

## WITH VALIANT FORCE, SPENDTHRIFT'S RANGEL IS A ROYAL ASCOT- WINNING BREEDER



**R. J. Rangel** | *Spendthrift Farm*

by Sue Finley

He's the first one to admit he's a "little guy," a small breeder who owns two mares, two breeding rights, and all the good and bad luck that comes along with any such small operation. Losing his farm in the economic crisis of 2009 was just about as bad as it gets. Winning a race as a breeder at Royal Ascot? Just about as good.

Ramon (R. J.) Rangel says he never would have had the opportunity he experienced Thursday--when **Valiant Force** (Malibu Moon) whom he co-bred with Spendthrift Farm won the G2 Norfolk S. at Royal Ascot--without the kind of breeders incentives advanced by Spendthrift Farm's founder, B. Wayne Hughes--incentives, he says, designed to help the little guy.

Hughes liked to call Spendthrift 'the breeders' farm,' and when Valiant Force charged home a winner Thursday, it was because of the breeding initiatives that Hughes liked to preach--with a little kindness thrown in from across town at Mill Ridge, and a lot of hard work from Rangel himself.

Valiant Force's story starts when Mill Ridge's longtime clients John and Jerry Amerman had a homebred filly, Vigui's Heart (**Quality Road**), for whom they were looking for a home. *Cont. p3*

## NANCY MESSINEO BEQUEATHS SURPRISE WINDFALL TO CALIFORNIA HORSE CHARITIES by Dan Ross

Some wear their philanthropic largesse as visibly as the Great Wall of China from outer space.

Others prefer a more discreet badge.

"I only found out about this three days ago," said Lucinda Lovitt early Tuesday morning. Lovitt is the executive director of the California Retirement Management Account (CARMA), the non-profit founded 15 years ago to raise money for the state's fleet of retired racehorses.

Lovitt's weekend discovery? That CARMA was one of a handful of racehorse rehoming and animal rescue organizations bequeathed--and bequeathed without their prior knowledge--a sizeable sum of money by Nancy Messineo, who passed away on June 8 at the age of 74 after a long battle with cancer. *Cont. p4*

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## INCREASED PURSES FOR NY-BREDS AT THE SPA

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## Rangel is a Royal Ascot-Winning Breeder

(cont. from p1)

"She was not going to make it to the races," said Mill Ridge's Price Bell. Rangel, now 57, had shown horses at sales for years for Mill Ridge, and had been a breeder on a small scale. They knew he took good care of his horses, so they thought of him for the mare. "R. J. is a friend and he and his family are really good horse people, and so we decided to facilitate this for the Amermans, to find this mare a nice home. We reached out to R. J. and he and his family said they'd love to have her."

The filly was young at the time, and Rangel cared for her until she was three, and decided to breed her.

Rangel realized that his investment of the work caring for her would be rewarded. "I got her when she was young," he said. "She was a weanling, turning into a yearling, and when she was three, I decided to breed her to something with speed. She's a big, leggy mare, and I wanted to put some speed into her, so I went to Malibu Moon. Obviously, I couldn't afford the stud fee at that time. I think he was \$50,000. I asked for a foal share, and thanks to Spendthrift, because Ned Toffey gave me the opportunity to do the foal share. And I got this nice baby. For the first baby, he was a good size, a lovely weanling, very correct. Anybody would love to have this mare. She's a nice mare and I was lucky to get this foal. I gave it to Mill Ridge to sell because they were the ones who gave me the mare."



**Valiant Force (purple silks) gets up in the Norfolk** | Getty Images

Bell recalled, "He was a beautiful weanling that R. J. raised and prepped, and he sold for \$75,000," said Bell. "It was a huge sale for him, and he said, 'you know, when I worked here, there was always that one person who would give everyone \$100 or \$200 to say thank you. So, would you please tip everybody that?' I remember selling the horse and seeing the pride in his eyes, having sold a horse for that kind of money. And he just immediately wanted to take care of all the people in the barn."

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"To make a long story short, I ended up losing everything, and I was homeless," he said, after the bank repossessed his property. "I had to go live with my brother, and I started working at the sales, traveling around." Finally, he wanted to settle down and stay in one place and Toffey gave him a job at Spendthrift, where he now serves as the assistant yearling manager.

Rangel works until 4 p.m. every day, and then heads to the farm where he boards his horses, to give them the care they need. "I go there before work. I go there after work and I try to take care of them. I have been very lucky to work, and do well, and make the extra effort every day. It's been a great ride. I love the horses. I love the industry. I'm just a little guy who plays on the small side."

Vigui's Heart failed to get in foal to Lord Nelson in 2021, so Rangel has no yearling to sell this year, but in November, he will be back at Keeneland with her weanling by Mitole. Naturally, he'll sell her with Mill Ridge. She is currently in foal to Vekoma.

A native of Guadalajara, Rangel came to the United States with his father, who was a groom in California for Jack Van Berg, and he got his own start as an exercise rider. But when he first came to a horse sale in Kentucky, he says, "I realized this was the place where I wanted to be, because this is where the best is." **Cont.**



**Rangel is a Royal Ascot-Winning Breeder, cont.**

He watched the Norfolk on his phone, and had staked \$2 to win and \$2 to place on Valiant Force, "just to support him," he explains. "I couldn't see him because the screen was so small," he said. "But with two furlongs to go, he was still on the lead. With one furlong to go...still on the lead. And finally, he started to pull away. And it really touched me." He collected \$300 on the bets.

At the end of the day, he said he's grateful for the help extended to him by others in the industry.

"The guys here at Spendthrift, they work with you, they give you little breaks here and there. I asked for the foal share and Ned was very nice and gave it to me. I'm very thankful for Mill Ridge, the people that gave me the mare. I'm thankful for Spendthrift. The reason I got back into breeding was that Wayne Hughes, he always tried to help the breeders and they've got all these deals going and I saw that opportunity to come back in at a small scale and be more careful. I've been blessed because everything has gone the right way. It's all about hard work, dedication and luck. But I'm very grateful for all the people who always try to help the little people."

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**Nancy Messineo (cont. from p1)**

Messineo was a California racehorse owner fiercely devoted to the wellbeing of the animals in her care--and quite evidently, those in others' care, too.



**Nancy Messineo** | Courtesy of Bruce Sands

"This is quintessential California horseracing," Lovitt added, still a little taken aback by the donation. "Someone who wants to make an impact that is so understated and quiet, but who just wants to do right by the horses."

Lovitt isn't the only recipient just recently finding out about the donations. **Cont.**



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**Nancy Messineo, cont.**

"You assume the what now?" said Dianne Nelson, co-founder of the Wild Horse Sanctuary in Northern California, across a spotty phone line.

"I'm assuming this is the first you're hearing of it?" this reporter responded.

"Absolutely," Nelson replied, with the bemused air of a lottery winner not quite believing the numbers before them. "I'm a bit speechless."

Susan Peirce is the president and founder of the Chino Hills, Los Angeles-based Red Bucket Rescue that saves slaughter-bound, starving, neglected and traumatized horses. She initially asked for a little time to absorb the news.

"What a wonderful, wonderful gift," Peirce said, given a few hours to reflect. "There's this amazing shining light and gift that Nancy left that speaks to her character and love of horses and desire to see this work continue and that's astounding. It's humbling--it really is."

Bruce Sands is a long-time friend of Messineo's, and a co-owner with her on many horses down the years.

He said Messineo left CARMA, the Wild Horse Sanctuary, Red Bucket Sanctuary, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Thoroughbred Charities of America sums totaling roughly three-quarters of her estate.

While Sands didn't publicly disclose the sum total, the contributions amount to a significant portion of the annual operating expenses for the first three charities at a minimum.

The least surprising part of this whole bittersweet affair is that Messineo has taken such pains to support these various organizations. "She just loved animals," he said.

The two met in 2007. "We had a dog in common as well as the horses. I gave her a Golden Retriever, Sierra, as a birthday present about 14 years ago. In fact, she's here with me right now," Sands said, the sound of a rubbed ear making its way down the telephone line.

Their first horse was called Practical, whom they had in training with Mike Pender. When it came time to name the son of Notional, they hit a bit of writers' block.

"Nancy said to herself, 'well I just need to be practical about this.' And that's where the name came from," said Sands.

After a fashion and inspired by the lightning-bolt successes of Marley's Freedom (**Blame**)--campaigns by her good friends, Barb and Ron Perry--Messineo's dreams started to take on new dimensions. "All she wanted was a horse in a stakes race," said Sands.

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**Nancy Messineo, cont.**

"That was probably our biggest victory because he was such a longshot," said Sands, of the horse's unexpected victory that day over the Richard Mandella-trained hotpot, United (Giant's Causeway).

The way Sands describes Messineo's relationship with horse racing is as someone who took sustenance from the sport the way a rock climber draws air at altitude. "All of it--she loved all of it," he said, of a woman whose living room wall is emblazoned with win pictures. Twenty-five of them, if you count.

"There was a time we were going to the morning workouts a lot," he said. The backstretch, too, was home from home for her. "She loved to visit her horses."

When at the track, "she was always making new friends." And when she wasn't racing, "she watched the races all the time at

home on TV."

Throughout Messineo's long illness, she credited the horses for being her most potent medicine.

"She always used to tell me, 'It's the horses that keep me going, it's the horses that keep me going'" said trainer Richard

Baltas, who conditioned Oscar Dominguez, adding how the horse is now in happy retirement in Southern California, roaming the trails of Trifecta Farms.

"Even when she was really sick, she still wanted to come to the track," Baltas remembered. "She was just deeply passionate about the horse business."

"I'm pretty sure the horses did keep her alive," agreed Barb Perry, who struck up a firm friendship with Messineo. "One of the reasons we became

friends was because she loved her horses so much."

Just take Beyond Pleasure (Overanalyze), a filly that Messineo, Sands, Ron and Barb Perry were partners in. **Cont.**



**Nancy Messineo** | Courtesy of Bruce Sands



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**Nancy Messineo, cont.**

When Beyond Pleasure was claimed from the barn, Messineo and Barb Perry both tracked her progress. And when the filly retired, they reached out to the trainer to have her back. But the trainer had already found the filly a home--she's a jumper now for a girl in Arizona.

"We just wanted to make sure that when the horse retired she was looked after," said Perry. "That's what Nancy did. She put her horses first."

The charities approached for this story all stressed the different and often difficult circumstances that make Messineo's largesse either so desperately needed, desperately appreciated or both.

"It's incredible actually because we do struggle--I don't know a non-profit, especially in the horse world, that doesn't struggle," said Nelson.

She talked about sleepless nights worrying about where the next load of hay will come from, and about the costs from old fences rotting away. This at a ranch with 14 miles of perimeter fence needing to be maintained.

"It ensures that we're going to be here for a number of years to come," said Nelson. "And also that we're going to be able to rescue more horses."

For CARMA, Lovitt said that while they haven't even begun to think about how the organization might use the additional funds, she discussed the need to create something for Messineo that honors her legacy on the California racing industry.

"As a recipient of a gift like this, we should be quietly grateful and furiously getting to work on fulfilling what Nancy would have wanted, which is that the horses she was so passionate about and cared so much about have the best opportunity in their next career," said Lovitt, who said these kind of posthumous gifts are pretty rare for CARMA.

"The impact for a small charity like this is long-lasting," Lovitt added. "We have the opportunity to create programs or services that can thrive beyond the initial bequest."

For Peirce, she described a farm struggling to stay afloat, both literally and figuratively.

"We had a really hard winter," said Peirce, pointing to the harsh winter storms that have drenched California.

"We're at the very bottom of the valley. And so, everything we had washed into the creek. We lost a barn--every barn flooded. We've lost all of our ground cover. And we have so much deferred maintenance--we need about a quarter of a million dollars to replace just our fences," she said.

"Times are really tough right now, so there's the business piece to it," said Peirce. She also mentioned a growing movement to euthanize horses deemed difficult or impossible to rehome, and to lower adoption standards--a movement that runs counter to the governing ethos of her charity.

"Those are things that we hold so important. We stand firmly on the side of protecting and preserving life," said Peirce. "It's getting harder to do that, and this is a wonderful boost for us."

"I am beyond grateful," she added, her voice thickening over the telephone line. "And I wish I could tell Nancy that myself."

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## NY-BREDS TO RECEIVE INCREASED PURSES AT SARATOGA

New York-breds racing in open company at Saratoga this summer will be competing for increased purses, the New York Racing Association (NYRA) announced Thursday.

"NYRA is committed to supporting and enhancing the New York-bred program now and in the future," said Frank Gabriel, NYRA SVP of Racing Operations. "These purse increases reflect the sustained growth of the New York-bred marketplace, while also rewarding owners already invested in the program."

The purse for registered New York-breds running in select open-company races will be 30% higher than the purse offered for non-New York-breds. Additionally, New York State Breeding Fund Owner Awards and breeder awards will be paid on top of the 30% additional purse for registered New York-breds.



Saratoga Race Course | Sarah Andrew

"The opportunity for registered New York-breds to compete for elevated purses in select open company conditions during the Saratoga meet, along with increases in breeder and open company awards provided by the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding & Development Fund reflect the commitment by New York's respective Thoroughbred racing stakeholders in continuing to elevate the New York-bred program," said New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. Executive Director Najja Thompson. "We are confident much of the money earned from these purse increases will be reinvested in New York-breds, starting with the Fasig-Tipton New York-bred Select Yearlings Sale in August at Saratoga." **Cont.**



### NY-bred purses at Saratoga, cont.

In open maiden special weight races, New York-breds will run for a purse of \$136,500--with up to \$23,751 NYSBFOA--while non-New York-breds will compete for a purse of \$105,000.

In allowance levels, open first-level allowances will offer a New York-bred purse of \$149,500 (up to \$26,013 NYSBFOA) and a non-New York-bred purse of \$115,000; open second-level allowances offering a New York-bred purse of \$156,000 (up to \$27,144 NYSBFOA) and a non-New York-bred purse of \$120,000; and third-level open allowances offering New York-breds \$162,500 (up to \$28,275 NYSBFOA) and a non-New York-bred purse of \$125,000.

"These purse bonuses directly benefit owners of New York-breds by incentivizing them to compete in our open-company program," said New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association president Joe Appelbaum. "New York-breds have routinely competed and won at all levels throughout the nation. This program provides owners and trainers a real dollars and cents reason to leave the restricted New York-bred program. The benefits will accrue to, not only the connections, but to field size, handle and ultimately back to the purse account."

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## ONE MONTH IN, HIWU ISSUES AN UPDATE



The Belmont was the first Triple Crown race under HISA's ADMC Program | Sarah Andrew

*From the desk of Ben Mosier, Executive Director, Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit (HIWU):*

The last four weeks have represented the culmination of more than a year of planning and countless hours of preparation by the HIWU team to put forth the best national Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program possible for Thoroughbred racing. It has been incredibly rewarding to see HISA's ADMC Program get off the ground successfully. Through Sunday, June 18, HIWU-trained and certified sample collection personnel have

collected samples from over 6,500 horses from more than 20 tracks nationwide. The samples are being analyzed by one of six approved laboratories, which are all testing for the same substances at the same levels. Furthermore, our [anonymous whistleblower platforms](#) are active, and our investigative staff have been reviewing the tips submitted to determine further action, when appropriate.

The Belmont Stakes was the first Triple Crown race to be conducted under HISA's ADMC Program. More than a dozen members of the HIWU team were on site at Belmont Park to assist operations, which included supporting the local sample collection personnel and investigators. The New York Racing Association (NYRA) has been a great partner with us, and we appreciate their collaboration to help make this historic race a success.

With our first month of enforcement now complete, I would like to remind industry participants that HIWU must follow specific public disclosure requirements when there are violations of the ADMC Program. In the case of a positive test for a Banned Substance, HIWU must publish the violation on [our website](#) upon the imposition of Provisional Suspensions to the Covered Person and Covered Horse. This will occur after HIWU receives the positive test result for the A Sample. For a positive test associated with a Controlled Medication, the violation will be published once the B Sample confirms the positive test or the Covered Person waives the right to test the B Sample. Non-presence cases (i.e., cases not involving a positive test) will be published after a Provisional Suspension is imposed on the Covered Person or a Charge Letter is served, whichever is earlier.

We expect that most cases will be public within weeks and resolved within a few months, which will be a welcome change from previous protocols.

HIWU recognizes the importance of continually offering education opportunities to help facilitate compliance among those impacted by the ADMC Program. In addition to HIWU's [Education & Resources page](#), our team is available to meet with stakeholders and/or industry groups in person or virtually. Groups who would like to request a meeting should contact Stephanie Jenson at [sjenson@hiwu.org](mailto:sjenson@hiwu.org).

With our busiest months still to come, my team and I are excited to continue enforcement across the country and to maintain our relationships with the stakeholders who have made our efforts possible, from state racing commissions, racetracks, and laboratories to horsemen, veterinarians, and stewards. I am confident that this Program will ultimately enhance the health and safety of our equine and human athletes while promoting a level playing field that benefits the sport's honest participants.

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## JOSS SAVILLE NAMED PIN OAK STUD FARM TRAINER

Joss Saville has joined Jim and Dana Bernhard's Pin Oak Stud team as farm trainer. Saville, who will be responsible for the breaking and pre-training of Pin Oak's young horses, has served as an assistant to GI Kentucky Derby-winning trainer Michael Matz for the last 12 years.

"It was a really hard decision to leave Michael. He is a true horseman and I am grateful for all the knowledge he passed along to me," Saville said. "I consider myself very lucky to have spent so long working alongside him, his fantastic team and some really nice horses. Now, I am really looking forward to starting this next chapter of my career with Jim and Dana Bernhard. I'm excited to join a great team of people who all share a passion for producing quality horses. I'm very thankful to the Bernhards for putting their faith in me to train and educate their young horses at such a historical facility."

"Joss comes highly recommended and we are very fortunate and happy to have him arrive at Pin Oak," the Bernhards said in a statement. "He brings with him a wonderful world of experience and we hope to provide him with a top-class training and rehab center where he can turn our yearlings into nice 2-year-olds ready to ship out in the spring. We welcome Joss and his lovely wife, Jo, in making Pin Oak their new home."

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To celebrate the upcoming 150th Kentucky Derby, guests in the Queen Anne Enclosure at the current Royal Ascot meet have been able to enjoy mint juleps and see the Kentucky Derby trophy on display. "We are thrilled to highlight the Kentucky Derby internationally at Royal Ascot," said Casey Ramage, Churchill's VP of Marketing and Partnerships. "Our storied history was inspired by English horse racing, so to begin celebrating our 150th anniversary at Ascot Racecourse is a meaningful honor." | *Courtesy Churchill Downs*

## TDN BOOK REVIEW

### ALYDAR'S CHIEF COUNSEL

by J.N. Campbell

If there was a Thoroughbred who ever needed legal counsel to mount an adequate defense of his life, then perhaps it would be Calumet Farm's MGISW Alydar.

His battles with rival Affirmed as both a juvenile, and of course, through the 1978 Triple Crown are now the stuff of legend. However, what has clouded all those spectacular past performances came during his stallion career when he tragically died from an injury which was sustained while he was in his Calumet stall on a November night in 1990. Officially chalked up as an accident, his sudden and shocking death has remained shrouded in conjecture ever since.

What happened to Alydar? That is the central question that Fred M. Kray attempts to tackle in his ambitiously titled new book, *Broken: The Suspicious Death of Alydar and the End of Horse Racing's Golden Age*.

There is nothing quite like a tenacious true crime writer. Plucky isn't a descriptor that goes far enough. It's one's dogged determination, coupled with an ability to stare deep into the abyss that demands sterner stuff. Kray has all of that and more. His passion for this topic is evident, and he possesses the requisite skills to follow a labyrinth of clues and misstatements that go back 40-plus years.

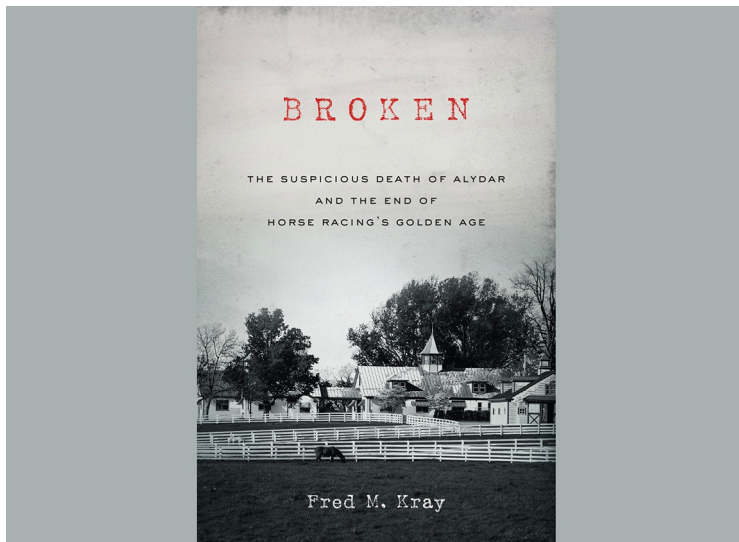
A former animal-rights attorney who was on hand to witness the John M. Veitch trainee when he won the 1978 GI Flamingo S. at Hialeah Park and the GI Florida Derby at Gulfstream Park, Kray began to delve into the case in 2018. He tried to track down those involved, performed seemingly countless interviews and attempted to weave together a story chock full of contradiction.

But has Kray actually uncovered a smoking gun or is this just a series of red herrings? Where exactly is the conspiracy to commit murder?

*Broken* flows rather like a true crime memoir. It's Kray's defense laid bare on behalf of the Thoroughbred in question. Committing the cardinal sin if we skip to the end of this mystery, the author mythically knots his favorite Windsor tie and strides to the same courtroom in Houston, Texas where the security guard who was on duty that fateful night was tried and sentenced. There, he gives his own account of why he believes Alydar was murdered. It's heartfelt, but somehow it falls just short of compelling drama à la Raymond Burr.

Still, what makes this work a worthy read is the journey. Kray starts with the initial, all-too-brief insurance investigation. **Cont.**



**Book review, cont.**

**Broken** | Live Oak Press

He then moves briskly through a composite of Alydar's racing and breeding shed exploits and delves into the questionable economic practices of Calumet's J.T. Lundy & Co. After painstakingly wading through the ensuing trials which fingered less than a handful of Calumet figures, Kray opens the curtain for the final act in which he becomes the lead. Perched on his shoulder like a GoPro Camera, we watch as he sits in front of many a horse farm gate, chides a reluctant private detective who didn't deliver and relates a number of emotional moments with key witnesses.

The relationship he forms with Tom Dixon, the equine insurance agent who was the first on the scene at Calumet, is particularly poignant. Dixon is a no-nonsense umpire that calls them like he sees them, and Kray has to steadily battle for the former agent's uneasy trust in order to access key photographs and notes. 'Deep Throat', Dixon is not, but the back-and-forth between the pair as they argue points of view on several occasions is quite a chess match.

Speaking of emotional moments, Kray's interview with Alydar's groom, Michael Coulter, is both enlightening to his case, but we also find a man who hasn't returned to the scene mentally in quite some time. Though a witness in one of the trials, Coulter's perspective was underutilized and from Kray's questions, we get a window into the relationship the groom built with this superb equine athlete. Coulter explains how tired Alydar was from over-breeding and addresses the horse's psychological state. This is important because there were constant questions throughout the different trials about Alydar's penchant for kicking stall doors.

What Kray finds is a trail of dead ends and memories which are parsed with a few nuggets of remembrance. The author leads us

to the assumption that key players that do not want to talk are clinging to something deeper. His mission to ask everyone connected why there were no marks on the paint in Alydar's stall, and why the latch was not disturbed becomes an indelible part of the script. A tense section relates an interview with the well-known Dr. Larry Bramlage. It is particularly excruciating to plow through, but it also shows how resolute Kray is when it comes to defending Alydar. You feel both men's frustration bearing out and it makes for good theater in the Rood & Riddle waiting room where the interview was conducted.

There is something very *Citizen Kane* about *Broken*. Like the reporter who is sent to find out what Charles Foster Kane meant when he said 'Rosebud' on his deathbed, we may never know what happened to Alydar that night at Calumet in 1990. Was his leg hit with something? Was more than one person involved? Who knew about the coverup at Calumet? Who knows something right now? Questions will continue to float. While we are on a roll, did Kray prove that this was the end of horse racing's 'Golden Age' as the book's subtitle suggests? That answer seems even more amorphous.

Instead, maybe we can take a sliver of comfort in knowing that there are some things we just can't uncover about a tragedy. If you read *Broken* as an homage to this Thoroughbred, then we need to thank the author for his contribution and determination. What we can say is that if Fred Kray had defended Alydar, at the very least, he might have had his day in court.



**Alydar visiting Lucille Gene Markey on Blue Grass S. Day in 1978**  
*Keeneland*

*Broken: The Suspicious Death of Alydar and the End of Horse Racing's Golden Age* by Live Oak Press, 348 pages, photos, May 2023.

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## WEEKLY STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS, JUNE 13–19 *by Dan Ross*



*Sarah Andrew*

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.

The *TDN* will also post a roundup of the relevant Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA)-related rulings from the same week. These will include decisions from around the country.

### California

**Track:** Santa Anita

**Date:** 06/16/2023

**Licensee:** Ian Kruljac, trainer

**Penalty:** \$1,000 fine

**Violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** Trainer Ian Kruljac, who started the horse Closeau, that finished third in the seventh race on April 8, 2023, at Santa Anita Park is fined \$1,000.00 and assessed one half (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Rule #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations (MMV) – Expires 6/16/24) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843(a)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances and Rule #1843.1(b) (Prohibited Drug Substances –Methocarbamol [Class 4]). This is Ian Kruljac's second offense in 365 days. Mr. Kruljac has accumulated one (1) MMV point.

**Track:** Santa Anita

**Date:** 06/16/2023

**Licensee:** Jeff Mullins, trainer

**Penalty:** \$1,000 fine

**Violation:** Out-of-competition Medication violation

**Explainer:** Trainer Jeff Mullins, who worked the horse Numero Dix for removal from the Veterinarian's List on April 5, 2023, at Santa Anita Park, is fined \$1,000 and assessed one half (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843.4(a) (Multiple Medication Violations (MMV) - Expires June 16, 2024) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1866(h)(i) (Veterinarian's List), #1844(d)(5) (Authorized Medication), #1843(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and Rule #1843.1(b) (Prohibited Drug Substances – Methocarbamol [Class 4]). This is Jeff Mullins second offense in 365 days. Mr. Mullins has accumulated two and a half (2 1/2) MMV points.

**Track:** Santa Anita

**Date:** 06/18/2023

**Licensee:** Armando Aguilar, apprentice jockey

**Penalty:** Four-day suspension

**Violation:** Careless riding

**Explainer:** Apprentice Jockey Armando Aguilar, who rode Warrior's Moon in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on June 17, 2023, is suspended for 4 racing days (June 25, July 1, 2, and 3, 2023) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from fourth to fifth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding), second offense in last sixty days.

### Florida

The following was taken from the ARCI's "**recent rulings**" webpage.

**Track:** Gulfstream Park

**Date:** 06/09/2023

**Licensee:** David Fisher, trainer

**Penalty:** \$1,000 fine

**Violation:** Medications violation

**Explainer:** STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER # 2023-008661 - F.S.550.2415 VIOLATION = BETAMETHASONE. "LOVIN MAKES CENTS" \*FINE PAID TO GSP/BOR; PURSE RETURNED TO GSP\*

**Track:** Gulfstream Park

**Date:** 06/9/2023

**Licensee:** Efren Loza, trainer

**Penalty:** Fifteen-day suspension, \$500 fine

**Violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** FINAL ORDER # 2022-042344 - F.S. 550.2415 VIOLATION = 1-Hydroxyethyl Promazine Sulfoxide. "STAR JUANCHO" \$500 Fine due 7/9/23; 15 day suspension - 7/10/23 - through and including 7/25/23; Loss of Purse. **Cont.**



**Weekly rulings, cont.****Track:** Gulfstream Park**Date:** 06/06/2023**Licensee:** Ronald Spatz, trainer**Penalty:** \$1,000 fine**Violation:** Medication violation**Explainer:** STEWARD'S RULING FINAL ORDER # 2022-057680 - F.S. 550.2415 VIOLATION = DEXAMETHASONE. "IRONY" \$1000 FINE DUE 6/21/23**Track:** Gulfstream Park**Date:** 06/06/2023**Licensee:** Ronald Spatz, trainer**Penalty:** \$1,000 fine**Violation:** Medication violation**Explainer:** STEWARD'S RULING FINAL ORDER # 2023-004641 - F.S. 550.2415 VIOLATION = DEXAMETHASONE. "LOVE HER LOTS" \$1000 FINE DUE 6/21/23**Track:** Gulfstream Park**Date:** 06/06/2023**Licensee:** Kelsey Danner, trainer**Penalty:** \$500 fine**Violation:** Medication violation**Explainer:** STEWARD'S RULING FINAL ORDER # 2023-002335 - F.S.550.2415 VIOLATION = ALBUTEROL. "VIBURNUM" \$500 FINE DUE 6/21/23**Track:** Gulfstream Park**Date:** 06/06/2023**Licensee:** Jose Garoffalo, trainer**Penalty:** \$1,000 fine**Violation:** Medications violation**Explainer:** STEWARD'S RULING FINAL ORDER # 2022-047256 - F.S.550.2415 VIOLATION = METHOCARBAMOL. "VINNIE VAN GO" \$1000 FINE DUE 6/21/23

Coady

**Track:** Gulfstream Park**Date:** 05/31/2023**Licensee:** Reynaldo Yanez, trainer**Penalty:** \$1,000 fine**Violation:** Medication violation**Explainer:** STEWARDS RULING FINAL ORDER # 2023-018909 - F.S.550.2415 VIOLATION = 5-HYDROXYDANTROLENE. "HEIR TO THE ROAR"New York**Track:** Belmont Park**Date:** 06/17/2023**Licensee:** Irad Ortiz, jockey**Penalty:** Three-day suspension**Violation:** Careless riding**Explainer:** For having waived his right to an appeal Jockey Mr. Irad Ortiz is hereby suspended three (3) NYRA racing days June 25th 2023, June 30th 2023, July 1st 2023 inclusive. This for careless riding during the running of the third race at Belmont park on June 11th 2023.**NEW HISA/HIWU STEWARDS RULINGS**

The following rulings were reported on HISA's "**rulings**" portal and through the Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit's "**pending**" and "**resolved**" cases portals.

This does not include 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.

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**Weekly rulings, cont.***Coady*Violations of Crop Rule**Delaware Park**

Darwin Rodriguez – violation date June 14; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Andry Gabriel Blanco – violation date June 17; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

**Finger Lakes**

Jose Alberto Baez – violation date June 19; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

**Hawthorne**

Alexis Centeno – violation date June 15; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

**Thistledown**

Víctor Manuel Severino – violation date June 13; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 1-3 strikes over the limit

Yuri Saney Yaranga – violation date June 14; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, “excess” strikes

Shoeing Violations**Belmont Park**

Alan Bedard, trainer – \$500 fine for not having his horse “In my Opinion” properly shod for the running of race 2 at Belmont Park on 06/15/2023 causing a late scratch.

Pending ADMC Violations

**Date:** 05/24/2023

**Licensee:** Mario Dominguez

**Penalty:** Provisional suspension

**Violation:** Presence of a banned substance in a test

**Explainer:** Rule 3212, Presence of a Banned Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers. Cobalt.

Racetrack Safety Violations

**Date:** 06/17/2023

**Licensee:** Vladimir Cerin, trainer

**Penalty:** Seven-day suspension, \$2,500 fine

**Violation:** Use of shockwave therapy too close to workout

**Explainer:** Trainer Vladimir Cerin, who treated the horse Poppy’s Halo with ESWT on 12/13/2022, at Santa Anita Park, which is within 30 days prior to a workout is suspended SEVEN (7) days and fined \$2,500 for violation of HISA Rule 2272 (3) (Shockwave Therapy). The suspension shall be from June 23, 2023, through June 29, 2023. During the term of the suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Vladimir Cerin are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine) and HISA Rule 8200 (b)(2) through (12) (Schedule of Sanctions For Violations) Vladimir Cerin is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

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**Horse Racing deaths: What's happening and what's being done to stop it?**

The rash of horse deaths at Churchill Downs earlier this year prompted FOX19 NOW to dig deeper into the situation at tracks here in the Tri-State. The Jockey Club lists 75 Thoroughbred racing venues in the U.S., and two of those--Belterra Park and Turfway Park--are located here in the Tri-State. According to data from The Jockey Club, 328 Thoroughbreds throughout the country died from racing-related injuries in 2022. The fatality rate for U.S. racehorses in 2022 was the lowest in over a decade. **Candice Hare, FOX19**



## NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR TOC



California's Del Mar | Horsephotos

Gary Barber, Gary Fenton, Terry Lovingier, Tim Cohen, and Matt Dohman have been elected to three-year terms for the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC)'s Board of Directors and will take office July 1. They will join Nick Alexander, Joe Ciaglia, Rick Gold, Ryan Hanson, Stephanie Hronis, Lindsey LaRoche, Bob Liewald, Ed Moger, Samantha Siegel, and Johnny Taboada as TOC's 2023-24 Board. Richard Rosenberg, a former board member of the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB), has agreed to stay on with the organization as an appointed member of the Integrity & Safety and Wagering Committees for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

TOC bylaws require three Board members be from Northern California. Taboada, Moger, and LaRoche fill those seats. TOC bylaws also require at least two owner-trainers, who are Hanson and Moger on this Board.

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## Saturday, Thistledown #12, post time: 6:20 p.m. EDT


### OHIO DERBY-GIII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Henry Q 	Blame	The Del Mar Group	O'Neill	Carmouche	126
2	Timesatappin	Tapiture	Liss, Joe and Biddinger, Tritain	Loudin-Smith	Gonzalez	126
3	Bishops Bay 	Uncle Mo	Spendthrift Farm, Landers, Steve, Schwartz, Martin Dubb, Michael, Ten Strike Racing, Bakke, Jim, Tittletown Racing, Kueber Racing, Big Easy Racing, Kanter, Rick, Caruso, Michael J. & WinStar Farm	Cox	Geroux	126
4	Two Phil's 	Hard Spun	Patricia's Hope, Sagan, Phillip & Madaket Stables	Rivelli	Loveberry	126
5	Agnello's Dream 	Always Dreaming	Danielle Agnello	Skerrett	Barbaran	126
6	Last Cookie	Bernardini	Maria Quezada	Urieta	Briceno	126
7	Lord Miles	Curlin	Vegso Racing Stable	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	126
8	Hayes Strike	Connect	Dixiana Farms LLC	McPeck	Torres	126

**Breeders:** 1-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 2-Troy Rankin, 3-WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-Phillip Sagan, 5-WinStar Farm, LLC, 6-Godolphin, 7-Vegso Racing Stable, 8-Dixiana Farms, LLC

## Saturday, Ellis #9, post time: 4:55 p.m. EDT

### CHICAGO S.-GIII, \$225,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hidden Connection 	Connect	Hidden Brook Farm and Black Type Thoroughbreds	Calhoun	Saez	118
2	Matareya	Pioneerof the Nile	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Prat	123
3	Be Like Water	Majesticperfection	St. George Farm Racing LLC	Oliver	Hernandez, Jr.	118
4	Stella Noir	Stay Thirsty	Rose Hill Farm, Desormeaux, J. Keith, Detmar, Wayne and Voss, Gene A.	Desormeaux	Graham	118
5	Society	Gun Runner	Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Gaffalione	118
6	Drifaros 	Kantharos	My Purple Haze Stables	Pompay	Garcia	118

**Breeders:** 1-St. Simon Place, 2-Godolphin, 3-St. George Farm LLC, 4-Wayne Detmar, Gene Voss, KeithDesormeaux & Rose Hill Farm, 5-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Hidden Springs Farm



## September Yearling Sale

Begins Monday, Sept. 11

## FRIDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:

by Stefanie Grimm

### HALF TO JUSTIFY LEADS BELMONT MAIDEN FIELD

3rd-BEL, \$90K, Msw, 3yo/up, f, 1m, 2:07 p.m.

The only first-time starter facing a field of more experienced maidens, **SPELL ON YOU** (**Curlin**) makes her afternoon debut Friday as a homebred for John Gunther, also the breeder of the filly's Triple Crown-winning half-brother **Justify** (Scat Daddy). Dam Stage Magic, 2018's broodmare of the year, is also responsible for the late GSW The Lieutenant (**Street Sense**) along with 'TDN Rising Star' Stage Raider (Pioneer of the Nile). Under the tutelage of trainer Jorge Abreu, Spell On You picks up jockey Dylan Davis for her unveiling. **TJCIS PPS**

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Cupids Crush | Coady Photography

The bay filly grabbed the lead in front of the grandstand, fended off a pace challenge up the backstretch from a pair of rivals and into the lane was able to hold on for her first stakes win over 4-5 favorite Flashy Gem. Cupids Crush's dam was bred to Code of Honor last year. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**8th-Belmont, \$95,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 6-22, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.45, fm, neck.**

**TRYINMYHEARTOUT (f, 3, Into Mischief--Miss Hollywood {SW, \$151,430}, by Malibu Moon)** broke her maiden in her fourth try at Aqueduct this year Apr. 8 when switched to grass. Well-beaten in her next two attempts, the bay filly was a big price at 42-1 here. The longshot took over the lead up the backstretch under fractions of :48.95 for the first half-mile. Rounding the far turn, Tryinmyheartout continued to hold on to the lead and past the sixteenth pole she turned back a bid from Lifelovenlaughter (Lemon Drop Kid) to graduate by a neck. Out of MGISW Hollywood Story, Miss Hollywood is a half-sister to GISW **Honor A.P.** (**Honor Code**). The winner's dam is responsible for a 2-year-old by **Uncle Mo**, who went for \$600,000 to Bach Stables at the '22 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling sale. Sales History: \$400,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG; \$625,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, \$109,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Brittlyn Stable; B-Brinker Hill Farm (KY); T-Jose M. Camejo.



### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**CURTIS SAMPSON OAKS, \$79,500, Canterbury, 6-21, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:34.35, fm.**

**1--CUPIDS CRUSH, 116, f, 3, by Cupid**

**1st Dam: Dazzlingsweetheart, by Dazzling Falls**

**2nd Dam: Sahn Sweetheart, by Sahn**

**3rd Dam: Plana Dance, by Northern Flagship**

(\$40,000 Ylg '21 MNSAUG). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Xtreme Racing Stables, LLC; B-Mary & Eric Von Seggern, Barry & Joni Butzow (MN); T-McLean Robertson; J-Eduardo Gallardo. \$49,500. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-1, \$171,800.

### Pick View LLC Graduate

**2--Flashy Gem, 120, f, 3, Bolt d'Oro--Garnet, by Smart Strike.** O-Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Malibu Farm, LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$13,700.

**3--Lil Miss Moonlight, 116, f, 3, City of Light--Sacred Luna, by Malibu Moon. (\$95,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-String Music Thoroughbred Investments, LLC; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Timothy E. Hamm. \$6,850.

Margins: 1, HF, HF. Odds: 8.30, 0.80, 8.90.

Also Ran: Knockyoursockoff, C C Cruise Control, Leopardess (GB), Royal Laughter, Don't Get Pickled, Lure'em In.

Never out of the money in her career and after success last against optional claimers Apr. 8 at Oaklawn Park and last time out versus allowance types May 29 in Shakopee, Cupids Crush switched to the turf for the first time as the 8-1 shot here.



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**8th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$38,000**, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 6-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.96, fm, neck.

**MOUFFY (f, 4, Uncle Mo--Truly Together {GSP, \$119,760}, by Smart Strike)** made the first start of her 4-year-old campaign against optional claimers May 13 at Churchill Downs when she finished a well-beaten seventh to next-out stakes winner Adaline Julia (Oxbow). Taking another crack at non-winners of two and as the 7-5 chalk here, the first-time turf was rank heading into the clubhouse turn before settling down mid-pack up the backstretch. Biding her time, Mouffy began to make her move just past the eighth pole by cutting to the rail where she just got up to win by a neck over Timeless Rose (Midshipman). The winner's dam is out of Champion grass mare & MGISW Forever Together (Belong to Me), whose last record of produce is an unraced 2-year-old filly named For Arrogate (Arrogate). Mouffy is her dam's first offspring, but she does have a 3-year-old half-brother named Truly Quality (Quality Road) and Uncle Truly--an unraced 2-year-old full-brother. Her dam foaled her a half-sister by Quality Road Apr. 24. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$133,900. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** O-Augustin Stables; B-George Strawbridge (KY); T-Jonathan Thomas.



Fifth Avenue | Coady Photography

**6th-Penn National, \$31,588**, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.80, ft, 1/2 length.

**ATHENA BEACH (f, 3, Bank Heist--Beach, by Tapit)** began her career perfect through all three of her starts this year at Penn National with the last victory coming against optional claimers going a mile May 18. Sent on her way here as the 7-5 favorite, the chestnut filly secured the lead up the backstretch, held sway around the far turn despite a challenge from 8-5 shot Knickersinatwist (Sky Mesa) and got to the wire in time to win over that rival by a 1/2 length. Second dam MSW Starfish Bay

(Elusive Quality) is also responsible for full-brother to the winner's dam, Blind Ambition. Athena Beach counts New York Beach (Yoshida {Jpn}) as a 2-year-old half-sister. She also has a yearling half-sister and a half-brother who was foaled Apr. 30--both are by Name Changer. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$67,740.

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O-Peter Kazamias; B-Kaz Hill Farm (NY); T-Dimitrios K. Synnefias.

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**



**2nd-Ellis, \$120,000, Msw**, 6-22, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.61, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

**FIFTH AVENUE (c, 2, Street Sense--Princesinha Julia {SW, \$111,053}, by Pioneerof the Nile)** hit the gate and got forced back in his only prior start but made up ground late, just getting edged out for third at Churchill Downs May 25. The 2-1 second choice behind heavily-favored first-time starter Lambo (Uncle Mo), the dark bay colt enjoyed a much cleaner break and darted right out to the front with only the favorite left to challenge him into the turn. With plenty left after a quarter in only :23.01, Fifth Avenue shook off Lambo at the quarter pole and strolled home alone, opening up late to win by 5 1/4 lengths. The first foal out of a stakes-winning mare, Fifth Avenue counts MGISW Love and Pride (A.P. Indy) as his second dam while third dam Ile de France (Storm Cat) is a half-sister to champion 3-year-old colt and late sire Bernardini (A.P. Indy). Princessinha Julia has a yearling Uncle Mo filly and foaled a full-brother to Fifth Avenue this spring. Sales History: \$350,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$75,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-GMP Stables LLC, Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (Goncalo B. Torrealba), Bruce Lunsford and Rebel Racing LLC; B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Riley Mott.



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**4th-Ellis, \$120,000, Msw, 6-22, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.83, fm, 1 length.**

**HARRY HOOD (g, 3, *First Samurai*--*Destiny Unbound* {Ire}, by *Galileo* {Ire})** was last seen finishing off the board over the turf May 21 at Churchill Downs after debuting seventh Mar. 12 at Gulfstream Park. Drifting up to 6-1 on the tote, the gelding used the rail to his advantage into the first turn, controlled the fractions throughout and dug deep in the lane to hold off a late run from Baba Voss (*Empire Maker*). Harry Hood is out of a female family which includes G1SP *Fleeting* (Ire) (*Zoffany* {Ire}) and GSW *Ladys First* (GB) (*Dutch Art* {GB}). The winner has a pair of half-sisters--2-year-old and a yearling--both by *Mendelssohn*. Life Record: 3-1-0-0, \$76,300. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).** O-e Five Racing; B-Fifth Avenue (KY); T-Chad Brown.



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## INSIGHT *Outcomes*

**1st-Belmont, \$87,300, Msw, 6-22, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24.71, ft, nose.**  
**MOUNT UP (c, 3, *Army Mule*--*Made Me Shiver* {SW}, by *Maclean's Music*)** debuted at Belmont's Aqueduct meeting last October but caught a sloppy track and got squeezed back out of the gate, though he did well to close into second by the wire. Not seen since, he returned Thursday at odds of 2-5 and pushed the pace inside of *Night Chant* (*Mor Spirit*) and a host of others in a tightly-packed group. In tight against the rail, he spun off the turn still in contention, was briefly out-sprinted by *Coalville* (*Into Mischief*) to his outside, but dug in for more once he swapped to the correct lead and just prevailed narrowly to get the best of a three-way photo finish. *Coalville*, a son of G1 Kentucky Oaks winner *Cathryn Sophia*, had to settle for second. From the family of G1 Ogden Phipps winner *Tiz Miz Sue* (*Tiznow*) and GSW/GISP *Souper Sensational* (*Curlin*), *Mount Up*'s only younger sibling is a yearling half-brother by *Ghostzapper*. Sales History: \$400,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$68,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-St. Elias Stable, West Point Thoroughbreds and Robert Masiellot; B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

 **HILL 'N' DALE** Bred, Raised and Sold 

**2nd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, Msw, 6-22, 2yo, 5f, :59.85, ft, 1/2 length.**

**MIKE FROM P'BURG (c, 2, *Kantharos*--*Passion of the Nile*, by *Pioneer of the Nile*),** given the best chance at 9-5 in this field of maidens, broke to his inside, initiating contact with *Ore Mine* (*Kantharos*) before straightening out to contend between horses. Squeezed out of the spot into the turn, he re-engaged from the outside and had all the momentum down the lane, just getting up to pass *Ore Mine* late for the half-length win. Out of a half-sister to MGSW/GISP Mrs McDougal (*Medaglia d'Oro*), *Mike From P'burg* has a newborn *Justify* half-sister still to represent the family. Sales History: \$100,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).** O-Michael J. Caruso and Michael Dubb; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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**5th-Belmont, \$90,000, Msw, 6-22, 2yo, 5fT, :57.25, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.**

**PLEASE ADVISE (c, 2, *Palace Malice*--*Amansara* {SW & GSP, \$140,584}, by *War Chant*),** one of a pair of entries for trainer George Weaver *fresh off Wednesday's success at Royal Ascot*, was the better regarded of the two, going off at 4-1 opposite his 14-1 stablemate. In pursuit of the pace early while racing off the rail, he collared the pacesetting duo of *Dark Vintage* (Ire) (*Dark Angel* {Ire}) and *Culprit* (*Justify*) at the top of the lane, disposed of them inside the final furlong, and came home under steady urging to defeat *Noted* (*Cairo Prince*) by 1 1/2 lengths. The half-brother to *Siem Riep* (*Tapit*), SW, \$380,563, *Please Advise* is her dam's last foal. Sales History: \$20,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-R. A. Hill; B-Spartan Team Investment (KY); T-George Weaver.

 Sold by *Brookdale* for Spartan Team Inv   
**SGV THOROUGHBREDS GRADUATE** 



**IN SAUDI ARABIA:**

**Haiah (KSA)**, f, 2, **Liam's Map**--Smart 'n Special, by Smart Strike.  
Ta'if, 6-22, Maiden, 1200m. B-n/a. \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*1/2  
to Setna the Wise (**Cairo Prince**), SP. **VIDEO (SC 7)**

**IN BRITAIN:**

**Valiant Force**, c, 2, **Malibu Moon**. See "Group Results".

**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JUNE 23**

*2023 Stud Fees Listed*

**Audible** (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$25,000  
150 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Belmont, 3:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Blue Eighty Five, 8-1  
\$55,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$200,000 SAR AUG yrl  
5-Belmont, 3:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Unaudited, 15-1  
\$45,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$140,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$150,000 RNA  
OBS MAR 2yo

**Leofric** (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500  
56 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Belmont, 3:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Charlie Tough, 30-1  
\$6,000 FTK FEB wnl

**Maximus Mischief** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500  
135 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Gulfstream, 2:23 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Miss Sayely, 3-1  
\$32,500 OBS WIN wnl; \$28,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS APR  
2yo  
1-Belmont, 1:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Play Free Bird, 6-1  
\$25,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$47,000 OBS  
MAR 2yo

**Mitole** (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
159 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Ellis, 1:14 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Raconteuse, 6-1  
\$60,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$70,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Solomini** (**Curlin**), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$6,500  
78 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Belmont, 1:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, May Princess, 7-2

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JUNE 23**

*2023 Stud Fees Listed*

**Army Mule** (**Friesan Fire**), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$12,500  
143 foals of racing age/47 winners/7 black-type winners  
6-Prairie Meadows, 9:08 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Kissed a Cadet,  
12-1  
\$31,000 IOW OCT yrl

**Bucchero** (**Kantharos**), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$5,000  
157 foals of racing age/31 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Gulfstream, 2:23 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Future Fortune, 20-1

**Collected** (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000  
234 foals of racing age/38 winners/5 black-type winners  
5-Belmont, 3:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Dr Schuster, 15-1  
\$21,000 FTK FEB wnl

**Good Samaritan** (Harlan's Holiday), WinStar Farm, \$7,500  
172 foals of racing age/40 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-Ellis, 1:14 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Scarlet Miss, 12-1  
\$3,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Mo Town** (**Uncle Mo**), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000  
173 foals of racing age/40 winners/3 black-type winners  
5-Belmont, 3:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Mo Batten, 6-1  
\$21,000 FTN MIX wnl



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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**CANTERBURY DERBY**, \$100,000, Canterbury, 6-21, 3yo, 1mT, 1:34.41, fm.

1--**GOLDEN BANDIT**, 116, g, 3, by **Midnight Lute**--Scent of Gold, by **Street Sense**. **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-Barry & Joni Butzow (KY); T-Coty W. Rosin; J-Adam Beschizza. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-0, \$105,746.

2--**One in Vermillion**, 122, c, 3, **Army Mule**--Given Star, by Any Given Saturday. (\$26,000 Ylg '21 ARZNOV). O-Jonathan Kalman; B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA); T-Esteban Martinez. \$20,000.

 **MATING BY MACHMER HALL/SOLD IN UTERO** 

3--**Worthington**, 116, c, 3, **Classic Empire**--Reva, by Monarchos. O/B-Watters Edge, LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. \$10,000. Margins: 1HF, 1 1/4, 7 3/4. Odds: 2.00, 1.60, 1.50.

**HOOSIER BREEDERS SOPHOMORE H.**, (NB) \$100,000, Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-21, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45.28, ft.

1--**RUN AWAY ROJO**, 118, g, 3, by **Run Away and Hide**--Aunt Sherri (SP), by **Stephen Got Even**. (\$40,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$120,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR). O-West Point Thoroughbreds and J. Nichols; B-S. Dodgen & Barak Farm (IN); T-Dallas Stewart; J-R. Gutierrez. \$55,800. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$92,560.


 **Another Yearling Graduate from Stuart Morris, Agent**

2--**King Ice**, 124, c, 3, Keen Ice--Express Run, by Unbridled Express. O/B-L.T.B & Hillerich (IN); T-George Leonard. \$18,600.

3--**Bad Boy Geist**, 118, g, 3, Flat Out--Easy Victory, by Lost Victory. (\$8,000 Ylg '21 INDMIX). O-N. Jimenez and Southwest Racing Stables; B-Shawn Strain (IN); T-Genaro Garcia. \$10,230. Margins: HD, 5 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.70, 0.90, 22.00.

**LADY CANTERBURY S.**, \$76,725, Canterbury, 6-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.35, fm.

1--**REGAL REALM**, 118, f, 4, **Animal Kingdom**--Sky Willow (SW, \$114,979), by **Empire Maker**. **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Augustin Stables; B-G. Strawbridge (KY); T-J. Thomas; J-F. Geroux. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-2, \$198,997.

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2--**Midnight Current**, 118, m, 5, **Midnight Lute**--Sharp Current, by Tiznow. O/B-Lothenbach Stables (MN); T-J. Berndt. \$15,850.

3--**She Can't Sing**, 118, m, 6, Bernardini--Distorted Music, by Distorted Humor. O/B-Lothenbach Stables (KY); T-Chris Block. \$7,175.

Margins: 1, 3/4, 2HF. Odds: 1.40, 2.70, 2.10.

**BROOKS FIELDS MILE S.**, \$76,500, Canterbury, 6-21, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:33.21, fm.

1--**FUERTEVENTURA**, 120, g, 4, **Summer Front**--Casanova Striker, by **Smart Strike**. (\$190,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-Robert V. LaPenta and Brereton C. Jones; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Jonathan Thomas; J-Florent Geroux. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 10-5-2-0, \$276,444. \*1/2 to Midnight Soiree (Include), SW, \$217,976; 1/2 to Silver Time (Indian Charlie), SW, \$159,932; 1/2 to Ciguaraya (Latent Heat), SW, \$186,998.

## STEVEN W. YOUNG Yearling Purchase


2--**Stagecoach Boys**, 120, g, 4, Kitten's Joy--No Retreat, by War Chant. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Lothenbach Stables Inc (MN); T-Joel Berndt. \$16,175.

3--**Sonny Smack**, 124, g, 8, Successful Appeal--Smack Madam, by Victory Gallop. O-Matt Ouska; B-Dream Walkin' Farms, Inc. (KY); T-Valorie Lund. \$7,338.

Margins: NO, HD, NK. Odds: 0.90, 9.00, 23.70.

**DARK STAR TURF SPRINT S.**, \$75,450, Canterbury, 6-21, 3yo/up, 5fT, :54.80, fm.

1--**HIGH FRONT**, 122, g, 4, **Summer Front**--Tide Is High, by **Broken Vow**. **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Augustin Stables; B-George Strawbridge (KY); T-Jonathan Thomas; J-Florent Geroux. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$198,635.

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2--**Plane Talk**, 118, g, 6, Conveyance--Kitty's Pearl, by Bellamy Road. (\$12,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; \$75,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Novogratz Racing Stables Inc.; B-Buck Pond Farm Inc. & Rob Auerbach (KY); T-McLean Robertson. \$14,025.

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3--**Mark of the Z**, 118, g, 7, Zulu Magic--Katie First, by Predecessor. O/T-Jose G. Rodriguez; B-Thomas L Zimmer (MI). \$7,013.

Margins: 2, NK, NK. Odds: 2.00, 8.00, 2.40.

**MTA STALLION AUCTION S.**, (NB) \$54,300, Canterbury, 6-21, (C), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17.01, ft.

1--**SIR STERLING**, 122, g, 3, **Sam Lord's Castle**--Foxy Felicity, by **Matt's Broken Vow**. O/B-Chad Kuehn (MN); T-Tony Rengstorff; J-Lindey Wade. \$33,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$78,726.

2--**Thunders Rocknroll**, 117, f, 3, **Maclean's Music**--Thunder and Honey, by Thunder Gulch. (\$68,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP). O/B-Bob Lindgren (MN); T-McLean Robertson. \$10,025.

3--**Artistic Vision**, 117, f, 3, The Visualiser--Artistic Charm (GB), by Dutch Art (GB). O-Thumbs Up Racing, LLC; B-David Cobb (OK); T-Miguel Angel Silva. \$4,513.

Margins: 3 1/4, 8 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.90, 2.20, 11.90.



**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-Ellis, \$134,000**, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 6-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.59, fm, neck.

**LINGUISTIC (f, 4, Flatter--Translator, by Posse)** Lifetime Record: 12-3-5-1, \$193,120. O-Maxis Stable and Foster Family Racing; B-Fred W. Hertrich III, John D. Fielding & Robert L. Tribbett (KY); T-Eric N. Foster. \*\$125,000 RNA 4yo '23 KEEAPR.

**8th-Ellis, \$134,000**, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 6-22, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.67, ft, 6 lengths.

**MINNESOTA READY (g, 4, More Than Ready--Eden Prairie {MSW & MGSP, \$425,520}, by Mizzen Mast)** Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-1, \$250,449. O/B-Lothenbach Stable (KY); T-Neil Pessin.

**3rd-Ellis, \$127,000**, 6-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.61, ft, head. **HEARTBREAKER (g, 5, Jimmy Creed--Tenacious Heart, by Into Mischief)** Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-1, \$172,299. O-Kyle W. Nagel; B-Eric & Sharon Waller (KY); T-Dale L. Romans.

**6th-Belmont, \$101,850**, (NW3\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 6-22, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.90, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

**GUN IT (g, 7, Tapit--Miss Besilu {MGISP, \$187,829}, by Medaglia d'Oro)** Lifetime Record: MGSP, 34-4-10-7, \$529,734. O-Winning Move Stable; B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC and Besilu Stables, LLC (KY); T-Linda Rice. \*\$2,600,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

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**2nd-Belmont, \$100,000**, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 6-22, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.61, fm, 3/4 length.

**EASTER (FR) (g, 5, Exosphere {Aus}--Excellent Girl {GB} {GSP-Fr}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus})** Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 14-4-2-2, \$233,790. O-Madaket Stables LLC; B-Aleyrion Bloodstock Ltd. (FR); T-H. Graham Motion. \*€150,000 3yo '21 ARARC. \*\*1/2 to Sweetie Dream (Fr) (Dream Ahead), GSW-Fr.

**7th-Belmont, \$85,000**, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 6-22, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.57, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

**DAUFUSKIE ISLAND (g, 4, Goldencents--Livermore Valley {MSW & GISP, \$330,202}, by Mt. Livermore)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 17-5-1-4, \$284,579. O-Vincent Scuderi, Michael Imperio, Rudy Rodriguez & Robert Cotrone; B-R. Hahn (NY); T-Rudy Rodriguez.

 **ANOTHER TRAVIS DURR GRADUATE**

**6th-Delaware, \$48,500**, (S), 6-22, 3yo, 6f, 1:12.19, wf, 2 lengths. **RUN POPPY (c, 3, Runhappy--War Poppy, by Discreet Cat)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$82,522. O-Lewis E. Mathews, Jr.; B-Jon A Marshall (PA); T-Chelsey E. Moysey. \*\$35,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT.

**6th-Hawthorne, \$40,500**, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 6-22, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:40.39, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

**NOTARY (g, 5, Street Sense--Ellesmere {SP}, by Tabasco Cat)** Lifetime Record: 28-4-2-4, \$169,587. O-Michael Gerald; B-John Gardiner & Frank McEntee (KY); T-Ingrid Mason. \*\$185,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$500,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTSAUG; \$65,000 2yo '20 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Clement Rock (Strong Hope), MSW-Can, SW-USA, \$300,351; 1/2 to Bridgetown (Speightstown), GSW-Can, GSW-USA, \$993,700; 1/2 to Carnacks Choice (Carson City), MSW & GSP, \$286,957.

 **Hidden Brook Foaled, Raised & Sold**  
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**7th-Hawthorne, \$40,320**, 6-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.52, fm, nose.

**AALIYAH EZRI (f, 4, Daredevil--Mined Over Matter {SP}, by Mineshaft)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-0, \$94,049. O-Doubledown Stables, Inc.; B-Joe McSorley (KY); T-James P. DiVito. \*\$100,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$210,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

**7th-Delaware, \$40,158**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 6-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:44.14, wf, 4 3/4 lengths.

**ESSAOUIRA (f, 3, Super Saver--Eden's Moon {GISW, \$387,216}, by Malibu Moon)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$68,345. O/B-Al Shaqab Racing (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.

**4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$37,000**, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 6-22, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.77, ft, 3/4 length.

**RETAINED (g, 3, Bayern--Rarities, by City Zip)** Lifetime Record: SP, 10-3-4-2, \$180,265. O-S B Stables LLC; B-Kaleem Shah (KY); T-William E. Morey.

**3rd-Hawthorne, \$36,000**, 6-22, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.51, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

**KANT BELIEVE IT (f, 4, Kantharos--Royal Taat {Nz} {GSP-NZ, MSP-USA, \$151,498}, by Faltaat)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-1, \$192,631. O/B-Doubledown Stables, Inc. (KY); T-James P. DiVito. \*1/2 to Game Time Decision (Put It Back), MSP, \$261,623.

 **HERMITAGE FARM Foaled & Raised**

**3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$36,000**, 6-22, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.27, fm, 3 lengths.

**MACADAMIA (FR) (f, 4, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Eldacar {GB}, by Verglas {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-0, \$81,980. O/B-Haras Bonne Chance (FR); T-Paulo H. Lobo. \*€70,000 RNA Ylg '20 ARDEAY. \*\*Full to King of Steel, G1SP-Eng, \$421,665.

 **BONNE CHANCE BRED**

**1st-Penn National, \$31,600, (S), 6-22, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.85, ft, 11 lengths.**

**SIMPLY STATED (f, 3, Warrior's Reward--Sharp and Sassy, by Sharp Humor)** Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-1-1, \$58,268. O-WMT Stable & Sylmar Farm; B-WMT Stable (PA); T-Bernard Houghton.

**1st-Penn National, \$28,924, 6-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.32, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**KHAKI JACK (g, 5, Shackleford--Lovely Steps, by Gone West)** Lifetime Record: 29-4-7-6, \$114,117. O-Joel David Sandstrom; B-BG B/S (KY); T-Brandon L. Kulp. \*\$22,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV.

**8th-Belterra, \$25,600, (S), 6-22, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.56, ft, 8 lengths.**

**GO GIRL (f, 3, National Flag--Go Go Tammy, by Tiznow)** Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-1, \$61,786. O-Blazing Meadows; B-WinBlaze (OH); T-Timothy Hamm. \*1/2 to Tantrum (Speightster), SW, \$295,989.

**7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$22,848, 6-21, (NW4LX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.96, ft, head.**

**STORMIN'UNCLEJACK (g, 3, Uncle Vinny--Miss Flaming, by Diablo)** Lifetime Record: 9-4-3-0, \$77,056. O/T-R. Faulkner; B-Jack Treadway (FL).

**6th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$20,776, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 6-21, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.24, ft, 1/2 length.**

**KOSHER COWBOY (g, 5, Conveyance--Hickory Heifer, by Forestry)** Lifetime Record: 12-3-3-1, \$58,685. O-L.A. Racing, Inc.; B-Joel Zawitz (KY); T-Claudia Marshall Godsey, Jr.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Surfboard, g, 2, Include--Suburb, by City Zip.** Delaware, 6-22, 5f, 1:01.12. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$28,500. B-Morgan's Ford Farm (VA). \*\$25,000 Wlg '21 FTIDEC. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.

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**Graceful Rose, f, 3, Bal a Bali (Brz)--Buccella, by Corinthian.** Delaware, 6-22, 5f (off turf), :59.35. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-3, \$62,775. B-Windylea Farm (NY). \*\$15,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT.

**Sharon's Grey Hope, f, 3, Bucchero--Sliver of Hope (SW, \$124,430), by Value Plus.** Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-22, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.52. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$30,960. B-Southern Chase Farm, Inc. & Karen & Greg Dodd (IN). \*\$75,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT; \$75,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

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**Justiceonemoretime, g, 3, Harry's Holiday--Golden Pioneer, by Pioneerof the Nile.** Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-22, (S), 1mT, 1:39.07. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, \$24,422. B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (IN).

**Berrettini, g, 3, Oscar Performance--Baciami Piccola (GB) (GSW-USA, SP-Fr, SP-It, \$118,036), by Equiano (Fr).** Ellis, 6-22, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.31. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$86,675. B-Mrs. Jerry Amerman (KY).

**I'm Box Office, f, 4, California Chrome--Askbut I Won'ttell (MGSW-USA, SP-Can, \$441,487), by Horse Chestnut (Saf).** Hawthorne, 6-22, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.32. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$23,040. B-Team Block & Rich Ege (NY).

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**Animal Kingdom, Regal Realm, f, 4, o/o Sky Willow, by Empire Maker.** Lady Canterbury S., 6-21, Canterbury

**Army Mule, Mount Up, c, 3, o/o Made Me Shiver, by Maclean's Music.** MSW, 6-22, Belmont

**Bal a Bali (Brz), Graceful Rose, f, 3, o/o Buccella, by Corinthian.** MSW, 6-22, Delaware

**Bank Heist, Athena Beach, f, 3, o/o Beach, by Tapit.** AOC, 6-21, Penn National

**Bayern, Retained, g, 3, o/o Rarities, by City Zip.** AOC, 6-22, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Bucchero, Sharon's Grey Hope, f, 3, o/o Sliver of Hope, by Value Plus.** MSW, 6-22, Horseshoe Indianapolis

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**First Samurai, Harry Hood, g, 3, o/o Destiny Unbound (Ire), by Galileo (Ire).** MSW, 6-22, Ellis

**Flatter, Linguistic, f, 4, o/o Translator, by Posse.** AOC, 6-22, Ellis  
**Goldencents, Daufuskie Island, g, 4, o/o Livermore Valley, by Mt. Livermore.** AOC, 6-22, Belmont

**Harry's Holiday, Justiceonemoretime, g, 3, o/o Golden Pioneer, by Pioneerof the Nile.** MSW, 6-22, Horseshoe Indianapolis

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**Into Mischief, Tryinmyheartout, f, 3, o/o Miss Hollywood, by Malibu Moon.** AOC, 6-22, Belmont



**Jimmy Creed**, Heartbreaker, g, 5, o/o Tenacious Heart, by Into Mischief. ALW, 6-22, Ellis

**Kantharos**, Kant Believe It, f, 4, o/o Royal Taat (Nz), by Faltaat. ALW, 6-22, Hawthorne

**Kantharos**, Mike From P'burg, c, 2, o/o Passion of the Nile, by Pioneer of the Nile. MSW, 6-22, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Midnight Lute**, Golden Bandit, g, 3, o/o Scent of Gold, by **Street Sense**. Canterbury Derby, 6-21, Canterbury

**More Than Ready**, Minnesota Ready, g, 4, o/o Eden Prairie, by Mizzen Mast. AOC, 6-22, Ellis

**National Flag**, Go Girl, f, 3, o/o Go Go Tammy, by Tiznow. ALW, 6-22, Belterra

**Oscar Performance**, Berrettini, g, 3, o/o Baciarmi Piccola (GB), by Equiano (Fr). MSW, 6-22, Ellis

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**Prayer for Relief**, Tu Cha, f, 4, o/o Chablack, by Black Moonshine. ALW, 6-22, Horseshoe Indianapolis

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**Street Sense**, Notary, g, 5, o/o Ellesmere, by Tabasco Cat. AOC, 6-22, Hawthorne

**Summer Front**, Fuerteventura, g, 4, o/o Casanova Striker, by Smart Strike. Brooks Fields Mile S., 6-21, Canterbury

**Summer Front**, High Front, g, 4, o/o Tide Is High, by Broken Vow. Dark Star Turf Sprint S., 6-21, Canterbury

**Super Saver**, Essaouira, f, 3, o/o Eden's Moon, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 6-22, Delaware

**Tapit**, Gun It, g, 7, o/o Miss Besilu, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. AOC, 6-22, Belmont

**Uncle Mo**, Mouffy, f, 4, o/o Truly Together, by Smart Strike. AOC, 6-21, Horseshoe Indianapolis

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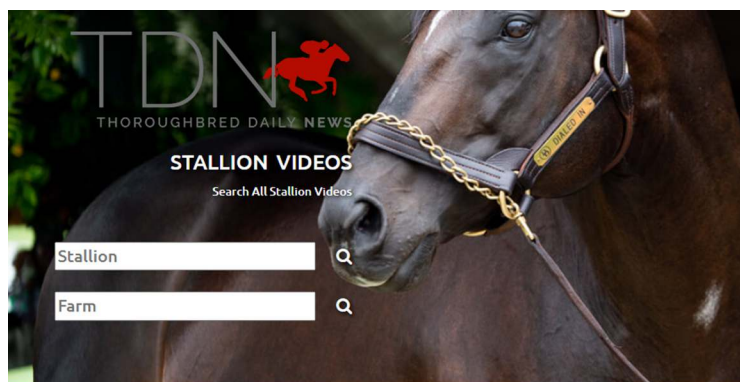
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## GOLD CUP GLORY FOR COURAGE MON AMI AND FRANKIE



Frankie & Courage Mon Ami | Horsephotos

By Tom Frary

Burying the unhappiness of 12 months ago, Frankie Dettori sealed his Royal Ascot immortality with a heartstopping G1 Gold Cup victory on Wathnan Racing's **Courage Mon Ami (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**)--Crimson Ribbon, by Lemon Drop Kid) in a brilliant piece of placing by the Gosdens. Thrown in at the deep end after a trio of wins on the all-weather and a Goodwood handicap by a cumulative margin of 13 3/4 lengths, the Oppenheimer-bred was up another six furlongs but his odds of 15-2 told the real story about the regard in which he is held at Clarehaven.

Always travelling strongly towards the rear as the 2021 hero **Subjectivist (GB)** (Teofilo {Ire}) took the race by the scruff of the neck, he was threaded up the rail to overhaul the 11-4 favourite **Coltrane (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) inside the final furlong. Despite that veteran battling back, it was Royal winner number 79 and the ultimate sign-off for Dettori as he asserted to score by 3/4 of a length with Subjectivist fading to be 3 3/4 lengths behind in third. The win was the third Group 1 of the week for **Frankel**, with Juddmonte's kingpin seemingly assuming the mantle of the King of Royal Ascot.

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## ROYAL ASCOT: IRISH KINGPINS DOMINATE THE FEATURES by Tom Frary

Royal Ascot Friday sees the Irish contingent to the fore as **TDN Rising Stars Tahiyra (Ire)** (**Siyouni {Fr}**) and **Little Big Bear (Ire)** (**No Nay Never**) exercise iron grips on the feature G1 Coronation S. and G1 Commonwealth Cup, respectively. While the former flashed her considerable talent just twice as a juvenile, Ballydoyle's champion of 2022 domineered his way through three important black-type tests before injury halted his momentum. Now the winner of the Irish 1000 Guineas, Tahiyra comfortably has the measure of chief rival **Meditate (Ire)** (**No Nay Never**) so far in her career but if there is one thing Dermot Weld will know about beating Ballydoyle is that you have to do it again and again and maintain your level. Little Big Bear, who became the latest in a line of his stable's big guns to miss a beat in the 2000 Guineas, may actually get a mile in time but while he is so comfortable at these sprint trips and Paddington (GB) (**Siyouni {Fr}**) is around it is a case of back to basics. **Cont. p15**

## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### FOR THE 'LITTLE GUY': RANGEL BREEDS ASCOT WINNER

Small breeder Ramon Rangel, also yearling manager at Spendthrift Farm, celebrates a win in Royal Ascot's G2 Norfolk with Valiant Force, a horse he co-bred with the Kentucky nursery.

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Tom Marquand celebrates after winning the King George V S. (Heritage Handicap) for HM The King and HM The Queen. See pg 13 | Getty

## MALIBU MOON COLT LANDS NORFOLK FOR AMO

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Amo Racing's Valiant Force (Malibu Moon) became the first Royal Ascot winner for his owner when winning the G2 Norfolk S. at Royal Ascot.

## RIBBLESDALE GOES TO WARM HEART

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The Coolmore partners' Warm Heart (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) won the G2 Ribblesdale S. at Royal Ascot on Thursday.

## EMIR OF QATAR OWNER OF WATHNAN RACING

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The Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, has been revealed as the owner behind Wathnan Racing.

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**Gold Cup cont. from p1**

"I thought it was a bridge too far from handicaps to Group 1, but I had the perfect trip," Frankie said on a day of days for the Royal meeting. "I didn't expect it. The last five years I've had Stradivarius, so the pressure was on. This one I thought was a bit of a chancer, but John was confident. It's unbelievable, on my last year winning the Gold Cup. Myself, The King and Queen Camilla had a talk beforehand about his win and my relationship with his mother, Queen Elizabeth, then the next race I go on and win the Gold Cup and he presents the trophy. It's amazing, really amazing."

Just how steep the learning curve of Courage Mon Ami has been can be evidenced by his debut in September when carrying the Oppenheimer silks in a 12-furlong Kempton novice. Blowing the start and several lengths behind the rest of the field early, he was still able to produce a sustained effort to win comfortably and even though his final start as an entire colt in October saw him double up in more professional manner on Newcastle's Tapeta, it was not until his comeback at Goodwood last month that targeting this race seemed even remotely realistic. Upsetting a host of proven group 1 performers going so far into the unknown trip-wise in one of the world's toughest races would normally be an insurmountable task for a horse of such little seasoning, but Courage Mon Ami has rare quality.

Settled on the fence as Stradivarius was 12 months ago, he was able to coast through most of the first two miles but as the stable's three-time winner had been in the last two renewals was also a hostage to fortune as the action hotted up. Denied an out approaching the home turn, Frankie was forced back to the inner but unlike last year saw it all open up in front of him like a symbolic parting of the waves.

Unleashing a 11.93 split between the three and the two to enter the fight, Courage Mon Ami had to switch around Coltrane as that rival took over from the tiring **Lone Eagle (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) but by now the fledgling stayer's blood was up. Ahead at the furlong marker, the winner was the freshest horse for the finale where Frankie's innate poise was evident despite all the emotion and pressure of the moment.

"I wanted to swing out wide but Stéphane [Pasquier] kept me in and actually won me the race, because I cut the corner and it happened," Frankie added. "I got the splits when I wanted to and in fairness he showed a turn of foot. He's still a baby, but when Coltrane came back he picked up again. John's a great trainer and he does things like that. Sometimes if I don't believe it I just go along with it! My kids shook hands with The King afterwards and are old enough to understand now. For the last 18 years, they've just thought I was a guy on the TV, maybe like Peppa Pig or something!"



**Valiant Force wins the Norfolk S. (G2)**

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Even by John Gosden's standards, this was a supreme piece of training and unlike anything in the history of the great race. "I don't think I'll try that again," he quipped in reference to the winner's inexperience. "He's always looked smart, but as you can tell by the size of him he's taken plenty of time to mature. You can't practise two and a half miles at home, but Frankie stayed cool and rode him cool in the dark down the inside, saving every inch."

"Courage Mon Ami is a lovely horse and has gone from the all-weather to Goodwood to here, so full credit to him," Gosden Sr added. "You'd like to think he's still maturing now and can still improve. [Bloodstock agent] Richard Brown has done a very clever job, as he was asked to find horses to come to Royal Ascot for Wathnan Racing and they are hard to buy. Gregory and Courage Mon Ami were owner-breeder horses and the costs of keeping a stud going means owners have to sell."



King Charles and Queen Camilla looking on as Frankie Dettori celebrates his ninth Gold Cup win | Horsephotos

"It crowns Frankie's week," he concluded. "He's had a phenomenal career. We've been working together on and off for thirty years and had one argument in that time. How many marriages can say that? We patched that up after five days and were winning group ones in Deauville straight after and kicked on after that. Look at the result today."

Coltrane's rider Oisin Murphy said of the gallant runner-up, now officially one of Britain's leading stayers representing the vintage class of 2022 alone, "He relaxed great and travelled round super. I felt I could go and win the race. Frankie's come with me and it was a good battle and Frankie came out on top."

Subjectivist was back to his best with a stirring effort which drew the sting from all bar two of his rivals and Charlie Johnston was understandably proud. "He's run a great race," he said. "I was sort of expecting he would win or we would be out with the washing! It's been a long road and just being here is pretty special. Let's hope he's okay and we can go again."

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## Pedigree Notes



Courage Mon Ami | Horsphotos

Courage Mon Ami becomes the 31st group 1 winner for **Frankel**, whose presence at this year's Royal Ascot has confirmed his ever-elevating status. The dam Crimson Ribbon, who scored over a mile and a half, has also produced the Listed Chalice S. scorer and G3 Pinnacle S. runner-up Crimson Rosette (Ire), the Australian stakes winner and group 3-placed Astronomos (GB) and the listed-placed Purple Ribbon (GB) all by other sons of Galileo in Teofilo (Ire), New Approach (Ire) and **Gleneagles (Ire)** respectively.

Crimson Ribbon is a full-sister to Bronze Cannon, who captured the G2 Hardwicke S. at this meeting as well as the G2 Jockey Club S., and to the GIII My Charmer H. scorer Valiant Girl while her half-brother Across The Stars (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) was successful under Frankie in the 2016 G2 King Edward VII S. The listed-placed second dam Victoria Cross (Ire) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire}) is out of the G2 Park Hill S. runner-up Glowing With Pride (GB) (Ile de Bourbon), whose three other stakes performer are headed by the GII San Marco H. winner and GI Hollywood Turf Cup-placed Prize Giving (GB) (Most Welcome

{GB}). Crimson Ribbon also has the stable's once-raced 3-year-old colt Lion's Pride (GB) (Roaring Lion), a 2-year-old filly by **Frankel's** son Cracksman (GB) named Danielle (GB) and a yearling filly by Golden Horn (GB).

### Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain

**GOLD CUP-G1**, £600,000, Ascot, 6-22, 4yo/up, 19f 210yT, 4:20.97, g/f.

1--**COURAGE MON AMI (GB)**, 129, g, 4, by **Frankel (GB)**

1st Dam: **Crimson Ribbon**, by Lemon Drop Kid

2nd Dam: **Victoria Cross (Ire)**, by Mark Of Esteem (Ire)

3rd Dam: **Glowing With Pride (GB)**, by Ile De Bourbon

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN; 1ST GROUP 1 WIN.**

O-Wathnan Racing; B-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd (GB);

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(Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), SW & MGSP-Eng; Astronomos (GB)

(New Approach {Ire}), SW & GSP-Aus, \$220,908; and Purple

Ribbon (GB) (**Gleneagles {Ire}**), SP-Eng. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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2--**Coltrane (Ire)**, 130, g, 6, Mastercraftsman (Ire)--Promise Me (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). **1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.** (50,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT). O-Mick & Janice Mariscotti; B-Rockfield Farm (IRE); T-Andrew Balding. £129,000.

3--**Subjectivist (GB)**, 130, h, 6, **Teofilo (Ire)**--Reckoning (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (62,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT). O-Dr Jim Walker; B-Mascalls Stud (GB); T-Charlie Johnston. £64,560.

Margins: 3/4, 3 3/4, HD. Odds: 7.50, 2.75, 4.50.

Also Ran: Emily Dickinson (Ire), Nate The Great (GB), Yibir (GB), Eldar Eldarov (GB), Echoes In Rain (Fr), Lone Eagle (Ire), Broome (Ire), Big Call, Wise Eagle (Ire). Scratched: Tashkhan (Ire), Trueshan (Fr). **VIDEO.**

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# Frankel

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## HOLDING OUT FOR A HERO *By Emma Berry*

ASCOT, UK--Even before the action was underway on Gold Cup day, there appeared to be entertainment aplenty for the King and Queen. Sir Mark Prescott had managed to book the royal version of speedy boarding and was positioned in the first carriage with their majesties for the royal procession. This may well have been a strategic move from them in the middle of a week which requires plenty of stamina, with two processions still to come. It's a long ride by horse-drawn carriage from Windsor Great Park to Ascot Racecourse and who better to entertain the royal party than racing's finest raconteur, who also shares the King and Queen's love of hunting? Indeed, as the carriages came into view on the big screen it certainly appeared to be Sir Mark that was holding court, much to the obvious enjoyment of his carriage companions.



Their Majesties King Charles (right) and Queen Camilla cheering on Desert Hero | PA Media

William Haggas had been in the royal procession on Wednesday and he put his name back on the invitation list for next year by becoming the first trainer to provide the King and Queen with a winner at Royal Ascot in the King George V S.,

named after the present monarch's great grandfather.

Bred by the late Queen, Desert Hero (GB) hails from a family which has been well represented at the royal meeting in recent years. His dam Desert Breeze (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) is a full-sister to the G2 Hardwicke S. winner Dartmouth (GB), who appeared at Royal Ascot in three consecutive years, and both siblings were gifted to the Queen by their breeder Sheikh Mohammed.

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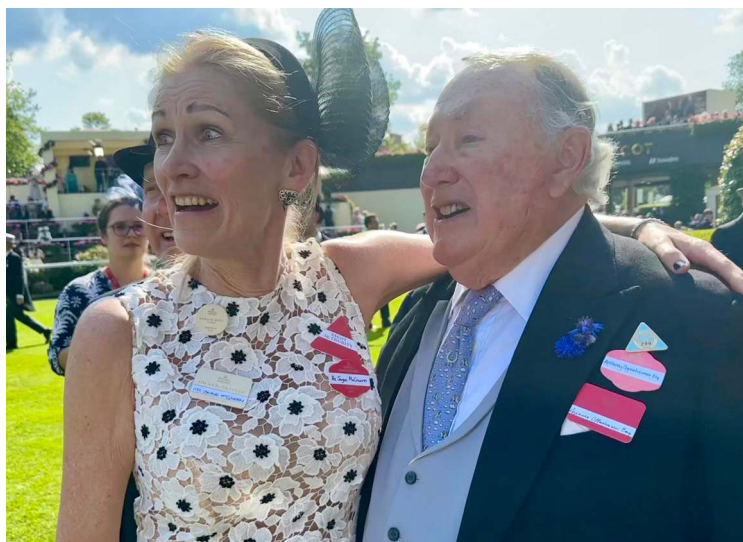
"This is what it's all about for us, and when you are given the privilege of training some horses for the late Queen and The King and Queen, it's an honour," said Haggas.

"They have been looking forward to Royal Ascot for a long time and they hoped to have as many runners as possible. I think they will be absolutely delighted. It's very important for horseracing, but it's also important that the King and Queen enjoy it, which they clearly appear to do. Long may that continue."

It didn't take long, however, for the King to have his thunder stolen by the upstager-in-chief, Lanfranco Dettori. With the quality of horses on offer from Wathnan Racing, the breakthrough owners on the scene who have made quite a splash this week, Dettori will certainly be enjoying this new, albeit brief, association.

Wathnan Racing is the operational name for the horses owned by the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, whose brother Sheikh Joaan is already a familiar face on the international racing scene as the principal of Al Shaqab Racing and owner of Haras de Bouquetot.

First, Gregory (GB) gave the team the Queen's Vase, only for Courage Mon Ami (GB) to plunder an even bigger prize 24 hours later after an epic stretch battle with the plucky Coltrane (Ire) in the Gold Cup. What these hugely exciting emerging stayers have in common, as well as being trained by John and Thady Gosden, is that their Royal Ascot victories were both their first runs in the colours of Wathnan Racing.



Jayne McGivern with Anthony Oppenheimer, who bred Courage Mon Ami and Golden Horn | Emma Berry

## BRITISH-BRED GR.1 WINNER



### COURAGE MON AMI (GB)

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Courage Mon Ami was bred and raced until recently by Anthony Oppenheimer of Hascombe and Valiant Studs, who was also the breeder of Gregory's sire Golden Horn (GB). Gregory represents Philippa Cooper's Normandie Stud and a family which has been replete with quality stayers over the years. While the latter has the target of the St Leger, the four-year-old Courage Mon Ami, similarly unbeaten, has announced his presence at the top of the staying division having arrived in the Gold Cup straight from a Goodwood handicap. This he won a day after Gregory landed the Cocked Hat Stakes at the same course.

"It's a wonderful day for Hascombe and Valiant," said Oppenheimer as he congratulated the horse's new connections by the winner's circle.

"We're very pleased. We've got plenty of the family. We very nearly retired him before he ran because he was so big, but he had those two fantastic races last year when he won by about ten lengths."

As Oppenheimer watched the presentation, made by the King to Courage Mon Ami's new owners, he was joined by Jayne McGivern, who now owns Golden Horn, having bought him last year to stand at Overbury Stud, where he has covered 184 mares this season.



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"Your horse is doing very well!" Oppenheimer said to McGivern with a grin. "I'm very pleased with Golden Horn, he's doing much better than ever before. I have a couple of really nice horses by him coming up."

While Courage Mon Ami's victory means that the extraordinary **Frankel (GB)** has been represented by a Group 1 winner on every day of Royal Ascot so far, from a mile to two and a half miles, it cannot be overlooked that Oppenheimer has enjoyed great success in the past with another of his sons, Cracksman (GB). Now a Darley second-season stallion, Cracksman is responsible for one of the most exciting three-year-old colts of the season in the Prix du Jockey Club winner Ace Impact (Fr).

Olly Tait of Australia's Twin Hills Stud and his old friend Richard Brown of Blandford Bloodstock have been charged with the advising and buying duties for the Qatari-based Wathnan Racing, and both have passed with flying colours in delivering on their brief.

"I was asked to buy some proper horses who could go to the big meetings and compete in the big races, and this is as big as it gets," said Brown. "Olly is the advisor for Wathnan Racing, which was the leading stable in Qatar over the winter. He approached me and said that they were interested in buying a few horses. I obviously jumped at the opportunity. I've known Olly for 25 years. We actually lived next to each other in Newmarket when we first there in about 1998. The opportunity to work with him was extraordinary. We haven't bought very many, we've been very selective, but there are a couple more to come out."

There is just one part of the brief that Tait and Brown may struggle to adhere to if the current level of success continues.

Brown added, "The owners want to be under the radar slightly, though I think the last two days has just blown that apart, but they are private people. It was just a case of getting started with a few horses and this has been a dream start."

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The connections of Courage Mon Ami receive the Gold Cup from the King and Queen, who were also winning owners on the day

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### VALIANT FORCE PROVIDES AMO'S FIRST ROYAL WINNER IN THE NORFOLK



Valiant Force | Horsephotos

by Tom Frary

All the talk before Thursday's G2 Norfolk S. centred around **American Rascal (Curlin)** and **Elite Status (GB)** (Havana Grey {GB}), but it was the 150-1 shot **Valiant Force** (Malibu Moon--Vigui's Heart, by **Quality Road**) who held sway to provide Amo Racing with a breakthrough first Royal Ascot winner. Runner-up to **His Majesty (Ire)** (**No Nay Never**) on debut in the Listed First Flier S., the Adrian Murray-trained \$100,000 Keeneland September yearling was discounted by the betting public due to his latest fifth despite having excuses in the G3 Marble Hill S. Dominating the far-side group under Rossa Ryan, he veered left late on but hit the line with 1 1/4 lengths to spare over **Malc (GB)** (**Calyx (GB)**), with the 7-4 favourite Elite Status half a length behind in third.

As it turned out, the Marble Hill was the race to concentrate on ahead of this much-anticipated renewal with The Curragh's staging post featuring not only the winner but also Ballydoyle's His Majesty, who had been involved in a three-way go in that six-furlong contest. Left stranded on his own up the centre of the track on that day as the remainder crossed towards the stands' side, Valiant Force was still in front a furlong from the finish and had quicker ground as well as company to aid his cause this time. His Majesty was clear of the disadvantaged stands'-side pack here in fourth, becoming the fourth Ballydoyle juvenile to represent the stable with major credit this week.

Kia Joorabchian owns the winner alongside Rachael O'Callaghan and Giselle De Aguiar and said, "We've been trying for a long time and we kept getting beaten, but kept getting up.

I'm just delighted for these guys. We've loved this horse all the time and he was on his own last time at The Curragh, so we knew he could do it."

Adrian Murray, who hit the board in Tuesday's juvenile feature, added, "We knew he was a nice horse and we couldn't believe the price. He was only beaten half a length by His Majesty first time out and he was 150-1 today, it just didn't make sense! I knew he was much better than that. We were third here in the Coventry Stakes on Tuesday and I wondered if that would ever happen again. It's the stuff of dreams. It's great for the small man."

Malc's trainer Richard Fahey was almost completing a third consecutive success in this race and commented, "Coming here I thought I had a real nice bunch of two-year-olds, but the way the others had run I couldn't be confident. Today everything did go right, he sticks his head down and he has a go. To be honest we think he's a six-furlong horse, but at Ascot you almost want a six-furlong horse over five. In the mid-part of the race, I'm not saying that's where we lost it, but he got a little outpaced and the winner got first run."

Karl Burke said of the beaten favourite, "A furlong out I thought we might catch the leader, but he just couldn't get there. The Prix Morny was always our target before today. I'll go and have a word with Sheikh Obaid, but I imagine we'll step him up to six. He's not the finished article yet, but he's a lovely horse."

### Pedigree Notes

The winner is the first foal out of the unraced dam Vigui's Heart, a daughter of the triple stakes scorer Blue Heart (Exchange Rate) and half to the GIII With Anticipation S. third Joyful Heart (Kitten's Joy).

Blue Heart is kin to four other stakes performers including the dam of the GIII Gulfstream Park Sprint S. winner C. Zee (Elusive Bluff). Also connected to the triple graded-stakes place-getter Katie Baby (**Curlin**), Vigui's Heart's filly foal is by Mitole.



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## Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain

**NORFOLK S.-G2**, £110,000, Ascot, 6-22, 2yo, 5fT, :59.75, g/f.

1--**VALIANT FORCE**, 129, c, 2, by Malibu Moon

1st Dam: Vigui's Heart, by **Quality Road**

2nd Dam: Blue Heart, by Exchange Rate

3rd Dam: Flawless Diamond, by Saint Ballado

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN.** (\$75,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$100,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Amo Racing, Mrs R O'Callaghan & G De Aguiar; B-Ramon Horta Rangel & Spendthrift Farm (KY); T-Adrian Murray; J-Rossa Ryan. £62,381. Lifetime Record: SP-Ire, 3-1-1-0, \$89,328.

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Werk Nick Rating: B.



2--**Malc (GB)**, 129, c, 2, **Calyx (GB)**--Bereka (GB), by Firebreak (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (34,000gns Ylg '22 TATSOM; 140,000gns 2yo '23 TATBRE). O-Middleham Park Racing LXVI; B-Bearstone Stud (GB); T-R Fahey. £23,650.

3--**Elite Status (GB)**, 129, c, 2, Havana Grey (GB)--Dotted Swiss (Ire), by Swiss Spirit (GB). **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (56,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; 325,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-Karl Burke. £11,836.

Margins: 1 1/4, HF, 3/4. Odds: 150.00, 66.00, 1.75.

Also Ran: His Majesty (Ire), Thunder Blue (GB), Devious (GB), Reveiller (Ire), Mon Na Slieve (Ire), No Nay Mets (Ire), The Fixer (Ire), Toca Madera (Ire), Shayekh (Ire), American Rascal, Noche Magica (Ire). Scratched: Baheer (Ire), Hala Emaraaty (Ire).

**VIDEO.**

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United States	1

### Winners By Country (Bred)

Country:	Wins:
Ireland	11
Great Britain	6
France	2
United States	2

### Winners By Sire (win/alphabetical)

Sire:	Wins:
Frankel (GB)	3 (G1s)
Siyouni (Fr)	2 (G1/Hcp.)
Australia (GB)	1 (G3)
Blue Point (Ire)	1 (Listed)
Cacique (Ire)	1 (Hcp.)
Dubawi (Ire)	1 (G2)
Galileo (Ire)	1 (G2)
Galiway (GB)	1 (Hcp.)
Golden Horn (GB)	1 (G2)
Massaat (Ire)	1 (Hcp.)
Mastercraftsman (Ire)	1 (Hcp.)
Malibu Moon	1 (G2)
New Bay (GB)	1 (Hcp.)
Nyquist	1 (G2)
Sea The Stars (Ire)	1 (Hcp.)
Shamardal	1 (Listed)
Tasleet (GB)	1 (G1)
Wootton Bassett (GB)	1 (G2)

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## WARM HEART GETS GALILEO OFF THE MARK IN THE RIBBLESDALE



Warm Heart | Megan Ridgwell

By Tom Frary

It took its time coming this year, but the expected Royal Ascot winner for the great Galileo (Ire) aptly arrived courtesy of Ballydoyle as **Warm Heart (Ire)** captured Thursday's G2 Ribblesdale S. for the late legend. Stepping up to a mile-and-a-half trip that was always going to see her excel following her hard-fought win in the 10-furlong Listed Haras de Bouquetot Fillies' Trial S. at Newbury last month, the 13-2 shot was in the right spot early with Ryan Moore's unerring radar to her advantage.

As the initial strong pace slackened notably after the first half mile, Warm Heart was close up while Shadwell's keen-going 5-6 favourite **Al Asifah (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) was compromised several lengths behind without cover. As Warm Heart took a narrow lead two out, Al Asifah arrived out wide with a threat that was to prove only short-lived as the eventual winner produced a 11.88 split to take command. At the line, the daughter of the triple group 1 winner Sea Siren (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) had 2 1/2 lengths to spare over **Lumiere Rock (Ire)** (**Saxon Warrior {Jpn}**), with **TDN Rising Star Bluestocking (GB)** (**Camelot {GB}**) 1 1/4 lengths further behind in third.

"She is a straightforward filly and they didn't go hard, so I was in a good spot and it all worked out," Moore said. "She was a better filly today up to a mile and a half." Aidan O'Brien added, "We thought that a mile and a quarter was maybe as far as she was going to get and we didn't know when she got to the front today whether she would run out of stamina. She got the trip very well today and Ryan gave her a beautiful ride. She's out of a great mare and usually those fillies with good pedigrees do improve--physically she's doing great."

## Pedigree Notes

Warm Heart is the fifth foal out of Sea Siren, whose top-level victories came in the Manikato S., Doomben 10,000 and BTC Cup. She is also responsible for Galileo's G3 Derrinstown Stud Fillies S. runner-up Celestial Object (Ire) and the stable's ill-fated Arbutus (Ire) who broke down during the Listed Yeats S. last season. The third dam is the G1 Karrakatta Plate winner Hold That Smile (Aus) (Haulpak {Aus}), while the family includes the G2 Bank of New Zealand Breeders' S. scorer and stakes producer Lady Dehere (NZ) (Dehere). Her final Galileo is a 2-year-old colt named Bremen (Ire), after which she produced a yearling colt by **Camelot (GB)**.

Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain

**RIBBLESDALE S.-G2**, £235,875, Ascot, 6-22, 3yo, f, 11f 211yT, 2:30.41, g/f.

1--**WARM HEART (IRE)**, 128, f, 3, by Galileo (Ire)

1st Dam: Sea Siren (Aus) (MG1SW-Aus, SW & MGSP-Ire, \$1,743,772), by Fastnet Rock (Aus)

2nd Dam: Express A Smile (Aus), by Success Express

3rd Dam: Hold That Smile (Aus), by Haulpak (Aus)

**1ST GROUP WIN.** O-Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, D Smith & Westerberg; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. £133,765. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$231,472. \*Full to Celestial Object (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), GSP-Ire. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**, or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

2--**Lumiere Rock (Ire)**, 128, f, 3, **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)**--Last Gold (Fr), by Gold Away (Ire). (55,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT). O-M O'Flynn; B-The Last Partnership (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien. £50,713.

3--**Bluestocking (GB)**, 128, f, 3, **Camelot (GB)**--Emulous (GB), by Dansili (GB). **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd (GB); T-Ralph Beckett. £25,380. Margins: 2HF, 1 1/4, NO. Odds: 6.50, 14.00, 4.50.

Also Ran: Crown Princesse (Fr), Sea Of Roses (GB), Al Asifah (GB), Climate Friendly (GB), Lmay (Ire), Ghara (GB), Village Voice (GB), Perfect Prophet (GB), Understated (GB), Midnight Mile (Ire), Rocha Do Leao (Ire), Red Riding Hood (Ire), Ferrari Queen (Ire), Maman Joon (Ire). Scratched: Infinite Cosmos (Ire), Luckin Brew (Ire). **VIDEO.**

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## WAIPIRO TAKES THE HAMPTON COURT

By Tom Frary

One of the first runners to emerge out of the Derby, Siu Pak-Kwan's **Waipiro (Ire)** (**Australia {GB}**)--London Plane {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire} did the Blue Riband form no harm at all with an authoritative success in Royal Ascot's G3 Hampton Court S. on Thursday. Sixth and not disgraced at Epsom, having booked his ticket there with a

runner-up finish in the Listed Lingfield Derby Trial, the Ed Walker trainee was able to maintain his season's progress and dominate this competitive race to suggest as bright a future as his high-class half-brother Waikuku (Ire) (Harbour Watch {Ire}).

Lit up by a bump leaving the stalls and keen throughout the early stages resisting the restraint applied by Tom Marquand, Waipiro was a little out of his ground but better

nearer the back than the front with the early pace notably fast. Straightening for home with a wall of rivals to get by, the 7-1 shot's passage was cleared by the errant diagonal dive of **Oviedo (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) up ahead which compromised the eventual runner-up **Exoplanet (Fr)** (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) but given his relentless momentum to the line he could not be called anything other than clear best.

"In the Derby, I got caught too far back and he just didn't stay a mile and a half, it was as simple as that in my mind, and I know Ed thought so too," Marquand said of the 2 1/4-length winner. "There was a nice tempo today and fortunately for me I was lucky. I got a couple of the splits that I needed to get that run and he showed an exceptional turn of foot to burst through as he did and put the race to bed in a matter of a few strides."

"You'd like to think he is still an improver," his rider added. "We were really pleased with the run in the Derby and back to a mile and a quarter today he showed his dominance and hopefully he can now go on a path and show his stamp as a top-class horse."

Walker added, "The worry was the close proximity to the Derby, only 19 days, as not many horses back up from the Derby to Ascot successfully. If there was a brilliant alternative in a couple of weeks' time, we may have been tempted, but there wasn't and this was the perfect race for him.



Waipiro winning the Hampton Court | Megan Ridgwell

I have quite a long-standing team now at home and Charles Guet, my head lad who has been with me for 10 years, rides him every day and he was happy with him. He was well, so we rolled the dice and it paid off."

"It's been an agonising wait between drinks and we've had quite a lot of seconds. Last year we had a second in the Kensington Palace, in the Wokingham and we were second

yesterday in the Duke of Cambridge. It has been a bit frustrating, so I am really pleased to have kicked that one home. My great friend Tom Morley brought a filly [Cynane] over for the Queen Mary and I said, 'Tommy, listen, you're not going to win--just enjoy the ride, because it's so hard to win here!' We realise now the enormity of the challenge and it feels even better."

Exoplanet's rider David Egan was not blaming the late interference for the runner-up's defeat. "We got a nice, smooth passage from

a wide draw, had cover and relaxed well," he said. "He got a little bit of a bump in the straight. He's a very classy individual, but take nothing away from the winner, he was good."

### Pedigree Notes

The aforementioned Waikuku made his name in Hong Kong, winning the G1 Stewards Cup twice, the G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup and G2 Jockey Club Mile as well as finishing second in the G1 Hong Kong Mile and the Hong Kong Derby and third in the G1 Champions Mile. The dam London Plane is a daughter of the Listed Pinnacle S. runner-up Aunt Julia (GB) (In The Wings {GB}), who also produced the G3 La Coupe de Maisons-Laffitte and G3 Winter Hill S. runner-up Al Waab (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). Also related to the GI Turf Mile hero Grand Arch (Arch) her 2-year-old filly is by Acclamation (GB) while she also has a yearling colt by Lope De Vega (Ire) who was snapped up by Stroud Coleman Bloodstock for 185,000gns at the Tatts December Foal Sale.



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## Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain

**HAMPTON COURT S.-G3**, £150,000, Ascot, 6-22, 3yo, 9f 212yT, 2:05.10, g/f.

1--**WAIPIRO (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by **Australia (GB)**

1st Dam: London Plane (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)

2nd Dam: Aunt Julia (GB), by In The Wings (GB)

3rd Dam: Original (GB), by Caerleon

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN.** O-P K Siu; B-Shane Molan (IRE); T-Ed Walker; J-Tom Marquand. £85,065. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$157,866. \*1/2 to Waikuku (Ire) (Harbour Watch {Ire}), MG1SW-HK, \$5,891,141. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ \*Triple Plus\*.** Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**, or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

2--**Exoplanet (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, **Sea The Stars (Ire)**--Gumriyah (GB), by Shamardal. **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (260,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (FR); T-Roger Varian. £32,250.

3--**Bold Act (Ire)**, 128, g, 3, New Approach (Ire)--Dancing Sands (Ire), by Dubawi (Ire). **1ST BLACK-TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby. £16,140.

Margins: 2 1/4, HF, NO. Odds: 7.00, 12.00, 9.00.

Also Ran: Torito (GB), Canberra Legend (Ire), Caernarfon (GB), Drumroll (Ire), Dancing Magic (Ire), Oviedo (Ire), Bolster (GB), Killybegs Warrior (Ire), Captain Winters (GB), Epictetus (Ire), Tony Montana (GB), Brave Emperor (Ire), Dear My Friend (GB).

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**Desert Hero**

Megan Ridgwell



**Their Majesties receive their trophy** | Megan Ridgwell

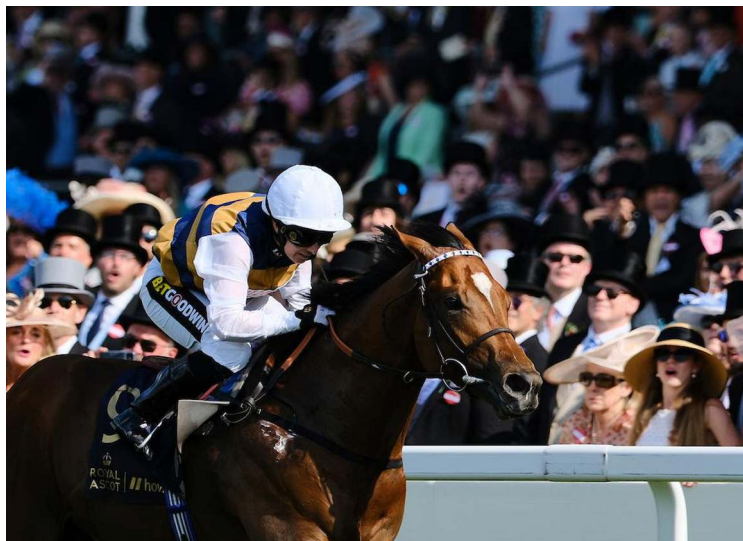
**2nd-Ascot, £100,000, Hcp**, 6-22, 3yo, 11f 211yT, 2:29.56, g/f. **DESERT HERO (GB)** (c, 3, **Sea The Stars {Ire}**--**Desert Breeze {GB}**, by **Dubawi {Ire}**) was successful in two of three juvenile outings, including a 'TDN Rising Star' performance on debut at Haydock last June, and went postward for this King George V H. having attempted to make all when eighth in Newbury's May 20 London Gold Cup H. on seasonal return last time. Adopting patient tactics in rear, behind furious early fractions up front, the 18-1 chance made relentless headway under pressure into contention approaching the final furlong and was driven out to deny Valiant King (GB) (Roaring Lion) by a head in the dying strides, becoming the first Royal winner for the King and Queen.

"It's fantastic, a great honour for all of us, and I'm thrilled The King and Queen were here to witness it," said trainer William Haggas. "He wasn't the favourite, so I think expectations were relatively low, but hopes were high, and it came good. It was a beautiful ride, a bit of a bob and a weave up the straight, but he made it and fair play to Tom [Marquand]. We discussed the race beforehand and I thought he was going to be more forward, but he obviously thought they were going too fast, and they were. It was his first time at a mile-and-a-half and he stayed on really well. This is what it is all about for us and when you are given the privilege of training some horses for the late Queen and The King and Queen, it's an honour. We are here to deliver, and try to. It doesn't happen very often. It's very important for horse racing, but it's also important that The King and Queen enjoy it, which they clearly appear to do. Long may that continue." Marquand added, "That is one of my proudest moments in the saddle so far. I grew up watching horses like that win for Her Late Majesty, The Queen, and to ride His Majesty The King's first Royal Ascot winner is unbelievable."

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“Royal winners at the Royal Meeting are extremely special, especially this one and I think this is a poignant one. To be a part of that and for William and Maureen and the whole Somerville Lodge team to bring a horse into the Royal Meeting and to have that perfect prep, it’s an insanely special day that I think will live high in my career, probably at the top, for the rest of my days in the saddle.” Desert Hero, half-brother to a yearling filly by Fastnet Rock (Aus), is the first of two foals out of an unraced full-sister to multiple Group-winning GI Canadian International runner-up and G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S. third Dartmouth (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). The January-foaled chestnut’s dam Desert Breeze (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) is also kin to dual Group 2 winner Manatee (GB) (Monsun {Ger}), Listed Prix du Carrousel victrix Gaterie (Dubai Destination) and to the dam of dual stakes-winning G3 Red Sea Turf H. third Siskany (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). His fourth dam is the G2 Prix de l’Opera-placed matriarch Albertine (Fr) (Irish River {Fr}), whose swathe of stakes descendants is headed by GI Breeders’ Cup Classic and G1 Prix d’Ispahan hero Arcangues (Sagace {Fr}). Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 5-3-0-1, \$84,910. **VIDEO.** O-HM The King & HM The Queen; B-The Queen (GB); T-William Haggas.

**5th-Ascot, £120,000, Hcp, 6-22, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:40.02, g/f. DOCKLANDS (GB) (c, 3, Massaat {Ire}–Icky Woo {GB}, by Mark Of Esteem {Ire}),** who prepared for this Britannia H. with a 6 1/2-length tally in a course-and-distance handicap last month, bowled along towards the rear of the stands’ side group through halfway. Making eye-catching headway on the bridle into contention once past halfway, the 6-1 favourite was shaken up when challenging at the two pole and kept on powerfully under a final-furlong drive to edge New Endeavour (Ire) (New Bay {GB}) by a half-length in the dying strides.



**Docklands** | Megan Ridgwell



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“He hinted at his ability last time, although the [good-to-firm] ground was obviously the biggest query for everybody today, but he’s relished it,” said trainer Harry Eustace. “It was obviously a big performance, he was good and it was lovely to watch. He’s always been pretty good and we’ve always liked him, so we did come in full of confidence. He’ll stay a mile-and-a-quarter in time, when we go that far. We’ll have a chat with connections, but I don’t think there’s any rush at the moment. Terry Henderson of OTI Racing has been a supporter of mine, and of my brother’s in Australia, from the get-go and to be able to repay him with a Royal Ascot winner is very special. It’s always a team effort, but it’s a family business as well. Having my brother here from Oz--and my cousin, aunt and uncle--it’s very, very special. You can’t ask for more.” Winning rider Hayley Turner, who increased her tally of Royal winners to five, added, “I am so thrilled for Harry and the team. They have really come through the ranks in the last couple of years. Michael [Vockins] who looks after the horse has done a great job and he was spot on for the race. I thought I had my side beaten, but I knew there was one on the far side and I just had to keep my horse going forward on his own. I honestly didn’t know until they called the photo whether I had won or not because the two horses were so far apart. It’s such a thrill and today a lot of history has been made, so to look back on today is amazing. Being part of this day has been pretty cool and I now need 17 for my 1,000th winner.” Docklands is the latest of nine live foals and one of five scorers out of an unraced half-sister to G2 Gimcrack S., G2 Flying Childers S. and G3 Supreme S. placegetter Zilch (GB) (Zilzal) and the dual stakes-placed Silca Boo (GB) (Efisio {GB}). The April-foaled bay, whose second dam is G3 Flying Five S. winner Bunty Boo (GB) (Noalto {GB}), is a half-sister to GIII Bewitch S. victrix Ickymasho (GB) (Multiplex {GB}) and MGSP Listed The Sofitel winner Harbour Views (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}).



Sales history: 18,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; £16,000 Ylg '21 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 5-3-2-0, \$102,487. **VIDEO.**  
O-OTI Racing; B-Mickley Stud (GB); T-Harry Eustace.

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**7th-Ascot, £100,000, Hcp, 6-22, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:26.82, g/f.**  
**WITCH HUNTER (FR) (g, 4, Siyouni {Fr}--Sorciere {Ire} {GSW-Fr, \$120,169}, by Orpen),** who posted a May 20 handicap fifth at Newmarket when last seen, rolled back the years for Jamie Spencer in this Buckingham Palace H. and provided the veteran pilot with a 27th Royal winner, and a first in five years, with a last-to-first effort. Sluggish at the break and in rear through halfway, the 50-1 outsider was urged forward in the centre of the track from the quarter-mile marker and kept on in relentless fashion under a final-furlong drive to deny Croupier (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) by 3/4-of-a-length nearing the line. "He had been running well on the all-weather and you often find that horses who have been on the all-weather can perform here," Spencer said. "I followed Frankie [Dettori] thinking I might finish fifth or sixth, but he came back on the bridle at the two-furlong marker and I thought he might do a little better than that. At the furlong pole, I thought I had a chance of winning and he came good at the end. He was second top weight and weight stops trains, but that's the Stobart business! It's grand and every time you have a winner here you are happy. It wasn't expected, but everyone likes a surprise every now and then. It's a hard place to win, but you have to ride every horse accordingly and go out positive and see how it works out." Trainer Richard Hannon added, "[Owner] William [Stobart] rang me one day and said he'd like to buy a horse to go to Royal Ascot. He was 100-1 with no chance when we got here this morning. It very much looked like he had no chance, sitting last, and he's gone and won. It does happen to nice people sometimes. Jamie's given him a super ride and the horse enjoyed that.



Witch Hunter | Megan Ridgwell

He's a very good horse on his day and I don't care what [starting] price he is. I am delighted for William and his wife Clare." Witch Hunter, who placed twice at stakes level in his first five starts, is the sixth of eight foals and one of three winners out of G3 Prix d'Arenberg victrix Sorciere (Ire) (Orpen). His second dam Serandine (Ire) (Hernando {Fr}) is kin to G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud hero Shaka (GB) (Exit To Nowhere). The April-foaled bay is a half-brother to Listed Criterium du Fonds European de l'Elevage victor Medley Chic (Ire) (Medicean {GB}), the unraced 2-year-old filly Sunny Angel (Fr) (Harry Angel {Ire}) and a yearling colt by Hello Youmzain (Fr). Sales history: €115,000 Ylg '20 ARDEAY; €145,000 2yo '21 ARQDEA. Lifetime Record: 19-3-6-2, \$185,320. **VIDEO.**  
O-William Stobart; B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd (FR); T-Richard Hannon.

## RACE PREVIEWS

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As he sauntered back to winning ways in the G2 Sandy Lane S., it was as if that dull day at Newmarket where his brilliance was diminished never happened. Intriguingly, it was an experience shared with his key opponent and fellow **TDN Rising Star Sakheer (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}), who also struggled to cope with his speed edge bludgeoned by conditions on the Rowley Mile.

Sakheer's trainer Roger Varian was giving off all the right vibes on Thursday. "He looks like he could still be a high-class colt, we certainly believe he can be, and we're looking forward to Friday," he said. "He had an easy time after the Guineas and we were always going to come to Ascot, but he's built up over the last few weeks into this race nicely, his work has been on point, he's been really well and we're hopeful."



Coronation contender Tahiyra | PA Media

Newmarket woes also apply to the case of **Lezoo (GB)** (Zoustar {Aus}), who was among the backwash in the 1000 Guineas and now gravitates back to her comfort zone. She has to improve even off her G1 Cheveley Park S. win, which puts her on a virtual par with the now-retired Middle Park hero **Blackbeard (Ire)** (**No Nay Never**) who was always a few pounds adrift of Ballydoyle's champion last term. She and Sakheer are joined by the G2 Gimcrack S.-winning **TDN Rising Star Noble Style (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**), so disappointing behind the revelation **Shaquille (GB)** (Charm Spirit {Ire}) in Newbury's Listed Carnarvon S. last time, in having a lot to find with an elite Little Big Bear but this is Royal Ascot where certainties have a way of unravelling.

The Gosdens showed on Wednesday and Thursday that they are never to be left out of the group 1 equation and despite her obvious experience deficit, Normandie Stud's **TDN Rising Star Queen For You (Ire)** (**Kingman {GB}**) goes into the Coronation which her dam Fallen For You (GB) (Dansili {GB}) won in 2012 as very much a live contender. It's not just about pedigree with her, however, as her performance when narrowly denied by **Sounds Of Heaven (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**) with the run of the race favouring that Jessie Harrington raider in York's Listed Michael Seely Memorial S. confirmed her as a major talent.

"She is the least experienced in the field, but improved when upped in class at York and has taken that in her stride," Thady said. "This is another major step up, but we feel she has every right to take her chance." Kate Harrington added of Sounds Of Heaven, "She is lovely filly and a very underestimated filly who only does as much as she has to. She has a great mind and I think Ascot will really suit her. We're hopeful of a big, big run."

In the opening G3 Albany S., the Crisfords' impressive Doncaster maiden winner **Carla's Way (Ire)** (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**) will have an abundance of followers now that the time performance of that defeat of the subsequent 11-length-winning TDN Rising Star Star Of Mystery (GB) (Kodiac {GB}) is known. Lezoo's half-sister **Navassa Island (Ire)** (Territories {Ire}), now the property of Ecurie Ama Zingteam, also wowed with her sectionals despite going down to the re-opposing **Porta Fortuna (Ire)** (Caravaggio) on a spectacular debut in Naas's G3 Coolmore Stud Irish EBF Fillies Sprint S.

**TDN Rising Stars Matrika (Ire)** (**No Nay Never**) and **Persian Dreamer (Calyx {GB})** are just two more in the mix in the Albany, which for the past three years has featured the following season's 1000 Guineas heroine in the beaten trio Mawj (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Cachet (Ire) (Aclaim {Ire}) and Mother Earth (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}). Interestingly, the Newmarket maiden taken by Mawj and Cachet prior to meeting their match here was won last month by Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum's **Jabaara (Ire)**, another daughter of Exceed And Excel with big hopes attached. "She will like the fast ground if it stays that way and six

furlongs looks her trip for the moment," Varian said. "She's an exciting filly, I think."

Amo Racing broke their duck at the Royal meeting on Thursday and the racing and operations manager Tom Pennington is excited about their representative here. "I haven't lost any faith in Persian Dreamer, she was very impressive on debut," he said. "The sharp five furlongs on quick ground at York in the Marygate has probably played against her and she didn't let herself down. She's a big, strong filly and just didn't enjoy the ground."

In the day's other pattern race, the presence of Amo Racing's Derby runner-up **King Of Steel (Wootton Bassett {GB})** has ensured a small line-up, with a trio of Derby disappointments engaged headed by Juddmonte's **Arrest (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) and Jeff Smith's **Artistic Star (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). Roger Varian is keen to come back quickly from the Blue Riband, the form of which received a major boost with the win of Waipiro (Ire) (**Australia {GB}**) here on Thursday. "He has looked great from the day he got back from Epsom and is in good form," he said. "He looked very good in defeat and that bodes well for this week, the rest of the season and beyond hopefully. These races are not easy to win, but he looks like a horse who will take us to the big spots and we look forward to Friday."

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### EMIR OF QATAR REVEALED AS OWNER BEHIND WATHNAN RACING

*By Emma Berry*

Thursday at Royal Ascot saw winners for two heads of state, with King Charles III and Queen Camilla celebrating their first winner at the royal meeting, followed by the victory in the Gold Cup with Courage Mon Ami (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) for Wathnan Racing, which it has been confirmed is owned by the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

Various members of Qatar's ruling family are already well established as owner-breeders on the international racing scene. The Emir's brother Sheikh Joaan is head of Al Shaqab Racing and the owner of Haras de Bouquetot in Normandy. He is also behind the major sponsorship of France's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe meeting among others.

Their uncle Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Thani is also a major owner-breeder, as is his son, Sheikh Fahad, the principal of Qatar Racing and sponsor, with his brothers, of the QIPCO British Champions Series. Sheikh Hamad bin Abdullah Al Thani was in the royal procession at Ascot on Thursday.





**Wathnan Racing: the Emir Of Qatar is behind the ownership vehicle | [Racingfotos.com](#)**

Wathnan Racing, representatives of which received the Gold Cup from the King and Queen at Ascot, has burst onto the British racing scene this week, winning the Gold Cup on the Thursday with the former Anthony Oppenheimer-owned Courage Mon Ami (GB) after taking the G2 Queen's Vase on Wednesday with another recent purchase, Gregory (GB).

The Poule d'Essai des Poulains runner-up Isaac Shelby (Ire), who was bought after winning the G3 Greenham S. in April, finished fourth in the Wathnan Racing colours in Tuesday's G1 St James's Palace S.

Richard Brown of Blandford Bloodstock, who is responsible for buying the horses on behalf of Wathnan Racing, told TDN on Thursday, "I was asked to buy some proper horses who could go to the big meetings and compete in the big races, and this is as big as it gets.

"We haven't bought very many, we've been very selective, but there are a couple more to come out. The owners want to be under the radar slightly, though I think the last two days has just blown that apart, but they are private people. It was just a case of getting started with a few horses and this has been a dream start."

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## YULONG NAMED THE NEW SPONSOR FOR THE PRETTY POLLY

Yulong will sponsor the G1 Pretty Polly S. at the Curragh in 2023, the racecourse announced on Thursday.

Scheduled for Saturday, July 1, the second day of the Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby Festival, the race--restricted to fillies and mares--will now be worth €300,000. Owned by Yuesheng Zhang, Yulong will also present a free nomination for 2024 to juvenile Group 1 winner Lucky Vega (Ire) to the owners of the first three placed horses.

Sam Fairgray, COO Yulong Investments said, "Following on from Yulong Stud's involvement in Ireland with Lucky Vega, we are extremely happy to support the Irish racing and breeding industry and look forward to many years of collaboration ahead."

Zhang's green and white colours have been carried to victory at the Curragh by Magical Lagoon (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Irish Oaks in 2022, as well as by current Irish National Stud stallion Lucky Vega, who won the 2020 G1 Phoenix S.

Evan Arkwright, Racing and Sponsorship Manager the Curragh said, "We are very grateful to Mr. Zhang for selecting the Curragh for his first sponsorship in Ireland and appreciate his support of one of the most prestigious races in the Irish racing calendar. The association will further highlight the leading position that Yulong plays on the world's racing stage."

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

**Friday, June 23, 2023:**

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud

161 foals of racing age

14:30-ASCOT, 100K GIII The Albany Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3)6f, Gushing Gold (Ire)

85,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

14:30-ASCOT, 100K GIII The Albany Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3)6f, Snafiya (Ire)

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

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

103 foals of racing age

14:30-ASCOT, 100K GIII The Albany Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3)6f, Persian Dreamer

€145,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

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

117 foals of racing age

13:20-REDCAR, 7f, On Borrowed Time (GB)

1,500gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; €2,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2022



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**Magna Grecia (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Coolmore Stud  
109 foals of racing age  
17:12-GOODWOOD, 5f, Loaded Gun (Ire)  
€30,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €75,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022  
17:55-NEWMARKET, 7f, Makuri (Ire)  
7,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 7,000gns RNA Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022

**Soldier's Call (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud  
121 foals of racing age  
14:30-ASCOT, 100K GIII The Albany Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3)6f, Dawn Charger (Ire)  
€40,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022

**Ten Sovereigns (Ire)** (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud  
149 foals of racing age  
14:30-ASCOT, 100K GIII The Albany Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3)6f, Do It With Style (Ire)  
€165,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €235,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

## FRANCE

**City Light (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}), Haras d'Etreham  
88 foals of racing age  
2-LA TESTE-BA, 1400m, Fou Furieux (Fr)

**Inns of Court (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud  
168 foals of racing age  
2-LA TESTE-BA, 1400m, Aurore Boreale (Fr)

**Invincible Army (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud  
95 foals of racing age  
2-SAINT-CLOUD, 1400m, Baroncina (Fr)  
€10,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2021 - English Version; €17,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale 2022

## IRELAND

**Inns of Court (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud  
168 foals of racing age  
6-DOWN ROYAL, 7f, Lia Fail (Ire)  
€5,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2022

**Invincible Army (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud  
95 foals of racing age  
1-DOWN ROYAL, 5f, Sturlasson (Ire)  
€42,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2022

**Land Force (Ire)** (No Nay Never), Highclere Stud  
117 foals of racing age  
6-DOWN ROYAL, 7f, Maria Land (Ire)  
€17,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022; €35,000 Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2023

**Soldier's Call (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud  
121 foals of racing age  
1-DOWN ROYAL, 5f, Kayson Cian (Ire)  
€6,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2022

**Ten Sovereigns (Ire)** (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud  
149 foals of racing age  
1-DOWN ROYAL, 5f, Seven Eleven (GB)  
30,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022



**Ten Sovereigns** has runners at Ascot and at Down Royal on Friday  
*Coolmore*

## OBSERVATIONS on the European racing scene

### DAUGHTER OF ECHELON SET FOR NEWMARKET DEBUT

**17.55 Newmarket, Mdn, £8,000, 2yo, f, 7fT**  
Cheveley Park Stud's **GIUDECCA (GB)** (**Ulysses {Ire}**) is a daughter of G1 Matron S. victrix Echelon (GB) (Danehill) and thus a half-sister to G1 Falmouth S. and G1 Sun Chariot S. heroine Integral (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}). The February-foaled homebred bay is, like the aforementioned distaffers, conditioned by Sir Michael Stoute and encounters five on debut.

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## BRITAIN

### Thursday's Results:

**2nd-Ripon, £9,000, Nov, 6-22, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.32, gd.**

**BARG (IRE) (c, 2, Soldier's Call {GB}--Forever More {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})**, a first-up third over this trip at Thirsk earlier this month, was well away to race in a handy fourth from the outset of this one. Improving into third before halfway, the even-money favourite came under pressure approaching the quarter-mile marker and powered clear inside the final furlong to easily outclass Bay Of Australia (Ire) (Inns Of Court {Ire}) by an impressive 5 1/2 lengths. Barg is the eighth of nine foals and third scorer out of an unraced half-sister to the multiple stakes-placed Pinpoint (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}). The April-foaled bay's stakes-placed second dam Alessia (Ger) (Warning {GB}) is a half-sister to MGSW G1 Deutsches Derby and G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis placegetter Arcadio (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), G3 De Busch-Memorial victor Assiun (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) and the stakes-winning Anthurium (Ger) (Hector Protector). Sales history: €15,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; €34,000 Ylg '22 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$7,041.

O-Ahmad Bintouq & Elaine Burke; B-Robert John Moyles (IRE); T-Karl Burke.

**1st-Chelmsford City, £6,899, Mdn, 6-22, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:12.72, st**  
**STARLUST (GB) (c, 2, Zoustar {Aus}--Beyond Desire {GB} {GSW-Fr, MSW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$235,547}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire})**, who shaped with promise when fifth over this trip in his June 6 debut at Lingfield last time, broke smartly from the inside stall and raced along the rail in a handy fourth after the initial strides of this return. Angled out into an open lane off the home turn, the 13-8 favourite inched ahead entering the final furlong and was pushed out to easily account for Fly Pass (Ire) (Raven's Pass) by 2 1/4 lengths. Starlust is the seventh of nine foals and fourth scorer out of G3 Prix de Saint-Georges victrix Beyond Desire (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). The April-foaled bay is full to a weanling filly and a half to Listed Lansdown Fillies' S. winner Queen Of Desire (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and a yearling colt by Ghaiyyath (Ire). Sales history: 55,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,756.

O-Mrs Fitri Hay; B-Branton Court Stud LLP (GB); T-Ralph Beckett.

**2nd-Lingfield, £6,600, Nov, 6-22, 2yo, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:12.69, st.**  
**EL BODON (IRE) (c, 2, Churchill {Ire}--Flawless Jewel {Fr}, by Kheleyf)**, a May 24 debut runner-up over this trip at Yarmouth last time, was slick from the gates and occupied a handy berth against the fence in third through halfway here. Bustled along on the home turn, the 8-15 chalk seized a dream opening to lead at the top of the straight and was ridden out to prevail by 1 1/4 lengths from Commander Of Life (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). El Bodon is the second foal and scorer produced by a winning half-sister to G1 British Champions Sprint hero Sands Of Mali (Fr) (Panis). The May-foaled chestnut is a half-brother to last term's Listed Marygate S. victrix Pillow Talk (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) and a yearling filly by Kodi Bear (Ire). Sales history: 150,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$9,271.

O-P W Harris; B-Mountarmstrong Stud & Partners (IRE); T-Jane Chapple-Hyam.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Paradise Row (Ire), f, 3, Zoffany (Ire)---Poplar Close (Ire), by Canford Cliffs (Ire).** Chelmsford City, 6-22, 10f (AWT), 2:06.91. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$8,564. B-T J Adams (IRE). \*£12,000 Ylg '21 TATIRY.

## FRANCE

### Thursday's Results:

**1st-La Teste (Bassin Arcachon), €23,000, Mdn, 6-22, unraced 2yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:29.40, vsf.**

**PUCHKINE (FR) (c, 2, Starspangledbanner {Aus}--Vadyska {Ire}, by So You Think {NZ})** settled behind the leaders in fourth after an alert getaway. Easing into second passing the two pole, the 14-5 second choice seized control approaching the final furlong and lengthened clear under mild coaxing to defeat Shooter (Fr) (Fas {Ire}) by an impressive 5 1/2 lengths. Puchkine is the fourth of five foals and second scorer produced by an unraced half-sister to Listed Diana-Trial victrix Romina Power (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). The April-foaled homebred bay, whose second dam is MGSP dual Listed Premio Royal Mares winner Rockatella (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), is a half-brother to Listed Prix Amandine third Slevka (Fr) (Shalaa {Ire}) and a yearling colt by Fas (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Alain Jathiere (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

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**3rd-La Teste (Bassin Arcachon), €23,000, Mdn, 6-22, unraced 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:29.90, vsf.**

**BEATRIX KIDDO (FR) (f, 2, Dabirsim {Fr}--Sarai {GB}, by Nathaniel {Ire})** broke in seventh and tanked forward to race in a handy fourth after the early shuffling. Under a firm hold for the most part, the 27-10 third choice was shaken up to gain control passing the furlong marker and kept on strongly to assert by two lengths from Zvalikova (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). Beatrix Kiddo, who hails from the family of MG1SW distaffer Pride (Fr) (Peintre Celebre), is the fourth of five foals and second scorer produced by a half-sister to G1 1000 Guineas heroine Speciosa (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). The March-foaled bay's dam is also kin to GSP Listed Daisy Warwick S. victrix Special Meaning (GB) (Mount Nelson {GB}), MSW GIII Colonel E R Bradley H. runner-up Major Rhythm (Rhythm), GIII Hillsborough S. third Liberally (Ire) (Statue of Liberty) and to the dam of G1 Irish Derby placegetter Festive Cheer (Fr) (Montjeu {Ire}). Beatrix Kiddo is a half-sister to G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Zellie (Fr) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**) and a yearling filly by Almanzor (Fr). Sales history: €220,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** O-Ecurie Hugo & Pierre Pilarski, Haras de Grandcamp & Gael Lhermite; B-Charles Barel (FR); T-Didier Guillemin.

#### FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

**5th-Senonnes-Pouance, €12,500, Mdn, 6-22, 2yo, 6 3/4fT, 1:27.35, g/s.**

**LORD BERE (FR) (g, 2, Taj Mahal {Ire}--Borea Bere {Fr}, by Hurricane Cat)** tracked the leading duo in third after the initial strides of this first go. Slipping to fourth on the home turn, the 7-5 favourite was nudged along to launch his challenge with a quarter-mile remaining and was ridden clear inside the final 300 metres to easily outpoint Fasny (Fr) (Fas {Ire}) by 4 1/2 lengths,

becoming the first winner for his freshman sire (by Galileo {Ire}). Lord Bere is the latest of four foals and first scorer produced by a multiple-winning half-sister to Listed Grand Criterium de Bordeaux third Ultime Bere (Fr) (High Yield). His stakes-placed second dam Poet's Studio (Bertrando) is a full-sister to GII La Canada S. victrix Scholars Studio. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,250. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** O-Bernard Rochette & Louis Bedran; B-SAS Regnier & San Gabriel Investments Inc (FR); T-Joel Boissard.

#### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**5th-La Teste (Bassin Arcachon), €22,000, Cond, 6-22, 3yo, 9 1/2fT, 2:06.44, vsf.**

**ENCHANTRES (FR) (f, 3, Al Wukair {Ire}--Great Artist {Fr}, by Desert Prince {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 9-2-4-0, €44,730. O-Prime Equestrian SARL; B-John Kilpatrick, Ecurie Ades Hazan & Mme Geraldine Henochsberg (FR); T-Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte. \*€38,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT. \*\*1/2 to Martinvast (Ire) (Hurricane Run {Ire}), MSP-Aus, \$221,130.

**7th-La Teste (Bassin Arcachon), €22,000, Cond, 6-22, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:42.71, vsf.**

**SEA OF ASH (FR) (f, 4, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Sea Of Leaves, by Stormy Atlantic)** Lifetime Record: 15-3-6-0, €61,830. O-Albert Frassetto; B-Johayro Investments Ltd (FR); T-Gianluca Bietolini. \*€55,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Divine Chrisnat (Fr), f, 3, Bow Creek (Ire)--Impedimanta (Ire), by Aussie Rules.** Senonnes-Pouance, 6-22, 6 3/4fT, 1:26.36. B-Michel Pehu & Christophe Plisson (FR).

**Rue De L'Aude (Fr), f, 3, Manduro (Ger)--Question Of Time (Fr), by Olden Times (GB).** Senonnes-Pouance, 6-22, 11 1/2fT, 2:27.42. B-Magalen Bryant (FR). \*€10,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT. \*\*Full to Good Question (Fr), MSW-Fr, \$424,294.

**Kopeck De Mee (Fr), g, 3, Masterstroke--Tartinette (Fr), by Creachadoir (Ire).** Senonnes-Pouance, 6-22, 11 1/2fT, 2:28.83. B-Andre-Marcel Pommerai (FR).

## IRELAND

#### Thursday's Results:

**2nd-Leopardstown, €30,000, Cond, 6-22, 2yo, 7fT, 1:32.03, g/y.** **SEA SINGER (IRE) (c, 2, Sea The Moon {Ger}--Isobel Baillie {GB} {SP-Fr}, by Lomitas {GB})** recorded a May 27 debut fifth behind the 'TDN Rising Star' display of Unquestionable (Fr) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**), when tackling six furlongs at the Curragh in his only prior start, and was well away to track the leaders in third.



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Improving one spot off the home turn, the 9-1 chance quickened to the fore approaching the furlong pole and was driven out in the latter stages to hold the late thrust of Port Louis (Ire) (James Garfield {Ire}) by a nose. "It was probably a furlong too sharp for him first time, but the Curragh is always a grand place to go as it's a nice track to educate one," explained trainer Tom Mullins. "I was waiting for a nice seven furlongs and this was a race he should be in. He's done really well since the last day, especially in the last week, and did a great bit of work last Friday with Ben [Coen]. We were confident of a good run. He's a tough colt and he toughed it out well there on only his second run. There's no doubt he is for sale, he was bought for that reason. Some lads pinhook to go back as yearlings, but I have to race them to sell them." Sea Singer is the 11th of one dozen foals and ninth scorer produced by Listed Prix Madame Jean Couturie third Isobel Baillie (GB) (Lomitas {GB}), herself out of an unraced half to MG1SW sire Campanologist (Kingmambo). The March-foaled chestnut is a half-brother to MGSW GII Mrs Revere S. victrix Isabella Sings (Eskendereya), dual stakes-winning GIII Dr James Penny Memorial H. third Alaura Michele (Arch), the stakes-winning Tobacco Road (**Quality Road**) and a yearling filly by **Sottsass (Fr)**. Sales history: €23,000 Ylg '22 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$20,206. O-Mrs Helen Mullins; B-Airlie Stud & Flaxman Stables (Ireland) Ltd (IRE); T-Tom Mullins.

**7th-Leopardstown, €12,500, Mdn, 6-22, 3yo, 12f 180yT, 2:47.59, gd.**

**WALTHAM (GB) (c, 3, Roaring Lion--Ruscombe {GB}, by Dansili {GB})** employed patient tactics after a slow exit and settled into a comfortable rhythm off the tempo in eighth for most of this belated unveiling. Surging forward into the mix off the home turn, the 4-1 favourite challenged approaching the final furlong and was pushed clear in the closing stages to comfortably defeat King Leodegrance (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**) by three lengths. "He's a horse that we've loved at home and he's been doing everything right," said Shane Lyons. "He's just proved what we've seen at home, but 'trip' horses need to come to the races to show that little bit extra and he's done that. We knew he'd be green as he's never been away from home and everything he did today is exactly what we thought would happen. We just wanted to see what we were seeing at home, he ticked that box and we'll take baby steps with him." Waltham is the third of five foals and second scorer produced by a winning daughter of G3 Park Hill S.-winning matriarch Eva Luna (Alleged), whose stakes-winning half-sister Rougeur (Blushing Groom {Fr}) is the dam of GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Alabama S. heroine Flute (Seattle Slew).


Eva Luna's leading performer is MG1SW sire Brian Boru (GB) (Sadler's Wells) and her descendants include G1 Derby and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe-winning sire Workforce (GB) (King's Best), MG1SW sire Best Solution (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), and G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud hero El Bodegon (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). The April-foaled homebred grey is a half-sister to stakes-winning G3 Prix Vanteaux runner-up and '**TDN Rising Star**' Petricor (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), the unraced 2-year-old colt Naval Tribute (GB) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) and a weanling colt by **Frankel (GB)**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,240. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Ger Lyons.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Sugaree (Ire)**, f, 3, **Camelot (GB)**--Pakora (Fr) (MSP-Fr, \$106,519), by Gentlewave (Ire). Leopardstown, 6-22, 12fT, 2:34.67. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$9,074. B-Pier House Stud (IRE). \*€200,000 Ylg '21 GOFOR.

**IN AUSTRALIA:**

**Fleet Commander (Ire)**, c, 4, **Galileo (Ire)**--Atlantic Jewel (Aus) (Ch. 3yo Filly, Ch. Older Mare & MG1SW-Aus, \$1,559,748), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). Gosford, 6-22, Maiden, 1900mT, 2:00.19. B-Coolmore, Lauri Macri & Partners. \*100,000gns HRA '22 TATAUT. \*\*Full to Russian Emperor (Ire), Ch. Stayer & MG1SW-HK, GSW-Eng, SW-Qat, GSP-Ire, \$5,217,408.

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**Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 15:05**

**COMMONWEALTH CUP-G1**, £600,000, 3yo, c/f, 6f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cold Case (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	Karl Burke	Clifford Lee	128
2	Little Big Bear (Ire)	No Nay Never	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor & Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
3	Marbaan (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum	Charlie Fellowes	Jamie Spencer	128
4	Mischief Magic (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
5	Noble Style (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	James Doyle	128
6	Rumstar (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Vincent Ward	Jonathan Portman	Rob Hornby	128
7	Sakheer (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	KHK Racing	Roger Varian	David Egan	128
8	Shaquille (GB)	Charm Spirit (Ire)	Hughes, Rawlings, O'Shaughnessy	Julie Camacho	Oisin Murphy	128
9	Shouldvebeenaring (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Middleham Park Racing XVIII	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	128
10	The X O (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	G Smith-Bernal & Anthony Verrier	John Ryan	Robert Havlin	128
11	Lezoo (GB)	Zoustar (Aus)	Marc Chan & Andrew Rosen	Ralph Beckett	Frankie Dettori	125
12	Ocean Quest (Ire)	Sioux Nation	J Kirkland/Mrs J M Ryan	Jessica Harrington	Colin Keane	125
13	Queen Me (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Jaber Abdullah	Kevin Ryan	Jim Crowley	125
14	Swingalong (Ire)	Showcasing (GB)	Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum	Karl Burke	Clifford Lee	125

Breeders: 1-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 2-Camas Park Stud & Summerhill, 3-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd, 4-Godolphin, 5-Chasemore F arm, 6-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 7-Drumlin Bloodstock, 8-Martin Hughes & Michael Kerr-Dineen, 9-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 10-Mrs Noreen Clibborn, 11-Chasemore F arm, 12-Dr T K Chah, 13-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 14-Mountarmstrong Stud

**Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 16:20**

**CORONATION S.-G1**, £600,000, 3yo, f, 7f 213y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Comhra (Ire)	Vocalised	Comhra Partnership	Jim Bolger	William Buick	128
2	Mammas Girl (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Amo Racing Ltd	Richard Hannon	Kevin Stott	128
3	Meditate (Ire)	No Nay Never	M Tabor, D Smith, Mrs J Magnier & Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
4	Queen For You (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Normandie Stud Ltd	John & Thady Gosden	Robert Havlin	128
5	Remarquee (GB)	Kingman (GB)	J H Richmond-Watson	Ralph Beckett	Rob Hornby	128
6	Sounds Of Heaven (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Craig Bernick & John Camilleri	Jessica Harrington	Ronan Whelan	128
7	Tahiyra (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	H H The Aga Khan	Dermot Weld	Chris Hayes	128

Breeders: 1-J S Bolger, 2-Robert Cornelius, 3-Lynch-Bages & Rhinestone Bloodstock, 4-Normandie Stud Ltd, 5-Lawn Stud, 6-F airway Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd, 7-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC

**Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 17:35**

**KING EDWARD VII S.-G2**, £250,000, 3yo, c/g, 11f 211y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dubai Mile (Ire)	Roaring Lion	Ahmad Al Shaikh	Charlie Johnston	Daniel Muscutt	131
2	Arrest (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Juddmonte	John & Thady Gosden	Frankie Dettori	128
3	Artistic Star (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	J C Smith	Ralph Beckett	Rob Hornby	128
4	Continuous (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor & Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
5	King Of Steel	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Amo Racing Ltd	Roger Varian	Kevin Stott	128
6	Relentless Voyager (GB)	Ulysses (Ire)	Relentless Dreamers Racing & Partner	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128

Breeders: 1-Skymarc Farm, 2-Swordlestown Little, 3-Coolmore, 4-Wynatt & Chelston Ireland & Orpendale Bloodstock, 5-BCF Services LLC, 6-Stetchworth & Middle Park Studs Ltd



**Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 14:30****ALBANY S.-G3**, £100,000, 2yo, f, 6f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Carla's Way (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Shaikh Duaij Al Khalifa	Simon & Ed Crisford	James Doyle	128
2	Dawn Charger (Ire)	Soldier's Call (GB)	Saif Mohammad Alketbi & Elaine Burke	Karl Burke	Clifford Lee	128
3	Do It With Style (Ire)	Ten Sovereigns (Ire)	Leonard Green	Donnacha O'Brien	Gavin Ryan	128
4	Flaccianello (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Amo Racing Ltd	Richard Fahey	Rossa Ryan	128
5	Gushing Gold (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	Salem Rashid bin Ghadayer	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128
6	Jabaara (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum	Roger Varian	David Egan	128
7	Komat (GB)	Cable Bay (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd	Dominic Ffrench Davis	Hollie Doyle	128
8	Mapmaker (GB)	Aclaim (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd	Darryll Holland	Jason Watson	128
9	Matrika (Ire)	No Nay Never	Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, D Smith & Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
10	Navassa Island (Ire)	Territories (Ire)	Ecurie Ama.Zingteam	Michael O'Callaghan	Colin Keane	128
11	Passionately (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Amy Murphy	Jason Hart	128
12	Persian Dreamer	Calyx (GB)	Amo Racing Ltd	Dominic Ffrench Davis	Kevin Stott	128
13	Porta Fortuna (Ire)	Caravaggio	Weston/Fowler/Medallion Racing/Reeves Racing	Donnacha O'Brien	Frankie Dettori	128
14	Pretty Crystal (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum	Richard Fahey	Oisin Orr	128
15	Rating (Ire)	Profitable (Ire)	Martin Hughes & Michael Kerr-Dineen	Brian Meehan	Sean Levey	128
16	Sarakana (Ire)	Harzand (Ire)	The Dukes of Harzand Partnership	Ed de Giles	Trevor Whelan	128
17	Snafiya (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabah	George Boughey	James McDonald	128
18	Soprano (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Da Vinci)	George Boughey	William Buick	128

Breeders: 1-Grove Stud & David Spratt, 2-J S Bolger, 3-Tom Darcy & Vincent McCarthy, 4-Tally-Ho Stud, 5-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 6-Godolphin, 7-Amo Racing Ltd, 8-Bearstone Stud, 9-Barronstown Stud, 10-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 11-Gerry Duffy, 12-Diamond Creek Farm, 13-Whisperview Trading Ltd, 14-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 15-Lynn Lodge Stud & Pier House Stud, 16-Kelly Equine & Liam Quelly, 17-Barouche Stud Ireland Ltd, 18-Empire Bloodstock Ltd

**Saturday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 15:40****QUEEN ELIZABETH II JUBILEE S.-G1**, £1,000,000, 4yo/up, 6f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Al Suhail (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	131
2	Artorius (Aus)	Flying Artie (Aus)	Newgate, China Horse Club & Partners	Anthony & Sam Freedman	James McDonald	131
3	Art Power (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Tim Easterby	Oisin Murphy	131
4	Big Invasion	Declaration Of War	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Christophe Clement	Jim Crowley	131
5	Cannonball (Aus)	Capitalist (Aus)	James Harron Bloodstock Partnership	Peter & Paul Snowden	Brett Prebble	131
6	Coeur De Pierre (Fr)	Zanzibari	Ecurie Pandora Racing & A. Mouknass	Mauricio Delcher Sanchez	Tony Piccone	131
7	Emaraaty Ana (GB)	Shamardal	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	Kevin Ryan	Neil Callan	131
8	Khaadem (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Mrs Fitri Hay	Charles Hills	Jamie Spencer	131
9	Kinross (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Marc Chan	Ralph Beckett	Frankie Dettori	131
10	Rohaana (Ire)	Mayson (GB)	Kieran McCabe & Paul Byrne	David Evans	Adam Kirby	131
11	Run To Freedom (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	Godfrey Wilson	Henry Candy	Dane O'Neill	131
12	The Astrologist (Aus)	Zoustar (Aus)	Bennett Racing	Leon & Troy Corstens	Damian Lane	131
13	Wellington (Aus)	All Too Hard (Aus)	Mr & Mrs Michael Cheng & Jeffrey Cheng	Richard Gibson	Ryan Moore	131
14	Highfield Princess (Fr)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Trainers House Enterprises Ltd	John Quinn	Jason Hart	128
15	Sacred (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Cheveley Park Stud	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	128
16	Sandrine (GB)	Bobby's Kitten	Kirsten Rausing	Andrew Balding	David Probert	128

Breeders: 1-Meon Valley Stud, 2-G J Perry, 3-Owenstown Bloodstock Ltd, 4-John O'Meara, 5-China Horse Club Racing Pty Ltd, 6-Haras de Grandcamp, 7-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 8-Yeomanstown Stud, 9-Lawn Stud, 10-Liam Phelan, 11-Mrs C R D Wilson, 12-Rangal Park Stud, 13-Kia Ora Stud Pty Ltd, 14-Trainers House Enterprises Ltd, 15-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 16-Kirsten Rausing

**Saturday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 16:20****HARDWICKE S.-G2**, £250,000, 4yo/up, 11f 211y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ardakan (GB)	Reliable Man (GB)	Bennett Racing	Marco Botti	James McDonald	129
2	Changingoftheguard (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Westerberg, Magnier, Tabor & Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	129
3	Deauville Legend (Ire)	<b>Sea The Stars (Ire)</b>	Boniface Ho Ka Kui	James Ferguson	Daniel Muscutt	129
4	Grand Alliance (Ire)	<b>Churchill (Ire)</b>	Mrs Susan Roy	Charlie Fellowes	William Buick	129
5	Hukum (Ire)	<b>Sea The Stars (Ire)</b>	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	Owen Burrows	Jim Crowley	129
6	Pyledriver (GB)	Harbour Watch (Ire)	La Pyle Partnership	William Muir & Chris Grassick	P J McDonald	129
7	West Wind Blows (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Abdulla Al Mansoori	Simon & Ed Crisford	Jamie Spencer	129
8	Free Wind (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	George Strawbridge	John & Thady Gosden	Frankie Dettori	126

Breeders: 1-Gestut Rottgen, 2-B V Sangster, 3-GB Partnership, 4-Mrs S M Roy, 5-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd, 6-Knox & Wells Ltd & R Devlin, 7-Godolphin, 8-Mrs Sue Ann Foley

**Saturday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 15:05****JERSEY S.-G3**, £150,000, 3yo, 7f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mysterious Night (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	134
2	The Antarctic (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Magnier, Tabor, Smith, Westerberg & Brant	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	132
3	Age Of Kings (Ire)	<b>Kingman (GB)</b>	Westerberg, Magnier, Tabor, Smith & Brant	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	129
4	Alexander John (Ire)	Dick Whittington (Ire)	Luke Comer	Luke Comer	Tom Marquand	129
5	Covey (GB)	<b>Frankel (GB)</b>	Juddmonte	John & Thady Gosden	Frankie Dettori	129
6	Empty Metaphor (Ire)	James Garfield (Ire)	Mohammed bin Hamad Khalifa Al Attiyah	M bin Hamad Khalifa Al Attiyah	Hollie Doyle	129
7	Enfjaar (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	Roger Varian	Jim Crowley	129
8	Flight Plan (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Clipper Logistics	Karl Burke	Daniel Tudhope	129
9	Holguin (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	J Palmer-Brown & Partner 2	Andrew Balding	David Probert	129
10	Holloway Boy (GB)	Ulysses (Ire)	Nick White & Mrs Elaine Burke	Karl Burke	Clifford Lee	129
11	Quar Shamar (Ger)	Shamardal	Yuesheng Zhang	Jessica Harrington	Ronan Whelan	129
12	Streets Of Gold (Ire)	Havana Gold (Ire)	J Allison & G C Stevens	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	129
13	Thunderbear (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	William Armitage & JWD Partnership	Jack Davison	Jamie Spencer	129
14	Zoology (GB)	Zoustar (Aus)	Qatar Racing Ltd	James Ferguson	Oisin Murphy	129
15	Olivia Maralda (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Amo Coutinho Syndicate	Roger Varian	Kevin Stott	126

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Ballyphilip Stud, 3-Farmleigh Bloodstock Ltd, 4-Luke Comer, 5-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd, 6-Mrs Alison Lewis, 7-James Wigan, 8-Miss K J Keir, 9-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 10-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 11-Stifung Gestut Fahrhof, 12-Vimal & Gillian Khosla, 13-Killarkin Stud, 14-R Kent & Executors of Lady Lonsdale, 15-Tally-Ho Stud

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**TAKARAZUKA KINEN-G1**, ¥418,000,000, 3yo/up, 2200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Lilac (Jpn) (f)	Orfevre (Jpn)	M Demuro	Aizawa	123
2	Karate (Jpn)	To the Glory (Jpn)	Sugawara	Tsujino	128
3	Danon the Kid (Jpn)	Just a Way (Jpn)	Kitamura	T Yasuda	128
4	Boccherini (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Hamanaka	Ikee	128
5	Equinox (Jpn)	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Lemaire	Kimura	128
6	Through Seven Seas (Jpn) (f)	Dream Journey (Jpn)	K Ikezoe	Ozeki	123
7	Pradaria (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Hishida	M Ikezoe	128
8	Vela Azul (Jpn)	Eishin Flash (Jpn)	K Matsuyama	Watanabe	128
9	Justin Palace (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Sameshima	Sugiyama	128
10	Deep Bond (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Wada	Okubo	128
11	Geraldina (Jpn) (f)	Maurice (Jpn)	Take	Saito	123
12	Ask Victor More (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	T Yokoyama	Tamura	128
13	Geoglyph (Jpn)	Drefong	M Iwata	Kimura	128
14	Breakup (Jpn)	Novellist (Ire)	Kawada	Yoshioka	128
15	Unicorn Lion (Ire)	No Nay Never	Sakai	Yahagi	128
16	Mozu Bello (Jpn)	Deep Brillante (Jpn)	Tsunoda	Morita	128
17	Dura Erede (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Miyuki	M Ikezoe	117

**Breeders:** 1-Seiichi Serizawa, 2-Yuichi Odagiri, 3-Northern Farm, 4-Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc, 5-Northern Farm, 6-Northern Farm, 7-Nagoyayuh Co Ltd, 8-Northern Farm, 9-Northern Racing, 10-Murata Bokujo, 11-Northern Racing, 12-Shadai Farm, 13-Northern Farm, 14-Masayuki Watanabe, 15-Desert Star Phoenix Jvc, 16-Murata Bokujo, 17-Northern Racing

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