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MCPEEK: SWING HIGH, SWING HARD



Kenny McPeck | Sarah Andrew

by Chris McGrath

Call it going with his gut. Literally. They cut out a whole stretch of it, and with it went much of the caution, the aversion to risk, that seems to stifle so much of the adventure in other trainers.

"The truth is that when I was younger, I was probably real conservative," Kenny McPeck admits. "Early in my career, I was mostly dealing with claiming horses, with the odd allowance or stake horse here and there. Then I had a misdiagnosed ruptured appendix. It walled off and they did emergency surgery on me."

When he came round, the surgeon asked whether he realized how close he had come to never doing so. He shook his head.

"Six hours, maybe," she replied. "If we'd waited another six hours, you would have died. From here on, son, everything's a bonus."

The appendix had started troubling him in the winter of 1994, but they didn't get it out until the summer of 1996. With six hours to spare. He'd used up nearly his whole rope.

"So I was 33, and I'd had a near-death experience," McPeck says. "I lost several feet of my intestinal tract. After that, I started to reflect. It was almost a month before I was able to go back to work, but from that moment on, I don't waste time. Because, hey, you just never know. It completely changed my perspective. So I tend to swing high and hard. I like to hit a home run." He pauses and chuckles. "I'm also prone to strike out. But I don't care." **Cont. p3**

DAVE JOHNSON JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST TO TALK ABOUT SECRETARIAT'S BELMONT

On that June afternoon nearly 50 years ago, Dave Johnson was there to witness one of the most memorable moments in the history of horse racing. As the NYRA track announcer, he called Secretariat's win in the GI Belmont S., an event he, and anyone who was there that day, will never forget. To share his memories, Johnson joined the team for this week's TDN Writers' Room podcast presented by **Keeneland**. Johnson was this week's **Green Group** Guest of the Week.

He recalled that Secretariat came around at the perfect time, that the country was looking for a hero and a heroic story after the struggles of the late sixties and early seventies.

"There was Watergate and Vietnam, and this was before people scratched off lottery tickets and before sports books and casinos," he said. "Racing was the great place to go and make a legal bet." **Cont. p7**

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Ridden by Javier Castellano and accompanied by trainer Jena Antonucci, Arcangelo (Arrogate) gets ready to work five furlongs at Belmont Park Wednesday morning in preparation for the June 10 GI Belmont S. See page 8. | Susie Raisher/Coglianese

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McPeek: Swing High, Swing Hard (cont. from p1)

And thank goodness for that. Because if McPeek were as timidly conventional as most of his peers, our world would be a lot less fun. McPeek runs horses back, sometimes he runs them in spots that few others would even contemplate. Typically, moreover, these are horses that he has bought himself, a rare distinction in the modern trainer. And here is, with 107 graded stakes winners and nearly \$110 million prizemoney; and, for all that he has been training since 1985, he's still only 60.



Swiss Skydiver | Sarah Andrew

Who else but McPeek could have given us Swiss Skydiver? He bought her for \$35,000 as a yearling, when her sire **Daredevil** had been banished to Turkey. And even though she couldn't quite win a Classic against her own sex, McPeek promptly ran her against the Derby winner in the GI Preakness S.--and won. Three years on, he has again hit it out of the park with a sophomore filly in Defining Purpose (Cross Traffic). The GI Ashland S. winner, remember, had been a \$14,000 RNA. So whatever the future may hold for the likes of V V's Dream (Mitole), a recent 'TDN Rising Star' debut scorer at Churchill, or indeed the back-on-a-roll Rattle N Roll (**Connect**), we know it won't be dull.

"I don't put any emphasis into my win percentage," McPeek says. "I think 'win' percentage is a bit of a misnomer. You can accomplish a lot and not worry about that. And when you hit those home runs, it's pretty cool. Like I say, that experience taught me perspective. I have no fear of failure whatsoever. Failing is part of racing horses."

So while everyone else jumps through the same hoops, McPeek does things his way. Paradoxically, however, the kind of thing that makes him an outlier today is actually pretty old school. In an era when horses tend to leave the barn to vote more often than they do to race, McPeek believes that a thriving horse has its own momentum. **Cont.**



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Kenny McPeek, cont.

And thriving doesn't even have to mean winning. During her \$2.5-million career, Take Charge Lady (Dehere) once won a stakes race nine days after being beaten at odds-on.

"I think we need to run our horses, as opposed to train and train and train," McPeek reasons. "If they're in the feed tub and aggressive and happy, then why not run? Of course it all depends on the horse. Some do need their races spacing out. You learn from each horse you purchase, each horse you train, all the dynamics that go with it. But when a horse is really doing well, you shouldn't hesitate. Find out how good they are at the right time."

He suspects that phasing out Lasix, at least in elite racing, has contributed to the way trainers today tip-toe along. But here, again, McPeek marches to his own beat. When Lasix was ubiquitous, he routinely found himself saddling the only runner to have declined the option. Salty Strike (Smart Strike) was a case in point, in both races, when she won the GIII Dogwood S. two weeks after a seven-length win.

"I actually think you can run a horse back quicker without Lasix," he argues. "Lasix can dehydrate horses pretty badly, and then it takes more time for them to recover. So if you've got the right horse, and don't think Lasix is necessary, you can run them back quicker. When I was a claiming trainer, a lot of the horses we would claim were extremely dehydrated. We'd hydrate them, lower or eliminate the Lasix, and they'd run better."

With his willingness to experiment, McPeek has been a fascinated observer and/or participant in the diverse racing theaters of Europe, Australia and South America. He was ahead of the curve, certainly, in sending runners to Britain. Once upon a time even Wesley Ward had to ask McPeek how it all worked over there. (McPeek told him not to worry about the detail. "Bring a fast horse," he said. "You'll be okay.")

But patrons may sometimes be as reluctant as rivals to depart from orthodoxy. To that extent, they can be emboldened by McPeek's willingness to retain some equity in his purchases. For instance, he owned a quarter of Hard Buck (Brz) (Spend a Buck)-the first horse he took over the pond, for the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. at Ascot in 2004. He ran second at 33-1.

"I would rather have 10% ownership than a commission," McPeek explains. "And then obviously I have to pay 10% of the bills. So it doesn't do me any good to buy an average horse, or to keep one. And that also gives me a bit of leverage and trust in the sense that they can say, 'Hey, why's he doing this if he's going to incur part of the cost, of the trip or entry fee or whatever?' So I think a lot of my clients feel comfortable with me having a stake in the game."

His curiosity about other Turf environments was first stimulated as a college freshman at the University of Kentucky.

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Kenny McPeek, cont.

He was a hometown boy, used to come to Keeneland with his grandfather on Saturdays. The old man liked a bet and young Kenny could study his beloved pedigrees. Then, Sundays, he would come back after church with his grandmother—who only passed away last year, at 104—for kids' pony rides. McPeek would ride all afternoon—and the guy would get mad at him for running his ponies into the ground. Now he was supposed to be reading for his degree in business administration, but had found an archive of old Turf periodicals in the library basement.

"By the time I graduated, I had read them all," he says. "I started in 1902 and worked all the way through. I was an avid reader about the history of the sport: Mahmoud, Ribot, Nearco. Before I ever handled a Thoroughbred, I knew quite a lot about the bloodlines."



Take Charge Lady | Horsephotos

He was duly fascinated to visit England, as cradle of the breed, and to observe the variety of facilities and methods used there. Sure enough, he again swam against the local tide when establishing his own training center at Magdalena Farm, outside

Lexington, which features a 12-furlong turf gallop.

"I built it to give horses a change of scenery," he explains. "One of the problems here is that we go left all the time. All the time. We need somewhere we can go right, every now and then, because I think horses fatigue by constantly going left. You can see it when they fall off form. And the racetrack's also a bit of a 24/7, 365-day program. So we've been able to utilize Magdalena just to change their mindset and relax."

But what really crowns McPeek's propensity to swim against the tide is his record prospecting the sales. Noble's Promise (Cuvee) was a typical McPeek project: a \$10,000 weanling, he won a Grade I at two before running fifth both in the GI Kentucky Derby and the G1 St James's Palace S. **Cont.**

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Kenny McPeck, cont.

Most famously, it was McPeck who found **Curlin** for just \$57,000 at the 2005 September Sale.

At that time, he happened to be taking a break from training, which is always a bittersweet reflection, but how many full-time agents have found a dual Horse of the Year for that kind of money?

"When I go to auction, okay, I might not always have the biggest budget," he says. "And I do still have a little envy for guys that do. But if I outsmart them, buy the right horse for the right price, then I can be competitive."

"My first yearling budget was \$6,000. I have this base of clients that still want me to buy the bargain, people I've always worked for, and I'm not going to turn my back on them now. They need me to work the last session of the Keeneland Sale as well as the first. And enjoy doing that. There's a bigger rush, or bigger satisfaction, buying a horse for a modest number and beating the game at a different angle. And actually there's pressure, having a horse that you gave too much for. The failure, the fall-off, is a lot more painful."

McPeck has a virtually photographic memory of the horses he has trained. Every horse that enters his barn, he pieces together pedigree and conformation and running style. Even when he only had claimers, he would go to the paddock before stakes and ask himself what had qualified these horses as superior

athletes; and to see how the best sires and broodmare sires stamped their stock. After 38 years with a license, that builds up to quite a matrix.

"There is a rhyme and a reason to the riddle," he insists. "Really there's something to it. And we've got a pretty serious system by now, for how we squeeze them down. The hip is a big deal. Never seen a top horse that didn't have a great hip. Never seen a top horse that had a bad hind leg. Just doesn't happen. Then balance, and shoulder, there's a lot of moving parts there. But you never know. What's the old saying? 'Buying yearlings is getting married. You don't know how it turned out for two or three years.'"

The reason he never got to handle **Curlin**? That spring, they had given his mother six months to live.

"My mom was my idol," he says. "And she was really sick. She needed help. She needed doctors, she needed estate planning. And that turned into another of those things that kind of kick you in the head and say, 'Hey, wait, time out. What's important?' At that time I had well over 100 in training, in Chicago and New York and Kentucky. But it was time to deal with some real-life stuff."

He was only away for nine months, but in that time he didn't just straighten everything out for his mother and find **Curlin**. He also bought Magdalena. **Cont.**

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Kenny McPeek, cont.

"I'd never have bought the farm if I hadn't had time to step back a little, clear my head, get a good picture of what I wanted to do, and then go at it again," he says.

So this was a second prompt, after his health drama a decade previously, to maintain perspectives on the essential frivolity--a bunch of brown animals running in circles--of our professional obsession.

"Yeah," McPeek reflects. "Makes you more patient, I think. Certainly you don't get so upset about things that are insignificant. I still got to worry about the payroll, the worker's comp, all those details. But that's why I like having some assistants that have a little age on them: experienced guys that are calm, and understand what they need to do. I have a group that I can trust, we talk about every horse every day, and then they carry out a lot of the game plan."

He wasn't always so chilled.

"When I was young, I was in the barn every day and an absolute terror to work for," he admits. "I was so picky, nobody was allowed to leave until everything was perfect. Then I came up with my first Derby horse, in 1994-95, and actually I had that ruptured appendix while I was training him."

That was Tejano Run (Tejano), a \$20,000 yearling who came through and beat all bar Thunder Gulch.

"And he took me from 25 horses to 75," McPeek recalls. "I was ill all through that time. But then I figured out that you can't pretend you're a better trainer than anybody else. Your really, really good trainers know how to get good horses; and they recognize a good horse when they get one. But there's an old saying, 'Win like you're used to it, and lose like you like it.' So you don't get too high when you win; and don't get too low, when you lose."



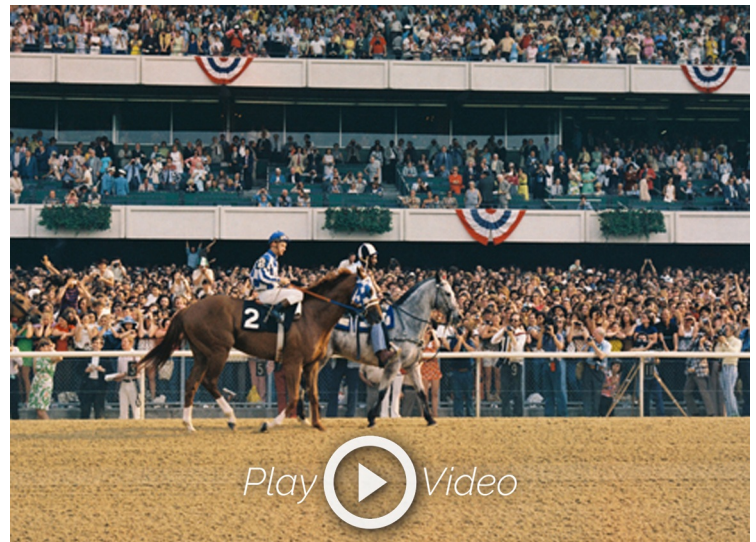
McPeek in a familiar stance, signing for a yearling | Goffs

McPeek continued: "It's a very humbling business. Win a big one on Friday, lose a bunch Saturday, and you're back to work again on Sunday."

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Johnson continued, "And then along comes this great horse with a great crew. You had Lucien Laurin training and Ronnie Turcotte riding and Mrs. Tweedy was a great cheerleader. She just she captured the audience. When you'd see her on television rooting for a horse, you wanted her to win. So it was all of those things that came together with this magnificent animal. Secretariat just came at the right time and with the right people and at a time where the sport didn't have the problems it has now. People loved Secretariat and loved the story, and it was a hell of a story."

In that era, announcers were not allowed to call the finish of a race because that was seen as a violation of the Wire Act of 1938, which was meant to discourage bookmaking. But he did his best to let his audience know that something special was taking place.

"I called Secretariat in front by 25 lengths at the sixteenth-pole," he said. "I had never called a horse in a race other than a steeplechase race in front by that much. So I called him in front by 25 lengths at the sixteenth pole and then I shut the mic off at the 70-yard mark saying Secretariat wins the Triple Crown or something like that. I don't think NYRA has the call. But that's what I remember, how gigantic the margin of victory was. It seems like yesterday. It doesn't seem like 50 years ago."

Johnson has called hundreds of major races, including a slew of Triple Crown events while working for ABC. But nothing, he said, will ever top the 1973 Belmont. **Cont.**

Johnson on TDN Writers' Room, cont.

"It was the greatest spectacle in my lifetime of watching horse races," Johnson said. "If you brought any horse in the world to the Belmont that afternoon at a mile-and-a-half, Secretariat would have beat them. It was just spectacular. It was the greatest moment for me in horse racing. I don't think you'll ever match it."

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by **Coolmore, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders, 1/st Racing, WinStar Farm, XBTv, Lane's End** and **West Point Thoroughbreds**, the team of Bill Finley, Zoe Cadman and Randy Moss discussed the news surrounding the National Thoroughbred League, the new racing initiative that hopes to bring the team aspect that is at the core of other sports to racing. There was some skepticism that it will succeed and Moss pointed out just how expensive it will be purchase the 36 horses that will be needed to form the racing teams. But there was agreement that the league deserves a chance and they applauded its founders for trying something new and different that could bring new fans to the sport. The rash of fatalities at Churchill Downs took up much of the podcast. As is the case with just about everyone in the industry, the team doesn't see there being any magic bullets but was in agreement that the situation is a terrible problem for a sport holding on dearly to its social license to operate. And how will Rich Strike (Keen Ice) do now that he has been turned over to Bill Mott? The consensus was that Mott will have his work cut out for him but that if anybody can get last year's GI Kentucky Derby winner back to top form it is his new trainer.

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GISP LOGGINS RETIRED

GISP **Loggins** (**Ghostzapper**--Beyond **Blame**, by **Blame**), a **TDN Rising Star** following an 8 1/2-length victory at Churchill Downs last September, has been retired from racing. Stud plans are pending.

Purchased for \$460,000 at Fasig-Tipton in Saratoga, the Papatop-bred colt was campaigned by a partnership consisting of Spendthrift Farm LLC, Steve Landers Racing LLC, Martin S. Schwartz, Michael Dubb, Ten Strike Racing, Jim Bakke, Titledown Racing Stables, Kueber Racing LLC, Big Easy Racing LLC, and Winners Win.

Agent Liz Crow, reflecting on the purchase of Loggins in Saratoga, said, "When we bought Loggins in Saratoga, Brad Cox and I thought he was the best physical in the sale. We relooked at our list the evening before the sale and felt he was a must have. He had athleticism, power, and was very mentally tough."



Loggins | *Coady*

Following his impressive win in Kentucky, he returned to be a close-up second behind ultimate juvenile champion Forte in the GI Breeders' Futurity.

"Loggins was a beautiful yearling. I was quickly drawn to him given the fact we had trained the mare," said Cox. "He was a precocious, fast 2-year-old that showed brilliance from day one. His race in the GI Breeders' Futurity may have been one of the most impressive races by a 2-year-old that season."

Cox continued, "We were looking forward to running him in the Classics after that performance. Unfortunately, he had a setback he could not come back from. He was cut out to be special."

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ARCANGELO TUNES UP FOR BELMONT

Blue Rose Farm's **Arcangelo** (Arrogate), last-out winner of the GIII Peter Pan S., worked five furlongs in 1:02.81 (2/5) at Belmont Park Wednesday in preparation for the June 10 GI Belmont S. New York Racing Association clockers caught the grey galloping out six-furlongs in 1:15 4/5 and seven-furlongs in 1:28 4/5. Javier Castellano was in the irons.

"He's a nice, beautiful-moving horse and he did it easy. He's a good work horse. In the morning, you can work him :59 if you wanted," Castellano said. "We all know that [the Belmont is] a mile and a half and you don't want to go crazy with a bullet work. We just give him a good foundation and I think we both agree we let him do what he wants to do in the morning and be happy. You can see he's a very happy horse and he goes to the post nice--very relaxed, comfortable rhythm. I let him gallop out and in the turn I asked him a little bit and he took off and had a good open gallop. He's a big horse, long beautiful stride. He likes to reach for more ground. The farther he can go, the more he's comfortable." **Cont.**

Arcangelo, cont.

Trained by Jena Antonucci, Arcangelo broke his maiden going one mile at Gulfstream in March and was making his stakes debut when getting his head in front on the line in the nine-furlong Peter Pan. The Belmont will be the ridgling's first start around two turns.

"It's not a secret he hasn't gone two turns yet and that's the obvious conversation and we talked a lot about that," Antonucci said. "The second half of the work was more important for me than the first half. Going off, he was super relaxed and that's what we were looking for—I didn't want him dragging Javier to the pole and him having to take any natural ability momentum away from him. He did that perfectly and Javier was a statue aboard the horse. We wanted to get that second turn around him and Javier was concerned to smooch at him too much."




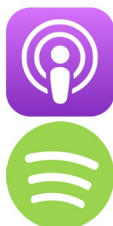
Arcangelo | *Susie Raisher*

Antonucci will be starting her first horse in a Triple Crown race as Arcangelo looks to become the first Peter Pan winner since **Tonalist** won the Belmont in 2014.

"They're all special, and not to be cliché, but my job is to stay out of his way," Antonucci said. "It [the opportunity] doesn't fall on deaf ears. It's special--if it's 10 in the gate or 11 in the gate of that entire foal crop, that's a very small percentage. So, I definitely don't lose sight of that and I'm very blessed to have the opportunity and for the team to have the opportunity. They've put in a lot of work and they deserve it."

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ADVANCEMENTS IN EQUINE REPRODUCTION EXAMINED AT KTFMC MEETING *by Katie Petrunyak*

LEXINGTON, KY—As the calendar turns over to June and the 2023 breeding season nears its close, the Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers' Club (KTFMC) focused its monthly meeting on advancements in the equine reproductive field and how the latest research, as well as new treatments and diagnostic tests, might have practical application for farm managers at this point in the breeding season and on into next year. Held Tuesday evening at Copper Roux in Lexington, the event featured presentations from three equine veterinarians.

Dr. Emma Adam, who specializes in equine veterinary outreach for the University of Kentucky's Gluck Equine Research Center, provided an update on this year's breeding season. She discussed several issues that have been problematic for breeders this year and pointed out how farm managers can be involved in advancing research efforts addressing those concerns.

While Rotavirus was not nearly as prominent this year as it was during the outbreak in Central Kentucky in 2021, Adam said that some farms were hurt by the diarrheal disease in 2023. She explained that there is work being done this summer to test a new vaccine that would protect against the most recent strains of the virus and said that they are seeking the help of local farms as researchers are collecting blood samples from foals that developed Rotavirus this year.

"That is going to help us identify antibodies that naturally responded to the infection and [help us] move forward with the idea of producing synthetic antibodies that could potentially help us in the face of not having that vaccine to hand quite yet," she said.

Current research efforts are also going toward addressing Nocardioform placentitis and Leptospirosis. Adam said that research is being conducted on mares that developed Nocardioform placentitis and initial results suggest that an early-warning diagnostic test may be available in the future. Meanwhile, a new serovar has been identified in North America for Leptospirosis and a number of asymptomatic horses are testing positive for the bacterial disease across Central Kentucky.

For managers that dealt with Nocardioform placentitis this year, or if they know of or suspect the presence of Leptospirosis on their farm, Adam urged horsemen to contact the Gluck Center's research team.

"This summer, if you have mares that don't have a good reason for being empty, please give us a call," Adam said. "We would love to test them free of charge to try and see if these mares are potentially carriers of Lepto." **Cont.**

KTFMC meeting, cont.

The KTFMC's May meeting focused on the latest equine reproductive research, treatments and diagnostic tests | Sarah Andrew

Adam continued: "We're only as good as the data that we get. When we get those samples into our diagnostic lab, that is the material we can use to help you, not just from a practical basis of diagnosing and getting the material for us to do research on, but when we have those numbers, we can go to the grant funding agencies and say we need some money because this is 'this big' of a problem."

Adam also shared that recent research on fescue is focused on its presence in pastures throughout the winter months. Fescue toxicity in mares is a common concern in the spring, but Adam noted that ergovaline--the alkaloid produced by fescue that causes the symptoms of fescue toxicity in mares--can be present in pastures year-round.

"In the winter, we normally think that our fescue isn't growing and that we don't have ergovaline to worry about in our pregnant mares," she said. "That absolutely is completely and totally not the case. We had lots of farms this winter where the only thing growing was fescue and that fescue is hotter than Hades, so it has plenty of ergovaline."

During the evening's second presentation, Dr. Maria Schnobrick of Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital discussed a new service that Rood & Riddle is offering to promote the regression of endometrial cups.

Endometrial cups, which form on the uterine wall at around 35 days of gestation to promote pregnancy, secrete eCG (equine chorionic gonadotropin) and prevent the mare from normal ovulation. These cups persist until 100 to 150 days of gestation regardless of the viability of the embryo.

Schnobrick and her colleagues have made progress in developing a treatment for regressing these endometrial cups when a mare loses a pregnancy so that she can return to a

normal cycle in a shorter amount of time. Schnobrick said that current treatments, like laser treatment, have inconsistent results and only about a 50% success rate. However, she has found promising results from using Settle, an immune stimulant that is used to treat endometritis.

In an experiment conducted in collaboration with Dr. Carleigh Fedorka and Dr. Mats Troedsson, 16 mares were aborted at 40 to 45 days of gestation. One week later, they received their first injection of Settle. After another week, they received a second injection. The experiment produced statistically significant results when, an average of 23 days after their first treatment, 80% of mares were cycling normally compared to 33% of mares in the control group.

Schnobrick said that this year, she had three mares that experienced pregnancy loss at 60 days and were able to get back in foal after receiving this treatment at Rood & Riddle. She noted that she has also seen positive results when treating mares that have retained endometrial cups from the previous breeding season and are not cycling regularly.

Hagyard Equine Medical Institute's Dr. Kristina Lu presented on advancements in diagnosing endometritis using N-acetylcysteine and she also discussed the benefits of pregnancy monitoring at this stage in the breeding season.

According to Lu, the current methods for diagnosing endometritis through a swab culture or a lavage of the uterus produce inefficient results. She noted that about half the time, a mare can have endometritis but test negative in a swab culture.

Lu's research efforts have gone toward using N-acetylcysteine to help break up mucus and free bacteria from the endometrium in order to better test for the presence of infection. In one experiment, 59 mares were diagnosed for endometritis. Using a lavage diagnostic test, 81% tested negative. But when the same mares were tested after receiving acetylcysteine, only 27% tested negative. **Cont.**



Sarah Andrew

KTFMC meeting, cont.

Lu also discussed the importance of pregnancy monitoring and the benefits of compiling a list of “problematic mares” ahead of next year's breeding season.

She explained that placental abnormalities from this year's foaling could be one of the strongest indicators for potential issues ahead of next year's foaling season. A mare could have a normal foaling, but a slight issue with her placenta--like evidence of subtle ascending placentitis or if the cervical star did not rupture regularly--could prove to cause problems down the road.

“This mare is raising her hand saying, 'The next pregnancy, I might not be normal,’” Lu explained. “So this mare might go on your list. She's definitely one that is worth watching in the future.”

Also during Tuesday's KTFMC meeting, information was presented on the Gerry Dilger Equine Scholarship Foundation's Irish National Stud Scholarship. [Learn more here](#). Also, Godolphin USA's Charities Manager Katie LaMonica discussed this year's Thoroughbred Industry Employee Awards. Nominations for those awards are open now through July 16 and can be accessed [here](#).

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WEEKLY STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS, MAY 23-29 *by Dan Ross*

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

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

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

California

Track: Santa Anita

Date: 05/26/2023

Licensee: Armando Aguilar, apprentice jockey

Penalty: Four-day suspension

Violation: Careless riding

Explainer: Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LATS Ruling #59 (May 7, 2023) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Apprentice Jockey Armando Aguilar is suspended for 4 racing days (May 27, 28, 29 & June 2, 2023).

Track: Santa Anita

Date: 05/26/2023

Licensee: George Papaprodromou, trainer

Penalty: \$500 fine

Violation: Out-of-competition medication violation

Explainer: Trainer George Papaprodromou, who worked the horse The Slap at Santa Anita Park on February 19, 2023, is fined \$500.00 and assessed one half (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Rule #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations – Expires 5/26/24) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1868 (Authorization Medication During Workouts) and Rule #1843.1 (b) (Prohibited Drug Substances – Phenylbutazone [Class 4]).

New York

Track: Belmont Park

Date: 05/25/2023

Licensee: Steven Lascher, racing official

Penalty: \$8,000 fine

Violation: Failure to administer lasix

Explainer: Official Dr. Steven Lascher is hereby fined the sum of \$8,000 for failing to follow proper lasix procedures, necessitating the scratches of horses racing in the 3rd race on May 19th 2023 at Belmont Park.

For more on the story, [read here](#).

Track: Belmont Park

Date: 05/25/2023

Licensee: Christopher Carmac, racing official

Penalty: \$2,000 fine

Violation: Unauthorized participation of horse

Explainer: Mr. Christopher Camac is hereby fined the sum of \$2,000 for allowing the unauthorized participation of horse (Georgie's Ladies) on January 8th 2022 race 9, March 12th 2023 race 9, March 24th 2023 race 3 and April 16th 2023 race 9.

Track: Belmont Park

Date: 05/26/2023

Licensee: Rob Atras, trainer

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

Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: Mr. Rob Atras as responsible trainer under 9 NYCRR 4043.4(a), violated commission rules in that Mr. Rob Atras trained horse "Market Alert", that finished 4th in race 7 at Aqueduct Racetrack on February 20th 2023, and having received a report from the New York Drug Testing and Research

Program that a race-day sample taken from the horse "Market Alert" had the substance Phenylbutazone present at a concentration, including an assessment of the measurement and imprecision of the quantitative threshold, in excess of the quantitative threshold, in excess of 0.3 mcg/ml in plasma in violation of 9 NYCRR 4043.4 (a) 26. Having waived the right to request a hearing, Mr. Rob Atras is suspended 10 calendar days effective Sunday June 11th 2023 through June 20th 2023 inclusive, and fined the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars.

Furthermore, "Market Alert" is disqualified from any part of the purse and the Stewards order the purse redistributed as follows:

1. #5 Bourbon Calling
2. #4 King Kumbalay
3. #6 Practical Coach
4. #2 Chestertown
5. #1 Lobsta
6. #7 No Burn

During this period of suspension, Mr. Rob Atras shall not directly nor indirectly participate in New York State pari-mutuel horse racing, is denied privileges and use of the grounds of New York State racetracks, and is forbidden to participate in any share of purses. In addition, every horse is denied the privileges of the grounds and shall not participate in pari-mutuel racing in New York State that is (A) owned or trained by Mr. Rob Atras, or by any individual who serves as Mr. Rob Atras agent or employee during this period of suspension; or (B) for which Mr. Rob Atras is directly or indirectly involved in training during this period of suspension, including any arrangements to care for, train, enter in a race, race, invoice, collect fees or other payments related to, manage funds, employ and / or insure workers, provide advice or other information, or otherwise handle or assist with any aspect of the training of such horses.



Trainer Rob Atras | Walter Wlodarczyk

NEW HISA STEWARDS RULINGS

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

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

Violations of Crop Rule

Delaware Park

Xavier Perez Rivera – violation date May 25; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 9 strikes

John Paul Hiraldo – violation date May 25; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Thistledown

Juan Valez – violation date May 23; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 1-3 strikes over the limit

Santa Anita

Antonio Fresu – violation date May 27; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Hector Berrios – violation date May 28; \$584 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

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WANAMAKER'S NY-BRED CATALOGUE ONLINE

The catalogue for the second annual New York-Bred Horses of Racing Age Sale hosted by the digital auction company Wanamakers, in conjunction with New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc., is now available online at wanamakers.com. Bidding will open June 8 at 8 a.m. ET, with the first listing set to close at 5 p.m. Subsequent listings will close in three-minute increments.

Highlights of the catalog include: **Cinderella's Cause** (Congrats), a 5-year-old racing/broodmare prospect who most recently won a first-level, state-bred allowance at Belmont Park and is entered to run June 1; **Liberty Flame** (Bellamy Road), a 4-year-old two-time winner who is eligible for allowance and starter conditions; **Slant** (**Union Rags**), an unraced 2-year-old who is half-brother to stakes winner and Grade III-placed Conquest Hardcandy (**Candy Ride {Arg}**); and **Stewie** (Exaggerator), an unraced 2-year-old colt whose dam is a half-sister to the multiple-graded stakes winner Nikki's Sandcastle (Castledale {Ire}).

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TOBA RELEASES SARATOGA EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR DATES FOR 2023

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association outlined the Saratoga Educational Seminar, set for Aug. 17-18. The seminar is among a calendar of events featuring various topics for prospective, new, and established owners and breeders.

The 2023 seminars are listed below:

- June 23-24 – Woodbine -Toronto, Canada
- July 27-28 – Del Mar Thoroughbred Club - Del Mar, California
- Aug. 17-18 – Saratoga - Saratoga Springs, New York
- Oct. 23 – Lexington, Kentucky

Details for each seminar will be announced closer to the event. Seminars for this year will cover topics pertaining to both Thoroughbred owners and breeders. Topics may include racing and stable management, common training practices, common breeding practices, owner and trainer communications, horse selection with a bloodstock agent, partnerships, conformation analysis, and equine business. Educational seminars are open to both members and non-members, with discounts for members of TOBA or any hosting/sponsor organizations. Meals, materials, and a TOBA gift bag are included with registration.

Pricing:

- 2-Day Seminar: \$295/Non-Member \$245/Member
- 1-Day Seminar: \$145/Non-Member \$99/Member

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KY DERBY REPLICA TROPHY ON DISPLAY AT EPSOM

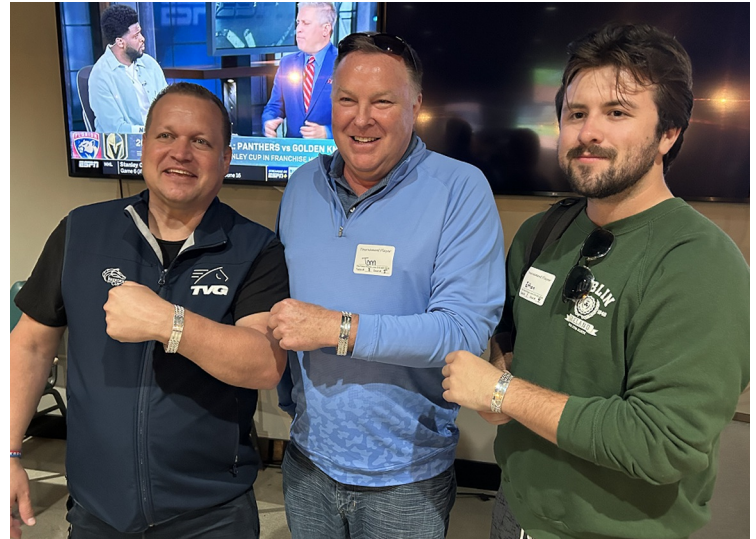
The Kentucky Derby Museum is partnering with The Jockey Club in England to display a replica Derby Trophy at the Epsom Downs Racecourse for the 244th running of the Epsom Derby June 3. The Epsom Derby was the inspiration for the Kentucky Derby, which will celebrate its 150th running in May 2024.

A representative from the Kentucky Derby Museum will attend the Epsom Derby to answer questions about the trophy and to engage guests in the unique ties between British and American racing. The trophy's journey to England will launch the museum's line-up of celebrations leading up to Kentucky Derby 150.

"The Kentucky Derby Museum is honored to be a guest at the Epsom Derby," said Patrick Armstrong, Kentucky Derby Museum President and CEO. "We're excited to travel back to our Derby roots and share how the greatest two minutes in sports is an integral part in Louisville's story and Kentucky's success. We believe a trip to Derby 150 will be a bucket-list item for British horseracing fans, and we're excited for the museum to be part of Louisville's continued growth in international tourism."

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POKER AT SANTA ANITA RAISES OVER \$40K



Tom Ludt, middle, with former winners Dave Weaver and Ethan Donnelly | Courtesy Santa Anita

After racing on Memorial Day, jockeys, trainers, owners, and racing fans played in Santa Anita's third annual 'Folds of Honor' charity poker tournament, which raised more than \$40,000 to benefit spouses and children of fallen or disabled veterans.

"After a long and exhilarating weekend, it was fantastic to see this kind of support for our veterans and their families," said Santa Anita Director of Marketing Andrew Arthur. "Folds of Honor is a tremendous charity and we're honored to be affiliated with them. We raised more money than we did last year and we're confident this is something we can continue to build upon. Sincere thanks to everyone who participated, it was a lot of fun."

Among the horseman who participated were trainers Mark Glatt, Ryan Glatt, Doug O'Neill, and Ryan Hanson; and jockeys Giovanni Franco, Ricky Gonzalez, Edwin Maldonado, and Jessica Pyfer; while the tournament winner was former Breeders' Cup Chairman Tom Ludt.

"The tournament is a great way to finish up the Memorial Day weekend because it raises money for military families," said Ludt. "Wonderful event and a great time. I'll be back next year to defend my bracelet."

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Friday, Penn National #6, post time: 7:45 p.m. EDT

PENN MILE S.-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Movisitor	Uncle Mo	F L I Racing	Vaughan	Beschizza	116
2	Major Dude	Bolt d'Oro	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122
3	Fletcher	Blofeld	James Chandley	Lawrence, II	Barbosa	116
4	Upstate and Back	Uptowncharlybrown	Blackstone Farm LLC	Agnew	Conner	116
5	Recruiter	Army Mule	Nick Sanna Stables LLC and Lynch Racing LLC	Lynch	Ruiz	116
6	Tuskegee Airmen	Street Sense	Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC	Servis	Pennington	116
7	Behind Enemy Lines (GB)	Sioux Nation	David Bernsen, Rockingham Ranch & Talla Racing	Sisterson	Prat	116
8	Candidate	Exaggerator	Mark B. Grier	Delacour	McCarthy	122

Breeders: 1-Forgotten Land Investment Inc, 2-Clearsky Farms, 3-James C. Chandley, 4-Blackstone Farm, LLC, 5-Beth Bayer, 6-Nice Guys Stable, 7-The Brigadier Partnership, 8-Rose Hill Farm & Thoroughbred Acadiana

Saturday, Belmont #9, post time: 5:12 p.m. EDT

PENNINE RIDGE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lachaise	Oscar Performance	Lawrence Goichman	Abreu	Lezcano	118
2	Sharar 	Gun Runner	KHK Racing	Pletcher	Franco	120
3	Belouni (Fr)	Fast Company (Ire)	Dubb, Michael, Madaket Stables LLC, Kisber, Michael E. and Rucker, William J.	Brown	Ortiz	120
4	Silver Knott (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Mullen	120
5	Congruent	Tapit	Bobo, Tami and Lugamo Racing Stable LLC	Brown	Prat	120
6	Kalik 	Collected	LaPenta, Robert V., e Five Racing Thoroughbreds and Madaket Stables LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118
7	Freedom Trail	Collected	Gatsas Stables, R. A. Hill Stable and Schoenfeld, Steven	Terranova, II	Carmouche	120
8	Far Bridge	English Channel	LSU Stables	Pletcher	Rosario	118

Breeders: 1-Lawrence Goichman, 2-Runnymede Farm, Inc. & Catesby W. Clay Investment 2, LLC, 3-Le Thenney, 4-St Albans Bloodstock LLP, 5-Tapit Syndicate & Glencrest Farm, LLC, 6-Peter A. Berglar Racing Interests, LLC & Anderson Farms (Ontario), 7-LNJ Foxwoods, 8-Calumet Farm

Saturday, Santa Anita #8, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT

SUMMERTIME OAKS-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	The Alys Look 	Connect	Thrash, Ike and Thrash, Dawn	Davis	Smith	120
2	Window Shopping 	American Pharoah	Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.	Mandella	Berrios	120
3	And Tell Me Nolies 	Arrogate	Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.	Miller	Vazquez	124
4	Lily Poo	Tapiture	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	McCarthy	Rispoli	120
5	Doinitthehardway 	Street Sense	Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl & Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Hernandez	120
6	Ancient Peace 	War Front	Boardshorts Stables, LLC	Sadler	Pereira	120
7	Anywho 	Bolt d'Oro	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Bravo	120

Breeders: 1-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 2-International Equities Holding, Inc., 3-Lara Run, LLC, 4-Michael Meeks, 5-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Sam-Son Farm, 7-Brookfield Stud

Saturday, Woodbine #7, post time: 4:16 p.m. EDT**ROYAL NORTH S.-GII**, C\$175,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Imagery	Dominus	Gary Barber	Casse	Civaci	118
2	Bay Storm	Kantharos	Bridlewood Farm	Thomas	Velazquez	120
3	Demodog	American Pharoah	Lanni Bloodstock LLC and Youngblood, John F.	Attard	Hernandez	118
4	Millie Girl 🐾	Hard Spun	Kingfield Racing Stable, Ltd., Braconcrest Inc. & Apricot Valley Thoroughbreds	Day Phillips	Carroll	118
5	Our Flash Drive	Ghostzapper	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Husbands	124
6	Sweet Enough (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Lordship Stud	Attfield	Wilson	118
7	Owen's Tour Guide	Tourist	Tequesta Racing Inc.	Armata	Campos	118
8	Baby No Worries 🐾	Mr Speaker	Chan E Brook Stables	Girten	Gallardo	118
9	Ambassador Luna	Brethren	Voodoomon Racing	Casse	Civaci	118
10	Adaay In Asia (GB)	Adaay (Ire)	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing and MyRacehorse	Clement	Kimura	120
11	Forest Drift	Mizzen Mast	3 Sons Racing Stable Ltd.	Tiller	Fukumoto	118

Breeders: 1-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson), 2-Candy Meadows LLC, 3-Donato Lanni & John F. Youngblood, 4-Sean Fitzhenry, 5-Live Oak Stud, 6-James Wigan, 7-Joey Gee Thoroughbreds, 8-Cave Brook Farm, 9-Voodoomon Racing, 10-W. H. R. John and Partners, 11-3 Sons Racing LTD

Saturday, Churchill Downs #5, post time: 2:45 p.m. EDT**REGRET S.-GIII**, \$225,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Miss Riddler	Dialed In	Green Lantern Stables LLC	Kenneally	Saez	118
2	Girl Named Charlie 🐾	Maclean's Music	Caroom, Jerry and Lambert, Jeffrey	Amoss	Morales	118
3	Mission of Joy	Kitten's Joy	RyZan Sun Racing, LLC and Madaket Stables LLC	Motion	Gaffalione	120
4	Mrs. Astor	Lookin At Lucky	Augustin Stable	Thomas	Velazquez	118
5	Papilio (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	D. J. Stable LLC, Medallion Racing, Fowler, Barry and Parkland Thoroughbreds	Casse	Castellano	120
6	Sabalenka 🐾	Good Samaritan	DiRico Racing and Breeding LLC	Beckman	Santana, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Green Lantern Stables, LLC, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-Sam-Son Farm, 4-George Strawbridge Jr., 5-SCEA Marmion & Mr A. Jathiere, 6-Mr. & Mrs. Al Mazzetti

Saturday, Churchill Downs #8, post time: 4:22 p.m. EDT**SHAWNEE S.-GIII**, \$225,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Soul of an Angel	Atreides	James, Gerald and Hall Performance LLC	James	Beschizza	118
2	Travel Column	Frosted	OXO Equine LLC	Lobo	Torres	118
3	Pauline's Pearl	Tapit	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Asmussen	Gaffalione	120
4	Idiomatic	Curlin	Juddmonte	Cox	Geroux	118
5	Sixtythreecaliber 🐾	Gun Runner	My Racehorse Stable and Spendthrift Farm LLC	Amoss	Morales	118
6	Frost Point	Frosted	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	120
7	Hidden Connection 🐾	Connect	Hidden Brook Farm & Black Type Thoroughbreds	Calhoun	Gutierrez	118
8	Moon Swag 🐾	Malibu Moon	Farfellow Farm, Ltd.	Walsh	Saez	118

Breeders: 1-Westbrook Stables, LLC, 2-Mr. & Mrs. Bayne Welker Jr. & Denali Stud, 3-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 4-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 5-Lee Pokoik, 6-Godolphin, 7-St. Simon Place, 8-Spendthrift Farm LLC



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Saturday, Churchill Downs #9, post time: 4:55 p.m. EDT**ARLINGTON S.-GIII, \$225,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Get Smokin	Get Stormy	Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC, BlackRidge Stables, T-N-T Equine Holdings, LLC and Saratoga Seven Racing Partners, LLC	Casse	Santana, Jr.	118
2	Kentucky Ghost	Ghostzapper	BBN Racing, LLC	Oliver	Gaffalione	118
3	Classic Causeway	Giant's Causeway	Kentucky West Racing LLC and Cooper, Clarke M.	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	118
4	Tiberius Mercurius 🦟	The Factor	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Saez	118
5	Harlan Estate 🦟	Kantharos	Graham Grace Stable	Beckman	Cannon	118
6	Royal Patronage (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Highclere Thoroughbred Racing, LLC	Motion	Velazquez	118
7	Set Piece (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Juddmonte	Cox	Geroux	118

Breeders: 1-Hurstland Farm, Inc. & James Greene Jr., 2-Blue Devil Racing Stable, LLC, 3-Kentucky West Racing LLC & Clarke M. Cooper Family Living Trust, 4-Anastasia Astrid Christiansen-Croy, 5-Tall Oaks Farm, 6-Emma Capon Bloodstock, 7-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd

Saturday, Churchill Downs #10, post time: 5:26 p.m. EDT**BLAME S.-GIII, \$225,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rattle N Roll 🦟	Connect	Lucky Seven Stable	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	120
2	Masqueparade 🦟	Upstart	FTGGG Racing	Stall, Jr.	Lanerie	118
3	Barber Road 🦟	Race Day	WSS Racing, LLC	Ortiz	Gutierrez	118
4	Call Me Fast	Dialed In	Giddyup Stables, LLC and Lambro, Tom	Puhich	Leparoux	118
5	Santin	Distorted Humor	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
6	Happy American 🦟	Runhappy	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Pessin	Graham	120
7	Pioneer of Medina 🦟	Pioneerof the Nile	Sumaya U.S. Stable	Pletcher	Saez	120
8	Cooke Creek	Uncle Mo	Cheyenne Stable LLC	O'Dwyer	Beschizza	118

Breeders: 1-St. Simon Place, 2-Brereton C. Jones, 3-Susan Forrester & Judy Curry, 4-Glen Todd, 5-Godolphin, 6-Claiborne Farm, 7-International Equities Holding, Inc., 8-Candy Meadows LLC

Saturday, Woodbine #8, post time: 4:48 p.m. EDT**BELLE MAHONE S.-GIII, C\$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Moira 🦟	Ghostzapper	X-Men Racing, Madaket Stables LLC & SF Racing LLC	Attard	Kimura	123
2	Batyah 🦟	Pioneerof the Nile	Earle I. Mack LLC	Carroll	Contreras	119
3	Souper Hoity Toity 🦟	Uncle Mo	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Husbands	125
4	Sister Seagull 🦟	Hard Spun	Fitzhenry, Sean and Dorothy	Day Phillips	Wilson	123
5	Il Malocchio	Souper Speedy	Franco S. Meli	Drexler	Civaci	123
6	Missy Greer 🦟	Nyquist	West Paces Racing LLC, Flying P Stable and Callahan, Peter J.	Gargan	Carroll	119
7	Purrfect	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Munger	119
8	Saratoga Vision	Court Vision	Alexander P. Patykewich	Patykewich	Alderson	119
9	Keyflower (Fr)	Kheleyf	Team Valor International and Barber, Gary	Casse	Hernandez	119

Breeders: 1-Adena Springs, 2-Sandra Sexton, Silver Fern Farm & Pioneerof the Nile Syndicate, 3-Dr. Richard Holder & Coolmore, 4-Sean Fitzhenry, 5-Franco Meli, 6-Diamond Creek Farm, 7-Godolphin, 8-Charles Fipke, 9-Haras De Magouet



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7th-Delaware, \$39,550, Alw, 5-31, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.22, fm, 3/4 length.

OCEAN CITY (c, 3, **American Pharoah--Unicorn Girl, by A. P. Five Hundred),** a half-brother to Jackie's Warrior (**Maclean's Music**), Ch. Male Sprinter, MGISW, \$2,959,164, graduated for Westerberg, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor and Derrick Smith and trainer Steve Asmussen over the Keeneland grass at third asking Apr. 20, then brought \$240,000 from these connections at the Keeneland April sale. Given a 9-2 chance in this first try versus winners, he was sent to the lead and made every pole a winning one. Unicorn Girl, an \$850,000 purchase by Arthur Hoyeau at the 2020 KEENOV sale, had a filly by Into Mischief in 2022 and a colt by **Quality Road** in 2023. Sales history: \$600,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$240,000 3yo '23 KEEAPR. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$84,650. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Golden Lion Racing; B-J&J Stables, LLC & Carlo Vaccarezza (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell.

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2nd-Presque Isle Downs, \$36,900, Msw, 5-31, 2yo, 4 1/2f (AWT), :52.59, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

GOING UP (g, 2, **Mineshaft--Shush Up, by Silent Name {Jpn}),** given a 5-2 chance to win at first asking, shot out to the front from his outside draw, hit the top of the stretch in control and had 2 1/2 lengths over Uncle Kenny (Temple City) at the wire. Shush Up had a filly by **Cupid** this year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Tammy & Robert Klimasewski (PA); T-Ron G. Potts.

 **Pick View LLC Graduate** 

2nd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, Msw, 5-31, 2yo, f, 5f, :58.81, ft, 2 lengths.

CROWN IMPERIAL (f, 2, **Classic Empire--Mi Fiori, by Congrats),** drawn widest of all in post five, chased on the outside from fourth, revved up three deep approaching the quarter pole and came charging down the center to graduate by two lengths at odds of 4-1. Pacesetter April Clover (Mitole) was second. Mi Fiori produced a filly by Midnight Storm in 2022 and a colt by Goldencents this year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O/B-4 G Racing (KY); T-John Alexander Ortiz.

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Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$30,000
138 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Churchill Downs, 5:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Higgins Boat, 3-1
\$325,000 KEE SEP yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JUNE 1

2023 Stud Fees Listed

Aldrin (Malibu Moon), O'Sullivan Farms, \$2,000
46 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Charles Town, 10:17 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Unaltered, 15-1

Army Mule (Friesan Fire), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$12,500
143 foals of racing age/44 winners/7 black-type winners
9-Belmont, 7:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/8m, Ferris Muler, 8-1
\$20,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$17,500 OBS APR 2yo

Awesome Slew (Awesome Again), Ocala Stud, \$4,000
80 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Delaware, 3:30 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Awesome Pic, 5-2

Bucchero (Kantharos), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$5,000
156 foals of racing age/27 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Barb's Vortex, 6-1
7-Delaware, 3:30 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Ms. **Bucchero**, 4-1

\$45,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

City of Light (**Quality Road**), Lane's End Farm, \$60,000
209 foals of racing age/26 winners/6 black-type winners
9-Belmont, 7:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/8m, One Headlight, 4-5
\$250,000 SAR AUG yrl
6-Belmont, 5:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/8m, Pinstripepizzo, 15-1
\$200,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$95,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

Free Drop Billy (**Union Rags**), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
106 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Thistledown, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Sweet Unique, 5-2

Funtastic (**More Than Ready**), Three Chimneys Farm, \$5,000
44 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Woodbine, 7:23 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Born to Boogie, 20-1
\$20,000 KEE JAN wnl

The Lieutenant (**Street Sense**), Sequel New York
30 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Belmont, 4:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 7fT, Lt. Mitchell, 9-2

Mendelssohn (**Scat Daddy**), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
348 foals of racing age/53 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Belmont, 6:15 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1 1/16m, Amanda's Folly, 12-1
\$100,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$80,000 SAR AUG yrl

National Flag (**Speightstown**), Blazing Meadows Farm
38 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Thistledown, 12:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Better Half, 9-5
1-Thistledown, 12:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Secrets Untold, 9-5

Oscar Performance (**Kitten's Joy**), Mill Ridge Farm, \$20,000
172 foals of racing age/24 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Belmont, 7:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/8m, Slapinthe face, 15-1

Rivers Run Deep (**Ready's Image**), Poplar Creek Horse Center
19 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Thistledown, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Z B Ready, 15-1

Tapwrit (**Tapit**), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
177 foals of racing age/29 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Thistledown, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Gold Appeal, 15-1
4-Charles Town, 8:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Moon Fall, 6-1
\$82,000 EAS OCT yrl



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Parx Racing, \$70,390, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 5-31, 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.73, fm, 1/2 length.

TALENTED MAN (g, 4, **Talent Search--Musket Mary, by Musket Man**) Lifetime Record: 12-5-1-0, \$164,490. O-Hardesty Stables; B/T-Michael Moore (PA).



6th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$41,000, (S), 5-30, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.36, ft, 3/4 length.

Z'S LUCKY GIRL (m, 6, **Z Lucky--My Girl Sami, by Carson City**) Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-7, \$99,220. O/B-Blaine Davidson (IN); T-Stephen V. Fosdick.

2nd-Hawthorne, \$40,920, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.81, fm, 1/2 length.

KATIE M'LADY (m, 5, **Dominus--Katie the Lady {SW, \$335,865}, by Lost Soldier**) Lifetime Record: SW, 10-5-4-0, \$179,874. O-Cherrywood Racing Stables, II & Oak Rock Racing LLC; B-Cherrywood Racing II & Oak Rock Racing LLC (IL); T-Michele Boyce. *1/2 to Freedom Lass (Revolutionary), SP, \$170,580.

8th-Thistledown, \$38,500, 5-31, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06.04, ft, 1/2 length.

RELISH THE RIDE (g, 4, **Mobil--Cryptos' Best {SW & GSP, \$158,090}, by Cryptoclearance**) Lifetime Record: MSP, 16-6-3-2, \$218,865. O-Aurora Racing; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. *\$12,000 Ylg '20 OTBOMX. **1/2 to Holly Hundy (Yes It's True), SW, \$206,713.

8th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$38,000, (S), 5-30, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37.45, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

BASSCOAT (g, 4, **Paynter--Imallaboutthatbass, by Include**) Lifetime Record: 16-2-1-0, \$64,925. O-Penny S. Lauer; B-Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer (IN); T-Michael E. Lauer.



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6th-Thistledown, \$35,800, (S), 5-31, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:42.82, ft, head.

ANIMO ROBERTO (g, 3, Animo de Valeroso--Four Flourishes, by Doneraile Court) Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-0, \$59,815. O-Geovani Peralta; B-Robert Allen Rowe (OH); T-Andrew Tumblin. *\$2,700 Ylg '21 OTBOMX.

7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$35,080, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 5-30, 3yo/up, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:41.97, ft, 1/2 length.

DECLARED (g, 6, Hard Spun--Magnificent Song {GISW, \$445,732}, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: SP, 19-7-5-1, \$155,400. O-Bourke, W. John and Liederbach, Thomas A.; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-W. John Bourke.

5th-Hawthorne, \$31,500, 5-31, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.20, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.

FIT TO FLY (c, 3, West Coast--Kimono {SP}, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-3-0, \$89,100. O-Carolyn Wilson; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Larry Rivelli. *\$155,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL; \$570,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR.

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1st-Thistledown, \$29,700, 5-31, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.68, ft, 3 lengths.

PRINCESS HALIME (m, 5, Oxbow--Moon Dreamer, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 22-8-5-1, \$112,179. O-Alan Yahir Rivera; B-Hinkle Farms (KY); T-Susan D. Yoder. *\$11,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; C\$6,000 Ylg '19 BRCSEP. **1/2 to Media Luna (Lea), Ch. 3yo Filly-PR, MSW-PR, \$161,309.

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1st-Finger Lakes, \$25,900, 5-31, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:45.65, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

CUT THE CORD (g, 4, Creative Cause--Cable {MGSP, \$132,429}, by Dynaformer) Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-1, \$67,950. O/T-Jeremiah C. Englehart; B-Michael Anthony Slezak (NY).

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6th-Belterra, \$25,600, (S), 5-31, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.72, ft, 6 1/2 lengths.

KETTLE KISS (f, 3, Kettle Corn--Abiding Love, by Olmodavor) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$41,062. O-Bruce N. Tallisman 2014 Trust; B-Fair Winds Farm (OH); T-Benny R. Feliciano.



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7th-Finger Lakes, \$23,905, 5-31, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.35, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

TIMED OUT (m, 5, Flat Out--It's Stevie's Time, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 16-3-6-2, \$146,123. O-Robert Photos; B-John R. Penn (KY); T-Jeffrey S. Englehart. *\$7,200 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$28,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT; \$27,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Point of Reference (Benchmark), MSW, \$328,687.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Private Frank, g, 3, **Going Commando--Inspeightofsuccess**, by **Speightstown**. Assiniboia Downs, 5-30, (S), 5f, :58.71. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$10,450. B-Jerry Lambert & Lynn Mathews (MB).

Girls Are Tuffer, f, 3, **Skylord--Icey Energy**, by Unbridled Energy. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-31, (S), 6f, 1:12.22. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$33,830. B-Anthony Mathias (IN). *Full to Double Tuff, MSW, \$570,471; 1/2 to Academy Bay (Magna Graduate), SW, \$260,860.

Black Taffy, f, 4, **Black Eagle--Caramel Crunch**, by Rebellion (GB). Fort Erie, 5-30, 5fT, :59.45. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-0, \$17,493. B-Joseph Humber (ON).

Jeff Fa Fa, g, 4, **Competitive Edge--Alamanda Drive**, by Awesome Again. Assiniboia Downs, 5-30, 5f, :58.78. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-2, \$19,277. B-Pierre Esquirol (AB).

Titebluejeans, f, 4, **Twinspired--Ransom Bride**, by Runaway Groom. Thistledown, 5-31, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:08.06. Lifetime Record: 16-1-4-4, \$58,915. B-Ben Mears (OH).

Sweet Fury, f, 4, **Violence--Broad Stripes**, by Bernardini. Parx Racing, 5-31, 6f, 1:14.65. Lifetime Record: 9-1-5-0, \$80,435. B-Esler & Morton (NY). *\$30,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT; \$32,000 RNA 2yo '21 OBSAPR.



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I'm Jac'd, m, 5, **Jac's Fact--Picture of Mom**, by Cat Power. Thistledown, 5-31, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:08.20. Lifetime Record: 30-1-8-6, \$98,428. B-Divine Intervention Farm (OH).

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Animo de Valeroso, Animo Roberto, g, 3, o/o Four Flourishes, by Doneraile Court. ALW, 5-31, Thistledown

Black Eagle, Black Taffy, f, 4, o/o Caramel Crunch, by Rebellion (GB). MSW, 5-30, Fort Erie

Classic Empire, Crown Imperial, f, 2, o/o Mi Fiori, by Congrats. MSW, 5-31, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Competitive Edge, Jeff Fa Fa, g, 4, o/o Alamanda Drive, by Awesome Again. MSW, 5-30, Assiniboia

Creative Cause, Cut the Cord, g, 4, o/o Cable, by Dynaformer. ALW, 5-31, Finger Lakes

Dominus, Katie M'lady, m, 5, o/o Katie the Lady, by Lost Soldier. AOC, 5-31, Hawthorne

Flat Out, Timed Out, m, 5, o/o It's Stevie's Time, by Quiet American. ALW, 5-31, Finger Lakes

Going Commando, Private Frank, g, 3, o/o Inspeightofsuccess, by **Speightstown**. MSW, 5-30, Assiniboia

Hard Spun, Declared, g, 6, o/o Magnificent Song, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 5-30, Presque Isle Downs

Jac's Fact, I'm Jac'd, m, 5, o/o Picture of Mom, by Cat Power. MSW, 5-31, Thistledown

Kettle Corn, Kettle Kiss, f, 3, o/o Abiding Love, by Olmodavor. ALW, 5-31, Belterra

Mineshaft, Going Up, g, 2, o/o Shush Up, by Silent Name (Jpn). MSW, 5-31, Presque Isle Downs

Mobil, Relish the Ride, g, 4, o/o Cryptos' Best, by Cryptoclearance. ALW, 5-31, Thistledown

Oxbow, Princess Halime, m, 5, o/o Moon Dreamer, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 5-31, Thistledown

Paynter, Basscoat, g, 4, o/o Imallaboutthatbass, by Include. ALW, 5-30, Horseshoe Indianapolis



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Skylord, Girls Are Tuffer, f, 3, o/o Icey Energy, by Unbridled Energy. MSW, 5-31, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Talent Search, Talented Man, g, 4, o/o Musket Mary, by Musket Man. AOC, 5-31, Parx Racing

Twinspired, Titebluejeans, f, 4, o/o Ransom Bride, by Runaway Groom. MSW, 5-31, Thistledown

Violence, Sweet Fury, f, 4, o/o Broad Stripes, by Bernardini. MSW, 5-31, Parx Racing

West Coast, Fit to Fly, c, 3, o/o Kimono, by Bernardini. ALW, 5-31, Hawthorne

Z Lucky, Z's Lucky Girl, m, 6, o/o My Girl Sami, by Carson City. ALW, 5-30, Horseshoe Indianapolis

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MURPHY TEAM PLACE FAITH IN DERBY HOPE WHITE BIRCH



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By Brian Sheerin

John Murphy has described himself as very lucky to have come across Betfred Derby contender **White Birch (GB)** (Ulysses {Ire}) and says that his 14-1 chance for Epsom glory is more than worthy of his shot in the line-up for the eagerly-awaited Classic.

White Birch identified himself as a bona fide Derby prospect when streaking to G3 Ballysax S. glory at Leopardstown earlier in the season. From there, he went on to overcome a tardy start to finish an excellent second behind The Foxes (Ire) (**Churchill {Ire}**) in the G2 Dante S. at York, enhancing his Derby credentials in the process. Murphy, who turned 62 last week, said, "It's hugely exciting. It gives you a pep in the step and we're really looking forward to it." Murphy is best known for sending out Newmill (Ire) (Norwich {GB}) to win the Champion Chase at the Cheltenham Festival in 2006. That was the Upton-based trainer's first ever top-level triumph and he followed it up with another when Newmill went on to win at the Punchestown Festival later that spring. A lot of water has passed under the bridge since the days of Newmill, with Murphy almost entirely concentrating on the Flat now, the fruits of which will be in full bloom on Saturday. "We're just very lucky," he added. "We're very thankful to everyone who has made it possible, especially all of our staff, who have done a great job with White Birch." [Cont. p3](#)

EPSOM: SAVETHELASTDANCE READIED FOR OAKS BID *by Tom Frary*

Aidan O'Brien has the key member of the G1 Betfred Oaks again as the certain favourite **Savethelastdance (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) drew stall four for the Epsom Classic, which will have 11 starters on Friday. Taking out a trio at Wednesday's final stage including the Listed Haras De Bouquetot Fillies' Trial S. scorer Warm Heart (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the Ballydoyle handler left the smart duo **Be Happy (Ire)** (**Camelot {GB}**) and **Red Riding Hood (Ire)** (**Justify**) in support of the impressive Listed Cheshire Oaks winner. "You don't take anything for granted, it's a different track and different ground so it's going to be very interesting for us all, O'Brien said of the filly who dazzled in the mud at Chester. "She'll be leaving this evening and that's gone fine, so we hope everything goes well between now and the race." [Cont. p4](#)

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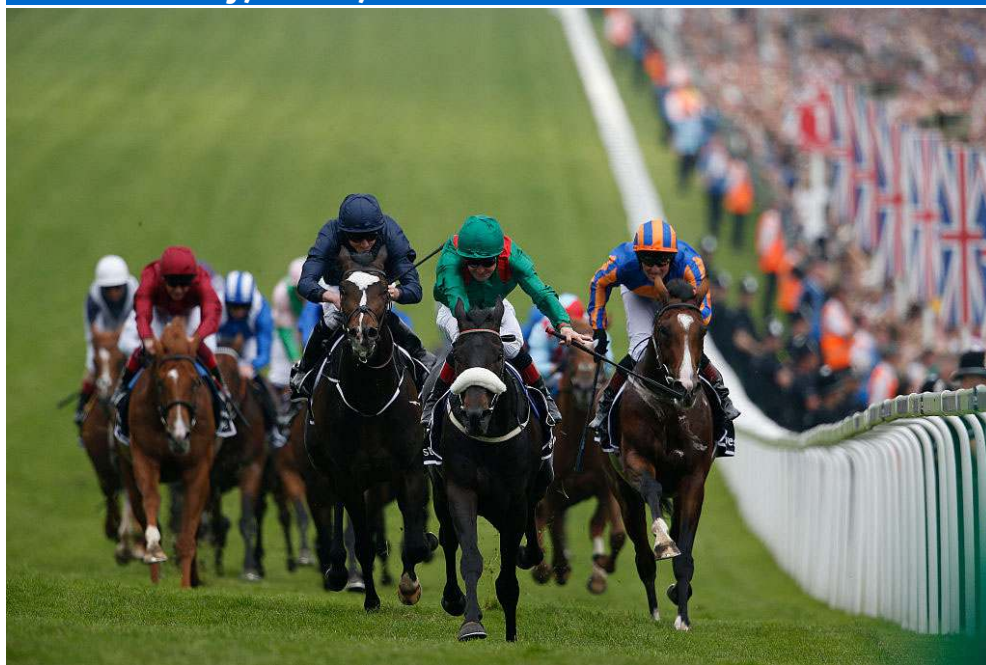
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Betfred Derby contender Passenger (Ulysses) will attempt to become the first winner of the famed Classic for the Niarchos Family.

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The results from a recent survey of the British horseracing betting public was completed by the Horseracing Bettors Forum.

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Inner City, a 1.1 million guineas Tattersalls yearling purchase, debuts for Godolphin at Yarmouth Thursday.

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However, it's not entirely true to say that White Birch will be Murphy's first Derby runner. The man who describes himself as a producing trainer, a nod to the fact he gets as much of a kick out of selling horses as he does winning with them, pinhooked Papal Bull (GB) many moons ago.

Papal Bull went on to finish a luckless 10th in the Derby for Sir Michael Stoute the same year Newmill won the Champion Chase and is just another horse that Murphy enhanced the value of, having bought him as a foal for just 20,000gns and selling him on to Demi O'Byrne as a yearling for 100,000gns.

But it is Murphy's son George, along with the help of Tally-Ho Stud's Roger O'Callaghan, who deserve all the credit for finding White Birch. O'Callaghan highly recommended the grey to the 29-year-old and a private deal was brokered.

Recalling the story, Murphy said, "It was George who saw White Birch first. The horse had been recommended by Roger O'Callaghan of Tally-Ho Stud and you have to listen when Roger speaks.

"When George went to see him, he loved him. He's a beautiful-looking horse. He had everything."

There may have been a certain amount of luck in White Birch finding his way to the Murphys but even more when it came to

hanging on to the horse. The phone calls were endless when White Birch won his maiden by over six lengths at Dundalk last November but it was long-standing owner Chantal Regalado-Gonzalez, who has had Big Time (Ire) (Kheleyf) and Charterhouse (GB) (Charming Thought {GB}) here and won the Oaks with the Aidan O'Brien-trained Qualify (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who came up trumps.

Murphy said, "He always did it easy and always had a lovely brain. He did it very well at Dundalk and there was a lot of interest in him after that.

"The owners [Chantal Regalado-Gonzalez] expressed an interest and we were delighted that they bought him and were kind enough to leave him in training with us. They are long-standing owners of ours and love their racing. They are here for a good one now anyway."

A good one might be putting it mildly. White Birch is well found in the Derby market and, with Shane Foley committed to riding Jessica Harrington's Sprewell (Ire) (Churchill {Ire}), Colin Keane has been booked to ride.

Murphy said, "We're delighted to have Colin on board. We have had a good relationship with Colin over the last number of years and White Birch definitely won't be lacking in the saddle anyway."



Brian Sheerin chats to John Murphy about all things White Birch leading up to this year's G1 Betfred Derby at Epsom | TDN photo

And what would success mean to this father-and-son operation who have been without a flagship Group 1 horse for the best part of a decade?

"It's huge," comes the response. "We might seem calm but, inside, a lot is going on. It's all to play for in the Derby. He probably has as much entitlement to go there as anything else in the race. Everything is good with the horse and we are happy."

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"It's going to be very exciting to see what she does do," he added. "When you go up in distance there are a lot of different things that can happen. If you looked at her pedigree, you'd say 'definitely not soft ground', but she bends her knee a little bit and she rises her feet which helped her to handle it. It's going to be very interesting to see how she fares on totally different ground. She just kept accelerating at Chester and I think that makes it unusual, so we're looking forward to the Oaks the same as everyone else."

O'Brien's Epsom record suggests the outsiders have to be taken seriously, especially with both the remaining entries having placed in pattern races. "Red Riding Hood will take her time, she has blinkers on her and she doesn't concentrate much when she gets to the front," he continued. "Be Happy ran well at Lingfield and we were very happy with that run, the pace was a bit slower than we would have liked for her but we've been very happy with her since then."

Not On Her Dance Card...

Wednesday's other notable withdrawal was Jaber Abdullah's **Dance In The Grass (GB)** (Cracksman {GB}) from the Charlie Johnston stable, leaving the opposition to Savethelastdance headed by Lady Bamford's G3 Musidora S. winner **Soul Sister (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}) who has drawn the "lucky" stall 10 as Frankie Dettori's final Oaks ride. Fellow John and Thady Gosden-trained **Running Lion (GB)** (Roaring Lion) is in the largely-unfavourable stall two, with the inside draw considered a major hindrance even allowing for the recent Epsom performances of Adayar (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), Westover (GB) (Frankel {GB}) and Tuesday (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).



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Quality Quintet For Coronation Cup...

Friday's G1 Dahlbury Coronation Cup looks a high-class affair, with the quintet including Juddmonte's G1 Irish Derby hero **Westover (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) and the fellow group 1 winners **Emily Upjohn (GB)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and **Hurricane Lane (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}). Aidan O'Brien looks to **TDN Rising Star Point Lonsdale (Ire)** (Australia {GB}), who has captured the G3 Alleged S. and G2 Huxley S. in two 4-year-old starts. "We think a mile and a half will suit him well and we knew a mile and a quarter would be tight for him around Chester last time, but we wanted to run him there to try and sharpen him up," he explained. "He went there to learn about going quicker on a left-handed track and we think it worked. From day one, he's looked like a horse who's crying out to go this kind of a trip."

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EUROPEAN NEWS

PASSENGER FUELS NIARCHOS FAMILY'S DERBY DREAM by Emma Berry

The Niarchos Family has had no shortage of Classic success over the years, including at Epsom, where they won a memorably emotional Oaks with the Sir Henry Cecil-trained Light Shift (Kingmambo), but there is to date one omission from their roll call of big-race wins.

"We've always dreamt of winning the Derby. We haven't yet, but let's hope that Saturday can go the right way," Alan Cooper, the operation's racing manager, told *TDN* on Wednesday.

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That dream could become reality if Passenger continues to show the level of improvement that persuaded the Niarchoses to supplement the colt for the Betfred Derby. Trained by Sir Michael Stoute, Passenger has an extra special element to him in that his sire, the dual Group 1 winner Ulysses (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), is also a Niarchos homebred and was trained by Stoute, while his female family traces back through the Niarchos operation for five generations.

Passenger was first seen in action in public during the Craven meeting at Newmarket, where he impressed plenty of onlookers with his three-length victory in the Wood Ditton Maiden over a mile. He then stepped straight into group company at York for the G2 Dante S., a race won last year by his stable-mate and subsequent Derby winner Desert Crown (GB) ((Nathaniel {Ire})), who was also making just his appearance on a racecourse at the time. Denied a clear run at a crucial stage in the Dante, Passenger eventually burst clear to finish a running-on third behind The Foxes (Ire) (Churchill {Ire}) and White Birch (Ire) (Ulysses {Ire}), both of whom he will meet again at Epsom.

"He's a horse who probably surprised us a little bit in the Wood Ditton and he has just matured, physically and mentally, since his first racecourse experience," Cooper said.

"The Dante was a very good education with hindsight. He didn't win but he learnt a lot from it. It's a great compliment to Michael and his team that we are getting him to Epsom."

He added, "He's by our homebred stallion and the female family has been in the Niarchos family since the early 1980s, going back to Misinskie, who was trained by Peter Walwyn. Then the mare went over to be bred in America and had her breeding career over there."

Bred by Will Farish III, Misinskie, by Nijinsky, features as the fifth dam of Passenger. Her daughter Ajman (Woodman) was bred under the Niarchoses' Flaxman Holdings banner but raced for Shadwell, who then bred Passenger's third dam El Laoob (Red Ransom). This branch of the family returned to the Niarchos fold when Passenger's grand-dam Pachattack (Pulpit) appeared at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale of 2011 with plenty of black type to her name and was bought for \$1.2 million.

Also seeking a first Derby win is Charlie Johnston in his first season with a training licence in his own name since his father Mark stepped back. The trainer is likely to saddle two for the

race, and there is a particular poignancy to one of those runners as Dubai Mile (Ire), owned by Ahmad Al Shaikh, is from the sole crop of the late Roaring Lion, who was himself third in the Derby won by Masar (Ire).

The Group 1-winning juvenile was bought for €20,000 at the Goffs Orby Sale from his breeder Lady Chryss O'Reilly and most recently finished fifth in the 2,000 Guineas.

"There's no horse in this race that we know is better than ours, on ratings we're right there with them all," said Johnston. "He's a Group 1 winner who ran a good trial over an inadequate trip in the Guineas, so in that sense I think we've got a rock-solid profile."

"The fact he was a €20,000 yearling and a bit more unfashionable probably explains why he's 14-1 rather than 4-1.

There's nothing in there that scares me or we have 7lb to find with. If he improves for the trip, which we all expect he will, then he goes there with a good chance."

Johnston is also represented by the 100/1 outsider Dear My Friend (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) for Middleham Park Racing.

"He's our first runner in the Derby and we are going into it with our eyes wide open," said Mike Prince of Middleham Park Racing. "He was well beaten in the Dante but we think the step up in trip will suit him."

"There'll be a few horses in the race who don't stay, there'll be a few horses in the race who don't handle the track and there'll be a few horses in the race who don't handle the occasion-- hopefully we'll be there trying to pick up some of the pieces. There's good place money down to sixth and [the owners are] all delighted that we're rolling the dice."

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Elektra Niarchos, left, and Alan Cooper, right, with Passenger after the Wood Ditton | Emma Berry

FINDINGS FROM HORSERACING BETTORS FORUM SURVEY RELEASED

The results from the latest survey of the British horseracing betting public was completed by the Horseracing Bettors Forum.

The survey, which involved input from the British Horseracing Authority (BHA), ran from Mar. 28-Apr. 16. Among the notable findings were:

- That 65.7% of respondents "strongly agreed" or "somewhat agreed" that there are too many race meetings on Saturdays;

- That 49.4% of respondents considered seven races as the optimum number on a race card, followed by 26.6% in favour of six;
- That 76.6% of respondents stated that they would be interested in higher-quality British racing on Sundays;
- That 43.6% believed Sunday evening fixtures would be a bad idea, compared to 25.3% who thought it would be a good idea (remainder “not bothered/don’t know”);
- That 63.7% of respondents believed they would bet the same amounts as previously if there were less British horseracing overall;
- That 62.7% regarded terrestrial TV coverage as “quite important” or “very important” when considering having a bet;
- That Best Odds Guaranteed was regarded as the most important bookmaker bonus/concession, followed by extra each-way places.

To view the full results of the survey, please go to the [Horseracing Bettors Forum website](#).

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023

UNITED KINGDOM

Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud

161 foals of racing age

14:30-YARMOUTH, 7f, Marroof (Ire)

130,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2022

14:20-RIPON, 6f, Snafiya (Ire)

80,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2022

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

168 foals of racing age

17:50-CARLISLE, 5f, Petra Celera (Ire)

€11,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; 15,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022

18:20-CARLISLE, 5.75f, Star of Lazise (Ire)

19,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022

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

117 foals of racing age

17:50-CARLISLE, 5f, Irresistible Force (GB)

£32,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022; £26,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2023

Le Brivido (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), Haras de la Haie Neuve

39 foals of racing age

14:30-YARMOUTH, 7f, Fullofbrightideas (GB)

2,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

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

104 foals of racing age

14:30-YARMOUTH, 7f, Royal Army (GB)

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

121 foals of racing age

18:20-CARLISLE, 5.75f, Dawn Charger (Ire)

€40,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022

14:30-YARMOUTH, 7f, Mullazem (Ire)

£60,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

FRANCE

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

103 foals of racing age

1-NANTES, 1400m, Angiolleta (Ire)

20,000gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2022

Palace Prince (Ger) (Areion {Ger}), Joel Denis

7 foals of racing age

5-PARISLONGCHAMP, 1000m, Loyal Prince (Fr)

Robin of Navan (Fr) (American Post {GB}), Haras de la

Barbottiere

24 foals of racing age

1-NANTES, 1400m, Lily Ofthe Kingdon (Fr)

IRELAND

Phoenix of Spain (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud

97 foals of racing age

1-ROSCOMMON, 7.25f, Spanish Flame (Ire)

€34,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021

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

121 foals of racing age

1-ROSCOMMON, 7.25f, Stopitnowjulia (Ire)

€3,000 Goffs February Sale 2022



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on the European racing scene

MILLIONAIRE SON OF URBAN FOX DEBUTS AT YARMOUTH



Dubawi | Amy Lanigan

14.30 Yarmouth, Novice, £6,800, 2yo, 7f 3yT
INNER CITY (IRE) (Dubawi {Ire}) is one of two Godolphin newcomers to catch the eye in one of the initial seven-furlong 2-year-old races, being a 1.1million gns Book 1 graduate and second foal out of the G1 Pretty Polly S. heroine Urban Fox (GB) (Foxwedge {Aus}). Charlie Appleby, who has won this for the last three years including most recently with one of 2022's leading lights Naval Power (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}), saddles the February-foaled bay while Saeed bin Suroor unveils **Royal Army (GB) (Masar {Ire})**. A son of his stable's G1 Yorkshire Oaks winner Punctilious (GB) (Danehill), he is therefore a half-brother to another of the trainer's classy performers in the G3 Autumn S. winner Military March (GB) (New Approach {Ire}).

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BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:
2nd-Hamilton, £8,900, Mdn, 5-31, 2yo, 5f 7yT, :59.04, g/f.
GANESHA (GB) (c, 2, Showcasing {GB}--My Lea {Ire} {MGSW-It, \$221,070}, by Dandy Man {Ire}) was the last of eight into stride and raced in rear through the initial stages of this debut. Sixth when coming under pressure at halfway, the 18-1 outsider was ridden along to challenge entering the final furlong and kept on well on the climb to assert by a half-length

from Swordplay (Fr) (Kodiac {GB}). Ganesha is the second of two foals and first scorer produced by dual Group 3 winner My **Lea** (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), herself a full-sister to the stakes-winning Royal **Lea** (Ire) and the stakes-placed Royal Mylea (Ire). The January-foaled bay is half to a yearling filly by Sergei Prokofiev. Sales history: 60,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; 40,000gns RNA Ylg '22 TATOCT; £25,000 2yo '23 GOUKB. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,965.

O-J Toes & J O'Loan; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-Phillip Makin.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bobby's Blessing (GB), c, 4, Bobby's Kitten--Affirmatively (GB), by Diktat (GB). Beverley, 5-31, 7f 96yT, 1:31.81. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,362. B-Monica Martinez-Borton (GB).

FRANCE

Wednesday's Results:

7th-Strasbourg, €22,000, Con, 5-31, 3yo, 11 3/4fT, 2:26.18, g/s
CATCH THE STARS (FR) (c, 3, Zelzal {Fr}--Perstrovka {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells), who graduated over 12 1/2 furlongs in his Apr. 20 debut at ParisLongchamp, raced in fifth passing the judge first time and moved forward to stalk the tempo in second going onto the backstraight. Bustled along off the home turn, the 7-2 chance inched ahead passing the quarter-mile pole and was driven clear of the pack to defeat Warelia (Ger) (Reliable Man {GB}) by 2 1/2 lengths. Catch The Stars is the 10th of 11 foals and one of five scorers out of a winning full-sister to MGSW dual G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud runner-up Policy Maker (Ire).

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Catch The Stars | ScoopDyga

The April-foaled dark bay is kin to Listed Prix de la Pepiniere victrix Pacific Angel (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and the unraced 2-year-old colt Dschingis Arrow (Fr) (Dschingis Secret {Ger}). His dam Perstrovka is also a half-sister to G1 Prix du Cadran runner-up and GSW sire Pushkin (Ire) (Caerleon) and G3 Lancashire Oaks winner Place Rouge (Ire) (Desert King {Ire}). Descendants of second dam Palmeraie (Lear Fan) include MG1SW G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero Persian King (Ire) (**Kingman {GB}**) and G1 Prix Ganay-winning sire Planteur (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €24,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-Avatara SA (FR); T-Andreas Suborics.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Strasbourg, €22,000, Cond, 5-31, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:10.12, g/s.

ELIYASS (FR) (g, 4, Le Havre {Ire}--Edilisa {Ire}, by Azamour {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0, €40,600. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

7th-Dieppe, €18,000, Cond, 5-31, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:23.30, g/s.

NESR SHALGHODA (GB) (c, 4, Due Diligence--Lady Macduff {Ire}, by Ifraaj {GB}) Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-0, €64,450. O-Elbashir Salem Ab Elhrari; B-Whitsbury Farm & Stud Ltd (GB); T-Romain Le Dren Doleuze. *9,000gns Wlg '19 TATFOA; £16,000 Ylg '20 GOUKPR; 45,000gns 2yo '21 TATGNS; €50,000 RNA HRA '22 ARQARC.

IRELAND

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cape Bridgewater (Ire), c, 3, Australia (GB)--Itqaan, by Danzig. Tipperary, 5-30, 12 1/2fT, 2:47.30. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$15,375. B-Whisperview Trading Ltd (IRE).

EASTERN EUROPE

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cunami (Fr), f, 2, Land Force (Ire)--Casamance (Fr), by Casamento (Ire). Kincsem Park (Hungary), 5-28, Maiden, 900mT. B-Thierry de la Heronniere & Gestut Zur Kuste AG. *1ST-TIME STARTER. **Third winner for freshman sire (by **No Nay Never**). ***€2,500 Ylg '22 ARQOCT. **VIDEO (SC 4)**

ASIA

Wednesday, Urawa, Japan

SAKITAMA HAI-Listed (Jpn-G2), ¥68,000,000, Urawa, 5-31, 4yo/up, 1400m, 1:25.30, hy.

1--IGNITER (JPN), 123, h, 5, by Espoir City (Jpn)

1st Dam: Bianco (Jpn), by Warning (GB)

2nd Dam: Pradesh (GB), by Generous (Ire)

3rd Dam: Bareilly, by Lyphard

O-Yoshiki Noda; B-Haruki Farm (Jpn); T-Masashi Aratashi; J-Tsubasa Sasagawa; ¥40,000,000. Lifetime Record: 22-10-3-2.

2--Smile We (Jpn), 123, h, 6, Espoir City (Jpn)--Uprising (Jpn), by Commands (Aus). O-SRT; B-Teppey Yoshizumi (Jpn); ¥14,000,000.

3--Bathrat Leon (Jpn), 126, h, 5, Kizuna (Jpn)--Bathrat Amal (Jpn), by New Approach (Ire). O-Hiroo Race; B-Mishima Bokujo (Jpn); ¥8,000,000.

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Friday, Epsom Downs, Britain, post time: 16:30

BETFRED OAKS-G1, £548,350, 3yo, f, 12f 6y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Be Happy (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	M Tabor, D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Seamus Heffernan	128
2	Bright Diamond (Ire)	El Kabeir	Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum	Karl Burke	Clifford Lee	128
3	Caernarfon (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Hunscombe Stud, P Humphreys & J Sweeney	Jack Channon	Connor Beasley	128
4	Eternal Hope (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
5	Heartache Tonight (Fr)	Recorder (GB)	Chris Wright & Andy Macdonald	David Menuisier	Cristian Demuro	128
6	Maman Joon (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd	Richard Hannon	Kevin Stott	128
7	Red Riding Hood (Ire)	Justify	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128
8	Running Lion (GB)	Roaring Lion	D P Howden	John & Thady Gosden	Oisin Murphy	128
9	Savethelastdance (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, D Smith, Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
10	Sea Of Roses (GB)	Sea The Moon (Ger)	Weldspec Glasgow Ltd	Andrew Balding	Rob Hornby	128
11	Soul Sister (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Lady Bamford	John & Thady Gosden	Frankie Dettori	128

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Friday, Epsom Downs, Britain, post time: 15:10

DAHLBURY CORONATION CUP-G1, £425,000, 4yo/up, 12f 6y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hurricane Lane (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
2	Point Lonsdale (Ire)	Australia (GB)	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
3	Tunnes (Ger)	Guiliani (Ire)	Holger Renz	Peter Schiergen	Rene Piechulek	128
4	Westover (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Juddmonte	Ralph Beckett	Rob Hornby	128
5	Emily Upjohn (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Lloyd Webber, Tactful Finance, S Roden	John & Thady Gosden	Frankie Dettori	125

Breeders: 1-Normandie Stud Ltd, 2-Epona Bloodstock Ltd, 3-P H Vandenberg, 4-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 5-Lordship Stud & Sunderland Holding Inc

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