

MEL GIDDINGS ENJOYS FIRST SARATOGA SUMMER WITH HER OWN STABLE



Click here for our visit with Maple Leaf Mel and her trainer and namesake Mel Giddings | Sarah Andrew

by Katie Petrunyak

Melanie Giddings had originally planned on a no-stress summer when she decided to move her fledgling stable from its home base at Palm Meadows up to New York for the Saratoga meet.

"I had said, 'Why don't we just go up to Saratoga and enjoy ourselves?'" Giddings recalled with her signature easy smile. "No pressure, no nothing. Just take the horses there and see what we can do."

Those expectations went out the window pretty quickly when a filly named Maple Leaf Mel (Cross Traffic) landed in her barn.

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OPEN LETTER TO THE STRONACH GROUP: WHERE ARE THE ANSWERS?

by Dan Ross

Over a week has passed since The Stronach Group (TSG) announced with a short statement light on detail the closure of Golden Gate Fields at the end of the year--a momentous decision that figures to upend a way of life for so many in California.

Since then, the company has remained publicly mum on the reasons behind the closure, and its vision for the future.

Every day since the announcement, the *TDN* has submitted a series of questions, to which TSG has responded only once. "For now, the [Sunday] statement is going to be our comment around the story. We look forward to being in touch in the future about our plans," wrote Stefan Friedman, a TSG spokesperson, last Monday.

The silence is troubling for the thousands of breeders, trainers, owners, grooms, hotwalkers and phalanx of individuals attempting to make a living from horse racing in the state.

With the clock racing towards the end of the year--when many will pack up bag and box, van and car, to start life anew on Christmas Eve--they face stark decisions about their professional futures and personal lives. **Cont. Pg. 5**

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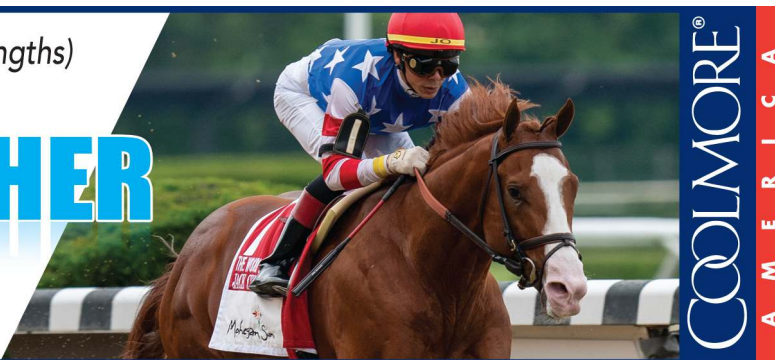
ANISETTE ANOTHER STAR FOR MCSTAY

The *TDN*'s Brian Sheerin catches up with bloodstock agent Mark McStay, who padded his impressive resume by sourcing last weekend's GII San Clemente S. winner Anisette (GB) just weeks after his find Porta Fortuna (Ire) won the G3 Albany S. at Royal Ascot.

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GI Kentucky Derby winner Mage (*Good Magic*) enjoys his first taste of New York upon his arrival at Saratoga Monday morning. | Susie Raisher/Coglianese

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The undefeated sophomore won her first race with Giddings listed as trainer when she put in a dominant gate-to-wire performance in the GIII Victory Ride S. on July 8 and now, Giddings and her stable star are preparing for what will be the biggest race of both their careers in the Aug. 5 GI Test S.

Last spring, former Super Bowl-winning head coach Bill Parcells purchased Maple Leaf Mel for his August Dawn Farm at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Sale. He decided to name the daughter of Cross Traffic after Canadian-born Giddings, who was then the assistant to his regular trainer Jeremiah Englehart.

Giddings has been with Maple Leaf Mel since the grey filly first came to the racetrack, so when Giddings went out on her own at the beginning of this year, her namesake soon followed. It was a decision by Parcells and Englehart that Giddings does not take lightly.




Mel Giddings and Jeremiah Englehart celebrate Maple Leaf Mel's first graded stakes win in the GIII Miss Preakness S. | Horsephotos

"It would have been weird for me to not have her in my barn, but to have her in my name is pretty incredible," she explained. "It's a big responsibility to try to live up to a filly who is undefeated and keep it that way. I'm so grateful for Coach to give me the chance and for Jeremiah to be so supportive of my training career and let me have this filly in my name."

The pressure was on in the Victory Ride when Giddings was first listed as Maple Leaf Mel's trainer, especially when the entries included the likes of MGSW Red Carpet Ready (**Oscar Performance**) and Grade II-placed Interpolate (Into Mischief). Giddings called an old friend and mentor for a confidence boost before the race.

"I spoke with Jeremiah when the past performances came out and I said, 'Well I drew the toughest field to have her in my name for the first time.' He told me not to worry and he was right. She doesn't care who it is and horses don't read the form. She went out there like every other time and put on a show."

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Now five-for-five with four stakes wins to her credit, Maple Leaf Mel is emerging as one of the top fillies of her division, but her trainer said that the speedy grey is like a kid on the playground when she steps into the starting gate.

"I think for her, being a good racehorse is just the fact that she loves her job," said Giddings. "She knows what day it is when it's time to run and she's a different horse. She can't wait to run. I don't even know if she really knows what she's doing. She just goes out there and she thinks it's a good time."

Maple Leaf Mel put in her most recent work in preparation for the Test on July 21, going four furlongs in :49.22.

"She's feeling frisky," reported Giddings. "I'll try to keep her that way and keep her as fresh as I can going in. This will obviously be the biggest race of her life."

Giddings has been around her fair share of talented racehorses in her 26 years in the industry. Over the years she has worked for the likes of Al Stall Jr., Mark Casse, Kevin Attard, Steve Asmussen and Roger Attfield. The thought of hanging out her own shingle never really crossed her mind until a life-threatening illness put things in a new perspective.

In 2020, Giddings was diagnosed with Stage 4B endocervical and ovarian cancer. After surgery to remove two grapefruit-sized tumors, several rounds of chemotherapy, and a long recovery, Giddings returned to the racetrack.

"I thought I would see how I could make it through the first year, whether I could even make it still doing what I love doing," recalled Giddings. "The first year was really tough. I mean, that first year if you had said that I was going to train, I'd have told you that you're nuts because I was struggling a lot."

But by last year, Giddings was back to overseeing around 40 horses in the Englehart barn and soon after, she discovered the dream she never really knew she had.

"I had never thought of training," said Giddings. "I just always loved the racetrack. I've been here for 26 years and I just love getting horses ready and I take pride in them doing well and succeeding. When I got sick, I wasn't sure if I would ever be able to have another job in my life, let alone make it. So when I did I thought, 'Why not do it for myself?' No stress, no goals. Just do it and see what happens."

Giddings said she sometimes can't believe how much time has passed since those long, excruciating months when she was so far removed from life on her beloved racetrack.

"Sometimes I look at my hair and I go, 'Oh, it's been that long,'" she said, grabbing her ponytail of now shoulder-length hair.

So just over three years after she first received the cancer diagnosis, Giddings is soaking in every moment with a filly named in her honor and a stable of promising 2-year-olds that she hopes will further her stable's early success.

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Giddings has eight horses in her barn on the Oklahoma this summer, which she runs with the help of her 15-year-old pup Reese. Maple Leaf Mel is her only older horse, but Giddings has always enjoyed working with the babies and she is excited about the progress of each of her pupils.

On Wednesday, another auspicious grey namesake called Mel's Angel (**Leofric**) will make her debut at Saratoga. Picked out by Giddings for \$32,000 at the OBS March Sale for owner James Kelly, the filly will face fellow New York-breds sprinting on the turf.

"Mel's Angel is really straightforward," said Giddings. "She's a total sweetheart in the barn, but she's got a lot of feistiness on the track."



Maple Leaf Mel goes five-for-five in the GIII Victory Ride S.

Sarah Andrew

With several new clients, Giddings hopes to be busy claiming and taking on the sales in the coming months. She understands the struggles that come with starting out on your own and she is grateful to the owners who have shown their support from the start.

"It's tough to break out on your own if you don't have people to back you," she said. "If you're not winning, you're not making money so [support] is huge. We're super grateful to owners like Bill Parcells, who gave Maple Leaf Mel some time off when we asked him to and now she's rewarding him. I'm just glad it worked out because we all told him that it would and now here she is. I hope she can have a big year for him."

Of course, not every horse in her stable will be another Maple Leaf Mel, but Giddings loves all her horses just the same.

"You get attached to the horses," she said. "They all have their own personality. I mean, even if they're a five claimer or if they're a stakes winner, I love them all."

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Do they try to make a go of it in Southern California, or do they ply their trade in another state? What's best for their families? What kind of investments should they be making at this year's sales? How do they shape their breeding plans for next year? And what kind of industry will exist to justify such investments?

These are tough questions to grapple with at the best of times—much harder still beneath a veil of uncertainty and not a little fear. The edifice of any successful racing operation is built upon foundation stones laid years, decades sometimes, in advance.

With this in mind, the *TDN* is publishing the questions submitted each day to TSG, and again asking when can stakeholders expect the answers they need to make those long-term business decisions that ensure this industry's future.

1 - It appears that TSG didn't give all the relevant stakeholders much (if any) of a prior warning before making the announcement. If that is indeed the case, why did TSG decide to make the announcement in this abrupt fashion?

2 - How many horses does TSG expect to be relocated to Santa Anita from GGF? And has TSG spoken with the connections of those horses about possibly making the move?



Golden Gate | Vassar Photography

3 - Many of the horses at Golden Gate don't seem an obvious fit for the Santa Anita/SoCal circuit. Is TSG concerned that fewer horses than expected will make the move? Is TSG prepared to offer cheaper claiming races at SA (cheaper than \$10,000) to accommodate the lower-level horses currently stabled at GGF?

4 - What was the reason for closing GGF? Are they economic reasons? If not, are the reasons to do with the recently proposed Berkeley City Council ordinance? Or are they a combination of factors?

5 - Did the economics from Computer Assisted Wagering (CAW) play any part in the decision to close GGF?

6 - Furthermore, *TDN* understands that the GGF purse account was in deficit to the tune of around \$1.9 million. Did this play a part in the decision to close GGF? If so, is Santa Anita's purse account in the red or black?

7 - Is it true the state is stepping in to turn GGF into a park?

8 - What are TSG's thoughts about CARF's proposal to make Cal Expo a year-round hub of racing in the north?

9 - What specific long-term plans does TSG have for Santa Anita? Will TSG be making any substantial financial investments into the property, to show stakeholders that the company is sincere about the long-term viability of the facility?

10 - On top of that, will TSG be making any investments in the Santa Anita backstretch--in particular, to vastly improve living conditions for the backstretch workers living there?

11 - Does TSG intend to purchase the Arizona Downs facility?

12 - Will TSG extend GGF's closure date to accommodate the needs of California industry stakeholders in making the necessary adjustments to their businesses?

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CARMOUCHE TO SERVE SPA 'CARELESS RIDING' SUSPENSION THU-SAT

by T.D. Thornton

Jockey Kendrick Carmouche has opted not to appeal a three-day "careless riding" suspension imposed by the Saratoga Race Course stewards and will sit out the penalty this Thursday, July 27, through Saturday, July 29.

The infraction occurred in Saratoga's sixth race July 20, a 5 1/2-furlong MSW turf sprint for 2-year-old fillies. He was aboard Parade Ring (Ire), (Night of Thunder {Ire}), a 44-1 first-time-starter who finished third.

The Equibase chart explained that Parade Ring was "a bit fractious in the gate prior to the start, was backed out and reloaded, chased along the inside just off the pace, came under coaxing near the quarter pole, angled three to four wide into upper stretch, dug in under a drive, then came under a very active right handed rein and came inwards bumping Neom Beach (Omaha Beach) solidly off stride just outside the sixteenth marker, came in again, the rider continuing to go to the right handed rein encouragement nearly using it as a crop and brushed with that same foe seventy yards from home before prevailing in the battle for the show honors."

Neom Beach finished fifth. There was an inquiry but no disqualification.

Carmouche is 5-for-37 at the Saratoga meet. He's the third jockey there this season penalized three days for careless riding, joining **Flavien Prat** (who will serve his days Wednesday through Friday this week) and **Tyler Gaffalione** (who has been granted a stay pending the outcome of an appeal).

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A LANDMARK DAY IN A LANDMARK YEAR

by Chris McGrath

Who knows what kind of Turf, never mind what kind of world, may be inherited by such of his 15 grandchildren as may themselves be blessed to reach the landmark they celebrate with Catesby W. Clay on Tuesday? But someday they will look back on the apt emergence, in his 100th year, of a fourth Kentucky Derby winner raised on the farm founded by his own grandfather, and see that the heritage of the race itself gained at least as much from Runnymede, in 2023, as the other way round.

For consider him well, kids: this man before you is just a fifth link in the chain to one who knew Daniel Boone. Before founding Runnymede in 1867, Catesby's grandfather Colonel Ezekiel Clay lost an eye in the Civil War; and he was a grandson of Gen. Green Clay, a revolutionary soldier and frontiersman who came through Fort Boonesborough to Madison County as a

surveyor. The history of this family is a prism for the history of Kentucky; and much the same might be said of Runnymede, as a bedrock of the evolving American Thoroughbred.

It says everything that Catesby, back in 2009, should have been the 78th Honor Guest of the Thoroughbred Club of America, when his stepfather Senator Johnson N. Camden had been favored as its fifth. Catesby was then already 87, and has understandably slowed down since. But he will be left in no doubt as to the warmth and reverence of the family convening at Kentucky's oldest continuously operative horse farm, a century after his birth on July 25, 1923.

"Even in his later years, he has always remained an example to us," says his son Brutus. "Because his faith, his love for his wife and his family, is so evident down to his very core. The kindness that he exhibits to everyone, and the gratitude that he has for his caregivers, just permeates everything that he does.

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"We're blessed to have him around. He doesn't quite have the quick wit for which he was always known, but he's still able to appreciate situations. And he has always cared so deeply. I was always amazed that for all those years he was really working two jobs: a day job at Kentucky River [a land and coal corporation], and then he would stay up late, working on the matings, thinking about how to keep the farm going. It was truly a labor of love."

Brutus is too modest to note that he similarly divides his role as Runnymede Chairman and CEO with several "day jobs" of his own, instead stressing the importance of farm President Romain Malhouitre as this venerable farm has adapted to a changing commercial environment. Its success, in making this adjustment, was marked in memorable fashion when Mage (**Good Magic**)-foaled, raised and prepped here on behalf of clients Grandview Equine-won at Churchill in May.

"Without Romain, we wouldn't be sitting here talking," Brutus says. "He's been with us about 10 years now. It was a time of transition, and we needed to find someone with the capacity to bring all the pieces together. With Pops, this was a private farm, with the exception of Peter Callahan who's been with us over 35 years; and just a few others along the way. You couldn't ask for a better partner, he and his daughters have been just extraordinary. But otherwise we didn't have many other clients."

The 2009 recession changed all that. "My father looked at me and said, 'You need to figure out a way to make this more sustainable,'" Brutus recalls. "He had never given much consideration to the financial constraints, treated it more like a hobby-and, consequently, bred a lot of really good horses! So we're really working to make the farm a sustainable operation: Romain has been absolutely instrumental in that, and we now have over 40 different clients. We feel very blessed, but I like to think it has to do with us being pretty good partners, too."

Mage, then, sets a fairly symbolic seal on that evolution. Aptly, Grandview came to Runnymede through another set of Clays-Robert, his son Case and partners-albeit the presumed kinship is by now a distant one.

"To have them as clients is such a privilege," Brutus says. "Robert came to us four or five years ago, looking for somewhere to keep his mares. Grandview was about stallion shares, and buying some good mares to support those stallions. And we were really honored that he felt Runnymede was a good place to board those mares.

"So Puca [Big Brown] was among them. Everything that she's thrown has been able to run, and from what I understand her second **Good Magic**, the 2-year-old, is showing a lot of promise." Mage's brother, named Dornoch, was acquired by Oracle Bloodstock from Runnymede's consignment at Keeneland last September for \$325,000. At that stage, of course, Mage remained unraced, so it has already been quite a ride for Dornoch's owners Randy Hill, West Paces Racing and former baseball star Jayson Werth-and Danny Gargan recently disclosed to *Daily Racing Form* that Dornoch is "the best horse I ever trained."

Puca's next offering, a colt by **McKinzie**, will not be passing under too many radars this September, then.

"He's a nice, well-proportioned, athletic mover," Brutus says. "Up to this point everything Puca has produced, has performed. They've all been different, physically, but they all like to run. And the **McKinzie** really looks the part."

If Derby day completed a turn of the wheel for his native farm, in another respect the experience brought things full circle for Brutus. For one of the turning points in his own journey with Thoroughbreds, having gone away to get his MBA and start out in business, was the success of a filly named Meribel (Peaks And Valleys)-co-bred by his father with Arthur Hancock-in a graded stakes at Keeneland in 2006. **Cont.**



Brutus Clay (right) & Romain Malhouitre | Keeneland

"Up until then I had always thought owning a racehorse was stupid, because on average you lose money," he remarks. "I was like, 'That's not a good bet.' But that became one of those indelible memories that made me realize their value. The whole family's there, grandchildren, there were 16 of us packed into the box, and she comes round the whole field, we're all screaming as she makes this late run, ends up winning by a half.

And afterwards my father looks at me, and I see tears coming down his cheeks, this look of disbelief, his mouth gaping. "So anyway, Mage comes running down the stretch and I have that exact, same stupid look. My mouth is wide open. And I'm like, 'Is this happening?' It's funny, because you think of the genetic imprint for horses, and then how it works out in us, too."

Fitting sentiments, those, in one of eight siblings who share a grateful sense of the remarkable dynasty they extend. The pioneering Green Clay came out of Virginia in the early 1780s, before there was any such thing as the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

"And the folklore has it that the fee for surveying was 40 percent of whatever was surveyed," Brutus explains. "So he would pay someone to travel to the local courthouse, to file the claims. But do you know where the local courthouse was? Richmond. That's Richmond, Virginia, not Richmond, Kentucky! Anyway he obviously amassed considerable holdings. He had over 40,000 acres, he had taverns, toll roads, distilleries, and Clay's Ferry on the Madison and Fayette County line."

Nearly 250 years on, of course, the world is a different place. Brutus is someone who reflects sensitively on the past, and how his family came by its affluence. He knows that the planters of that era owned many slaves; and, more recently, that the Clays have mined a lot of coal. But he is in tune with his own times, notably as a passionate entrepreneur in the growing of crops as a renewable source of energy. And he has also worked hard to engage the wider world with our community, for instance as a co-founder of Horse Country; and also through As One Racing, a partnership with a mission of diversity and inclusion. "You look back at your ancestors, and you see what was done," he says. "You can't really change that, but you're always thinking about how you can contribute in a meaningful way, going forward. There's this phrase, that families grow faster than businesses. In some respects, we've been privileged that my ancestors were first movers. But about each third generation has to reinvent.

Otherwise, you don't continue."

Green Clay had a son, Cassius Marcellus Clay, with whom Brutus likes to identify. (It was this same firebrand abolitionist that inspired the naming of a certain boxer who figures proudly in the history of African American Kentucky.)

"Cassius was a bit of a rabble-rouser," Brutus explains. "He went to Yale, heard an abolitionist speak, and came to the conclusion that slavery was wrong. And there's a story of a rally and debate that took place at Mt. Brilliant Farm. Cassius went to share his views, which weren't particularly popular. Turns out that some of the local landowners had hired an assassin from New Orleans, who shot him at a point-blank range, three inches above his heart, with a single-shot pistol. Well, fortunately for Cassius, he carried his Bowie knife on his left side. And the sheath of the knife stopped the bullet. He then proceeds to pull

out his knife, because he was offended, and nearly kills the guy."

Sure enough, since the assassin was unarmed after discharging his one bullet, it was Cassius who was charged with attempted murder. Fortunately, he could hire no less eloquent a cousin than Henry Clay to secure his acquittal.

But it was not just communities, but families, that were riven by the slavery debate. Cassius had a brother, Brutus, whose son Ezekiel opposed their abolitionist views and acted accordingly when the



In the winner's circle after Rogue Romance takes the GIII Bourbon S. | Keeneland

Civil War began.

"His father promised to disown him if he joined the Confederacy," says Brutus. "But being who he was, that's what Ezekiel did anyway. He rose to the rank of colonel, and fought a number of battles with a great deal of courage. He ended up losing an eye and being captured in the Battle of Paintsville, and spent some time up in Johnson's Island on Lake Erie." Yet just as division extended to many a family table, so did Reconstruction. His reconciled father either loaned or gave Ezekiel the funds to start Runnymede and, along with his brother-in-law Catesby Woodford at neighboring Raceland, "Zeke" did much to lay the foundations of the modern American Thoroughbred. Such epic careers as those of Ben Brush, Hanover and Miss Woodford began through their partnership.

"To me, it's a prodigal son kind of story," Brutus remarks. "Over the 30 years or so that they were breeding horses, nine were leading sires, either standing or bred by Runnymede. They bred two Kentucky Derby winners, two consecutive Belmont

winners, a Preakness winner. Four in the Hall of Fame. The litany of champions they had was pretty extraordinary."

Incredible to reflect that "Zeke" died just three years-virtually to the day-before his heir (another Brutus) celebrated the birth of his son Catesby W. Clay. Sadly, it was not even three years later that Catesby lost his own father in a staircase fall. (To this day, a stair-gate at their elegant manor house reminds the family of that tragic night.) In time, however, his mother's remarriage introduced Catesby to a cherished mentor in both business and breeding. Senator Camden was chairman of Churchill Downs for many years, and Catesby would eventually serve 45 years on the board there himself.

"His stepfather was a real father to Pops," Brutus says. "He was also one of the founders of the Kentucky River Coal Corporation, which was kind of that third generation change I mentioned. And, candidly, that was what carried the farm through the ups and downs you get in this business."

Even so, the Depression required Senator Camden to disperse his own 1,500-acre Hartland Farm near Versailles, and relocate his diminished broodmare band to Runnymede. Catesby himself had gone away for his academic and business education and it was only after a third farm graduate won the Derby-Count Turf in 1951-that he began to engage with the challenges of breeding.

Meanwhile he did a fair bit of that himself, raising eight children with his wife Biz (nee Elizabeth Gerwin). These include Father Chris Clay, who was once a turf writer but discovered a more salubrious purpose in life and now tends a flock full of horse folk in Versailles.

"I remember when my mother mentioned that Chris might not run the farm," says Brutus with a smile. "I looked at her incredulously, I was like, 'Mother, don't be ridiculous. What else would he want to do?'"

Yet curiously Catesby's own tenure at Runnymede had itself been contingent on a similar call heard by his own Jesuit brother. In the meantime these 365 rich, undulating acres along Stoner Creek in Bourbon County have continued to nourish a chain of champions parallel to the four generations of Clays to have supervised their development. Lady Eli (Divine Park), **Collected** (City Zip), Agnes Digital (Crafty Prospector) and Awesome Gem (Awesome Again) are among those to have started life here, even though the average crop was averaging no more than a couple of dozen.

And now we have Mage, a flagbearer for this latest chapter in Runnymede's long story. Brutus reiterates his family's debt to

their team. "I have such admiration for good horse people," he says. "They're so committed to these horses: our assistant managers Kathy Bacon and Edgar Hernandez, our night watchman Kenny Gibson. And Romain, of course. He's really passionate about the business, constantly learning, trying to figure it out."

"Nobody is ever going to do that. But we're all students, right? And I've never met a good horse person that isn't meticulous. Attention. Acute memory. Detail. The little things that add up to a big difference."

But this is first and foremost a day to celebrate the man whose long stewardship at Runnymede unites the legacy of Colonel "Zeke" all the way through to Mage. And while few of his contemporaries have lasted the course, many who might now consider themselves old still look up to Catesby Woodford Clay, and will gladly join succeeding generations in raising a toast of affection and esteem.

Certainly Brutus sounds slightly mortified that we should be approaching him as anything more than a figurehead for the collective engagement of his family, and the toil and skill of their help. "We just hand off the baton, right?" he says. "I always say there are three attributes to making a good horse. There's the land, the bloodstock-and the people. So many different people that play a role in every single horse: the farriers, the grooms, the night watchman, the veterinarians, the office manager. So when you have success, there's a sense of ownership and pride between us all. And it's exciting to have so many good people to share the celebrations."

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Richie Wireman, Brutus Clay and Romain Malhouietre
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BERNHARDS' LONG-TERM PLANS FOR PIN OAK COULD BE CLOSER THAN THEY REALIZE



Geaux Rocket Ride | Sarah Andrew

by Jessica Martini

When Jim and Dana Bernhard purchased Pin Oak Stud last fall, the plan was always to return stallions to stand at the historic property and, while that idea may have been on the back burner before, the heat may be turned up a bit now after the couple's **Geaux Rocket Ride** (**Candy Ride** {**Arg**}) won the GI Haskell S. Saturday at Monmouth Park.

"Jim and Dana Bernhard are on cloud nine," Pin Oak's Clifford Barry said Monday. "I think they can't believe it. I have spoken to them multiple times and they are some kind of excited."

While Barry would not commit to the newly minted Grade I winner standing at Pin Oak, he did admit the sophomore was an extremely attractive option to stand in Kentucky.

"He's a very, very important young horse at this point, there's no doubt about it," Barry said. "He's a son of **Candy Ride** out of an **Uncle Mo** mare, he's such an outcross to a lot of mares here in Central Kentucky right now. Obviously, he's a horse with lots of speed, breaks his maiden going six furlongs, second in the GII San Felipe and then comes back and wins the Haskell in his fourth start in what was probably one of the strongest Haskells in several years."

While the Bernhards, advisor Matt Weinmann and trainer Richard Mandella are still to discuss options for the colt's next race and how best to get to the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita in November, Barry said the current plan is to race Geaux Rocket Ride at four.

"I think the plan is to race him in his 4-year-old year, just talking to Jim and Dana this morning," Barry said. "He's a lightly raced horse at this point and you hope he's got a really, really bright future ahead of him on the racetrack."

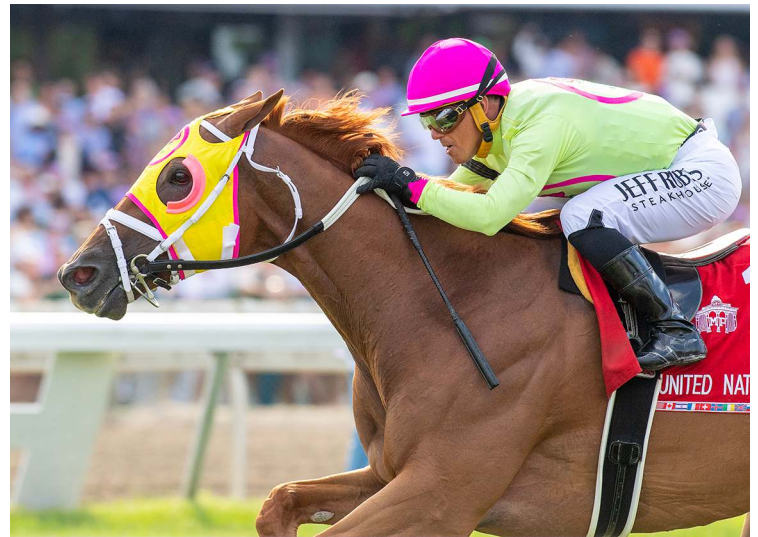
As for his future beyond that, Barry said, "I think it would be

premature to say he will stand at Pin Oak. I think it would be unfair on the horse to say that. But definitely Jim and Dana have had dreams of standing stallions here for sure. I think when they bought the farm, that was very much a focus on what they were thinking. Obviously, Pin Oak stood stallions--Maria's Mon, Peaks and Valleys, Sky Classic. We are very well known for standing stallions, so it won't be anything unusual to stand stallions here and it won't be unusual to take in partners at that time. We had some very loyal partners in all our stallions here."

Barry added, "We're just excited that we even have a horse to be thinking in that way for sure. I don't think anybody was thinking to come up with a horse this quickly. Two years ago, Geaux Rocket Ride was bought as a birthday present and lo and behold, here we are after winning the Haskell. Everybody dreams those things, but you know how dreams in this game don't always turn out."

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U.N. TOP THREE TARGET KENTUCKY DOWNS FEATURES



Therapist winning last weekend's UN | Sarah Andrew

Therapist (Freud), winner of last weekend's GI United Nations at Monmouth, will be pointed for Kentucky Downs' \$1.7 million, GII FanDuel Kentucky Turf Cup Sept. 9, according to trainer Mike Maker. Maker confirmed that stablemate **Red Knight** (Pure Prize), the UN third-place finisher who won the Kentucky Turf Cup last year, will also target the 12-furlong race. The 9-year-old won the June 10 GI Man o' War S. The Turf Cup is a 'Win and You're In' for the Breeders' Cup Turf, held at Del Mar this November.

"[Therapist] finished strong, and I loved his gallop-out," said Maker, who has won the race on five prior occasions since 2015. "Red Knight would appreciate a faster pace, and he had a pretty wide trip as well. But both horses ran very well."

In related news, U.N. runner-up **Catnip** (Silent Name {Jpn}) is likely to contest the \$2-million GIII Mint Millions at Kentucky Downs Sept. 2, according to trainer Michael Stidham. The 4-year-old took the June 17 GIII Monmouth S. prior to his UN appearance.

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CORRECTION: When Raging Torrent won his maiden at first asking Sunday at Del Mar, he became the seventh individual winner from the first crop of Spendthrift Farm's Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief). This was incorrectly reported in Monday's TDN. We apologize for the error.

SIRES WITH NEW SWs/GSWs

FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 23, 2023
ACTIVE NORTH AMERICAN-BASED STALLIONS



Wet Paint became the sixth elite-level winner for Claiborne Farm's **Blame** in the CCA Oaks | Chelsea Durand

Sire (Sire's Sire)	#SWs	#GSW (GISW)
Army Mule (Friesan Fire)	8	1
(Captain Courtney--Malvern Rose S.)		
The Big Beast (Yes It's True)	6	---
(Sassy Beast--Andy Guest S.)		
Blame (Arch)	45	21 (6)
(Wet Paint--Coaching Club American Oaks-GI)		

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Candy Ride (Arg) (Ride the Rails)	110	54 (18)
(Geaux Rocket Ride--TVG.com Haskell S.-GI)		

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EMAIL CHRIS KNEHR

Central Banker (Speightstown)	12	---
(Allure of Money--New York Derby)		
Cinco Charlie (Indian Charlie)	2	---
(Our Lyla Grace--Washington State Legislators S.)		
Dominus (Smart Strike)	13	---
(City Scene--Jim Morgan Memorial Tah Dah S.)		
First Dude (Stephen Got Even)	15	5
(Charlie's Wish--Azalea S.)		
Freud (Storm Cat)	61	11 (5)
(Orange Freeze--New York Stallion Series S.; Therapist--United Nations S.-GI)		
Good Magic (Curlin)	11	6
(Scotland--Curlin S.)		
Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg})	18	12
(Shotgun Hottie--Molly Pitcher S.-GIII)		
Hard Spun (Danzig)	79	37
(Elysian Field--Woodbine Oaks Presented by Budweiser; Loyalty--Hendrie S.-GIII)		
Holy Lute (Midnight Lute)	2	---
(Holottalute--Sierra Starlet H.)		
Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song)	17	9
(Roses for Debra--Caress S.-GIII)		

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Paynter (Awesome Again)	24	5
(C R Insta Gator--Iowa Stallion S.)		
Tourist (Tiznow)	5	1
(Spellcast--Hoover S.)		
Twirling Candy (Candy Ride {Arg})	42	18
(Dream Shake--Connaught Cup S.-GII)		

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EMAIL CHRIS KNEHR

Violence (Medaglia d'Oro)	31	10
(Order and Law--Cougar II S.-GIII)		

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OFFERING \$287K IN PURSES, TIMONIUM MEET KICKS OFF AUG. 25

The 2023 Thoroughbred racing schedule for the upcoming Timonium meet has been released. Running from Aug. 25 through Sept. 4, the week-long meet held during the Maryland State Fair will offer purses of \$287,000 daily.

The meet will offer two added-money events this year: the \$100,000 Timonium Distaff for fillies and mares, 3-years-old and up, going 6 1/2 furlongs on Saturday, Aug. 26 and the \$100,000 Timonium Juvenile for 2-year-olds going 6 1/2 furlongs on Saturday, Sept. 2. Both races are \$75,000 guaranteed, plus \$25,000 for Maryland-bred or Maryland-sired.

The Maryland State Fair is sponsoring \$20,000 in trainers' awards. Grooms awards to the best turned out horse in each race will also be awarded.

Additionally, Annual College Day at the Fair will take place on Aug. 26. Ten \$1,000 college scholarships are awarded to preregistered full time college students in attendance. College Day is designed to attract millennials to experience Thoroughbred racing and the Maryland State Fair. In addition, Aug. 26 has been designated Ladies Day at the Races.

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TAA ON-SITE AT THE SPA WHITNEY WEEKEND

Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, on-site in Saratoga for a variety of events in August, highlighted by the Aug. 5 GI Whitney S., will be available at NYRA's Community Outreach Booth to share information on accredited aftercare. Branded merchandise will be available in exchange for a donation, including a limited-edition Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance "Saratoga" t-shirt sponsored by Repole Stable featuring a unique design by artist and supporter Ellen Skidmore.

The TAA will remain on-site through the Aug. 7-8 Fasig-Tipton yearling sales. For more information, visit

www.nyra.com/saratoga/visit/community-booth.

"With so many events and industry participants in town for the Saratoga meet, it is a fantastic opportunity for Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance to be on-site and connect with supporters, partners, and some of our local accredited organizations," said Jeffrey Bloom, TAA President. "We look forward to continuing to share the mission of accredited aftercare with racing fans and we value all of our partnerships and supporters that give us the

platform to do so during this premiere meet."

The TAA will have two named races on consecutive days to highlight accredited aftercare--Saturday, Aug. 5 and Sunday, Aug. 6. Following the running of each race, a presentation will be made to the winning connections including a branded blanket and swag bag.

In addition, TAA will be honored with a donation of \$25,000 from James and Shari Ough. The check presentation will be made during the running of the named race Aug. 5.

TAA will also facilitate guests on Whitney day from one of the VIP experiences auctioned off earlier this year in the "Off to the Races" campaign, promoting aftercare awareness. Winners from the VIP experience will enjoy a special track tour, a tour of the Saratoga Racing Museum and Hall of Fame, and a day of racing with paddock passes and winner's circle access during the TAA race. The experience was donated by NYRA and the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame.

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MGSW FULSOME TO STAND AT WALMAC FARM

MGSW Fulsome (Into Mischief) has been retired and will stand the 2024 breeding season at Gary Broad's Walmac Farm in partnership with Matt Bowling of Bowling Bloodstock, the farm announced Monday.

A Juddmonte Farms homebred trained by Brad Cox, Fulsome broke his maiden in his first start at three in January and proceeded to win three of his next four outings--and five overall as a sophomore--including the GIII Smarty Jones S. and the GIII Matt Winn S.


He also finished third to Proxy ([Tapit](#)) and West Will Power (Bernardini) in the GI Clark S. at Churchill Downs. Fulsome retired with a record of 17-8-2-2 and earnings of \$1,244,553.

A stud fee will be announced at a later date.

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Wednesday, Saratoga #4, post time: 2:52 p.m. EDT






HONORABLE MISS H.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Echo Zulu 	Gun Runner	L and N Racing LLC & Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Geroux	123
2	Frank's Rockette	Into Mischief	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Mott	Alvarado	122
3	Maryquitecontrary	First Dude	Rodney G. Lundock	McGaughey III	Panici	122
4	Dr B	Liam's Map	Cash is King LLC & LC Racing LLC	Reid, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	119

Breeders: 1-Betz/J. Betz/Burns/CHNNHK/Magers/CoCoEquine/Ramsby, 2-Frank Fletcher, 3-R. G. Lundock, 4-Eico Ventures, Inc.

Friday, Saratoga #10, post time: 6:18 p.m. EDT

AMSTERDAM S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 6 1/2f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Drew's Gold 	Violence	James K. Chapman and Stuart Tsujimoto	Chapman	Ortiz	122
2	Joey Freshwater 	Jimmy Creed	Winning Move Stable	Rice	Lezcano	124
3	Deer District 	Oscar Performance	James J. Bakke and Gerald Isbister	Romans	Garcia	118
4	Gilmore 	Twirling Candy	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, R. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables, J. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC and C. Donovan	Walsh	Ortiz, Jr.	118
5	Ryvit	Competitive Edge	L. William and Corinne Heiligbrodt	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	124
6	New York Thunder 	Nyquist	AMO Racing USA	Delgado	Gaffalione	122

Breeders: 1-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Dr. Aaron Sones, Dr. Naoya Yoshida & Dr. Eric Crawford, 3-Springhouse Farm, Vision TBs, Bruce & Patricia Pieratt, 4-Dividing Ridge Farm, 5-Curt Leake, 6-Gatewood Bell & Forgotten Land

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7th-Parx Racing, \$60,516, Alw (C), Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 7-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.23, gd, 1 3/4 lengths.

NEECIE MARIE (f, 3, Cross Traffic--Lode Lady, by Posse) broke her maiden for a \$25,000 tag over this main track May 8, then took an option claimer when trying turf and two turns for the first time June 7. She may night have preferred the easy going at Delaware, finishing a distant fifth, and was given the benefit of the doubt by the betting public Monday. Right on an easy pace that saw the six furlongs posted in 1:15.57, Neechie Marie was roused to the front a quarter from home by Paco Lopez and the 11-10 favorite had a margin of 1 3/4 lengths on On the Shortlist (Jimmy Creed) at the post. The winner is out of a daughter of Canadian champion 3-year-old filly and GSW Gold Strike (Smart Strike), most notably the dam of 2022 GI Kentucky Derby upsetter Rich Strike (Keen Ice) as well as Canadian Grade II winner Llanarmon (**Sky Mesa**). Neechie Marie, who has a yearling half-sister by **Honest Mischieff**, is bred on the cross over Deputy Minister responsible for this year's GIII Commonwealth S. hero Here Mi Song. Sales history: \$25,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$98,100. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Milam Racing Stables; B-Jon A Marshall (PA); T-Robert E Reid Jr.

7th-Finger Lakes, \$25,200, Alw, 7-24, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.51, ft, 5 lengths.

LITTLE MS SUNSHINE (f, 3, Army Mule--Sound Of the Storm, by Freud) wired a field of maidens by five lengths on career debut here June 26 and was 35 cents on the dollar to put them back-to-back. The chestnut showed good speed from the gate and could have led, but instead held her spot at the fence inside of the pacesetter Bustinoxy (Bustin Stones). Asked to claim that one approaching the quarter pole, Little Ms Sunshine immediately opened up on her rivals and was kept to her task late while once again five clear at the wire. From the female family of GISW Speech (Mr Speaker), the winner has a yearling half-brother named Mr Mannix (Mitole). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$34,740. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** O/B-Carol Pepper (NY); T-Richard Shaffer.



MAIDENS

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

1st-Finger Lakes, \$32,100, Msw, 7-24, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.64, ft, 11 3/4 lengths.

JAK N BURNY (g, 3, Destin--Betty's Chance, by Duckhorn) took some play to be off at 5-1 as one of two firsters in an open-company maiden that drew a septet of New York-breds. Up to dispute the early pace following an alert break, the bay went to the in upper stretch before leaving his rivals in the dust. Jak N Burny is a half-brother to Winston's Chance (Roaring Fever), MSW, \$495,264, and has a yearling half-sister named Cloudy Chance (Cloud Computing). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,260.

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O-Sharon L Washburn & Jack N Bunny; B-Sherry Washburn (NY); T-Debra A Breed.



AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ABROAD

IN JAPAN:

Air Meteora, c, 3, Goldencents. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

Theurgist, c, 4, Ghostzapper. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

IN SOUTH KOREA:

I Am Jjang, c, 2, Sky Mesa--Sly Beauty (SW-Can, \$143,455), by Into Mischieff. Seoul, 7-22, Hcp. (C4), 1000m. B-Debby M Oxley (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **Won by seven lengths as the 13-10 chalk. **\$42,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. **VIDEO (SC 11)**

IN THE DARBY DAN TRADITION

Fire Girl, f, 3, Pioneer of the Nile--Just Be Kind (SW-US & Can, \$200,827), by Sky Mesa. Seoul, 7-22, Hcp. (C3), 1200m. B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY). *Won by five lengths as the 4-5 favorite. **\$30,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. **VIDEO (SC 8)**



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IN RUSSIA:

Fire Core, c, 2, Carpe Diem--Clarent, by Majesticperfection. Krasnodar, 7-22, Maiden, 1400m. B-Monticule (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **\$16,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

Funtastic Boy, c, 2, **Tapwrit**--Cafe, by **Medaglia d'Oro**.

Krasnodar, 7-22, Maiden, 1400m. B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **\$40,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

Kabirkhan, c, 3, **California Chrome**--Little Emily (SW, \$132,572), by Castledale (Ire). Pyatigorsk, 7-23, Pyatigorsk Derby (Rus-G1, NBT), 2400m (AWT). B-Kehner Thoroughbreds LLC (KY).

*Remained unbeaten in seven starts. **\$12,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.



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**IN MEXICO:****Liam's Crown**, c, 2, **Liam's Map**--Intermittent, by Bernardini.

Hipodromo de las Americas, 7-22, Allowance, 5 1/2f. B-Siena Farms LLC (KY). *Went wire to wire to graduate by 11 1/4 lengths on local debut May and added a 9 1/2-length success here. **\$1,500 RNA Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

Super Ivonne, f, 4, **Protonico**--Deesadiva (SW, \$104,962), by Harry the Hat. Hipodromo de las Americas, 7-22, XXIII Clasico Batucada (Mex-G2, NBT), 1m. B-Jacob & Michelle Nance (KY).

*Ch. Imp. 3yo Filly-Mex. **\$4,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT.

Mi Vecino, h, 5, **Jack Milton**--Best of Times, by **Mineshaft**.

Hipodromo de las Americas, 7-22, LXXVII Handicap Presidencial (Mex-G1, NBT), 1 1/16m. B-Rebel Racing LLC, Rowland Hancock & David Walker (KY). *Imp. Horse of the Year, Ch. Older Horse & Ch. 2yo Colt-Mex. **\$3,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. ***1/2 to Promise of Spring (Drosselmeyer), MGSP, \$226,442.

**Saturday's Results:**

12th-Chukyo, ¥15,200,000 (\$107,570), Allowance, 3yo/up, 1800m, 1:53, ft.

AIR METEORA (c, 3, **Goldencents**--**Nokaze**, by **Empire Maker**) flashed ample ability on the turf, with a maiden victory and two placings from three starts, but was switching surfaces for the first time over the weekend. Bet into even-money favoritism to successfully make the transition, the homebred put himself right into the race from gate 12 and enjoyed the run of the race for the opening seven furlongs. Produced one off the rail in upper stretch, the dark bay assume command at midstretch and kicked home strongly to take it by five lengths. Til Dawn (Mor Spirit) and In His Eyes (Race Day) completed a U.S.-bred sweep of the placings.

Air Meteora is a half-brother to Air Almas (Majestic Warrior), GSW-Jpn, \$1,905,411; and Air Fanditha (Hat Trick {Jpn}), MSW-Jpn, \$1,166,278. Since missing to **Blame** for 2021, Nokaze--a half-sister to the stakes-winning dam of GSW Yuugiri (Shackleford)--has produced fillies by **Gun Runner** in each of the last two seasons. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$138,964. O-Lucky Field Inc; B-Sekie & Tsunebumi Yoshihara (KY); T-Manabu Ikezoe.

12th-Fukushima, ¥15,200,000 (\$107,570), Allowance, 3yo/up, 1150m, 1:08.3, ft.

THEURGIST (c, 4, **Ghostzapper**--**Orphea**, by **Medaglia d'Oro**)

was well-beaten in a single appearance at this venue last July, but dominated easier in three starts at Himeji on the NAR circuit to build some confidence. Favored here at 19-10 off an allowance third at Tokyo June 25, the \$410,000 Fasig-Tipton November weanling landed just on the back of the speed early on, was asked for a sprint turning for home and widened late to score by 2 1/2 lengths. Orphea, also the dam of GSP Born to Be Winner (Einstein {Brz}), is a daughter of MGSW/GISP Nasty Storm (Gulch), herself responsible for multiple Irish Group 3 winner and Group 1-placed Actress (Ire) (Declaration of War). The mare is represented by the 2-year-old filly Price of War (**War Front**), a \$100,000 KEESEP graduate. Sales history: \$410,000 Wlg '19 FTKNOV. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, \$89,794. O-Godolphin; B-Ghostzapper Syndicate & Paul Tackett Revocable Trust (KY); T-Noriyuki Hori.

Sold as a Yearling by SCOTT MALLORY, agent

**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, JULY 25****2023 Stud Fees Listed**

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

150 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-Assiniboia Downs, 9:25 p.m. EDT, \$50K Debutante S., 5f, Yellow Birdie, 4-1, \$24,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$25,000 OBS APR 2yo



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**STAKES RESULTS:**

PRINCESS OF SYLMAR S., \$98,000, Presque Isle Downs, 7-24, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:43.91, ft.

1--**MALDIVES MODEL, 118, m, 5, Petionville--Tahitian Pearl, by El Prado (Ire)**. O-Tom Coulter; B-Arrowwood Farm (PA); T-Cassandra Judd; J-Gaddiel A Martinez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 19-4-6-2, \$251,940.

2--**Tactical Pajamas, 118, m, 5, Uncle Lino--Salishan, by Banker's Gold**. O-James E Hess; B-Vicky Schowe & Kemal Erkan (PA); T-Ron G Potts. \$20,000.

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3--**One More Kelly, 118, f, 4, Not This Time--Kelly Mac, by Thunder Gulch. 1ST BLACK-TYPE** (\$95,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP). O/B-Warrior's Reward LLC (PA); T-Brandon L. Kulp. \$10,000.

Margins: HF, 4, HD. Odds: 5.00, 1.70, 1.90.

GOVERNOR'S S., \$50,000, Emerald Downs, 7-23, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:14.09, ft.

1--**SLEW'S TIZ WHIZ, 120, g, 5, Slew's Tiznow--Ros's Girl, by Rosberg**. O-Slew's Crew Racing; B-Karl Krieg (WA); T-Tom Wenzel; J-Jose Luis Zunino. \$27,500. Lifetime Record: 17-7-3-2, \$222,857.

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2--**Bridleuptothebar, 124, g, 4, Fullbridled--Nearlycocktailtime, by Thisnearlywasmine**. O-Holly Rydman; B-Mark & Holly Rydman (CA); T-Niccolo Troiani. \$10,000.

3--**Zestful, 124, g, 8, Ghostzapper--Sweet Relish, by Smoke Glacken**. (\$100,000 3yo '18 FTKHRA). O-Stable H M A; B-Pin Oak Stud LLC (KY); T-Justin R Evans. \$6,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1, 3 1/4. Odds: 1.80, 2.80, 5.10.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Parx Racing, \$51,500, (S), 7-24, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 7 1/2ft, 1:33.47, gd, 1/2 length.

A WESTERN YARN (c, 3, Eastwood--Basket Stitch, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-3-1-1, \$88,500. O-Mark B Grier; B-Equvine Farm LLC (PA); T-Arnaud Delacour. *\$45,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT. **1/2 to Keepmeinstitches (Southern Image), SP, \$315,814.

8th-Parx Racing, \$51,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 7-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:47.12, ft, 3/4 length.

CAIRO SUGAR (f, 3, Cairo Prince--Spun Sugar {MGISW,

\$929,171}, by Awesome Again) Lifetime Record: SW, 11-3-2-3, \$174,142. O-AP Stable; B-Kaz Hill Farm (NY); T-Alan Bedard. *\$6,000 Ylg '21 SARAUG; \$43,000 RNA 2yo '22 WANNYB.

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7th-Thistledown, \$35,800, (S), 7-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.60, ft, 2 lengths.

EXACTITUDE (f, 4, Exaggerator--Eye'll Be Fine, by Montbrook) Lifetime Record: 13-5-3-1, \$86,894. O-Valls Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Thorobeam Farm (OH); T-Ivan Calderon. *1/2 to Yiannis (**Midshipman**), SW, \$145,560.

8th-Sacramento, \$35,100, 7-23, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.31, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

PLAYING HARDBALL (g, 5, Hard Spun--Pamona Ball {SW & GSP, \$185,640}, by Pleasantly Perfect) Lifetime Record: 14-5-0-3, \$104,404. O-Tim Rosselli & Jose Garcia Saldivar; B-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC (CA); T-Samuel Calvario. *\$135,000 Ylg '19 FTCAYR. **1/2 to Snowy Winter (Elusive Quality), SW & GSP-Ire, G1SP-Ity, MSP-Eng, \$175,918; Pamina (Street Cry {Ire}), GSW-Can, GSP-USA, \$198,072; and Hieronymus (Girolamo), MSW, \$207,652.

6th-Thistledown, \$32,500, 7-24, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.44, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

ROYAL DRAGOON (g, 5, Cigar Street--Sanda in Time, by Mister Phone {Arg}) Lifetime Record: 26-7-5-0, \$114,278. O-Urieta's Racing Stable & Johanna Urieta; B-Thomas J Young (KY); T-Johanna Urieta.

4th-Presque Isle Downs, \$31,880, (S), 7-24, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:12.09, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

WILD DELIGHT (m, 5, Karakontie {Jpn}--Ravissante, by Medaglia d'Oro) Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-3, \$62,362. O/B-Smart Angle LLP (PA); T-J Michael Rogers. *\$19,000 RNA Wlg '18 KEENOV.

3rd-Finger Lakes, \$26,000, (NW16M)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 7-24, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.61, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.

LOBSTA (h, 5, Emcee--Salty Little Sis, by Chief Seattle) Lifetime Record: MSW, 18-5-2-2, \$331,400. O-Eddie F's Racing; B-Fedwell Farms (NY); T-Rachel Sells. *Full to Chowda, SW, \$224,290.

8th-Finger Lakes, \$23,940, 7-24, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.54, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

HIGH STRIKE (c, 3, Bee Jersey--Ima Soul Miss, by Perfect Soul {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-0, \$50,481. O-Cedar Meadow Inc; B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Chris J Englehart. *\$26,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$72,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

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Naksu, f, 2, **Drill**--Tomorrow Story, by Smart Strike. Thistledown, 7-24, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:08.00. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,018. B-Raimonde Farms Ltd & Steve M DeMaiolo (OH). *\$5,000 Ylg '22 OTBOMX. *1ST-TIME STARTER.

American Halite, g, 3, **Arrogate**--Ballet Dress, by **Hard Spun**. Finger Lakes, 7-24, 1m 70y, 1:47.79. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$20,242. B-Frank Batten (KY). *\$220,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG.



Orfano, g, 3, **Bodemeister**--Ethyl Ether, by Scat Daddy. Thistledown, 7-24, (S), 6f, 1:12.40. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$35,141. B-Michael Scardina (OH).

Camp Bashors Candy, f, 3, **Danzing Candy**--A Little Unruly, by **Violence**. Del Mar, 7-23, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:04.52. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,200. B-Dianne Bashor (CA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Lotsa Luck, g, 3, **Madefromlucky**--Wildalot, by Wild Again. Parx Racing, 7-24, (C), 1m, 1:42.74. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$32,550. B-Spring Run Farm LLC (PA).

Slew's Joy, c, 3, **Slew's Tiznow**--Joyful Emma, by Tribal Rule. Sacramento, 7-23, 5 1/2f, 1:03. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-1, \$42,778. B-Stuart Tsujimoto (CA).

Party News, g, 4, **Keen Ice**--Sunday Ride, by Sunday Break (Jpn). Finger Lakes, 7-24, 1m 70y, 1:48.72. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, \$20,698. B-Edward Cohn (NY).

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Arrogate, American Halite, g, 3, o/o Ballet Dress, by **Hard Spun**. MSW, 7-24, Finger Lakes

Bee Jersey, High Strike, c, 3, o/o Ima Soul Miss, by Perfect Soul (Ire). ALW, 7-24, Finger Lakes

Bodemeister, Orfano, g, 3, o/o Ethyl Ether, by Scat Daddy. MSW, 7-24, Thistledown

Cairo Prince, Cairo Sugar, f, 3, o/o Spun Sugar, by Awesome Again. AOC, 7-24, Parx Racing

Cigar Street, Royal Dragoon, g, 5, o/o Sanda in Time, by Mister Phone (Arg). ALW, 7-24, Thistledown

Cross Traffic, Neecie Marie, f, 3, o/o Lode Lady, by Posse. AOC, 7-24, Parx Racing

Danzing Candy, Camp Bashors Candy, f, 3, o/o A Little Unruly, by **Violence**. MCL, 7-23, Del Mar

Destin, Jak N Burny, g, 3, o/o Betty's Chance, by Duckhorn. MSW, 7-24, Finger Lakes

Drill, Naksu, f, 2, o/o Tomorrow Story, by Smart Strike. MSW, 7-24, Thistledown

Eastwood, A Western Yarn, c, 3, o/o Basket Stitch, by Tiznow. ALW, 7-24, Parx Racing

Emcee, Lobsta, h, 5, o/o Salty Little Sis, by Chief Seattle. AOC, 7-24, Finger Lakes

Exaggerator, Exactitude, f, 4, o/o Eye'll Be Fine, by Montbrook. ALW, 7-24, Thistledown

Hard Spun, Playing Hardball, g, 5, o/o Pamona Ball, by Pleasantly Perfect. ALW, 7-23, Sacramento

Karakontie (Jpn), Wild Delight, m, 5, o/o Ravissante, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. ALW, 7-24, Presque Isle Downs

Keen Ice, Party News, g, 4, o/o Sunday Ride, by Sunday Break (Jpn). MSW, 7-24, Finger Lakes

Madefromlucky, Lotsa Luck, g, 3, o/o Wildalot, by Wild Again. MCL, 7-24, Parx Racing

Petionville, Maldives Model, m, 5, o/o Tahitian Pearl, by El Prado (Ire). Princess of Sylmar S., 7-24, Presque Isle Downs

Slew's Tiznow, Slew's Joy, c, 3, o/o Joyful Emma, by Tribal Rule. MSW, 7-23, Sacramento

Slew's Tiznow, Slew's Tiz Whiz, g, 5, o/o Ros's Girl, by Rosberg. Governor's S., 7-23, Emerald Downs

TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



Neecie Marie (Cross Traffic) makes it two for three on the turf
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MCSTAY MAKES HAY IN AMERICA - AND ANISETTE LOOKS ANOTHER US STAR



Mark McStay | Zuzanna Lupa

By Brian Sheerin

In running out an impressive winner of the G2 San Clemente S. at Del Mar last weekend, Anisette (GB) (Awtaad {Ire}) capped a memorable few months for bloodstock agent Mark McStay, who helped source the filly privately on behalf of Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners.

McStay had already been provided with one of his biggest kicks in racing this summer when Porta Fortuna (Ire) (Caravaggio), who he purchased on behalf of a host of American owners, landed the G3 Albany S. at Royal Ascot.

Porta Fortuna could well be aimed at the Breeders' Cup later in the year while Anisette has Grade I targets more immediately. America has been a happy hunting ground for McStay, whose fingerprints are also all over high class Stateside performers Selenia (Ire) (Sea The Moon {Ger}) and Papillo (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), and he's keen to soak in the strong run of form.

On his latest big-race winner, McStay commented, "I signed for Anisette as a yearling and she is a filly whose career I watched closely in Britain."

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'A COMPLEX FULL OF THE FAMOUS DONNY ROCKETS' - 450 YEARLINGS IN PREMIER

The catalogue for the Goffs Premier Yearling Sale, which boasts 450 yearlings set to sell at Doncaster on Aug. 29 and 30, can now be viewed [online](#). All yearlings sold through the auction will be eligible for the Harry's Half Million, currently known as the Goffs Harry Beeby Premier Yearling S. and re-branded for 2024 in honour of Goffs UK's late Chairman Harry Beeby. Next year's race will still be held at York with a guaranteed prize fund of £500,000.

"The 2023 Premier Sale catalogue remains true to the central pillars of the sale's long enduring philosophy," Goffs UK Managing Director Tim Kent said. "Buyers already know what they are going to be presented with when they arrive at Doncaster in August—a complex full of precocious, athletic yearlings." [Cont., p4](#)

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

MEL GIDDINGS LOOKS TO TAKE SARATOGA WITH STYLE

TDN's Katie Petruncak profiles young trainer Melanie Giddings, who looks to join the big leagues in the GI Test S. on Aug. 5 at America's summer playground with stable star Maple Leaf Mel, the undefeated sophomore filly named in her honor.

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Mickael Barzalona, Louise Benard and André Fabre discuss tactics before Birr Castle's Prix Pelleas (listed) win at Compiègne. Stroud Coleman Bloodstock purchased the son of Cloth Of Stars for €170,000 at Arqana October. | Scoop Dyga

BHA CLEARS GROUP 1-WINNING RIDER SEAN LEVEY **5**

The British Horseracing Authority has accepted Sean Levey took no prohibited substance following a "non-negative" saliva test at Sandown last year, which was later deemed negative by a laboratory.

DESERT CROWN ON COURSE FOR KING GEORGE **6**

Desert Crown is set to return from his latest injury setback in Saturday's King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Qipco S. as one of 15 runners still in contention for the £1.25 million Ascot contest.

BIRR CASTLE TAKES PRIX PELLEAS AT COMPIEGNE **8**

The son of Cloth of Stars made relentless headway under pressure in the straight and was ridden out to inch ahead nearing the line for a career high.

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McStay and Anisette, cont. from p1

"When she won at Wolverhampton in December, I thought she was very eye-catching and it was myself and one other agent who were on her straight away. I sent her to Aron Wellman, who is a guy who makes his mind up pretty quickly, and he is very experienced and successful at what he does.

"Thankfully, we were on the same page with her and managed to get a deal done. From the moment she has gone out there, I have heard nothing but good reports and thankfully they have proved to be correct."

McStay's good record across the Atlantic stems much further back than Anisette. Dubawi Heights, who was part-owned by his mother Clodagh, won twice at the highest level in California in 2011 and McStay has continued to make hay in the jurisdiction through his private purchases on behalf of various different clients.

"Historically, I have had plenty of luck in America and that goes all the way back to Dubawi Heights (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), who was sent out there with Simon Callaghan, his father Neville, my mother [Clodagh] and MV Magnier," McStay said.

"She won two Grade 1s out there in 2011 and Miss Keller (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), who I bought as a yearling, was another filly who did very well out there and won the EP Taylor. I have had a lot of luck in America and I think finding a filly with the right outlook and attitude is key."

On what he looks for in form horses when trying to fill orders for America, he continued, "Anisette is very genuine and is clearly very talented. Dubawi Heights had that same attitude and outlook and you need to find horses who are on an upward curve and look like they will progress. We don't have a crystal ball and it can be very hard to predict what will happen but, if you think there is more in the tank when you are buying them, that is always the question you need to be asking yourself when you are buying a form horse.

"With Anisette, looking at her physically, there was always going to be plenty of progression. She's a beautiful-looking filly and was still quite unfurnished when we bought her. Leonard Powell has done a great job with her and has taken his time and Kevin was a star to deal with in brokering the deal as well. He's a great guy and is one of those young trainers who is very much on the up."



Anisette winning the GII San Clemente at Del Mar on Saturday for Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners | Benoit

Another handler who fits into that category is Donnacha O'Brien, trainer of the unbeaten Royal Ascot heroine Porta Fortuna. McStay acted quickly to snap up the filly on behalf of Medallion Racing, Dean Reeves, Barry Fowler and Steve Weston after she won her Curragh maiden and it has proved one of his shrewdest acquisitions.

"That was huge," McStay reflected. "Ascot is where all the big owners want to have winners and Porta Fortuna delivering for Medallion Racing, Dean Reeves, Barry Fowler and Steve Weston was massive. On a personal level, I have been going to Royal Ascot since I have been living in England and when I was working with Godolphin--which is 20 years ago--so, to have one that you have purchased on behalf of clients go and deliver on the big

stage, it's huge. As an agent, it's the type of result you need to be getting. When people are spending good money you need to be getting those results."

On future plans for the filly, McStay said, "She has loads of options which Donnacha will discuss with her owners. The Phoenix Stakes might be one and the Cheveley Park Stakes could be another. The owners are American and I think they would like to stretch her out in trip in time so maybe that might happen at the Breeders' Cup. She was so professional in

the Albany and is a beautiful individual. She's got the size and scope and won't just be a two-year-old, with a bit of luck. Hopefully she has a big career in front of her."

Papilo, bought privately on behalf of D J Stable LLC, Medallion Racing Et Al from Irish trainer Fozzy Stack to continue her career with Mark Casse, has already delivered the goods with a Grade 2 win at Keeneland back in April. The Saratoga Oaks could be next for the three-year-old, for which McStay plans to be in attendance prior to hot-footing it to Arqana for the August Sale.

It was at that sale where Deauville Legend (Ire) ([Sea The Stars {Ire}](#)), on course to contest one of the hottest King Georges in recent history at Ascot on Saturday, was sourced on behalf of the agent's major supporter Bon Ho back in 2020 for €200,000. McStay says he will be out to find the next classy performer in France next month but wouldn't be able to enjoy the run of success he is enjoying with the support of his family.

He explained, "Deauville Legend is a huge price [40-1] for the King George. I don't think it's a reflection on him but more the quality of the race."



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"Mr Ho is based in Hong Kong and that is where this horse will finish his season. Deauville Legend had a long hard season last year and, with the Hong Kong International race meeting taking place in December, we weren't in any hurry to get him out this season. I think the lack of a run counted against him at Royal Ascot [when fourth in the Hardwicke] and I expect him to run a big race in the King George. Mr Ho has been a huge supporter of mine in recent years and is such an enthusiastic owner. I really appreciate the faith he's placed in me and he's got some very nice horses both in Europe and Australia—I hope he'll be rewarded by landing another one of these big International Group 1 races soon.

"The sale season is upon us and I'm looking forward to Arqana next month. It has been a lucky spot for us over the past few years so hopefully we might be able to unearth another nice horse or two from there. I go over there nice and early and provide my clients with an overview of the sale. With a smaller catalogue like Arqana, it affords you the time to do that."

He added, "A number of my clients are overseas, be it Hong Kong, Australia, America or Dubai, and with time differences etc, being able to send out lists and giving people the time to digest the information, that's a big plus. At the end of the day, most of these people are well-informed and want to be involved in the buying process so a sale like Arqana, where you have the extra bit of time, it's huge.

"I can't wait for Arqana and am actually going to Saratoga beforehand. I did my diary with my wife Eva the other day for the next six months and, on a serious note, this job would not be possible without her support. I couldn't do the job that I do without Eva being behind me one hundred and ten per cent. Being an agent, or working in any capacity in this industry, the hours and the time that we give to it is far from nine to five. Having a family behind you that allows you to do your job well is crucial."

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Goffs Premier Yearling Sale, cont. from p1

"To put it another way—a complex full of the famous Donny Rockets."

Some of the more notable offerings for the sale include a Showcasing (GB) half-sister to the G2 winner Without A Fight (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) out of the G3 winner Khor Sheed (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) selling as **lot 5**; a **Siyouni** colt out of the G1-placed mare Lady Darshaan (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and a half-brother to the Listed winners Beholding (GB) (Le Havre {Ire}) and Let's Go (Street Cry {Ire}) catalogued as **lot 11**; a **Wootton Bassett** (GB) half-brother to the G2 winner Trillium (GB) (**No Nay Never**) (**lot 48**); and a **Kingman** (GB) filly (**lot 123**) out of the G3 winner mare Queen of Bermuda (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}).

Other standouts include **lot 234**, a **Sea The Stars** (Ire) colt out of a **Frankel** (GB) half-sister to the G2 winners Spirit Quartz (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Caspian Prince (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) and Tuscan Gaze (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}); and **lot 433**, a **No Nay Never** colt out of an Invincible Spirit (Ire) half-sister to the G1 winner Lillie Langtry (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), the dam of G1 winners Minding (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Tuesday (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).



Goffs Premier Yearling Sale graduate Jasour winning the G2 Kingdom of Bahrain July S. | Goffs/Racing Post

"We continue to invest in this sale and its bright future and earlier this year we announced that we are rebranding the sale's long enduring race at York and significantly increasing the guaranteed prize fund," Kent continued. "For next year's race, for which all yearlings sold this year are eligible to enter, all runners will be racing for their share of £500,000 in the re-branded Harry's Half Million by Goffs.

"When the race was launched over 20 years ago it was Europe's richest 2-year-old race and since then it has been won by some outstanding horses; Acclamation, Dark Angel, Tasleet and **Wootton Bassett** to name but a few, and increasing the prize fund to £500,000 demonstrates our commitment to the race and the Premier Sale."

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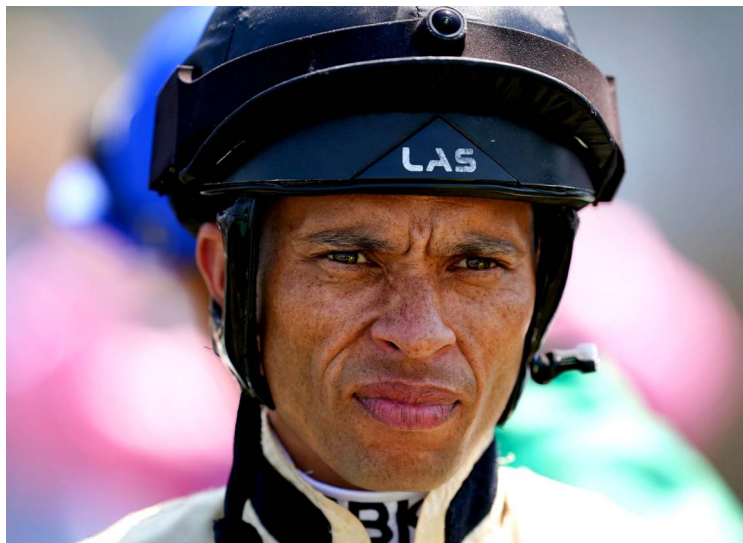
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EUROPEAN NEWS

BHA CLEARS LEVEY AFTER 'NON-NEGATIVE' SALIVA TEST AT SANDOWN



Sean Levey | PA Media

The British Horseracing Authority has accepted Sean Levey took no prohibited substance following a “non-negative” saliva test at Sandown last year, which was later deemed negative by a laboratory.

Levey was stood down by the raceday stewards on September 14 when an instant saliva test produced a positive result for amphetamine.

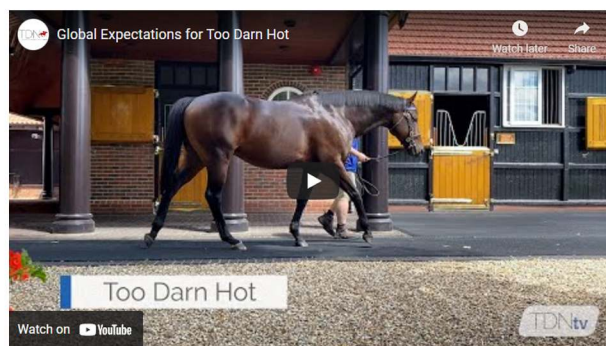
The Group 1-winning rider requested a urine test within 24 hours and when that returned negative, he was allowed to resume riding.

However, Levey was forced to miss the closing night of the Racing League, for which he was the leading rider ahead of the final meeting. He was subsequently caught by Saffie Osborne, who rode a treble to claim a £20,000 bonus.

In a statement released by the regulator, it said, “The BHA would like to provide the following update on the oral fluid testing pilot, which was paused following a negative laboratory follow-up analysis requested after a point of care racecourse non-negative sample given by Sean Levey at Sandown on September 14, 2022.

“Following that negative laboratory follow-up analysis, the BHA has carried out extensive analysis to ascertain the circumstances behind the original non-negative, remaining in close communication with Mr Levey throughout. The BHA is grateful for his co-operation during this time.

“The BHA completely accepts that Mr Levey did not take



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amphetamine or any other prohibited substance and has not committed any offence under the rules of racing, with the cause of the non-negative appearing to have been a supplement that those administering the test were not aware of at the time. A further update regarding the resumption of the oral fluid testing pilot will follow in due course.”

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LOUGHNANE HOPING TO BOUNCE BACK QUICKLY AFTER THUMB INJURY



Billy Loughnane | PA Media

Billy Loughnane says that he will be “pushing to be back as soon as I can” after a thumb injury suffered at Nottingham has left him facing a spell on the sidelines.

The 17-year-old has established himself as one of the rising stars of the weighing room since bursting onto the scene over the winter and is bearing down on a century of winners having continued to have success throughout the summer.

However, his quest for triple figures has been halted following the injury sustained in a stalls incident aboard the Ed Dunlop-trained *Lucidity* on Friday night.

He said, “I’m taking it day by day and I’ll be back as soon as I can. It’s obviously frustrating and hard at the minute, watching the horses you could have been on run, but I have had over 500 rides now and been lucky not to pick anything up so far. It’s annoying, the timing of it, but it’s just one of those things.”

Loughnane could represent Ireland in the Racing League upon his return and is a general 14-1 chance to finish top jockey in the competition.

He added, “I am looking forward to it, to be part of the Racing League is great. Hopefully I’ll be there for a few of the meetings. I was born in Ireland and class myself as Irish, so I’m looking forward to representing Ireland.

“Hopefully it can boost me a little bit and give me the chance to ride for a few different trainers and get myself to the next level a little bit. It’s hopefully going to be a good place to build contacts and there’s great prize-money as well. Fingers crossed, I get a bit of luck and can ride a couple of winners.”

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DESERT CROWN ON COURSE FOR KING GEORGE RETURN



Desert Crown | Focus On Racing

Desert Crown (GB) is set to return from his latest injury setback in Saturday’s King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Qipco S. as last year’s Derby winner is one of 15 runners still in contention for the £1.25 million Ascot contest.

Trained by Sir Michael Stoute, the son of Nathaniel (Ire) stormed to Classic glory at Epsom in 2022 before spending almost a year on the sidelines before making his return in the Brigadier Gerard in May where he finished second to Owen Burrows’ reopposing *Hukum*.

A further setback ruled him out of an intended Royal Ascot engagement but after working well on the Limekilns gallop at Newmarket on Sunday morning, Desert Crown is now on course for a belated appearance at the Berkshire track in search of one of the season’s most prestigious prizes.

“He’s going OK. He worked yesterday morning and he worked nicely,” said Bruce Raymond, racing manager for owner Saeed Suhail.

“He doesn’t do a lot now, but everyone was very pleased. It was good to see him on the grass.”

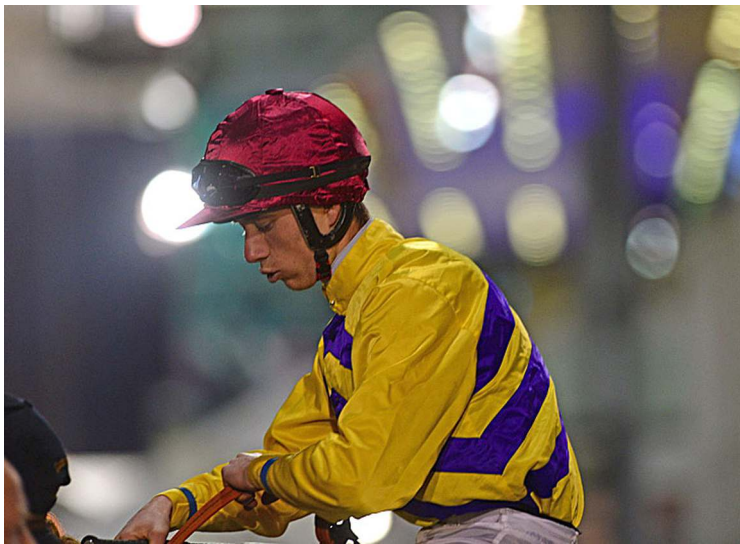
There could be a rematch between Aidan O’Brien’s Derby winner *Auguste Rodin* and the Epsom runner-up *King Of Steel* at Ascot.

Auguste Rodin, who followed up in the Irish equivalent, is one of six in the mix for Aidan O'Brien, who could also be represented by Luxembourg, Point Lonsdale, Adelaide River, Broome and Bolshoi Ballet.

Defending champion Pyledriver will bid to enhance his fine Ascot record having landed the Hardwicke S. following almost a year off the track during the royal meeting, while John and Thady Gosden's Eclipse runner-up and Coronation Cup winner Emily Upjohn adds further spice to a race which looks like being a high-class renewal.

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JOCKEY GEAROID BROUDER HIT WITH FOUR-YEAR BAN AFTER FAILING DOPE TEST



Gearoid Brouder | [Racingfotos.com](#)

Irish jockey Gearoid Brouder has been hit with a massive four-year ban, although there is a possibility of the last three being suspended, after he tested positive for a metabolite of cocaine at Gowran Park on May 10.

That positive test came on the same day that Brouder was banned for 21-days under the non-triers rule after finishing fourth aboard the Charles Byrnes-trained Ellaat in a low-grade handicap.

Traces of benzoylecgonine, the cocaine metabolite, were found in a dope test conducted on Brouder at Gowran on the day and the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board on Monday announced that the rider's licence would be suspended for up to four years.

The ban will begin on Friday and means that Brouder is now suspended from holding a jockey's and trainer's licence as he is serving a 12-month ban from the training ranks after irregularities arose from a stable inspection last September.

In the case of Ellaat, Byrnes was fined €6,000 despite stating he was not happy with the ride Brouder gave the horse.

The jockey has partnered 26 winners in Ireland and has also sent out two winners as a trainer on the Flat.

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BRITAIN

Monday's Results:

2nd-Windsor, £6,800, Novice, 7-24, 2yo, f, 6f 12yT, 1:13.85, gd.
ONTHEMONEYHONEY (IRE) (f, 2, Profitable {Ire}--Lydia Becker {GB}, by Sleeping Indian {GB}), a 9-1 shot on this debut, was forced to race towards the rear early from his wide draw. Making relentless progress down the wing to gain the lead with half a furlong remaining, the 50,000gns Book 3 purchase asserted to score by a length from Xaarine (Fr) (Goken {Fr}). The unraced dam, whose filly foal is by Ardad (Ire), is a full-sister to the G3 Horris Hill S. winner Crazy Horse (GB) and a half to Richard Pankhurst (GB) (Raven's Pass) who captured the G2 Hungerford S. and Listed Chesham S. Sales history: 50,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,720. O-S R Hope & S W Barrow; B-Paul & Jim McCartan (IRE); T-Clive Cox.

2nd-Ayr, £10,000, Mdn, 7-24, 2yo, 5fT, 1:00.80, g/s.
DOROTHY LAWRENCE (GB) (f, 2, Soldier's Call {GB}--Festoso {Ire} {SW & G1SP-Eng, \$144,335}, by Diesis {GB}), who was runner-up in York's Listed Marygate Fillies' S. in May and third in the Listed Prix la Fleche at Chantilly last month, had a penalty kick here on paper but was free in early stages behind the leader Batal Zabeel (Ire) (Territories {Ire}). Only getting on top in the final 100 yards, the 2-11 favourite scored by a neck. The dam, who took the Listed Cecil Frail S. and was runner-up in the G2 Cherry Hinton S. and third in the G1 Cheveley Park S., produced the Italian listed winner Festive Star (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}) and is the second dam of the classy juvenile of 2021 Desert Dreamer (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**), whose four group placings included a second in the G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. which is the new name of the Cherry Hinton. A half-sister to the G1 Prix Jean Prat-winning sire Olden Times (GB) (Darshaan {GB}), her yearling filly is by Advertise (GB). Lifetime Record: MSP-Eng, 4-1-2-1, \$44,277. O-Clipper Logistics; B-Branton Court Stud LLP (GB); T-Karl Burke.

1st-Beverley, £7,500, Mdn, 7-24, 2yo, 5fT, 1:06.76, hy.
AIRMAN (IRE) (c, 2, Dandy Man {Ire}--Nova Aquilae {Ire}, by Sea The Stars {Ire}), backed into 8-11 favouritism, tanked his way to the fore after the first two furlongs. Sticking to his task best in the closing furlong, the G2 Gimcrack S. entry had 2 3/4 lengths to spare over I'm Spartacus (Ire) (Profitable {Ire}) there.

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The unraced dam, whose yearling filly is by Kuroshio (Aus), is a daughter of the G1 Coronation S. third Irish History (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). The family includes the high-class Shadwell duo Salsabil (Ire) and Marju (Ire) and the multiple group-winning sire Echo Of Light (GB) (Dubai Millennium {GB}). Sales history: €25,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; €25,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,206.

O-Richard Fahey Ebor Racing Club Ltd; B-Ms P Walsh (IRE); T-Richard Fahey.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dunes King (GB), g, 3, **Shamardal**--Choumicha (GB), by Paco Boy (Ire). Windsor, 7-24, 10fT, 2: 10.51. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, 4,320. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB).

IRELAND

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Moonlit Mist (Ire), f, 3, **Australia (GB)**--Moonlit View (Ire), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). Ballinrobe, 7-24, 9f 96yT, 2:04.18. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$11,450. B-Mattock Equine Ltd (IRE). *£27,000 Ylg '21 TATIRY.

FRANCE

Monday's Results:

PRIX PELLEAS-Listed, €55,000, Compiègne, 7-24, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:08.31, sf.

1--**BIRR CASTLE (FR)**, 128, c, 3, by **Cloth Of Stars (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Baki (Fr)**, by **Turtle Bowl (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Benzolina (Ire)**, by **Second Empire (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Balouchina (Ire)**, by **Rainbow Quest**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€170,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT).

O-Godolphin; B-Francois Rohaut (FR); T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickael Barzalona. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, €55,800. *1/2 to King Shalaa (Fr) (Shalaa {Ire}), SW-Fr, \$276,249; Waltham (Fr) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**), SW-Fr, \$177,498.

2--**Woodchuck (Fr)**, 128, g, 3, Birchwood (Ire)--Reinedetroie (Fr), by Dunkerque (Fr). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Haras de la Huderie; B-David Dromard (FR); T-Nicolas Bellanger. €11,000.

3--**Kovanof (GB)**, 128, c, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Terrakova (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias. €8,250.

Margins: SNK, 2, 2HF. Odds: 6.90, 8.80, 7.40.

Also Ran: Bravais (GB), Pyrus (Ger), Mister Mister (Ger), Alashar (Ire), Lips Freedom (Ger). Scratched: Devil In The Sky (Ire), Ponty (Fr). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



Birr Castle | Scoopdyga

Birr Castle, successful in one of two juvenile starts, opened this term with a third in Saint-Cloud's Mar.18 Listed Prix Omnium II before slipping to sixth in ParisLongchamp's Apr. 9 G3 Prix La Force and went postward for this coming back off a May 30 conditions second at Angers. Settled off the pace and employing patient tactics through halfway, he made relentless headway under pressure in the straight and was ridden out to inch ahead nearing the line for a career high.

Birr Castle, who hails from the family of MG1SW sire Anabaa (Danzig) and G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulisches heroine Always Loyal (Zilzal), is one of four winners produced by a winning half-sister to stakes-winning G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulisches second Baine (Fr) (Country Reel), stakes-winning G3 Prix Andre Baboin third Bassamba (Fr) (American Post {GB}), stakes-winning G2 Prix Andre Baboin third Bassamba (Fr) (American Post {GB}) and Listed Prix Urban Sea victress Wajnah (Fr) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}). The April-foaled bay is kin Listed Prix Maurice Caillault winner Waltham (Fr) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**), Listed Prix de la Californie victor King Shalaa (Fr) (Shalaa {Ire}) and a yearling colt by Teofilo (Ire).

1st-La Teste-Bassin Arcachon, €23,000, Debutantes, 7-24, 2yo, 7fT, 1:26.80, g/s.

MALINOVKA (FR) (f, 2, **Al Wukair {Ire}**--**Ciboulette {Ire}**, by **Pivotal {GB}**), sent off at 9-1, tracked the leading duo under cover early. Earning the advantage with 100 metres remaining, the €37,000 Arqana October graduate saw off Amazing Race (Fr) (Dabirsim {Fr}) to prevail by a neck. The winner is currently the last known foal out of the dam, whose transatlantic stakes performer Nadette (Fr) (Outstrip {GB}) was successful in the Listed Prix Finlande here before finishing runner-up in the GIII Autumn Miss S. The second dam is the G3 Prestige S.-placed Cumin (Fusaichi Pegasus), descended from the multiple group 1-winning European champion User Friendly (GB) (Slip Anchor {GB}). Sales history: €15,000 RNA Wlg '21 ARQDEC; €37,000 Ylg

'22 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Alain Jathiere, Free Man Racing, Chauvigny Global Equine SASU, Seror Racing Management & Simone Brogi; B-H Dardenne (FR); T-Simone Brogi.



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3rd-Compiegne, €30,000, Mdn, 7-24, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:27.51, sf.
SHADY LADY (FR) (f, 2, Blue Point {Ire}--Akrivi {Ire}, by Tobougg {Ire}), who ran fourth over six furlongs in her July 9 debut at Deauville last time, was under wraps in fifth until easing into fourth on the home turn here. Making smooth headway in the straight, the 29-10 third choice seized control entering the final furlong and was ridden out in the closing stages to assert by 1 3/4 lengths from In The Stars (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). Shady Lady is the ninth foal and scorer produced by a winning half-sister to MG1SW sire Dutch Art (GB) (Medicean {GB}) and MGSW G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulisches runner-up, Up (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).



Shady Lady and conditioner Nicolas Clement (left) | Scoopdyga

The May-foaled bay is a half-sister to MGSP G2 May Hill S. runner-up Grecian Light (Ire) (Shamardal), this term's Listed Prix des Lilas third Mqse de Maintenon (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}) and a yearling filly by Hello Youmzain (Fr). Sales history: €80,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €19,000. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-RGS Racing France; B-SCEA Marmion Vauville & Alain Jathiere (FR); T-Nicolas Clement.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

2nd-La Teste-Bassin Arcachon, €22,000, 7-24, 3yo, 7fT, 1:24.40, g/s.

ART OF MAGIC (IRE) (f, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Hand Puppet {Ire}, by Manduro (Ger)) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-2, €36,646. O-Godolphin SNC; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Une Peinture (Fr), c, 2, Dabirsim (Fr)--Whipcorse (Fr), by Whipper. Compiegne, 7-24, 7fT, 1:29.85. B-Haras de Grandcamp EARL, Gerard L Ferron & Christopher Hogg (FR). *€26,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

Tamarinde (Ger), f, 3, Amaron (GB)--Tadai (GB), by Dai Jin (GB). Compiegne, 7-24, 7fT, 1:29.15. B-Gestut Hachtsee (GER). *MGSP-Ger.

Kasimska (Fr), f, 3, Kamsin (Ger)--Katiouka (Fr), by Medaaly (GB). Aurillac, 7-23, 12fT, time: n/a. B-Rene Tabart (FR).

Euboa (Fr), f, 3, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Eudokia (GB) (SP-It), by Duke Of Marmalade (Ire). Compiegne, 7-24, 10fT, 2:08.66. B-Erich Schwaiger.



IN AUSTRALIA:

Cherlinde (Fr), g, 3, Le Havre (Ire)--Gouville (Fr), by Rajsaman (Fr). Ballarat, 7-24, 1400m (AWT), 1:25.06. B-Skymarc Farm Inc, SCEA Marmi on Vauville & Nightchill LLC. *1ST-TIME STARTER. **€105,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT.

IN JAPAN:

Dark Mode (Ire), c, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Royal Majestic (GB), by Tobougg (Ire). Sapporo, 7-23, Maiden, 1700m, 1:47.1. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$38,789. O-Godolphin; B-Paul & Billy McEnery; T-Kenichi Fujioka. *1/2 to Big Time Baby (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), SW-Eng, G1SP-HK, \$1,593,683; Charline Rotale (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), Hwt. 3yo-Itly at 5-7f, GSW-Itly, \$156,859; and Royal Mehmas (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), MGSP-Itly. **220,000gns Wlg '20 TATDEF.

Labeling (GB), c, 3, **Frankel (GB)**--Noyelles (Ire), by Docksider. Sapporo, 7-22, Cond., 1800mT, 1:47.4. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Jpn, 4-2-0-1, \$263,486. O-Big Red Farm; B-Sir Nicholas & Lady Nugent; T-Yuichi Shikato. *1/2 to Lily's Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), GSW-Eng, SW & G1SP-Ire, \$509,233; and Zurigha (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), SW-Eng, MGSP-UAE, \$167,204. **€360,000 Wlg '20 GOFDEC; 300,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT; €520,638 2yo '22 GOFDUB.

Ex Cetera (GB), c, 4, **Exceed And Excel (Aus)**--Middle Club (GB) (GSW-Fr, GSP-Itly, MSP-Eng, \$254,972), by Fantastic Light. Sapporo, 7-22, Cond., 1200mT, 1:07.5. Lifetime Record: 14-4-1-1, \$366,785. O-Godolphin; B-Middle Club Team; T-Keiji Yoshimura. *70,000gns Wlg '19 TATDEF.

Schwarz Kaiser (Ire), g, 5, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Fashionable (GB) (SW-Eng), by Nashwan. Sapporo, 7-23, Hcp., 1200mT, 1:07.4 (NCR). Lifetime Record: 15-5-2-0, \$638,662. O-Godolphin; B-Ross Moorhead; T-Masahiro Otake. *1/2 to Jack Naylor (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}), MGSW & G1SP-Ire, G1SP-Fr, \$315,916. **€250,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV.

Summer Tryst (Ire), m, 5, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Midsummer Fair (Jpn) (GSW-Jpn, \$1,182,998), by Tanino Gimlet (Jpn). Chukyo, 7-22, Cond., 1400mT, 1:20.8. Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-0, \$520,705. O/B-Godolphin; T-Hideaki Fujiwara.

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Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Manton Park Stud
103 foals of racing age
18:00-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, Tokyo Dreamer (GB)
20,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 30,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

Eqtidaar (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Nunnery Stud
54 foals of racing age
18:00-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, Eminent Jewel (GB)

Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
168 foals of racing age
18:50-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, Babygotyourmoney (Ire)
€5,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2022
18:50-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, Invincible Royale (Ire)
45,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022; 62,000gns
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Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
109 foals of racing age
16:15-MUSSELBURGH, 5f, Indication Spirit (Ire)
€10,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022

FRANCE

Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
161 foals of racing age
4-DIEPPE, 1100m, Adore Blue (Ire)
3-DIEPPE, 1400m, Koslovka (Fr)

City Light (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), Haras d'Etreham
89 foals of racing age
4-DIEPPE, 1100m, Best of Light (Fr)
€20,000 Arqana Deauville February Mixed Sale 2022

Demarchelier (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Claiborne Farm
71 foals of racing age
2-DIEPPE, 1400m, Desica (Fr)



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Earnshaw (Medaglia d'Oro), Haras des Granges
17 foals of racing age
3-DIEPPE, 1400m, La Doloise (Fr)

Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
168 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
4-DIEPPE, 1100m, Baileys Polka Dot (Fr)
€20,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022;
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