamboree (Bluegrass Cat), SP, \$335,335.

8th-Woodbine, C\$77,498, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$22,232-\$23,714), 5-21, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:22.42, ft, 1 length. **CADAMOSTO (IRE) (c, 4, ~~No Nay Never~~--Saucy Spirit {GB}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire})** Lifetime Record: SP-US, SP-Ire, 12-2-1-1, \$126,980. O-D. J. Stable LLC; B-Peter Henley & Eric Mc Donnell (IRE); T-Mark E. Casse. *£130,000 Ylg '20 GOFOR.

6th-Woodbine, C\$76,832, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$22,232-\$23,714), 5-21, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:22.32, ft, head. **STEP FORWARD (g, 4, ~~Speightstown~~--Stand Back, by Giant's Causeway)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$74,170. O-Gary Barber; B-Endeavor Farm (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. *\$120,000 Ylg '20 FTKFEB; \$160,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$325,000 RNA 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

3rd-Woodbine, C\$51,060, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$29,642), 5-21, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.34, ft, 3/4 length. **FOOLISH GAMES (f, 3, ~~Reload~~--Jungle Jewel, by Horse Greeley)** Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$52,443. O-Mentec Mississauga Industrial Equipment Ltd., Big Willow Stables and Michelle M. Love; B-Joey Gee Thoroughbreds (ON); T-Michelle M. Love.

3rd-Lone Star, \$39,000, (S), 5-21, 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.81, gd, 1/2 length. **GUERO DINERO (g, 5, ~~Silencio~~--Endless Date, by Intimidator)** Lifetime Record: 13-4-0-0, \$65,757. O-Justin Williams and Allen C. Dupuy; B-Justin D Williams (TX); T-Allen C. Dupuy.

6th-Louisiana Downs, \$35,000, (S), 5-21, (NW2Y), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.86, ft, 3 1/4 lengths. **FORT POLK (m, 7, ~~Behindatthebar~~--Military Miss {SP, \$162,116}, by Military)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 43-11-7-11, \$407,710. O-Save D. and Patricia L. Roe; B-Spanish Cross Stable, LLC (LA); T-Patrick Mouton.

8th-Golden Gate Fields, \$34,250, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 5-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.41, fm, 2 1/2 lengths. **ASCENDANCY (f, 4, ~~Classic Empire~~--Tensas Punch {SW, \$251,200}, by ~~War Front~~)** Lifetime Record: 15-4-4-2, \$104,640. O-Jauregui Racing Stables Inc., Dan Barrett, David Crossley, David Foran, Daniel Preiss, Angel D. Valadez and Graham Witherall; B-Hunter Valley Farm (KY); T-O. J. Jauregui. *\$105,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$77,000 2yo '21 FTSANA.

7th-Prairie Meadows, \$34,000, 5-20, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.69, ft, 1 1/4 lengths. **WOBBERJOD (g, 6, ~~Flutter~~--Veronica's Lake {SP, \$130,970}, by Salt Lake)** Lifetime Record: 10-6-3-0, \$108,768. O-Epiphany Racing, LLC; B-Erich Brehm & Wayne Detmar (KY); T-Kelly R. Von Hemel. *\$70,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '19 EASMAY.

8th-Evangeline Downs, \$32,480, 5-20, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.41, ft, 1/2 length.

LADY DREAMER (f, 3, ~~Exaggerator~~--Hout Bay {SP, \$139,190}, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-3, \$68,365. O-Norman Stables, LLC; B-Perry & Denise Martin (KY); T-Lonnie Briley. *\$15,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

8th-Sunray, \$31,500, (S), 5-20, (C), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.81, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

DELBERT TOO (g, 5, ~~Marking~~--On Stride, by Ghostly Moves) Lifetime Record: SW, 35-6-8-8, \$417,400. O/T-Filiberto Quiroz; B-Fred Alexander (NM). *\$25,000 Ylg '19 RUIAUG.

7th-Charles Town, \$30,500, 5-20, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.33, sy, 2 3/4 lengths.

COUSIN WINNIE (f, 4, ~~Firing Line~~--Aunt Winnie {Ire} {Broodmare Of The Year-Bel}, by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: MSP, 22-5-1-9, \$152,406. O/T-Cynthia E. McKee; B-John D. McKee (WV).

5th-Louisiana Downs, \$28,600, 5-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.84, gd, 1 1/2 lengths.

MADAM HENNY (m, 5, ~~Stay Thirsty~~--Madam Smack, by Closing Argument) Lifetime Record: 12-3-4-1, \$59,335. O/B-Dream Walkin' Farms, Inc. (KY); T-Joe O. Duhon.

6th-Hastings Racecourse, C\$22,500, 5-20, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17.01, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

LEGACY SQUARE (g, 3, ~~Lent~~--Architecture {MSW, \$149,935}, by Dixie Chatter) Lifetime Record: SW, 6-4-2-0, \$110,144. O-Tod Mountain Thoroughbreds and James Redekop; B-Christine Ammann (BC); T-Edgar Mendoza. *C\$25,000 Ylg '21 BRCSEP. **1/2 to U Did It (Teide), MSW, \$124,384.



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5th-Hastings Racecourse, C\$19,200, 5-20, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.18, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

BAKKEN OVERDRIVE (g, 6, Bakken--Cloud of Smoke, by Smoke Glacken) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-1, \$26,812. O-ReinDance Farm; B-Debbie Collum & Patricia Fairbairn (BC); T-Cindy Krasner. *1/2 to Denver Tesoro (**Violence**), MSP-Jpn, \$407,408.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Shouldaboughtdabar, c, 3, Alternation--Gallery Girl, by Gio Ponti. Prairie Meadows, 5-20, 1m 70y, 1:44.64. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$28,733. B-Edward "Beau" Lane (KY). *\$7,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

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Danseur d'Oro, f, 3, Bolt d'Oro--Miss Centerfold (SP), by Tiznow. Belmont, 5-21, (S), 7f, 1:25.34. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$82,978. B-Thomas/Burleson (NY). *\$70,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$130,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR.

Weehawken, f, 3, Daddy Long Legs--Wildcat Gold, by Forest Wildcat. Woodbine, 5-21, 7f (AWT), 1:23.98. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-2, \$65,295. B-Gentry Farms (KY). *\$17,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$85,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Blinkers (Stay Thirsty), MSP, \$203,903.

Wildwood Ruben, g, 3, Ghaaleb--Cannetella, by Speightstown. Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, 5-20, (S), 6f, 1:12.18. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$18,100. B-William Stiritz (IL). *Full to Isabellacannetella, SP, \$204,071.

Sister Seek, f, 3, Graydar--Seeking Ms Shelley (MSW, \$398,058), by Cactus Ridge. Louisiana Downs, 5-21, 7 1/2fT, 1:31.32. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$24,440. B-Dream Walkin' Farms, Inc. (KY).

Sky Rocker, f, 3, Sky Kingdom--Special Rockstar (MSW, \$177,655), by Special Rate. Lone Star, 5-21, (S), 1mT, 1:38.80. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$21,516. B-Star Bright Thoroughbreds (TX).

Forever Chocolate, g, 4, Boys At Tosconova--Chocolate Blush, by Fit to Fight. Monmouth, 5-21, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.83. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-0, \$68,062. B-Janet Laszlo (NJ).

Zakhari, g, 4, Giant Gizmo--Zelkova, by Lion Heart. Woodbine, 5-21, (C), 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.30. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$39,744. B-Devonleigh Farm (ON). *C\$14,000 RNA Ylg '20 CANSEP.

Bustin Loose, g, 4, Kantharos--Bustin Out (SW, \$354,132), by Bustin Stones. Monmouth, 5-21, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.80. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$57,907. B-Joseph Ioia (NJ).

Road to Stardom, c, 4, Quality Road--Tulira's Star (GSP), by Congrats. Monmouth, 5-21, (C), 6f, 1:10.51. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$26,400. B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY). *\$100,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$100,000 RNA 2yo '21 OBSOPN.

Positiondumoni, f, 4, Well Positioned--Windumoni, by Dumaani. Hawthorne, 5-21, 6f, 1:12.20. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-0, \$51,080. B-Patti Macari (IL).

Guy in the Sky, g, 6, Capitol Guy--Fauzeta, by Distorted Humor. Sunray, 5-21, 4 1/2f, :51.85. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-1, \$22,396. B-John McClintic, Pat McClintic & Mike Abraham (NM).

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Behindatthebar, Fort Polk, m, 7, o/o Military Miss, by Military. ALW, 5-21, Louisiana Downs

Bolt d'Oro, Bolt Enoree, f, 2, o/o Enoree, by More Than Ready. MSW, 5-21, Woodbine

Bolt d'Oro, Danseur d'Oro, f, 3, o/o Miss Centerfold, by Tiznow. MSW, 5-21, Belmont

Bolt d'Oro, Dark Vector, c, 3, o/o Just Louise, by Five Star Day. MSW, 5-21, Belmont

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Classic Empire, Ascendancy, f, 4, o/o Tensas Punch, by **War Front**. AOC, 5-20, Golden Gate

Classic Empire, Classic Rick, c, 2, o/o Orb's Joy, by Orb. MSW, 5-21, Lone Star

Collected, Conclude, c, 3, o/o Believe You Can, by Proud Citizen. Desert Code S., 5-21, Santa Anita

Constitution, Constitutionlawyer, g, 4, o/o Lawyer Brockmeyer, by Lawyer Ron. ALW, 5-21, Belmont

Court Vision, Bulls in the Bronx, g, 5, o/o Cape Town Bride, by Cape Town. MSW, 5-21, Lone Star

Daddy Long Legs, Weehawken, f, 3, o/o Wildcat Gold, by Forest Wildcat. MSW, 5-21, Woodbine

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Klimt, Twin City, g, 3, o/o Minnie Apple Is, by Harlan's Holiday. King Corrie S., 5-21, Woodbine

Laoban, Be the Boss, g, 4, o/o Lemme, by Lemon Drop Kid. STR, 5-21, Belmont

Lemon Drop Kid, Henrietta Topham, m, 5, o/o Miss Silver Brook, by Cozzene. AOC, 5-21, Churchill Downs

Lent, Legacy Square, g, 3, o/o Architecture, by Dixie Chatter. ALW, 5-20, Hastings

Malibu Moon, Minister for Magic, c, 3, o/o Could Be Magic, by **Speightstown**. ALW, 5-21, Monmouth

Marking, Delbert Too, g, 5, o/o On Stride, by Ghostly Moves. ALW, 5-20, Sunray

Mohaymen, Elm Drive, f, 4, o/o Lets Dance Charlie, by Indian Charlie. Mizdirection S., 5-20, Santa Anita

Mr Speaker, Speaking, g, 4, o/o High Noon Nellie, by Silver Deputy. John J. Reilly H., 5-21, Monmouth

No Nay Never, Cadamosto (Ire), c, 4, o/o Saucy Spirit (GB), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). AOC, 5-21, Woodbine

Pavel, Refocus, c, 2, o/o Redo It, by Square Eddie. MSW, 5-21, Santa Anita

Practical Joke, Awesome Native, c, 4, o/o Bella Kateri, by Tale of the Cat. AOC, 5-21, Belmont

Practical Joke, Fancy Joke, f, 3, o/o Anjorie, by A. P Jet. ALW, 5-21, Belmont

Quality Road, Road to Stardom, c, 4, o/o Tulira's Star, by Congrats. MCL, 5-21, Monmouth

Reload, Foolish Games, f, 3, o/o Jungle Jewel, by Horse Greeley. OCL, 5-21, Woodbine

Reload, Patches O'Houlihan, g, 3, o/o Maythefourthbwithu, by Silent Name (Jpn). OCL, 5-21, Woodbine

Shackleford, Oeuvre, f, 4, o/o Love This Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. Third Chance S., 5-21, Hawthorne

Silenzio, Guero Dinero, g, 5, o/o Endless Date, by Intimidator. ALW, 5-21, Lone Star

Sky Kingdom, Sky Rocker, f, 3, o/o Special Rockstar, by Special Rate. MSW, 5-21, Lone Star

Speightstown, Spicybug, f, 3, o/o Midnight Miley, by **Midnight Lute**. MSW, 5-21, Santa Anita

Speightstown, Step Forward, g, 4, o/o Stand Back, by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 5-21, Woodbine

Stay Thirsty, Madam Henny, m, 5, o/o Madam Smack, by Closing Argument. ALW, 5-21, Louisiana Downs

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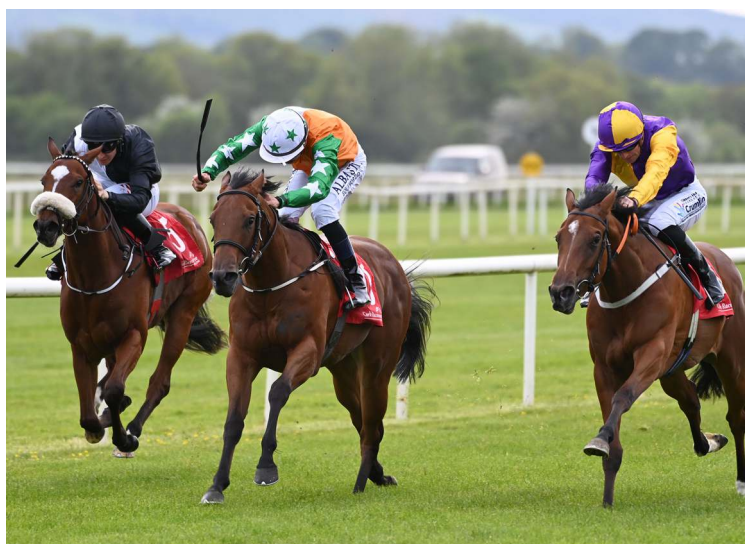
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Well Positioned, Positiondumoni, f, 4, o/o Windumoni, by Dumaani. MSW, 5-21, Hawthorne



Bolt d'Oro | Sarah Andrew

BREEZE-UP REFLECTIONS: 'TOP STRONG BUT EVERYTHING ELSE A STRUGGLE THIS YEAR'



Tiger Belle: was bought on behalf of the commercial arm of the Shamrock Thoroughbreds syndicate at the breeze-up sales
Racingfotos.com

By Brian Sheerin

Alice Haynes and Ado McGuinness, who have emblazoned the value on offer at the breeze-up sales by hitting the ground running with their respective purchases this season, have described shopping in that market as a hugely important aspect of their business.

Well-known breeze-up consignor Eddie Linehan of Lackendarra Stables agrees with Haynes and McGuinness that the value has favoured the buyer when it has come to shopping at the middle to lower tiers of the market due to the amount of choice in that sector.

However, Linehan, who admitted that a lot of consignors were forced to overspend on yearlings last year, reported the top end of the European breeze-up market to be as lucrative as it ever has been after selling a Land Force (Ire) colt at Arqana for €250,000.

He said, "The top end was good but everything else was tough this year." [Cont. p3](#)

CARAVAGGIO'S PORTA FORTUNA ON TOP AT NAAS by Sean Cronin

Donnacha O'Brien trainee **Porta Fortuna (Ire)** (Caravaggio--Too Precious {Ire}, by **Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**) posted a debut win over five furlongs at the Curragh last month and punched a ticket to Royal Ascot with a determined success in Sunday's G3 Coolmore Stud Irish EBF Fillies Sprint S. Naas.

She was positioned within range of the leaders in a close eighth through the early stages and tanked forward once past halfway. Shaken up at the quarter-mile marker, the 8-1 chance quickened smartly to seize control approaching the final furlong and was driven out in the latter stages to hold the late charge of **Navassa Island (Ire)** (Territories {Ire}) by a neck. The duo finished 4 1/2 lengths clear of the pack, headed by **Launch** (Omaha Beach) in third.

"We thought she was a nice filly, but obviously you never expect to win a group race with a filly that's had just one run," O'Brien said. [Cont. p7](#)

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NORTHERN RULER WINS IN GERMANY

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Northern Ruler (Ger) (Ruler Of The World {Ire}) won the G2 Grosser Preis der Badischen Wirtschaft at Baden-Baden on Sunday.

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Classic hero Westover (GB) (Frankel {GB}) is aiming for a start in the June 2 G1 Coronation Cup at Epsom Downs.

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He added, “The middle to lower end of the market is very selective because buyers have so much choice and people are gone so time-based that, if you are not in the top 20 times, it’s very difficult to get paid for a horse no matter how well you recommend it or like it.”

Linehan added, “We’d a couple of nice sales, sold some nice horses and horses who I think will turn out to be nice for small money, and then we’d a couple in between. But from our perspective, it’s definitely a numbers game. I worked it out, four horses have basically paid for our year. Four out of 14 made a profit so far.”

There have been eight juvenile winners in Britain and Ireland who have been sourced at the breeze-ups already this season. Of the eight, Haynes has been responsible for three, including her Royal Ascot bound Golden Arrow (Ire) (Havana Grey {GB}) and Majestic Beauty (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}).

McGuinness is the sole Irish trainer to have registered a winner with a juvenile purchased at the breeze-ups this season with Tiger Belle (Ire) (Cotai Glory {GB}) successful on debut at Cork last week.

One of three juveniles that McGuinness picked up along with his nephew and assistant trainer Stephen Thorne for a new commercial arm of the Shamrock Thoroughbreds syndicate, the £70,000 purchase from Con Marnane's Bansha House Stables will run at Royal Ascot if she's not sold beforehand.

McGuinness said, “We've had someone come to look at her already and, if we can sell her to keep her in the yard, that would be brilliant. We also had a call about the Goffs London Sale before Ascot, and that's a great sale, so all options are open at the minute.”



Ado McGuinness (left) and Stephen Thorne (right) | Tattersalls

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“Stephen runs the Shamrock Thoroughbreds syndicate and it was his idea to set up an investments syndicate to target the breeze-up sales. We didn't buy many yearlings last year, purely because we haven't had much luck at that down through the years, whereas we were very lucky with the few breezers we bought last year. So there has been a bit of a change of plan.

“Out of the three breezers we bought last year, we won with two and got one [Ti Sento (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire})] away for an awful lot of money within a very short space of time.”

He added, “We are looking for the very sharp two-year-olds and Donny and the Craven is where you'll find them. Everybody has the Ascot dream in their heads when they go to these sales and we're the same.

“But we have a limit on what we are going to spend--like, €300,000 on a breeze-up horse, sure if he wins a maiden he might not be worth that. We haven't got the clients who are going to give that type of money for a horse where, win, lose or draw, it makes no difference to them.

“We have to try and buy the horse that will be a realistic price and one we can sell on afterwards. When you set up an investment syndicate, you have to sell when the money is on the table and, if the next person makes more money than you afterwards, the best of luck to them.” **Cont. p4**



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He said, "It's important for business because, say if you win a premier handicap worth €100,000, the trainer's share is only about €7,000. Then you have to go and pay tax on that. There's not a lot of money left over. We will still have our premier handicap horses and they are extremely important for our yard but selling is where it's at."

While McGuinness admits that the backward three-year-old type is a much more valuable prospect in the long run, he described the earlier and speedier two-year-olds who are ready to rock and roll a much easier sell to owners.

He said, "In our situation, we want to get in and get out. That's our angle and it seems to be working so far. Don't get me wrong, I'd love a nice big immature horse for the backend, and you'd get well-rewarded if you can produce a nice horse that way, but it will take time. A lot of owners are not prepared to put in that time and money into a later developing type of horse and the Ascot dream is a much easier sell."

Like McGuinness, Haynes goes looking for the horses who are ready to run at the breeze-ups. She also buys at every level and is therefore in the unique position to comment on the overall strength of the market this year.

"It was nice to get Golden Arrow, who was an expensive breezer at Goffs UK for £200,000," the trainer said. "You're not always that fortunate to get that type of an order. Normally I try to look at horses who haven't breezed as well as that because of the ground, or maybe they finished a little jarred up from the breeze, so I am usually finding a way in to secure a better price."

"The main thing I have in my head going forward with the yearlings is that you have to be very selective. You have to really want the horse and pay as little as you can for it. That's the basic law of it all."

Eddie Linehan

"I find buying from the breeze-ups relatively straightforward and I like to buy the horses who are ready to go. That's been our policy and we've definitely done that this year, especially with our horses from Doncaster, with Hala Emaraaty (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) winning as well."

"He was the opposite end of the spectrum to Golden Arrow given he cost just £14,000 and then we had one in the middle in Majestic Beauty, who cost £90,000 from that same sale."

She added, "Day one at the Craven felt like a good time to be

buying. There were also a few bargains to be had in the first few hours of the Guineas Sale as well. I know that a few consignors were at a loss because they had spent so much money on the yearlings that the value probably was with the buyers. Looking back now, I think there were too many horses in the Craven and it was the nice horses who made the money."

Given the success Linehan enjoyed at Arqana, the Cork native admitted that he would love nothing more than to

recruit a team of Arqana-type horses, but he knows that is an unrealistic business model. However, Linehan has vowed to be more selective at the yearling sales this year.

He said, "We were happy with the year as a whole. Having said that, I was banking on Arqana going well for us. Whether we were to finish up or down for the year, it all depended on the Arqana horses selling well, and I was just lucky that one of them clicked."

"But, to be honest, the Land Force was as good a horse as I've ever had anything to do with. He breezed well and he's a gorgeous-looking horse. I'd say he's very good." [Cont. p5](#)



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Linehan added, “You’d love to be buying Arqana types at the yearling sales every year but, if you did that, you’d have some amount of money on the line and it would only take one bad year to break you.

“But looking back on last year, I think everyone overpaid a little for yearlings. We probably gave 10 or 15 grand for too much for some horses last year but, at the time, you probably thought that they were worth it because everyone else was doing the same.

“The main thing I have in my head going forward with the yearlings is that you have to be very selective. You have to really want the horse and pay as little as you can for it. That’s the basic law of it all.”

The year is far from over for a lot of buyers and consignors with the Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze-Up Sale taking place at Fairyhouse this week and Linehan is expecting a good trade. McGuinness and Haynes also reported that they plan on being active.

Linehan said, “I think Goresbridge will be a good sale. I was speaking with Paul Harley, who works for Tattersalls Ireland, and he said that there will be a lot of buyers from Scandinavia at the sales.

“They played at that sale last year, so hopefully they will be back again, and that should help the middle to lower level and ensure a good clearance rate, which is needed.

“A few very good horses have come out of Goresbridge and we sold a very nice filly called Coralillo (Ire) (Havana Grey {GB}) so hopefully it goes well. I’m looking forward to it.”

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NORTHERN RULER BACK TO WINNING WAYS AT BADEN-BADEN

by Tom Frary

Unable to add to his success in the 2021 G3 Prix du Lys prior to Sunday, Gestut Schlenderhan’s low-mileage 5-year-old **Northern Ruler (Ger)** (Ruler Of The World {Ire}) finally found it all falling back into place as he conquered Baden-Baden’s G2 Grosser Preis der Badischen Wirtschaft.

Sent off at 6-1 for the 11-furlong test, the Andreas Wohler-trained homebred tracked the leader in second enjoying the sun-dried ground. Committed by Bauyrzhan Murzabayev passing two out, the chestnut had complete control from there and hit the line with 1 1/2 lengths to spare over **Best Of Lips (Ire)** (The Gurkha {Ire}), with last year’s G1 Grosser Preis von Baden hero **Mendocino (Ger)** (Adlerflug {Ger}) finishing off strongly under his penalty to be a further head behind in third.

Confined to just two races last term, Northern Ruler had finished runner-up to his country’s talisman Torquator Tasso



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Pedigree Notes

Northern Ruler is the first foal out of North Sun (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), a daughter of the G3 Walther J Jacobs Stutenpreis winner and G1 Preis der Diana runner-up North Queen (Ire) (Desert King {Ire}). She is in turn the dam of three black-type performers headed by the listed-winning and group-placed North Mum (Ger) (Samum {Ger}). She hails from the family of the G2 Euro Cup winner Nordtanzerin (Ger) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), the G3 Frankfurter-Preis scorer and G1 Deutsches Derby runner-up Nadour Al Bahr (Ire) (Be My Guest) and the G1 Grosser Preis von Bayern hero Nancho (Ger) (Tai Chi {Ger}). North Sun’s 2-year-old colt by Olympic Glory (Ire) is named Northern Olympian (Ger), while she also has the yearling filly Northern Eclipse (Ire) (Ito {Ger}).



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3rd Dam: **Nona (Ger)**, by **Cortez II (Ger)**

O-Gestut Schlenderhan; B-Stall Ullmann (GER); T-Andreas Wohler; J-Bauyrzhan Murzabayev. €40,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 10-3-2-1, €137,320. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Best Of Lips (Ire)**, 126, h, 5, The Gurkha (Ire)--Beata (Fr), by Silver Frost (Ire). (90,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TATOCT). O-Stall Lintec; B-Stall Parthenaue (IRE); T-Andreas Suborics. €15,500.

3--**Mendocino (Ger)**, 130, h, 5, Adlerflug (Ger)--Mill Marin (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). (€58,000 RNA Ylg '19 BBASEP). O-Stall Salzburg; B-Gestut Brummerhof (GER); T-Sarah Steinberg. €8,000.

Margins: 1HF, HD, HD. Odds: 6.00, 12.10, 3.70.

Also Ran: Mansour (Ger), Sammarco (Ire), Assistant (Ger).

Scratched: More No Never (Ger). **VIDEO.**

GOLDEN HORN COLT LANDS ITALIAN DERBY

by Heather Anderson

The consistent **Goldenas (Ire)** (Golden Horn {GB}) secured his first stakes victory on his first try in Sunday's €640,200 G2 Premio 140 Derby Italiano over 2200metres in Rome.

A 12-1 shot on the day, the bay held the lead for a few strides from the bell, and soon settled to stalk from midpack. In a solid rhythm by the midway point, Goldenas was asked for his best a half-mile from the wire and began to make in roads toward the

front. In charge shortly before the 400-metre mark, Goldenas drew off to win by 1 1/2 lengths. He was chased across the line by the persistent duo of **Winning Spirit (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}) and **Relentless Voyager (GB)** (Ulysses {Ire}), who were separated by a short head.

The €23,000 Goffs Autumn yearling was picked up by Razza Latina out of the Blackberry Road Stud draft last autumn, and drew off by five lengths when unveiled at Pisa in January.

Second to Derby also ran **Enigma Dei Grif (Ity)** (Full Drago {Ity}) in a 2000-metre conditions heat in March, the Fabrizio Cameli-owned colt was back in the winner's circle going that trip there in April.

Pedigree Notes

Formerly a member of the Darley roster, Golden Horn moved to **Overbury Stud** last July, and the winner is the first black-type winner out of his 2020 crop. Sporting 14 stakes winners, the 2015 Arc hero has sired multiple group winner Botanik (Ire), who is dual Group 1-placed, as well as Haskoy (GB) who won the G3 Aston Martin S. on Saturday, and G3 Sweet Solera S. victress West End Girl (GB).

The third foal and second stakes winner for his unraced dam after Prichi (Ire) (Awtaad {Ire}), Goldenas has a yearling half-sister by Mehmas (Ire) still to come. His second dam is a full-sister to German Classic winners Schiaparelli (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), Samum (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), and Salve Regina (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), while this is also the extended family of G1 Deutsches Derby victor Sea The Moon (Ger) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**).

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Sunday, Rome, Italy

PREMIO 140 DERBY ITALIANO-G2, €640,200, Rome, 5-21, 3yo, c/f, 2200mT, 2:20.40.

1--**GOLDENAS (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by **Golden Horn (GB)**

1st Dam: **Naseej (GB)**, by **Medaglia d'Oro**

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

3rd Dam: **Sacarina (GB)**, by **Old Vic (GB)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. (€23,000 Ylg '21 GOFJAN). O-Fabrizio Cameli. B-Austin Curran (Ire). T-Endo Botti. J-Dario Di Tocco. €247,350. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, €264,600. **Click for the**

free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Winning Spirit (Ger)**, 128, c, 3, **Soldier Hollow (GB)**--**Wamika (Ger)**, by **Shirocco (Ger)**. (€80,000 Ylg '21 BBASEP). O-Liberty Racing 2021. B-Gestut Park Wiedingen (Ger). T-Peter Schiergen. €108,834.

3--**Relentless Voyager (GB)**, 128, c, 3, **Ulysses (Ire)**--**Nashama (Ire)**, by **Pivotal (GB)**. **1ST BLACK TYPE. 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (10,000gns Wlg '20 TATNOV; £23,000 Ylg '21 TATSEP). O-Relentless Dreamers Racing & Partner. B-Stetchworth & Middle Park Studs, Ltd. (GB). T-Andrew Balding. €59,364. Margins: 1HF, SHD, 1 3/4. Odds: 12.28, 11.23, 2.84.

Also Ran: **Vero Atleta (Ire)**, **Lips Freedom (Ger)**, **Enigma Dei Grif (Ity)**, **Certaldo (Ire)**, **Sirjan (Ger)**, **Cusano (GB)**, **Arabian Legend (Ire)**, **Amabile (Ire)**, **Jugando (Fr)**.

VIDEO.

G3 Fillies Sprint S. Cont. from p1

O'Brien added, "It's nice to see her handle the step up in class well. She has a really good pedigree, back along there are a lot of good horses in it. She was bought by some American

partners, it's great for them and exciting. We'll speak to them now, but there is probably a good chance she'll go to [Royal] Ascot now. If she goes it will probably be for the [G3] Albany as she looked to get a stiff six furlongs here well. She handles all kinds of ground, so I wouldn't be worried either way."



Porta Fortuna | Racingfotos.com

Pedigree Notes

Porta Fortuna is the first of three reported foals produced by multiple winner Too Precious (Ire) (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**), herself a full-sister to GSW G1 Australian Cup second Numerian (Ire) and G3 Prix Francois Boutin third Montesilvano (Ire). The January-foaled bay, who hails from the family of G1 St Leger-winning sire Milan (GB) (Sadler's Wells), is half to a yearling filly by **Ten Sovereigns (Ire)** and a weanling filly by **Sottsass (Fr)**.

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Sunday, Naas, Ireland

COOLMORE STUD IRISH EBF FILLIES SPRINT S.-G3, €70,000, Naas, 5-21, 2yo, f, 5f 205yT, 1:09.99, gd.

1--**PORTA FORTUNA (IRE)**, 128, f, 2, by **Caravaggio**

1st Dam: **Too Precious (Ire)**, by **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Delicate Charm (Ire)**, by **High Chaparral (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Kantikoy (GB)**, by **Alzao**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Barry Fowler, Medallion Racing 2020 LLC, Steven I Weston & Reeves Thoroughbred; B-Whisperview Trading Ltd (IRE); T-Donnacha O'Brien; J-Gavin Ryan. €42,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$56,474. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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PURCHASED AS A HORSE IN TRAINING BY AVENUE BLOODSTOCK
2--**Navassa Island (Ire)**, 128, f, 2, **Territories (Ire)**--**Roger Sez**

(Ire), by Red Clubs (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (92,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT; 240,000gns 2yo '23 TATBRE). O/T-Michael O'Callaghan; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE). €14,000.

3--**Launch**, 128, f, 2, Omaha Beach--Spark, by **Speightstown**. **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (\$50,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Giselle De Aguiar; B-Peter E Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Adrian Murray. €7,000.

• Bred by Peter Blum Thoroughbreds •

Margins: NK, 4HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 8.00, 14.00, 16.00.

Also Ran: Ribchestina (Ire), **Blame** Thechampagne (Ire), Ziggy's Dream (Ire), Smart Impression (Ire), What A Squeeze (Ire), Bated Moon (Ire), Making Time (Ire), Jakku (Ire), West Of Wichita (Ire), Neo Smart (Ire). **VIDEO.**

THE ANTARCTIC BLOWS HOT AT NAAS

by Sean Cronin

Last year's G3 Prix de Cabourg victor **The Antarctic (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}--Anna Law {Ire}, by Lawman {Fr}) opened this term with a third in Navan's Listed Committed S. and led from pillar to post in Sunday's G3 Goffs Lacken S. at Naas. His eight-race juvenile campaign included three encounters with **Blackbeard (Ire)** (**No Nay Never**), hitting the board behind that now-retired former stablemate in the G2 Prix Robert Papin, G1 Prix Morny and G1 Middle Park.

The Antarctic broke sharply and led along the far-side rail from flagfall. In command throughout, he surged clear approaching the final furlong and was driven out in the closing stages to hold the fast-finishing **Ocean Quest (Ire)** (**Sioux Nation**) by a head.

"He made good progress from Navan, he just needed that last run and I'm delighted with him," commented Aidan O'Brien. "Navan was tough, soft ground and there wouldn't have been much of an edge put on him, but this win will leave a lovely edge on him. Ryan [Moore] was delighted with him and said he got a little bit lonely and idle in the last half-furlong. He'd progressed plenty without us really having to chase him and we couldn't be happier with him. We thought this race would bring him the rest of the way and if everything stays well we should be able to let him coast into [Royal] Ascot now. He would have the option of going to the [G3] Jersey over seven [furlongs] if Little Big Bear went to the [G1] Commonwealth Cup, but it will depend on where Little Big Bear goes. This horse is going to come forward again as he's still a little bit tubby, but he's coming. It always looked like he'd get seven and Ryan said today he was surprised that he quickened as much as he did."

Pedigree Notes

The Antarctic, the fifth of seven foals, is one of two scorers out of Anna Law (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), herself kin to four black-type

performers headed by G2 Champagne S. victor and G1 July Cup third Etilaala (GB) (Selkirk). His dam's first foal is multiple Group 1-winning speedster Battaash (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and she has the hitherto unraced 2-year-old filly Go Big Or Go Home (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and a yearling colt by Blue Point (Ire) to come. Descendants of the The Antarctic's second dam Portelet (GB) (Night Shift) also include multiple group-winning dual Group 1-placed sire Tasleet (GB) (Showcasing {GB}).

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The Antarctic (right) | [Racingfotos.com](#)

Sunday, Naas, Ireland

GOFFS LACKEN S.-G3, €55,000, Naas, 5-21, 3yo, 5f 205yT, 1:09.41, gd.

1--**THE ANTARCTIC (IRE)**, 131, c, 3, by Dark Angel (Ire)

1st Dam: Anna Law (Ire), by Lawman (Fr)

2nd Dam: Portelet (GB), by Night Shift

3rd Dam: Noirmant (Ire), by Dominion (GB)

(750,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT). O-Magnier, Tabor, Smith, Westerberg & Brant; B-Ballyphilip Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. €33,000. Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-Fr, G1SP-Eng, 10-4-2-3, \$256,566. *Full to Battaash (Ire), MG1SW-Eng & G1SW-Fr, \$2,286,611. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.**

***Triple Plus*. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#), or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

2--**Ocean Quest (Ire)**, 128, f, 3, **Sioux Nation**--Gold Zain (GB), by Aqlaam (GB). O-J Kirkland & Mrs J M Ryan; B-Dr T K Chah (IRE); T-Jessica Harrington. €11,000.

3--**Ocean Jewel (Ire)**, 128, f, 3, **Sioux Nation**--Many Colours (GB), by Green Desert. **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€230,000 Ylg '21 GOFOR). O-Al Shira'aa Farms; B-Grenane House Stud (IRE); T-Willie McCreery. €5,500.



Margins: HD, HF, HF. Odds: 1.63, 2.50, 14.00.

Also Ran: Thunderbear (Ire), Shartash (Ire), Torivega (Ire), Mauiewowie (GB), Maria Branwell (Ire), Apache Outlaw (Ire), Badb (Ire), Clever And Cool (Ire), Apricot Twist (Ire), Nightcliff (Ire), Running Cool (GB), Song For Whoever (Ire).

VIDEO.

ASADNA A NEW TDN RISING STAR AT RIPON

by Tom Frary

Ripon's Sunday card threw up a surprise as the George Boughey-trained **Asadna (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}--Looks Great {GB}, by New Approach {Ire}) stormed to **TDN Rising Star** status in the six-furlong novice.

Held up initially by William Buick, the 4-1 shot cruised to the front two out and strode further clear with distance to record a staggering 12-length debut success. Fellow newcomer **Fifty Grand Slater (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) was the one closest to Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabah's 160,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up graduate, with **Jesmond Dawn (Ire)** (**Dawn Approach {Ire}**) a further four lengths behind. Providing context to the form, the fourth-placed 11-10 favourite **Valadero (Ire)** (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**), who had been second in Doncaster's Brocklesby in March, was beaten a total of 16 1/2 lengths. Connections are heading to the G2 Coventry S. next month with the outlandish winner, who recorded a time nearly a second faster than the dual listed scorer Shouldvebeenaring (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}) did on ground officially faster in this 12 months ago.

Pedigree Notes

The dam, who also has a yearling filly by Belardo (Ire), was unraced for Godolphin before being sold for 10,000gns at the



Mehmas now has two Rising Stars | Amy Lanigan

2016 Tatts July Sale. She is out of the similarly-unraced Danehill Dreamer (Danehill), a half to the G1 Eclipse S. hero Compton Admiral (GB) (Suave Dancer), the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. hero Summoner (GB) (Inchior {GB}) and to the G2 Ribblesdale S. runner-up Twyla Tharp (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). She in turn produced the excellent The Fugue (GB) (Dansili {GB}), heroine of the G1 Prince of Wales's S., G1 Yorkshire Oaks, G1 Nassau S. and G1 Irish Champion S.

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NEW
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2nd-Ripon, £10,000, Novice, 5-21, 2yo, 6fT, 1:10.87, gd.

ASADNA (IRE), c, 2, by Mehmas (Ire)

1st Dam: Looks Great (GB), by New Approach (Ire)

2nd Dam: Danehill Dreamer, by Danehill

3rd Dam: Sumoto (GB), by Mtoto (GB)

(€62,000 Ylg '22 TATIRY; 160,000gns 2yo '23 TATBRE).

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,515. **Click for the free**

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O-Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabah; B-Aughamore Stud (IRE); T-George Boughey.

EUROPEAN NEWS

WESTOVER CAMP AIM FOR CORONATION CUP

Juddmonte's Classic winner **Westover (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**), who ran a strong second in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic in March, will make his return in the June 2 G1 Coronation Cup, according to trainer Ralph Beckett.

Successful in the G3 Classic Trial at Sandown last April prior to a third in the G1 Derby at Epsom, the bay stormed to a seven-length victory in the G1 Irish Derby at the Curragh in late June. Leading for part of the G1 King George VI And Queen Elizabeth S., he failed to land a blow when fifth to Pyledriver (GB) (Harbour Watch {Ire}), and was sixth in very soft ground in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe behind Alpinista (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) in October. Epsom's Coronation Cup will be his second run this term.

"We are not really going back because we feel we have unfinished business, it is more so that Epsom clearly suited him last year," said Beckett. "He handled the track really well for a big horse." **Cont. p10**

Westover Cont.

He added, “As long as we are in the right place with him then I will be happy. I think inevitably he is physically a more mature horse this year and you can see that in him. I think in the long term going to Dubai will make a difference.

“His work has always been good but it has never been stunning. I would be fairly relaxed about what happens at home now. It is important that he reaches his ceiling on the track. sure.

“You would hope that he would be a better horse this year because of his size but he has already run to a pretty high level. In that sense it is about maintaining that progression.”



Westover | Dubai Racing Club

Added Beckett of the 4-year-old's longer-term goals, “What I would really like to do, if he were to win the Coronation Cup, would be to drop him back to 10 furlongs for the [G1] Eclipse [in July].

“He likes Sandown. He won his maiden around there as a 2-year-old and the Classic Trial last year. I think the track really suits him. I'd be keen to go back to a mile and a quarter there as it would really play to his strengths.”

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SECURITY MEASURES IN PLACE FOR BETFRED DERBY FESTIVAL

Security measures are in place to avoid any disruption by protestors for the upcoming Betfred Derby Festival, The Jockey Club confirmed on Sunday.

Both the Grand National and Scottish Grand National meetings attracted protestors that delayed proceedings to various degrees, but The Jockey Club is taking every possible precaution to avoid that scenario for the upcoming meeting on June 2-3.

Epsom Downs Racecourse is owned and operated by The Jockey Club, and officials have met with the Surrey police in advance of the meeting.

Nevin Truesdale, Chief Executive of the Jockey Club, said, “As part of our planning for the Derby Festival, we have been working with Surrey Police to ensure we have a range of robust security measures in place to protect the safety of everyone at the event, especially our equine and human participants, which will always be our number one priority.

“While we completely respect anyone's right to peaceful and lawful protest, we would condemn illegal and reckless plans to breach security in an effort to disrupt the action on the track and endanger the safety of the participants in the strongest possible terms.

“Thousands of people look forward to attending the Derby every year and millions more will be watching at home and around the world, so we look forward to staging what is not only an important event for the sport but an iconic moment in the British summer and a celebration of the Thoroughbred.”

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ITBA SUMMER SERIES SET TO LAUNCH IN JUNE

The 2023 Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association 2023 Summer Series will launch in June, the ITBA announced on Monday.

Set to take place at ITBA headquarters in Kill, County Kildare, the series will include a comprehensive group of seminars focused on stud farm and bloodstock administration, and building your bloodstock business. The ITBA has collaborated the year with Aoife Hanratty's PA Solutions and business growth advisors, Gateway Consultants to help deliver this comprehensive content. The ITBA Summer Series Schedule is as follows:

- June 6: Stud Farm Administration from 2-4:30 p.m., ITBA HQ
- June 7: Bloodstock Industry Businesses from 2-4:30 p.m., ITBA HQ
- June 8: Health and Safety Training from 1:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., ITBA HQ
 - 1:30-3 p.m.: Fire Safety Training
 - 3:15-4:45 p.m.: Chemical Safety Training
 - 5-6:30 p.m.: Manual Handling Training
- June 21: Building Your Own Bloodstock Business from 2-5 p.m., ITBA HQ

To reserve a seminar spot, contact the [ITBA headquarters](#) or visit the [ITBA website](#).

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SECOND EPISODE OF AN AMERICAN DREAM RELEASED

The second episode of *An American Dream: The Return to Royal Ascot*, a series following American Harlan Malter's ambitious quest to return to Royal Ascot with a horse sired by his G1 King's Stand S. runner **Buccherio** (Kantharos), was released by Great British Racing International (GBRI) and Ascot Racecourse on Sunday.

The new episode follows Malter and Florida-based trainer Joe Orseno as they attempt to win Gulfstream Park's inaugural Royal Palm Juvenile S. with **Mattingly** (Buccherio), who finished second to **No Nay Mets (Ire)** (No Nay Never) in the automatic qualifier for entry into one of Royal Ascot's six 2-year-old races. While No Nay Mets has been confirmed to make the trip to England next month, a final decision as to whether co-owners Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC and Harlow Stables LLC will ship Mattingly has yet to be made.

All episodes released thus far in *An American Dream: The Return to Royal Ascot* can be found on [GBRI's YouTube channel](#).

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Mattingly (left) finishing second to No Nay Nets in the Royal Palm Juvenile S. at Gulfstream Park | Ryan Thompson

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

FRANCE:

Taj Mahal (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de la Haie Neuve
46 foals of racing age

6-MAR.BORELY, 1200m, Demi Traou Land (Fr)
€3,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale 2022

UNITED KINGDOM:

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

103 foals of racing age

14:00-CARLISLE, 5f, Malc (GB)

34,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022; 140,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2023

Eqtidaar (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Nunnery Stud

54 foals of racing age

17:35-WINDSOR, 6f, Between Me And U (GB)

4,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 6,500gns

Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

17:35-WINDSOR, 6f, Mistress Teite (GB)

15,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 5,500gns

Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

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

95 foals of racing age

14:20-REDCAR, 6f, Chaturanga (Ire)

€22,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €45,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

13:50-REDCAR, 6f, Invincible Amy (Ire)

€20,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2022

14:20-REDCAR, 6f, Supreme Tenacity (Ire)

€2,000 Goffs February Sale 2022; €9,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2022

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

117 foals of racing age

13:50-REDCAR, 6f, Vice Captain (GB)

3,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Coolmore Stud

109 foals of racing age

18:05-WINDSOR, 6f, Too Much Trevor (GB)

18,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

Masar (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud

104 foals of racing age

14:00-CARLISLE, 5f, Kaolinite (Ire)

14:00-CARLISLE, 5f, Parson's Meadow (GB)

32,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022;

45,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2023

14:20-REDCAR, 6f, Patronage (GB)

8,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; €5,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2022

Phoenix of Spain (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud
97 foals of racing age
13:50-REDCAR, 6f, Persian Phoenix (Ire)
€19,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2022

IRELAND:

Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
168 foals of racing age
2-ROSCOMMON, 7.5f, Lia Fail (Ire)
€5,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2022

Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
109 foals of racing age
2-ROSCOMMON, 7.5f, Lough Lannagh (Ire)
€25,000 RNA Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022



Masar (Ire) | Darley

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

HOW THEY FARED

13.45 Naas, Cond, €40,000, 2yo, 5fT

River Tiber (Ire) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**), Ballydoyle's red-hot TDN Rising Star, had an easier task with the way cleared of the stable's other TDN Rising Star Democracy (Ire) (**No Nay Never**) but still had to graft to subdue a clearly talented peer. Coventry-bound now, he will head to the Royal meeting as one of the Irish bankers.



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BRITAIN

Sunday's Results:

3rd-Ripon, £9,000, Mdn, 5-21, 3yo/up, f, 9f 170yT, 2:04.55, gd.

MARKET VALUE (IRE) (f, 3, **Siyouni {Fr}**--**Estimate {Ire}** {G1SW-Eng, \$588,798}, by **Monsun {Ger}**), who bettered an Oct. 21 debut sixth at Doncaster with an Apr. 29 third at Haydock on sophomore return last time, broke swiftly to seize an early lead here. In command throughout, the 5-4 favourite had all eight rivals under pressure at the three-furlong pole and lengthened clear under whipless coaxing inside the final furlong to outpoint Bosc Girl (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) by a comfortable 3 1/2 lengths. Market Value is the fifth of seven foals and third scorer produced by G1 Gold Cup heroine Estimate (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}). The March-foaled bay's dam is a half-sister to G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Prix Royal-Oak heroine Ebadiyla (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), another G1 Cup Gold winner in Enzeli (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}) and G1 Moyglare Stud S. victrix Edabiya (Ire) (Rainbow Quest). Market Value is a half-sister to the unraced 2-year-old colt Reaching High (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) and a yearling colt by Lope De Vega (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$7,457. O-HM The King & HM The Queen; B-The Queen (IRE); T-William Haggas.

IRELAND

Sunday's Results:

SOLE POWER SPRINT S.-Listed, €50,000, Naas, 5-21, 3yo/up, 5fT, :57.87, gd.

1--LADIES CHURCH (GB), 135, f, 4, Churchill (Ire)--Rioticism (Fr) (SW-Fr, \$101,570), by Rio de La Plata. (62,000gns Wlg '19 TATFOA; £160,000 Ylg '20 GOFOR; £700,000 RNA HRA '22 GOFLO; €970,000 RNA HRA '22 GOFNO2). O-Mark Dobbin; B-Dukes Stud & Overbury Stallions Ltd (GB); T-Johnny Murtagh; J-Ben Coen. €30,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ire & GSP-UAE, 12-4-3-1, \$210,004.

2--Moss Tucker (Ire), 138, g, 5, Excelebration (Ire)--Rare Symphony (Ire), by Pastoral Pursuits (GB). O-Charlie Bit Me Syndicate; B-Mr Donal Spring (IRE); T-Ken Condon. €10,000.

3--Lady Tilbury (GB), 122, f, 3, Bated Breath (GB)--Cats Eyes (GB), by Echo Of Light (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (18,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT). O-MRC International; B-Manor Farm Stud (Rutland) (GB); T-David Marnane. €5,000.

Margins: 3, HD, 1 3/4. Odds: 4.00, 3.00, 28.00.

Also Ran: Mooneista (Ire), Anthem National (Ire), Tees Spirit (GB), Big Gossey (Ire), Arcibo (Fr), Castle Star (Ire), Saliteh (GB).

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Bouncing back to the form that saw her carry off last year's G2 Sapphire S. at The Curragh, Ladies Church who also captured the Listed Marwell S. here as a juvenile and was second in the G2 Blue Point Sprint at Meydan Feb. 10 will return to Royal Ascot with confidence sky-high as she bids to bury the disappointment of her trip there last year. Only 10th as favourite for the meeting's Palace of Holyroodhouse Handicap, the chestnut has been largely consistent but had flopped again overseas on the big stage when ninth in the Mar. 25 G1 Al Quoz Sprint. Enjoying the perfect tow from the seriously fast Tees Spirit (GB) (Swiss Spirit {GB}) for most of the first four furlongs, the official €970,000 Goffs November Breeding Stock Sale topper dropped that raider before the furlong marker and set sail for home in impressive style.

"We think the world of this filly and brought to her Dubai during the winter as she likes fast ground," Johnny Murtagh said. "She was second in a Group 2 first time out and I thought she had a real chance on World Cup night. It didn't happen for some reason, she got a bit of a bump out of the stalls. Ben said she was on the bridle, but just didn't finish off. I think she was on the wrong side of the track as well. Since she's come home, her work has been good."

"We're delighted and I think she deserves her place in the King's Stand," her trainer added. "Even in her work, she works behind, goes to the front and pulls up. I put the cheekpieces on today just to freshen her up and if she did get to the front it might help Ben. She probably didn't need them today, but it was something different to help her. We think a lot of her and turned down a lot of money for her. It's hard to get Group 1 horses and we think we have one. Anyone who has ridden her work always thought she was a high-class filly and could be the real deal. It's a good start to the season, it's a big step up to the next level but five furlongs on fast ground at Ascot is made for

her. She reminds me a little bit of Sole Power, she's very responsive. She's very relaxed in behind, but if you sneeze on her she quickens up really well and does things really quickly."

The listed-winning dam, whose 2-year-old colt by Le Brivido (Fr) was a £50,000 purchase by Martyn Meade at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale, hails from the family of the English Fillies' Triple Crown heroine Oh So Sharp (GB) (Kris {GB}). **VIDEO.**

BILL & AVERILL WHITEHEAD MEMORIAL S. (OWENSTOWN STUD S.)-Listed, €45,200, Naas, 5-21, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:26.46, gd.
1--COSMIC VEGA (IRE), 137, g, 5, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Pivotal Era (GB), by Pivotal (GB). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (20,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TADEYG). O-Long Inch Ltd; B-Mrs Noreen Clibborn (IRE); T-Michael Halford & Tracey Collins; J-Ronan Whelan. €24,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 18-4-1-1, \$70,090. *1/2 to The X O (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), GSP-Eng.
2--Sharlounk (Ire), 126, c, 3, Zoustar (Aus)--Sharliyna (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (IRE); T-Johnny Murtagh. €8,000.
3--New Energy (Ire), 137, c, 4, New Bay (GB)--For Joy (GB), by Singspiel (Ire). (£65,000 2yo '21 TATGOR). O-John Lavery; B-Anne Hallinan & John O'Connor (IRE); T-Sheila Lavery. €4,000.

Margins: SHD, 1HF, NO. Odds: 14.00, 6.00, 2.50.

Also Ran: Panic Alarm (Ire), Mutasarref (GB), Monaasib (GB), Yerwanthere (Ire), Villanova Queen (Ire), La Dolce Vita (Ire), American Kestrel (Ire), Smile Of Love (Ire). Scratched: Lord Massusus (Ire).

Cosmic Vega hit the board in last month's G3 Gladness S. at the Curragh and stepped forward in this fifth black-type start to provide the fledgling partnership of Michael Halford and Tracey Collins with a breakthrough triumph. Racing on the front end after a smart getaway from an outer gate, he came under a drive soon after gaining an outright advantage passing the two pole and kept on in determined fashion in the closing stages to withstand the late rush of Sharlounk (Ire) (Zoustar {Aus}) by a short-head.

"He was all heart and got a brilliant ride from Ronan [Whelan], who is riding out of his skin," said Halford. "I'm thrilled for myself and Tracey [Collins] and it's a great start. I had to walk the track before I decided to run him or not. It was a close call, but thankfully the owners said that they'd go with my decision and, for once, we got it right. In fairness to Naas, they've done a wonderful job and the ground was beautiful today with a great covering of grass. His best form is probably on a turn with a dig in the ground, so I'd be thinking about a listed race in Killarney for him as I'm not sure about the hustle and bustle of [Royal] Ascot. Ronan is a very underestimated rider, bit maybe not any more." **Cont. p14**

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He added, “He’s a world-class jockey, as he’s proved with Skitter Scatter and a few others, and just needs the opportunities. He rode a great race [aboard Sounds Of Heaven] for Jessie [Harrington] during the week in York. We’re delighted to have him, he’s a big part of our team and he’s a big team player.”

Cosmic Vega is the fourth of seven foals and one of three scorers produced by an unraced full-sister to G3 Prix Penelope victrix Humoresque (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and MGSP sire Mighty (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). His dam Pivotal Era (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) is also kin to MGSW speedster Danehurst (GB) (Danehill) and stakes-winning GIII Generous S. runner-up Rising Legend (GB) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}). The April-foaled bay’s second dam Miswaki Belle (Miswaki) is kin to five black-type performers headed by G2 Cherry Hinton S. victrix and G1 1000 Guineas third Dazzle (GB) (Gone West), stakes-winning G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin third Baschar (GB) (Starcraft {NZ}) and Listed Star S. winner Hypnotize (GB) (Machiavellian). Hypnotize, in turn, is the dam of G1SW European champion Hooray (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Pivotal Era, who has also produced this month’s G3 Commonwealth Cup Trial S. second The X O (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), has a 2-year-old colt by Kuroshio (Aus) and a yearling colt by Shaman (Ire) to come.

1st-Naas, €40,000, Cond, 5-21, 2yo, 5fT, :58.96, gd.

RIVER TIBER (IRE) (c, 2, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Transcendence {Ire}, by Arcano {Ire}), dropping back in trip having stormed to TDN Rising Star status by 10 lengths over an extra 164 yards at Naas last month, raced behind the Ger Lyons-trained Tourist (GB) (Zoustar {Aus}) throughout the early stages. Needing a reminder to get to that rival approaching the furlong pole, the 2-9 favourite responded to take command soon after and assert for a 2 1/2-length success. “He hadn’t been asked to do anything off the bridle at home, then he went to Navan and won very easily in soft ground so he probably doesn’t know a lot,” Aidan O’Brien said. “It was good strong pace today on good ground and before Ascot it’s very important that they do that. Ryan had to catch a hold of him and make him get down and stretch, he would have learned an awful lot and he was very happy with him. I thought that he might not even come off the bridle as he shows loads at home. Ger’s horse is obviously a good horse, he took him off the bridle. Ger’s was second to one of ours [fellow TDN Rising Star Johannes Brahms] here the last day and we liked him as well. He was very green through the middle of the race, but that strong pace would have been a big difference and his feet would have had to have been a lot quicker today. Ryan’s initial reaction is that he prefers the Coventry, but we’ll work them all together before Ascot and see what everyone wants to do. We have three Wootton Bassetts, it’s the first time we’ve

had them, and two of the colts are very good. Hopefully that’s the job done for him now before Ascot and everyone said that the Wootton Bassetts handle soft ground very well, so I wasn’t sure about the good ground today but Ryan was very adamant that it was no problem. You won’t get much quicker at Ascot. If he gets six well at Ascot, he should get seven and when they do that as 2-year-olds they usually get a mile at three.” A 480,000gns Book 1 purchase, River Tiber is the second foal and first winner for the unraced dam, a daughter of the Swedish listed winner Cover Girl (Ire) (Common Grounds {GB}) who produced the Listed Harry Rosebery S. scorer and G2 Flying Childers S. and G3 Molecomb S.-placed Mister Manannan (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}) and his Luther Burbank H.-winning and G3 Cornwallis S. and GIII Senorita S.-placed full-sister Shermeen (Ire). Shermeen is responsible for the G1 Phoenix S. and G2 Railway S. winner and G1 Vincent O’Brien National S. runner-up Sudirman (Henrythenavigator), the G3 Hampton Court S. runner-up Roman Empire (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and the latter’s full-brother Star Of India (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who captured last year’s Listed Dee S. and has gone on to add Australia’s Listed Rosehill Gold Cup to his tally. Transcendence’s yearling colt is by Mehmas (Ire). Sales history: 480,000gns Ylg ‘22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$36,343. **VIDEO.**

O-Tabor/Smith/Magnier/Westerberg/Brant; B-Pier House Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien.

6th-Naas, €15,000, Mdn, 5-21, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:38.53, gd.

UNLESS (f, 3, Justify--Clemmie {Ire} {G1SW-Eng, GSW & G1SP-Ire, \$371,011}, by Galileo {Ire}), the first foal out of the G1 Cheveley Park S. and G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. winner, was in blinkers for the first time after six goes at breaking her maiden tag. Travelling smoothly on the outer behind the early pace, the 9-4 second favourite was sent to the front passing the furlong pole and asserted for a 2 1/4-length defeat of Lan Cinnte (Ire) (Saxon Warrior {Jpn}). Clemmie is a full-sister to the stable’s G1 2000 Guineas and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas hero Churchill (Ire), whose influence had been felt earlier on the card to reinforce the feeling that he is on his way to becoming a leading sire in his own right. A granddaughter of the sensational sprinter Airwave (GB) (Air Express {Ire}), her 2-year-old full-sister to the winner is named Mayfair (Ire) while she also has a yearling filly by Wootton Bassett (GB). Lifetime Record: 7-1-3-2, \$22,188.

O-Westerberg, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, D Smith; B-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt (KY); T-Aidan O’Brien.

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GERMANY

Sunday's Results:

CASINO BADEN-BADEN SILBERNE PEITSCHKE-Listed, €25,000, Baden-Baden, 5-21, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:09.04, gd.

- 1--**AMELLATA (FR)**, 122, f, 4, **Pomellato (Ger)**--**Arctica (Ger)**, by **Iffraaj (GB)**. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN**. O-Sandro V Gianella; B-Appapays Racing Club (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall; J-Lukas Delozier. €15,000. Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-2, €91,490
- 2--**Good Eye (Swe)**, 126, g, 8, Eishin Dunkirk--Lovely Eyes (Ire), by Red Ransom. O-Oldies But Goodies; B-Arvidsson Per O Equo Bloodstock HB (SWE); T-Jessica Long. €5,000.
- 3--**Clever Candy (GB)**, 125, m, 6, Intello (Ger)--True Course (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). (5,000gns RNA Wlg '17 TATFOA; €2,200 Ylg '18 GOFNOV; €50,000 2yo '19 TATGNS; 8,000gns HRA '20 TATDEC; €13,000 HRA '21 BBAGO). O-Stall Winterhude; B-Mr & Mrs Oliver S Tait (GB); T-Sascha Smrczek. €3,125.
- Margins: 4 3/4, 4HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.70, 7.00, 8.30.
- Also Ran: Muharif (Ger), Best Flying (Fr), Cheval Blanc (Ire), Kathy Ames (Fr), Waldersee (Fr), Saldenlady (Ger). Scratched: Daring Match (Ger).



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

We Love Harzburg (Ger), f, 3, **Toronado (Ire)**--Wilde Perle (GB), by Platini (Ger). Baden-Baden, 5-21, 10fT, 2:09.54. B-Gestut Harzburg (GER). *€24,000 RNA Ylg '21 BBAGO.

FRANCE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Carabistouille (Fr), f, 3, **Birchwood (Ire)**--Pragmatica (GB), by

Inchinor (GB). Cluny, 5-21, 9 1/2fT, 2:05.80. B-SARL Jedburgh Stud, Johann Travers & Mme Valerie Marcienne (FR). *1/2 to Ghor (Fr) (Gold Away {Ire}), SP-Fr, \$489,368.

Dorianello (Fr), g, 3, **Dariyan (Fr)**--Hello Miss (Fr), by Soldier Of Fortune (Ire). Le Croise-Laroche, 5-21, 9fT, 1:51.10. B-EARL Haras du Camp Benard & Ecurie Vivaldi (FR).

Galalithe (Fr), f, 3, **Reliable Man (GB)**--Angelic News (Fr), by American Post (GB). Le Croise-Laroche, 5-21, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.30. B-Jacques Herold (FR). *€6,000 Wlg '21 ARQDEC.

ITALY

Sunday's Results:

PREMIO MAURO SBARIGIA - BY EUPAXX SOCIETA' BENEFIT-Listed, €42,900, Rome, 5-21, 3yo, 1600mT, 1:38.80.

1--**MANGIAFUOCO (IRE)**, 121, c, 3, by **Buratino (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Karimah (Ire)**, by **Redback (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Sogna**, by **Distant View**

3rd Dam: **Goldendale (Ire)**, by **Ali-Royal (Ire)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Danny Aston Stable. B-Allevamento Le Gi/Tiziano Galgari (Ire). T-Antonio Marcialis. J-Silvano Mulas. €16,575. Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, €38,375.

2--**Sopran Blakey (Ire)**, 121, c, 3, **Gustav Klimt (Ire)**--**Perino (Ire)**, by **Speightstown**. (€5,000 Wlg '20 GOFDEC). O-Leonardo Ciampoli. B-Old Carhue Stud (Ire). T-Grizzetti Galoppo SRL. €7,293.

3--**Il Frantoio (Ire)**, 121, c, 3, **Aclaim (Ire)**--**Intimacy (Ire)**, by **Teofilo (Ire)**. **1ST BLACK-TYPE**. (€4,500 Ylg '21 GOFSEP). O-Antonio Marras. B-Kiltown Bloodstock, Ltd. & Galteemore Bloodstock (Ire). T-Filippo Sebastian Marras. €3,978.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 3/4, 2. Odds: 3.55, 9.60, 7.08.

Also Ran: **Wide Sea (Ire)**, **Blatant (GB)**, **Tagetes (Ire)**, **Chico Losco (Ire)**, **Strand's Of Glory (Fr)**, **Conte Di Galles (Ire)**, **Klimt Foundation (Ire)**, **Passion Grey (GB)**, **Monaldo (It)**, **Saputello (It)**. **VIDEO**.

PREMIO ALESSANDRO PERRONE-Listed, €42,900, Rome, 5-21, 2yo, f, 1100mT, 1:05.70.

1--**FOLGARIA (IRE)**, 121, f, 2, by **Due Diligence**

1st Dam: **Full Moon Fever (Ire)**, by **Azamour (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Hasaiyda (Ire)**, by **Hector Protector**

3rd Dam: **Hasainiya (Ire)**, by **Top Ville (Ire)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€10,000 Ylg '22 TATSEP). O-Scuderia Sagam SRLS. B-T. Boylan (Ire), T-Stefano Botti. J-Claudio Colombi. €16,575. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €16,575.

2--**Royal Mylea (Ire)**, 121, f, 2, **Dandy Man (Ire)**--**Luvmedo (Ire)**, by **One Cool Cat**. **1ST BLACK TYPE**. (€35,000 Ylg '22 GOFSEP).

O-Scuderia Effe Emme. B-Ciara Eglington (Ire). T-Vincenzo Fazio. €7,293.

3--**Procida (Ity)**, 121, f, 2, Peace Envoy (Fr)--Drag Queens (GB), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). O-Alfredo Laudani Alessio. B-Azienda Agricola Farina Massimo (Ity). T-Sebastiano Guerrieri. €3,978.

Margins: HF, HF, 3/4. Odds: 2.76, 2.99, 5.42.

Also Ran: La Neide (Ire), Tomiko (Ire), Esplosiva (Ire), Beauty Of Tuscany (Ire), Villa Ascona (Ire), Aragona Sweety (Ire), Vicuna (Ire), Talk To Her (Ire), Salem (Fr).

VIDEO.



IN ITALY:

Tempesti (Ity), c, 4, **Albert Dock (Jpn)**--Tender Hugs (Ire), by Bachelor Duke. Rome, 5-21, G3 Premio Carlo d'Alessio, 2400mT, 2:31.10. O-Razza Dormello Olgiata Di Cirila. B-Societa Agricola C.I.T.A.I. Compagnia Italiana (Ity). T-Riccardo Santini.

Il Sindacalista (Ire), c, 4, **Bungle Inthejungle (GB)**--Mirandassister (Ire), by Titus Livius (Fr). Rome, 5-21, Listed Premio Tudini, 1200mT, 1:08.50. O-Vittorio Giovanni Vitale. B-Anthony Byrne (Ire). T-Sebastiano Guerrieri. *GSP-Ity. ****1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** ***£7,000 Ylg '20 TATSEP.

Skalleti (Fr), g, 8, **Kendargent (Fr)**--Skallet (Fr) (SW & MGSP-Fr, \$181,946), by Muhaymin. Rome, 5-21, G2 Premio Presidente Della Repubblica - Universita' Campus Bio-Medico, 1800mT, 1:50.30. O-Jean-Claude Seroul. B-Guy Pariente Holding (Fr). T-Jerome Reynier. *Hwt. Older Horse-Fr at 9 1/2-11f, Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 9 1/2-11f, G1SW-Fr & Ger, & G1SP-Eng. ****€85,000 Ylg '16 ARQAUG.** ***Full to Skalleto (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}), SP-Fr, \$247,136; and Skazino (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}), MGSW & G1SP-Fr, \$682,649.

2400 metres held no fears, as she strolled home a sixth-length winner in 2:23.10 in Tokyo.

Sunday Racing's imperious dame became the 17th filly--following her paternal half-sister Stars On Earth (Jpn) in 2022--to win the first two legs of the Japanese Fillies' Triple Crown. It was the largest winning margin in the Oaks since 1975.

Bet down to 2-5 favouritism, the Mitsumasa Nakauchida trainee strode out to a dramaless beginning to sit in midfield as **Light Quantum (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) clicked off fractions of :22.80 and :47.70 and 1:00 flat while stalked by **Kiminonawa Maria (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}) and **Ravel (Jpn)** (Kitasan Black {Jpn}). The strong pace saw the field well spaced out, and, the 2-year-old star had a fair amount of distance to make up as noses pointed toward home. Predictably, the pacesetter came under pressure from the stalkers with 600 metres left to run, and pilot Yuga Kawada was poised aboard an enthusiastic Liberty Island as the leading trio began to come back to the field.

Swung out into the six path to obtain a clear run, Liberty Island loomed up into contention at the quarter pole as Ravel took up the running on the front end, and finally Kawada asked his filly for her bid after remaining motionless for the previous 2000 metres. Generous when asked, Liberty Island collared Ravel at the furlong grounds and dashed away to a stylish victory. **Harper (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) and **Dura (Jpn)** both closed well to take second and third, by six lengths, and a neck, respectively. Group winner Ravel hung on gamely in fourth, another three-quarters of a length back.

"Having run the Oka Sho and being transported here to Tokyo for another big race, the filly was quite tense coming into this race, so I had to make an effort to reserve her energy and calm her down before the race," said jockey Yuga Kawada, who was winning his 23rd top-level race. **Cont. p18**



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WORLDWIDE NEWS

LIBERTY ISLAND ROMPS IN JAPANESE OAKS

by Heather Anderson

The G1 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) was not without its challenges for last month's G1 Japanese 1000 Guineas heroine **Liberty Island (Jpn)** (Duramente {Jpn}) as she was trying a distance beyond a mile for the first time, but ultimately the

G1 Yushun Himba Cont.

Kawada added, “She settled well once in the gate, allowing us to make a safe start, and we were able to race in good rhythm while I still had the task of keeping her under control up to the critical stages. I knew we were already in a position to finish clear of the other horses once taking the lead, but I wanted her to finish off the race strongly to the wire so I kept driving her to the wire which led to a big margin.”

A winner of a Niigata newcomer affair over a mile last July, Liberty Island suffered her only defeat at the hooves of Sunday's fourth-place finisher **Ravel (Jpn)** (Kitasan Black {Jpn}) in the G3 Artemis S. going that trip in Tokyo in October. Kept in training through December, she swept the G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies by 2 1/2 lengths, and was named the 2022 Japanese Champion 2-Year-Old Filly. The Northern Racing-bred bay made her 3-year-old bow a winning one in the G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) in early April, and the Yushun Himba was her first start beyond a mile.

Pedigree Notes

With every season that passes, the loss of dual Classic-winning sire Duramente to the Japanese industry and wider bloodstock world becomes more apparent. Liberty Island is one of five Group 1 winners for the 2015 Japanese Champion 3-Year-Old Colt. His stakes winners number 14, 10 of them at group level. Besides Liberty Island, Stars On Earth and Titleholder (Jpn) have also claimed Classic laurels in the Land of the Rising Sun.

The second foal out of Australian Champion 2-Year-Old Filly and Champion 3-Year-Old Filly Yankee Rose (Aus) (All American {Aus}), Liberty Island's year-older half brother Romneya (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) is a winner, and her dam produced a colt by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) in 2021 and a filly by Kizuna (Jpn) last year. A winner of the G1 Inglis Sires and G1 Spring Champion S., she was

covered by Japanese Triple Crown Winner Contrail (Jpn) last spring.

A half-sister to Group 3 winner Miravalle (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), Yankee Rose traces her damline to 1981 G1 Yorkshire Oaks winner and G1 Irish Oaks runner-up Condesa (Ire), by the Luthier (Fr) horse Condorcet (Fr).

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Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

YUSHUN HIMBA (JAPANESE OAKS)-G1, ¥325,180,000, Tokyo, 5-21, 3yo, f, 2400mT, 2:23.10, fm.

1--**LIBERTY ISLAND (JPN)**, 121, f, 3, by Duramente (Jpn)

1st Dam: Yankee Rose (Aus), by All American (Aus)

2nd Dam: Condesaar (Aus), by Xaar (GB)

3rd Dam: Condescendance, by El Gran Senor

O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Mitsumasa Nakauchida; J-Yuga Kawada; ¥177,426,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Filly-Jpn, 5-4-1-0, ¥429,472,000. **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.** Werk Nick Rating: B. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Harper (Jpn)**, 121, f, 3, Heart's Cry (Jpn)--Seresta (Arg), by Jump Start. **1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.** (¥86,000,000 Wlg '20 JRHAJUL). O-M's Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥67,830,000.
3--**Dura (Jpn)**, 121, f, 3, Duramente (Jpn)--Isis (Jpn), by King Halo (Jpn). **1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.** O-Cypress Holdings; B-Grande Farm (Jpn); ¥41,918,000.

Margins: 6, NK, 3/4. Odds: 0.40, 7.80, 102.40.

Also Ran: Ravel (Jpn), Shinryokuka (Jpn), Hip Hop Soul (Jpn), Kona Coast (Jpn), So Dazzling (Jpn), Doe Eyes (Jpn), Remige (Jpn), Golden Hind (Jpn), Perifania (Jpn), Emu (Jpn), Mikki Gorgeous (Jpn), Kita Wing (Jpn), England Eyes (GB), Light Quantum (Jpn), Kiminonawa Maria (Jpn).

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A queen's welcome as Liberty Island returns a dual Classic winner | Horsephotos



AUSTRALIA'S ELITE MARES OFFER INTERNATIONAL VALUE



Piping Hot | *Magic Millions*

By Caitlin Smith and Oz Wedmore

While well-performed race fillies and proven broodmares continue to demand record-breaking sums, elite mares in Australia have, in this analysis, also been found to command considerably lower prices than in the United States and Europe.

A condensed marketplace may have something to do with this, but with the growing demand for elite mares and access to exportation, the Australian mare market should be at the forefront of international shoppers' options.

A Hot Commodity, but How Hot?

With some of Australia's best-credentialed mares set to sell next week, it is interesting to note how they would sit in comparison to an equivalent foreign market.

Milburn Creek will offer the dam of dual Group 1 winner **Coolangatta** (Written Tycoon), **Piping Hot** (More Than Ready {USA}), on behalf of Highclere Stud. A juvenile winner, Piping Hot boasts a commercial family being from the G2 Moonee Valley Oaks winner **Ribe** (Danehill {USA}), making her a half-sibling to the G1 Blue Diamond S. winner **Reaan** (Hussonet {USA}). Carrying an early cover to Australia's reigning Champion Sire **I Am Invincible** makes her one of the most valuable proven broodmares offered at public sale in Australia in modern times.

"There's little stopping anyone from mating her to any top-end stallion in America, Europe or Japan..." John Warren, owner of Piping Hot, recently told TDN AusNZ. Coolangatta's Royal Ascot trip will come too late to boost her dam's international profile beyond Warren's learned words, but it wasn't long ago that she got the better of **Nature Strip** (Nicconi), who was so scintillating at last year's meeting.

So, how does Piping Hot stack up, on profile, compared to the global elite mares sold in recent years?

Of the North American-sold mares, the most similar on paper is **Magical World (USA)** (Distorted Humour {USA}) who fetched US\$5,200,000 (AU\$7,800,000) at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton The November Sale. Magical World is a valuable daughter of a Grade 1 winner, and at the time of auction was the dam of three-time Grade 1 winner **Guarana (USA)** (**Ghostzapper** {USA}). Like Piping Hot, she too held a pregnancy to a Champion Sire in **Into Mischief (USA)**. She was offered as an 11-year-old and had already produced six foals, while Piping Hot is a rising 10-year-old who is currently carrying her fifth foal.

Her equivalent in Europe may be the 2.1 million gns (AU\$4,280,500) commanded by **Coplow (GB)** (Manduro {GER}), who at the time of selling was the dam of Group 1 1000 Guineas-winning filly **Billesdon Brook (GB)** (Champs Elysees {GB}). She again was at a similar stage of her career as Piping Hot, being a 10-year-old producer of five foals.

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The comparable European figure might not seem an unfeasible one for Piping Hot to command next week, but Magical World's price is quite extraordinary and reflects an unmatched US market.

Based on the top 100 racing/broodmare prospects offered in the past five years, the United States is by far the strongest buying jurisdiction of elite fillies and mares. Females offered at North American auctions make up approximately 73 per cent of the world's most expensive fillies while Europe and Australia account for just 16 per cent and 11 per cent each. With the exception of last year's record breaking Tattersalls December Mares Sale graduate **Alcohol Free (Ire)** (**No Nay Never** {USA}), unsurprisingly the 10 highest-priced mares of the past five years have all hailed from North American sales.

The strength of the US market is blinding when we take a look at the world's top 10 mares sold over the past five years.

North American-sold mares account for nine of the top 10

mares, including the seven-time Grade 1-winning champion **Monomy Girl (USA)** (Tapizar {USA}) who became the world's most expensive racing/broodmare prospect when fetching a whopping US\$9,500,000 (AU\$14,250,000) to the bid of Spendthrift Farm at Fasig-Tipton The November Sale in 2020.

Record-breaking import Alcohol Free is the only non-American sold mare featured on the table. She fetched the second-highest price ever recorded at a European auction when realising 5,400,000 gns (AU\$10,171,000) to the bid of BBA, who were acting on behalf of Yulong Investments.

With Coolmore's M.V. Magnier and Northern Farm's Katsumi Yoshida featured on the buyers sheet of such mares, there are no doubts about the international demand for elite breeding stock.

As we so often find, it appears that elite bloodstock is immune to global events. Looking at the average of the top 20 mares sold between our three jurisdictions, 2020, the first COVID-affected year, was not the lowest - far from it.

Whilst the top 20 mares on average sold for a low of \$3.5 million in 2019, the highest figure came last year, at \$5.58 million. As a share of those top 20 results, the US dominance continued, with up to 17 coming from either Keeneland or Fasig-Tipton. However, last year's high also coincided with a US low in representation, with just 12 of the top 20 hailing from their sales.

It comes as no surprise that the North American market is at the fore of the global demand for elite mares. The average selling price for the top 10 mares sold in the United States over the past five years is a whopping US\$5.9 million (AU\$9.9 million) which is about three times that of Australia's equivalent.

Nine of the 10 highest-priced mares sold in the United States over the past five years were multiple Grade 1 winners themselves, just like Australia's own three-time Group 1-winning mare **Forbidden Love** (All Too Hard), who is the headline act of the maiden mares on offer next week. But, it's hard to imagine she'll break \$5 million, let alone the \$7.5 million it would take to put her on a par, price-wise, with the American elites of the past five years.

So, should heavyweight buyers eyeing her up next week raise the bar?

While majority (seven) of the top 10 mares by purchase price

were sold as racing and breeding prospects, the three mares sold as broodmare prospects held covers to leading US stallions. Maiden mares **Gamine (USA)** (Into Mischief {USA}) and **Midnight Bisou (USA)** (**Midnight Lute** {USA}) held covers to **Quality Road (USA)** and **Tapit (USA)**, respectively, while Magical World was sold in foal to Into Mischief.

While most of the mares were snapped up by domestic interests, four of the top 10 mares went to the bid of M.V. Magnier of Coolmore USA/Ireland while Katsumi Yoshida added the five-time Grade 1-winning mare Midnight Bisou to his Northern Farm in Japan.

The average selling price for the top 10 highest-priced European-sold mares over the past five years is a shade over AU\$5.4 million, not far from half that of its US-sold counterparts. A key point of difference between Europe and the US here is that only three of the highest-priced mares were Group 1 winners themselves, which also happened to be the three most

expensive mares of the sample-- Alcohol Free, **Saffron Beach (Ire)** (New Bay {GB}) and **Rougir (Fr)** (Territories {Ire}).

A further three had produced a Group 1 winner at the time of sale while the remaining four mares were well-related stakes winners. The top five of the 10 most-expensive mares sold at European auctions were purchased as racing or breeding prospects. Two of those in Alcohol Free and Rougir were exported abroad to continue their racing careers.

Buyers flocking to Australian mare sales can, it seems, expect

to get some bang for their buck when it comes to purchasing elite breeding prospects. The average price for the top 10 mares sold in Australia over the past five years is a tick over \$3 million. The top 10 Australian elite mares for this period were more than a third of the price of their US equivalent and almost half that of Europe's elite offering.

To provide context, **Sunlight** (Zoustar), being Australia's highest-priced mare sold at public auction for that period (\$4.2 million), would sit around 43rd on the North American rich list, while in Europe she would have been the 12th highest-priced mare offered at public auction in the past five years.

All but one of Australia's most expensive mares in the past five years are Group 1 winners with seven of those at least dual winners of elite races.




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Multiple Group 1-placed and a Champion 2-Year-Old Filly of her generation, **Away Game** (Snitzel) highlights the demand for early speed mares in While she isn't a Group 1 winner, Away Game fetched an enormous \$4 million to make her the second-most expensive mare offered at public sale for the period covered. The demand for young well-performed race mares is evident in Australia given the fact the most expensive of recent times have been maiden mares. The only mare featured on the elite list offered in foal was **Viddora** (I Am Invincible), who was sold in-foal to **Lope De Vega (Ire)** Southern Hemisphere time.

Yulong were the most dominant buyers for the five-year period having purchased 50% of the highest-priced mares on offer. **Funstar** (Adelaide {Ire}) was the sole mare exported from this group when Katsumi Yoshida forked out \$2.7 million for the Group 1 winner.

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