



KY OAKS WINNER RETURNS ON BELMONT'S 'PRETTY' STACKED FRIDAY CARD



Pretty Mischievous | Sarah Andrew

by Steve Sherack

ELMONT, NY – After canceling Thursday's card at Belmont Park amid poor air quality issues, there is optimism that live racing will return with Friday's 11-race program featuring a trio of Grade I events.

Pretty Mischievous (Into Mischief), last seen pulling off a dramatic 10-1 upset with first-time blinkers in the GI Kentucky Oaks, will take on seven rivals in the GI Acorn S.

"She's doing great and hasn't missed a beat since she came out of the Oaks," trainer Brendan Walsh said. "This was the obvious next step for her. It's full steam ahead for tomorrow."

The Godolphin homebred turns back slightly in distance to a one-turn 1 1/16 miles, while 9-5 morning-line favorite and 'TDN Rising Star' **Munnys Gold** (**Munnings**) makes her first attempt beyond seven furlongs. The latter suffered her first career defeat as the heavy favorite by a painful head in the GII Eight Belles S. at Churchill Downs May 5.

Two-time Grade I winner and two-time Breeders' Cup third-place finisher **War Like Goddess** (English Channel) headlines an eight-horse field in the 1 1/4-mile grassy GI New York S. The George Krikorian colorbearer faces last year's GI Belmont Oaks Invitational S. one-two **McKulick** (GB) (**Frankel** {GB}) and **With The Moonlight** (Ire) (**Frankel** {GB}).

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COURT RULES THAT RICE LICENSE REVOCATION IS UNWARRANTED

by Bill Finley

The New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC)'s three-year ban of trainer Linda Rice is "entirely unwarranted," according to a decision handed down Thursday by the New York Supreme Court's Appellate Division (Third Department). The decision was unanimous.

The Gaming Commission fined Rice \$50,000 and revoked her license for three years on May 17, 2021 after investigating claims that Rice received favorable treatment from the NYRA racing office and that the racing office was releasing to her the names and past performances of horses that had already been entered in races, giving her an unfair advantage. It has been alleged that Rice had paid racing officials in exchange for the information, a charge she denied.

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BOTTI AIMS GIAVELLOTTO AT GOODWOOD CUP

Emma Berry finds out more about the background and future plans of **Giavellotto** (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), who won the G2 Yorkshire Cup, from trainer Marco Botti.

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Others looking to take on War Like Goddess include streaking GIII Modesty S. winner **Didia (Arg)** (Orpen) and last term's GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. winner **Shantisara (Ire)** (Coulsty {Ire}).

The five-horse field for the GI Just a Game S. features a showdown between front-running three-time Grade I winner

and GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf runner-up '**TDN Rising Star' In Italian (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and talented New York-bred **Spendarella (Karakontie {Jpn})**. Trained by Chad Brown, In Italian was third in this race last year. Brown has won a remarkable five out of the last six renewals of the Just a Game. Last term's GI Del Mar Oaks heroine and G1 Coronation S. runner-up Spendarella was second as the favorite in her GII Longines Churchill Distaff Turf Mile S. comebacker May 6.

With a 12:50 p.m. first post, Belmont's Friday card also includes two additional graded races on the turf, the GII Belmont Gold Cup going two miles and the GIII Intercontinental S. at six furlongs.

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Linda Rice, cont. from p1

She did admit to routinely giving members of the racing department, as well as the gate crew, Christmas presents.

Rice appealed the decision and was granted an injunction, which allowed her to continue training after the ruling.

The court delved into the tactics the racing office used to "hustle" horses into races when there was not an adequate amount of entries and found that providing trainers with information about the horses already entered was not uncommon. **Cont.**

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Linda Rice, cont.

“Finally, petitioner argues, and we agree, that the penalty of a three-year revocation of her license is so disproportionate to the offense and shockingly unfair as to constitute an abuse of discretion as a matter of law,” the ruling read.

The court also noted that Rice’s gender may have been a part of the story.

“Not to be overlooked is that petitioner is the only trainer ever disciplined by respondent for this rule violation—a troublesome point given that petitioner is the only female trainer ever to win a training title at a New York track.”

It appears that Rice will still have to pay the fine as the ruling noted that neither the court nor Rice’s legal team had an issue with that portion of the penalty.

“No one took issue with the fine,” said Rice’s attorney Andrew Turro. “That was part of the oral argument. The oral argument

was that you cannot revoke her license for this.”

The Gaming Commission was looking into a period that began in early 2012 and ran through August, 2014. Martin Panza, then NYRA’s senior vice president of racing operations, testified that there was no written rule restricting the information a racing

clerk could disclose during the hustling process but that it was commonly understood in racing circles that the disclosure of the names of horses that had already been entered was prohibited. Other witnesses confirmed that certain information about horses already entered into a race was often shared with trainers, including the number of horses entered and whether or not there were horses in the race with early speed.

While Panza maintained that the information provided to Rice gave

her an advantage, P.J. Campo, who was the NYRA racing secretary during the period in question, downplayed the idea that Rice had an edge on her rivals. **Cont.**



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BELMONT STAKES (G1) CONTENDERS ARE BRED IN KENTUCKY

Eight of the nine entrants in Saturday's 155th running of the \$1.5 million Belmont S. (G1) are bred in Kentucky, led by Preakness S. (G1) winner **NATIONAL TREASURE**, and Grade 1 winners **FORTE** and **TAPIT TRICE**.

NATIONAL TREASURE (KY)

Owner: SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Robert Masterson, Stonestreet Stables, Jay Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital, and Catherine Donovan

Breeder: Peter Blum Thoroughbreds

Trainer: Bob Baffert

FORTE (KY)

Owner: Repole Stable & St. Elias Stables

Breeder: South Gate Farm

Trainer: Todd Pletcher

TAPIT TRICE (KY)

Owner: Whisper Hill Farm & Gainesway Stable

Breeder: Gainesway Thoroughbreds

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Linda Rice, cont.

"From Panza's perspective, petitioner's actions compromised the integrity of racing," the court wrote. "Campo, who served as racing secretary throughout most of the disputed period, downplayed the issue. Campo observed that most of the trainers would already know which horses would be expected to run in certain races. Campo acknowledged that having the horse names would be an advantage 'to a degree' but that such information would not affect anything."

Considering that "hustling" horses often led to the racing office divulging information about what horses had already been entered in race was, the court reasoned, part of the problem.

"...NYRA bears much of the responsibility for what happened in this matter by fostering an aptly named 'hustling' process without a defined written rule or diligent oversight," the court wrote.

At deadline for this story, Rice had not returned a phone call seeking her comment.

"This was a thoughtful decision from the court and I am very grateful that they will allow my client to continue to race and pursue her livelihood," Turro said. "She's a wonderful trainer and this is what she deserved."

Rice, who has been training since 1987, has 2,314 career wins. Her accomplishments include winning the 2009 training title at Saratoga when she won 20 races. She was also the leading trainer at the recently concluded Aqueduct spring meet, where she won 17 races.

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AIR QUALITY ISSUES FORCE BELMONT TO CANCEL THURSDAY'S CARD; OPTIMISM FOR THE WEEKEND *by Steve Sherack*

ELMONT, NY – With unhealthy air quality conditions continuing to impact Long Island and all of New York State due to the Canadian wildfires, live racing at Belmont Park Thursday--the first of three days of the highly anticipated Belmont Stakes Racing Festival--was canceled.

Thursday's co-featured GII Wonder Again S. and Jersey Girl S. were redrawn and brought back for Sunday's card.

As previously announced late Wednesday evening, training was canceled at both Saratoga Race Course and Belmont Park for Thursday morning.

"Safety is paramount as we navigate this unprecedented situation," NYRA President & CEO David O'Rourke said in a press release. "NYRA will actively monitor all available data and weather information as we work toward the resumption of training and racing both here at Belmont Park and at Saratoga Race Course. Based on current forecast models and consultation with our external weather services, we remain optimistic that



Empty Belmont Park pictured on Thursday | Sarah Andrew

we will see an improvement in air quality on Friday."

Live racing is slated to resume with an 11-race program featuring five stakes races at Belmont Park on Friday.

Trainer Brendan Walsh will be represented in the card's three Grade I races with GI Kentucky Oaks heroine **Pretty Mischievous** (Into Mischief) in the GI Acorn S., **'TDN Rising Star' New Year's Eve** (Kitten's Joy) in the GI Just a Game S. and **Flirting Bridge (Ire)** (**Camelot {GB}**) in the GI New York S.

"Reading between the lines, it looks like it's starting to improve," Walsh said Thursday morning. "Obviously, if the air quality is no good, then nobody is gonna go on to run. But if it's OK, then it's OK. I get the impression that it's a lot better today and the general consensus is that it's going to be cleared out later today." **Cont.**

Belmont Thursday cancelled, cont.

Walsh continued, "It's not ideal (missing a day of training), today especially. I've had similar situations before with snow and other things though. We shedrowed all of our horses today. We're just gonna have to make the best of it."

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NYSGC: 'NO RACING OR TRAINING IF AQI REACHES 201'



War Like Goddess walks the shedrow in Bill Mott's barn at Belmont Park on Thursday morning | Sarah Andrew

The New York State Racing and Gaming Commission (NYSGC) issued clear regulations regarding racing and training at Belmont Park based on the Air Quality Index (AQI) Thursday afternoon, in light of the ongoing poor air quality due to the Canadian wildfires, according to a press release from Scott Palmer, the state's Equine Medical Director.

The press release reads: "If the AQI is between 151 and 200, no horse will be allowed to workout or race unless their attending veterinarian certifies that the horse will not be adversely affected by the elevated AQI. If an entered horse evidenced a respiratory issue, the horse must be declared unfit and scratched without penalty. Under present practice, the horse would be placed on the Veterinarian's List when scratched. Horses declared fit to race must be closely scrutinized before and after racing to ensure that they are not experiencing clinical signs of respiratory distress. Pre-race examinations of association veterinarians should include auscultation of the lungs and airways.

"If the AQI reaches 201, no racing or training may be conducted," the release said.

"As stewards of the horse, we must do what we can to ensure their health and safety," said Palmer in a statement.

"Particulates in the atmosphere can build up in both horse and human respiratory systems causing serious health problems including irritation of the eyes and respiratory tract. Poor air quality can irritate pre-existing conditions, including asthma in people and recurrent airway obstruction, or heaves, in horses, as well as Exercise-Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhage. High concentrations of smoke and particulates can cause persistent cough, nasal discharge, and wheezing, and increased effort to breathe and can alter the immune system."

The AQI is published by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, and it considers the amount of particle pollution, ground-level ozone, and toxic gases (carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide) in the air. The AQI varies from location to location and changes throughout the day. As of Thursday at noon, the AQI in Elmont, New York, where Belmont Park is located, was 151.

New York Governor Kathy Hochul praised the Gaming Commission's steps. "As New Yorkers continue to experience unhealthy air quality as a result of Canadian wildfires, we must all work to ensure that animals—including these peak-performance equine athletes—are protected," Governor Hochul said. "The measures being implemented at tracks across New York State are effective steps to keep all those who participate in the sport safe now and into the future."

Wednesday, Hochul encouraged New Yorkers to postpone any outdoor activities in impacted regions until conditions improve. "Accordingly, the New York State Gaming Commission directed all tracks to stop all racing, training and workouts until further notice," reads a statement from Hochul's office. "The Gaming Commission continues to monitor air quality and rely on guidance from veterinary expertise to ensure any decision to resume racing is based solely in the best interest of the horse population." **Cont.**



Grazing at Christophe Clement's Belmont barn Thursday

Sarah Andrew

NYSGC on AQI, cont.

"This guidance was arrived at in consultation with the New York Racing Association and is grounded in our shared efforts to provide the safest possible environment for training and racing Thoroughbred horses throughout New York State," said NYRA's Director of Communications Patrick McKenna. "NYRA will continue to closely monitor air quality in and around Belmont Park in the coming days, and we remain optimistic that conditions will allow for the resumption of training and racing on Friday."

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THE REMAINS OF ONE MAGNIFICENT DAY

by Cynthia Holt

The 50 years that have passed since Secretariat's Herculean victory in the Belmont Stakes have taken a toll on the number of the 67,605 souls who came to witness history and saw a day sanctified by the racing gods. But then, unlike Secretariat, we are mere mortals. I am one of the dwindling number of those who were present on that sweltering day in June 1973. The memory of that magnificent day remains, intensely vibrant and charged with emotion, but it is now more a mosaic than a painting, with some chips lost to time. These are the images of that turbulent time and of that glorious day that have endured:

In the spring of 1973, a country steeped in discord was waiting with open arms to welcome a new standard-bearer, pure and noble, better than the best of themselves. A hero emerged in the form of a charismatic horse, as burning red as a spark sprung from the torch of a god. Within his body beat a titanic heart, nearly three times the size of the average Thoroughbred's. His name was Secretariat.

The second Saturday in June dawned hot and sultry, the first day of the year to reach 90-plus degrees. In anticipation of heavy demand, the Long Island Railway had added extra cars to its Penn Station-Belmont run. I was soon seated cheek-by-jowl amongst every definition of racing's demographic in a sauna on wheels, all stoked with the hope that the 25-year Triple Crown drought would be brought to an end.

At Belmont, the heat and humidity were stifling, and every available shady spot was soon snatched. In defiance of the fire laws, fans were standing on the stairways and in the aisles, anyplace they could to catch a glimpse of the horse which had captured the country's imagination for the past five weeks. I found a few spare inches in the grandstand and guarded my ground.

The hour before post-time was a clinic in anxiety management. I wanted Secretariat to win so badly, I would have gladly traded years off my life to seal the deal. The noise from the crowd was unrelenting and rose to a crescendo when the familiar



Secretariat in the 1973 Belmont S. | Bob Coglianese photo

blue-and-white checkered colors of Meadow Stables appeared on the track. Secretariat's coat caught the late afternoon light and shone like burnished copper. His neck was bowed, and he walked with a demeanor which was regal in its calmness. I can recall nothing about the four other competitors. My eyes were riveted on that piece of equine perfection which carried 126 pounds and 25 years of hope on its back.

The crowd cheered, shouted, and clapped, the reverberations from the excitement so high, the air seemed to sing. Secretariat was a model of deportment throughout the playing of the traditional "Sidewalks of New York," the announcer's introductions, and the uproarious reception from the multitude. His composure was so restrained, that it was only in the warm-up that one caught a glimpse of the enormous power of his underlying musculature.

In watching countless replays of Secretariat's Belmont, I have felt like a pilgrim returning to holy ground. What remains is a recollection of an event so transcendent that it has illuminated my life and lit my inner world for 50 years.

I will never forget the angst of watching what many considered to be a premature move by Ron Turcotte on the first turn, and the heart-cracking fear that the long sweep of Belmont's stretch would sap Secretariat's last ounce of strength. I cannot hear a replay of TV announcer Chic Anderson's classic call of "Secretariat is widening now, he is moving like a tremendous machine," without reliving the fervor of the crowd, which recognized that they were present at that rarest of alignments--when greatness gives birth to legend; the terror that the giant grandstand would not withstand the seismic shaking of thousands of stomping feet; and the euphoria that motivated a wall of humans to rise in unison to applaud a horse that, for one moment in time, became the embodiment of as much beauty as one could ever hope to see in this world. **Cont.**

Secretariat remembrance, cont.

With tears streaming as I watched Secretariat's incredible lead continue to lengthen and Ron Turcotte steal a backward glance at history, I experienced an elation so magnificent that I cannot manufacture the words to describe it.

Secretariat had run the fastest Belmont on record, shattering the old mark by an amazing 2 3/5 seconds, and he had broken the world record for 1 1/2 miles. His winning margin was a mind-boggling 31 lengths. But it was not merely a matter of time and distance. For two minutes and 24 seconds on June 9, 1973, Secretariat was the culmination of the best of his breed and the consummate expression of the highest part of ourselves. He was everything that his Maker and nature had intended. The world was not perfect that day. But he was. Fifty years later, the flame of that memory endures. His name is Secretariat.

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DAVE O'ROURKE JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM



David O'Rourke | *Coglianese*

Not much has changed at the New York Racing Association (NYRA) in recent years, but that's about to change. A new Belmont Park is now in the planning stages and is expected to be ready for the 2026 spring meet. And what about the GI Belmont S.? Will the three Triple Crown tracks stick to tradition or will there be an overhaul of the series, which would likely mean that the final leg of the Triple Crown will be pushed back a few weeks? To answer to those questions and more, NYRA CEO and President Dave O'Rourke joined this week's *TDN Writers' Room* podcast, which is presented by **Keeneland**. O'Rourke was this week's **Green Group** Guest of the Week.

When it came to possible changes to the Triple Crown structure, O'Rourke advocated that U.S. racing form something along the lines of the European Pattern Committee, a group that could work

with the tracks so that stakes schedules are better organized and coordinated. Such a committee, he said, could look into not just changes to the Triple Crown schedule but at all stakes schedules.

"I believe that a pattern committee would work for the sport in the United States," he said. "It would help in a lot of other areas--the spacing of the Triple Crown, the spacing of other stakes races around the country and lead us to a more cohesive schedule. (Changing the spacing of the Triple Crown races) is a conversation that you would always have to be open to. But I think if we just limit the discussion to just these three races that might be a mistake. We should possibly take a look at the entire stakes schedule in the U.S. The foal crop has changed and the dynamics of racing are different than they were 20 years ago. Everything should be reexamined."

With a new Belmont Park in the offing, the plan is to run the 2024 spring meet at the current track and then start construction on a new grandstand that will be ready for the 2026 spring meet at Belmont. So what does that mean for the 2025 spring meet and, in particular the GI Belmont? O'Rourke said that decision has yet to have been made, but said that running the race at Saratoga was among the possibilities.

"That might send a benchmark that would be hard to match because that would be sort of unique," O'Rourke said. "That would be really cool. There's no doubt on that from a fan perspective."

Another change that will be ushered in at Belmont will be the addition of a synthetic surface track, which will help with having winter racing there. When it comes to synthetic tracks and their place in the future of racing, O'Rourke said the sport needs to closely examine the data.

"There's a lot of tradition with the dirt racing in the United States," he said. "With safety, you can't compromise. So you go where the data leads us. Now that we have HISA and we have the ability to have uniform rules, we can let the data lead us to where we need to be. If you look at racing, it's a worldwide sport and the statistics for the sport are incredible. We can benchmark ourselves and best practices."

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**, podcast regulars Zoe Cadman and Bill Finley were joined by *TDN* correspondent T.D. Thornton. The group put on their handicapping hats and went through the huge Saturday card at Belmont, including the Belmont Stakes. Other topics of discussion included the decision by Churchill Downs to move its meet to Ellis Park and whether or not it's time for the sport to abandon dirt racing in favor of synthetic surfaces.

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BELMONT PREVIEW: FINAL THREE FURLONGS WILL YIELD THE DRAMA

by T. D. Thornton

The GI Belmont S. entrants are listed in "likeliest winner" order.



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Medaglia d'Oro) O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Catherine Donovan; B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Sales history:

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National Treasure drew post one, added blinkers, and looked on paper to be the controlling speed in the GI Preakness S. After asserting command with little resistance through leisurely opening quarters of :23.95, :24.9 and :24.57, his wiring of the field was almost a foregone conclusion.

He did have to claw back the lead when Blazing Sevens (**Good Magic**) edged in front between calls in deep stretch, but this \$500,000 FTSAUG son of **Quality Road** always had the upper hand. If anything, National Treasure was emboldened by the bumping and brushing with Blazing Sevens before finishing with purpose.

Most post-race analysis focused on those lethargic early splits that lulled the competition and kept National Treasure fresh. But how about that final three-sixteenths blitzed in :18.05?

National Treasure's clocking through that last furlong and a half of the race is almost too quick to believe. It ranks as the fastest since Summer Squall's 1990 Preakness, which was 18

seconds flat. Back then, timing was done in fifths and not hundredths of a second, so it's conceivable National Treasure's fraction ranks marginally faster. At the time, Summer Squall's closing three-sixteenths fraction was widely reported to be a Preakness record (Equibase charts that break out the final three-sixteenths date only to 1991). If National Treasure's clocking is for real, it has to be respected.

Back in March, National Treasure missed some training

and an expected start in the GII San Felipe S. because of a quarter crack. His so-so fourth in the GI Santa Anita Derby must be viewed in the light that that nine-furlong try was his first race in three months. So now the question becomes was the Preakness his peak effort, or a bridge to better things in the Belmont?

The Preakness didn't seem to sap National Treasure. You'd have to think he won't get away with such a tepid tempo again in the Belmont. But he doesn't resonate as a needs-the-lead type to win. National Treasure will likely be placed somewhere near the front, and jockey John Velazquez should have the luxury of picking his preferred position over his home-court track.

Knowing that the three favorites ahead of him on the morning line all do their best running from midpack or farther back gives National Treasure a speed-centric advantage that is too intriguing to overlook at 5-1 odds. The Belmont will be his to win or lose on the far turn. **Cont.**



National Treasure training at Belmont Wednesday | Sarah Andrew

2) TAPIT TRICE (c, Tapit--Danzatrice, by Dunkirk) 'TDN Rising Star'. O-Whisper Hill Farm LLC and Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck); B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$1,300,000 ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISW, 6-4-0-1, \$883,650. Last start: 7th GI Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs May 6.

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The 1 1/2 miles distance and vast, expansive configuration of Belmont Park both play to the style of 'TDN Rising Star' Tapit Trice. Yet there is an element of "now or never" baked into the equation when it comes to assessing his chances of not only winning the third leg of the Triple Crown, but using the victory as a springboard to dominance for the second half of the season.



Tapit Trice | Sarah Andrew

His slow-to-go tactics have been well documented throughout the winter and spring. But even though this \$1.3-million KEESEP son of Tapit habitually leaves the gate sluggishly and has to be scrubbed on for run so as not to lag too far behind the field, he very reliably unwinds with a prolonged, mid-race surge.

In both the GI Blue Grass S. (which he won narrowly despite looking beaten on the far turn) and the GI Kentucky Derby (where he was seventh after having his momentum stalled twice), Tapit Trice got rolling six furlongs from the finish. There are quite a few late-race runners at the top of this year's sophomore crop, but none of them have demonstrated they can launch a bid from that far out while finishing with authority.

By way of example, in the Blue Grass, Tapit Trice led the way home in a prolonged stretch fight through a final furlong timed in :12.40, which was the fastest final eighth for the Blue Grass since Keeneland switched back to dirt in the fall of 2014.

Tapit Trice came nine wide into the lane for the Derby after responding to far-turn rousing by Luis Saez. **Cont.**

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Tapit Trice, cont.

But when it was evident this burly gray was not going to hit the board, Saez decided to save Tapit Trice for another day. June 10 has been circled on the calendar ever since.

3) FORTE (c, Violence--Queen Caroline, by Blame) 'TDN Rising Star'. O-Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable; B-South Gate Farm (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$80,000 wlg '20 KEENOV; \$110,000 ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Colt, MGISW, 7-6-0-0, \$1,833,230. Last start: 1st GI Curlin Florida Derby at Gulfstream Apr. 1.

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THOROSTRIDE-featured horse

Twelve furlongs off a 10-week break for a "headline horse" who has posted declining Beyer Speed Figures (100-98-95) since capping a championship 2-year-old season with a victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. That sentence sums up all of the reasons to think twice about betting this 'TDN Rising Star' as the Belmont favorite.

Trouble is, this 6-for-7 son of Violence (\$80,000 KEENOV; \$110,000 KEESEP) is such a gifted athlete who carries himself with just the right mix of poise and panache that he could defy conventional value-handicapping wisdom and finally bust out in the Belmont, meeting or exceeding the lofty prognostications that have shadowed his career.

A bruised right front foot derailed Forte's Kentucky Derby chances, necessitating a scratch on the morning of the race. The 15-1 upsetter in Louisville ended up being Mage (Good Magic), who had given Forte a brief scare in the GI Florida Derby before Forte blew by him with his ears pricked in the final few jumps to the wire.



Forte | Sarah Andrew

Although the race spacing for Forte is not ideal, and it's still an open question as to how much he's progressed since his juvenile campaign, the foot bruise has reportedly healed, and Forte should, in theory, have an easier time negotiating a field of just eight rivals on Saturday instead of the 18 he would have faced in the Derby. That's because one of Forte's strengths has always been his ability to carve out ideal mid-pack positioning under the guidance of Irad Ortiz, Jr., using that prime stalking spot as a launch pad for a far-turn blast-off that has only failed him once from seven starts.

A crowded, chaotic race like the Derby might have been a challenge for Forte, whose one tactical weakness is a lack of early acceleration to put himself clear of trouble at the front of the pack.

He's not as likely to encounter traffic woes in the Belmont, nor is he likely to be taken out of his game by being asked to go too fast too soon. Forte should be in it to win it three furlongs out. Then the test of this particular champion will begin.

4) ANGEL OF EMPIRE (c, Classic Empire--Armony's Angel, by To Honor And Serve) O-Albaugh Family Stables LLC; B-Forgotten Land Investment Inc & Black Diamond Equine Corp (PA); T-Brad Cox. Sales history: \$32,000 RNA wlg '20 KEENOV, \$70,000 ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISW, 7-4-1-1, \$1,369,375. Last Start: 3rd in the GI Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs May 6.

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WARRENDALE GRADUATE
THOROSTRIDE-featured horse

Angel of Empire (\$32,000 RNA KEENOV; \$70,000 KEESEP) will try blinkers on in the Belmont. Don't expect the equipment change to transform him into a frontrunner. The intent seems to be to get him a touch more focused in the initial stages of the race.

In the Derby, this Pennsylvania-bred son of Classic Empire settled willingly for Flavien Prat before building steam and picking off most of the field with a grinding rail run. Off the final turn, he was eight wide and right behind eventual winner Mage, but when Mage ratcheted into a higher gear, Angel of Empire didn't produce a similar upper-stretch burst. He did torque it up a notch inside the eighth pole, but couldn't reel in Two Phil's (Hard Spun) for second.

His third-place finish as the 4-1 beaten Derby fave was commendable, but I'm not sure I fully buy into the projection that the effort equated to a 10-point jump in his best lifetime Beyer, from 94 to 104. By comparison, we've already seen that Mage couldn't reproduce his winning 105 Beyer as the only Derby entrant to run back in the Preakness, regressing from 105 to his previous plateau of 94. **Cont.**

Angel of Empire, cont.

That's not to say the Belmont's 1 1/2-miles distance isn't within Angel of Empire's scope. This colt has shown no problems sticking around to have a say in the finish as his race distances have increased. His dialed-in run through the lane in the GI Arkansas Derby came through a final eighth timed in :12.12, the fastest final furlong out of the nine 2022-23 Derby qualifying stakes at nine furlongs.

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

O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. Lifetime Record: SW & GISP, 10-2-2-1, \$732,525. Last Start: 4th in the GI Preakness S. at Pimlico May 20.



Red Route One | Sarah Andrew

To give you an idea of how slow the Preakness pace was, Red Route One--a stone-cold closer whose connections were intentionally trying to set him up for one run from far back--ranged up to be jointly second at the rail five-eighths out, just a length off eventual winner National Treasure.

"This race fell apart for a lot of reasons that nobody will be able to put their finger on," trainer Steve Asmussen said post-Preakness, adding that he knows the same thing could happen in the third leg of the Triple Crown.

"You're not guaranteed to get pace in the Belmont. [But] 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," Asmussen said. "Does he beat them under different circumstances? Who knows? But I do like the opportunity to run him a mile and a half."

Red Route One didn't look comfortable while carrying his head high entering the Preakness backstraight. After briefly nipping at National Treasure's heels, Joel Rosario backed him down a bit, and it looked on the far turn as if a second, more substantial move was percolating. It never materialized despite Rosario's

urging. The three horses he outfinished were the longest shots in the field of seven.

By **Gun Runner** out of a **Tapit** mare, I don't think anyone dismisses Asmussen's longer-the-better belief in this Winchell Thoroughbreds homebred. The question comes down to how fast can he cover that distance--which, of course, hinges on how fast the frontrunners cover the initial nine furlongs.

6) HIT SHOW (c, **Candy Ride (Arg)--Actress, by **Tapit**)** O/B-Gary & Mary West (KY); T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-3-1-0, \$494,375. Last Start: 5th in the GI Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs May 6.

When most horses draw the dreaded one post for the Derby, you can almost automatically expect put a line through that race when you next see it in their past-performance block. Not so with Hit Show. This **Candy Ride (Arg)** homebred for Gary and Mary West enjoyed one of the most trouble-free trips from the innermost gate in recent Derby memory.

Hit Show broke alertly, and Manny Franco positioned him as he liked, gearing back to seventh through the turn, then easing off the fence to the four path right behind the speedsters with no one covering them up. Hit Show started to pick it up with a four-wide run 3 1/2 furlongs out, but the bid required brisk urging from Franco.

Hit Show was very much in it to win it turning for home. But after advancing to third, he had no response to further rousing via left-handed stick work. After being accosted by Mage, Hit Show stayed on doggedly, with Franco keeping him to task to get fifth.

His Apr. 8 GII Wood Memorial second was notable for Hit Show running second, beaten a nose, as the middle horse who got pinballed in a three-way stretch scrum while never backing down. **Cont.**



Hit Show | Sarah Andrew

Hit Show, cont.

As a May 9 foal, he's among the youngest of this year's Triple Crown crop, so the extra five weeks since his last start will presumably be to his benefit.

7) ARCANGELO (r, Arrogate--Modeling, by Tapit) O-Blue Rose Farm. B-Don Alberto Corporation(KY); T-Jena Antonucci. Sales history: \$35,000 ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-1-0, \$167,400. Last Start: 1st in the GIII Peter Pan S. at Belmont Park May 13.

Consigned by  GAINESWAY

This \$35,000 KEESEP son of Arrogate burst into Belmont S. relevancy with a 97-Beyer score in the GIII Peter Pan S. May 13.

Rated back to sixth for the early part of that nine-furlong race, Arcangelo came rolling into a two-horse speed setup. He snatched the lead a sixteenth from the wire, then got quite a tussle from favored runner-up Bishops Bay (**Uncle Mo**), who not only survived the duel but re-seized the lead between calls before Arcangelo won a tight bob at the wire. They were 8 3/4 lengths clear of the rest of the field.

Despite twice racing at a mile (Gulfstream) and once at 1 1/8 miles (Belmont), those were one-turn configurations, which will make Saturday's race Arcangelo's first two-turn attempt.

His 84-Beyer Mar. 18 MSW win at Gulfstream has not evolved into a productive race. Five of the six horses Arcangelo beat that afternoon have since come back to run, and all five have lost, including two as favorites.



Jena Antonucci | Sarah Andrew



8) TAPIT SHOES (c, Tapit--Awesome Flower, by Flower Alley) O-Spendthrift Farm LLC, Steve Landers, Martin S. Schwartz, Michael Dubb, Ten Strike Racing, Jim Bakke, Titledown Racing Stables, Kueber Racing, LLC, Big Easy Racing

LLC, Rick Kanter and Michael J. Caruso. B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey & **Tapit** Syndicate(KY); T-Brad Cox. Sales history: \$300,000 ylg '21 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-1-1-1, \$82,878. Last Start: 2nd in the Bath House Row S. at Oaklawn Apr. 22.

Consigned by  GAINESWAY
 **BSW/CROW** Yearling Purchase 

Tapit Shoes, a half-brother to last year's GI Haskell S. and Arkansas Derby winner Cyberknife, exits a second-place try in the Bath House Row S. at Oaklawn.



Tapit Shoes | Sarah Andrew

Four, then three wide on the turns, this \$300,000 FTKOCT colt by **Tapit** mounted a rally at the top of the lane, initially with his head cocked out to the grandstand in upper stretch before straightening out and digging in.

He at first had difficulty putting away the favored pacemaker when he drew alongside. Once he dispatched that rival, **Tapit** Shoes was nipped on the wire by out-of-the-clouds winner Red Route One. What his effort lacked in polish shouldn't diminish the underlying potential here.

Considering that was the first stakes try for this colt (who has a nice base of five races, all at 1 1/16 miles or longer), and keeping in mind that **Tapit** Shoes (May 17) is another late foal, like stablemate Hit Show, another progression forward isn't out of the question. The morning line says 20-1 is your price point to find out if that advancement is good enough to win. **Cont.**



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9) IL MIRACOLO (c, **Gun Runner**--**Tapit's World**, by **Tapit**)

O-Eduardo Soto; B-Willow Oaks Stable LLC (KY); T-Antonio Sano. Sales history: \$75,000 ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$190,000 RNA ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$70,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-0, \$103,125. Last start: 1st in allowance optional claimer at Gulfstream Park May 11.



de Meric Sales training and OBS June Graduate

For the longest shot in the Belmont S., how about a colt whose name translates from Italian to "The Miracle"?

Il Miracolo (\$75,000 KEEJAN; \$190,000 RNA FTKOCT; \$70,000 OBSOPN) enters the third leg of the Triple Crown coming off a 77-Beyer wiring of a five-horse allowance/optional claimer at Gulfstream.

His previous five tries were stakes on the Derby trail in which Il Miracolo was beaten an aggregate 79 1/2 lengths.

This colt shares the same **Gun Runner** out of a **Tapit** mare cross as Red Route One.

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CITY OF LIGHT COLT EARNS FURLONG

BULLET AT OBS THURSDAY *by Jessica Martini*



Hip 570 | Judit Seipert

A colt by **City of Light** (hip 570) worked the week's co-fastest furlong of :9 4/5, while a son of **First Samurai** (hip 588) and a filly by **Violence** (hip 703) shared the day's fastest quarter-mile work of :21 flat during the fourth session of the under-tack show for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's June Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training Thursday in Ocala. Headwinds increased throughout the session and all three bullet workers were on the track during the day's first set.

Working shortly before 9 a.m. Thursday, hip 570 became the 10th juvenile of the week to work the furlong in :9 4/5. The bay

colt, consigned by Wavertree Stables, is out of Wear Red (Henny Hughes) and is a half-brother to stakes winner and graded-placed Jessica Krupnick (**Uncle Mo**). Wear Red is a half-sister to Grade I winner Eskendereya (Giant's Causeway).

Ron Fein's Super Fine Farms purchased the colt for \$170,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

Omar Ramirez sent out hip 588 to work his :21 flat bullet quarter-mile shortly after the start of Thursday's session of the under-tack show. The colt is out of Woodsboro (Congrats) and his third dam is graded winner La Rosa (Wild Again).

Ramirez acquired the colt for \$65,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton July sale. He was purchased by My Little Team Racing for \$50,000 following a :10 1/5 work at the OBS Spring sale in April.

Just minutes after that colt worked, Hip 703 turned in her :21 flat quarter-mile work for A.G. Sales. Out of the unraced Brief Tears (Orientate), the dark bay filly is a half-sister to graded winner No Problem (**Munnings**).

Jose Andres Gaspar purchased the filly for \$10,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

The under-tack show continues through Saturday with sessions beginning daily at 7:30 a.m. The June sale will be held next Tuesday through Thursday. Bidding commences each day at 10 a.m.

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NJ COMMISSION SUSPENDS COBB

by T.D. Thornton



Delaware Park | Sarah Andrew

Amber Cobb, the Thoroughbred owner and trainer who in 2021 had her Delaware licensure **revoked through 2022** for "still participating in horse racing while under suspension" for "improper or inhumane treatment" of a horse, had her New Jersey licensure suspended and was fined \$11,000 in a June 7, 2023, ruling issued by the racing commission in that state. **Cont.**

Amber Cobb, cont.

It was unclear at deadline for this story if Cobb, 35, planned an appeal.

The New Jersey ruling cited violations related to Cobb's training base at Westampton Farms in Westampton, New Jersey, between January and March 2021.

The ruling stated that Cobb "did possess hypodermic needles and syringes on the grounds of the licensed off-track stabling facility; did possess six injectable bottles of foreign substances, including four injectable bottles of prescription legend drugs on the grounds of the licensed off-track stabling facility," and did strike one of the horses under her care "with a pitchfork, causing the horse to rear up and flip over on its back, leaving the horse in distress and unable to move."

An initial 60-day suspension in Delaware stemmed from the same horse-striking incident, which was captured on a video recorded by a stable employee.

The New Jersey ruling stated Cobb was a no-show at her March 20, 2023, hearing. Her previous Delaware revocation was also the result of skipping a post-suspension hearing in which she was summoned to "answer to complaints and allegations of past abuse and neglect of horses in her care."

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BACKGROUND CHECK: ACORN

by Jill Williams



Flightline traces to the 2000 Phipps-bred Acorn winner | Horsephotos

In this continuing series, we examine the past winners of significant filly/mare races by the lasting influence they've had on the breed. Up today is Belmont Park's GI Acorn S., the first leg in New York's prestigious summer trio of Grade I events for 3-year-old fillies.

Long a coveted prize, the Acorn has been designated a Grade I from the very beginning when the grading system became

official in 1973. A disproportionate amount of its winners are in the Hall of Fame, ranging from Top Flight to Twilight Tear to Cicada to Ruffian, and so many more. The quality of the Acorn winners set the tone for their broodmare careers as well. Not surprisingly, the Acorn boasts a ridiculous number of high-class future broodmares among its winners, including a glorious five-year streak in the 1950s that saw five consecutive winners eventually cultivate champions among their descendants.

Following are highlights of some of the most important Acorn winners by what impact they've had on the sport through their sons and daughters.

Finder's Fee (1997, Storm Cat--Fantastic Find, by Mr. Prospector), bred by Phipps Stable: Granddam of 2022 Horse of the Year and current first-season sire **Flightline (Tapit)**, whose fee of \$200,000 at Lane's End is one of the highest introductory fees in history.

Prospectors Delite (1989, Mr. Prospector--Up the Flagpole, by Hoist the Flag), bred by W. S. Farish: The 2003 Broodmare of the Year produced Horse of the Year **Mineshaft** (A.P. Indy), MGISW Tomisue's Delight (A.P. Indy), and three other graded performers. She is also the granddam of GISW Mr. Sidney (Storm Cat).

Meadow Star (1988, Meadowlake--Inreality Star, by In Reality), bred by Jaime S. Carrion: This memorable ginger was granddam to the dams of champion and gone-too-soon sire Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) and MGISW Belle Gallantey (After Market).

Stella Madrid (1987, Alydar--My Juliet, by Gallant Romeo), bred by Calumet Farm: Japanese champions Lucky Lilac (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}), Mikki Isle (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), and Diamond Biko (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), as well as additional Japanese GISW Aerolithe (Jpn) (Kurofune) and U.S. GISW Lilacs and Lace (Flower Alley) all trace to this classy bay.

Chris Evert (1971, by Swoon's Son--Miss Carmie, by T. V. Lark), bred by Echo Valley Horse Farm: From five daughters, U.S. champion Chief's Crown (Danzig); French champion Special Duty (GB) (Hennessy); GISWs Classic Crown (Mr. Prospector), Sightseek (Distant View), Bates Creek (Rahy), Etoile Montante (Miswaki), Obligatory (**Curlin**), and Dominican (El Corredor); and many more very useful graded winners hail from this lovely chestnut.

Marking Time (1963, To Market--Allemande, by Counterpoint), bred by Ogden Phipps and Wheatley Stable: Her champion daughter Relaxing (Buckpasser) turned into a Broodmare of the Year responsible for champion Easy Goer (Alydar), as well as additional GISWs Easy Now (Danzig) and Cadillacing (Alydar). Others tracing to her include GISW Strolling Along (Danzig) and several other high-class winners. **Cont.**

Acorn background check, cont.

Quill (1956, Princequillo {GB}--Quick Touch, by Count Fleet), bred by R. N. Webster: Champions Run the Gantlet (Tom Rolfe) and Awesome Feather (Awesome of Course), Japanese champion Maruzensky (Jpn) (Nijinsky II), and GISWs Dance of Life (Nijinsky II), Sumptuous (Summing), Caucasus (Nijinsky II), and Vettori (Ire) (Machiavellian) are among those who trace to this grand gal.

Bayou (1954, Hill Prince--Bourtai, by Stimulus), bred by Claiborne Farm: A number of high-class horses descend from this mare, including champions Slew o' Gold (Seattle Slew) and War Pass (Cherokee Run); GI Belmont S. winner Coastal (Majestic Prince); and GISWs Aptitude (A.P. Indy), Sleep Easy (Seattle Slew), Oath (Known Fact), Slew's Exceller (Exceller), River Flyer (Riverman), and Victory Ride (Seeking the Gold).

Princess Turia (1953, Heliopolis {GB}--Blue Delight, by Blue Larkspur), bred by Calumet Farm: Her son Forward Pass (On-and-On) was just 1 1/4 lengths shy of winning the Triple Crown, but took the 1968 sophomore colt championship.

High Voltage (1952, Ambiorix {Fr}--Bynomo, by Menow), bred by Wheatley Stable: This elegant gray's sons and grandsons included U.S. champion Impressive (Court Martial {GB}), MGISW Majestic Light (Majestic Prince), and SW Bold Commander (Bold Ruler), the last two both sires of note.

Happy Mood (1951, Mahmoud {Fr}--La Reigh, by Count Gallahad), bred by Mrs. John D. Hertz: Canadian Horses of the Year With Approval (Caro {Ire}) and Izvestia (Icecapade), Canadian champion Serenading (A.P. Indy), GI Belmont S. winner Touch Gold (Deputy Minister), GI Kentucky Oaks winner Buryyourbelief (Believe It), and other GISWs Haynesfield (**Speightstown**), Healthy Addiction (Boston Harbor), and Pretty Discreet (Private Account) all descend from this splendid chestnut.

Secret Meeting (1950, Alibhai {GB}--Burgoo Maid, by Burgoo King), bred by James C. Brady: Broodmare of the Year Anne Campbell (Never Bend); champions Sensational (Hoist the Flag) and Rushing Fall (More Than Ready); Epsom Oaks winner Long Look (Ribot {GB}); and GISWs Trumpet's Blare (Vice Regent), Dancealot (Round Table), Albert the Great (Go for Gin), Desert Wine (Damascus), and Menifee (Harlan) all trace to her.



Gun Runner is one of several top horses descending from 1945 Acorn winner Gallorette | Sarah Andrew

Nothirdchance (1948, Blue Swords--Galla Colors, by Sir Galahad III {Fr}), bred by Bieber-Jacobs Stables: Dam of champion Hail to Reason (Turn-to {Ire}), who later turned leading sire, and ancestress of GISW and sire Meadowlake (Hold Your Peace).

Gallorette (1942, Challenger II {GB}--Galette, by Sir Gallahad III {Fr}), bred by Preston M. Burch: Not only does stellar young sire and 2017 Horse of the Year **Gun Runner** (**Candy Ride** {Arg}) trace to her, but so do 2005 Horse of the Year Saint Liam (Saint Ballado), Irish champion Minstrella (The Minstrel), Canadian champion Charlie Barley (Affirmed), and GISWs Success Express (Hold Your Peace), Greenwood Lake (Meadowlake), Air Express (Ire) (Salse), Buster's Ready (More Than Ready), Rolling Fog (Posse), Whitmore's Conn (Kris S.), and **Funtastic** (More Than Ready).

Nellie L. (1940, Blenheim II {GB}--Nellie Flag, by American Flag), bred by Calumet Farm: Granddam of champion and Kentucky Derby/Belmont S. winner Bold Forbes (Irish Castle), this captivating bay has a number of other classy descendants, including GISWs Life At the Top (Seattle Slew), Lakeway (Seattle Slew),

Saratoga Six (Alydar), and Jilbab (A.P. Indy), as well as English G1 winner Dunbeath (Grey Dawn II {Fr}).

Proud One (1938, Blenheim II {GB}--Some Pomp, by Pompey), unknown breeder: Her descendants have included 1965 Kentucky Derby winner Lucky Debonair (Vertex), as well as GISWs Lady Love (Dr. Fager) and Tantalizing (Tom Rolfe).

Baba Kenny (1928, Black Servant--Betty Beall, by North Star III {GB}), bred by Idle Hour Stock Farm: This very first winner of the Acorn set the tone with her descendants including daughter Bee Mac (War Admiral), who beat the boys in the Hopeful S.; 1988 Horse of the Year and nine-time GISW Alysheba (Alydar), the second of four consecutive GI Breeders' Cup Classic winners to bring a GI Kentucky Derby win to the year-end championship race; G1SW and good sire Lear Fan (Roberto); multiple back-type winner and good sire Better Self (Bimelech); and another Acorn winner in Riverina (Princequillo {GB}).

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WEEKLY STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS, MAY 30-JUNE 5 *by Dan Ross*



Flavien Prat | Coady Photography

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: 06/04/2023

Licensee: Flavien Prat, jockey

Penalty: Three-day suspension

Violation: Appeal withdrawn, careless riding

Explainer: Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LATS Ruling #52 (April 21, 2023) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey Flavien Prat is suspended for 3 racing days (June 16, 17, and 18, 2023).

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

Finger Lakes

Jacqueline Anne Davis--violation date May 31; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, "seven strikes and multiple violations 11-15 points: add 7 days" suspension (6-23-23 thru 6-29-23)

John Ramon Davila--violation date June 5; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Presque Isle Downs

Scott Spieth--violation date June 5; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Andrew R. Ramgeet--violation date June 5; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Thistledown

Robert Andre Halledeen--violation date June 1; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 1-3 strikes over the limit

German Terraza--violation date June 5; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, "striking the horse multiple times when the horse was in distress"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It was with great interest that I read **Earle Mack's** recent *TDN* Letter to the Editor and **Bill Finley's** Week in Review piece supporting Mr. Mack's opinion that a major switch to synthetic racing surfaces is called for to save the Thoroughbred Industry.

Although I do not know either of these men personally, I respect their accomplishments in our business, their intentions, opinions and intellect.

With that said, as much as I agree that training and racing surfaces are critical to horse safety and synthetic tracks have lower catastrophic injury rates, I disagree that a mass movement to synthetic surfaces is prudent at the present time.

We simply do not know enough about the multi-factorial nature of today's equine injury rates to expect a surface change to solve our problem; there is no 'silver bullet' to be had in this instance.

Spending millions to re-engineer and resurface tracks across numerous jurisdictions, conditions and climates, only to find that that wasn't enough to optimize safety for horse and rider when we as an industry can hardly afford to further stub our toe, seems ill advised to me.

I believe this problem is best solved through a multi-disciplinary and comprehensive approach. A surface change may indeed be called for, but further study is required before acting.

Many factors contribute to equine injury. Smarter and better-informed professionals than myself can define the parameters for a comprehensive study but here are some key metrics (in categories), I understand to be worth factoring in:

Letter to the Editor, cont.**Track Surfaces:**

- Composition/Materials/Integrity of base and cushion
- Management and Maintenance Practices
- Environmental Factors - Ambient Temperature and Moisture Content

Data Analysis:

- Historical Analysis of Injuries: nature of the injury, surface, distance, horse age, # of starts, spacing between starts, trainer change, track change, etc.
- Condition Book's Influence (including Purse to Claiming Price Ratios)
- Race Meet Length and Timing of Injuries (in the meet and in the race)
- Biomechanics and Stride Analysis
- Identification/Demographics of 'At Risk' Horses

Human Element:

- Horsemanship and Training Methods
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- Education



Chris Baker, COO of Three Chimneys | Keeneland

It has been my observation that the best approach to creating sustainability in business or industry or sport or life in general, is to do it right initially and minimize the need to come back to repair or rethink the process.

I agree with Mr. Mack and Mr. Finley that decisive action is called for, but I believe that a more comprehensive undertaking yields the sustainability (if not growth) we seek. Invest the time to get it right up front. The horse and our industry's survival won't allow for anything less. Now, we just need to put our heads together, make the right plan, fund it and act on it--some of which, is already underway.

--Christopher L. Baker

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FLORENCE NEW JOCKEY CLUB V.P. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Effective June 5, Amber Florence was named vice president of finance and administration for The Jockey Club, the organization said in a release Thursday.

"I am excited to be back in the Thoroughbred industry and look forward to working with The Jockey Club and its diverse group of companies, charities, and initiatives," Florence said.

Prior to joining The Jockey Club, Florence served as the vice president of Corporate Accounting for MiddleGround Capital, where she led the finance operations of the private equity firm's management company.

Florence's experience before MiddleGround was in the Thoroughbred industry. She spent 10 years as the chief financial officer of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) and four years as its director of finance and administration. She was also a sponsorship and purchasing financial analyst for Breeders' Cup Ltd. and the NTRA.

"Amber's impressive background in finance, her experience in the Thoroughbred industry, and her passion for sports make her an ideal addition to The Jockey Club's financial team," said Laura Barillaro, executive vice president and chief financial officer, The Jockey Club.

Florence will be based in Lexington, Kentucky.

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JOCKEY CLUB MAKES ONLINE FACT BOOK ADDITIONS

The Jockey Club's Online Fact Book includes two new pages to its breeding section with the addition of the Number of Unique Sires by Position in the Pedigree Top Line and Percent of Mares Bred Categorized by Stallion Book Size, the organization said in a release Thursday.

The first table shows the number of unique sires by position within the top line of the pedigree and enables users to drill down by year and generation.

Those links provide stallion names and the number of registered Thoroughbreds for that generation's sires on the top sire line pedigree for the registered foals of the specific year.

The other addition to the Fact Book displays breeding statistics and how the number of stallions and mares have changed over time based on stallion book size. **Cont.**

Online Fact Book, cont.

"As the Thoroughbred breed registry for the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico, The Jockey Club strives to provide statistics that are valuable and that help shine a light on what is happening in our industry, especially with respect to breeding," said Matt Iuliano, executive vice president and executive director of The Jockey Club.

Click [here](#) to access the 2023 edition of the Fact Book.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY (Belmont edition)...

June 3, 1967...**Damascus** posted a 2 1/2-length victory over Cool Reception in the final Belmont S. held at Aqueduct during the renovation of Belmont Park.

June 5, 1943...**Count Fleet** ended his racing career by winning the Belmont S. by 25 lengths, becoming the sixth Triple Crown winner in his final career start.

June 5, 1993...Jockey **Julie Krone** became the first woman rider to win a Triple Crown race, riding Colonial Affair to victory in the Belmont S.

June 7, 1986...Trainer **Woody Stephens** won his fifth consecutive Belmont S., saddling Danzig Connection to victory. His four previous Belmont winners were Conquistador Cielo ('82), Caveat ('83), Swale ('84) and Creme Fraiche ('85).

June 8, 1985...Brushwood Stable's **Creme Fraiche** became the first gelding to win the Belmont S.

June 9, 1973...Triple Crown winner **Secretariat** swept to a 31-length victory in the Belmont S., the longest winning margin in the race's history. His time of 2:24 for the mile and a half was 2 3/5 seconds faster than the mark set by Gallant Man in 1957, and the record still stands today.



Belmont Park Thursday | Sarah Andrew

June 11, 1921...**Grey Lag**, under jockey Earl Sande, won the first Belmont S. ever to be run counter-clockwise. Previous Belmonts were run clockwise over a fish-hook course which included part of the training track and the main dirt oval.

June 13, 1913...**James Rowe**, who won back-to-back Belmonts as a jockey in 1872-73, set the record for most Belmont S. wins by a trainer, eight, sending out Prince Eugene to victory.

June 14, 1880...The first post parade of horses in an American race took place prior to the running of the 14th Belmont S. Horses had previously gone directly from paddock to post.

Courtesy of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association.



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Friday, Belmont #8, post time: 4:41 p.m. EDT




NEW YORK S.-GI, \$600,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Flirting Bridge (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Heider Family Stables LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
2	Shantisara (Ire)	Coulsty (Ire)	Madaket Stables, Michael Dubb, Robert LaPenta, and Caruso, Michael J.	Brown	Prat	122
3	Didia (Arg)	Orpen	Merriebelle Stable	Correas, IV	Cheminaud	120
4	Marketsegmentation 	American Pharoah	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz	120
5	Virginia Joy (Ger)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Franco	122
6	McKulick (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	124
7	War Like Goddess 	English Channel	George Krikorian	Mott	Rosario	124
8	With The Moonlight (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Buick	122

Breeders: 1-T. O'Dwyer & K. O'Brien, 2-Mr Oliver Donlon, 3-La Manija, 4-Marcus Stables LLC, 5-Gestut Auenquelle, 6-Essafinaat UK Ltd, 7-Calumet Farm, 8-Godolphin

Friday, Belmont #4, post time: 2:28 p.m. EDT


JUST A GAME S.-GI, \$500,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	In Italian (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	124
2	New Year's Eve 	Kitten's Joy	Qatar Racing, Marc Detampel and Fergus Galvin	Walsh	Saez	122
3	Spendarella 	Karakontie (Jpn)	Gainesway Stable	Motion	Gaffalione	124
4	Wakanaka (Ire) 	Power (GB)	Team Valor International and Gary Barber	Mott	Rosario	122
5	Speak of the Devil (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Prat	122

Breeders: 1-Fairway Thoroughbreds, 2-Stud TNT LLC, 3-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD, 4-Mrs Jean Brennan, 5-Herve Viallon

Friday, Belmont #9, post time: 5:14 p.m. EDT

ACORN S. PRESENTED BY GREAT JONES DISTILLING CO.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dorth Vader	Girvin	John Ropes	Weaver	Velazquez	120
2	Randomized 	Nyquist	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Franco	118
3	Frosty O Toole	Frosted	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Pletcher	Saez	118
4	Occult 	Into Mischief	Alpha Delta Stables, LLC	Brown	Ortiz	118
5	Munnys Gold	Munnings	Lawana L. and Robert E. Low	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
6	Pretty Mischievous	Into Mischief	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	123
7	Goodgirl Badhabits 	Mastery	James J. Bakke and Gerald Isbister	Russell	Toledo	118
8	Accede	Into Mischief	Juddmonte	Brown	Prat	118

Breeders: 1-John Ropes, 2-Cove Springs, LLC, 3-Helen Barbazon, Joseph Barbazon & Godolphin, 4-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 5-Nicksar Farms, 6-Godolphin, 7-Lisa Reynolds, Jennifer Feiner & Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 8-Juddmonte Farms Inc



Friday, Belmont #10, post time: 5:47 p.m. EDT**BELMONT GOLD CUP S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 2mT**

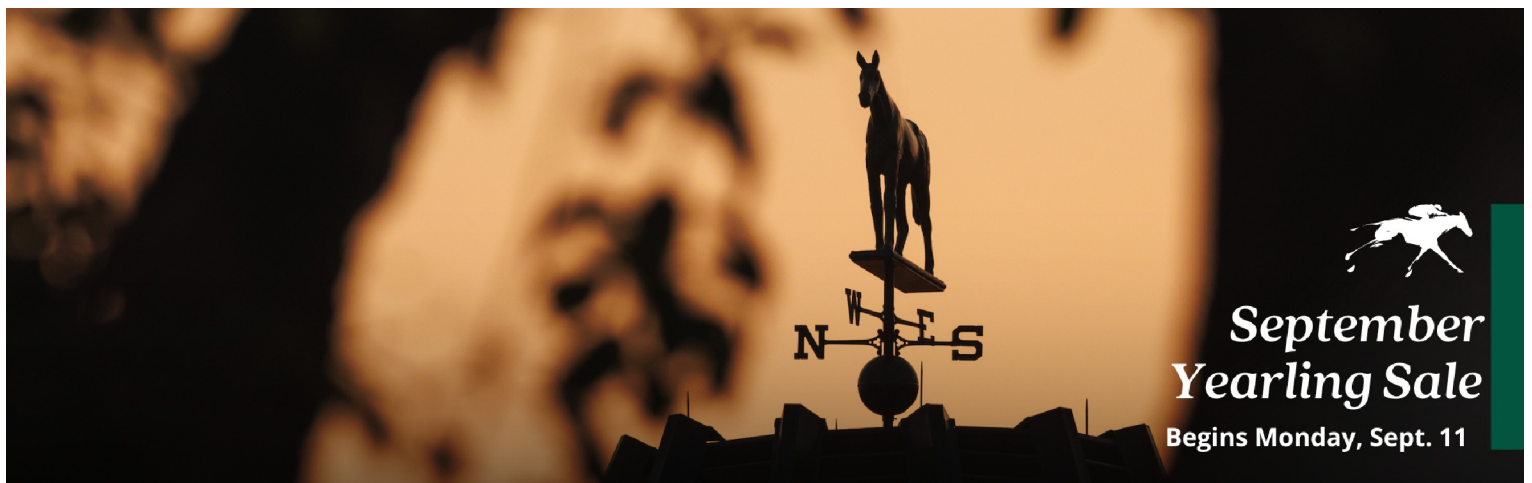
PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Barbados (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Richard C. Colton, Jr. and Stella Thayer	Kingsley, Jr.	Alvarado	118
2	Siskany (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Buick	122
3	Channel Maker 🦋	English Channel	Wachtel Stable, Gary Barber, R. A. Hill Stable, and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Mott	Saez	122
4	Tide of the Sea 🦋	English Channel	Flying P Stable	Morley	Davis	118
5	Strong Tide	English Channel	Penny S. Lauer	Lauer	Davis	118
6	L'Imperator (Fr) 🦋	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Hudson River Farms	Kingsley, Jr.	McCarthy	122
7	Amazing Grace (Ger)	Protectionist (Ger)	Moyglare Stud Farm, Ltd.	Clement	Rosario	117
8	British Royalty	English Channel	Bruce Lunsford and Barbara J. Minshall	Minshall	Kimura	118
9	Tartini	Giant's Causeway	Jeremy Ramsland	Atras	Carmouche	118
10	Cibolian 🦋	Temple City	Hudson River Farms	Kingsley, Jr.	Gaffalione	118
11	High Definition (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Leipers Fork Steeplechasers	O'Brien	Ortiz	118
12	Cross Border 🦋	English Channel	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Ortiz, Jr.	118
13	The Grey Wizard (Ire)	Caravaggio	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Albert Frassetto	Motion	Velazquez	120

Breeders: 1-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt, 2-Godolphin, 3-Tall Oaks Farm, 4-Juddmonte Farms, 5-Michael & Penny Lauer, 6-Jean-Pierre Dubois, 7-Dr. Chr. Berglar, 8-Richard Lister, 9-George Strawbridge Jr., 10-Gunpowder Farm, 11-Whisperview Trading, 12-Berkshire Stud & B. D. Gibbs, 13-Longfield Stud

Friday, Belmont #11, post time: 6:19 p.m. EDT**INTERCONTINENTAL S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Poppy Flower 🦋	Lea	Annmore Thoroughbreds, LLC	Mott	Ortiz	118
2	Sarah Harper	Vancouver (Aus)	William Sparks, William Patterson, Ty Patterson, and Stephen Bell	Moquett	Gaffalione	118
3	Clitheroe (GB)	Ribchester (Ire)	Andrew Stone	Motion	Lynch	118
4	Messidor (Ire)	Vadamos (Fr)	Blue Devil Racing Stable	Clement	Castellano	118
5	Bay Storm	Kantharos	Bridlewood Farm	Thomas	Velazquez	118
6	Amy C (GB)	Charming Thought (GB)	Madaket Stables, Michael Dubb & Robert LaPenta.	D'Amato	Prat	122
7	Bubble Rock	More Than Ready	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Cox	Rosario	124
8	Goin' Good	Congrats	Klein Racing	Cox	Franco	118

Breeders: 1-Brenda Harding & Megan Jones, 2-William Sparks, 3-Stratford Place Stud, 4-Fairway Thoroughbreds, 5-Candy Meadows LLC, 6-D. Curran, 7-Shortleaf Stable, 8-Klein Racing



Saturday, Belmont #12, post time: 7:02 p.m. EDT**BELMONT S. PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS-GI, \$1,500,000, 3yo, 1 1/2m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tapit Shoes	Tapit	Spendthrift Farm, Landers, S, Schwartz, M., Dubb, M, Ten Strike Racing, Bakke, J, Tittletown Racing, Kueber Racing, Big Easy Racing Kanter, Rick and Caruso, Michael J.	Cox	Ortiz	126
2	Tapit Trice 🦿	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC and Gainesway Stable	Pletcher	Saez	126
3	Arcangelo 🦿	Arrogate	Blue Rose Farm	Antonucci	Castellano	126
4	National Treasure	Quality Road	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, R Masterson, Stonestreet Stables, J Schoenfarber Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine	Baffert	Velazquez	126
5	Il Miracolo 🦿	Gun Runner	Eduardo Soto	Sano	Meneses	126
6	Forte 🦿	Violence	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	126
7	Hit Show	Candy Ride (Arg)	Gary and Mary West	Cox	Franco	126
8	Angel of Empire 🦿	Classic Empire	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Cox	Prat	126
9	Red Route One	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	126

Breeders: 1-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey & **Tapit** Syndicate, 2-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 3-Don Alberto Corporation, 4-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 5-Willow Oaks Stable LLC, 6-South Gate Farm, 7-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 8-Forgotten Land Investment Inc & BlackDiamond Equine Corp, 9-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC

Saturday, Belmont #10, post time: 5:04 p.m. EDT**HILL 'N' DALE METROPOLITAN H.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1m**
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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cody's Wish	Curlin	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	126
2	Slow Down Andy	Nyquist	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	120
3	Dr. Schivel 🦿	Violence	Red Baron's Barn, Rancho Temescal, Reeves Thoroughbred Racing & Branch, William A.	Glatt	Ortiz, Jr.	121
4	Hoist the Gold 🦿	Mineshaft	Dream Team One Racing Stable	Stewart	Saez	119
5	Charge It	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
6	Zandon 🦿	Upstart	Jeff Drown	Brown	Prat	122
7	Repo Rocks 🦿	Tapiture	Double B Racing Stables	Ness	Silvera	122
8	Doppelganger	Into Mischief	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Masterson, R, Schoenfarber, J., Waves Edge Capital, Donovan, Catherine, Golconda Stable, Siena Farm	Russell	Toledo	120
9	White Abarrio	Race Day	C Two Racing Stable and Pagnano, Antonio	Dutrow, Jr.	Gaffalione	120

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Reddam Racing, LLC, 3-William A. Branch & Arnold R. Hill, 4-Dream Team Racing, 5-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 6-Brereton C. Jones, 7-Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin III, 8-WinStar Farm, LLC, 9-Spendthrift Farm, LLC



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Saturday, Belmont #11, post time: 5:54 p.m. EDT**RESORTS WORLD CASINO MANHATTAN S.-GI, \$750,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	So High (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Naipaul Chatterpaul	Chatterpaul	Castellano	118
2	Strong Quality	Quality Road	Barber, Gary and Kinsman Stable	Casse	Geroux	118
3	Warren Point (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Mullen	118
4	Ottoman Fleet (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Buick	122
5	Soldier Rising (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Madaket Stables, Dubb, Michael, Bailey, Morris, Wonder Stables and Caruso, Michael J.	Clement	Ortiz	118
6	Red Knight	Pure Prize	Trinity Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	124
7	Rockemperor (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Madaket Stables, Dubb, Michael, Wonder Stables, Kisber, Michael E. and Caruso, Michael J.	Brown	Prat	122
8	Up to the Mark 🍀	Not This Time	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	124
9	Ocean Atlantique 🍀	American Pharoah	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Saez	118
10	Highest Honors	Tapit	W.S. Farish	Brown	Rosario	118

Breeders: 1-George Strawbridge, 2-Kinsman Farm, 3-Godolphin, 4-SCEA Marmion Vauville & Alain Jathiere, 5-Dayton Investments Ltd, 6-Trinity Farm, LLC, 7-Haras du Mezeray, 8-Ramspring Farm, 9-Indian Creek, 10-W.S. Farish

Saturday, Belmont #7, post time: 3:02 p.m. EDT**OGDEN PHIPPS S.-GI, \$500,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m****CHALLENGE SERIES WIN AND YOU'RE IN.™**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Pass the Champagne	Flatter	R. A. Hill Stable, Black Type Thoroughbreds, Rock Ridge Racing, BlackRidge Stables & Brown, J	Weaver	Lynch	122
2	Search Results 🍀	Flatter	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	122
3	Gamestonks	Blofeld	Designated Hitters Racing, LLC	Sanchez-Salomon	Alvelo	118
4	Secret Oath	Arrogate	Briland Farm	Lukas	Gaffalione	124
5	Played Hard 🍀	Into Mischief	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Velazquez	124
6	Clairiere	Curlin	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	124

Breeders: 1-Preston Madden, 2-Machmer Hall, 3-JSM Equine, LLC, 4-Briland Farm, Robert Mitchell & Stacy Mitchell, 5-Susan Casner, 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC



Saturday, Belmont #8, post time: 3:42 p.m. EDT**WOODY STEPHENS S. PRESENTED BY MOHEGAN SUN-GI, \$400,000, 3yo, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	New York Thunder 🦿	Nyquist	AMO Racing USA	Delgado	Santana, Jr.	122
2	Gun Pilot	Gun Runner	Three Chimneys Farm, LLC	Asmussen	Gaffalione	118
3	Arabian Lion	Justify	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.	Baffert	Velazquez	122
4	General Jim 🦿	Into Mischief	Courtlandt Farms	McGaughey III	Saez	124
5	Arman	Bolt d'Oro	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Miller	Ortiz	118
6	Harrodsburg	Constitution	Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC	Atras	Franco	118
7	Federal Judge	Army Mule	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Brisset	Prat	118
8	Fort Bragg	Tapit	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Masterson, R, Stonestreet Stables, Schoenfarber, J, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine	Baffert	Rosario	118
9	Fort Warren 🦿	Curlin	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Masterson, R, Stonestreet Stables, Schoenfarber, J, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine	Russell	Russell	118
10	Dark Vector	Bolt d'Oro	R.A. Hill Stable, Gatsas Stbl, RAP Rcng & Mara, C	Weaver	Castellano	118
11	Victory Formation 🦿	Tapwrit	Spendthrift Farm & Frank Fletcher Racing	Cox	Geroux	122
12	Gilmore 🦿	Twirling Candy	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Masterson, R, Stonestreet Stables, Schoenfarber, J, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine	Walsh	Ortiz, Jr.	118
13	Drew's Gold 🦿	Violence	Chapman, James K. and Tsujimoto, Stuart	Chapman	Gomez	122

Breeders: 1-Gatewood Bell & Forgotten Land, 2-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 3-Bonne Chance Farm, LLC, 4-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock & CenterlineBreeding, 5-Loren Nichols, 6-Twin Creeks Farm, 7-Caperlane Farm, 8-SF Bloodstock LLC & Henry FieldBloodstock, 9-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 10-Springhouse Farm, 11-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 12-Dividing Ridge Farm, 13-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC

Saturday, Belmont #9, post time: 4:19 p.m. EDT**JAIPUR S.-GI, \$400,000, 3yo/up, 6fT****CHALLENGE SERIES WIN AND YOU'RE IN.™**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Yes and Yes	Sidney's Candy	Gleaves, Philip A., Straus, Jr., Joseph R. and The Estate of Hugh A. Fitzsimons, Jr.	Donk	Geroux	120
2	Go Bears Go (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	AMO Racing USA	Ward	Ortiz	122
3	Air Force Red	Air Force Blue	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Golightly, Holly	Powell	Velazquez	124
4	Mid Day Image 🦿	Midshipman	Winning Move Stable, Sanford H. Robbins LLC and Jacobson, David	Jacobson	Carmouche	118
5	Dr Zempf (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Prat	122
6	Ice Chocolat (Brz)	Goldikovic (Ire)	Barber, Gary, Wachtel Stable and Deutsch, Peter	Casse	Davis	120
7	Thin White Duke	Dominus	Gleaves, P, Crist, S, deRegt, K & Hilliard, Bryan	Donk	Vargas, Jr.	120
8	Arrest Me Red	Pioneerof the Nile	Lael Stables	Ward	Ortiz, Jr.	124
9	Nothing Better	Munnings	Colts Neck Stables LLC	Duarte, Jr.	Franco	120
10	Big Invasion 🦿	Declaration of War	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Clement	Rosario	122
11	Casa Creed 🦿	Jimmy Creed	LRE Racing LLC and JEH Racing Stable LLC	Mott	Saez	124
12	Caravel	Mizzen Mast	Qatar Racing, Detampel, Marc & Madaket Stables	Cox	Gaffalione	121
13	Front Run the Fed 🦿	Fed Biz	George A. Sharp	Caramori	Gutierrez	120
14	Surprise Boss 🦿	War Dancer	Richie's World Stables LLC	Romero	McCarthy	118
15	Coppola 🦿	Into Mischief	Hammer Time Stable	Romans	Velazquez	120
16	Our Shot	Kantharos	Gatsas Stables, Schoenfeld, S & Terranova, II, J	Terranova, II	Castellano	118

Breeders: 1-Phil Gleaves, 2-Micheal D. Ryan, 3-Stephen B. Weissman Living Trust, 4-Patricia Generazio, 5-Stratford Place Stud, 6-Haras Niju, 7-Phil Gleaves, 8-Mr. & Mrs. M. Roy Jackson, 9-Don Alberto Corporation, 10-John O'Meara, 11-Silver Springs Stud, LLC, 12-Elizabeth M. Merryman, 13-Colts Neck Stables, 14-Blue Chip Bloodstock, Inc. & War Dancer LLC, 15-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 16-Dr. S. Mark Rayburg Inc.

Saturday, Belmont #3, post time: 12:29 p.m. EDT**TRUE NORTH S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Today's Flavor	Laoban	Reddam Racing LLC	Weaver	Franco	118
2	Synthesis 🦋	First Samurai	David Jacobson	Jacobson	Castellano	118
3	Anarchist 🦋	Distorted Humor	Ilium Stables, LLC	O'Neill	Rosario	120
4	Elite Power 🦋	Curlin	Juddmonte	Mott	Ortiz, Jr.	124
5	Strobe	Into Mischief	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Geroux	118
6	Fearless 🦋	Ghostzapper	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Saez	122

Breeders: 1-Joseph Calvo, 2-Catherine Zoc, 3-Centaur Farms, Inc., 4-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 5-Godolphin, 6-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust

Saturday, Belmont #6, post time: 2:22 p.m. EDT**BROOKLYN S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Portos	Tapit	Flying P Stable	Morley	McCarthy	118
2	Red Run	Gun Runner	Jordan V. Wycoff	Maker	Gaffalione	118
3	Alfio	Mucho Macho Man	Thomas J. Granata	Quartarolo	Saez	118
4	Bright Future 🦋	Curlin	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
5	Next	Not This Time	Michael A. Foster	Cowans	Machado	122
6	Forewarned 🦋	Flat Out	Uriah St. Lewis	St. Lewis	Haddock	118
7	Warrant	Constitution	Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC	Cox	Prat	118
8	Lone Rock	Majestic Warrior	Flying P Stable, R. A. Hill Stable & Flying Partners	Diodoro	Castellano	118
9	Calibrate 🦋	Distorted Humor	Engel, J & R, Armatys, Greg and Badura, Chelsey	Ness	Silvera	118
10	Centavo	Flashstorm	Naipaul Chatterpaul	Chatterpaul	Hernandez Moreno	118
11	Code Runner 🦋	Honor Code	George A. Sharp	Caramori	Gutierrez	118

Breeders: 1-Wertheimer et Frere, 2-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 3-Sunnyside Stock Farm, LLC, 4-Clearsky Farms, 5-Silverton Hill, LLC, 6-Preston Stables, LLC, 7-Twin Creeks Farm, 8-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC & Pollock Farms, 9-Don Alberto Corporation, 10-Dianette Rivas & Amanda Laderer, 11-Baumann Stables, Edward Bradley & Dr. Aaron Sones

Saturday, Santa Anita #4, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT**SANTA MARGARITA S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Desert Dawn	Cupid	H and E Ranch, Inc.	D'Amato	Rispoli	122
2	Adare Manor	Uncle Mo	Michael Lund Petersen	Baffert	Hernandez	126
3	Smoothlikebuttah	Mr. Big	Robert A. Bach and William Tessar	Knapp	Pereira	122
4	Tiz a Macho Girl 🦋	Mucho Macho Man	Saratoga West, Steve Haahr, Christina Miyakawa, and Joshua Miyakawa	Metz	Frey	122
5	Kirstenbosch	Midnight Lute	Keith Abrahams	Sadler	Berrios	124

Breeders: 1-H & E Ranch, 2-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC & GaryBroad, 3-NP Thoroughbreds, Inc., 4-Adena Springs, 5-Keith Abrahams



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Saturday, Belmont #5, post time: 1:44 p.m. EDT**POKER S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Chez Pierre (Fr)	Mehmas (Ire)	Lael Stables	Delacour	Prat	122
2	Emaraaty (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dubb, Michael, Madaket Stables & Caruso, Michael	Brown	Ortiz	122
3	Mackinnon 🌿	American Pharoah	ERJ Racing, Madaket Stables & Kenney, Dave	Brown	Rosario	118
4	Dreams of Tomorrow	Speightstown	Phipps Stable	McGaughey III	Franco	118
5	Anaconda 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Three Diamonds Farm	Sharp	Gaffalione	118
6	Emmanuel 🌿	More Than Ready	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	124
7	Filo Di Arianna (Brz)	Drosselmeyer	Barber, Gary, Wachtel Stable and Deutsch, Peter	Casse	Saez	122
8	Bourbon Calling 🌿	Dialed In	The Players Group	Arriaga	Rider TBA	120

Breeders: 1-SCEA des Prairies & Ecurie de Castillon, 2-Meon Valley Stud, 3-International Equities Holding, Inc., 4-Phipps Stable, 5-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton, SilverFern Farm & WinStar Farm, LLC, 6-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 7-Stud Principessa di Capri, 8-John W. Phillips & Pamela P. Gartin

Saturday, Santa Anita #7, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT**HONEYMOON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Broadway Girls	Army Mule	ERJ Racing, LLC, Pappas Horse Racing, Corp and Neil A. Haymes	O'Neill	Fresu	124
2	Comanche Country (Ire)	Highland Reel (Ire)	Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables, LLC and Marsha Naify	D'Amato	Rispoli	124
3	Pleasant Wave 🌿	More Than Ready	Calvin Nguyen and Joey C. Tran	Papaprodromou	Herrera	120
4	Selenaia (Ire)	Sea The Moon (Ger)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Madaket Stables LLC	Thomas	Bravo	122
5	Tea N Conversation 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Spendthrift Farm LLC	McCarthy	Desormeaux	120
6	Paris Secret (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Strand Beach, LLC	D'Amato	Hernandez	124
7	Fast and Shiny 🌿	Bernardini	Michael E. Pegram, Karl Watson, & Paul Weitman	Baffert	Pereira	120
8	Una Palabra	McCraken	Coal Creek Farm	Belvoir	Vazquez	124

Breeders: 1-Trackside Farm & Tenlane Farm, 2-Honey Hunter Syndicate, 3-Larry B. Taylor & More Than Ready Syndicate, 4-D. G. Icton, 5-Barry Becker & Judith Becker, 6-Al Mohamediya Breeding, 7-Douglas Scharbauer, 8-Coal Creek Farm

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Sunday, Belmont #10, post time: 5:50 p.m. EDT**WONDER AGAIN S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Allamericanbeauty 🐾	Into Mischief	Courtlandt Farms	McGaughey III	Lezcano	118
2	Revalita (Fr)	Recoletos (Fr)	Wise Racing LLC	Brown	Ortiz	118
3	Venencia (Fr)	Recoletos (Fr)	Bradley Thoroughbreds, Laura Leigh Stable, Jim Cone, Belmar Racing and Breeding, LLC, Team Hanley and Cambron Equine, LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118
4	Juniper's Moon 🐾	Galileo (Ire)	Team Spoor	Dutrow	Castellano	118
5	Prerequisite 🐾	Upstart	First Row Partners and Team Hanley	Brown	Prat	118
6	Thirty Thou Kelvin	Bolt d'Oro	SJB Stable	Terranova, II	Davis	118
7	Be Your Best (Ire)	Muhaarar (GB)	Michael J. Ryan	De Paz	Franco	122
8	Spanrive 🐾	Karakontie (Jpn)	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	118

Breeders: 1-Mt. Brilliant Farm & Ranch, LLC, 2-Sarl Darpat France, 3-Patricia Laffon Lomba, Ines Laffon Lomba& Fernando Laffon Lomba, 4-Carolyn Gray & Fletcher Gray, 5-Brereton C. Jones, 6-Horseshoe Racing LLC, 7-St. Croix Bloodstock, 8-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd.

Sunday, Ellis #9, post time: 5:40 p.m. EDT**MATT WINN S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Denington	Gun Runner	Fern Circle Stables and Magdalena Racing	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	118
2	Disarm	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	118
3	Bo Cruz 🐾	Creative Cause	Skyscraper Racing, LLC, Racingwithbruno, Brian Pagano and Patrick Grippio	Stall, Jr.	Lanerie	118
4	Verifying 🐾	Justify	Westerberg, Mrs. John Magnier, Jonathan Poulin, Derrick Smith, and Michael B. Tabor	Cox	Gaffalione	118
5	Go Soldier Go 🐾	Tapiture	Victorious Racing	Pletcher	Saez	118
6	Raise Cain 🐾	Violence	Andrew N. Warren and Rania Warren	Colebrook	Alvarado	120
7	King Russell	Creative Cause	Brereton C. Jones and Naber Racing, LLC	Moquett	Bejarano	118

Breeders: 1-Fern Circle Stables LLC & Magdalena Racing, 2-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 3-Douglas Scharbauer, 4-Hunter Valley & Mountmellick Farm, LLC, 5-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson), 6-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC, 7-Brereton C. Jones



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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Hawthorne, \$31,500, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 6-8, 3yo, f, 7 1/2ft, 1:32.41, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

DRAGONERA (f, 3, *Medaglia d'Oro*--Ruthless Quality {SW, \$190,620}, by Elusive Quality), a debut fourth to stablemate Froshado (*Frosted*--Ashado) over the Tampa main Dec. 28, completed the triple in a five-furlong turf sprint Jan. 25 and overcame a double-digit draw to win her maiden in her first route attempt on the grass Mar. 26. Favored at 70 cents on the dollar here, the homebred won the break and took her rivals along under a tight hold down the backstretch. Asked for an effort a quarter mile out, Dragonera kicked nicely to pinch a break and was never in danger. She had a margin of 1 3/4 lengths on Tar Heel Girl (Into Mischief) at the line. The winner is out of a stakes-winning granddaughter of 1997 champion 3-year-old filly Ajina (Strawberry Road {Aus}) who was sold to Korean interests for \$31,000 at last year's Keeneland November Sale and produced a colt by *Frosted* this past Apr. 4. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$36,080. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Godolphin LLC; B-Godolphin (KY); T-Eoin G Harty.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$38,000, (S), Alw, 6-8, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.57, ft, 6 1/4 lengths.

E'S MAGIC (f, 3, *Good Magic*--Our Lesmis, by Yes It's True) went off at 1-5 in just her second start this year off a narrow miss last time out at six furlongs. Shortened up the half-furlong Thursday, E's Magic shot to the front to contest the lead outside Indian Zara (Tazpiar) up the backstretch and into the far turn before assuming command for herself past the quarter pole. Ridden out down the lane, she drew off to win going away by 6 1/4 lengths over 47-1 longshot Tu Cha (Prayer for Relief). E's Magic has a 2-year-old half-sister by *Maclean's Music* and a yearling half-brother by Lord Nelson. Her dam visited *Dialed In* for 2023 but has yet to report a live foal.

Sales History: \$30,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$53,030. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O-Al Bianchi Racing, LLC, Jay Oringer and BayTree Stables LLC; B-Dennis Farkas (IN); T-Michael J. Maker.



E's Magic | Coady

7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, Msw, 6-8, 2yo, f, 7 1/2ft, 1:34.23, fm, nose.

LUCKY LESSON (f, 2, *Lookin At Lucky*--Banjo Lesson, by Langfuhr) ran on late for third in a local main-track maiden going 4 1/2 furlongs May 10 and was exiting a decent fifth in a similar restricted Churchill heat May 27. Stretching out and trying grass for the first time, the \$20,000 KEESEP yearling was alertly away, but drifted back to sit a midfield trip in clear air. Asked to improve rounding the turn, she looked to be making hard work of it, but stayed on nicely enough through the final furlong to be home a short head to the good of Augustin Stables' debuting 3-2 favorite Beyond Oscar (*Oscar Performance*). Lucky Lesson, who carries 4x3 inbreeding to Danzig, is a half-sister to the dam of SW & GSP Tom's Regret (Tom's Tribute), and her dam is kin to MSW/GISP Quindici Man (Came Home) and MGSP Spurrier (Dixieland Band). Banjo Lesson is also the dam of a yearling filly by *Paynter* and a colt by Code of Honor foaled May 10. Sales history: \$20,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$26,560. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O-Corrigan Racing Stable Inc; B-Brownstead Farm (KY); T-Jimmy Corrigan.



Lucky Lesson | Coady

3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, Msw, 6-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.95, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

STORM BAY (f, 3, Cross Traffic--Pearl Bay, by Rush Bay) outran her 13-1 odds to hit the board when unveiled over this track at a mile May 6 and took more money Thursday, breaking at 3-1. Off the pace while along the inside, she stalked in fourth through early fractions of :23.22 and :48.21 before tipping out three wide to begin her rally. Storm Bay blew past early leaders First Hill (**West Coast**) and Southampton Dock (English Channel) down the lane and was clear by 2 3/4 lengths on the wire. This is the family of GI Del Mar Futurity winner J P's Gusto (Successful Appeal) and champion 3-year-old filly Proud Spell (Proud Citizen). Pearl Bay is responsible for a 2-year-old **Classic Empire** filly and foaled a filly by **The Factor** this spring. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$23,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-Mueller Thoroughbred Stable, LTD. (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux.

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2023 Stud Fees Listed

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
135 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, 1:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Let Them Watch, 9-2
\$55,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$55,000 OBS APR 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JUNE 9

2023 Stud Fees Listed

Always Dreaming (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
213 foals of racing age/31 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Gulfstream, 1:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Dream Diamond, 6-1
\$50,000 OBS APR 2yo

Danish Dynaformer (Dynaformer), Humber Stables, \$2,500
35 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-Delaware, 12:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Dyna Blast, 10-1
\$4,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$57,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Girvin (**Tale of Ekati**), Airdrie Stud, \$20,000
182 foals of racing age/37 winners/5 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, 1:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Ale's Gift, 7-2
\$4,500 KEE NOV wnl; \$5,000 CTB AJA wnl; \$10,000 FTK OCT yrl
6-Lone Star, 9:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Camp Custer, 8-1
\$200,000 OBS OPN 2yo
9-Belmont, 5:14 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Acorn S. Presented by Great Jones Distilling Co., 1 1/16m, Dorth Vader, 10-1

Justify (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$100,000
344 foals of racing age/47 winners/8 black-type winners
6-Lone Star, 9:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Just Battle, 7-2
\$150,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$250,000 OBS APR 2yo

Long On Value (Value Plus), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$2,500
30 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, 1:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Ladida, 15-1



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U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN



In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Hanshin and Hakodate Racecourses:



Awesome Result | JBIS

Saturday, June 10, 2023

12th-HSN, ¥15,200,000 (\$109k), Allowance, 3yo/up, 1800m
AWESOME RESULT (f, 3, **Justify--Blossomed, by Deputy Minister)** opened her account with a 2 1/2-length victory over this course and distance last November ([video](#), SC 7) and makes her return to the races here. Produced by a half-sister to GSW Cinemine (Mining) and to the stakes-winning dam of three-time Japanese winner Ju Taro (Arrogate), Awesome Results is herself kin to 2018 GI Spinaway S. upsetter Sippican Harbor (Orb) and to the Grade III-placed Bodacious Babe (**Mineshaft**). Jockey Yuga Kawada sits narrowly atop the jockeys' premiership on 66 wins--two better than Christophe Lemaire--and has the assignment Saturday. *B-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt (KY)*

Sunday, June 11, 2023

11th-HAK, Hakodate Sprint S.-G3, ¥77.3m (\$556k), 3yo/up, 6f
JASPER KRONE (c, 4, **Frosted--Fancy Kitten, by Kitten's Joy),** a \$25,000 Keeneland September yearling turned \$90,000 OBS March breezer, has punched well above his weight on this tough circuit and enters off back-to-back scores over easy ground, capped by a victory going 1000 meters at Niigata May 7.

The colt's stakes-placed dam was purchased for \$10,000 by Machmer Hall in a private transaction at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton February Sale. Fancy Kitten's current 2-year-old, Ngannou (**Mendelssohn**), fetched \$120,000 at KEESEP last fall and is up to five furlongs in his work at Santa Anita. *B-Machmer Hall & Godolphin (KY)*

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STAKES RESULTS:

SHELBY COUNTY H., (NB) \$100,000, Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-7, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.94, ft.

1--BOTOX KATIE, 125, m, 6, Domestic Dispute--Insure (SP), by Menifee. O-Thirstyacres Racing LLC; B/T-Tianna Richardville (IN); J-Santo Sanjur. \$56,400. Lifetime Record: 14-4-3-1, \$162,443. *Full to Stop Hammertime, SW, \$365,188.

2--Bella Bolle, 125, f, 4, Mondavi--Colton's Dilemma, by Timeraker. O-Deborah A Smith; B-Marvin A Johnson (IN); T-Randy M Smith. \$18,800.

3--Lil Evie, 125, f, 4, Ready's Image--My Oh My, by Broken Vow. O/B-Larry & Charlene Whitaker (IN); T-Kim Hammond. \$10,340.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1, 1HF. Odds: 91.50, 31.90, 3.20.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON H., (NB) \$100,000, Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-7, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.73, ft.

1--MANUELITO, 125, g, 5, Majestic Harbor--Harper's Dream, by Baltimore Bob. (\$3,800 Ylg '19 INDMIX). O-Haran Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Dawn Martin (IN); T-John Haran; J-Joshua Morales. \$58,200. Lifetime Record: SP, 32-4-10-4, \$268,754.

2--Mr Chaos, 127, g, 4, Turbo Compressor--Corsica, by Sky Mesa. O-Ken Sentel & Judy Dorris; B-Anthony Mathias (IN); T-Robert E Dobbs Jr. \$19,400.

3--Tay, 121, g, 4, Deputy Storm--Classy Tay, by Smart Strike. O/T-Scott Mullins; B-Sugar Creek Farm LLC (IN). \$10,670.

Margins: NK, 2 3/4, NK. Odds: 10.20, 1.40, 22.40.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$36,000, 6-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.17, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

PRESENT MOMENT (IRE) (f, 4, No Nay Never--Danehill's Dream {Ire}, by Danehill) Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-0, \$35,185.

O-Grantley Acres; B-Llang Bloodstock (IRE); T-D. Whitworth Beckman. *100,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT; 80,000gns 3yo '22 TATMA.

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3rd-Hawthorne, \$35,280, 6-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.03, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

PRINCESS STELLA (IRE) (m, 5, Competitive Edge--Heavenly Helper, by Include) Lifetime Record: 22-6-1-3, \$83,080. O-David Dory; B-Mr Brendan McSorley (IRE); T-Eduardo Rodriguez. *\$70,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT; \$35,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN.

7th-Canterbury, \$32,000, (S), 6-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.51, fm, 1 length.

LOCK IT DOWN (f, 4, Mizzen Mast--Mermaid Sara, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-2, \$46,340. O-Lothenbach Stables Inc (Bob Lothenbach); B-H Allen Poindexter (MN); T-Joel Berndt. *\$14,000 RNA Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$37,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

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6th-Fair Meadows, \$21,120, (S), 6-7, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:22.87, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

BIG CITY BOY (g, 4, Backstabber--Big City Woman, by Thunderello) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-3, \$51,948. O-Haley Luneack; B-Beth & Boyd Caster (OK); T-Alex T Hartman.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Golden Bandit, g, 3, **Midnight Lute**--Scent of Gold, by **Street Sense**. Canterbury, 6-7, 7 1/2fT, 1:27.51. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-0, \$37,346. B-Barry & Joni Butzow (KY).

The Comrie Rule, f, 3, **Stay Thirsty**--Star Chant, by Mr. Greeley. Assiniboia Downs, 6-7, 5 1/2f, 1:06.48. Lifetime Record: 10-1-1-4, \$18,203. B-Rusty & Debi Brown and Victor Flores (CA).

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Backstabber, Big City Boy, g, 4, o/o Big City Woman, by Thunderello. ALW, 6-7, Fair Meadows

Competitive Edge, Princess Stella (Ire), m, 5, o/o Heavenly Helper, by Include. ALW, 6-8, Hawthorne

Cross Traffic, Storm Bay, f, 3, o/o Pearl Bay, by Rush Bay. MSW, 6-8, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Domestic Dispute, Botox Katie, m, 6, o/o Insure, by Menifee. Shelby County H., 6-7, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Good Magic, E's Magic, f, 3, o/o Our Lesmis, by Yes It's True. ALW, 6-8, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Lookin At Lucky, Lucky Lesson, f, 2, o/o Banjo Lesson, by Langfuhr. MSW, 6-8, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Majestic Harbor, Manuelito, g, 5, o/o Harper's Dream, by Baltimore Bob. W H Harrison H., 6-7, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Medaglia d'Oro, Dragonera, f, 3, o/o Ruthless Quality, by Elusive Quality. AOC, 6-8, Hawthorne

Midnight Lute, Golden Bandit, g, 3, o/o Scent of Gold, by **Street Sense**. MSW, 6-7, Canterbury

Mizzen Mast, Lock It Down, f, 4, o/o Mermaid Sara, by Stormy Atlantic. ALW, 6-7, Canterbury

Stay Thirsty, The Comrie Rule, f, 3, o/o Star Chant, by Mr. Greeley. MSW, 6-7, Assiniboia



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By Emma Berry

All eyes may be turning to Royal Ascot, but Marco Botti has set his sights a little farther down the line to Glorious Goodwood when it comes to the G2 Yorkshire Cup winner Giavellotto (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}).

"We want to run him in the Goodwood Cup, so all being well he will go for that on August 1, and if he remains in good form we would like to run in the Irish St Leger. The timing would be perfect because there are six weeks between the two races," said the trainer.

At York, the four-year-old notched a half-length victory over Eldar Eldarov (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), the winner of last year's St Leger, in which Giavellotto finished third after a stewards' enquiry promoted him one place owing to him being severely hampered two furlongs from home.

Though Botti has had plenty of experience in sending runners to Australia, with Jakkalberry (Ire) having running third in the Melbourne Cup of 2012 and Dandino (GB) taking fifth a year later, Flemington is not necessarily the number one destination this autumn for Giavellotto. [Cont. p3](#)

SIYOUNI & ZARAK TO BE OFFERED ON SH TIME

Two-time French Champion stallion **Siyouni (Fr)** and his studmate **Zarak (Fr)** will both be offered on Southern Hemisphere time in 2023, The Aga Khan Studs' Georges Rimaud confirmed to the *TDN AusNZ* on Thursday.

Siyouni, who will be available for around 20 Southern Hemisphere covers, will stand for €60,000. He is the sire of the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas winner Paddington (GB) and of the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas winner Tahiyra (Ire) this season. In Australia, his G1 Northerly S. heroine Amelia's Jewel (Aus) has been representing him with distinction.

Zarak is a sire on the rise with 11 stakes winners, seven of them at the group level. He will command €40,000.

"I would just say, don't miss the boat [on **Zarak**], because I think that's what happened with **Siyouni** first," Rimaud said. "We had tried to bring him into Australia but it didn't work out. At the end of the day, we can see that if we had done it, it would've worked really well."

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High Definition and Pat McCabe pictured at Belmont Park on Wednesday. The son of Galileo, owned by Leipers Fork Steeplechasers, is entered in Saturday's GII Belmont Gold Cup. | Sarah Andrew

DE CHAMBURE SPEAKS ON ORIGINS OF SPECIAL COLT **4**

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Westover (GB) (Frankel {GB}) is pointing toward Royal Ascot or a start at Saint-Cloud.

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"I don't think the owners would want to do that journey on their own, with all the expenses and the uncertainty," he said. "The Melbourne Cup would depend on how it goes next time and whether we get some Australian owners interested. Otherwise in October there would be either the Prix Royal Oak or Champions Day."

Botti said that Giavellotto had a few quiet days immediately after the Yorkshire Cup.

"You could see that it took a little bit out of him, but at the same time he has bounced back to his best and looks great," he noted.

On avoiding the Gold Cup and a rematch with Eldar Eldarov, who is currently second-favourite for Ascot race which is over an extra half-mile, he added, "I think he stays but I am not sure that he wants to go that far. If we still have him next year we would think about the Gold Cup but I think his best trip is a mile and six [furlongs] or two miles.

"He's in great form and this [decision] allows us to give him a little bit of time and then get back to fast work in the next few weeks. Hopefully he will be in the same shape as he was in at York for Goodwood."

Owned and bred by the Franchini family's Razza La Tesa, Giavellotto (whose name translates to 'Javelin') has been joined at Botti's Prestige Place Stables by his two-year-old half-brother from the first crop of **Calyx (GB)**, named Calumet (Ire).

"The Franchinis had horses with my dad and my brother in Italy, and then recently they moved the horses to my cousin,

Edmondo. In England they have had horses here for a while now, but never a large number: around four or five horses maximum and mainly homebreds," Botti explained.

La Tesa, based in Brescia, around an hour from Milan, is run by Francesca Franchini, who was at York to witness the biggest win to date for her family, who bred both Giavellotto's dam Gerika (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}) and grand-dam Green Tern (Ity) (Miswaki Tern). Gerika was trained in Italy by Botti's brother, Stefano, and is a winning half-sister to the multiple Listed winners Right

Connection (GB) and Donoma (Ire), both by Beat Hollow (GB).

"It was special for Francesca to win a Group 2 in England with a homebred, it was just a great result," Botti said. "Giavellotto is quite a big, imposing horse and his brother Calumet is smaller, but he goes well. Sadly, they lost the mare this year when she foaled a nice colt by St Mark's Basilica (Fr). The foal is okay but the mare died, which was a shame as she was to be retired after that.

"That was another reason that it was so emotional for

Francesca. She was in tears. They have been successful as owner-breeders in Italy but the Yorkshire Cup was their biggest success."

He continued, "Francesca lives at the stud. She's passionate about it, and that's her life. She's there all the time. It is great that she is so involved, as sometimes with some of the old family studs there is no-one to take over, but with Francesca it is very much her passion and I'm sure she will carry on. She understands the game. She knows that things can go wrong, and she takes bad news well. She has been a great supporter of the yard. They are very nice owners to have." **Cont. p4**



Giavellotto with Francesca Franchini, Andrea Atzeni and Marco Botti
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Giavellotto Cont.

Giavellotto's earlier seasons included just one run right at the end of his juvenile year, when he made a winning debut just before Christmas over 1m3f at Kempton. He won again the following March and, following a few more placed efforts, he took his rating to 104 when running out the easy winner of a 1m6f Class 2 handicap at Newmarket. From there, it was straight to the St Leger.

"We always thought he was going to be a nice horse, even last spring, but he has really progressed," Botti said. "The owners wanted to have a horse for the Italian Derby but when he ran at Sandown [on his third start] he showed that he needed to step up in trip. I felt that taking him to Rome to run 1m3f on a fast track wouldn't really suit him, and that was probably the right decision as it gave him the chance to progress through the summer. In the St Leger he was a bit unlucky."

If that race feels like one that go away, there will be extra cause for cheer should Giavellotto go on to secure one of his major targets for Botti later this year.

"I'm still chasing a Group 1 winner in England," said the trainer, whose previous stable stars have included the top-level winners Excelebration (Ire), Capla Temptress (GB), Euro Charline (GB), Tac De Boistrion (Fr), Joshua Tree (Ire) and Gitano Hernando (GB).

"We've had six Group 1 wins, but they have been two in France, two in America, and two in Canada. We got so close with Excelebration a few times but we're still waiting."

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ISLANDSINTHSTREAM MARKS SPECIAL WIN FOR LATE BREEDER KATELANIS *by Emma Berry*

There was a certain poignancy to the debut victory of Islandsinthestream (Ire) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**) at the Curragh on Wednesday in the absence of the man responsible for developing the colt's family, Peter Katelanis. The Australian owner-breeder died last August and is remembered fondly by Nicolas de Chambure of Haras d'Etreham, who co-bred the Joseph O'Brien-trained juvenile.

"I got to meet Peter when I first went to Australia maybe 10 years ago," he said. "We got on really well and then sadly he was diagnosed with cancer last year and died within three months. He was only young, in his 50s and in great form, but it took him away. That's why it was so special last night."

Katelanis was involved in racing Islandsinthestream's grand-dam, the G2 VRC Sires' Produce S. winner De Lago Mist (Aus) (Encosta De Lago {Aus}), and from her bred A Mist Opportunity (Aus) (Foxwedge {Aus}), who won three races in Australia for a partnership including de Chambure.

He continued, "It's a good family that Peter had for many

years, and he was trying hard to give it every chance as it was a special pedigree for him. When I bought half of the dam as a yearling we decided we were going to race her together in partnership. Because Peter had so many daughters and fillies from the family in Australia, we thought it was worth bringing [A Mist Opportunity] north to give a bit more international exposure to the family. So for the second foal to win like that, it would have been special for him."

Haras d'Etreham has long had good relationships with fellow studs and breeders in the southern hemisphere, and this international aspect to his business is one that de Chambure is keen to extend.

"It's such a small world now," he said. "To have shares in mares in partnerships in Australia or in the States is a good opportunity for us to get different blood, different families, different sire-lines from other parts of the world to avoid too much inbreeding, and try to breed something a bit different. With Peter, with that mare, it was a good opportunity. It was not surprising last year that someone like Joseph, who has been many times to Australia, a young trainer who knows those pedigrees a bit more, would buy the colt."



Peter Katelanis, right, pictured with Louis Le Metayer at the sales in Australia | Bronwen Healy & Darren Tindale Photography

A Mist Opportunity is a half-sister to Into The Mist (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) and Shrouded In Mist (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), both prolific winners who each won the G2 Queen of the South S. Now nine, she remains at Etreham, where she has a Mehmas (Ire) yearling who will soon start his sales prep for Arqana's August Sale. Islandsinthestream was himself bought at Arqana's October Sale for €135,000.

"He's a sharp colt and he won't mind an early sale like that," said de Chambure of the Mehmas yearling, and added that the mare has a colt foal by Etreham resident Persian King (Ire). **Cont. p5**

Islandsinthestream Cont.

He added, "She is now in foal to Almanzor (Fr). I liked the colt so much last year that I wanted to return to the same blood."

It may have been three years since **Wootton Bassett** left Haras d'Etreham, where his stallion career was established, but de Chambure still roots for his offspring and had extra cause to roar at the television when his son King Of Steel made such a bold bid for the Derby on Saturday. The eventual runner-up was bred by Alberto Figueiredo of Kentucky's Bonne Chance Farm and his dam Eldacar (GB) (Verglas {Ire}) had previously boarded in France.

"We had the mare at Etreham for her owner. When he had a few mares in Europe they were based with us," he said. "We bred the sister [Macadamia {Fr}] for them and it's because of that that they bought into **Wootton Bassett** fairly early on. They then sent the mare to Kentucky in foal to **Wootton Bassett**."

That resultant foal was the giant grey King Of Steel, whose jaw-dropping performance in the Derby on just the third start of his life was one of the talking points of a busy Classic weekend in Europe.

"When he quickened out of the pack I really thought he was going to win," said de Chambure. "I will always be cheering for him and for his breeder."

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Making Waves

by Heather Anderson



GAME, SET, MATCH

In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America. This week's column is highlighted by the victory of Set Piece in the GIII Arlington S. at Churchill Downs in June.

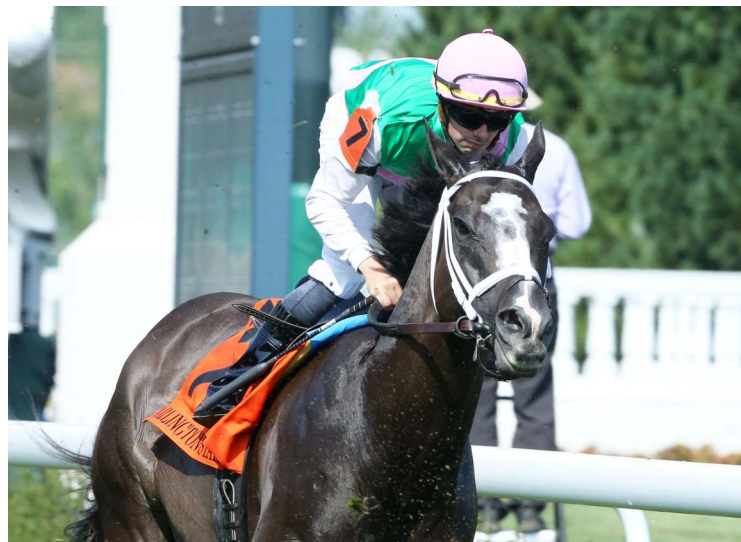
Juddmonte Veteran Nabs Another Graded Race

Decorated 7-year-old **Set Piece (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) won the Arlington S. at Churchill Downs earlier this month for owner-breeder Juddmonte Farms and trainer Brad Cox ([video](#)).

The newly minted millionaire, who was runner-up in the 2021 GI Fourstardave H., was taking his fourth graded event. A half-brother to dual stakes winner and two-time Group 3 runner-up Alocasia (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**), the gelding's latest half-sibling is a

yearling **Kingman** filly. From the extended family of Group 1 winners Elmaamul (Diesis {GB}) and Reams Of Verse (Nureyev), Set Piece is also kin to GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf heroine Midday (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**).

Juddmonte's late Dansili has sired 19 stakes winners from 88 runners (21%) in the U.S. His 45 American winners (51%) also include 14 graded winners (16%), and eight Grade I scorers (9%). His best progeny in this region are headed by four-time Grade I winner Proviso (GB).



Set Piece | Coady Photography

Another Juddmonte Homebred Doubles Down

Juncture (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}), who won the Listed Cooley Fillies S. at Dundalk in her final European start, ran out a handy winner of the Ouija Board Distaff S. at Lone Star Park to give owner-breeder Juddmonte and trainer Brad Cox an end-of-the-month present.

Placed three times at group level in Ireland, the 4-year-old is the first foal out of her dam, Occurrence (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), and is followed by the unraced 3-year-old filly Singularity (GB) (**Siyouni {Fr}**) and a yearling filly by **Oasis Dream (GB)**. Her second dam is a full-sister to blue hen Hasili (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}), and has G1 Pretty Polly S. heroine Promising Lead (GB) (Danehill) to her credit.

One of 24 winners from 42 runners in the U.S. (57%) for Yeomanstown Stud's Dark Angel, Juncture is one of six stakes winners (14%) which includes Grade I winners **Raging Bull (Fr)**, Althiqa (GB) and Hunt (Ire).

Free Spirit At Monmouth

Spirit And Glory (Ire) (Cotai Glory {GB}), who races for Michael Nentwig, Michael Dubb, Beast Mode Racing LLC, John Rochfort and trainer Robert N. Falcone, Jr., is now a two-time U.S. stakes winner after taking the Miss Liberty S. at Monmouth on May 28 ([video](#)). [Cont. p6](#)

Making Waves Cont.

The Dr. Noel Cogan and Patrick Williams-bred carried the colours of the Get Up And Go Again Syndicate for her four Irish starts under the care of Michael Mulvany, and joined the Falcone barn prior to July of 2022. Her three-time winning dam left Spirit And Glory and three other winners, as well as a yearling filly by Kuroshio (Aus).

Cotai Glory, best known as the sire of the Group 1-winning sprinter The Platinum Queen (Ire), has two winners from six runners in the U.S. (33%) and Spirit And Glory is his first stakes winner in that jurisdiction.

Le Havre Filly Graduates At Belmont

Seth Klarman's Klaravich Stables and Chad Brown teamed up to win a Belmont maiden special weight with **Utilization Rate (Fr)** (Le Havre {Ire}) recently ([video](#)).

Bred by Neustrian Associates and Christopher Hirst, the filly is a half-sister to Ride The Skies (Fr) (City Light {Fr}). A €95,000 Arqana October yearling, the dark bay is a granddaughter of G3 Prix Eclipse victress Iron Lips (GB) (Iron Mask) who is a half-sister to G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero and sire Falco (Pivotal {GB}).

The much-missed Le Havre has sired nine winners from 19 runners (47%) in the U.S. All three of his American stakes winners won graded stakes (16%), anchored by GI Turf Mile S. hero Suedois (Fr), while multiple graded winner Rymska (Fr) was second in both the GI Gamely S. and GI Jenny Wiley S.

Wonderfull Second Up Beneath The Twin Spires

Runnymede Farm and A.I.S.'s **Wonderfull Lady (Fr)** (Almanzor {Fr}) collected her first American win over the Churchill Downs turf for trainer Brendan Walsh in May ([video](#)).

Bred by former trainer Jean-Philippe Dubois, the bay made one start for Ecurie Victoria Dreams and Dubois last July, before racing for Maurice Lagasse and Catesby Clay in her next three French appearances including a fourth in the G3 Prix des Reservoirs for trainer Yann Barberot. The last foal of her dam, the Elusive Quality mare Tender Night, her great granddam is multiple group winner Smolensk (Danzig), who was second in the G1 Coronation S. and is a daughter of outstanding producer and Classic winner Blush With Pride (Blushing Groom {Fr}).

From five U.S. runners, Almanzor has sired four winners (80%), and one stakes winner, the 2022 Listed Woodhaven S. hero Unanimous Consent (GB). [Cont. p7](#)



Spirit And Glory (right) | Equi-Photo



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for 3yos and upward that raced between 1st January 2023 to 4th June 2023

RANK	RATING	HORSE	TRAINED IN
1	129	Equinox (JPN)	JPN
2	125	Golden Sixty (AUS)	HK
2	125	Lucky Sweynesse (NZ)	HK
4	124	Titleholder (JPN)	JPN
5	123	Ace Impact (IRE)	FR
5	123	Luxembourg (IRE)	IRE
5	123	Romantic Warrior (IRE)	HK



Ace Impact ©Racingfotos.com



Shock And Aw In California

Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners' **Anisette (GB)** (Awtaad {Ire}) made a winning Stateside debut at Santa Anita for trainer Leonard Powell ([video](#)).

A winner in three starts for breeder Morera Partnership and trainer Kevin Philippart de Foy, the 3-year-old filly was a 26,000gns Tattersalls Somerville yearling purchase by Mark McStay's Avenue Bloodstock and was acquired privately by these connections. Out of a Teofilo (Ire) half-sister to G1 Nassau S. heroine Sultanina (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), Anisette is followed by juvenile colt Eton Mes (Ire) ([Expert Eye {GB}](#)) and a yearling filly by Make Believe (GB).

Awtaad's American sire record stands at two winners from four runners (50%). Ebeko (Ire) won the Listed Zuma Beach S. and was fourth in the GIII Cecil B. DeMille S.

Check It Twice

During a purple patch of form for Klaravich runners after Utilization Rate's victory in late May, 4-year-old filly **Customer List (Fr)** ([Wootton Bassett {GB}](#)) won a Monmouth allowance for Chad Brown on Derby day last Saturday ([video](#)) less than half an hour before **Redistricting (GB)** ([Kingman {GB}](#)) became the latest winner to wear the red-and-white silks when breaking his

maiden at Belmont ([video](#)).

Bred by S.C.E.A. De La Fontaine & Ecurie Skymarc Farm, the €250,000 Argana Deauville September yearling is the first foal of her winning dam. A 2-year-old by Sea The Moon (Ger) and a weanling colt by New Bay (GB) are still to come from Equivocal (GB) (Street Cry {Ire}), herself a half-sister to multiple graded winner and GI Flower Bowl Invitational S. second Criticism (GB) (Machiavellian).

Coolmore's [Wootton Bassett](#) has 14 winners from 20 runners (70%) in the U.S., and his six stakes winners (30%) are led by Audarya (Fr), who won the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf.

In Redistricting's case, the Farm Cove Thoroughbreds Ltd.-bred was a 140,000gns selection out of the Tattersalls October Book 1 Sale. The final foal out of the deceased Cascata (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), the gelding is a half-brother to the stakes-placed Pacharana (GB) ([Oasis Dream {GB}](#)) and Misericordia (GB) (Dansili {GB}), who was third in the GII Presque Isle Downs Masters S. Multiple Group 1 winner St Nicholas Abbey (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) is under his second dam.

[Kingman](#) has accounted for 27 winners from 52 runners (52%) in the U.S., with eight of those (15%) being stakes winners. His best to date has been three-time Grade I winner Domestic Spending (GB), who also raced in the Klaravich silks. [Cont. p8](#)



Another American winner for Almanzor, as Wonderfull Lady wins at Churchill Downs | Coady Photography

Honourable Mentions

A repeat winner among the Making Waves brigade is **Big Everest (GB)** (The Gurkha {Ire}), who added the Cliff Hanger S. at Monmouth Park to his resume near the end of May ([video](#)). The Christophe Clement trainee, who is raced by Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Steven Rocco and William Branch, won the Listed Danger's Hour S. at Aqueduct in April.

Another **Making Waves veteran** is Cheyenne Stable LLC's **Mondego (GB)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}). Previously a maiden winner at Belmont in May, he stepped up to win an allowance contest there for trainer Christophe Clement on June 2 ([video](#)).

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EUROPEAN NEWS

WESTOVER TEAM CONSIDERS ROYAL ASCOT OR SAINT-CLOUD OPTIONS



Westover | PA Media

Classic winner **Westover (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) is pointing to either Royal Ascot's G2 Hardwicke S. later this month, or the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud on July 8, according to Juddmonte's racing manager Barry Mahon.

"The Hardwicke is a possibility," said Mahon of the Ralph Beckett trainee. "It's probably coming too soon, but it's a possibility. It's a toss-up between that and the [G1] Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud, he'll run in one or the other of those hopefully."

Last year's G1 Irish Derby hero ran fifth in the G1 King George VI And Queen Elizabeth S. and sixth in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. In 2023, he has placed second in both the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at Meydan, and the G1 Coronation Cup at Epsom

in early June.

He added, "We were absolutely delighted. He was second to an exceptionally good filly [Emily Upjohn {GB}], the time of the race was very strong--three seconds quicker than the Oaks I believe-- and he has run a great race.

"The slow early fractions probably didn't suit us 100%, but we have no complaints. Frankie [Dettori, on Emily Upjohn] went past us at the three-pole and it was hard to get him back, but we were getting there at the line. He's a high-class horse and apart from in the King George last year, he's never run a bad race."

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SPREWELL TARGETING IRISH DERBY

Mohamed Khalid Abdulrahim's **Sprewell (Ire)** (**Churchill {Ire}**), fourth in the G1 Betfred Derby, has emerged from the race in good order and will aim for the G1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby on July 2, trainer Jessica Harrington revealed.

A winner of the G3 Derby Trial S. at Leopardstown in May, the bay was a solid fourth in the Blue Riband, and, if all goes well, will be ridden again by Shane Foley. Foley broke his collar bone riding at Gowran Park on Monday evening.

"Sprewell will go to the Irish Derby next," said Harrington. "Hopefully Shane will be back to ride him by then. Ronan Whelan has won a couple of stakes race for me already this year, or there's Colin Keane [for substitute jockeys]. They are the two most likely jockeys to use at Ascot. We will have a nice team of horses, hopefully."

Sprewell was stabled at Nicky Henderson's yard, a friend of Harrington's, prior to his Derby attempt.

"He went to Nicky's beforehand and he came out of the race grand, she added. "He just had a nice trot and little canter on Wednesday morning. He looks well and I'm happy enough with him. He's eaten up well and put on weight."

Derby first and third Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and White Birch (GB) (Ulysses {Ire}) are also pointing to the Irish Derby.

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ASCOT NOT SEEKING INJUNCTION FOR ROYAL MEETING

An injunction will not be sought at this time to cover the potential threat of disruption and trespass at Royal Ascot, the racecourse announced on Thursday. The racecourse is following legal advice and has been in direct communication with the Thames Valley Police (TVP).

Ascot said in a statement, "TVP have powers in place within the existing legislation which are sufficient to be able to respond to any incidents of disorder or disruption." [Cont. p9](#)

Ascot Not Seeking Injunction For Royal Meeting Cont.

The statement continued, "Peaceful protest is welcome as it always has been and will be accommodated outside the racecourse.

"As we do every year, we are working extremely closely with the TVP and our own security providers to be as prepared as possible for any planned disruption during Royal Ascot. We will have additional security around the site as well as enhanced CCTV provision and there will be increased police presence throughout the week."

"Thames Valley Police have once again been working closely with Ascot Racecourse Limited on the planning for Royal Ascot 2023," said a TVP spokesman. "We have a legal obligation to facilitate peaceful protest and we will be balancing the rights of any protestors with the needs of the local community and spectators. With sufficient policing powers from existing legislation, we will be able to respond to incidents of disorder or disruption in a proportionate manner as they occur."

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ACE IMPACT JOINS TOP FIVE ON LONGINES WBRR



Ace Impact | [Racingphotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

Sunday's G1 Prix du Jockey Club winner **Ace Impact (Ire)** (Cracksman {GB}) is now in the top five on the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings at a joint 123, after the latest results were released on Thursday.

Well ahead of his rivals is **Equinox (Jpn)** (Kitasan Black {Jpn}) on 129, and fellow Japanese runner **Titleholder (Jpn)** (Duramente {Jpn}) is fourth on 124. Hong Kong's crack sprinter **Lucky Swynesse (NZ)** has improved one pound to 125 after a win in the G3 Sha Tin Vase and is tied with **Golden Sixty (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro) in second.

Luxembourg (Ire) (**Australia (GB)**) (123) is also in the top five

after taking the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup over **Bay Bridge (GB)** (New Bay {122}), with Hong Kong galloper **Romantic Warrior (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}) also weighing in at 123.

Other newcomers to the rankings include G1 Derby winner **Auguste Rodin (Ire)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) on 122 and Derby runner-up **King Of Steel (Wootton Bassett (GB))** on 120. **Emily Upjohn (GB)** (**Sea The Stars (Ire)**) (121) defeated **Westover (GB)** (**Frankel (GB)**) (120) in the G1 Coronation Cup the day prior to the Derby. Juddmonte's colt shares a 120 mark with G1 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) heroine **Liberty Island (Jpn)** (Duramente {Jpn}).

For the full rankings, please visit the [IFHA website](#).

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SIOUX NATION FILLY TOPS TATTERSALLS ONLINE JUNE SALE

A filly by **Sioux Nation** (lot 23) took top honours as the Tattersalls Online June Sale concluded on Thursday.

Offered by San Antone Lodge, the daughter of Jebediah Shine (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) brought 23,000gns from Rycran Investments. Under the third dam is the stakes winner Cathedral (Ire) (Prince Sabo {GB}), who was also second in the G3 King George S.

"It's a good day," said Richard Young of Rycran Investments. "We had a really good experience and it is the way the world is going. It's simple and it was all really straightforward. We are very happy with the filly. She will go to Charlestown Racing with Ciaran Murphy in Mullingar. She has a good chance, and we really like the sire. The filly is ready to go, and Ciaran is very excited by her. He's delighted, we're delighted, and she is a very nice prospect."

Highland Reel (Ire) was the sire on record of the day's second highest price—a filly out of Blue Cloud (Ire) (Nashwan). Sold as lot 12 by P&C Bloodstock, she went to Kilbrew Stables for 15,500gns. Rounding out the top three was a filly by Belardo (Ire) (lot 25). Offered by Calvin Nugent, the bay brought 14,000gns from Freddy Tylicki.

A total of 19 lots sold for a gross of 138,200gns. The average was 7,274gns and the median was 6,000gns.

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BASET THOROUGHBRED ENDEAVOUR AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The new BASET Thoroughbred Endeavour Awards were announced by The British-Australia Society Education Trust (BASET), in partnership with Godolphin, the British Racing School (BRS), and Thoroughbred Industry Careers (TIC) on Thursday.

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BASET Thoroughbred Endeavour Awards Cont.

The awards support deserving young people from Britain and Australia embarking on careers in the equine and racing industries.

The first recipient is Grace McBeath, who is from New South Wales, Australia. The aim of the programme is to offer participants the chance to further develop their career, gain new skills and experience international practices on a six-month exchange programme. The inaugural award will provide funding to support a six-month racing stable placement organised by The British Racing School which will involve working for Sir Mark Prescott at Heath House Stables and Andrew Balding at Kingsclere Park House Stables. Later this year, the opportunity will be reciprocated and a second BASET Thoroughbred Endeavour Award will be made to support a young person from Great Britain in Australia, arranged by the TIC.

John May, BASET's Chair of Trustees, said, "We are thrilled to have partnered with The British Racing School and Thoroughbred Industry Careers to create this incredible opportunity for our award winners, helping them to gain international experience working in racing. We hope this exciting initiative will mark the start of a long-term collaboration between our organisations to support deserving young people from Britain and Australia and strengthen the bilateral bond between the two countries. I would like to thank all the hard work done by Jim Paltridge on behalf of BASET and Diana Cooper of Godolphin, along with Andrew Brathwaite of BRS and Lindy Maurice from TIC in making this award happen."

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Grace McBeath | BASET

QUINNBET AND THE CURRAGH PARTNER ON THREE-RACE SERIES



The three-race handicap series will begin in July. | QuinnBet

A new QuinnBet three-race handicap series at the Curragh was announced by the companies on Thursday.

QuinnBet, who partnered with the racecourse on this endeavour, will award a cash prize to the staff of the trainer who accumulates the highest number of points in the three handicaps. Points are earned for filling the first five places in specific handicaps on July 23, Aug. 12 and Oct. 7. In addition, QuinnBet will present prizes to the groom in charge of the horse judged to be best turned out in their three races.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, June 9, 2023:

FRANCE

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

103 foals of racing age

1-MAR.BORELY, 1200m, Betanyx (Fr)

€15,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2021 - English Version



Calyx has a runner in France on Friday | Coolmore

UNITED KINGDOM

Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Manton Park Stud
103 foals of racing age
20:25-HAYDOCK PARK, 7f, Storm Alice (GB)
24,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
161 foals of racing age
15:00-BRIGHTON, 5.25f, Mashadi (Ire)
265,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}), Coolmore Stud
103 foals of racing age
15:00-BRIGHTON, 5.25f, Budding Poet (GB)

Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
168 foals of racing age
18:38-BATH, 5.75f, John Steed (Ire)
50,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022

Phoenix of Spain (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud
97 foals of racing age
18:38-BATH, 5.75f, Phoenix Moon (Ire)
15,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

Soldier's Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
121 foals of racing age
18:38-BATH, 5.75f, Relentless Warrior (Ire)
£30,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

IRELAND

Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
120 foals of racing age

1-FAIRYHOUSE, 6f, Jakajaro (Ire)
€38,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2022

OBSERVATIONS

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DEBUT FOR GODOLPHIN'S ARQANA DEAUVILLE SENSATION

20.25 Haydock, Novice, £10,000, 2yo, 6f 212yT
ANCIENT WISDOM (FR) (Dubawi {Ire}) caused a stir at last year's Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale when selling for €2 million and ending the auction as the second-highest-priced lot. Charlie Appleby has charge of the April-foaled bay, whose G3 Prix Minerve-winning dam is related to Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa). He encounters another blueblooded colt in HM The King and HM The Queen's **Crown Estate (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), the first foal out of the 2019 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Castle Lady (Ire) (Shamardal) from the John and Thady Gosden stable.

18.45 Haydock, Novice, £15,000, 3yo/up, 11f 140yT
GOVERNOR OF INDIA (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) holds no big-race entries as he debuts for the Oaks-winning combination of Lady Bamford and the Gosdens, but as a son of their G1 Prix de Diane heroine Star Of Seville (GB) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}) is of note. This is also the family of another classy performer for the partnership in the G1 St James's Palace S. runner-up King Of Comedy (Ire) (Kingman {GB}).

HOW THEY FARED

17.30 Leopardstown, Mdn, €16,000, 2yo, f, 7f 27yT
Buttons (Ire) (Kingman {GB}), the daughter of the Oaks runner-up Wonder Of Wonders (Kingmambo), won this on the nod after a tussle in the straight but may not be the best of the stable's runners long term with the third Content (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the daughter of Mecca's Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), catching the eye.

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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

3rd-Chelmsford City, £40,000, Novice, 6-8, 3yo/up, f, 10f (AWT), 2:04.59, st.

LONG AGO (GB) (f, 3, Roaring Lion--Let It Be Me, by Mizzen Mast), never a factor on debut over a mile at Kempton on her sole start in November, strode straight into an easy lead. Followed by Cherry (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) throughout, the 18-1 shot stayed on better of the pair in the straight to score by 1 1/4 lengths. The winner is currently the last known foal out of the dam, a half to the Listed Chesham S. winner and G1 Singapore Airlines International Cup runner-up Zaidan (Street Cry {Ire}) who is also responsible for the G3 Solario S. winner and G1 Criterium International runner-up South Seas (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$26,866. O-Qatar Racing Limited; B-Let It Be Me Partnership (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute.

1st-Hamilton, £7,300, Nov, 6-8, 2yo, 6f 6yT, 1:11.89, g/f. SWORDPLAY (FR) (c, 2, Kodiak {GB}--Cloghran {Fr}, by Muhtathir {GB}), a May 31 debut runner-up tackling five furlongs at this track, was swiftly into stride and raced prominently throughout. Inching ahead approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 4-9 pick was beyond recall passing the final pole and ridden out to deny Chumbaa (Ire) (Belardo {Ire}) by 1 1/2 lengths. Swordplay is the fifth of six foals and fourth scorer produced by a daughter of three-time Group 3-placed The Wise Lady (Fr) (Ganges), whose multiple stakes-winning half-sister Liliside (Fr) (American Post {GB}) is the dam of MG1SW Australian and Japanese champion Lys Gracieux (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}).



Kodiak | Amy Lanigan/Tally-Ho Stud

The May-foaled bay is a half-brother to G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud hero Robin Of Navan (Fr) (American Post {GB}) and a weanling colt by Lope De Vega (Ire). The Wise Lady is the dam of three black-type performers, headed by G3 Premio Sergio Cumani victrix Ming Zhi Cosmos (Fr) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}). Sales history: €20,000 Ylg '22 ARQDOY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$7,703. O-Kingsley Park 33; B-Mme Monique Lepeudry & Tally-Ho Stud (FR); T-Charlie Johnston.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cuban Secret (Ire), f, 2, Havana Grey (GB)--Milly's Secret (Ire), by Sakhee's Secret (GB). Great Yarmouth, 6-8, 5f 42yT, 1:02.47. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$5,130. B-Rathasker Stud (IRE). *50,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

Lady of Sardinia (GB), f, 2, Twilight Son (GB)--Naivasha (GB), by Captain Gerrard (Ire). Chelmsford City, 6-8, 6f (AWT), 1:12.94. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,633. B-Manor Farm Stud (Rutland) (GB). 14,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT; 15,000gns RNA 2yo '23 TATBRG.

Guns And Flowers (Ire), f, 2, Vocalised--Stair An Damhsa (Ire), by Teofilo (Ire). Chelmsford City, 6-8, 6f (AWT), 1:13.08. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$6,154. B-J S Bolger (IRE). *€1,500 Ylg '22 GOAUyr.

Crow's Nest (Ire), g, 3, U S Navy Flag--Argentina (Ire) (SW & MG1SP-Fr, MG1SP-US, \$674,819), by Sadler's Wells. Hamilton, 6-8, 6f 6yT, 1:11.40. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$6,004. B-Barronstown Stud (IRE). *€42,000 Wlg '20 GOFNOV; 100,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT; 3,000gns 3yo '23 TATFEB.

IRELAND

Thursday's Results:

KING GEORGE V CUP-Listed, €40,000, Leopardstown, 6-8, 3yo, 12fT, 2:42.60, gd.

1--TOWER OF LONDON (IRE), 131, c, 3, by Galileo (Ire)

1st Dam: Dialafara (Fr), by Anabaa

2nd Dam: Diamilina (Fr), by Linamix (Fr)

3rd Dam: Diamonaka, by Akarad (Fr)

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. TDN Rising Star. O-D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, Westerberg; B-Lynch Bages Ltd & Camas Park Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. €24,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$39,383. *Full to Cypress Creek (Ire), GSW-Ire, GSP-Eng, \$102,373; Full to Capri (Ire), G1SW-Eng, G1SW-Ire, G1SP-Fr, \$2,067,692; Full to Passion (Ire), GSW & G1SP-Ire, G1SP-Eng, \$200,604.

2--Shamwari, 126, f, 3, Justify--Adeste Fideles, by Giant's Causeway. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Mrs David Nagle & Mrs John

Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Barronstown Stud (KY); T-Joseph O'Brien. €8,000.

3--**Thunder Roll (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, Night Of Thunder (Ire)--Swingland (GB), by Pivotal (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Annus Mirabilis Syndicate; B-Whisperview Trading Ltd (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien. €4,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, NK, NK. Odds: 1.10, 16.00, 6.00.

Also Ran: Amusement (Ire), New Variant (Ire).

Labeled a **TDN Rising Star** on debut here in July, Tower Of London failed to make an impact when over-racing and finishing last behind Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G2 Champions Juvenile S. back here in September. Only sixth trying out his Derby credentials in the G3 Derby Trial again at this venue last month, the bay had some questions to answer here and duly obliged to get back on track. Settled second throughout the early stages, the full-brother to the Irish Derby and St Leger hero Capri (Ire) took command 1 1/2 furlongs from the finish and despite drifting right as he had on debut was well on top.

Aidan O'Brien was left scratching his head where the winner's exact Royal Ascot target will be. "We're delighted he won, but we didn't learn a lot as it was a very slow pace," he said. "We know that he can quicken, he did that as a 2-year-old. There are a couple of races in Ascot, he could go either a mile-and-a-quarter or a mile-and-a-half. He might be a horse that likes to take his time and not be produced until late, Ryan gave him a perfect ride because they were going so slow he had to go. He ran bad in the Derby Trial and that was probably the ground and he was a bit keen behind Auguste Rodin here last year.

"Looking at him, he's probably a mile-and-a-quarter plus horse who wants plenty of pace on in front of him and to take your time. He tanks a bit, he's a strong traveller. He'll come forward from the run, as he still had a bit of a tummy on him. We'll play it by ear, but Ascot is the plan and we'll see then if he comes out of that okay."



Galileo | Coolmore

The dam's matings with Galileo have also provided the G3 Loughbrown S. winner Cypress Creek (Ire), the G3 Stanerra S. winner Passion (Ire) who was also third in the G1 Irish Oaks, the G1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares S. and G2 Ribblesdale S., and the Fred Winter Hurdle winner Brazil (Ire). The second dam Diamilina (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) was successful in the G2 Prix de Malleret and placed in the G1 Prix Vermeille, while this is also the family of the G1 Melbourne Cup runner-up Bauer (Ire) (Halling) and Diamond Green (Fr) (Green Desert), who was runner-up in the G1 St James's Palace S., G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp. Her yearling colt is by **Camelot (GB)**. **VIDEO**.

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IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF GLENCAIRN S.-Listed, €40,000, Leopardstown, 6-8, 3yo/up, 9ft, 1:53.85, gd.

1--**MOON DE VEGA (GB)**, 130, f, 4, Lope De Vega (Ire)--

Lunesque (Ire), by **Azamour (Ire)**. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN**.

(98,000gns HRA '23 TATFEB). O-Arabian Bloodstock; B-Montcastle Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Paddy Twomey; J-Billy Lee. €24,000. Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-0, \$51,858.

2--**Salt Lake City (Ire)**, 123, c, 3, Galileo (Ire)--Heartache (GB), by Kyllachy (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs.J Magnier/Westerberg; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. €8,000.

3--**Vega Magnifico (Ire)**, 135, g, 4, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Hit The Sky (Ire), by Cozzene. **1ST BLACK TYPE**. (260,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT). O-Rectory Road Holdings Limited; B-Knocktoran Stud & Hit The Sky Partnership (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien. €4,000.

Margins: NK, 1, 3. Odds: 1.88, 3.00, 10.00.

Also Ran: Kerkiyra (Ire), Believeinmiracles (Ire), Giladah (Ire), Flame of Eire (Ire).

Fourth in the Listed Cheshire Oaks and G3 Hoppings Fillies' S. when with Ralph Beckett, Moon De Vega has made strides since the switch to Paddy Twomey and followed an authoritative conditions win at Gowran last month with this gutsy black-type breakthrough. A 98,000gns bargain at the Tattersalls February Sale, the bay proved a straightforward proposition here, shadowing the early leader before seizing the advantage a furlong out and holding the year-younger Salt Lake City.

"I'd say she'll go for the [G2] Kilboy S. on Oaks weekend," Twomey said. "We haven't been hard on her at home, so hopefully she can keep improving. Her form last year was good. She had a troubled passage in Chester behind Thoughts Of June and Above The Curve, when they got away on her."

The dam is kin to the G3 Prix Penelope and G3 Prix de Flore winner Celimene (Ire) (Dr Fong) and to the dam of former Listed Prix Finlande-winning TDN Rising Star Monroe Bay (Ire) (Makfi {GB}). **Cont. p14**



Moon De Vega was purchased by Stroud Coleman Bloodstock at Tattersalls February for 98,000gns. The filly runs in Arabian Bloodstock's silks. | *Laura Green/Tattersalls*

Listed Glencairn S. Cont.

Also connected to Dr Fong's G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Ask For The Moon (Fr), her filly foal is by New Bay (GB). **VIDEO.**

1st-Leopardstown, €18,080, Mdn, 6-8, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:32.77, gd. BUTTONS (IRE) (f, 2, **Kingman {GB})--Wonder of Wonders {SW & MG1SP-Eng, G1SP-Ire, \$281,687}, by Kingmambo), well-supported into 4-6 favouritism, broke well and raced a touch keenly for Ryan Moore shadowing the leader. Tackled by Serious Notions (GB) (Advertise {GB}) as they took control a furlong out, the bay looked to have missed out but thrust her nose in front on the line as her stablemate Content (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) joined in late to make it a three-way go. "We rushed her a little bit to get her out, because we thought she could be a [Listed] Chesham filly, but Ryan just said she's too babyish for that," commented Aidan O'Brien, whose 2017 winner of this, September (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), had gone on to take that Royal Ascot contest. "We'll just pull back and give her a bit of time before we go again. Ryan said even though she's by **Kingman**, she will stay and seven would be her minimum. Wayne's filly [Content] finished very strong and she's a well-bred filly as well." Given that the stable have also win this with Buttons' subsequent Irish Oaks-winning relative Bracelet (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and used it to introduce Love (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in 2019, this could be a very early pointer to the middle-distance Classics of 2024. **Cont. p15****



Ryan Moore drives Westerberg/Magnier/Tabor/Smith's Buttons (**Kingman**) to victory at Leopardstown on Thursday. **Race Replay.** | *Racingfotos.com*

1st-Leopardstown Cont.

The dam was by Kingmambo, but had the stamina to win the Listed Cheshire Oaks and finish second at Epsom and third in both the G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Yorkshire Oaks. A granddaughter of the great Urban Sea (Miswaki), she produced the listed scorer and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and G1 Moyglare Stud S.-placed So Wonderful (**War Front**) and her Group 3-placed full-brother Antilles. The second dam All Too Beautiful (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), a full-sister to Galileo (Ire), was also second in the Oaks while the family also features the Oaks third Alluringly (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,271.

O-Westerberg, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, D Smith; B-Wonder Of Wonders Syndicate (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

5th-Curragh, €50,000, Hcp, 6-7, 4yo/up, 14fT, 3:07.37, gd.
NUSRET (GB) (c, 4, Golden Horn {GB}--Serres {Ire}, by Daylami {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 15-4-3-4, \$147,279. O-Simon Munir & Isaac Souede; B-Hesmonds Stud, Ltd. (GB); T-Joseph O'Brien.
 *€62,000 Ylg '20 ARDEAY. **1/2 to Liber Nauticus (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}), GSW-Eng; Serenada (GB) (Azamour {Ire}), GSP-Eng; and Thetis (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), GSP-Eng; and

Lucciola (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}), SP-Aus, \$269,896.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-ParisLongchamp, €23,000, 6-8, 4yo/up, 2250mT, 2:24.31, g/s.

DAQUIRI DREAM (GB) (f, 4, Dubawi {Ire}--Cocktail Queen {Ire} {MGSW-Fr, GSP-Eng, \$366,878}, by Motivator {GB}) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, €29,050. O-J C Smith; B-Littleton Stud (GB); T-Myriam Bollack-Badel.

8th-ParisLongchamp, €18,000, 6-8, 4yo/up, 14fT, 3:00.34, g/s.

GAGARIN'S MOON (FR) (h, 5, Sea The Moon {Ger}--Gagarina {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 14-5-1-3, €88,420.

O/B-Rashit Shaykhutdinov (FR); T-Georgios Alimpinisis.

*€90,000 RNA Ylg '19 AROCT.

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Rashit Shaykhutdinov's Gagarin's Moon (Fr) (Sea The Moon {Ger}) won the ParisLongchamp finale by 30 lengths on Thursday evening. Trained by Georgios Alimpinisis, the homebred bay was collecting his fifth win in the 2800-metre race. **Race Replay.** | Scoop Dyga

GERMANY

Thursday's Results:

1st-Mulheim, €10,000, Mdn, 6-8, 2yo, 6 1/2fT, 1:18.44, gd.
PRINCESS (GER) (f, 2, Lord Of England {Ger}--Pray {Ger}, by Maxios {GB}), last of eight going in insufficient five furlongs in her May 20 debut at Baden-Baden, gained an early advantage and held sway along the fence after breaking from the outside stall. Shaken up passing the two pole, the 33-10 second choice was safely clear entering the final furlong and kept on strongly under mild urging to easily defeat Wilko (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) by three lengths. Princess, full to a yearling colt, is the first of two foals produced by a daughter of stakes-winning G3 Preis der Winterkonigin third Paraisa (GB) (Red Ransom), herself kin to G1 Premio Roma hero Potemkin (Ger) (New Approach {Ire}). The April-foaled dark bay's stakes-placed third dam Praia (Ger) (Big Shuffle) is a half-sister to G2 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) heroine Puntilla (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}) and G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud victrix Paita (GB) (Intikhab). Paita, in turn, is the dam of G3 Prix d'Hedouville winner and G1 Prix Vermeille runner-up Pirika (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}). Sales history: €22,000 RNA Ylg '22 BBAGO. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €6,000.
 O/B-Guido Werner Hermann Schmitt (GER); T-Andreas Suborics.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Extrabunt (Ger), f, 3, Lord Of England (Ger)--Edana (Fr), by Tai Chi (Ger). Mulheim, 6-8, 10fT, 2:08.25. B-Friederike Mrodzinsky (GER). *€16,000 Ylg '21 BBAGO.



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Thursday's topper, by **Frankel** | Inglis

by Trent Masenhelder

The opening day of the final Australian in-person sale of the year was a history-making one, with a beautiful weanling by one of the best stallions on the planet the subject of an intense bidding duel.

At A Glance:

- At the completion of trade on Thursday, 140 weanlings sold for an aggregate of \$5,801,000, with the clearance rate being 66%. The average price was \$41,436, while the median finished at \$20,000. It is anticipated that these figures will change, as more lots are expected to be sold.
- The headline act was Lot 64--a **Frankel** (GB) filly from the Burnewang North Pastoral draft. She was knocked down to James Mitchell of Mitchell Bloodstock (FBAA) for owner Stephen Spiteri for \$825,000--a new record price for a weanling offered at an Inglis sale.
- A total of four weanlings--three of them fillies--made at least \$200,000.
- Burnewang North finished up as the leading vendor (by aggregate and average), with their six weanlings that sold

grossing \$1,560,000 (at an average of \$260,000).

Moroney to Train Record-breaking **Frankel** Filly

Much of the talk ahead of this year's sale centred around Lot 64--a filly from the Burnewang North draft, by global sire sensation **Frankel** (GB), from the unraced Invincible Spirit (Ire) mare Vedema (Fr).

And the hype was well and truly justified, with the filly realising \$825,000.

The **Frankel** filly was secured by Melbourne-based property developer Stephen Spiteri, after James Mitchell of Mitchell Bloodstock (FBAA) did the bidding on his behalf, and will be trained by Michael Moroney.

"She's an outstanding filly by arguably one of the best stallions in the world. He's done the job in the Northern Hemisphere and he's also done it down here with Hungry Heart, Miss Fabulass... he's an outstanding sire worldwide," Mitchell said.

"She's a beautiful filly from a fantastic farm. The owner, Stephen, he loved her from the minute he saw her."

"I thought we were out two or three times, but he stuck to his guns and had that one last bid, which I didn't think we were having, but anyway. It's a great thrill for Stephen and I'm sure he'll have a lot of fun with the filly."

Mitchell confirmed the plan is for Spiteri to race the filly.

"Yeah, that will be an end-user job. She will go back to a farm in Victoria and grow out. There are no further plans than to let her grow out in a paddock somewhere. No doubt she will only improve and just continue to be outstanding, as she has been the whole way along," he explained.

The filly hails from a lovely Aga Khan family that boasts plenty of black type. Among the stakes winners is the French Champion 3-year-old Vadeni (Fr) (**Churchill** {Ire})--a two-time Group 1 winner and runner-up in last year's G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

"She's out of an Invincible Spirit mare, from a big European family, so the residual value is there and was from the minute she was born," Mitchell commented.

"Hopefully, she can add to it on the racetrack and she would be a great addition to any broodmare band."

Asked if he thought the filly would fetch \$825,000, Mitchell said: "Not really. I thought we would be paying between \$500,000-\$600,000. Stephen made the call at the end of the day--I was just doing the bidding--and he's thrilled to have bought her."



James Price | Inglis

Frankel's progeny were well sought-after at this year's Magic Millions Gold Coast Weanling Sale, with the two colts selling to Yulong Investments for a combined \$1,650,000 (at an average of \$825,000).

Mitchell was asked how this filly compares to that duo.

"Physically, I thought she was better," he said.

"Obviously, being a filly she wasn't going to make as much as the colts did, but on the world stage, as the auctioneer Jonathan D'Arcy mentioned, it stacks up pretty comparably; she's got huge residual value, she's got a whole racing career ahead of her.

"If she's true to type, she should be a pretty handy racehorse."

Burnewang North's Cathy Hains was thrilled with the result, admitting the sale price exceeded expectations.

"Myself and the team are absolutely delighted. She was a really gorgeous filly and we got a great result. It was really something special," Hains said.

"It's old-fashioned to say that the proof of the pudding is always in the pudding so we kept our expectations under control and certainly what happened in the ring today exceeded our expectations. We had what we believed was a realistic reserve well below what she achieved.

"It's a huge moment for all of us. There were certainly a lot of nerves and enthusiasm and excitement when she got through the ring."

"She was received very well all week. She's a total professional, paraded well, and often, all week and got the right kind of attention accordingly.

"I'd like to thank all of the team at Burnewang and also thank Paul Moroney and Catheryne Bruggeman, who were integral in us purchasing Vedema privately overseas and we then put her in foal Southern Hemisphere time, and this is the result."

Vedema was covered last spring by Kia Ora Stud's Golden Slipper S. hero Farnan.

Price Pleased With Day 1 Results

James Price--Inglis' Victorian bloodstock manager--said Thursday's results met expectations.


"Yeah, it did. I think we were all well aware that in Sydney and the Gold Coast, people were very selective and people are willing to pay a premium price if the quality is there," he remarked.

"Obviously, it's a very selective market and a number of buyers are here to pinhook into the yearling market in 2024, so I would daresay vetting and X-rays have been crucial at this sale and horses that don't check out have been left behind, so to speak."

As has been the norm in 2023, the high-end of the market was again strong, while the lower end faced its challenges.

"There's no doubt we'd like the bottom end of the market to be stronger than it is, but we will do our best to try and get some of those horses sold. There's no doubt there is a tightening in the market in that bottom-end," Price said.

"I think (Thursday's) market again highlighted that the buying bench wants a particular product and they're willing to pay top-dollar for that product."

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