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SCREEN, SCAN, SAVE: IS THIS RACING'S BIG FIX?



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By Dan Ross

Like the wildfires fanned by this summer's hot winds, doomsday predictions of horse racing's demise have raged through the mainstream and trade press this year, fueled by a sickening spate of high-profile equine fatalities on the sport's highest-profile stages--tracks armed with some of the most stringent safety guardrails.

This means these horses passed before the eyes of a slew of experts--from the riders to the trainers to the veterinarians and the regulators--deemed among the best in the business. If they can't single out these horses before catastrophe happens, who can?

As the science around racehorse injury has evolved, the notion of a random "bad step" as the cause of catastrophic breakdowns has been largely debunked. Much cited since, a [California Horse Racing Board \(CHRB\) led study](#) from between 2011 and 2013 found that roughly 90% of Thoroughbreds that suffered catastrophic musculoskeletal injuries had pre-existing bone lesions near or at the site of the fracture.

The problem is, these lesions--abnormalities of the bone as it undergoes remodelling leaving that part of the skeleton vulnerable to fracture--can be a clinical nightmare to detect through the usual means. Think X-rays, nuclear scintigraphy, or just jogging the horse up and down a flat path. So, what to do?

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ST GEORGE LOOKING FOR SUMMER SIZZLE TO CONTINUE AT KEENELAND

by Christina Bossinakis

One month ago, Archie St George hit one out of the park, striking with a colt by Into Mischief who snagged \$1 million from Elliott Walden, bidding on behalf of the partnership of China Horse Club, Siena Farm and Maverick Racing at Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga Select Sale. In fact, the operation sold all five of the yearlings it brought to upstate New York, averaging \$529,000 while realizing \$2,645,000 in gross revenue. Hoping to carry that momentum into Lexington next week, St George offers seven yearlings in Book 1 of Keeneland's September Sale.

"I go [to Keeneland--Book 1 and Fasig-Tipton Saratoga] pretty selective about what I bring," said St George. "The most important thing for me is the physical. Everything we sold in Saratoga was by good stallions and they were good physicals. They all deserved to sell well and they did." **Cont. p10**

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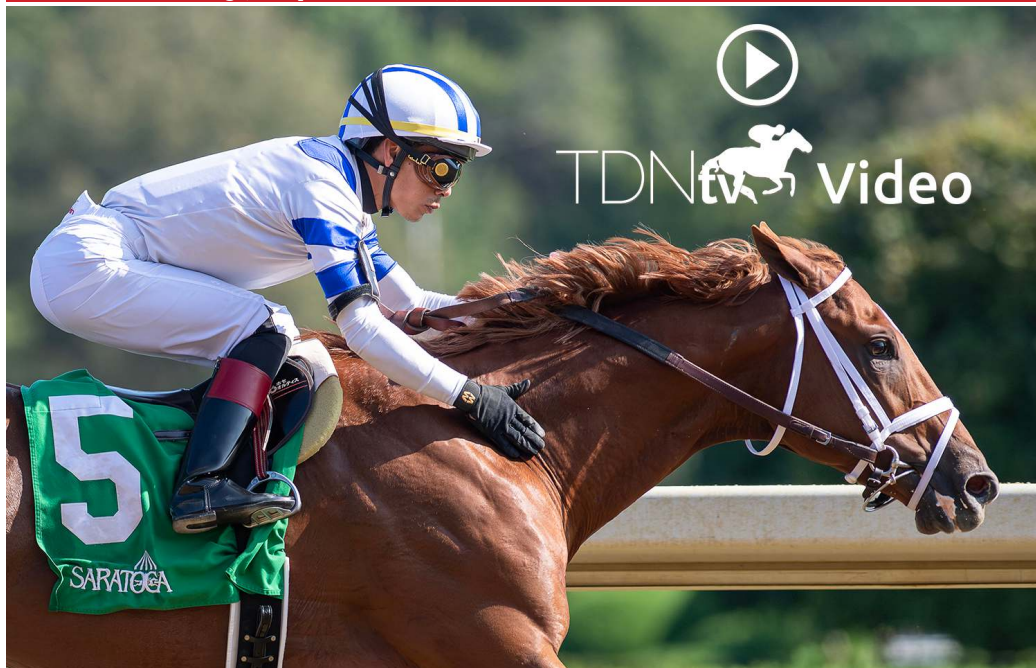
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Sarah Andrew

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In this continuing series, TDN's Senior Racing Editor Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of promising maidens to keep on your radar. *Air of Defiance* (c, 2, *Quality Road*), a debut second to the jaw-dropping 'TDN Rising Star' *Fierceness* (*City of Light*), is up next.

CIGAR MILE ANCHORS AQUEDUCT FALL MEET

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Aqueduct Racetrack's 31-day fall meet will feature 33 stakes --10 of them graded--worth \$6.385 million. The stakes schedule is once again headlined by the \$500,000 GII Cigar Mile, which will be held Dec. 2.

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Catastrophic injuries don't just happen overnight. The pathology underlying these events can occur over weeks, if not months, leading up to the fracture. Perversely, this is good news. There's a window for intervention, opening the door to a new breed of screening tools.

Much focus these past couple of years has been placed on a biometric sensor called StrideSAFE, which appears able to identify that small percentage of at-risk horses who are sound to the human eye. The New York State Gaming Commission equine medical director **has called it** "probably one of the most important contributions to the Thoroughbred horse industry that has ever been made."

What's more, a new wave of imaging technologies are proving capable of diagnosing the underlying cause of these problems much earlier than ever before. Some of the industry's brightest minds say the trick to substantially reducing equine fatalities will be to standardize the combined use of these screening and diagnostic tools, bringing much needed objectivity to what--in identifying lameness--is all too often an exercise in subjectivity.

Easier said than done.

Logistical hurdles, significant costs and legitimate concerns about exactly how all this new information will be used present no small set of obstacles. But the imperative is clear, warn various industry leaders: If the sport doesn't act on these tools that it has at its disposal--and act quickly--racing could all too soon become an anachronism.

"This is the new frontier of racehorse safety," said Jeff Blea, CHRB equine medical director. As an example, he highlighted Sleip, a smartphone app that has potential to work as a lameness diagnostic tool.

"StrideSAFE is the best screening tool we've ever had--clearly it's a lot more effective than the human eye," said Warwick



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Bayly, professor of equine medicine in the department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences at Washington State University.

When it comes to integrating such screening tools into the daily furniture of the industry, Bayly was adamant. "We've got to do this."

"We cannot scan all horses to identify those four percent"

"It's got to the point where now it's more than a diagnostic tool," said Mathieu Spriet, of the Positron Emission Tomography (MILE-PET) unit. "It is helpful as a clearance to race. It can help the regulatory vet by not scratching unnecessary horses. And it can help individual horses."

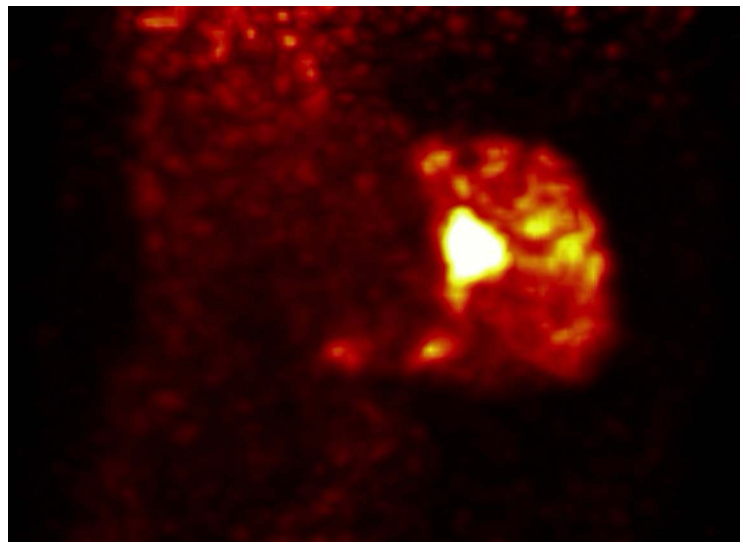
The portable PET unit is Spriet's brainchild, which has been a part of the diagnostic scene at Santa Anita **since the end of 2019**. Since then, nine other PET units have been distributed to Florida, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. In about one month, the University of Melbourne is scheduled to join the list.

In its relatively short life-span, evidence strongly suggests that the PET unit is especially useful in diagnosing the sorts of fetlock injuries--those actively brewing in the sesamoid bones, and the distal region of the cannon bone immediately above the fetlock--earlier and with greater accuracy than has been the case with more established imaging technologies.

Why is this important? The fetlock has long been the

Thoroughbred racehorse's Achilles heel. Fetlock failures **constituted in California nearly 60%** of all musculoskeletal injuries that proved fatal during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

In this study, a team of experts examined the results of 33 horses imaged using both PET and nuclear scintigraphy. The



This scan image is from a fetlock with a severe sesamoid injury. 3D MIP is "maximal intensity projection," which is a true 3D rendering. | courtesy Mathieu Spriet

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researchers agreed on the results for the PET more frequently than for nuclear scintigraphy. Indeed, they detected potential sesamoid bone problems in 22.2% of limbs imaged with PET, but only 6.9% of limbs imaged with scintigraphy.

In another study of 25 racehorses, 88% of the PET scans performed six weeks apart identified the same problem areas in the fetlock, demonstrating the technology's reliability. In all, 65% of the fetlocks examined demonstrated improvement during a 12-week rest period from racing.

But when it comes to the *bête noire* of horse racing--those at-risk runners who show no clinical signs of lameness--the study with perhaps the most significance concerns the 72 "normal" horses chosen to undergo PET scans of all four fetlocks at Golden Gate Fields, Santa Anita and Fair Hill.

Three of the 72 horses were laid up as a result of what showed up on the scans, while about 20% of the horses examined saw their training schedules modified to manage small underlying issues.

"We had one horse that potentially needed surgery," said Spriet, of one of the three ostensibly "normal" horses found to have major underlying issues. "We know that there are some horses out there, clinically they are fine, but unfortunately they do break down."

As Ryan Carpenter, a private SoCal-based veterinarian and a

habitual user of PET, puts it, "I don't think there's any modality that's superior to PET when it comes to identifying problems in the sesamoid bones early."

But what about other vulnerable parts of the racehorse's skeleton?

The same year Santa Anita welcomed the bespoke PET unit, it opened its doors to a standing magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) unit--a large, enclosed cell with dimensions of 10' x 10' x 30'.

MRI units, explained Carpenter, are especially adept at identifying issues in the lower ends (the condyles) of the cannon bone, including palmer osteochondral disease (POD), an all-too-common degenerative bone problem in racehorses. "There's nothing better for POD than MRI," he said.

For other notoriously vulnerable regions of the racehorse skeleton--like the shoulder region and the pelvis--Carpenter said that nuclear scintigraphy remains the go-to imaging modality.

There are drawbacks to MRI and PET. One is cost. A new PET unit will set you back some \$600,000. Standing MRIs are typically leased from the manufacturer. According to Carpenter, the cost of scanning both front ankles with either PET or MRI is about \$1,200.

Another is logistical. It takes between 45 minutes to an hour to scan both fetlocks with MRI.

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1	JUSTIFY	11	4	3

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Positron Emission Tomography (MILE-PET) unit | *courtesy Mathieu Spriet*

"The knock on PET is that it requires a horse to go into an isolation period while it eliminates the radioactive isotope," said Carpenter. The isolation time is about eight hours. "Here, they usually go over to the hospital for a PET at about five o'clock in the morning and they usually go back to the barn around two in the afternoon."

Which leads to another imaging tool, computerized tomography (CT). Indeed, Racing Victoria requires all international horses that race there, including Melbourne Cup nominees, to undergo CT scans.

"The biggest benefit of the CT is what? It's fast. You can CT an ankle in 17 seconds. And there is no holding period," said Carpenter.

But CT also has its drawbacks. It has yet to prove itself accurate at pinpointing the more worrying active bone remodeling as early as PET and MRI, said Carpenter. That said, CT offers promise for a diagnostic learning curve, he added.

"I'm hopeful that with CT we can eventually pick up the change in pixels in the location of the bone change before fracturing," said Carpenter. "If you can make that true, you can scan all four

fetlocks, use radiomics to look for changes in pixel density, and do what we're doing now with PET but in a fraction of the time."

Given his experiences over the past few years, is Carpenter surprised by the results of the PET study that found 4% of 72 clinically sound horses had injuries that required them to be rested for an extended period?

"I'm not surprised at all," said Carpenter. "We know those horses exist. Our hardest struggle as clinicians is determining which horses they are."

Given the costs and logistical difficulties associated with PET and MRI, however, "we cannot scan all horses to identify those four percent," admitted Spriet. "It's just not practical."

But what if there was another way to objectively sift through the population to identify that small percentage of at-risk horses? Dave Lambert, founder of StrideSAFE, believes he's got the answer.

"This is exactly how the system was designed to work"

StrideSAFE is a discreet bio-metric sensor used on horses working or racing to capture a variety of measurements related to the horse's acceleration and deceleration, its up and down concussive movement, and its medial-lateral motion. In other words, the horse's movement from side to side.

In short, StrideSAFE has proven capable of detecting the sorts of subtle abnormalities in gait even the most seasoned trainers, veterinarians and exercise riders miss when watching horses jog up and down a path, or when taking them through their paces.

StrideSAFE originally worked on a traffic light system, with a green for all-clear, a yellow for caution, and a red for possible danger.

In a long-term study conducted on horses racing at **New York Racing Association (NYRA) tracks**, of the 20 horses that suffered



David Lambert & Dale Romans | *courtesy StrideSAFE*

fatal musculoskeletal injuries during the period of the trial, 18 of them had received a red rating in a race before suffering a catastrophic breakdown, said Lambert. One of the 20 had received a prior dark amber rating.

These red and dark amber ratings were issued in either the race immediately prior to the breakdown or else two or three races back, said Lambert, meaning StrideSAFE detected 90% of those horses that suffered a catastrophic injury sometimes weeks or even months in advance.

In total, about 15% of the horses involved in the study were red-flagged, said Lambert. Given how at that time there was still much to learn about StrideSAFE's efficacy, **there was no coordinated system** to funnel those red-flagged horses for follow-up diagnostics.

Since then, Lambert and his team have refined the system to what he calls a "risk factor calculation" from one to five. Five is the category in which a horse is most at risk of a fatal or career ending injury--nearly 300 times more likely than horses that fall within risk category one. In all, 73% of the horses fell within category one, the safest group.

Using data from the same 6,616 individual starts in the NYRA study, Lambert determined that about 5% of the horses studied--a number totaling 363 horses--fell within the risk category of five. That includes the same 20 horses that suffered

catastrophic injuries, 18 of which were red-flagged in prior races.

If the other two fatally injured horses had worn StrideSAFE in high-speed workouts between races, would the sensor have picked up a problem? "We don't know for sure," said Lambert. "But there's a good chance it would have."



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- Applies to new or used property
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Opportunity from the Start in Book 1

A Look Back...

Among the first 20 hips in the last 2 September sales were:

- #8 **CARMEL ROAD**—Del Mar Maiden Special Weight winner was second in the Los Alamitos Futurity (G2)
- #9 **WINE ON TAP**—Debut winner at Belmont is Stakes-placed at 2
- #10 **MARKET STREET**—Debut winner at Ellis was runner-up in the Saratoga Special (G2)
- #11 **PINK HUE**—Debut Maiden Special Weight winner at Saratoga & TDN Rising Star
- #14 **MOHAWK TRAIL**—Multiple Stakes winner including the Ontario Colleen S. (G3)
- #18 **MANCIATA D'ORO**—Undeclared in 3 career starts for trainer Brad Cox
- #19 **JUST CINDY**—Debut winner at Churchill Downs and winner of the Schuylerville (G3)

Looking Forward...

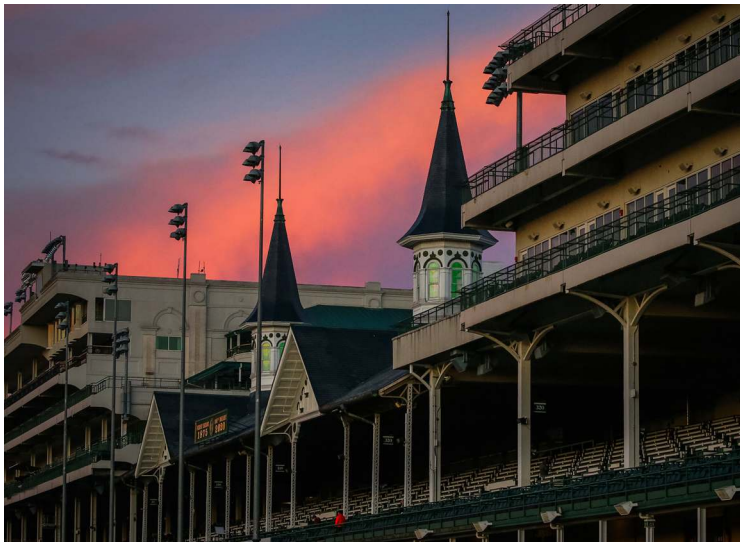
Among the first 20 hips in Book 1 are:

- #1 **INTO MISCHIEF COLT** is out of the Stakes-winning Distorted Humor mare Well-Humored, a half-sister to G1 winner American Patriot
- #2 **UNCLE MO FILLY** is out of the G3-placed mare West Coast Chick, a half-sister to G1 winner Klimt
- #3 **UNCLE MO COLT** is a half-brother to multiple Graded Stakes winner and G1-placed Secret Message
- #4 **JUSTIFY COLT** is out of a half-sister to G1 winner and sire Connect
- #5 **TAPIT FILLY** out of a G3-placed Scat Daddy mare is a half-sister to G3 winner Wholebodemeister
- #6 **GOOD MAGIC FILLY** out of a Galileo mare who is a half-sister to the dam of G1 winner Materiality and G2 winner My Miss Sophia, herself the dam of G1 winner Annapolis
- #7 **INTO MISCHIEF COLT** out of Stakes-winning War Front mare Win the War, family of G2 winners Dixie City, Unified and more
- #8 **AUTHENTIC COLT** out of a Smart Strike mare whose second dam is a producing Stakes winner
- #9 **WAR FRONT COLT** is the first foal for a Stakes-placed mare who is a half-sister to multiple Graded Stakes winner Tom's Ready and Japanese G2 winner Jean Gros
- #10 **MACLEAN'S MUSIC COLT** is a half-brother to three Stakes performers including G3 winner Do Share
- #11 **MORE THAN READY COLT** is out of Stakes-winning Quality Road mare Abounding Joy
- #12 **GAME WINNER COLT** is a half-brother to G3 winner Best Actor, and whose 2nd dam is multiple G1 winner Spun Sugar
- #13 **PRACTICAL JOKE FILLY** is out of a half-sister to Festival of Light, Acoma, Arch, the dam of Covfefe and more
- #14 **MUNNING'S COLT** is a half-brother to multiple G1 winner Lord Nelson
- #15 **GUN RUNNER FILLY** is a half-sister to Stakes winner Spun Glass and Stakes-placed Xmas Surprise
- #16 **INTO MISCHIEF FILLY** is out of a half-sister to G1 winners Tamarkuz, Without Parole and more
- #17 **UNCLE MO COLT** out of G3 winner and G1-placed America is a half-brother to multiple G3 winner First Captain
- #18 **INTO MISCHIEF COLT** out of American Gal, winner of the Test (G1) and Humana Distaff (G1)
- #19 **INTO MISCHIEF FILLY** out of a G2-placed Ghostzapper mare is a half-sister to multiple G1 winner American Gal and Stakes winner & G2-placed Americanize
- #20 **UNCLE MO FILLY** out of G1 winner Angela Renee, who is a full sister to To Honor and Serve

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Churchill Downs | *Horsephotos*

Interestingly, Lambert said that in general, the red-flagged horses raced back quicker than horses in safer categories. "These horses are sound and they're ready to race," he said, "but they're sitting on a fracture."

Earlier this year, StrideSAFE was used on horses racing at Churchill Downs's short Spring meet. All eight horses that suffered a fatal race-day musculoskeletal injury were carrying the technology.

Seven of the eight musculoskeletal cases showed abnormal sensor readings as soon as they left the starting gate, prompting Lambert to **subsequently remark that** "had the sensors been on the horses in prior races, they could have pointed to an issue the horse was having weeks or even months earlier."

Unlike the NYRA study, at Churchill Downs there was a more coordinated system for following up with the trainers of flagged horses. StrideSAFE flagged two visibly sound horses that were subsequently sent for PET scans, revealing the beginnings of condylar fractures.

"This is exactly how the system was designed to work," explained Lambert. "Screen every horse in a race, detect those at high risk, diagnose using modern technology and bring about a cure rather than suffer a fatality."

But not every horse that's categorized as being at highest risk of injury harbors an underlying issue. And so, to refine the system even further--iron out the kinks--what would be the best application of StrideSAFE?

"If every horse in training wears it," said Will Farmer, equine medical director for Churchill Downs.

"If every horse had this for every high-speed work and in every race, I think that would be the ultimate goal," Farmer added. "Anytime that a horse reaches a high speed, and they have a sensor on their back, we would have such a complete picture, there would be multiple opportunities for veterinary

intervention."

The results from StrideSAFE present an interesting parallel with a **recent study out of Tasmania**, which found that horses will decrease their stride length in the weeks leading up to an injury.

Back in 2010, Tasracing partnered with Stridemaster, which had developed a biometric sensor technology, to provide a race-day timing system using GPS and motion sensor data. The original purpose was to provide information to share with the betting public.

"We said, 'hey, that looks like great data. Can we get a hold of it?'" said Chris Whitton, professor of equine medicine and surgery and head of the Equine Centre at the University of Melbourne.

Whitton and his fellow researchers reviewed the data from 584 different horses who made 5660 individual starts. They found a "marked rate of decline" in speed and stride length roughly six races prior to injury.

Going into the study, "I would have thought it was one or two races that they would start showing effects," said Whitton. "Such a long period I thought was fascinating."

The researchers also found that horses are especially vulnerable to injury early in their racing career. "The first and second race of a horse's career is actually quite a high risk," said Whitton.

The Heart of the Problem

Fractured bones don't constitute the only cause of lost equine life on the track.

Though fairly rare, sudden cardiac deaths occur at a rate of one for every 8,789 starts racing, and one death for every 158,000 Thoroughbred training days, **according to this CHRB report**. But what exactly causes these events largely **remains a matter of debate**.

This **well-considered study** looked at post-mortem findings from 268 Thoroughbred racehorses that suffered exercise-related sudden deaths. Pathologists made a definite diagnosis in only 53% of cases, a presumptive diagnosis in 25% cases, while 22% of cases were left unexplained.

Which leads to another biometric sensor technology **finding its niche in the sport** from a company called Arioneo.

"In total, we are working globally with about 600 trainers and vets," said Valentin Rapin, Arioneo's managing director. "In the U.S. it's really the beginning for us. We're working with about 40 trainers at the moment."

Like StrideSAFE, Arioneo's Equimetre fits onto the horse's tack during exercise, sending information back to the user, who can view it on a user-friendly computer dashboard. Part of that data concerns the horse's stride length and stride frequency at all

gaits, from walk to trot to gallop and workout.

But Arioneo's Equimetre--which costs about \$190 a month per device--also monitors heart-rate, providing data that can be used to assess both performance and overall health, including whether the horse is experiencing physical pain or discomfort, said Rapin.

"We can also look at the level of effort the horse is reaching during exercise. Sometimes you will see some abnormally high level of heart rate during exercise, depending on the speed the horse is going. And you can also see some abnormal recovery data," said Rapin.

If the heart-rate monitor sends out what amounts to red flags about the horse's heart health, an ECG electrocardiogram (ECG) monitor can be used to map a more sophisticated picture of the horse's heart rate and heart rhythm, to identify any possible underlying problems like arrhythmias.

Rapin highlighted a horse in Australia routinely equipped with the monitor until one day in a workout, its heart rate spiked unusually high. A subsequent ECG analysis of the horse prompted its retirement.

Cristobal Navas De Solis, assistant professor of cardiology/ultrasound and internal medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, is one of the researchers involved in an ongoing study using Equimetre on three-day-eventers during exercise.

The goal is to find out "which variables are more associated with injury or performance," said Navas De Solis.

From a recent preliminary analysis of the first two years of data--involving 53 horses and 1,467 individual workouts--the researchers have identified several variables that appear to have some relevance on performance and injury: Heart rate and stride rate during the warm-up period, stride length at certain speeds, symmetry at trot, and heart rate recovery after a workout.

Navas De Solis sees early markers of injury as the "sport's holy grail," and the standardization of screening tools like Arioneo and StrideSAFE in horse racing as "a big step forward in this direction." He highlighted an Italian pre-screening program for human athletes that decreased sudden deaths by nearly 90% after implementation.

But he's also a pragmatist. To get to that stage, racing's leaders would need to agree upon a set of well-designed but probably expensive studies involving thousands of horses.

The ultimate program would be one that weeds out the most at-risk horses, and similarly ensures that perfectly healthy horses aren't excluded from competing via false positives.

"Having an arrhythmia during exercise doesn't necessarily mean that the horse or the athlete has a problem. From an arrhythmia standpoint, it's not an all or



Sarah Andrew photo

nothing. Some arrhythmias are okay during exercise and are not going to cause a problem to a horse," Navas De Solis said.

A key question therefore, said Navas De Solis, is "how do we find the right balance between decreasing injury and not causing unjustified alarm?"

"Nothing that can't be solved"

For Farmer's vision of StrideSAFE being used on every horse that works to materialize, a key obstacle is one of logistics.

"Race days are very structured," said Farmer, of its main use to date at Churchill Downs. "We know times. We know distance. We know horse names. We know everything we need to know days in advance."

The organized chaos of a busy training morning--with hundreds of horses working, many simultaneously, from dozens of different barns--makes the practicalities of using StrideSAFE infinitely harder in comparison, said Farmer.

"Right now, the logistics of training are very challenging," said Farmer. "When you collect that data, you then need to identify which horse that refers to. In the sensor design as of today, it's not geared for you to just put it on their back and go. But it's nothing that can't be solved."

Lambert acknowledged these logistical hurdles but called it "simply a matter of money" to get fixed--at the same time, noting significant contributions already to StrideSAFE from Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale.

"The technology is all there, we even have the idea envisioned, we have planned it out in readiness," Lambert said, adding that incorporating AI technologies to the mix could help reduce the current costs of \$35 a day per horse.

These screening tools also raise other questions to grapple with. For one, who should have access to the data generated? Another is cultural--a sense among those in the industry forged

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on tradition and custom that these devices could unnecessarily handcuff a trainer.

"Regulations are not going to eliminate risk," Eric Hamelback, CEO of the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA), **at a town hall about StrideSAFE** earlier this year. "And quite frankly, we don't want regulations to eliminate horsemanship."

Proponents of StrideSAFE and Arioneo stress the ability of these technologies to complement the art of training, not to replace it.

"It's a tool that provides objective data, and the goal at the end is to combine the expertise of the trainer—who has all the knowledge and the feeling and the expertise about the horse—with the data to make it successful," Rapin said.

That idea taps into what Mathieu Spriet means when he talks about "voluntary longitudinal follow up" with imaging devices like PET to make doubly-sure a horse is up to the rigors of training and racing. In other words, the more horses are scanned periodically, "I think the better that is for managing the career of a specific horse," said Spriet.

"Connections can be like, 'well, this horse is doing well. But we have a big campaign ahead of him, so let's scan and see how it goes,'" Spriet added. "To me, this is the most exciting part of it because we can see things [you ordinarily couldn't] to better manage horses throughout their careers."

Trainer Dan Blacker is representative of the new generation of conditioner who has embraced the imaging tools in Southern California. He said he's interested in the idea of using StrideSAFE on his horses. "For sure it's got a place," he added. "If they bring it to California, I'm very willing to support it."

Interestingly, The Stronach Group is working **on its own screening system** which uses high-definition cameras to create detailed skeletal movement maps of horses.

But in the short-term, said Blacker, PET holds the potential to

be a major "gamechanger" in the fight to reduce equine fatalities due to its accuracy and simplicity of understanding.

"The thing with the PET scan, it takes away the guess work. That's the one thing I want to get across to people in racing," Blacker said. "It gives you a clear-cut answer to the question of whether you can keep racing or not. Once trainers nationally get to see that, you're going to see a lot of improvement."

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St George/KEESEP cont. from p1



Hip 183, a daughter of Frankel out of GSW Keertana | Keeneland

For this year's Keeneland September sale, St George is once again represented by several sires that have the potential to light up the board.

"I think we have some quality horses by some quality stallions," he affirmed. "The goal is to have horses by the right stallions and the right physicals. Those are the types of horses that are supported by the market that is there. I try to bring a wide range of horses for every buyer out there."

Among the St George yearlings sporting the powder keg-caliber sires that can ignite with the right buyers throwing their hats into the ring are a quartet of colts--**Hip 3 (Uncle Mo)**; **Hip 283 (Into Mischief)**; **Hip 84 (by Quality Road)** and **Hip 368 (American Pharoah)**.

Out of Westside Singer, the **Uncle Mo** colt is a half-brother to MGSW and GISP Secret Message (Hat Trick {Jpn}).

"He's a big strong horse, very straightforward and he has a lot of **Uncle Mo** in him," St George said of the \$450,000 Keeneland November purchase. "He has a nice walk, is correct and has a beautiful head on him."

In regard to the colt's early appearance on Day 1, he added, "You never want to get that draw, but we've got to deal with it. It just boils down to, if the horse is good enough, it will sell well."



Dan Blacker | Benoit

You just hope you have the physical that will overcome the early draw.”

Having proven so successful with Into Mischief in Saratoga last month, St George offers a pair of yearlings by the Spendthrift sire at Keeneland.

“Into Mischief is arguably one of the best stallions in the world and he's the leading sire in America. So, we got rewarded with that in Saratoga and we hope that is again the case at Keeneland,” he said.

St George's sole colt by the leading sire in Book 1 is out of Grade II winner Princess Haya (Street Cry {Ire}), dam of SW and GISP Lady Kate (Bernardini), in addition to the GSP duo of Prince of Arabia (**Mineshaft**) and Princess Theorem (**Nyquist**).

“He's a beautiful-moving horse and he stands over a lot of ground,” he said. “He has a lot of quality and presence to him.”

Further underscoring the necessity of bringing the right pedigree highlighted by a 'now' stallion is the **American Pharoah** colt, out of Tepin Thru Life (Ire) (**Curlin**)—an unraced daughter of dual grass champion Tepin, in addition to a colt by **Quality Road**, who is out of unraced Daisy Miller (GB) (Smart Strike), herself a half-sister to GSW Mrs. Danvers (**Tapit**).

“He has a very good pedigree and should have an international appeal,” he said of the former. “He's a nice strong horse by a very versatile stallion.”

St George also presents a pair of yearlings offering a European flare to the catalog—**Hip 183**, a filly by **Frankel** (GB) out of MGSW and GISP Keertana (Johar) and a colt by **Kingman** (GB), catalogued as **Hip 233**. Both yearlings are offered on behalf of breeder Bryant Prentice.

“I'm excited about the **Frankel** filly,” admitted St George of the half-sister to GSW Ticonderoga (**Tapit**). “She's a very nice horse. **Frankel** is an amazing stallion and racehorse. Selling a **Frankel** is kind of unique over here.”

Offered at Keeneland in January of 2013, Keertana—a half-sister to GSWs Diversify Harbor (**Curlin**) and Snowtop Mountain (Najran)—sold in foal to Arch for \$1 million.

The other Prentice representative is out of Grade II scorer Midnight Crossing (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), a half-sister to G2 Dubai City of Gold S. winner Excellent Results (Shamardal). Midnight Crossing was purchased by Prentice's Pursuit of Success for 400,000gns at Tattersalls December in 2018.

“Mr. Prentice bought the **Kingman** mare in Europe, so that's where she was bred,” St George explained. “The appeal of European stallions has risen [in America] and the demand is there. So they are presented as a more unique commodity over here.”

On behalf of Prentice, St George also offers **Hip 300**, a filly by Into Mischief out of GI Central Bank Ashland S. heroine Sailor's Valentine (Mizzen Mast), a \$1.25 million purchase in foal to **War**

Front at Keeneland November in 2019.

“Both of our Into Mischiefs here are big, strong horses,” he said. “The filly is out of a young, Grade I-winning mare. She's a big strong filly that covers a lot of ground. She is a very nice physical that we are also very proud to offer.”

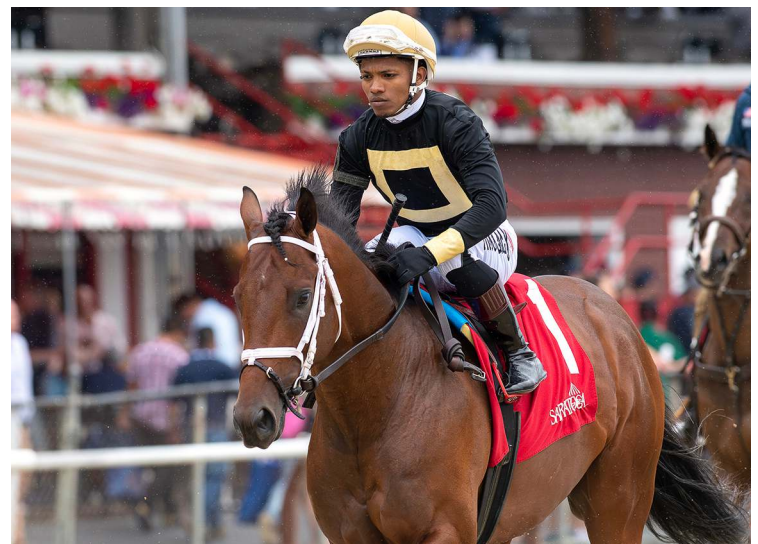
When asked what factors into what he retains for Book 1 at Keeneland, St George explained, “The Book 1 horses are by proven stallions. They might need a little more time. I think the Saratoga horses need to be a little more precocious. August is early to be selling a [yearling], so they just need to be a little more precocious than maybe the September horses.”

He continued, “But the bottom line is they need to be top physicals in both Book 1 and Saratoga. So, I think we'll see much of the same this time. For the right horse that 'tick all the right boxes' and you have what buyers want, you get rewarded. At the end of the day, Fasig was a very good sale and I imagine that it would carry on to Keeneland.”

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SECOND CHANCES: CONNECTIONS 'REMAIN VERY HIGH' ON QUALITY ROAD COLT FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL DEBUT

by Steve Sherack



Air of Defiance warms up prior to an educational runner-up finish on debut at the Spa | Sarah Andrew

In this continuing series, TDN's Senior Racing Editor Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of promising maidens to keep on your radar.

After working in company with his elder graded stakes-placed stablemate Slip Mahoney (Arrogate) in an **Aug. 19 move** for trainer Brad Cox over the Oklahoma training track, there was

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plenty of chatter behind **Air of Defiance** (c, 2, **Quality Road**--Faypien, by **Ghostzapper**) heading into his **Saratoga debut**.

Despite proving no match for the jaw-dropping '**TDN Rising Star**' **Fierceness** (**City of Light**) across Union Ave. six days later, Air of Defiance lost little in defeat while gaining some valuable racing experience in the process.

Drawn on the fence over a muddy and sealed track, the 5-1 second choice lunged at the start and rushed up beneath Ricardo Santana, Jr. to race in third in the early stages.



The Gold Square LLC colorbearer began to drop back sharply following an opening quarter in a swift :22.02 and was heading the wrong way while under a ride rounding the far turn in the six-furlong affair.

Left with a ton to do as they straightened for home, Air of Defiance began to figure it out in the stretch. He was guided off the fence down the lane, split rivals shortly thereafter and finished with interest to complete the exacta, albeit 11 1/4 lengths adrift the aforementioned Todd Pletcher-trained first-time starter. Air of Defiance earned a 70 Beyer Speed Figure for the effort.

The son of **Quality Road** brought \$400,000 from Al Gold's advisor Joe Hardoon out of the Eaton Sales consignment at last year's Keeneland September sale.

Air of Defiance's dam Faypien, a graded winner around two turns and also the runner-up as the favorite in the 2017 GI Test S. at the Spa, realized \$875,000 from breeder Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings at the 2018 FTKNOV sale.

The **Quality Road** over **Ghostzapper** cross has also produced GSW Guest Suite. Air of Defiance is bred similarly to **Quality Road**'s GISWs Abel Tasman, **City of Light** and Spring Quality.

"We are hoping to run Air of Defiance Oct. 1 at Churchill," Gold said. "He lost to a monster of Pletcher's. I'm hopeful he breaks a little better next time and the experience of his first race will enable a better outcome. We remain very high on the horse."

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SECOND CHANCES HONOR ROLL

- **Cody's Wish** (**Curlin**), GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile & GI Hill 'N' Dale Metropolitan H. winner, MGISW, \$2,448,530.
- **Golden Pal** (**Uncle Mo**), 2x Breeders' Cup winner, GISW, \$1,825,131. *Standing at Ashford Stud.
- **Honor A. P.** (**Honor Code**), GISW, \$532,200. *Standing at Lane's End.
- **Speaker's Corner** (**Street Sense**), GISW, \$739,963. *Standing at Darley.
- **Paradise Woods** (**Union Rags**), MGISW, \$1,123,890.
- **A Mo Reay** (**Uncle Mo**), GISW, \$809,275.
- **Spielberg** (**Union Rags**), GSW & MGISP, \$546,900.
- **Backyard Heaven** (Tizway), GSW, \$386,240.
- **Moonlight d'Oro** (**Medaglia d'Oro**), GSW, \$222,670.
- **Creative Minister** (**Creative Cause**), GISP, \$537,572. *Third in 2022 GI Preakness S.

3-YEAR-OLDS OF 2023

- **Disarm** (**Gun Runner**), GSW & GISP, \$1,000,200.
- **First Mission** (**Street Sense**), GSW, \$276,500.
- **Skinner** (**Curlin**), MGISP, \$261,300.

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CIGAR MILE ANCHORS AQUEDUCT FALL MEET



Aqueduct | Sarah Andrew

Aqueduct Racetrack's 31-day fall meet will feature 33 stakes--10 of them graded--worth \$6.385 million. The stakes schedule is once again headlined by the \$500,000 GII Cigar Mile, which will be held Dec. 2. The Cigar Mile card also includes the \$250,000 GII Remsen S. and \$250,000 GII Demoiselle S., as well as the \$200,000 GIII Go For Wand S.

Graded stakes action during the meet also includes the \$200,000 GIII Pebbles S.--previously run at Belmont's fall meet--and the \$300,000 GII Red Smith S. on Nov. 11 and the \$300,000 GIII Long Island S. on Nov. 12. The \$250,000 GII Hill Prince S. will be run Nov. 18.

Thanksgiving weekend at Aqueduct will feature a pair of Grade III events worth \$200,000: the Nov. 24 GIII Fall Highweight H. and the Nov. 25 GIII Comely S.

The New York Stallion Stakes Series (NYSSS), open to progeny of eligible New York sires, returns to the Big A with four divisions offered in December. The Dec. 3 card will feature the \$125,000 NYSSS Thunder Rumble for 3-year-olds and up sprinting seven furlongs on the main track, as well as the \$125,000 NYSSS Staten Island for fillies and mares 3-years-old and up at the same distance.

The NYSSS returns with a pair of \$500,000 stakes for juveniles Dec. 16 with a lucrative card that will see eligible New York-sired fillies contest the NYSSS Fifth Avenue at seven furlongs, alongside the NYSSS Great White Way going the same distance.

Following the conclusion of Belmont at the Big A fall meet, which runs from Sept. 14 through Oct. 29, the 31-day Aqueduct

fall meet will run from Nov. 2 through Dec. 31.

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CHURCHILL DOWNS RACE AND SPORTS BOOK OPENS THURSDAY

Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear will place the state's first ceremonial sports wager Thursday during the grand opening ceremony of the Churchill Downs Race & Sports Book. The ceremony begins at 9:45 a.m. and the governor will place his wager at 10 a.m.

Other dignitaries expected to be in attendance include Louisville Mayor Craig Greenberg and the First Lady of Louisville Rachel Greenberg; Ray A. Perry, Secretary, Kentucky Public Protection Cabinet; Jonathan Rabinowitz, Chairman, Kentucky Horse Racing Commission; Representative Al Gentry; and Cleo Battle, President & CEO of Louisville Tourism.

Area sports celebrities Darrell Griffith, Bobby Perry, Dale Romans, Will Wolford and Eric Wood are expected to be on hand as well.

The Churchill Downs Race & Sports Book is located in the remodeled Aristides Lounge on the second floor of the track's Clubhouse. The 8,755 sq. ft. space showcases a massive TV wall, including a new 7' x 24' LED video screen and a dozen 90" televisions. The large area has an additional 16 large-format TVs for sports and horse racing, 15 sports betting kiosks, seven horse betting kiosks, six betting windows with tellers, a bar and seating for more than 280 guests.

The Churchill Downs Race & Sports Book will be open to the general public Thursday at 11 a.m. and betting will continue until 11:30 p.m. Guests must be at least 18 years old to wager and enter the Churchill Downs Race & Sports Book.

Online sports betting in Kentucky will begin Sept. 28. Churchill Downs Incorporated has partnered with FanDuel, Penn Sports Interactive and Fanatics as its three online sports wagering service providers.

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TIMONIUM MEET CONCLUDES WITH INCREASES

The Maryland State Fair meet at Timonium concluded Monday with increases in on-track and total handle. Total wagering at the fair, including money wagered at Timonium on live and simulcast races and simulcast handle on Timonium racing, totaled \$7,827,083, up 11.11% from last year. A total of \$716,384 was wagered on-track on Timonium racing, up 11.25% from last year, while export handle jumped to \$4,103,198, a 39.66% rise from last season.

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“On behalf of the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, we appreciate the support from our racing staff, participants, horsemen and fans during our race meeting,” said Bill Marlow, the chairman of the Maryland State Fair race committee. “The historic gains we have achieved would not have been possible without their support.”

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NYTB, SUNY COBLESKILL COURSE KICKS OFF AT SARATOGA

The New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. and the State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill’s accredited course designed to expose upper-class students in the Animal Science program to various segments of the Thoroughbred industry started last weekend at Saratoga Race Course.

The visit by students focused on the culmination of the breeding and racing industries and allowed for observation of the finished product during morning training and afternoon races. Students received a behind-the-scenes tour of the Oklahoma Training Track Saturday during training hours led by NYTB President Tom Gallo.

The group spent the afternoon at the races, with visits to the paddock, watching from the rooftop and helping the Backstretch Employee Service Team (B.E.S.T.) selected the “Best Turned Out Award” for the day.

“The NYTB, through Tom Gallo’s leadership, provided SUNY Cobleskill students an experience at Saratoga Race Course that was second to none,” said Raymond Whelihan, SUNY Cobleskill Associate Professor in Animal Science who collaborated with Gallo to develop the program. “Time spent observing training at the Oklahoma track, lengthy discussion with a Hall of Fame trainer, comped racetrack entry and seats, a roof top view and the opportunity to enter the paddock and select the groom of the day.

Every student was enthusiastic and appreciative. What a wonderful way to kick off the new Thoroughbred Industry course at SUNY Cobleskill.”

The pilot program is offered to 15-20 junior undergraduate students that have met prerequisites. The course, which runs from late August to early December, falls in line with the NYTB’s goals to make outreach with upper-level science students majoring in equine studies and finding the next generation of the industry’s workforce and leaders in racing and breeding.

“When I first introduced the idea of the NYTB educational seminars years ago, along with raising the standard of care and awareness for the general population of the New York breeders, my ultimate goal was to use these seminars for the education of young people who may be interested in coming into our industry,” Gallo said. “This could not have been done without the help of NYTB Executive Director Najja Thompson and our forward-thinking board members. With the help of my longtime friend, Ray Whelihan, we were able to put together a program which not only exposes these students to many different aspects of the horse industry in New York, but also allows them to gain college credits for their participation. These are seniors in college, and they have participated in the equine studies program for the length of their college career. This is a targeted-interested and engaged group of students, who hopefully will find one aspect of our industry interesting enough for them to enter with career expectations. I can’t tell you how happy I am that this is finally happening.”

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2	Next Right Thing	Fast Anna	KMN Racing LLC	Hanson	Ellingwood	118
3	Pretty Layla	Uncle Mo	Ruis Racing LLC	Ruis, Sr.	Van Dyke	118
4	Benedetta 🐾	City of Light	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Callaghan	Espinoza	118
5	Hope Road	Quality Road	Cicero Farms, LLC	Sadler	Pereira	118
6	Chatalas	Gun Runner	Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners and Agnew, Dan J.	Glatt	Hernandez	120
7	Dreamfyre 🐾	Flameaway	Danny A. Eplin	Jauregui	Berrios	123
8	Pushiness	Kantharos	Repole Stable	McCarthy	Rispoli	123
9	Tamara	Bolt d'Oro	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Smith	120
10	Where's My Ring 🐾	Twirling Candy	Michael McMillan	Brinkerhoff	Bravo	118
11	Motet 🐾	Mo Town	Gary J. Folgner	Gomez	Alsagoor	118
12	Gate to Paradise 🐾	Arrogate	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Desormeaux	118
13	Laurent 🐾	Practical Joke	Exline-Border Racing LLC, Burns Racing LLC, Kennedy, Aaron and Hausman, Richard	Eurton	Maldonado	120
14	Cheeky Gal 🐾	Maximus Mischief	Barber, Gary or STD Racing Stable	Miller	Fresu	120

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2	Red Knight	Pure Prize	Trinity Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	124
3	Verstappen 🐾	War Front	Andrew Farm, For the People Racing Stbl & Windmill Manor Frm	Walsh	Cannon	124
4	Santin	Distorted Humor	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Geroux	122
5	Get Smokin	Get Stormy	Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC, BlackRidge Stables LLC, T-N-T Equine Holdings & Saratoga Seven Racing Partners	Casse	De La Cruz	122
6	Me and Mr. C	Khozan	Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David	Maker	Corrales	124
7	Kitodan 🐾	Point of Entry	Foster Family Racing, Miller, Douglas E. and Wargel, William J.	Foster	Ortiz, Jr.	122
8	Never Explain 🐾	Street Sense	Courtlandt Farms	McGaughey III	Rosario	124
9	Nautilus (Brz)	Drosselmeyer	Stud Valentin and P. H. Lobo, Inc.	Lobo	Talamo	122
10	Another Mystery	Temple City	Team Block	Block	Hernandez, Jr.	122
11	Therapist	Freud	Michael Dubb	Maker	Castellano	124
12	Spooky Channel	English Channel	NBS Stable	Barkley	Graham	124
13	Sy Dog	Slumber (GB)	Head of Plains Partners LLC	Motion	Loveberry	122
14	Cellist	Big Blue Kitten	Calumet Farm	Arnold, II	Garcia	122
15	Highest Honors	Tapit	W.S. Farish	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	122
16	Red Run	Gun Runner	Jordan V. Wycoff	Maker	Cheminaud	122

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Saturday, Kentucky Downs #8, post time: 4:40 p.m. EDT

EXACTA SYSTEMS FRANKLIN-SIMPSON S.-GII, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 6 1/2FT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	 Frosted Departure 	Frosted	C and H Diamond Racing, LLC	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	118
2	Private Creed 	Jimmy Creed	Mike McCarty	Asmussen	Rosario	122
3	Mounsieur Coco 	Bolt d'Oro	St. George Stable LLC	Gutierrez	Chuan	118
4	Bat Flip	Good Magic	Harrell Ventures, LLC and Starlight Racing	Pletcher	Castellano	122
5	Lugan Knight	Goldcents	BG Stables	McCarthy	Geroux	118
6	Playlist 	Uncle Mo	Westerberg, Magnier,S, Poulin, J, Smith, D & Tabor, M	Ward	Velazquez	117
7	Sweet Cherry Pie 	Twirling Candy	BBN Racing, LLC	Arnold, II	Ortiz, Jr.	118
8	Mo Stash 	Mo Town	BBN Racing, LLC	Oliver	Bejarano	124
9	Golden Bandit	Midnight Lute	Butzow, Barry and Joni	Rosin	Beschizza	122
10	Two of a Kind	Overanalyze	K and R Racing Stable and Town Branch Racing	Lynch	Cannon	118
11	Closethegame Sugar 	Girvin	Rice, Adam and Sugar Diaz, LLC	Rice	Lezcano	122
12	Behind Enemy Lines (GB)	Sioux Nation	David A. Bernsen, LLC, Rockingham Ranch & Talla Racing LLC	Sisterson	Gaffalione	122
13	Bal a Kazoo 	Bal a Bali (Brz)	Marion F. Gorham	Gorham	Perez	120
14	Mischievous Angel	Into Mischief	Brant, Peter M. and Parkland Thoroughbreds	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118
15	Determinedly 	Cairo Prince	John C. Oxley	Casse	Gaffalione	118
16	Son of a Birch	Temple City	Santa Rey Stable and Morley, Thomas	Morley	Castellano	118









Breeders: 1-Alastar Thoroughbred Company, LLC, 2-Sierra Farm, 3-Rose Hill Farm, 4-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 5-BG Stables, 6-Pursuit of Success LLC, 7-Theta Holding 1, Inc., 8-Rhineshire Farm LLC, 9-Barry Butzow & Joni Butzow, 10-C. W. Swann & Wetherbee Holdings, LLC., 11-Brereton C. Jones, 12-The Brigadier Partnership, 13-Calumet Farm, 14-Parkland Thoroughbreds, 15-Bedouin Bloodstock LLC, 16-Pillar Property Services Inc

Saturday, Kentucky Downs #10, post time: 5:54 p.m. EDT

AINSWORTH TURF SPRINT S.-GII, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 6FT



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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	One Timer	Trappe Shot	Patricia's Hope LLC and Ravin, Richard	Rivelli	Baird	121
2	Front Run the Fed 	Fed Biz	George A. Sharp	Caramori	Gutierrez	121
3	Olympic Runner 	Gio Ponti	Gary Barber	Casse	Castellano	121
4	Bad Beat Brian 	Jack Milton	Marsico Brothers Racing LLC	Vanden Berg	Emigh	121
5	Anaconda 	Pioneerof the Nile	Three Diamonds Farm	Sharp	Rosario	121
6	Eamonn 	Pioneerof the Nile	Robert Cotran	Orseno	Velazquez	121
7	Cogburn 	Not This Time	Brewster, Clark O., Heiligbrodt, L. William and Corinne	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	125
8	Nobals	Noble Mission (GB)	Patricia's Hope LLC	Rivelli	Corrales	125
9	Gear Jockey	Twirling Candy	Calumet Farm	Arnold, II	Lezcano	121
10	Dream Shake 	Twirling Candy	Exline-Border Racing, SAF Racing, Stonestreet & Hausman, R	Stidham	Gaffalione	125
11	Noble Reflection 	Liam's Map	Nguyen, Calvin and Tran, Joey C.	Papaprodromou	Geroux	121
12	Dr Zempf (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Rachid Racing Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	121
13	Counterstrike	Street Boss	Mark Arnold	Ennis	Gilligan	121

Breeders: 1-St. Simon Place LLC, 2-Colts Neck Stables, 3-Eutrophia Farm LTD, 4-Pope McLean, Pope McLean Jr.,Marc McLean & Phil Hager, 5-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton, SilverFern Farm & WinStar Farm, LLC, 6-B. Flay Thoroughbreds, 7-Bellary Bloodstock, 8-Dr. John A. Chandler, 9-Calumet Farm, 10-Dunwoody Farm, 11-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 12-Stratford Place Stud, 13-Don Alberto Corporation

Saturday, Kentucky Downs #11, post time: 6:30 p.m. EDT**AGS LADIES TURF SPRINT S.-GII, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Fast and Feminine 🦋	Oxbow	Randy L. Snipes Revocable Trust	Snipes	Stevens	121
2	Quaria Comet	Shackleford	Brownwood Farm, LLC	Lobo	Talamo	121
3	Wakanaka (Ire) 🦋	Power (GB)	Team Valor International and Barber, Gary	Mott	Rosario	121
4	Train to Artemus	Tapizar	M and W Stables, LLC	Breen	Corrales	123
5	Tony Ann	Cairo Prince	A Venneri Racing, Inc. and Fanticola, Anthony	D'Amato	Gaffalione	121
6	Bay Storm	Kantharos	Bridlewood Farm	Thomas	Geroux	123
7	Our Flash Drive	Ghostzapper	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Velazquez	125
8	Unbridled Mary 🦋	Maclean's Music	Pearl Racing, Pine Racing Stables & West Point Thoroughbreds	Sadler	Cheminaud	123
9	Gal in a Rush 🦋	Ghostzapper	West Point Thoroughbreds, Larsen, C & Titledown Racing StbIs	Clement	Ortiz, Jr.	121

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Brownwood Farm, 3-Mrs Jean Brennan, 4-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 5-Alex Venneri Racing, LLC, 6-Candy Meadows LLC, 7-Live Oak Stud, 8-Merriebelle Stable, LLC, 9-Tom & Mary Lou Teal & Adena Springs

Saturday, Del Mar #7, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT**JOHN C. MABEE S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Paris Peacock (Ire)	Muhaarar (GB)	Glen Hill Farm	Proctor	Van Dyke	120
2	Free and Humble 🦋	Free Drop Billy	Richard C. Pell	Miller	Berrios	116
3	Oakhurst	Mr Speaker	Little Red Feather Racing	D'Amato	Hernandez	120
4	Closing Remarks	Vronsky	Harris Farms, Inc.	Gaines	Rispoli	122
5	Neige Blanche (Fr) 🦋	Anodin (Ire)	De Seroux, Laura, Naify, Marsha and Powell, Mathilde	Powell	Herrera	120
6	Turnerloose K	Nyquist	Abbondanza Racing, LLC, Medallion Racing, Thrash, Dawn and Thrash, Ike	D'Amato	Fresu	120

Breeders: 1-Barronstown Stud, 2-Nirvana Farm, 3-Vegso Racing Stable, 4-Harris Farms, 5-Ecurie du Sud, 6-William Humphries & Altair Farms LLC

Saturday, Woodbine #10, post time: 5:56 p.m. EDT**CANADIAN S. PRESENTED BY THE JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION-GII, C\$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Fev Rover (Ire)	Gutaifan (Ire)	Tracy Farmer	Casse	Husbands	126
2	Moira 🦋	Ghostzapper	X-Men Racing, Madaket Stables LLC and SF Racing LLC	Attard	Hernandez	121
3	Miss Dracarys 🦋	Malibu Moon	Al Shira'aa Farms	Drysdale	Davis	124
4	Skims (GB) 🦋	Frankel (GB)	Andrew Rosen	McGaughey III	Velazquez	123
5	Atomic Blonde (Ger)	The Grey Gatsby (Ire)	Faust, Michaela, West Point Thoroughbreds and Winters Equine	Clement	Kimura	122
6	Talbeyah (Ire) 🦋	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Tracy Farmer	Casse	Husbands	121
7	Ready Lady	More Than Ready	Charles E. Fipke	Attfield	Wilson	121

Breeders: 1-Manister House Stud, 2-Adena Springs, 3-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate, 4-Andrew Rosen, 5-Gestut Karlshof, 6-Rockhart Trading Ltd, 7-Charles Fipke

Saturday, Kentucky Downs #3, post time: 1:40 p.m. EDT**ARISTOCRAT LADIES MARATHON S.-GIII, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 5/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sinfiltrate	Uncle Mo	Wertheimer and Frere	Pletcher	Velazquez	124
2	Personal Best	Tapit	Joseph Allen LLC	McGaughey III	Ortiz, Jr.	126
3	Transient (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	122
4	Lady Rockstar (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Clipper Logistics	Walsh	Cannon	122
5	Vergara 🦋	Noble Mission (GB)	Gary Broad	Motion	Rosario	122
6	Glenall (Ire)	Coulsty (Ire)	George A. Sharp	Caramori	Gutierrez	126

Breeders: 1-Wertheimer et Frere, 2-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC, 3-B. Sangster & Freynestown Stud, 4-Branton Court Stud, 5-Neil Jones, 6-David Brickley

Saturday, Kentucky Downs #9, post time: 5:16 p.m. EDT

CASTLE HILL GAMING LADIES TURF S.-GIII, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Regal Realm	Animal Kingdom	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Geroux	124
2	Haughty 🐾	Empire Maker	Bradley Thoroughbreds, Belmar Racing and Breeding, LLC, Cambron Equine, LLC and Team Hanley	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	122
3	White Frost	Candy Ride (Arg)	Gainesway Stable	Mott	Rosario	122
4	Querobin Dourada	Capo Bastone	Brownwood Farm, LLC	Lobo	Talamo	122
5	Henrietta Topham	Lemon Drop Kid	Cambus-Kenneth Farm	Mulcahy	Graham	126
6	Sparkle Blue	Hard Spun	Augustin Stable and Parke, Catherine	Motion	Cheminaud	124
7	New Year's Eve 🐾	Kitten's Joy	Qatar Racing LLC, Detampel, Marc and Galvin, Fergus	Walsh	Gaffalione	124

Breeders: 1-George Strawbridge Jr., 2-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD, 3-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 4-Haras Phillipson Inc., 5-Cambus-Kenneth Farm, LLC, 6-Catherine Parke, 7-Stud TNT LLC

Saturday, Colonial Downs #10, post time: 6:20 p.m. EDT

NEW KENT COUNTY VIRGINIA DERBY-GIII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Freedom Trail	Collected	Gatsas Stables, R. A. Hill Stable and Schoenfeld, Steven	Terranova, II	Gallardo	120
2	Gigante 🐾	Not This Time	Iapetus Racing and Diamond T Racing	Asmussen	Torres	123
3	Runaway Storm	Midnight Storm	Robert J. Hunt	West	Hernandez	118
4	Salute the Stars	Candy Ride (Arg)	Gary and Mary West	Cox	Russell	118
5	Dataman	Tapit	Wertheimer and Frere	Motion	Ruiz	120
6	Mondego (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Cheyenne Stable LLC	Clement	McCarthy	120
7	Activist Investing (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Lynch	120
8	Laurel Valley	Laoban	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Karamanos	118
9	Integration	Quality Road	West Point Thoroughbreds and Woodford Racing, LLC	McGaughey III	Carmouche	118
10	Ari Gold 🐾	Medaglia d'Oro	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Pletcher	Ortiz	118
11	Program Trading (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	123

Breeders: 1-LNJ Foxwoods, 2-Ann Mudge Backer & Smitten Farm, 3-Robert Joseph Hunt, 4-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 5-Wertheimer et Frere, 6-Car Colston Hall Stud, 7-Mr R. J. H. Geffen, 8-Seidman Stables LLC, 9-Larkin Armstrong, 10-Bass Stables, LLC, 11-Fittocks Stud & Arrow Farm & Stud

Saturday, Woodbine #8, post time: 4:48 p.m. EDT

PATTISON SINGSPIEL S.-GIII, C\$150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ready for the Lady	More Than Ready	Charles E. Fipke	Attfield	Wilson	123
2	Dun Drum	Bold n' Flashy	Addison, Joan H., Black, Janet and Brown, Barbara	Black	Munger	121
3	British Royalty	English Channel	Lunsford, Bruce and Minshall, Barbara J.	Minshall	Husbands	121
4	Rockemperor (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Madaket Stables LLC, Dubb, Michael, Wonder Stables, Kisber, Michael E. and Caruso, Michael J.	Brown	Kimura	121
5	Collective Force	Tiznow	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Halden	Hernandez	121
6	Palazzi 🐾	Pioneerof the Nile	Gary Barber	Casse	Civaci	123
7	Town Cruise	Town Prize	Brandon Greer	Greer	Nicholls	123
8	Malibu Mambo	Point of Entry	Dura Racing and M. J. Doyle Racing Stables Ltd.	Doyle	Davis	123

Breeders: 1-Charles Fipke, 2-Joan H. Addison & John Carey, 3-Richard L. Lister, 4-Haras du Mezeray, 5-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 6-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC & Pioneerof the Nile Syndicate, 7-Terrance Reg Greer & Brandon Evan Greer, 8-Adena Springs



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

CIRCLE CITY S., \$102,750, Horseshoe Indianapolis, 9-6, (S), 2yo, 6f, 1:11.87, ft.

1--**MOLLY'S TOWN**, 122, g, 2, by **Mo Town**

1st Dam: Molly Slew, by **Curlin**

2nd Dam: Maggie Slew, by **Seattle Slew**

3rd Dam: May Day Ninety, by **Alydar**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Southwest Racing Stables Inc.; B-Swifty Farms Inc. (IN); T-Genaro Garcia; J-Fernando De La Cruz. \$57,951. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$102,351.

2--**Goodlookinjustice**, 120, c, 2, Street Boss--With Wonder, by Flatter. (\$20,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Justice Farm; B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (IN); T-Aaron M. West. \$19,317.

3--**Gracie's Boy Roy**, 120, g, 2, Atta Boy Roy--Amariah Grace, by **Sky Mesa**. (\$14,000 RNA 2yo '23 FTD MAY). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-River Ridge Ranch (IN); T-George Leonard, III. \$10,624. Margins: 3, 4, 3 1/4. Odds: 0.30, 7.60, 37.10.

Also Ran: Unbridled Slew, Hedgehoginthefog, Cowboy Church, **Funtastic** Vow, Positive Change, Castille, Black White N Gold, Hawkeye.

Molly's Town took his record to a perfect three-for-three with a front-running victory in the Circle City S. Wednesday night. The 1-5 favorite was soon at the head of affairs and battled longshot Gracie's Boy Roy through a quarter in :21.90 and a half in :45.10. He put that foe away at the top of the lane and forged clear to the wire.



Molly's Town | Coady Photography

The victory gave breeder Swifty Farms a sweep of the stakes races on the card after the operation's homebred Charged Legacy (**Take Charge Indy**) took the Back Home Again S. a race earlier

A five-length winner of his five-furlong debut at this oval July 21, Molly's Town romped by 8 1/2 lengths going six furlongs in an Aug. 17 allowance.

Molly Slew has a yearling filly by **Good Samaritan**. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

BACK HOME AGAIN S., \$102,650, Horseshoe Indianapolis, 9-6, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12.81, ft.

1--**CHARGED LEGACY**, 120, f, 2, by **Take Charge Indy**

1st Dam: French Legacy, by **Midnight Lute**

2nd Dam: French Lick, by **Malibu Moon**

3rd Dam: Frio Town, by **Kerosene**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Swifty Farms Inc. (IN); T-Anthony F. Cunningham; J-Joseph D. Ramos. \$59,126. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$80,726.

2--**Noneofyourbusiness**, 120, f, 2, Cloud Computing--Earned, by Flatter. (\$5,500 Ylg '22 KEEJAN). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Silva Racing LLC; B-Pine Tree Mares II (IN); T-Miguel Angel Silva. \$19,709.

3--**Primrose Girl**, 120, f, 2, Baryshnikov--Cierra Grace, by Pleasant Tap. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Blaine Davidson (IN); T-Stephen V. Fosdick. \$10,840.

Margins: 1 1/4, 6 3/4, 4HF. Odds: 3.00, 3.30, 24.80.

Also Ran: Rafaella, The Kid Pataky, Martz Rosey, Gospel Music, I Made It, Poised, Miss Monarca. Scratched: One Finale.

Charged Legacy is unbeaten in two starts after a wire-to-wire victory in the Back Home Again S. Wednesday night. The 3-1 shot jumped out to the early lead and was pressed by favored Gospel Music (Maclean's Music) through an opening quarter in :22.18 and a half in :45.87. She skipped clear into the lane and maintained her advantage to the wire as Noneofyourbusiness tried in vain to catch her late. Gospel Music tired to seventh.

Winning trainer Tony Cunningham, who also saddled The Kid Pataky in the race, is well-known in the Quarter Horse ranks, but he is slowly making his mark on the Thoroughbred side of the business at Horseshoe Indianapolis. He earned his second career Thoroughbred stakes win in the Back Home Again.

"These two fillies [Charged Legacy and The Kid Pataky] have been good from the start, and we've been excited about them all year," said Cunningham. "This one [Charged Legacy] has done her job in the [Indiana]-breds and the other one is sired, so she will go into the sired races from here. I want to thank Swifty [Farms] and Jeri Harmon for opening up to us."

Cunningham continued, “We are a Quarter Horse operation, for sure, but I’m hoping this will be a long endeavor for all of us. It’s been a learning curve with the Thoroughbreds, but our team has really stepped up and we are starting to figure it out. This is the first group of 2-year-olds [Thoroughbreds] that we have started with. It’s been a fun year, for sure.”

Charged Legacy wired the field in her 5 1/2-furlong debut against state-bred foes Aug. 19, defeating runner-up Gospel Music by 1 1/2 lengths. French Legacy produced a filly by **Volatile** last year. She was bred back to that sire this spring. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**



Charged Legacy | Coady Photography



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, Msw, 9-6, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.37, fm, 4 1/2 lengths.

ABEYANCE (f, 2, American Pharoah--Antipathy {GSW & GISP, \$341,784}, by A.P. Indy) was trying the lawn following a runner-up effort in her five-furlong debut over the Tapeta at Presque Isle Downs Aug. 2. The 4-5 favorite broke alertly and had the lead from the start. Well in hand through a quarter in :24.25 and a half in :48.71, she was let loose at the top of the lane and bound clear, sailing home a 4 1/2-length winner. Falabella (English Channel) was second. Antipathy, a half-sister to Scat Daddy, produced a colt by **Not This Time** last year and a filly by Authentic this year. She was bred back to **Cairo Prince**. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$26,400. O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Eoin G. Harty.



2nd-Thistledown, \$33,900, (S), Msw, 9-6, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:07.80, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

KINDERHOOK (g, 2, Klimt--Radiant Bling, by Too Much Bling), the 6-5 favorite, rushed up to set the early pace, inched away from the field under his own steam on the far turn and sauntered home an easy 3 1/4-length winner. Kinderhook was a \$15,000 OTBOMX yearling. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,340.

O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Peter J. Shepell (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham.



IN FRANCE:

RIBALTAGAIA, f, 2, Blame--See p13, European Edition



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

2023 Stud Fees Listed

Catholic Boy (More Than Ready), Claiborne Farm, \$15,000
104 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Colonial Downs, 3:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Starcry, 6-1
\$85,000 KEE SEP yrl

Charming Kitten (Kitten's Joy), Breakway Farm, \$2,500
12 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Classic Kitten, 9-2
\$11,500 IND MIX yrl
1-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, J's Naughty Kitten, 5-2
\$25,000 KEE SEP yrl

Copper Bullet (More Than Ready), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
37 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
10-Kentucky Downs, 6:28 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Clearly Copper, 9-2
\$65,000 TTA APR 2yo

Flameaway (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
 116 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
 9-Colonial Downs, 5:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Paez, 12-1
 \$45,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$65,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
 5-Colonial Downs, 3:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, White Heat, 20-1
 \$16,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$15,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$28,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Leofric (Candy Ride {Arg}), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
 56 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 3-Colonial Downs, 2:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Roanan Goddess,
 8-1, \$30,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$60,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Lost Treasure (Ire) (War Front), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$3,500
 15 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Kentucky Downs, 3:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2fT, St. Armands
 Key, 10-1
 \$15,000 KEE NOV wnl

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$30,000
 138 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Kentucky Downs, 3:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2fT, Tango Yankee,
 8-1
 \$110,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Preservationist (Arch), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 77 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Kentucky Downs, 3:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2fT, In a Jam, 4-1
 \$50,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$75,000 FTD AUG 2yo

Qafeef (Ghostzapper), Patrick Farm, private
 8 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Lotta Latte,
 10-1
 RNA IND MIX yrl

St Patrick's Day (Pioneerof the Nile), Journeyman Stud, \$3,500
 74 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Kentucky Downs, 3:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2fT, Drewmania,
 20-1
 \$55,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; \$40,000 OBS OPN 2yo
 9-Colonial Downs, 5:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Sir Mason, 15-1
 \$14,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$15,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
 179 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
 10-Kentucky Downs, 6:28 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Business as
 Usual, 6-1
 \$110,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$180,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Yoshida (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
 103 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Colonial Downs, 5:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Financial District,
 20-1
 \$30,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$11,000 OBS OPN 2yo
 10-Kentucky Downs, 6:28 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Yatta, 3-1
 \$25,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$72,000 KEE SEP yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

2023 Stud Fees Listed

Forever d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), Breakway Farm, \$2,000
 21 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, When's
 Forever, 8-1

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
 348 foals of racing age/81 winners/3 black-type winners
 5-Kentucky Downs, 3:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2fT, Mendelsfly, 6-1
 \$70,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Colonial Downs, \$89,125, (S), 9-6, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m,
 5 1/2fT, 1:02.26, fm, 1 length.

NEXT EPISODE (f, 3, Mosler--Rue de Rivoli, by Smart Strike)

Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-1, \$154,420. O/T-Niall Saville; B-Country
 Life Farm & Rue de Rivoli LLC (MD). *\$2,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT.



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10th-Colonial Downs, \$68,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 9-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.52, fm, 1/2 length.

GUN BOAT (f, 4, War Front--Onus {GSW, \$320,006}, by Blame) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-2-1-1, \$130,300. O/B-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

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1st-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$43,000, (S), 9-6, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.19, ft, 1/2 length.

ZAPPINIT (g, 3, Skylord--Zapnow, by Ghostzapper) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, \$105,130. O-J and E Horses, LLC; B-Bruce Murphy (IN); T-Emma Jimenez Sanchez.

7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$43,000, (S), 9-6, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:39.17, fm, 1/2 length.

NOBLE PRIZE (m, 6, Noble's Promise--Beacon Inthe Night, by Bob and John) Lifetime Record: 22-3-2-2, \$105,370. O/B-Jim Plemmons (IN); T-George Leonard, III.

6th-Presque Isle Downs, \$36,890, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 9-6, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.51, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

WARRIOR'S PAYOFF (g, 3, Warrior's Reward--Valentine's Pearl, by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$56,320. O-PA Warriors II; B-Donald Brown & Joe Besecker (PA); T-B Kulp.

3rd-Penn National, \$34,720, 9-6, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70yT, 1:37.44, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

LADY OUTOF THE BLUE (f, 4, Air Force Blue--Cubist, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$53,638. O-John A. D'Amico; B-Jonathan Sheppard (PA); T-Michael R. Matz.

7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$31,680, 9-6, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:42.02, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

AZTEC PRINCESS (f, 3, Sharp Azteca--Queenofperfection, by Arch) Lifetime Record: 14-2-4-4, \$83,195. O-Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC & Siena Farm LLC; B-Siena Farms LLC (KY); T-Timothy E. Hamm. *1/2 to Carrothers (Mshawish), MGSP, \$237,695.

6th-Louisiana Downs, \$28,400, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 9-5, 3yo/up, 5f (off turf), :58.02, ft, 2 lengths.

ALTERANA (g, 6, Alternation--Montana Miss, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: SP, 46-15-8-4, \$330,700. O/T-Keth Charles; B-Ronald P. Webb (LA).

8th-Thistledown, \$28,000, 9-6, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.24, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

CITY OF CLOUDS (g, 3, City of Light--Cloudy Vow {GSP, \$128,528}, by Broken Vow) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-1, \$51,420. O/B-Patricia Pavlish (KY); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

7th-Louisiana Downs, \$26,980, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 9-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25.30, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

NONEYA (m, 5, Palace--American Placed, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 17-5-3-2, \$142,340. O/T-Ronnie P. Ward; B-J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA). *\$9,500 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP. **1/2 to Budro Talking (Tale of Ekati), MSW, \$424,889.

3rd-Finger Lakes, \$25,800, 9-6, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.98, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

SHANTY SHACK (g, 4, Shackleford--Tiz Mariand, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-4, \$66,826. O/B-Tammy & Robert Klimasewski (NY); T-Beth Miller-Saul.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bold Spirit, g, 2, Mor Spirit--Dreamin of Summer, by Summer Bird. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 9-6, (S), 6f, 1:12.23. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$25,200. B-Robert Brandstetter (IN). *\$22,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP.

Kiss Me Hardy, f, 3, Lord Nelson--Moon Medal, by Medaglia d'Oro. Parx Racing, 9-6, 1m, 1:45.63. Lifetime Record: 7-1-3-1, \$61,130. B-Diamond Fields Farm (KY). *\$35,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.



Spinzar, g, 3, Tapit--Fleet of Gold (SP, \$109,892), by Medaglia d'Oro. Colonial Downs, 9-6, 1 3/16mT, 1:55.88. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$53,850. B-LNJ Foxwoods & Tapit Syndicate (KY). *\$450,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG.

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Emerald Eyes, f, 3, Tough It Up--Cape Verde, by Cape Blanco (Ire). Belterra, 9-6, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:21.46. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-2, \$26,445. B-Maccabee Farm (OH). *\$7,000 RNA Ylg '21 OTBOMX.

Pot Committed, g, 4, Bayern--Midnight Embrace, by Midnight Lute. Thistledown, 9-6, 1m, 1:40.64. Lifetime Record: 19-1-3-5, \$44,194. B-Yvonne Schwabe Thoroughbreds (ON). *\$10,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$26,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR.

Nature Trail, f, 4, Petionville--Tahitian Pearl, by El Prado (Ire). Presque Isle Downs, 9-6, (S), 6f (AWT), 1:12.82. Lifetime Record: 14-1-4-6, \$60,843. B-Arrowwood Farm (PA). *Full to Maldives Model, MSW, \$252,190.

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Alternation, Alterana, g, 6, o/o Montana Miss, by **Mineshaft**. AOC, 9-5, Louisiana Downs

American Pharoah, Abeyance, f, 2, o/o Antipathy, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 9-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis



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Bayern, Pot Committed, g, 4, o/o Midnight Embrace, by **Midnight Lute**. MSW, 9-6, Thistledown

City of Light, City of Clouds, g, 3, o/o Cloudy Vow, by Broken Vow. ALW, 9-6, Thistledown

Klimt, Kinderhook, g, 2, o/o Radiant Bling, by Too Much Bling. MSW, 9-6, Thistledown

Lord Nelson, Kiss Me Hardy, f, 3, o/o Moon Medal, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. MSW, 9-6, Parx Racing

Mo Town, Molly's Town, g, 2, o/o Molly Slew, by **Curlin**. Circle City S., 9-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Mor Spirit, Bold Spirit, g, 2, o/o Dreamin of Summer, by Summer Bird. MSW, 9-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Mosler, Next Episode, f, 3, o/o Rue de Rivoli, by Smart Strike. ALW, 9-6, Colonial Downs

Noble's Promise, Noble Prize, m, 6, o/o Beacon Inthe Night, by Bob and John. ALW, 9-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis



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Palace, Noneya, m, 5, o/o American Placed, by Quiet American. AOC, 9-5, Louisiana Downs

Petionville, Nature Trail, f, 4, o/o Tahitian Pearl, by El Prado (Ire). MSW, 9-6, Presque Isle Downs

Shackleford, Shanty Shack, g, 4, o/o Tiz Mariand, by Tiznow. ALW, 9-6, Finger Lakes

Sharp Azteca, Aztec Princess, f, 3, o/o Queenofperfection, by Arch. ALW, 9-6, Presque Isle Downs

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Tapit, Spinzar, g, 3, o/o Fleet of Gold, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. MSW, 9-6, Colonial Downs

Tough It Up, Emerald Eyes, f, 3, o/o Cape Verde, by Cape Blanco (Ire). MSW, 9-6, Belterra

War Front, Gun Boat, f, 4, o/o Onus, by **Blame**. AOC, 9-6, Colonial Downs

Warrior's Reward, Warrior's Payoff, g, 3, o/o Valentine's Pearl, by **Speightstown**. AOC, 9-6, Presque Isle Downs

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SIR PERCY, DERBY WINNER AND 'ABSOLUTE OBSESSION' FOR HIS OWNERS, RETIRES AT 20



Sir Percy | Lanwades

By Emma Berry

Cast your mind back to the spring and summer of 2006. In many ways not much was different then to now. Aidan O'Brien had won the 2,000 Guineas with George Washington (Ire) (Danehill) and the Oaks with Alexandrova (Ire) (Sadler's Wells).

It was the year in which Galileo (Ire) first came to prominence as a sire when his first-crop daughter Nighttime (Ire) won the Irish 1,000 Guineas and his sons, led by Sixties Icon (GB), filled the first three places in the St Leger, though remarkably none of this quartet was trained at Ballydoyle.

But it was also a season in which some notable blows were landed for the smaller operators: Pam Sly and Micky Fenton won the 1,000 Guineas with Speciosa (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), a breakthrough Classic success not just for trainer and jockey, but also for the breeze-up sector, with the filly having been purchased by Sly for £30,000.

Even more remarkably, the Derby was won by a colt picked up by his trainer Marcus Tregoning as a yearling for just 16,000gns, making him one of only 13 winners of the Derby in the last 50 years to have been sold at public auction, and certainly the least expensive.

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THE CLASSIC-WINNING OWNER GOING 'STRONGER THAN EVER' AT YEARLING SALES

By Brian Sheerin

Classic-winning owner Phil Cunningham has said that linking up with renowned bloodstock agent Anthony Bromley to secure nearly £1 million worth of yearlings in the past week alone can be viewed as a statement of intent ahead of what the 53-year-old hopes will be his best season yet in 2024. Cunningham, whose Cockney Rebel (Ire) landed a memorable Guineas double in 2007, spent £617,000 on seven colts at the Goffs Premier Yearling Sale last week and added another five to the squad through the Highflyer agent at the Tattersalls Somerville Sale on Tuesday to the tune of 303,000gns. Never has the owner been so strong at the yearling sales and he opened up about how he hopes his revamped approach to sourcing 2-year-old talent for private trainer Richard Spencer can reap rich dividends next season. "This is the strongest that I have gone personally," he said. "I just wanted to give it a good go. All of the yearlings we bought are colts and hopefully they make good two-year-olds. That was the remit with Anthony. We're looking to get them running early." [Cont. p8](#)

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Phil Cunningham (left): "I wanted to give it a good go."

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Ryan Moore, deputising for the injured James McDonald, will ride Coolmore's Shinzo (Snitzel) in the G1 Golden Rose at Rosehill later this month. Moore rode the colt to G1 Golden Slipper glory earlier this year. **See p14** | Bronwen Healy

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Sir Percy's blue riband may have been claimed by just a short-head, with another head and short-head splitting the first four home, but it was no fluke. The best of his generation in Britain as a two-year-old, when he sailed unbeaten through four races, including the G2 Vintage and G1 Dewhurst S., he had found only George Washington too good for him when second in the 2,000 Guineas. If not life-changing as such, Sir Percy's accomplishments certainly altered the path which his owners Anthony and Victoria Pakenham would steer in the years to follow.

Now 20, Sir Percy has been officially retired from stud duties after serving 16 seasons at Lanwades, not far from where he was born. His life was touched by tragedy early on, when he was orphaned as a three-week-old foal at Old Suffolk Stud just outside Newmarket.

His breeder, Harry Ormesher, had bought his dam Percy's Lass (GB) (Blakeney {GB}) from Sheikh Mohammed, who had acquired her among a bulk purchase of the stock of the late Eric



Sir Percy and Martin Dwyer, right, flash home in the Derby
Racingfotos

Moller. Though not having produced much during her time at Darley, she was from a family that had been active within the Moller brothers' White Lodge Stud through four generations back to their influential foundation mare Horama (GB). Her own pedigree offered plenty of hints of Epsom: Percy's Lass's dam Laughing Girl (GB) (Sassafras {Fr}) had been fourth in the Oaks and was a half-sister to the Oaks runner-up Furioso (GB), while her sire Blakeney had of course won the Derby (with

this achievement being emulated four years later by his half-brother Morston).

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Ormesher was unbending in his belief that Darley's 2,000 Guineas winner Mark Of Esteem (Ire), a son of Darshaan (GB), was the correct mating for Percy's Lass. She was carrying to him when she was bought for 28,000gns in 1998, a mating that produced the treble winner and 97-rated Love Token (GB). She returned to Mark Of Esteem every year for the rest of her life, those four coverings producing two more foals, including the winner and black-type producer Lady Karr (GB). When Percy's Lass died of colic in the spring of 2003, her parting gift to Ormesher for his unerring faith was her young foal who would become the winner of the greatest race of them all.

The colourful Ormesher, an award-winning photographer and former publicity agent for Red Rum, died in 2015 at the age of 81.



Sir Percy's breeder Harry Ormesher | Emma Berry

This correspondent was dispatched to interview him in 2006 ahead of Sir Percy's Classic triumph, when he said, "Someone recently said it's a fluke for a small stud having Sir Percy but I disagree. I sent Percy's Lass to Mark Of Esteem repeatedly for two reasons. One is that I just love that Moller pedigree: Violetta, Favolella, Furioso, Laughing Girl and so on. If you watch, it's always throwing something up. I knew it would suit Darshaan. Also, I went to the sales after I bought Percy's Lass and looked at her offspring and they had terrible front legs but Love Token's legs were great. That's why I kept going back."

Ormesher had sold Sir Percy as a foal, and with a nice nod to family history, the buyers had been Will Edmeades, who had signed for Percy's Lass on Ormesher's behalf, and Chris Budgett, whose father Arthur had bred, owned and trained Sir Percy's damsire Blakeney.

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As a pinhooking venture it was not successful, their original outlay of 20,000gns failing to be met when the colt returned to the ring as a yearling. Those two good horsemen can bask now in reflected glory, but any frustration they may have felt at the time was shared by Victoria Pakenham, who twice tried and failed to buy Sir Percy in the ring.

"We were the underbidders when he went through as a foal," she recalls. "And I asked someone to bid for him at the yearling sales. Then I was suddenly asked, at very short notice, to fly to Hong Kong for a business meeting, and it was the day he was going through the ring, and so I wasn't able to remind them to do their bit. I got to the hotel in Hong Kong and found that someone else, Marcus, had bought Sir Percy, and was furious with myself for failing to remind the person I'd asked." The trail had not gone completely cold, however. Victoria's mother was a cousin of Sheila Hern, whose husband Dick was Tregoning's old boss. An introduction was made and Pakenham duly enquired about buying a share in Sir Percy.

"Marcus had bought him with someone else in mind who had been a bit slow to make up their mind, and he said, 'I'll give them a fortnight, and if they don't confirm, then you can come and see him'," she says.

"So we went to see him in December and thought he was lovely. We said to Marcus we'd take half, thinking that if Marcus wanted to keep a half it meant he liked him. So Marcus said, 'No, no, no. You have the whole.' So we did. And then we started to get little reports from him saying, 'I feel guilty charging training fees because he's so straightforward'."

She adds, "And then we got another report from Marcus saying, 'It's amazing, he's so tough, he doesn't mind it going up the all-weather.' And someone said, 'Oh, he's just preparing you for the fact that he's going to be an all-weather horse.' And then of course the miracle happened."



Anthony and Victory Pakenham with Sir Percy at Lanwades |
Emma Berry

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Esteemed Beginnings

That miracle, a small one when set against what would happen later in his career, was Sir Percy's comfortable debut success in a six-furlong Goodwood maiden on May 28, 2005, making him the stable's first juvenile winner of the season.

"We had an offer after that win straightaway, which we turned down," Victoria says. "We were going to Salisbury for his second race, and Anthony and I don't back our own horses, and I remember Anthony saying, 'We say we never bet, but this is the biggest bet we've ever had'. Because we turned down a lot of money for him.

"And of course then he won at Salisbury. And that was when Marcus made that amazing prediction, 'He'll win the Champagne and then he'll win the Dewhurst'. My brother in America rang us just after Marcus had given interviews and said, 'Have you heard what your trainer just said?'"

Horses can so often make fools of those spouting bold predictions, but in this regard Sir Percy didn't let down either his trainer or owners. A month after Salisbury he was back at Goodwood to claim his first stakes success before biding his time to close out the season in style at Newmarket in October.

While his juvenile season had gone without a hitch, the winter that followed was anything but smooth, as Tregoning battled to ready Sir Percy for his Classic campaign.

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"He had this ghastly accident when he pulled a shoe and about a third of the foot came with it," Pakenham recalls. "So it was touch and go to get him ready for the Guineas and it was one of the reasons he didn't have a prep race beforehand. He had a racecourse gallop, but Marcus had to put special shoes on. And actually, what they think happened, because they didn't have the same grip, when he came out of the stalls in the Guineas, he slipped. But George Washington was a superstar, no question." With Sir Percy suffering muscle soreness in his back after the Guineas, it was again a race against time to have him ready for the Derby. A chiropractor drove over weekly from France to treat him and the plucky colt was able to take his place in the 18-runner line-up.

Snatching for his head in the early stages under his regular rider Martin Dwyer, Sir Percy raced in the second half of the field around Tattenham Corner before he was able to find space to launch his challenge. It is a race worth watching again and again, and each time it is scarcely believable that he was able to make up the ground that he did, switched first wide, then back to the rail, ultimately to snatch glory through the narrowest of gaps and by the narrowest of margins. A brave run indeed.

But Epsom had taken its toll and, despite four subsequent starts, including two the following season in Dubai and at Royal Ascot, Sir Percy was never seen at his best again.

"Basically he never came back from it," Pakenham admits. For her husband Anthony, in whose name Sir Percy ran, it was a first foray on the Flat, and only his second horse after owning the consistent jumper The Dark Lord (Ire).

"I never owned any horses before I met Victoria," he says. "She bought me The Dark Lord and he won 10 races for us, which was incredibly exciting. And then this horse came along and he was going to be the last. In fact at one stage he was going to be called A Final Fling, because Victoria had had a couple of horses that had never shown anything at all."

He continues, "You don't really believe it's possible. I always remember the first time he ran in a Group 1, and I was just thinking to myself, 'Please don't be last'.

The whole thing was just a pipe dream, and it happened so quickly in my racing ownership career."

The Next Chapter

After Royal Ascot, Sir Percy retired to take up stud duties for the 2008 season at Lanwades, where he was looked after initially by Eoin O'Mahony and later by Peter Manuel. For the Pakenhams, ownership turned to breeding. Broodmares were secured to back up some smart matrons owned by Kirsten Rausing, who had been unable to ignore the career of Sir Percy, especially when he collared her Lanwades graduate Dragon Dancer (GB) (Sadler's Wells) on the line in the Derby.



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"He was already attractive as a great two-year-old and a Derby winner, but what made him particularly attractive as far as I was concerned was the fact that he would suit a whole lot of Northern Dancer-line mares," Rausing notes.

"We needed an outcross. I had Selkirk at the time, and also Hernando, who was rather a long way from Northern Dancer, and of course Sir Percy had Ajdal [in his pedigree] but a long way back, so he fulfilled many of the criteria, and then there was the fact that he was such a bonny horse himself."

She adds, "Of all the stallion deals that I've done, which are many, this was the least complex one, and Victoria, Anthony and I have been friends ever since."

Both Lanwades and the Pakenhams have been responsible for a number of his better horses, with Rausing having bred the G2 Park Hill S. winner Alyssa (GB) and G3 Kilternan S. winner Alla Speranza (GB), as well as Listed winner Kawida (GB). The Pakenhams meanwhile bred the G2 Lancashire Oaks victrix Lady Tiana (GB) and Listed winner Blakeney Point (GB).

Sir Percy is also the sire of G1 Metropolitan winner Sir John Hawkwood (Ire) in Australia, while in America he had the GI Man o' War S. winner Wake Forest (Ger). From four seasons shuttling to Rich Hill Stud in New Zealand, he left the Group 2 winner Sir Andrew (NZ) among a number of stakes performers, and his influence has also spread to the National Hunt division, where his sons Presenting Percy (GB) and Knight Salute (GB) in particular have represented him at the highest level at Cheltenham and Aintree.

Rausing adds, "He started with a bang and had a good number of two-year-old winners in his first crop. I think he surprised quite a few people, and we were inundated with people wanting to send mares after his first two-year-old runners.

"We already know that he's a good broodmare sire, and the fact that he was easy to breed mares to also holds true for his daughters, who are quite easy to mate. Alla Speranza has already bred a group winner, Shine So Bright, who is now at stud in India. Alyssa has bred two winners from two runners, so it's so far so good.

"All in all, he's been a success story, if not with great fireworks. But he has been a steady success and always very popular with trainers and popular at the sales."

From a first crop of 50, Sir Percy's two largest crops came in 2012 and 2013, when he had 85 and 98 foals on the ground. A decent number, but still modest compared to the vast books of some of the more commercially sought-after stallions. His current crop of three-year-olds numbers 39, and he has 12 two-year-olds. This autumn will provide one of the last opportunities to buy a Sir Percy yearling as members of his penultimate crop come under the hammer.

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Space Blues	Dubawi	Kildangan Stud	€15,000
Naval Crown	Dubawi	Kildangan Stud	€10,000
Frankel	Galileo	Banstead Manor	£125,000
Kingman	Invincible Spirit	Banstead Manor	£40,000
Palace Pier	Kingman	Dalham Hall Stud	£25,000
Cracksman	Frankel	Dalham Hall Stud	£17,500
Masar	New Approach	Dalham Hall Stud	£12,500
Iffraaj	Zafonic	Dalham Hall Stud	£10,000
Siyouni	Pivotal	Haras de Bonneval	€60,000
Zarak	Dubawi	Haras de Bonneval	€40,000
Gun Runner	Candy Ride	Three Chimneys Farm	\$65,000

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For the Pakenhams, Sir Percy remains "a member of the family; he's very, very special".

Victoria adds, "Watching his runners has become an absolute obsession, and it takes up a lot of time, but we follow them all and we get just as much pleasure from looking to see how they run, whether we bred them or not.

"He's been looked after so beautifully at Lanwades. Well, he's such a lovely person, he doesn't have a bad bone in his body." On this, Rausing concurs. "He has always been so easy to deal with and he will remain here in retirement," she says. "His fertility has waned but in himself he is in great heart and looks as good as ever."

We will leave the last word to the late Harry Ormesher, who said that watching Sir Percy win the Derby was, "the best day of my life, without doubt".

The culmination of a life's dream for his breeder, an unending delight for his owners, and a friend to many other breeders besides, Sir Percy is fully deserving of a peaceful retirement, and with the offspring of his final crops still to come, we may not have heard the last of him yet.

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Phil Cunningham feature, cont. from p1

“All seven of the colts we bought at Doncaster are already up in Adam Kirby’s being broken in so hopefully we’ll get them going early. We used to do all of the pre-training ourselves previously but Adam has proved that he is doing a fantastic job and I am a little more focussed now on putting things in the right places and not cutting corners.

“I’m really excited about next season. We will be moving on some of our older horses in October and are trying to put together a strong team for next year.”

Asked how the link up with Bromley came about and if getting the ace agent on board could be viewed as a statement of intent, he added, “Very much so. Anthony lives fairly local to us and his son Ben sometimes comes in and rides work. It’s amazing the amount of compliments we have received about the partnership with Anthony.

“The groundwork he puts in is phenomenal and he is a pleasure to work with. Obviously, he is renowned for his achievements in National Hunt racing but he has enjoyed some amazing success from probably a more limited budget on the Flat. It’s exciting to give him the opportunity to put together a team for us.”

That’s not to say that Bromley expected to be shelling out close to £1 million on 12 yearlings on behalf of Cunningham after the pair first met over a drink at Cheltenham earlier this year.

“I told him to have a look and try and buy us a few of those ‘cheap ones’ at the sales,” Cunningham recalled.

“As we got closer to the sales, I told him the budget I had in mind, which I think he was quite surprised about. He cracked on and it was always the intention to spend in the region of what we spent.”

Top of Cunningham’s shopping list was a Mehmas (Ire) colt purchased from Tally-Ho Stud at Doncaster for £145,000. Indeed, that was not the first time Cunningham has been wooed by one of the renowned stud farm’s draft at Doncaster.

Just last year, Cunningham broke his own record for the most expensive yearling he has ever bought when snapping up Fool’s Gold (Ire) (Galileo Gold {GB}) from Tally-Ho at Doncaster for £170,000.

That colt put in an impressive performance to win a Windor maiden on Monday evening and bigger things are expected given he holds Group 1 entries later in the season.

But the operation has changed dramatically in just a short space of time. Whereas 12 months ago, Spencer was in charge of the buying, the breaking in and the training of the horses, Cunningham has made a decision to delegate some of those important roles to masters of their own craft. That’s where Bromley and Kirby have come into play.



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“It’s just too much for one man to do,” Cunningham explained. “Anthony very much wanted Richard involved in the buying as he is going to be the person training the horses but they very much did it as a partnership.

“When people move into ownership, it’s amazing how many want to cut corners and I’ve possibly been guilty of it in the past. I don’t have 200 boxes, I’ve 50, and if I could have them all rated in the 90s, that would be a dream.

“It doesn’t obviously happen like that, but, to give ourselves the best chance, we’ve got to have the right people doing all of the important jobs [buying, breaking in and training].”

Cunningham’s passion for racehorse ownership burns just as bright as it did when he bought Cockney Rebel at Doncaster back in 2005 for just £30,000. The CEO of a major insurance company, DCL, Cunningham has also enjoyed notable success with Rumble Inthejungle (Ire) and Rajasinghe (Ire), but describes himself as bewildered over the lack of support the latter has received from breeders.

He said, “It’s been hard work. Richard has done most of it [by sending out the lion’s share of the winners by Rajasinghe]. There is a new team at The National Stud and, off the back of that, he covered his largest book of 45 this year. I tried to stand Cockney Rebel and that was very limited with regards to success. I said that I wouldn’t do it again after that but I definitely won’t do it again after Rajasinghe.”

He added, “If Rajasinghe had been with one of the Tally-Ho Stud of this world, he would have covered 150 mares and, who knows, he could have been leading first-season sire. The level of improvement that he has put into my own mares is phenomenal.

“Hopefully, it continues. He needs a big horse but he needs a bit more support as well. The amazing thing is, I thought people wanted fast horses. I’ll never understand the breeding game. He stands at three thousand pounds and people aren’t using him. It’s a head-scratcher for me why he hasn’t been more popular.”

Cockney Rebel sparked what Cunningham has no problem admitting is a hobby that got out of hand but he’s relishing the position he finds himself in and looks forward to the future with a galaxy of young stars to dream about at Sefton Lodge.

He said, “Poor Cockney died last year. I have his ashes in the house. When I bought Cockney Rebel for 30,000gns, I didn’t even have the money to pay for him. In fact, I don’t think I paid for him until after Christmas, which is crazy. That gives you an insight as to where I was back then. I’ve been very, very lucky in business since then and started from scratch. We now turn over over one hundred and sixty million a year and are one of the largest fleet insurers in the UK.”

He added, “The business has helped me fund my lifetime passion but I have seen many, many people come into this game, get heavily involved and then withdraw from it.

“I have always lived within my means and have been lucky enough to have invested in the right things at the right time. I’m 53 now and am at a stage in my life where I can enjoy it with my family—my son loves racing and my Dad loves racing. Apart from Tottenham Hotspur, it’s the one common passion that I have with my Dad, and I’m in a privileged position to organise a few days out for us, hopefully.”

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Taking on Julien Dubois and Jean-Philippe Dubois’ G3 Prix Francois Boutin winner **Grey Man (Fr)** (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**), the homebred who looked cut from Classic cloth on his Saint-Cloud debut is unbeaten at seven furlongs or further with his only blip coming over an inadequate six at Chantilly in July.

In the d’Aumale, **Mlle Moliere (Ire)** (**Kingman {GB}**) steps up to the plate for De Rothschild and Ecurie Skymarc Farm and the master of Chantilly. She was impressive when doubling her tally in Deauville’s 7 1/2-furlong Prix du Mezeray conditions event at last month’s festival and is one of five of the seven fillies holding unbeaten records. They include Shadwell’s **Alshinfarah (Ire)** (Noble Mission), who has won at Doncaster and Haydock and accounted for the impressive subsequent winner Remaadd (Ire) (**Gleneagles {Ire}**) in the latter contest.

Trainer Kevin Philippart De Foy is hoping for a bold show from the half-sibling of the classy Raabihah (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) moving up to a mile. “The family stayed much further and her half-sister ran over a mile and a half in the Arc,” he said. “Noble Mission stayed further as well, so I’m not worried about running over a mile and the ground should suit her. She travelled over there well and it will be interesting to see her against a stronger field.”

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RACE PREVIEWS

PARISLONGCHAMP: FABRE PREPS DUO FOR AUTUMN TARGETS *by Tom Frary*

Ahead of the weekend’s thrillers, Thursday offers the warm-up with the G3 Prix des Chenes and G3 Prix d’Aumale acting as stepping stones for the major 2-year-old contests of the autumn. Fabre’s 10 wins in the Chenes and six in the d’Aumale mean that his representation has to be taken seriously and the former, which is restricted to the males of the generation, sees him saddle Baron Edouard De Rothschild’s **TDN Rising Star Alcantor (Fr)** (New Bay {GB}).

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EUROPEAN NEWS

NEW GOFFS SALE AT ASCOT ON CHAMPIONS DAY

The latest addition to the European sales calendar will be held on QIPCO British Champions Day at Ascot when Goffs stages a select auction of horses in training before racing on Saturday, Oct. 21.

"The Ascot brand is the most prestigious in global racing and we are truly honoured to have been chosen to conduct this sale on QIPCO British Champions Day," said Goffs Group chief executive Henry Beeby.

"We believe this sale has huge potential for two key reasons - timing and location. October is the traditional end-of-season window for selling, while the spectacular location of Ascot Racecourse on Britain's richest race day offers access to a captive audience of international buyers and many of racing's principals who will be in attendance."

He added, "Goffs has experience and flair when it comes to staging boutique sales, no more so than at our London Sale on the eve of Royal Ascot, which is another perfect example of right time, right place. Goffs London has sold more seven figure horses-in-training than any other British HIT Sale over the past ten years and we will follow London's lead in how we position and promote the sale at Ascot."

The sale, conducted from the winner's podium, is expected to consist of roughly 12 elite horses in training and will take place in the parade ring.

Alastair Warwick, chief executive at Ascot Racecourse, said, "We are delighted to be working with Goffs on QIPCO British Champions Day to introduce this unique sale. Improving and innovating is very important to all of those involved with the day and we hope the Goffs QIPCO British Champions Day Sale at Ascot will add another exciting dimension to the experience for participants and racegoers alike."

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GOFFS SEPTEMBER HIT SALE SEES 70 SOLD

Wednesday's Goffs September HIT Sale at Doncaster saw 70 lots sold, headlined by drafts from Gigginstown House Stud and Gordon Elliott and NH 2YO stores. A total of 89 head were offered, down from 113 last season, amassing £697,500, down from £1,294,200 for 106 sold in 2022. Average dipped to £9,964 from £12,210 as did the median, dropping from £8,500 to £6,750 this term.



Wednesday's Champ de Gane | Goffs

Trade was topped by Champ de Gane (Lot 68), a horse in training from Newlands Farm who was purchased by Kevin Jardine for £33,000. Other lots to feature were Pickanumber (Lot 110), a horse in training from Ballyfree House Stables, who was knocked down to Olly Murphy Racing for £30,000, and Signcastle City (Lot 22), a winning horse-in-training from East Everleigh Stables, which was knocked down to his trainer Richard Hannon for £27,000.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

UNITED KINGDOM

Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud

161 foals of racing age

14:30-HAYDOCK PARK, 6f, Elmonjed (Ire)

15:40-SALISBURY, 45K GIII The Ire-Incentive, It Pays To Buy Irish Dick Poole Fillies' Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3) 6f, Les Bleus (GB) €52,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022; £60,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2023

15:10-SALISBURY, 7f, Serene Seraph (Ire)

80,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

Eqtidaar (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Nunnery Stud

54 foals of racing age

15:40-SALISBURY, 45K GIII The Ire-Incentive, It Pays To Buy Irish Dick Poole Fillies' Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3) 6f, Propitious (GB) 7,500gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 4) 2022; €20,000 Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2023

Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
168 foals of racing age
16:05-HAYDOCK PARK, 7f, John Steed (Ire)
50,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022

Invincible Army (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
95 foals of racing age
15:40-SALISBURY, 45K GIII The Ire-Incentive, It Pays To Buy Irish
Dick Poole Fillies' Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3)6f, Miss Mach One
(Ire)
40,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

Land Force (Ire) (No Nay Never), Highclere Stud
117 foals of racing age
17:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, Pressure's On (Fr)
10,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 35,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
109 foals of racing age
17:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, Mini Magna (Ire)
4,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022

Soldier's Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
121 foals of racing age
15:00-HAYDOCK PARK, 5f, Blue Moon Baby (Ire)
€14,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022
15:40-SALISBURY, 45K GIII The Ire-Incentive, It Pays To Buy Irish
Dick Poole Fillies' S (Class 1) (Group 3)6f, Dorothy Lawrence (GB)
17:05-CARLISLE, 5f, Sergeant Mayer (Ire)
€50,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; £40,000 Goffs UK
Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
150 foals of racing age
15:40-SALISBURY, 45K GIII The Ire-Incentive, It Pays To Buy Irish
Dick Poole Fillies' Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3)6f, Queen of
Mougins (Ire)
€200,000 Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2023

FRANCE

Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}), Coolmore Stud
103 foals of racing age
4-SALON PROVENCE, 1800m, Betanyx (Fr)
€15,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2021

City Light (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), Haras d'Etreham
90 foals of racing age
2-PARISLONGCHAMP, 80K GIII PRIX DES CHENES 1600m, Rock
the Kasbah (Fr)
€85,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2022

Silverwave (Fr) (Silver Frost {Ire}), Haras de la Cote Fleurie
39 foals of racing age
4-SALON PROVENCE, 1800m, Nocturne Silver (Fr)
€5,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale 2022

Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
150 foals of racing age
3-PARISLONGCHAMP, 80K GIII PRIX D'AUMALE 1600m, Kalispera
(Ire)
2-SALON PROVENCE, 1800m, Ten Horns (Fr)
€48,000 RNA Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2022

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

SKELLET BIDS TO MAKE UP FOR UNLUCKY DEBUT

15.10 Salisbury, Mdn, £30,000, 2yo, f, 6f 213yT

SKELLET (IRE) (Kingman {GB}) was one of the unluckiest losers all season at Sandown on her debut for the Ralph Beckett stable last month and with her killer pedigree steps out for this Bob McCreery Memorial British EBF Quidhampton Maiden Fillies' S. with a score to settle. Anthony and Sonia Rogers' homebred is a half to the G1 Moyglare Stud S., G2 Debutante S. and G3 Silver Flash S. winner Skitter Scatter (Scat Daddy) and the G2 Superlative S. runner-up Victory Dance (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), as well as the graded-stakes-placed dam of the recent GI Belmont Oaks Invitational winner Aspen Grove (Ire) (Justify).

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Skellet, a half to MGSW Skitter Scatter, returns Thursday
Emma Berry

Among the newcomers is Allan Belshaw's homebred **Times Edition (GB) (Kingman {GB})**, a Roger Varian-trained half-sister to the Gi Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf and GI Just a Game S. heroine Newspaperofrecord (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), and Cheveley Park Stud's **Santa Croce (GB) (Pivotal {GB})**, a Sir Michael Stoute-trained daughter of the G1 Coronation S. and G1 Fillies' Mile winner Nannina (GB) (Medicean {GB}).

15.30 Haydock, Novice, £10,000, 2yo, c/g, 7f 212yT

GULF LEGEND (FR) (Dubawi {Ire}) cost €300,000 when bought privately for Bon Ho at the Arqana Deauville August Sale, months before his half-brother Feed The Flame (GB) (Kingman {GB}) achieved notoriety as the winner of the G1 Grand Prix de Paris. Also a half to the smart Sacred Life (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), the James Ferguson trainee encounters the €575,000 top-priced colt of last year's Goffs Orby, Stall Perlen AB's **Odin Legacy (Ire) (Kodiac {GB})**, a Richard Hannon-trained half-brother to the stable's recent G3 Oak Tree S. winner Magical Sunset (Ire).

HOW THEY FARED

16.29 Cork, Mdn, €16,000, 2yo, f, 8fT

Foxtrot Zulu (Ire) (Saxon Warrior {Jpn}), the 450,000gns Tatts Book 1 half-sister to Going Global (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), failed to threaten as the well-backed 4-6 favourite and could only manage a staying-on third, beaten around four lengths.

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BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

2nd-Kempton, £6,800, Mdn, 9-6, 2yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:40.04, st/sl. YOU GOT TO ME (GB) (f, 2, Nathaniel {Ire})--Brushing {GB} {SW-Eng}, by Medicean {GB}), sent off the 5-2 second favourite, was not fast away from the widest stall but was quickly able to make up ground to race in a close-up second. Committed two out, the 200,000gns Tatts Book 1 graduate had the lead shortly after and stayed on strongly to score by 1 1/2 lengths from Poutchek (GB) (Ulysses {Ire}). The dam, who took the Listed Galtres S., hails from the family of the Canadian International hero Relaxed Gesture (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), the GII Bay Meadows H. winner Wait Till Monday (Ire) (Maelstrom Lake {Ire}) and the GII American Derby scorer Evolving Tactics (Ire) (Machiavellian). Her yearling filly is by Time Test (GB). Sales history: 62,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; 200,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,614. O-Valmont; B-Dullingham Park Stud & Sarabex (GB); T-Ralph Beckett.

3rd-Southwell, £6,600, Nov, 9-6, 2yo, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:28.83, st. FAST SOCIETY (IRE) (c, 2, Fast Company {Ire})--The Singing Hills {GB}, by Nathaniel {Ire}), who registered an Aug. 10 debut ninth going six furlongs at Nottingham last time, asserted for an early lead in this return. Sent wide off the home turn, the 11-1 chance was headed by American Glory (GB) (Zarak {Fr}) approaching the final furlong and rallied gamely under a late drive to deny that rival by 3/4-of-a-length. Fast Society is the first of three foals produced by an unraced half-sister to the stakes-winning Kings Quay (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) and Listed Alice Keppel S. runner-up Fastback (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}). The February-foaled bay, whose second dam is G3 Fred Darling S. runner-up Glen Rosie (Ire) (Mujtahid), is half to a yearling filly by Kodi Bear (Ire) and a weanling colt by Bungle Inthejungle (GB). Sales history: €58,000 Ylg '22 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,478. O-Kennet Valley Syndicates I; B-Knocktartin House Stud (IRE); T-Andrew Balding.

4th-Southwell, £6,600, Nov, 9-6, 2yo, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:28.56, st. GRESSINGTON (IRE) (c, 2, Outstrip {GB})--Silver Games {Ire}, by Verglas {Ire}) was roused from the stalls and tracked the leaders along the fence in fourth after the initial exchanges of this debut. Taking closer order once into the home straight, the 3-1 second choice hit the front approaching the final furlong and was ridden out to prevail by an ultimately comfortable 1 3/4 lengths from Blessed Boy (Fr) (Seabhac). Gressington is the eighth of 10 foals and fifth scorer from as many runners out of a multiple-winning half-sister to G1 Falmouth S. heroine Nahoodh (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}). The March-foaled grey is a half to the three-time stakes-placed Chocoya (GB) (Sepoy {Aus}), Listed Ripon Champion Two-Year-Old Trophy runner-up Chiringuita (Hard Spun), a yearling filly by Dark Angel (Ire) and a weanling filly by Cracksman (GB). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,478. O-David Kilburn & Christopher Wright; B-Stratford Place Stud (IRE); T-Ed Bethell.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

North View (GB), c, 2, Expert Eye (GB)--Fallen From Grace (GB), by Singspiel (Ire). Bath & Somerset County, 9-6, 5f 160yT, 1:09.65. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$15,210. B-Normandie Stud Ltd (GB). *9,500gns Ylg '22 TADEY.

Rainyniteingeorgia (Ire), f, 2, Starspangledbanner (Aus)--Shalailah (Ire) (GSP-Ire), by Showcasing (GB). Lingfield, 9-6, 5f 6y (AWT), :58.33. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$7,809. B-Rathbran House Stud (IRE). *77,000gns 2yo '23 TATBRE.

Akkadian Thunder (GB), g, 3, Night Of Thunder (Ire)--Akhania (GB), by Dalakhani (Ire). Kempton, 9-6, 8f (AWT), 1:40.86. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,750. B-Sam Sangster (GB). *125,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; 50,000gns RNA Ylg '21 TATOCT; £110,000 2yo '22 GOFTY.



Hamlet (Ire), g, 3, **No Nay Never**--Pandora (Ire) (GSP-Eng), by Galileo (Ire). Southwell, 9-6, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:29.47. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,156. B-Sir Robert Ogden (IRE). *26,000gns 2yo '22 TATONL.

Humanity (Ire), c, 3, **Roaring Lion**--Cheriearch {SW-Fr}, by Arch). Lingfield, 9-6, 12f (AWT), 2:31.72. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$7,247. B-Oceanic, A Gravereaux & OTI Management (IRE). *€300,000 Ylg '21 ARAUG. **1/2 to Welwal (GB) (Shalaa {Ire}), GSW-Fr, GSP-Aus, \$212,620.

FRANCE

Wednesday's Results:

5th-Lyon-Parilly, €23,000, Mdn, 9-6, 2yo, 6 3/4fT, 1:25.61, sf. **RIBALTAGAIA (f, 2, Blame--Silk Assassin, by Bernardini)** was well away to stalk the leaders in fourth for most of this debut. Urged closer approaching the two pole, the 34-5 chance cruised to the front on the bridle with 300 metres remaining and was pushed clear inside the final furlong to easily account for Retort (Ire) (**Frankel {GB}**) by an impressive 3 1/2 lengths. Ribaltagaia is the second of four foals and first scorer out of a half-sister to the stakes-winning Eamonn (Pioneer of The Nile). The April-foaled bay's dual Grade I-placed second dam Super Espresso (Medaglia D'Oro), winner of the GIII Distaff S., is a half-sister to MGSW G1 Preis von Europa third King Of Rome (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). Ribaltagaia's dam Silk Assassin (Bernardini), who was bred to **Idol** this year, has a yearling filly by **American Pharoah** and a weanling colt by **Mendelssohn** to come. Sales history: \$40,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; 225,000gns 2yo '23 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Albert Frassetto; B-Wilbert Tan (KY); T-Gianluca Bietolini.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

6th-Lyon-Parilly, €22,000, Cond, 9-6, 3yo, 8fT, 1:46.80, sf. **GLITTERING LIGHTS (GB) (f, 3, Kingman {GB}--Show Day {Ire} {SW-Ger & GSP-Itly}, by Shamardal)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-3, €32,736. O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

IRELAND

Wednesday's Results:

3rd-Cork, €27,000, Cond, 9-6, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.96, gd. **KING CUAN (GB) (c, 2, Tasleet {GB}--Rutherford {Ire}, by Dutch Art {GB})**, not seen since finishing a troubled fourth over this trip at The Curragh in May, cruised through the early stages with a target in the centre of the track. In front passing two out, the 1-


2 favourite drew away without being asked a serious question to score by 4 1/4 lengths from Pipsy (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). "Going to the Curragh, I thought he'd run a big race and things didn't happen right that day," trainer Paddy Twomey said. "I gave him time to mature and to fill his frame and he confirmed today what he did in May. I think he enjoyed it and he is a quick horse. We are lucky to have some nice two-year-olds and I'd rate him with them. There is a €100,000 race [the Goffs Sportsman's Challenge] next weekend at Naas for him and his owners are mostly Naas-based." The dam, whose filly foal is by Kameko, is connected to Highdown (Ire) (Selkirk) who captured the G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano and who was runner-up in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup and G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis. Sales history: 20,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; €21,000 Ylg '22 GOFSP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$18,443.

O-Red Lily Racing Syndicate; B-R F and S D Knipe (GB); T-Paddy Twomey.

1st-Gowran, €16,000, Mdn, 9-6, 2yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:29.56, gd. **INSTANT APPEAL (GB) (c, 2, Advertise {GB}--Moment Of Time {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Rainbow Quest)**, who encountered the 'TDN Rising Star' display of City Of Troy (**Justify**) when third in a July 1 seven-furlong Curragh maiden last time, broke smartly and led from flagfall in this third start. Rowed along soon after turning for home, the 4-1 chance was tackled by Starliner (Ire) (Showcasing {GB}) approaching the final furlong and kept on well under urging in the closing stages to defeat that rival by 1 1/4 lengths, becoming the fifth winner for his freshman sire (by Showcasing {GB}). "His couple of runs were promising and we were hoping he could do that," said the Harrington stable's Richie Galway. "He has gone through a bit of a growth spurt, he looks like he wants a mile and he loves that ground. Scott [McCullagh] was good on him, he looks progressive and was probably stronger at the line than a furlong down. If we keep getting this weather and he comes out of this well, we can have a look at a few end-of-season stakes options. You would hope he has a nice future ahead of him and he's probably a horse for next year." Instant Appeal is the sixth of seven live foals and fifth scorer from as many runners out of Listed Lord Weinstock Memorial third Moment Of Time (GB) (Rainbow Quest), herself kin to dual Group 1-placed G3 Musidora S. victrix Time Away (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}). Time Away's swathe of black-type descendants includes G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner Cursory Glance (Distorted Humor) and GI Turf Classic hero Digital Age (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Instant Appeal is a half-brother to G2 Schweppes Crystal Mile hero Chief Ironside (GB) (Lawman {Fr}) and a weanling filly by Territories (Ire). Sales history: 78,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$15,531. O-Alpha Racing; B-W & R Barnett Ltd (GB); T-Jessica Harrington.

1st-Cork, €16,000, Mdn, 9-6, 2yo, f, 8fT, 1:41.92, gd.
UNREASONABLE (IRE) (f, 2, No Nay Never--Silent Thoughts {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}), sent off at 13-2, raced wide without cover in mid-division throughout the early stages. Showing an admirably straightforward attitude at the business end, the 375,000gns Tatts Book 1 purchase wore down Settlement (GB) (Kingman {GB}) in the dying yards for a head success. "She travelled around good, was still green when I initially went for her but I liked the way she hit the line and went through it really well," jockey Dylan Browne McMonagle said. "She will come on plenty and you can take plenty of positives from it. I think she is a really nice filly going forward. Starting off a mile was perfect, she will sharpen up and will have no problem stepping up in trip in the future." The unraced dam, who is responsible for the Listed Listowel S. winner Neptune Rock (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}), is a half to the talented Yellow Rosebud (Ire) (Jeremy) who was successful in the G3 Concorde S. and G3 Derrinstown Stud 1000 Guineas Trial and was second in the G2 Debutante S. Also kin to the the Listed Balanchine S. scorer and G3 Athasi S.-placed Seeharn (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), the relative of the G1 Golden Jubilee S. hero Malhub (Kingmambo) has a daughter of **Starspangledbanner (Aus)** selling at this month's Orby Book 1. Sales history: 375,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,293. O-Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien.

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THE CARIBBEAN (IRE) (c, 2, No Nay Never--Shermeen {Ire} {SW & GSP-US, GSP-Eng, \$191,892}, by Desert Style {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$39,529. O-Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith/Westerberg; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. *1/2 to Sudirman (Henrythenavigator), G1SW-Ire, \$310,719; 1/2 to Star Of India (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), SW-Eng, \$361,216; 1/2 to Roman Empire (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), GSP-Eng, \$418,258.

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Ragga Bomb (Ire), g, 2, **Kodi Bear (Ire)**--Malilla (Ire), by Red Clubs (Ire). Cork, 9-6, 6fT, 1:13.27. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$16,539. B-Tina Cox (IRE). *€35,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1.
Alabama Pearl (Ire), f, 3, **Dandy Man (Ire)**--Alabama Monroe (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). Gowran, 9-6, 7fT, 1:26.94. Lifetime Record: 11-1-4-2, \$31,103. B-David Allen (IRE). *15,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; £35,000 Ylg '21 TATIRY.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

MOORE TO REUNITE WITH SHINZO IN THE GOLDEN ROSE

Europe's champion rider Ryan Moore will reunite with Golden Slipper winner **Shinzo (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}) for the G1 Golden Rose at Rosehill Sept. 23. The announcement was made after James McDonald, aboard for a pair of group wins earlier this season, sustained a fracture in his left foot that will require a four-week hiatus.

"Shinzo is a high profile colt, he is a Golden Slipper winner [Mar. 18] and Ryan knows the horse as well as anyone," Coolmore's Tom Magnier told *Racenet*.

Magnier and Moore watched Shinzo's exhibition gallop alongside star stablemate Militarize at Royal Randwick last weekend.

"I remember Ryan telling me after the Golden Slipper that Shinzo was more like a 3-year-old back then and he couldn't believe the size and power he saw in the gallop," Magnier said of the colt's last gallop. "Ryan can't wait to get back and ride Shinzo in the Golden Rose."

Following the Golden Rose, trainer Chris Waller has expressed an interest in running Shinzo in the \$20M The TAB Everest next month.



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PRIX DES CHENES-G3, €80,000, 2yo, c/g, 8fT

SC	4	Zabiani (GB)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Rouget	Demuro	128
2	3	Rock The Kasbah (Fr)	City Light (Fr)	Chappet	Planque	128
3	2	Grey Man (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Cottier	Grandin	128
4	1	Alcantor (Fr)	New Bay (GB)	Fabre	Barzalona	128

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PRIX D'AUMALE-G3, €80,000, 2yo, f, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	5	Freville (Fr)	Gleneagles (Ire)	C Head	Lemaitre	126
2	7	Itsy Bitsy (Ire)	Belardo (Ire)	Sogorb	Guyon	126
3	1	Beatrix Kiddo (Fr)	Dabirsim (Fr)	Guillemin	Soumillon	126
4	6	Mlle Moliere (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Fabre	Barzalona	126
5	2	Dare To Dream (Fr)	Camelot (GB)	Hernon	Piccone	126
6	4	Kalispera (Ire)	Ten Sovereigns (Ire)	J O'Brien	Demuro	126
7	3	Alshinfarah (Ire)	Noble Mission (GB)	Philippart De Foy	Crowley	126

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SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Air Force Indi	Air Force Blue	Nick Bradley Racing 47 & Mrs W O'Leary	Karl Burke	Clifford Lee	128
2	Betties Bay (GB)	Cable Bay (Ire)	Clear Racing	Georgina Nicholls	Joshua Bryan	128
3	Dorothy Lawrence (GB)	Soldier's Call (GB)	Clipper Logistics	Karl Burke	Daniel Tudhope	128
4	Juniper Berries (GB)	Expert Eye (GB)	Norman Court Stud & Jon Mitchell	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	128
5	Les Bleus (GB)	Blue Point (Ire)	M McKay	Richard Hughes	David Egan	128
6	Majestic Beauty (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Amo Racing Ltd	Alice Haynes	Kevin Stott	128
7	Miaharris (GB)	Zoustar (Aus)	O S Harris	Owen Burrows	Oisin Murphy	128
8	Miss Mach One (Ire)	Invincible Army (Ire)	The Speed of Sound Syndicate	Jack Channon	Pat Dobbs	128
9	Navassa Island (Ire)	Territories (Ire)	Ecurie Ama.Zingteam	Michael O'Callaghan	Saffie Osborne	128
10	Onthemoneyhoney (Ire)	Profitable (Ire)	S R Hope & S W Barrow	Clive Cox	Robert Havlin	128
11	Propitious (GB)	Eqtdaar (Ire)	Saeed bin Mohammed Al Qassimi	Archie Watson	Benoit de la Sayette	128
12	Queen Of Mougins (Ire)	Ten Sovereigns (Ire)	Valmont, Obank & Partners	Ralph Beckett	Hector Crouch	128
13	Soprano (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Da Vinci)	George Boughey	Ryan Moore	128
14	Symbology (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Isa Salman Al Khalifa	Clive Cox	Rossa Ryan	128
15	Unbreak My Heart (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	C J Harper	Clive Cox	John Fahy	128

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