

## MAGE TO GO IN HASKELL



Mage | Horsephotos

by Bill Finley

The connections of GI Kentucky Derby winner **Mage** (**Good Magic**) may have waited until the 11th hour to make their schedule known, but in the end they gave Monmouth Park the answer everyone there was hoping for. Mage will be starting in Saturday's \$1-million GI Haskell S.

The decision was not revealed until about 4:30 ET Thursday when trainer Gustavo Delgado, Sr. tweeted the following: "After much consideration and planning Mage's summer goal of getting to the G1 Travers; we have decided to have a prep run in the G1 Haskell this weekend."

The other option, the connections had been saying for a couple of weeks, was to pass both the Haskell and the GII Jim Dandy S. and go into the GI Travers S. after a series of works. Watching Mage train, they decided a race in the Haskell was the best way to fulfill the goal of winning the Travers.

"Since the day after the Preakness, we have been targeting the Travers as our summer jewel," said co-owner Ramiro Restrepo. "And we've identified the Haskell as the best route to get him ready for the Travers. We look forward to competing in our fourth consecutive Grade I and putting forth a quality effort."

Mage hasn't run since finishing third in the GI Preakness S.

The Haskell had already lined up a strong field before the confirmation that Mage would be running, but the race is now shaping up to be one of the strongest Haskells in years. **Cont. p3**

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR: EXISTENTIAL CRISIS. NO HYPERBOLE by Jerry Brown

There have been several stories recently in the TDN about Computer Assisted Wagering (CAW), and many of them have contained accurate and useful information. But what those articles have failed to do is convey what CAW really is and does, why it matters, and most of all, how dire and urgent the situation they have created is. Hence this letter.

1--First, the basics. Betting handle is the lifeblood of our industry. It directly funds purses, creates all the jobs in our business, and indirectly funds the commercial bloodstock industry--no (or less) purse money to run for, and eventually yearlings will have the market value of show horses, and stud fees will follow them down.

2--The parimutuel pools are a market; horseplayers compete against each other, not the house. CAW is not just someone using a computer to handicap. Yes, there is a handicapping element, and if someone creates a good handicapping model, good for them.

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In his first start since a third in the GI Preakness S., Mage (*Good Magic*)--shown here winning the May 6 GI Kentucky Derby--will return at Monmouth in Saturday's GI Haskell S. | Coady

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Longtime trainer Dallas Keen has reportedly retired and will work alongside his wife, Donna Keen, at Remember Me Racehorse Rescue.



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**Mage to Haskell, cont. from p1**

"We have the Derby winner," said racing secretary John Heims. "We have Bob Baffert's 'A' horse in Arabian Knight [**Uncle Mo**]. We have **Tapit** Trice [**Tapit**], a Grade I winner who was third in the Belmont. We have Geaux Rocket Ride [**Candy Ride {Arg}**], who is from the barn of Hall of Famer trainer Dick Mandella, who has been pointing to this race for some time. We have Extra Anejo [Into Mischief], Salute the Stars [**Candy Ride {Arg}**]. We had a very good race and I think with the addition of Mage it's a great race."

The field for the Haskell will be drawn Wednesday at noon.

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**CAW and Jerry Brown, cont. from p1**

But the important part is this--CAW "players" are being given a massive advantage over regular horseplayers. They get electronic access and a last split-second look at the pools, which gives their computers the ability to assess the situation in a microsecond, and automatically make hundreds of targeted and incremental bets, totaling tens of thousands of dollars per "player," right at the bell. No human can do that, or compete with it. **Cont.**



Groom Roberto Luna walks undefeated GSW and 'TDN Rising Star' Arabian Knight (**Uncle Mo**) off the van at Monmouth Tuesday after a flight from California, which he shared with SW & GSP Geaux Rocket Ride (**Candy Ride {Arg}**). Both sophomores reportedly settled in well and will get their first feel of the Monmouth surface Wednesday morning. They will face GI Kentucky Derby winner Mage (**Good Magic**), who is scheduled to van from Lexington Wednesday and take to the track Thursday morning, in Saturday's \$1-million GI Haskell S. The Haskell draw will take place Wednesday at noon ET.

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**CAW and Jerry Brown, cont.**

3--Because CAW is responsible for so much handle, and because many of the CAW "players" have banded together to negotiate, they receive gigantic rebates. So in effect, they are playing into a much lower takeout than the general public, and that, combined with the advantage they have been given, enables them to basically vacuum the pools. And since it's a market, if they're siphoning off money, someone else is losing it. More on that in a moment.

4--In our industry, we publish handle figures, not profit and loss. But remember: CAW "players" get gigantic rebates. That means the industry gets to keep much less of every dollar they bet--roughly speaking, it takes \$3 of CAW handle to equal \$1 bet in the backyard at Saratoga. So if overall handle stays the same, but CAW handle is replacing non-CAW handle, for purses, and for everyone else in

the industry, it's like handle going down. And CAW is now responsible for about one-third of national handle.

5--The overall retail blended takeout on racing is normally about 20%. But with the CAW "players" making money as a group, it means the horseplayers who make up the other two-thirds of the pools are in effect paying the entire takeout. So for them, the takeout is up to roughly an onerous 30%. Now, horseplayers are not like the people who buy expensive yearlings. They generally work for a living, and as a group have a finite amount they can lose over the course of a year, or lifetime. So as the takeout has gone dramatically up, one of three things has to happen:

A) Horseplayers bet the same amount, and tap out faster. That

reduces churn on handle, and handle overall goes down.

B) Horseplayers reduce what they bet as they lose more, to make their money last longer. Handle goes down. **Cont.**



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C) Horseplayers stop betting or switch to legal sports betting, which has a takeout of between 5-10% (and no learning curve, since most of us grew up with these games, and there are no odds changes after you bet). Handle goes WAY down.

In other words, CAW isn't just disguising the drop in non-CAW handle, it is CAUSING it.

I know many serious, lifelong horseplayers who now only play on big days, or who have quit the game entirely.

6--So here it is; figures courtesy of Pat Cummings:

As CAW handle has gone from about 8% of the pools to about a third over the last 20 years, non-CAW handle has nosedived. To give you an idea of how short a time period we're talking about, Smarty Jones won the Derby in 2004.

ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION, ORDINARY (NON-CAW) HANDLE IS ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF WHAT IT WAS JUST 20 YEARS AGO.

Do I have your attention now?

Almost all of that drop came before the advent of legal sports betting. And remember, the non-CAW handle is the oxygen-rich blood that nourishes everything. CAW is not just taking money out of the pockets of ordinary horseplayers; it's killing horsemen and the industry as a whole.

This is an existential crisis, without exaggeration. Since only handle figures are published, the picture has been obscured to the public, but we are not talking about a long horizon—I think major cracks will start becoming visible within the next year or so, because the downward spiral is accelerating rapidly now that there's sports betting. And as ordinary handle goes down, CAW will as well—the robots adjust their bet size to the size of the pools, so that they aren't killing their own prices. These guys aren't in our game for fun, like horseplayers are, they're here to suck money out of the pools. And when they no longer can, they will leave. **Cont.**



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- 103 RELIEF RALLY (IRE) William Haggas  
Kodiac - Kathoe (Fayruz)
- 102p MATRIKA (IRE) Aidan O'Brien  
**No Nay Never** - Muravka (High Chaparral)
- 102 STAR OF MYSTERY Charlie Appleby  
Kodiac - Mistrusting (Shamardal)
- 101 PERSIAN DREAMER (USA) Dominic French Davis  
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**CAW and Jerry Brown, cont.**

7--So, what can be done? Finally, some good news: because the industry makes so little from a dollar of CAW, eliminating a portion of their handle will not have anywhere near the same effect as eliminating the same amount of ordinary handle.

The first thing that has to happen is that the unfair advantage has to be taken away from the CAW players. Their special access to the pools has to be shut off with three minutes to post, like NYRA did with their win pool. But it can't be just cosmetic. It has to happen in all pools.

The second thing is to reduce their rebates. If you make twice as much from each dollar bet, even if CAW handle is cut in half, it's a wash. And if those two actions erode their edge to the point where they bet much less, good; that's the idea. We need to knock that third of the pools figure down by quite a bit, to salvage what's left of the non-CAW handle, and hopefully create more.

I'm using "salvage" advisedly, because we are hemorrhaging customers, and once they are gone, it is hard to get them back. Since I wrote the first draft of this letter one of those cracks has appeared. Golden Gate is closing, in an attempt to triage California racing. We need to stop the bleeding. And we need to do it right now.

*Jerry Brown is the president of Thoro-Graph, Inc.*

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## ART COLLECTOR ON LIST OF HORSES PROVISIONALLY SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATING INTRA-ARTICULAR INJECTION RULE

*by Bill Finley*

The Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) has issued a new list of horses that have been provisionally suspended for violating the rules regarding intra-articular injections and it includes Grade I winner Art Collector (Bernardini).

The *Paulick Report* was first with the story.

Under new rules put in place by HISA that went into effect in May, horses who have had an intra-articular injection are prohibited from running within 14 days of the injection and cannot have a published workout within seven days of the injection. Art Collector, who is trained by Hall of Famer Bill Mott, was injected on June 21. According to Equibase, he had a five-furlong workout at Saratoga on June 26. With the violation, Art Collector was placed on the provisionally suspended list, which requires that he not race or work out for 30 days.

He will come off the provisionally suspended list on July 21.

The HISA rules covering intra-articular injections have gone through several revisions. **Cont.**

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### Art Collector provisionally suspended, cont.

Originally, any trainer found to violate the rule was subject to a 60-day suspension but that was dropped when HISA determined many of the offenses were caused by confusion and that many trainers did not understand the new rules. Those rules were tweaked during the time that Art Collector had the injection and the workout. In addition to the horse being put on a suspended list, Mott has received a warning letter. Still **new rules went into place on July 16**. Under this set of guidelines, any trainer who violates the rules will receive a \$3,000 fine for the first offense. However, the horse in question is not provisionally suspended.



Art Collector last week at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

After declining to publish the list of the first batch of horses that had violated the rule, **HISA reversed course and published a list** the next day of 19 horses who were in violation of the rule. Those horses should not have been allowed to race while on the suspension list but nine of them did and three won their next start.

The new list contains 15 names. As was the case with the first list of names that was revealed, HISA did not enforce its own rules. None of the horses on the list should have been allowed to race while suspended, but six made it into the starting gate. In the case of Celtic Treasure (Treasure Beach {GB}), he was injected on June 12 and raced twice before his suspension ended on July 12. In another case, To Kalon (**Ghostzapper**) ran in a race just three days after having the injection.

With Art Collector coming off the list on Friday, he should be ready to return to the races at Saratoga quickly and could point for races like the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup. Another option might be the GII Charles Town Classic, a race he won in 2022 and 2021. He last ran on May 5 at Churchill Downs, where he finished second in the GII Alysheba S. The biggest win of his career came in January when he won the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational at Gulfstream.

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## SYMBIOSIS OF BREEDERS, GLUCK EQUINE RESEARCH CENTER REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

by Katie Petrunyak

When Dr. Emma Adam took on the role of equine outreach veterinarian in 2018, the University of Kentucky's Department of Veterinary Science hoped that the renewed position could continue to bridge the gap between their research and diagnostic laboratories and the industry that they serve.

With five years now under her belt in the role, Adam is pleased with the strides that have been made in fostering relationships with the equine community--particularly within the Thoroughbred business in Central Kentucky--and she is optimistic that those connections will lead to further advancements in the coming years.

While Adam's role encompasses outreach for both UK's Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center and the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, she said the Diagnostic Lab has always been more outward facing by nature so her initial goal was to bring more external emphasis to the research center.

"Our entire community wants to be better connected with our industry stakeholders, but bandwidths can limit that reality," Adam explained. **Cont.**

**Dr. Emma Adam, cont.**

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"I think everyone recognized the need for someone who had practice and industry experience and could bring that to the Gluck Center to connect it with what we do within the building. Researchers are so busy trying to fund their projects and write papers that the time available to get out there and interact with our industry was getting less and less. We needed to take a step back and say, 'What do we need to do to remain connecting what is happening in our industry with what is happening in our academic community and vice versa, so that we can help each other?'"

Adam's background in racing has served her well in her position, which was spearheaded by Nancy Cox, UK's Vice President for land-grant engagement and Dean of Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. A native of Newmarket, England, Adam was immersed in the racing and breeding industry from a young age as she grew up on a commercial farm and was first familiarized with the racing side of the business when she worked for champion trainer Sir Michael Stoute. As a practicing veterinarian, she worked in various racing and breeding-related positions around the globe before deciding to return to academia and earn her PhD at UK's Department of Veterinary Science. From there, she stepped into her current role.

Making connections with farm managers and veterinarians has proven to be invaluable as Adam has worked to get the word out on the Gluck Center's mission and increase awareness among owners and breeders on the resources that the research center has to offer.

"Our research community is brilliant, but reaching them is sometimes difficult," Adam admitted. "We have a fantastic network here through the Consignors and Commercial Breeders

Association, the Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers' Club and our veterinary community. While we'd always love for it to be bigger, we're developing a stronger network of people that know we're here to help."

When breeders have issues arise, such as pregnancy loss, the Gluck Center's team coordinates with the Diagnostic Lab, veterinarians and farm managers to investigate those problems.

"We will go through lots of different parameters with the veterinarian and the farm manager and take some colleagues that might help with such things as examining the pastures," Adam explained. "We'll do hay, soil and water analysis, and examine records for each mare. We'll work closely with our colleagues in the Diagnostic Lab so we can connect any dots that might be available to look at from the perspective of those unfortunate pregnancy losses."

"We may not always arrive at an answer, but along the way we'll have often found out some other things that we can be more vigilant for," she continued. "Those things might include checking to make sure that we're testing our pastures for things like tall fescue or trying to avoid stress when moving mares to different pastures. Everybody brings something to the table and we chew it all over and see if we currently have what we think is the best possible plan for that farm and then offer help to implement it if we can."

Adam stressed that confidentiality and trust are important aspects of the work they do with commercial breeding farms.

"We have very strict confidentiality obligations and we take them very seriously," she said. "All samples and veterinary and farm interactions are completely confidential." **Cont.**



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**Dr. Emma Adam, cont.**

She continued: "We recognize that it is vital that people can trust everything we do, not only with the quality of our science but in how we handle those interactions. We're very fortunate that people are generous with their information and we respect that they have entrusted us with it."

Building relationships with more breeding farms throughout Central Kentucky has been an ongoing goal that Adam said she believes will lead to mutually beneficial results for both the research center and breeders.

One example of how this reciprocity has led to research findings is in the Gluck's studies on nocardioform placentitis, a cause of late-term abortions and perinatal deaths. Recent studies on this disease have been made possible in large part by the samples researchers have received from local farms. Efforts are ongoing with the goal of developing an early-warning diagnostic test for the condition and better understanding how and when mares are exposed.

The breeding industry supports the Gluck not only in supplying samples, but on occasion, in providing much-needed financial support. When a rash of neonatal foal diarrhea broke out in the spring of 2021, the general consensus was that the cases behaved like Equine Rotavirus A, however diagnostic tests were coming back negative. Upon closer examination, UK virologists Drs. Feng Li and Dan Wang were able to perform genomic sequencing on samples to determine that a new strain of Rotavirus had emerged.

The Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Foundation, The Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, Coolmore America, Consignors and Commercial Breeders Association and the William S. Farish Fund provided gifts to develop a research plan to develop a vaccine. This summer, work is being done to test new vaccine candidates that are hoped will provide protection to foals against Equine Rotavirus B.

"That is a perfect example of how our industry is really trying to help itself by helping us," said Adam. "We're very fortunate to have a relationship where they recognize that we're here and trying to help and where they support us in that effort because there is so little money for equine research. When it comes to things that are a bit more niche like foaling mares, it is even

harder to get funds to do the kind of work that is relevant to our industry."

Adam explained that the concentration of mares bred and foaled in Central Kentucky can oftentimes lead people to falsely believe that the area has more problems than other places. Instead, she described how the community's outstanding veterinarians and farm managers endow the region with a culture of constant vigilance and a drive to understand every problem encountered.



**Dr. Emma Adam** | photo courtesy Emma Adam

"Everything is so close here," she shared. "You don't have to drive more than an hour from any of these farms to get to our world-class Veterinary Diagnostic Lab that sees probably more horses and horse samples than any lab globally. What that means is we're able to, as best as we possibly can, explore and understand what happened and how can we might prevent it in future. That is not something that a lot of other places can access so easily."

Moving forward as a growing number of local farms have

started utilizing the Gluck's resources, Adam's next goal is to develop ways to gather data each year from surveys and surveillance sampling. These findings will be used to build profiles of how data is changing over time. The Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory website collates some of these data, but Adam said she wishes to extend the survey to the farm level.

"We can take that data gathering further in asking our stakeholders to help us generate information on the things we deal with on a farm level—for example, pregnancy losses, red bag deliveries, foal diarrhea cases, yearling respiratory disease and so the list goes on," she explained. "These data are absolutely essential to inform and direct our research not just at the local level here in the department, but from the perspective of being able to go out there and fight for the funding from the grant agencies to get that research done."

Embarking on such a project is only possible with the collaboration of the entire Thoroughbred breeding industry in Central Kentucky, but Adam said she is counting on both the relationships that are newly formed and in others that have flourished over the years.

"The Department's footprint in our community continues to grow and that is a culture all of us in the University are keen to expand," she said. **Cont.**



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**TRAINER DALLAS KEEN RETIRES**

Dallas Keen, the Texas-based conditioner who has been training since 1986, has reportedly retired and will work alongside his wife, Donna Keen, at Remember Me Racehorse Rescue, according to *Daily Racing Form*. Accredited by the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA), Remember Me is a well-known and high-profile retraining and rehoming program that often features bridleless horses.

"I just want to make a difference with horses, especially off-track Thoroughbreds," Keen told *DRF*. "They're a little different than other horses. They're high-spirited. It's amazing how well they adapt to their second career. It's like, 'I can do that!' It's a learning deal and it's rewarding to see that light turn on."

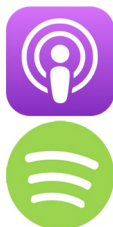
Industry statistics with The Jockey Club (TJC) show Keen has made 6,044 starts as a trainer with 970 wins and earnings just shy of \$16 million. His graded winners included Allen's Oop (Nines Wild), Inevitable Hour (Inevitable Leader), and Yessirgeneralsir (Patton). He also won the 1999 GII Arkansas Derby with Valhol (Diazo) and participated in that year's GI Kentucky Derby, but the horse was eventually disqualified from the Arkansas Derby when it was determined his rider had carried an electrical device during the race. Valhol did go on to win four other black-type races.

Keen's last winner came July 4 at Lone Star Park with Mr. Valentino (Revolving).

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**CORONATION CUP S.:** In accord with American Graded Stakes Committee policy, the July 14 renewal of the Listed Coronation Cup S., scheduled for the Saratoga turf course but switched to the main track, was automatically downgraded to non-listed black-type status and was conducted as a non-listed black-type stakes race. The American Graded Stakes Committee has reviewed the off-the-turf renewal and has determined that the original listed status will not be reinstated for this renewal.

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Queen Picasso (GB)	<b>Kingman (GB)</b>	Siena Farm, Kisber, Michael E., Deutsch, Peter and The Elkstone Group, LLC	Clement	Ortiz	122
2	Surge Capacity	Flintshire (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Rosario	118
3	Tax Implications (GB)	Mehmas (Ire)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Franco	118
4	Liguria 🌿	<b>War Front</b>	Alpha Delta Stables, LLC	Brown	Prat	122
5	Revalita (Fr)	Recoletos (Fr)	Wise Racing LLC	Brown	Gaffalione	118
6	Lil Miss Moonlight 🌿	<b>City of Light</b>	String Music Inv.	Hamm	Saez	118
7	Utilization Rate (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118
8	Tryinmyheartout	Into Mischief	Brittlyn Stable, Inc.	Camejo	Velazquez	120
9	Princess Bettina	Will Take Charge	Donald R. Dizney LLC	Pletcher	Davis	122
10	Secret Money 🌿	<b>Good Samaritan</b>	Fortune Farm Hahn, Robert G., Emcee Stable and It's All About The Girls Stable LLC	Walsh	Castellano	120

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## KNUCKLEY, CLARY KEEP NEATHERLIN LEGACY ALIVE WITH DON'TCROSSTHEDEVIL

by Jessica Martini

You could be forgiven if the fifth race at Louisiana Downs Monday evening was well off your radar screen, but Don'tcrossthedevil (Cross Traffic)'s 4 1/4-length victory in the one mile and 70 yard allowance completed a long and winding road to redemption for co-owner Kevin Knuckley and trainer and breeder Jaylan Clary. Clary bred the 4-year-old gelding with her late father, trainer Michael Neatherlin, and the bay made his winning debut at Remington Park just weeks after Neatherlin died in the fall of 2021. A second open-lengths victory briefly had the bay on the Derby trail in early 2022, but after a failed stint in California, Don'tcrossthedevil is back in the Midwest with Clary and was back in the winner's circle for the first time since 2021.

"I pinhook mostly and I actually got started with that through

Mike Neatherlin," Knuckley recalled. "He called me in January of 2021 to buy in on three different horses and also asked if I wanted to buy into this 2-year-old that he and his daughter Jaylan bred. One of Mike's favorite expressions was, 'I'm telling you, Kevin. I'm telling you. You got to listen to me. This horse is special.' And I had to agree. We settled on an \$80,000 market value and I bought a quarter of him for \$20,000."

It didn't hurt that Knuckley was already familiar with the family. He and his father had raced Don'tcrossthedevil's dam, the stakes-placed The Devil Is Mine (Devil His Due), in their Double Knuck Stables.

"She was a stone-cold runner herself, but she had some issues," Knuckley said of the mare. "But she's produced some pretty nice babies and this is probably one of the better sires she's been bred to in Cross Traffic."

The plan was to give Don'tcrossthedevil time to grow up before he made his first start, but the timing of that debut effort was pushed further back than expected.



Don'tcrossthedevil | Ann Switalski

“He was a big, lanky horse, so he needed to grow into himself a little bit,” Knuckley said. “We wanted to start him a little later in his 2-year-old year. We were angling for August or September and we took him to Remington. But Mike got COVID. He got it really bad and it killed him. He passed away in September. Don’tcrossthedevil was actually supposed to start the day after Mike died. We had to scratch him out of that race because of that.”

The loss hit Knuckley hard.

“He was a big brother, a mentor to me in this business,” Knuckley said. “He was the one who got me started pinhooking and we raced horses with Mike. Everything, foundationally, that I know about this business goes back to Mike. I watched his kids grow up, Jaylan and his stepson Lane Richardson. And now I am partners with Lane in pinhooking and I’ve got three runners in training with Jaylan.”

A few weeks after Neatherlin’s passing, Don’tcrossthedevil fulfilled the Texas horseman’s belief in him, breaking his maiden at Remington Park by 1 1/2 lengths. He added a six-length victory in an allowance race a month later.

“Both times I cried like a baby,” Knuckley said of those victories. “I mean, I just bawled. Because I missed Mike so much. And I know how proud he was of his daughter and me. And being able to team up like this—how special it was. All of these emotions just came up.”

The two impressive victories led to some inquiries to sell the promising young runner.

“The phone started ringing a couple of times [after his first win],” Knuckley said. “Jaylan priced him at \$200,000 or \$250,000, no one really bid at that point. His next race, he won again. And did it really impressively. The phone rang again. And finally we came to terms with Mark Martinez [of Agave Racing].”

Martinez purchased Don’tcrossthedevil for \$225,000, with Knuckley staying in for 10%.

“He probably would have been the favorite for the Springboard Mile at Remington, but Mark didn’t have any connections there and he raced with Phil D’Amato, who had an assistant at Oaklawn,” Knuckley recalled. “We shipped him to Oaklawn and on Jan. 1, we put him on the Derby trail in the Smarty Jones. That was a nightmare. It was rainy, terrible trip, everything, and he didn’t do well there at all. We put him in the Southwest and that was a mess, too. We took him off the trail and shipped him out to California under Phil’s direct training.”

Things didn’t improve for the gelding out on the **West Coast** where he was well-beaten in three starts. Martinez was ready to call it quits, but Knuckley couldn’t let go of his last connection to Neatherlin.

“We tried routing him, we tried him on the grass,” Knuckley said of Don’tcrossthedevil’s time in California. “But we just

couldn’t put it together. Phil has probably 175 horses in his barn and I think this horse just got lost in the program and in the shuffle out there. Mark said he was ready to drop him for \$16,000-\$20,000 at Santa Anita. And I flat out told him, that’s giving him away and they are going to take him. And he said, ‘I am done.’ This is a guy who paid \$225,000 for this horse and he was ready to walk away from him.”

Martinez, who had by this point become a good friend, as well as a business partner to Knuckley, ultimately let him buy the horse back at a fraction of his estimated value and Don’tcrossthedevil returned home to Clary’s barn. In his first start back for his breeder and original trainer, the gelding was a creditable second going 6 1/2 furlongs at Lone Star in May. He was third when stretched to a mile June 10 and made it all the way back to the winner’s circle as a 25-1 longshot Monday evening.

“If you look at his running line, ever since Jaylan has had him, his Equibase numbers have gone up,” Knuckley said. “From 77, 81 and in the 90s yesterday. His best races have been with Jaylan. Yesterday, he finally did it. He found the winner’s circle again and he found it with Jaylan. She bred him, she raised him and she brought this horse back. He was lost and she found him.”

Knuckley celebrated the victory a state away near his home in Texas.

“I went to Lone Star Bar and Book and I was there among a handful of strangers and they were all wondering what was going on,” Knuckley said. “I bought a round of drinks for the whole bar. It was a rush of emotions. I welled up. I thought of Mike and I was just so proud of Jaylan. And selfishly, I was happy for myself for bringing him back, for keeping the faith. We thought we had a big horse, we took our shot on the Derby trail and, as it does for most, it didn’t end well. And sometimes you never see or hear from those horses again. And this horse has shown how resilient he is. I am proud of him for that.”

He continued, “As always there is that almost indescribable and unrivaled feeling of exhilaration of winning a horse race. And on top of the adrenaline and sentimental emotions that the victory carried with it, there was an unmistakable sensation of redemption. And when I spoke to Jaylan last night, we both agreed that Mike had that magnetic smile and look of pure joy on his face as he looked down upon us. We could feel how proud he is of us.”

As for what is next for Don’tcrossthedevil, Knuckley said, “I am not against trying a low-level listed stakes, maybe a \$75,000 stakes or something and see what that looks like.”

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**9th-Parx Racing, \$60,750, Alw, 7-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.09, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**BOURBON BON BAY (m, 6, Bourbon Courage--Sheza Dish, by Majestic Warrior)**, a debut winner over this track and distance in November of 2021, took a pair of optional-claiming races last summer before ending the season with her first stakes tally in the Nov. 23 Cornucopia S. Making her first start of the year, the 4-1 shot broke alertly and settled into a close-up third down the backstretch. She forged to the lead at midstretch and pulled away to keep her perfect record in tact by 1 3/4 lengths. Favored Olivia Darling (Palace) was second. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: SW, 5-5-0-0, \$156,000. O/B-Erin Hlubik (MD); T-Ramon F. Martin.

**7th-Thistledown, \$35,000, Alw, 7-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.44, ft, 8 1/2 lengths.**

**FAIR AND SQUARE (g, 3, Super Saver--Marathon {SP}, by Drosselmeyer)**, a two-time stakes winner last year, hit the board in a pair of stakes at Belterra this spring before returning to the winner's circle with a front-running 4 1/4-length victory in the June 24 Cleveland Gold Cup S. last time out. Favored at 2-5, the consistent gelding sprinted out to press the pace three wide into the first turn. Never far from the lead, he took charge entering the far turn and sailed home a much-the-best 8 1/2-length winner. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: MSW, 8-5-1-2, \$228,340. O/B-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & WinStar Farm, LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.



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**7th-Parx Racing, \$45,750, Msw, 7-18, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :54.18, ft, head.**

**VELVET VIXEN (f, 2, Maximus Mischief--Deceive, by Tiznow)**, sent off at 5-2, was hustled out of the gate, grabbed the early lead and opened a clear advantage through a quarter in :22.68. She held Mygirlsabomb (Hit It a Bomb) at bay the length of the stretch and was all out in the final strides to fend off the late-surging Peach Tea (Imagining) to win by a head and become the sixth winner for her freshman sire (by Into Mischief). Velvet Vixen, who RNA'd for \$45,000 at Keeneland September, sold for \$45,000 at this year's OBS Spring sale. She is the last foal out of Deceive, who died in 2021. The mare was a half-sister to multiple graded winner Gone Astray (Dixie Union). The winner's third dam is champion Inside Information. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000.

O-Charles L. Biggs; B-Hugh McQueen Moore (KY); T-Cathal A. Lynch.



**8th-Prairie Meadows, \$33,000, Msw, 7-17, 2yo, 5f, :59.16, ft, 1 length.**

**GENERAL SHIPMAN (c, 2, Midshipman--Impish, by Into Mischief)**, sent off at 5-2, was hustled from his outside post to keep pace with the early leaders and was caught five wide into the turn. He took the lead into the stretch and inched away late to win by one length. Run Fire Run (Run Like Fire) was second best. The unraced Impish, who was purchased with the winner in utero for \$17,000 at the 2020 Keeneland November sale, produced a filly by Thousand Words last year and a colt by **Cairo Prince** this year. The winner's third dam is GI Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Unbridled Elaine (Unbridled's Song), who produced graded winners Etched, Emotionless (Ire), and Out of Bounds. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,900. O/B-Jason Cline (NE); T-Casey Schleis.

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**2nd-Presque Isle Downs, \$29,700, (S), Msw, 7-18, 3yo/up, 6f** (AWT), 1:13.13, ft, 3/4 length.

**WON SMALL WARRIOR (g, 3, Warrior's Reward--Sky Mystic {SW, \$112,680}, by Sky Mesa),** sent off at 3-1, was well off the pace in a strong-out field, but rolled up four wide approaching the stretch. He found his best gear late and surged to the lead in the final strides to win going away by 3/4 lengths. Kotylos (Kantharos) was second. The winner is a half-brother to Nothingbutflowers (Violence), SW, \$154,225. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000.

O-PA Warriors II; B-Warrior's Reward LLC (PA); T-Tim Girten.



### FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

*2023 Stud Fees Listed*

**Audible** (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$25,000

150 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
6-Saratoga, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Crazy Cami, 15-1  
\$210,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$45,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Coal Front** (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

49 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Presque Isle Downs, 3:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, A Bit of Captain, 9-2  
\$32,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$40,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Enticed** (Medaglia d'Oro), Darley, \$5,000

104 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Parx Racing, 3:53 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Savage Dragon, 8-1  
\$25,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$18,000 EAS MAY 2yo  
6-Saratoga, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Tempting Lady, 8-1  
\$27,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$87,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$40,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Flameaway** (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500

116 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner  
8-Parx Racing, 3:53 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Devine Flameaway, 15-1  
\$4,000 OBS OCT yrl

**Maximus Mischief** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500

136 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Saratoga, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Ginuccha, 6-1  
\$39,000 KEE NOV wnl

**Omaha Beach (War Front),** Spendthrift Farm, \$30,000

138 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Parx Racing, 3:53 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Omaha Eight, 7-2  
\$150,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Vino Rosso (Curlin),** Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000

178 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Saratoga, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Bertrille, 20-1  
\$35,000 EAS MAY 2yo  
1-Presque Isle Downs, 3:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Frizzante, 5-2  
\$37,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

### SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

*2023 Stud Fees Listed*

**Redesdale (Speightstown),** McMahan of Saratoga

Thoroughbreds, \$2,500  
74 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner  
10-Saratoga, 6:18 p.m. EDT, \$150K New York Stallion Series S., 1m, Red Moon, 2-1  
\$22,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$52,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**West Coast** (Flatter), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000

198 foals of racing age/35 winners/2 black-type winners  
6-Saratoga, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Flowers for Me, 20-1  
\$18,000 OBS WIN wnl



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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**DERBY TRIAL S.**, (NB) C\$50,000, Assiniboia Downs, 7-17, 3yo, 1m, 1:41.16, ft.

1--**SAXON SAGA, 122, g, 3, Slew's Saga--Tu Tu Stone, by Grindstone.** O-Wind Dancer Stable & Bill Meikle; B-CJR Broodmares, LLC (OR); T-Wendy Anderson; J-Renaldo Cumberbatch. C\$31,580. Lifetime Record: 12-5-3-2, \$83,358.

2--**Green Amazon, 123, g, 3, Jimmy Creed--Kodiak Cocktail, by Kodiak Cowboy.** (C\$3,000 Ylg '21 CANSEP). O-Hard Ball Stable; B-Spring Farm (ON); T-Steven Gaskin. C\$10,525.

3--**Rough Customer, 122, g, 3, Cape Canaveral--Rubyintheruff, by Tribal Rule.** (C\$16,000 Ylg '21 ALBMIX). O-Ray Blasetti; B-Starline Thoroughbreds (AB); T-Rod Heggie. C\$5,265.

Margins: 2, NK, 10. Odds: 2.50, 12.75, 8.05.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-Parx Racing, \$60,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 7-18, 3yo/up, 5f (off turf), :59.03, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.**

**TUFF CONSTITUTION (g, 4, Constitution--Tuff Partners {SW, \$220,766}, by Partner's Hero)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-2, \$103,353. O-Pewter Stable & Sardello Racing Stable LLC; B-Pewter Stable (PA); T-Kathleen A. Demasi.

**6th-Parx Racing, \$50,000, (S), 7-18, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:48.11, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.**

**DREAM CHASER (f, 3, Boisterous--Havre Dream {Fr}, by Le Havre {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-1, \$105,118. O/B-Gary Barber (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr.

**7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$41,000, (S), 7-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.14, ft, 3/4 length.**

**BRIGHT BRIAN (g, 4, Majestic Harbor--Itzacoldcase {SP, \$350,698}, by Gold Case)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-2, \$41,275. O-The Estate of Gary K. Tussey; B-Tom & Chris Dorris (IN); T-Robert E. Dobbs, Jr. \*\$22,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT.

**10th-Prairie Meadows, \$44,455, (S), 7-17, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.96, ft, 3 lengths.**

**REDNECKERTHANYOU (g, 5, Bustin Stones--Phyllis Sassy Girl {SW, \$209,240}, by Concerto)** Lifetime Record: 22-7-5-4, \$137,597. O-Kuhlman Racing; B-Gary Luetticke (IA); T-Kelli Martinez.

**7th-Prairie Meadows, \$34,623, 7-17, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.79, ft, 3/4 length.**

**MARINA'S GOLD (f, 4, Mucho Macho Man--Goldies Giant, by Giant's Causeway)** Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-2, \$80,180. O-Sarah & Rodney Collier; B-Millard R. Seldin Rev. Trust (KY); T-Chris Richard. \*1/2 to Golden Grant (Stay Thirsty), SW-PR, \$204,393.

**5th-Louisiana Downs, \$28,330, 7-17, (C), 3yo/up, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:43.45, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.**

**DON'TCROSSTHEDEVIL (g, 4, Cross Traffic--The Devil Is Mine {SP}, by Devil His Due)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-1, \$73,292. O-Kevin Knuckley & Pat Heinsen; B-Jaylan Renay Neatherlin (KY); T-Jaylan Renay Clary. \*1/2 to Eurodevilwoman (Euroears), SP, \$217,408.

**7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$27,900, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 7-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:11.04, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**SHE'S REDNECKER (f, 4, Kantharos--Shirley She Can, by Rock Hard Ten)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-6-1, \$78,245. O-Litsch Family LLC; B-Drew & Robbie Litsch (OK); T-S. Matthew Kintz.

**8th-Finger Lakes, \$24,000, (S), 7-18, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.10, ft, 10 1/4 lengths.**

**SHARED SUCCESS (g, 6, Japan--Belongs to Dixie, by Belong to Me)** Lifetime Record: 17-5-3-2, \$108,141. O-Peekaboo Stable & Keith Dickstein; B-Dixie Partners, LLC & Keith Dickstein (NY); T-James S. Acquilano.

**6th-Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, \$23,500, (S), (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$10,000), 7-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.27, ft, head.**

**GHAALEB'S RANGER (f, 4, Ghaaleb--Wildwood Ranger, by U S Ranger)** Lifetime Record: 14-2-4-4, \$64,180. O-Charles Ritter & Scott Becker; B-William P. Stiritz (IL); T-Scott Becker.

**2nd-Fort Erie, C\$21,320, 7-18, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.59, ft, 1 length.**

**ALACRITOUS (g, 8, Nonios--Shes the Real Deal, by Songandaprayer)** Lifetime Record: 50-12-7-5, \$295,385. O/B-Colebrook Farms (ON); T-Kevin Buttigieg.

**6th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$20,140, 7-17, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.08, ft, 8 1/4 lengths.**

**MY GRASS IS BLUE (g, 4, Air Force Blue--Desafinado Bay, by Consolidator)** Lifetime Record: 16-3-0-3, \$46,626. O-Iron Max Stables; B-Scott & Liz Thatcher (KY); T-Daniel C. Pitts.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Ronnie's Deal**, f, 2, **El Deal**--Costa Pretty Penny, by Zarbyev.

Louisiana Downs, 7-17, (S), 5f, 1:00.32. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,800. B-Daniel R. Chicola & Ronnie M Merritt (LA).

**Mantaketheblesings**, c, 2, **Ironicus**--Gulf Coast Breeze, by Stormy Atlantic. Parx Racing, 7-18, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.59. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$33,930. B-Bryan Minnich (PA). \*\$2,500 Ylg '22 EASOCT.

**Poker Partner**, g, 2, **Weigelia**--Justgimmeakiss, by Congrats. Presque Isle Downs, 7-18, (S), 4 1/2f (AWT), :52.50. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000. B-Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC & Greenspring Mares LLC (PA). \*\$12,000 Ylg '22 EASOCT. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.

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**I've Got All Nite**, f, 3, **Saturdaynitelites**--Heart's of Gold, by Golden Missile. Assiniboia Downs, 7-17, 6f, 1:12.07. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,080. B-Perry Pellerin (MN). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Lucky Ain't Enough**, g, 3, **Stroll**--Tough Ripples, by Good and Tough. Prairie Meadows, 7-17, (S), 1m, 1:40.72. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-1, \$56,341. B-Sherri Tracy (IA).

**Maddie's Surprise**, m, 5, **Giant Surprise**--Stewper, by Crafty Prospector. Finger Lakes, 7-18, 6f, 1:13.31. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$26,480. B-Donna Lee Sammons & Maggie McBroom (NY).

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**Air Force Blue**, My Grass Is Blue, g, 4, o/o Desafinado Bay, by Consolidator. ALW, 7-17, Mountaineer

**Boisterous**, Dream Chaser, f, 3, o/o Havre Dream (Fr), by Le Havre (Ire). ALW, 7-18, Parx Racing

**Bourbon Courage**, Bourbon Bon Bay, m, 6, o/o Sheza Dish, by Majestic Warrior. ALW, 7-18, Parx Racing

**Bustin Stones**, Redneckerthanyou, g, 5, o/o Phyllis Sassy Girl, by Concerto. ALW, 7-17, Prairie Meadows

**Constitution**, Tuff **Constitution**, g, 4, o/o Tuff Partners, by Partner's Hero. AOC, 7-18, Parx Racing

**Cross Traffic**, Don'tcrossthedevil, g, 4, o/o The Devil Is Mine, by Devil His Due. ALW, 7-17, Louisiana Downs

**El Deal**, Ronnie's Deal, f, 2, o/o Costa Pretty Penny, by Zarbyev. MSW, 7-17, Louisiana Downs

**Ghaaleb**, Ghaaleb's Ranger, f, 4, o/o Wildwood Ranger, by U S Ranger. AOC, 7-18, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing

**Giant Surprise**, Maddie's Surprise, m, 5, o/o Stewper, by Crafty Prospector. MSW, 7-18, Finger Lakes

**Ironicus**, Mantaketheblesings, c, 2, o/o Gulf Coast Breeze, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 7-18, Parx Racing

**Japan**, Shared Success, g, 6, o/o Belongs to Dixie, by Belong to Me. ALW, 7-18, Finger Lakes

**Kantharos**, She's Rednecker, f, 4, o/o Shirley She Can, by Rock Hard Ten. AOC, 7-18, Presque Isle Downs

**Majestic Harbor**, Bright Brian, g, 4, o/o Itzacoldcase, by Gold Case. ALW, 7-18, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Maximus Mischief**, Velvet Vixen, f, 2, o/o Deceive, by Tiznow. MSW, 7-18, Parx Racing

**Midshipman**, General Shipman, c, 2, o/o Impish, by Into Mischief. MSW, 7-17, Prairie Meadows

**Mucho Macho Man**, Marina's Gold, f, 4, o/o Goldies Giant, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 7-17, Prairie Meadows

**Nonios**, Alacritous, g, 8, o/o Shes the Real Deal, by Songandaprayer. ALW, 7-18, Fort Erie

**Saturdaynitelites**, I've Got All Nite, f, 3, o/o Heart's of Gold, by Golden Missile. MSW, 7-17, Assiniboia

**Slew's Saga**, Saxon Saga, g, 3, o/o Tu Tu Stone, by Grindstone. Derby Trial S., 7-17, Assiniboia

**Stroll**, Lucky Ain't Enough, g, 3, o/o Tough Ripples, by Good and Tough. MSW, 7-17, Prairie Meadows

**Super Saver**, Fair and Square, g, 3, o/o Marathon, by Drosselmeyer. ALW, 7-18, Thistledown

**Warrior's Reward**, Won Small Warrior, g, 3, o/o Sky Mystic, by **Sky Mesa**. MSW, 7-18, Presque Isle Downs

**Weigelia**, Poker Partner, g, 2, o/o Justgimmeakiss, by Congrats. MSW, 7-18, Presque Isle Downs

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## HIGH-FLYING SHAQUILLE CREATES MAGIC FOR BREEDER MARTIN HUGHES



Owner/breeder Martin Hughes with Shaquille after the July Cup  
*Racingfotos.com*

By Emma Berry

It may have started more by necessity than by desire, but Martin Hughes has now hit the heights that most small breeders can only dream of with his sprinting sensation, Shaquille (GB).

A year ago this week, the son of the treble Group 1-winning miler Charm Spirit (Ire) made a winning debut at York. In the ensuing 12 months, he has taken Hughes, who bred Shaquille with Michael Kerr-Dineen, and his friends in the partnership on quite a ride, often with heart in mouth, but on all bar two occasions one which ends in the winner's enclosure.

Putting a flop in the G3 Acomb S. on his second start behind him, Shaquille has remained unbeaten since last August but he did give his connections one fraught outing on Good Friday when refusing to load on All-Weather Finals day at Newcastle. His progression since then, through victories in a Newmarket handicap on Guineas weekend, Listed success at Newbury and two Group 1 strikes in the Commonwealth Cup and July Cup, is testament to the hands-on management of this tearaway talent by trainer Julie Camacho and her husband Steve Brown.

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## WILDCARD ENTRY MIDNIGHT LION TOPS TATTERSALLS SUMMER SALE

The re-located one-day Tattersalls Summer Sale, held Tuesday at Newmarket's Park Paddocks, saw 77 lots of the 96 offered pass through the ring as sold (80%) for gross receipts of 778,200gns.

Formerly under the now-defunct Tattersalls Ascot umbrella, the sale averaged 10,106gns, and the median was 5,000gns.

Horses owned by Rabbah Bloodstock were offered by a variety of agents and filled the top three spots, with wildcard entry **Midnight Lion (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) (lot 79) bringing 85,000gns from Nick Taylor, assistant to Tom Malone Bloodstock, to top the day. The recent Goodwood winner, who was offered by Kingsley Park, will now move on to a jumps career. [Cont. p4](#)

## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### MAGE HEADED TO HASKELL

The connections of GI Kentucky Derby winner **Mage** (Good Magic) revealed late Tuesday Monmouth Park will be the site of the Classic winner's next start. He'll run in Saturday's \$1-million GI Haskell S.

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Johnny Murtagh and Peeping Fawn (Danehill) winning the Irish Oaks in 2007. | Getty

## PERSIAN DREAMER TO CHEVELEY PARK

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Amo Racing's Group 2-winning daughter of *Calyx (GB)* will make her Group 1 bow in the G1 Cheveley Park S. at Newmarket on Sept. 30.

## SUMMER PLANS MAPPED FOR SHADWELL STARS

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Group 2 winner *Alflaila (GB)* is set for the G2 Sky Bet York S. and Group 1 winner *Hukum (Ire)* heads to the G1 King George VI And Queen Elizabeth S.

## THE RACING FOUNDATION GRANTS £7 MILLION IN '22

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## Martin Hughes Cont. from p1

In fact, various members of the Camacho family have played their part, with Julie's father, former trainer Maurice, boarding Shaquille's dam and offspring, and her brother Matthew acting as bloodstock advisor for Hughes, a long-term owner who became a Group 1 breeder almost by accident.

"I wasn't really setting out to be a breeder," Hughes admits. "Michael and myself bought two Galileo fillies and they went into training with John Gosden, and both were absolute rubbish. Magic was unraced and Tinted raced once but probably shouldn't have done. So we looked at it and thought rather than give up and give them away, let's see what they can do. So they went up to Maurice and we started having them covered."

Both Magic (Ire) and Tinted (Ire) are out of Danehill mares, bred by Glenvale Stud on a cross which has yielded plenty of success elsewhere but not for these two. Not initially anyway. In the case of Magic, a daughter of Cheveley Park Stud's prolific sprinter Danehurst (GB), talent appears to have skipped a generation. Danehurst won exactly half of her 20 starts for Sir Mark Prescott including the G2 Flying Five (which has subsequently been promoted to Group 1 status) among her eight stakes victories, and was runner-up in the G1 Golden Jubilee S. as well as being third in the July Cup, won 21 years later by her grandson.

Hughes continues, "Tinted has produced nothing of merit. Shaquille is Magic's third foal and the first two weren't very good. They say wait until the third to see what the mare is producing. The first one was by Showcasing and the second was

by **Oasis Dream**, and he was just too large. Magic was out of Danehurst and she didn't actually produce too much. Maybe we should have paid more attention to that before we bought her for racing."

In hindsight, it's a good job they didn't. Admittedly, Magic's first foal, Sleight (GB), remains winless in 19 starts. Her second, the giant Helpful (GB), made his debut in a Warwick bumper in May and finished tailed off, with his in-running notes reading, as his younger brother Shaquille's often do, 'Took keen hold'.

The difference is, however, that Shaquille, the sole Group 1 winner for his Haras du Logis St Germain-based sire, has such abundant speed that it is not undone by his ebullience, nor, so far, by his habit of dwelling for a split second as the gates fly open.

"You could never imagine this happening," says Hughes as he reflects on the second Group 1 win for the three-year-old in less than a month. "Thirty-odd years ago when I started getting involved with racehorses with Michael, we'd sit down and have

a pint and dream about something happening one day."

Hughes, who also has horses with Richard Hannon among other trainers, has extended his broodmare band to three following the retirement of the dual winner Separate (GB) (Cable Bay {Ire}), who was also placed in the G3 Oh So Sharp S.

He says, "Michael retired so I bought out his half interest in everything. I had a sturdy black-type sprinter with Richard Hannon called Separate. She ran for four years and never had an injury and gave me some good times. I thought that rather than send her to the horses-in-training sale I'd see what she could do and she now has an Ardad foal." **Cont. p4**



The Shaquille team celebrating in Newmarket | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

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## Martin Hughes Cont.

Magic, who has produced five colts to date, has a yearling by Cable Bay and a foal by Iffraaj (GB). Tinted, who is also out of a Cheveley Park Stud-bred daughter of Danehill in the Group 1 winner Regal Rose (GB), could yet have her day. Her runners by Showcasing (GB) and Zoustar (Aus) have shown little to date, but she has youngsters by Cable Bay and Kodi Bear (Ire) in the pipeline.

"The breeding operation was created out of necessity really," Hughes adds. "We've gone with relatively low-cost covers and have had a bit of luck. Magic had a year off and now she has a strong-looking Cable Bay yearling at Maurice's yard."

Hughes, who lives in London, ended up having horses in trained in Yorkshire after a fortuitous meeting with Matthew Camacho, the former bloodstock director of the *Racing Post*.

"Matthew introduced me to his family. He gives me good guidance, good stats and good suggestions. I've been following his suggestions on the stallions we go to," Hughes notes.

"Matthew's project is to try to find us something that isn't a sprinter. We're trying to get something that can go a mile and a quarter-plus, but that isn't happening so far."

In the meantime, Hughes and his friends who were gifted a no-cost share of Shaquille as a Christmas present, can plan for more days in the fast lane.

"It will be Haydock next, definitely Haydock," says Hughes of his star colt's intended appearance in the Sprint Cup on September 9.

"Julie, Steve and their team have such a fantastic job with him. They work so hard and it's a pleasant environment [at the yard] and that feeds into how the horses react.

"We're going to carry on running through the year and then make a decision, but the way it looks to me, and I said so to Steve, is that we should just carry on."

The sprinter, who takes his name from the basketball star Shaquille O'Neal, inspired not only by O'Neal's former team Orlando Magic but by fellow player Magic Johnson, has already

jumped higher than anyone around him could have expected. Here's hoping the magic continues.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### Tattersalls Summer Sale Cont. from p1

"He was clearly the pick of the day for us, and he has been bought for Paul Nicholls," Taylor said. "We liked him when we saw him, Nathaniel is a big plus to go jumping, he has a lovely soft ground action and is just the type of horse we are looking for. He has the size and Charlie Johnston was very positive about him."

Stephensen Bloodstock went to 72,000gns to secure the second-highest priced lot of the day, the 3-year-old **Laafi (Fr)** (Cloth of Stars {Ire}) (lot 74). [Cont. p5](#)



**Lot 79, Midnight Lion, topped the Tattersalls Summer Sale**  
Tattersalls

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# Expert Eye

## Final Check

Won Handicap, 8f, Killarney

Owned by Anthony Rogers

Bred by Airlie Stud & Mrs S M Rogers

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### Tattersalls Summer Sale Cont.

The winner of the EBF Stallions Golden Horn Maiden S. at Nottingham last year was consigned by Somerville Lodge. She is out of the Smart Strike mare Mediterenea (Fr), who is a half-sister to multiple Group/Grade 1 winner and sire Erupt (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}).

The 4-year-old filly **Timeless Melody (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) (lot 51) rounded out the top three on the day when the hammer fell at 42,000gns for the Leicester novice winner. Matt Coleman of Stroud Coleman Bloodstock signed the ticket for the daughter of Dufay (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), who came from the Somerville Lodge consignment. The filly's second dam is Group 1 winner White Moonstone (Dynaformer).

"She has been bought for Alec Waugh's Normandy-based Jedburgh Stud," Coleman said. "Alec has had a lot of luck, as many people have, with mares by Teofilo--he is a phenomenal broodmare sire, and just getting better and better."

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## SHADWELL RUNNERS SET FOR SUMMER RACES



Alflaila | PA Media

Shadwell's G2 Darley S. winner **Alflaila (GB)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) will make his long-awaited return from injury in the G2 Sky Bet York S. at York on July 24, trainer Owen Burrows revealed. The 4-year-old was sidelined late last year while training for a start in Bahrain in November.

"He has had his rehab back at Shadwell and touch wood it has all gone well," Burrows said. "We have had plenty of time to prepare him and there was the listed race at Newbury on Saturday or this race, and we'd have had a penalty in the listed race, so we thought we'd have a punt and see how he fared in the Group 2."

"He won the [G3] Strensall at York, so he is a track winner and

it would be nice to get him back on the track."

Alflaila has been entered in the G1 Juddmonte International on Aug. 23.

Burrows has Group 1 winner Hukum (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) running in the G1 King George VI And Queen Elizabeth S. on the same day, while G1 Prix d'Ispahan winner **Anmaat (Ire)** (Awtaad {Ire}) will head to the sidelines with a foot abscess, which also ruled him out of the G1 Coral-Eclipse S. earlier this month.

"Losing good horses [through injury] is what I think they call 'character-building'," Burrows quipped. "With Anmaat now likely sidelined for the rest of the season, I think I've done enough character-building for now."

"Hukum is in good form, though. It will be a big weekend for us, that's for sure."

Shadwell decided not to supplement **Al Asifah (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) into Saturday's G1 Juddmonte Irish Oaks at the Curragh. The 3-year-old John and Thady Gosden trainee was a runaway winner of a Goodwood listed event in June, before finishing a sixth behind Warm Heart (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G2 Ribblesdale S. at Royal Ascot on June 22.

"We have left her alone since Ascot," Angus Gold, racing manager to Shadwell, said. "We will just give her a little bit of time and will bring her back gently later in the season."

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## PERSIAN DREAMER EYEING CHEVELEY PARK FOR GROUP 1 BOW

Group 2 winner **Persian Dreamer (Calyx {GB})**, who bears the silks of Kia Joorabchian's Amo Racing, has been handed the G1 Cheveley Park S. as a likely autumn target, according to trainer Dominic Ffrench Davis.

"She's great and we're very happy with her and we're now looking forward to having a crack at a Group 1 with her," the trainer said. "She appreciates a bit of cut in the ground and when she does get it, her returns from her races are much better."

After breaking her maiden on debut in April, the daughter of Surprisingly (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) was fourth in the Listed Marygate Fillies' S. and the G3 Albany S. She won the G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. by 1 3/4 lengths last Friday.

He added, "I'm not ruling out staying at six furlongs and she's got plenty of speed and I think six or seven for now will be the plan and we will leave going a mile to next year."

"Obviously she has a liking for Newmarket, so you would like to think the Cheveley Park might be the end-of-season target [on Sept. 30]. But she also has an entry in the [G1] Moyglare [S.] at the Curragh [on Sept. 10] and the world is her oyster really. It might just be a case of choosing somewhere where the ground is right." **Cont. p6**



Persian Dreamer | Getty Images

### Persian Dreamer Cont.

Of a Breeders' Cup bid, the trainer added, "I don't think she would be the right sort of filly to take to America. Kia is keen on America and if we had the right article he would be very keen to go. But I think she is unlikely to get her ground out there at that time of year. It wouldn't be her cup of tea."

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## THE RACING FOUNDATION GRANTED MORE THAN £7 MILLION IN 2022

Over £7 million was granted to charitable causes in British racing in 2022 by the Racing Foundation, which released its annual review on Tuesday. This amount matches its giving record from the previous year in the areas of people, equine welfare, community engagement, and environmentally sustainability.

In 2022, the Racing Foundation:

- Instigated and contributed to the formation of the Industry People Board
- Aligned its giving capacity with other funders within the sport, notably the Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB), to whom it granted £3m in 2022 for the second year.
- Funded key ED&I projects across the sport, such as the Riding a Dream Academy and Racing Media Academy
- Increased its funding commitment to National Racehorse week
- Delivered the Horseracing Industry Conference with record attendance

"We believe our four key areas of focus are crucial for the long-term sustainability and success of the horseracing industry, Rob Hezel, Chief Executive at the Racing Foundation, said. "Whilst once they may have been considered 'nice to have', they are now fundamental issues every sport and industry must

manage. The Racing Foundation's purpose is to make a difference in racing by acting as a catalyst and funder of improvement."

The full annual review is available in video form and can be seen [here](#).

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

### UNITED KINGDOM

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

103 foals of racing age

15:30-BATH, 5.75f, Silver Trumpet (GB)

52,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 26,000gns

Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

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

168 foals of racing age

15:22-CATTERICK BRIDGE, 5f, Bay of Australia (Ire)

€30,000 Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2023

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

95 foals of racing age

15:30-BATH, 5.75f, Dadas Boy (Ire)

€45,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; £39,000 Goffs UK

Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022; €40,000 Tattersalls Ireland

Goresbridge Breeze Up 2023

14:30-BATH, 5f, Vidi Vici (GB)

10,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022

15:22-CATTERICK BRIDGE, 5f, Vince L'Amour (Ire)

€36,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; £23,000 Goffs UK

Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

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

117 foals of racing age

15:30-BATH, 5.75f, Dominant Force (GB)

£2,000 RNA Tattersalls Ascot November 2022 Sale

18:10-YARMOUTH, 5.25f, Midnight Force (GB)

£8,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022; 15,000gns

Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2023

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

121 foals of racing age

14:30-BATH, 5f, Eyeros (Ire)

€3,500 RNA Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2022

15:30-BATH, 5.75f, Tangled Up In Blue (Ire)  
 €15,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; 17,000gns Tattersalls  
 October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

#### FRANCE:

**Fas (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Haras de Saint-Vincent  
 30 foals of racing age  
 4-VICHY, 60K PRIX DES JOUVENCEAUX ET DES JOUVENCELLES -  
 BERNARD FERRAND, 1400m, Gee Whizzer (Fr)  
 17,000gns Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2021 - English  
 Version; €5,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2022

#### IRELAND:

**Advertise (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Manton Park Stud  
 103 foals of racing age  
 2-KILLARNEY, 8.25f, Dramatic Entrance (Ire)  
 €17,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €17,000  
 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022; 45,000gns RNA  
 Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2023

**Study of Man (Ire)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Lanwades Stud  
 54 foals of racing age  
 2-KILLARNEY, 8.25f, Deepone (GB)  
 31,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 62,000gns  
 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

**Ten Sovereigns (Ire)** (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud  
 149 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
 2-KILLARNEY, 8.25f, Nor Time Nor Tide (Ire)



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## BRITAIN

#### Tuesday's Results:

**4th-Lingfield, £6,600, Novice, 7-18, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:09.64, gd.**  
**BAND OF JOY (GB) (f, 2, Land Force {Ire}--Angels Wings {Ire}, by**  
**Dark Angel {Ire})**, off the mark over five furlongs at Windsor  
 earlier this month, broke well to track the early pace. In front a  
 furlong out, the 11-2 shot asserted to score by 1 1/4 lengths  
 from Rogue Rosie (GB) (**Magna Grecia {Ire}**). The dam, whose  
 yearling filly is by Sergei Prokofiev, hails from the family of the  
 G1 Dewhurst S. winner Mujahid (Danzig). Sales history:  
 18,000gns Ylg '22 TATSOM; £16,000 2yo '23 GOUKB. Lifetime  
 Record: 3-2-1-0, \$13,690.  
 O-Robert Johnson & Roldvale Ltd; B-Kirtlington Park, A Davis & E  
 Foster (GB); T-George Boughey.

#### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**1st-Beverley, £7,500, Nov, 7-18, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:04.30, sf.**  
**GRACEFUL THUNDER (GB) (f, 2, Havana Grey {GB}--Glance {Ire},**  
**by Verglas {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$14,022. O-Amo  
 Racing Ltd; B-D R Tucker (GB); T-George Boughey. \*€14,000 Ylg  
 '22 GOFFEB; €68,000 Ylg '22 TATIRY; £90,000 2yo '23 GOUKB.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Fierce (Ire)**, g, 3, **Dandy Man (Ire)**--Saffian (GB), by Dubawi (Ire).  
 Nottingham, 7-18, 5f 8yT, 1:02.58. Lifetime Record: 11-1-3-3,  
 \$28,691. B-Mr Denis B McCarthy (IRE). \*€72,000 Wlg '20  
 GOFNOV; €55,000 2yo '22 TATGOR.  
**Queen Emma (GB)**, f, 3, **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)**--Amelia May (GB),  
 by Dansili (GB). Lingfield, 7-18, 12f (AWT), 2:30.35. Lifetime  
 Record: 4-1-1-0, \$8,475. B-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd (GB).

## IRELAND

#### Tuesday's Results:

**1st-Killarney, €14,500, Mdn, 7-18, 3yo/up, f, 8f 30yT, 1:43.86,**  
**yl.**  
**VAIN GLORIA (IRE) (f, 3, Kodi Bear {Ire}--Vadsa Glory {Ire}, by**  
**Thewayyouare)**, sent off the 3-1 favourite, raced in a close-up  
 second throughout the early stages. In front two out, the  
 €75,000 Goffs Orby graduate drew away to score by 2 3/4  
 lengths from Golden Spangle (Ire) (**Dawn Approach {Ire}**). The  
 winner is the second of two foals produced so far by a half-sister  
 to the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix Jacques le  
 Marois winner Vahorimix (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}).

### 1st-Killarney Cont.

Vadsa Glory is also a half-sister to the dams of the G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Incarville (Fr) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**) and the G1 Irish St Leger winner Voleuse De Coeurs (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}). Sales history: €75,000 Ylg '21 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,778.

O-Stanley G Watson & Trevor C Stewart; B-E Phelan (IRE); T-Paddy Twomey.

## FRANCE

### Tuesday's Results:

**PRIX HUBERT BAGUENAUT DE PUCHESSE-Listed**, €52,000, Vichy, 7-18, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:28.83, g/s.

1--**HAVE DANCER (Fr)**, 127, h, 6, Le Havre (Ire)--Pride Dancer (Ire) (SW-Fr & GSP-US), by Fasliyev. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (€15,000 Ylg '18 ARQOCT). O-The Gentleman's Stable; B-Ecurie des Monceaux & Framont Limited (Fr); T-Fabrice Vermeulen; J-Ioritz Mendizabal. €26,000. Lifetime Record: 38-6-3-3, €185,597.

2--**Diamond Vendome (Fr)**, 127, g, 8, Style Vendome (Fr)--Ordargent (Fr), by Kendargent (Fr). (€95,000 RNA HRA '19

ARQARC). O-Christophe Plisson, Nathalie Viot, Eric Blaisse, Marie-Annick Jegu & Pierre Ory; B-Guy Pariente Holding (Fr); T-Christophe Plisson. €10,400.

3--**Winema (Fr)**, 123, f, 4, Le Havre (Ire)--McCool (Ire), by Giant's Causeway. (€25,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT). O-Sylviane Guittard & Geoffrey Guittard; B-China Horse Club International (Fr); T-Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte. €7,800.

Margins: SNK, 1 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 18.70, 10.00, 6.30.

Also Ran: Golden Call (Fr), Aude (Fr), Opasan (Ire), Aigle Vaillant (Fr), Royal Right (Fr). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

Claimed out of the Marian Falk Weissmeier stable in April, Have Dancer was pitched straight into ParisLongchamp's G3 Prix de Barbeville and moved markedly up in trip only to finish ninth before settled back into conditions races over the 10 furlongs he was accustomed to. Upped again to a more conservative mile and a half, he was able to find his comfort zone and register the upset as he overhauled Diamond Vendome close home.

The winner's dam, who was successful in the Listed Prix Herod and finished third in the GIII Senorita S., also produced the listed-placed pair Luriyya (Fr) (Valanour {Ire}) and Passiflore (Fr) (**Siyouni {Fr}**) and the dam of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches third Mageva (GB) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**).



Have Dancer is his late sire's 58th stakes winner after prevailing at Vichy on Tuesday evening. | Scoop Dyga

**6th-Saint-Malo, €16,000, Cond, 7-18, 3yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.24, gd.** **WHISPERING DREAM (IRE) (f, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Grecian Light {Ire} {MGSP-Eng, GSP-Ire & SP-Fr}, by Shamardal)** shed her maiden tag for Charlie Appleby with a daylight win going seven furlongs at Kempton last November and raced along the rail in a handy fourth on debut for the Alex Pantall yard here. Surging forward into second on the home turn, the 3-5 pick quickened for control approaching the final furlong and lengthened clear under minimal urging in the latter stages to easily account for Martingana (Fr) (Olympic Glory {Ire}) by a decisive three lengths. Whispering Dream is the first of four foals produced by multiple Group-placed G2 May Hill S. runner-up Grecian Light (Ire) (Shamardal), herself a half-sister to this term's Listed Prix des Lilas placegetter Mqse De Maintenon (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}). The February-foaled homebred bay's second dam Akrivi (Ire) (Tobougg {Ire}) is a winning half-sister to MG1SW sire Dutch Art (GB) (Medicean {GB}) and MGSW G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulaches second Up (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Whispering Dream is kin to the once-raced 2-year-old filly Wild Goddess (GB) (Camelot {GB}), a yearling colt by Kingman (GB) and a weanling colt by Oasis Dream (GB). Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €15,366. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

**3rd-Saint-Malo, €23,000, Mdn, 7-18, 2yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:42.46, gd.** **BATEAU BLANC (GB) (c, 2, Kendargent {Fr}--Biancarosa {Ire} {SW-Ity}, by Dalakhani {Ire})** ran second behind the 'TDN Rising Star' display of Alcantor (Fr) (New Bay {GB}) over seven furlongs in his June 6 debut at Saint-Cloud and raced third passing the judge first time here. Inching into second before halfway, the 7-10 favourite powered to the fore rounding the home turn and quickened clear inside the final 300 metres to defeat Starzo Fal (Fr) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) by an impressive four lengths. Bateau Blanc, the latest of eight foals by Kendargent (Fr), is the sixth scorer out of Listed Premio Repubbliche Marinare victrix Biancarosa (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}), herself one of four black-type winners produced by G1 Oaks d'Italia runner-up Rosa Di Brema (Ity) (Lomitas {GB}). Descendants of Rosa Di Brema include G2 Oaks d'Italia heroine Foleha (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). The February-foaled homebred grey is a full-brother to G2 Derby Italiano hero and GI Belmont Derby Invitational runner-up Tokyo Gold (Fr) and G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud third Notte Bianca (Fr). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €17,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Teruya Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm (GB); T-Satoshi Kobayashi.

**5th-Vichy, €17,000, Mdn, 7-18, 3yo, 7fT, 1:25.44, g/s.** **NASCENT (GB) (f, 3, Kingman {GB}--Very Good News, by Empire Maker),** third on debut at Compiègne last month, was settled in mid-division early. Unleashed wide in the straight, the 6-4


favourite showed an impressive surge to take command a furlong from home and score by two lengths from Katleiya (Fr) (Gleneagles {Ire}). The dam, one of the prized Hasili (Ire) clan, who has produced the G1 Irish St Leger third Weekender (GB) (Frankel {GB}) and his dual listed-placed full-brother Media Stream (GB), also has the 2-year-old filly Newshound (GB) and yearling colt by Frankel. Kingman's influence on this incredible family is seen via the GIII Poker S. winner and GI Maker's Mark Mile S. runner-up Masen (GB) and the G3 Hampton Court S. scorer Sangarius (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €12,550. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ireland Ltd (GB); T-Henri-Francois Devin.

#### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**1st-Saint-Malo, €15,000, Cond, 7-18, 4yo/up, 9fT, 1:47.08, gd.** **VALYRIAN STEEL (IRE) (h, 6, Frankel {GB}--Sabratat {GB} {MSW & GSP-Fr, \$165,478}, by Oasis Dream {GB})** Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, €18,199. O-Victorious Racing; B-GB Partnership (IRE); T-Carlos & Yann Lerner. \*€600,000 Ylg '18 ARQAUG; \*\*Full to Syrtis (GB), MGSP-Fr, \$159,832.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Vermelho (Ire), f, 2, Showcasing (GB)--Runner Runner (Ire)** (GSP-UAE, SP-Fr & Ger, \$127,189), by Dark Angel (Ire). Saint-Malo, 7-18, 8fT, 1:38.94. B-Framont Ltd (IRE). \*40,000gns RNA 2yo '23 TATBRE.

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**GRAND PRIX DE VICHY-G3**, €80,000, 3yo/up, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Monty (Fr)	Motivator (GB)	Schutz	Mosse	129
2	8	Hooking (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Decouz	Lemaitre	129
3	2	Naranco (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Arizkorreta Elosegui	Mendizabal	129
4	3	Bolthole (Ire)	Free Eagle (Ire)	de Mieulle	Barzalona	129
5	6	Kertez (GB)	Intello (Ger)	Fabre	Guyon	129
6	5	Wonderful Times (Ire)	Golden Horn (GB)	Baratti	Roussel	126
7	7	One For Bobby (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Morrison	Soumillon	126
8	1	Harry Way (Fr)	Galiway (GB)	Perret	Demuro	120

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**PRIX DES JOUVENCEAUX ET DES JOUVENCELLES - BERNARD FERRAND-Listed, €60,000, 2yo, 7fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Wootton Verni (Fr)	<b>Wootton Bassett (GB)</b>	Andreu	Orani	128
2	8	Lightning Leo (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	A Watson	Guyon	128
3	5	Man With The Plan (Ire)	James Garfield (Ire)	Guyader	Velon	128
4	3	Employ (Ire)	Caravaggio	Devin	Lecoeuvre	125
5	7	Les Pavots (Ire)	<b>No Nay Never</b>	Graffard	Barzalona	125
6	9	Rose Academy (Fr)	Zelzal (Fr)	Blanchet	Planque	125
7	6	Tulipa Chope (Fr)	Born To Sea (Ire)	S Wattel	Bachelot	125
8	2	Vive La Reine (Fr)	Recorder (GB)	Brasme	Veron	125
9	4	Gee Whizzer (Fr)	Fas (Ire)	Guyader	Pouchin	125

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