

TALKING HORSES WITH MIKE FRANCESA



Mike's On: Mike Francesa at Belmont Park | Adam Coglianese

by Steve Sherack

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – Polarizing New York sports talk radio host Mike Francesa can always be spotted enjoying a day at the races from the owner's boxes at Saratoga every summer. The longtime owner and racing fan recently sat down with *TDN's* Senior Editor Steve Sherack to talk about his love for horse racing, summers at the Spa and much more. Mike's On with Francesa airs on *WFAN* 101.9 FM/660 AM weekdays at 3 p.m. ET.

TDN: How did you first get interested in racing? Did you make it out to Belmont and Aqueduct during your college days at St. John's?

MF: It really was because of St. John's. I used to take classes early in the morning and I had time to kill before my job began late in the afternoon. I used to go over to Belmont for the fall meet and I actually gave up my job because I was better at making money at the track. That's really how I got into it. *Cont. p3*

HISTORIC AIKEN TRAINING CENTER BATTLING TO RESTORE PAST GLORY

by Bill Finley

For one weekend, it seemed like the good old days for the Aiken, South Carolina Training Center. In fewer than 24 hours, starting with the July 5 evening card at Prairie Meadows, horses that had trained at Aiken won the GIII Cornhusker H., the GI Belmont Oaks Invitational, the GI Belmont Derby Invitational and the GIII Kent S.

For a training center whose horse population now peaks at about 110, it was a tremendous accomplishment. But such a run of success was not unusual. That is if you take a trip back in time.

There was a period when Aiken was the winter home of some of the top trainers and owners in the country, many of them the so called "society stables" that were such a force in New York in the 1950s, 60s, 70s and 80s. Rokeby Stable, Greentree, the Phipps Family, King Ranch, C.V. Whitney and Claiborne Farm were among the owners who had stalls at Aiken. So, too, did trainers like Woody Stephens, Mack Miller, John Gaver and Mike Freeman.

Aiken opened in 1941.

"It was a private club for a long time and really there was no initiative for Aiken to step up and bring new people in," said Cary Frommer, a consignor who also breaks and trains horses at Aiken. "They were quite happy to have their private little paradise to train in." *Cont. p8*

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The Black Album (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) and Brooke Baker walk down the horse path back to the barn before the rain at Saratoga on Monday morning. | Sarah Andrew

ONE BAD BOY BACK FOR MORE AT FORT ERIE

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Queen's Plate winner One Bad Boy (Twirling Candy) will look to add the second leg of Canada's Triple Crown to his resume when he goes postward in Tuesday's Prince of Wales S. at Fort Erie.

GRAYDAR RELOCATES

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Graydar (Unbridled's Song), winner of the 2013 GI Donn H. and sire of 2019 stakes winner Gray Attempt and group placed Gray Magician, has been added to the stallion roster at Milky Way Farms in Temecula, California.

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Talking Horses with Mike Francesa

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I eventually got into ownership. It's been a long time now. I probably owned my first horse in the 90s. I owned horses with Bill Parcels for a while. When he came to coach the Jets, we didn't think that it was a good idea that we had horses together, so we split the stable up. He still uses that stable name--August Dawn Farm--and I changed mine a couple of times. I've had horses ever since.

I've never been part of a syndicate and I've never owned portions of horses. Ten would've been the max that I ever had. Right now, I have five, and three of them I have with a friend of mine--Lee Einsidler, the Casamigos Tequila guy. We own [Kitten's Joy S. winner & Gil Penn Mile S. runner-up] Casa Creed (Jimmy Creed), who's a nice 3-year-old.



Casa Creed | Sarah Andrew

We have a couple of nice 2-year-olds with [Bill] Mott, too. I also have two or three on my own. I always dabble and keep a couple. I don't need more than that now. I like to keep a handful.

TDN: The stable that you currently race under--JEH Racing Stable--is a play off your kids' names (Jack, Emily & Harrison). Do you share the racing experience with your family?

MF: My boys aren't that into it. They think the track's boring. My daughter really likes it. She always comes to Saratoga. My boys are busy playing ball and they aren't old enough yet to really have gotten into it. But my daughter has gotten into it a lot.

TDN: Speaking of Saratoga, the new-look meet--earlier start/five-day race weeks--is off and running. You've been very vocal about how much you enjoy heading up there every summer. How long have you been going now?

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MF: I've been to Saratoga 39 out of the last 40 summers. There was only one summer I didn't make it out of the last 40. I go every single year and wouldn't miss it. I would think it would be a terrible summer if I didn't go. It's a different meet now. It used to be just an August meet and now it's almost a two-month meet. I think of Saratoga being about August. To me, that's Saratoga. You can sense the intensity of the meet pick up around Aug. 1. The sale's week, to me, is even bigger than Travers week. That is prime time in Saratoga and that is usually when I'm there during the first couple of weeks in August.

I think this year not having [racing on] Mondays is going to really hurt them. People are going to find that very unpopular. Monday has always been a great day at the track. Two [dark] days is hard. You're going to see a lot of people jump back to the city and go back and forth. I think they should re-think that. I understand they can't run six days a week—they just don't have the horses—but I don't know if them being dark on Mondays is going to be a positive thing. I don't like it—that's the thing that jumped out at me right away.



Racing at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

TDN: What stands out to you the most about Saratoga? It really is such a special place to all of us that love racing.

MF: Saratoga is like visiting any great, historic sporting venue--whether it be Wimbledon, Churchill Downs for the Derby, Yankee Stadium in October, etc. It's one of the great venues in all of sports. The great thing about it is--and I'm not going to say that it doesn't change--because, you know what, now with Shake Shack by the paddock and 1863 [Club] along the clubhouse turn, Saratoga has changed plenty.

But sitting in your box--I've had the same box for 20 something years--that, to me, never changes. That's Saratoga. I've had the same people around me all those years. **Cont. p5**

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Owners come and go and a lot of the older ones that are gone now, I miss. Some really wonderful horsemen. I've had Mr. Broman to my left for as long as I can remember. You see the same faces. It's just very special.

The first time you walk in there, there's nothing like it. I can't even tell you how excited I get the first time I walk in there every summer. It's a very big deal for me. It really is. It's just a very special place.

TDN: You always give racing such a nice platform on your show. You have Brad Thomas on previewing big races, Bob Baffert talking about his big 3-year-olds during Triple Crown season, and you've also even done your show from the aprons at Saratoga and Belmont. Can you talk about your audience a little bit? They have to expect this from you by now, but what's the response like when you're so vocal about racing?



Mike Francesa | Getty Images

MF: It's a niche sport. Not a lot of people are involved. They're involved a couple of days a year. That's what you've got to understand. They're involved for the Triple Crown, they're especially involved on Derby Day, and they might be involved on Breeders' Cup day.

I've probably sent more people to Saratoga than anybody that the Chamber of Commerce could find over the last 30 years. I can't tell you how many people that have written or stopped me through the years and said, 'You told us to come to Saratoga.' I have not had one ever say that they were disappointed by going. Not one has ever said that they had a bad time. Anyone that knows that little town knows how great it is. I understand that they try to kill you with the prices and jack everything up in August. I understand they have to make a living and everything, but they can't kill the charm of that place. It's just special.

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TDN: Of all the racing people that you've encountered through the years, or even had on your show, is there somebody that you've enjoyed chatting with the most?

MF: I like Baffert a lot. He's an interesting character. He really is. He's different and looks at things a little differently. When Allen Jerkens was around, he used to like to talk to me. I liked having 'The Chief' on, who used to come on and only want to talk about football. He didn't want to talk about horses.

Wayne Lukas, who I've known for a very long time and is just ageless, is another. It's amazing. I'll always stop and see Wayne. I'll see him in the morning, and I'll see him at the track. It's remarkable how ageless he is. To see him in his 80s doing what he's doing, it's remarkable the schedule he keeps and seeing him get on his horse every day.

There are a lot of characters in the sport. Whether you're talking about owners, jockeys, trainers, whomever, there's just a lot of interesting people and there's a lot of interesting stories around the racetrack. It's quite a group. It really is. Red Smith said that the great stories were in horse racing and boxing. That's why he liked those two sports. I think he was right. Boxing is kind of dead now and horse racing might be going that way. It's never gonna die, but it's sure hurting itself, that's for sure.

TDN: That was going to be one of my next questions. What are your thoughts on the current state of horse racing? We've now had two Triple Crown winners since the long drought, but after a controversial Derby disqualification this year, all the recent Santa Anita breakdowns, the Jerry Hollendorfer situation, etc., is the sport at a cross roads right now?

MF: It's a very tricky thing because I understand why states want to run their horse racing business their own way. But horse racing needed a commission--a national organization to run racing--and I think that's what the Breeders' Cup was hoping to be the beginning of and it never happened. Boxing died because every state ran things differently. There's no uniformity of rules and that's the same thing in racing. Everybody does things differently. And to me, that really hurts the sport.

In this day and age where the world is a very different place in terms of national television and streaming your product, you really need a national identity and racing doesn't have one. And that really does hurt it as a sport. For someone who deals with sports that have national identities all the time, racing's lack of a national identity hurts it dramatically. No question.

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The Animals are running wild...

G2 filly Regal Glory's win in the G3 Lake George gives **Animal Kingdom** his third Graded Stakes winner: **more than Curlin and Ghostzapper** at the same stage in their careers.

Across the country, Ahimsa wins at Stakes level at Del Mar – that's his seventh Black Type winner so far, behind only Violence from his sire crop, and **beating Quality Road** at the identical point.

Then Oleksandra picks up a G2 place – his eighth at G1 or G2 level all told, also including **G1 Australian Derby** hero Angel Of Truth. *More Animal Kingdom yearlings selling soon!*

Darley

TDN: You talked earlier about being a longtime horse owner and it's obviously not for everybody with the extreme highs and lows. Things can certainly turn around very quickly for the good or bad. What's your experience owning horses been like?

MF: No, it's not for everyone. It's a business I like, but it's a business that I keep under realistic terms. If you try to chase racing in any big way, it will break your heart because there's always somebody richer and always somebody who has more money than you that's chasing it. If you think you can compete with Arab Sheikhs and guys who are billionaires, then you're silly. So, you've got to run racing on your own terms. Once you realize that, you can have some fun with it.

But it is the absolute most heartbreaking business. Nine out of every 10 phone calls are negative or bad news. It's just the way the sport is. John Nerud once told me that if you stay in it and know what you're doing, you're going to make enough money to pay the bills. And every 10 years, you're gonna get a good horse. That's what I think everyone hopes for. You hope you get that one horse. I've had a couple of good horses, I've never had a great horse. But I know a lot of people who have invested a lot more money and time than me, and they've never had a great horse, either.

So, it's kind of luck of the draw. When you get in and you get lucky with an early horse, you don't realize how lucky you are.

It's a needle in the haystack. There's no planning in this. Perfect example. You're talking about guys who do unbelievable things with analyzing horses and you have all these experts that spend hours and days... They let a Triple Crown winner [American Pharoah] walk right through that sale [\$300,000 RNA 2013 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga] and not even be sold. A Triple Crown winner went through the ring at Saratoga and was not bought by anybody! That tells you all you need to know.

I've been an underbidder on [GI Kentucky Derby winner] Go For Gin and [GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner] Bayern. There were my great horses. But you know what? If you gave them to a different trainer, you don't even know if they would become a great horse.

[Millionaire] Upstart was another one I was an underbidder on. I actually tried to buy him as a weanling when I was at the farm and Mrs. Nielsen wouldn't sell him. I bid on him that night when he went through the ring [\$130,000 Fasig-Tipton New York-Bred Sale]. So, I've been unlucky a couple of times as an underbidder. You remember the ones that get away, but that's the way this business goes.

Hey, the best horse I ever bought was [stakes winner] Personal Girl. She was a terrific little filly. They even have a race named after her. I bought her for \$32,000, so you never know.

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Darley

Historic Aiken Training Center Battling to Restore Past Glory *(cont. from p1)*

But times change in racing and Frommer admits that Aiken failed to adjust. The role of private trainer for a wealthy owner-breeder largely disappeared and the training center found itself hard-pressed to replace the outfits that began to disappear from racing.

In the meantime, Ocala became the place of choice for many horsemen who were either getting horses ready for the sales, breaking them in preparation for their 2-year-old seasons or laying up horses that needed rest. That Ocala is closer to Gulfstream and stabling facilities like Palm Meadows and Palm Beach Downs than Aiken is, gives it an advantage over the South Carolina facility.

According to Frommer, Aiken once had the capacity to house 350 horses. That changed when several barns were turned over to people who were training non-race horse and focusing on other equestrian pursuits. Aiken now has room for 200 Thoroughbreds, but Frommer said the population dipped to about 110 during the winter and early spring months. With the recent death of owner **Gustav Schickedanz**, Aiken's population could be even lower next year, as he had one of the larger stables at the facility with 25 horses.

"We're not going to close any time soon, but it's certainly not where it once was," Frommer said.



All over Aiken, the horse is king | Sarah Andrew

Yet, Frommer says that an invigorated Aiken management team is determined to see to it that not only will the training center survive but that it will begin to grow again. A new Chairman of the Board, Chad Ingram, has been brought in and he is spearheading the effort to get the word out the Aiken has assets that can't be found at any other training center in the country.



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“The situation isn’t that bad,” Ingram said. “We have a wonderful track. We’re not about to close the doors. That’s not the case at all. We’ve got some new board members who are putting a lot of effort and energy into bringing the training track back to a thriving status.”



Morning at the Aiken Training Center | Sarah Andrew

Frommer said she believed they were now doing a better job of getting the word out about all that Aiken has to offer. That four Aiken graduates, including GI winners **Concrete Rose** (Twirling Candy) and **Henley’s Joy** (Kitten’s Joy), won graded stakes earlier in the month is part of a story Frommer and others are trying to get out. Frommer says that based on her experience, horses thrive in the type of climate Aiken has. During the winter and spring, it is never too hot or cold and there is a change of seasons. The same can’t be said for Florida.

“I think horses need to have a change of season,” she said. “It’s good for them. They need to grow a little coat, they need to do all the natural things that they’re supposed to do. Florida is a great place, but that just doesn’t happen there. I think this is all an important part of a horse developing and growing.”

She lists Aiken’s other major asset as the town itself.

“I think we should reach out to young trainers who have a family and want a life and want to settle in rather than moving around all the time,” she said. “This is a really great town for a family and place for people to raise kids. The thing about Aiken, when somebody comes here they love it. It’s just getting them here.”

Ingram says that the annual Aiken Trials, held each year in mid-March, bring in a substantial amount of revenue, which has helped keep the training center afloat. But he wants something better for Aiken. He wants it to once again be a major training center with stalls filled with horses that will flourish when they make it to the races.

“I think we have the best possible climate to train in the country in the wintertime,” he said. “We think the surface of the track is as good as any track in Southeast. We think we’re a hidden gem. We just need more people to understand all that we have to offer.”

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ONE BAD BOY BACK FOR MORE IN PRINCE OF WALES *by Jessica Martini*

Sayjay Racing, Greg Hall and Brooke Hubbard’s **One Bad Boy** (Twirling Candy), a 3 1/2-length winner of the June 29 Queen’s Plate at Woodbine, will look to annex the second leg of Canada’s Triple Crown when he goes postward in the Prince of Wales S. at Fort Erie Tuesday evening. The dark bay is the 7-5 morning-line favorite while facing just four rivals in the 1 3/16-mile race.

One Bad Boy has been training at Woodbine since the Queen’s Plate and worked five furlongs over the track’s Tapeta surface in 1:02.60 last Tuesday.

“He has been thriving at Woodbine,” said Hubbard, who has been in Toronto with the Classic winner for the last week. “He really loves the surface at the track and he’s been doing great and staying fit.”

The Prince of Wales will be One Bad Boy’s third start over a dirt surface. He opened his career with a pair of starts over the main track at Santa Anita, finishing second behind GI Kentucky Derby morning-line favorite Omaha Beach (War Front) in a Feb. 2 maiden special weight before graduating over the turf in Arcadia in April. He was second in the off-turf Alcatraz S. over the Tapeta at Golden Gate May 19 before traveling north of the border for the Queen’s Plate.

Hubbard, who purchased One Bad Boy for \$65,000 at the 2017 Keeneland September sale, said she didn’t think the move back to the dirt Tuesday would be a problem.

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“It’s not really a concern for any of us,” she said. “We know that he trains well on the dirt and he’s run fairly well on it. So we’re just hoping that he is coming in in form, which we believe he is. The turf is definitely where we want to end up with him, but it’s a fun thing to have a horse who is good on a variety of surfaces.”



One Bad Boy | *Michael Burns*

The year before purchasing One Bad Boy, Hubbard had purchased the sophomore’s half-sister Ms Bad Behavior (Blame) for \$75,000 at the 2016 Keeneland September sale. That filly, now a stakes winner and five times graded placed, had only made two starts when her half-brother went through the Keeneland sales ring in 2017, but Hubbard had seen enough to want to check out the yearling.

“I originally bought his sister and so I had to go and see him,” Hubbard recalled. “He has a lot more leg than his sister and he had a really great walk. Those were the two things that I liked the most about him.”

The Fort Erie’s compact field is not short on talent, according to Hubbard.

“It’s a pretty salty field for how small it is,” she said. “We are feeling fairly confident, but you can never be too confident. It is horse racing.”

One Bad Boy faced all four of his Prince of Wales challengers in the Queen’s Plate. Ivan Dalos’s **Avie’s Flatter** (Flatter), last year’s Canadian champion 2-year-old male and runner-up in the first leg of the Canadian Triple Crown, is 5-2 on the morning line. The colt, winner of the Apr. 5 GIII Transylvania S. at Keeneland, worked five furlongs over the Fort Erie surface in 1:00.20 July 11.

“Avie’s Flatter skipped over the track and seemed very comfortable,” trainer Josie Carroll said of the local work. “He’s a very consistent horse across every surface.”

Carroll will also saddle Di Scola Boys Stable’s **He’s a Macho Man** (Mucho Macho Man), fourth in the Queen’s Plate, in Tuesday’s race. The chestnut colt also went five furlongs at Fort Erie July 11, covering the distance in 1:03.80.

“I’m glad we brought him down,” Carroll said. “Patrick Husbands worked him and said he was a little lost on the track because he likes to take a look at everything, so his time wasn’t very fast, but Patrick loved the way he got across the track.”

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2	Avie’s Flatter	Flatter	Carroll	Castellano	5-2
3	Tone Broke	Broken Vow	Asmussen	Santana	5-1
4	He’s a Macho Man	Mucho Macho Man	Carroll	Husbands	8-1
5	Skywire	Afleet Alex	Casse	Da Silva	3-1



Tacitus (Tapit) (outside), most recently second in the **June 8 GI Belmont S.**, tuned up for the **July 27 GII Jim Dandy S.** with a four-furlong work in **:48.71 (3/48)** Monday in Saratoga. The sophomore worked in company with **GI Man o’War S.** winner **Channel Maker (English Channel)**, who covered the four furlongs in **:49.30 (10/48)**. | *Sarah Andrew photo*

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GRAYDAR TO MILKY WAY FARMS

Graydar (Unbridled’s Song--Sweetest Smile, by Dehere) has been relocated to Linda Madsen’s Milky Way Farms in Temecula, California. The stallion had previously stood at Taylor Made Stallions in Kentucky.

“There aren’t many Grade I-winning sons of Unbridled’s Song and we are very excited to bring one of Graydar’s caliber to California,” said Madsen. “He was an accomplished racehorse and a dominant performer on the track. He is passing on his looks, speed, and class, and two of his best horses have had success in California. He is a perfect complement to our roster.”

Graydar, winner of the 2013 GI Donn H., GII Kelso H., and GII New Orleans H., is the sire of this year’s Smarty Jones S. winner Gray Attempt, as well as graded stakes winner Lombo. He is also the sire of this year’s G2 UAE Derby and GIII Indiana Derby runner-up Gray Magician and recent stakes-winning filly Wondrshegotthundr.

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REPORTS OF MARES BRED DUE AUG. 1

The Jockey Club requires all Reports of Mares Bred for the 2019 breeding season to be submitted by Aug. 1.

“To ensure that the breeding statistics we release in the fall are as accurate as possible, we request that RMBs be submitted by Aug. 1,” said Matt Iuliano, executive vice president and executive director of The Jockey Club.

Stallion managers who submit completed RMBs by that date will be among the first to receive their Stallion Service Certificates, which facilitates the timely registration of 2020 foals.

Reports of Mares Bred may be submitted via Interactive Registration at registry.jockeyclub.com or a form is available by e-mail, fax, or mail by contacting inquiries@jockeyclub.com.

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COLONIAL DOWNS ANNOUNCES TAKEOUT RATES

Colonial Downs, following approval Monday from the Virginia Racing Commission, has announced takeout rates for its upcoming meeting.

During its 15-day race meeting, which begins Aug. 8, the track will have a win, place and show takeout of 16%. Exacta, trifecta, superfecta and early and late daily doubles, Pick 3s and Pick 4s will have a 20% takeout rate and the Pick 5 will feature a promotional 12% takeout.

“Our team at Colonial Downs Group has worked diligently to be widely inclusive with the revival of Thoroughbred racing in Virginia and we have left no industry group behind,” said John Marshall, Colonial Downs Group Executive Vice President. “Today we advocate for the driving force behind live racing everywhere--the horseplayers. Today more than ever, optimal takeout rates are essential ingredients to a successful race meet. We thank the Virginia HPBA for its support in this effort.”

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MJC OPENS EIGHTH OTB SITE

The Maryland Jockey Club opened its eighth off-track betting facility Monday at Long Shot’s sports bar in the Clarion Inn Frederick Event Center. The opening of Long Shot’s comes 10 months after the MJC expanded its network of off-track betting sites to the MGM National Harbor, a luxury resort, retail, dining and entertainment venue in Oxon Hill and it joins facilities at Horseshoe Casino in Baltimore, Greenmount Station in Hampstead, Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, GBoone’s Events Center in Boonsboro and Hollywood Casino in Perryville, as well as the Riverboat Restaurant in Colonial Beach, Va.

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Pacific Gale 	Flat Out	Tobey L. Morton	Kimmel	Ortiz, Jr.	116
2	Chalon	Dialed In	Lael Stables	Delacour	Castellano	120
3	Honey Bunny 	Tapizar	Hooties Racing, WSS Racing, Gasaway, Brent	Ortiz	Rosario	118
4	Mia Mischief 	Into Mischief	Heiligbrodt, Heiligbrodt, Heider Family Stables LLC and Madaket Stables LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	123
5	Minit to Stardom	Star Guitar	Brittlyn Stable, Inc.	Camejo	Cintron	114
6	Ours to Run	Half Ours	Colonel Thoroughbreds LLC	Jones	Velazquez	119

Breeders: 1-Bally Breeders, 2-J. K. Griggs & Linda Griggs, 3-Frederick M. Allor & Michael T. Barnett, 4-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 5-Brittlyn Stables, Inc., 6-Clifford Grum

Wednesday, Del Mar, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT

COUGAR II H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Premium Forest	Forest Command	Steve Goldberg	Herbertson	Frey	115
2	Itsinthepost (Fr)	American Post (GB)	Red Baron's Barn LLC	Mullins	Van Dyke	121
3	Zestful	Ghostzapper	Steven Sobel	Glatt	Cedillo	115
4	For the Top (Arg)	Equal Stripes (Arg)	RRR Racing, Inc.	Baffert	Talamo	119
5	Original Intent 	Creative Cause	Gallegos, Elizabeth and Greenman, R. Dean	Greenman	Espinoza	115
6	Morse Code 	Tapit	Abbondanza Racing, LLC and Baltas, Richard	Baltas	Maldonado	116
7	Campaign 	Curlin	Woodford Racing, LLC	Sadler	Bejarano	123

Breeders: 1-Four Quarters Corp, 2-Julien Leaines, 3-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 4-EI Turf, 5-James P. Gallagher, 6-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC & Hill N Dale Equine Holdings, Inc, 7-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds



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7th-Delaware, \$36,540, Alw, 7-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.71, ft.

CRESCENTCITYPRETTY (f, 3, Bernardini--Penelope Plum, by Badge of Silver), a 6 1/4-length debut winner Jan. 19 at Delta, validated that effort with a good third at 12-1 in the Louisiana-Bred Premier Night Starlet S. and a 5 3/4-length score in the state-bred Azalea S. there Feb. 9 and Mar. 1, respectively. A rallying third in the Crescent City Oaks Mar. 23 at Fair Grounds, the homebred was a distant runner-up when stepping into open company for the first time in a local allowance June 6. Made a 17-10 second choice here, the bay was sent from the gate and dictated terms in the clear through a :22.36 quarter. Traveling smoothly while favored Trapped At Sea (Trappe Shot) was pressured to go from second, Crescentcitypretty widened past a :45.52 half, slammed the door by the furlong pole and hit the wire a geared-down 5 3/4 lengths to the good. Trapped At Sea held on for the place. Penelope Plum, an unraced half-sister to Canadian champion, MGSW and sophomore sire Uncaptured (Lion Heart), was bought for \$270,000 with the winner in utero at Keeneland January in 2016. She produced a filly by Brittlyn's Clear Creek Stud sire Star Guitar last season and a colt by the same stallion Feb. 21. Lifetime Record: SW, 6-3-1-2, \$116,050. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Brittlyn Stable, Inc. (LA); T-Jose M. Camejo.



IN JAPAN:

Washington Tesoro, c, 3, Curlin --War Tigress (SW, \$171,293), by War Chant. Fukushima, 7-21, Plate Race, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-0, \$177,963. O-Kenji Ryotokuji Holdings; B-Waymore LLC (KY); T-Makoto Saito. *\$550,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **1/2 to War Heroine (Lonhro {Aus}), GSW, \$240,945.

Kyudokun, c, 3, Into Mischief--Air France, by French Deputy. Hakodate, 7-21, Novice Race, 5f. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-0, \$73,333. O-Naoya Fujii; B-Mount Joy Stables Inc. (KY);

T-Hideyuki Mori. *\$90,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **1/2 to Smooth Air (Smooth Jazz), MGSW & MGISP, \$1,117,200; and Overdriven (Tale of the Cat), GSW, \$129,750. ***"I was instructed to keep him away from the fence, as he has a dislike for it," said winning jockey Ryu Abe. "He still got distracted in the stretch, but kicked on well."

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IN JAPAN:

Denver Tesoro, f, 3, Violence--Cloud of Smoke, by Smoke Glacken. Chukyo, 7-21, Otobashi Tokubetsu, 7f. Lifetime Record: MSP-Jpn, 10-2-2-3, \$340,093. O-Kenji Ryotokuji Holdings; B-Debbie Collum & Patricia Fairbairn (BC); T-Toru Kurita. *\$23,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$200,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, JULY 23

Danza (Street Boss), Spendthrift Farm, \$3,500
 88 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Indiana Grand, Alw 6f, MY GOOD GIRL, 7-2
 \$32,000 FTK HRA 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, JULY 23

Cross Traffic (Unbridled's Song), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
 162 foals of racing age/34 winners/6 black-type winners
 8-Indiana Grand, Msw 1mT, TRAFFIC TROUBLE, 6-1
 \$80,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno), Adena Springs, \$10,000
 122 foals of racing age/25 winners/3 black-type winners
 8-Fort Erie, \$400K Prince of Wales S., 1 3/16m, HE'S A MACHO
 MAN, 8-1
 CAN\$47,000 CAN SEP yrl



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STAKES RESULTS:

ANGIE C. S., \$54,000, Emerald Downs, 7-21, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f,
 1:05.18, ft.

1--**FOR YOU ONLY, 117, f, 2, Abraaj--Slew Tunes, by Slewledo. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** (\$20,000 Ylg '18 WASSEP). O-Pegasus Too, Dixie Hitchcock & David Matsumoto; B-Nina Hagen (WA); T-Howard Belvoir; J-Jennifer Whitaker. \$26,492. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$29,267. *Full to Exit Sixty Slew, SW, \$111,293.

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2--**Windy Point**, 119, f, 2, Coast Guard--Windy Sails, by Private Gold. O/B-Clemans View Farm & Michelle Beaunax (WA); T-Jose Navarro. \$9,634.

3--**Devilish Diva**, 119, f, 2, Boos--Lil Devilish, by Roman Dancer. O/T-Paul Treasure; B-Paul Treasure & Harry Bettis (ID). \$7,225. Margins: 1 3/4, 1HF, 3/4. Odds: 11.80, 1.90, 3.60.

BOEING S., \$50,000, Emerald Downs, 7-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:43.32, ft.

1--**NO TALKING BACK, 117, m, 5, Flatter--Talk to My Lawyer (SW), by Lawyer Ron. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-One Horse Will Do Corporation & Steve Shimizu; B-One Horse Will Do Corp (WA); T-Chris Stenslie; J-Scott A. Stevens. \$25,300. Lifetime Record: 20-4-5-3, \$118,254.

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2--**Paddy's Secret**, 118, m, 5, Paddy O'Prado--Secret Humor, by Yes It's True. (\$20,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Donnybrook Stable; B-John Kuehl (KY); T-Frank Lucarelli. \$9,200.

VINERY SALES GRADUATE

3--**Blazinbeauty**, 119, m, 5, Tale of Ekati--Rockport Beauty, by Rockport Harbor. (\$18,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Darrin L. Paul; B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY); T-Frank Lucarelli. \$6,900.

BRED & RAISED by Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson)

Margins: 3/4, NK, 1. Odds: 10.60, 6.50, 9.50.

MT. RAINIER S., \$50,000, Emerald Downs, 7-21, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42.62, ft.

1--**MORE POWER TO HIM, 120, h, 5, Slew's Tiznow--Pundit, by Beau Genius. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-Brett Mason (CA); T-Faith Taylor; J-Kevin E. Orozco. \$25,850. Lifetime Record: 34-6-6-7, \$323,417. *1/2 to Bleach Blonde (Marino Marini), MSP, \$316,358.

2--**El Huerfano**, 124, g, 7, Tannersmyman--Adriftinthebay, by Capsized. O-Peerenboom-Bowyer Racing Stables, LLC; B-M.A. Douzos (CA); T-Chris Stenslie. \$9,400.

3--**Oh Marvelous Me**, 120, g, 7, Bluegrass Cat--Morakami, by Fusaichi Pegasus. (\$19,000 RNA Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$40,000 Ylg '13 WASSEP). O-Todd & Shawn Hansen; B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller, Victoria Oliver & G. Watts Humphrey III (KY); T-Blaine D. Wright. \$7,050.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

Margins: 1HF, NK, 2 1/4. Odds: 4.10, 1.80, 2.80.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Del Mar, \$76,924, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 7-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT, 2:14.39, fm.

LOSTINTRANZLATION (m, 5, Lucky Pulpit--Granny Got Game, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-2, \$173,805. O-Aaron Hesz, Denis Hendrickson & Jerry McClanahan; B-Lilley Ranch (CA); T-Richard Baltas. \$18,000 Ylg '15 NCAAUG.

7th-Parx Racing, \$46,750, 7-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.14, ft.

FOX RED (g, 4, Mineshaft--Egot, by Dehere) Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-2, \$111,502. O-Ronald A. Brown; B-Lazy F Ranch (KY); T-Chris J. Englehart. *\$100,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

4th-Thistledown, \$37,000, (S), 7-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47.78, my.

LEONA'S REWARD (m, 6, Parents' Reward--Prime Time Dancer, by Montbrook) Lifetime Record: MSP, 41-16-7-5, \$748,056. O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & Michael Friedman; B-Blazing Meadows Farm (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

7th-Thistledown, \$25,500, 7-22, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.20, gd.

BAR STOOL BUDGET (g, 3, Justin Phillip--Blageuse, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 14-3-3-2, \$61,150. O-Puhl Stables LLC; B-Castleton Lyons (KY); T-Kim A. Puhl. *\$7,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT.

5th-Louisiana Downs, \$23,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 7-22, 3yo/up, 7 1/2ft, 1:28.52, fm.

LUCKY INFERNO (g, 4, Trappe Shot--Quiet Inferno, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 22-4-7-3, \$72,290. O/T-Patti Turner; B-Rick Davis (LA).

8th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$22,116, 7-21, (NW4LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.17, ft.

SUNSET PAULA JO (f, 4, First Dude--Long Legged Girl, by Wekiva Springs) Lifetime Record: 13-4-0-3, \$62,887. O-Southeastern Arena LLC; B-Maria Montez Haire (FL); T-Robert C. Cline. *\$1,200 Ylg '16 OBSAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Empress of Fortune, f, 3, Bodemeister--Ready for Fortune (SW & MGSP, \$163,395), by More Than Ready. Parx Racing, 7-22, (C), 6f, 1:14.88. B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC (KY). *\$70,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$11,000 2yo '18 EASMAY. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Powerful Boy, g, 3, Boys At Tosconova--Mill Power, by Boone's Mill. Finger Lakes, 7-22, 1 1/16m, 1:50.60. B-Saul & Max Kupferberg (NY).

Check Out Line, f, 3, Line of David--Check the Math, by Unaccounted For. Thistledown, 7-22, (S), 6f, 1:14.06. B-Lowell F. Allen (OH). *1/2 to Ridge Defense (Cactus Ridge), SP, \$227,502.

Snow Feather, g, 4, Idiot Proof--Meet Me in Fargo, by Fargo. Sacramento, 7-21, 6f, 1:11.39. B-Clifford & Barbara M. DeLima (CA).

BOYS AT TOSCONOVA, Powerful Boy, g, 3, o/o Mill Power, by Boone's Mill. MSW, 7-22, Finger Lakes

FIRST DUDE, Sunset Paula Jo, f, 4, o/o Long Legged Girl, by Wekiva Springs. ALW, 7-21, Mountaineer

FLATTER, No Talking Back, m, 5, o/o Talk to My Lawyer, by Lawyer Ron. Boeing S., 7-21, Emerald Downs

IDIOT PROOF, Snow Feather, g, 4, o/o Meet Me in Fargo, by Fargo. MSW, 7-21, Sacramento

JUSTIN PHILLIP, Bar Stool Budget, g, 3, o/o Blageuse, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 7-22, Thistledown

LINE OF DAVID, Check Out Line, f, 3, o/o Check the Math, by Unaccounted For. MSW, 7-22, Thistledown

LUCKY PULPIT, Lostintranslation, m, 5, o/o Granny Got Game, by Stormy Atlantic. AOC, 7-21, Del Mar

MINESHAFT, Fox Red, g, 4, o/o Egot, by Dehere. ALW, 7-22, Parx Racing

PARENTS' REWARD, Leona's Reward, m, 6, o/o Prime Time Dancer, by Montbrook. ALW, 7-22, Thistledown

SLEW'S TIZNOW, More Power to Him, h, 5, o/o Pundit, by Beau Genius. Mt. Rainier S., 7-21, Emerald Downs

TRAPPE SHOT, Lucky Inferno, g, 4, o/o Quiet Inferno, by Quiet American. AOC, 7-22, Louisiana Downs

ABRAAJ, For You Only, f, 2, o/o Slew Tunes, by Slewledo. Angie C. S., 7-21, Emerald Downs

BERNARDINI, Crescentcitypretty, f, 3, o/o Penelope Plum, by Badge of Silver. ALW, 7-22, Delaware

BODEMEISTER, Empress of Fortune, f, 3, o/o Ready for Fortune, by More Than Ready. MCL, 7-22, Parx Racing

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*Louisiana-bred stakes winner **Crescentcitypretty** (Bernardini) romps in a Delaware allowance*

THE WEEKLY WRAP: CATCHING STARS



Frankie Dettori with Antoinette Oppenheimer, wife of Anthony | *Racing Post*

by Emma Berry

Looking ahead momentarily, the race not to be missed this season is Saturday's G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth QIPCO S. What should be the mid-season highlight doesn't always quite live up to expectations but with the two best older horses in Europe taking on the Derby winner, and a Japan Cup winner among a strong supporting cast, then all those lucky enough to be at Ascot should be in for a humdinger of a day. There is of course one black cloud over an otherwise perfect summer spell, and that's the news of the death of **Sea Of Class (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) following surgery to remove a tumour several weeks ago. This time last year she was the dazzling winner of the Irish Oaks and the sporting decision was made by her owner Ling Tsui to keep Sea Of Class in training for what promised to be a glittering summer of contests against Enable (GB) and the other great names of the middle-distance community. Her demise is a sad blow for the Tsui family's breeding operation and for all who worked with her at William Haggas's stable, and we send both parties our commiserations.

Diamond Day For Oppenheimer

For many years, the King George was supported by De Beers and the scion of that great diamond family business, Anthony Oppenheimer, enjoyed a particularly fine day last Saturday.

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SEA OF CLASS EUTHANIZED

Arc runner-up and MG1SW **Sea of Class (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}–Holy Moon {Ire}, by Hernando {Fr}) was euthanized after developing complications following colic surgery on Monday, *Racing Post* reported. The chestnut, who carried the same Sunderland Holdings silks as her sire to victory in both the G1 Darley Irish Oaks and the G1 Darley Yorkshire Oaks, was only four. She underwent **colic surgery** in early July.

“The reason for colic surgery on Sea Of Class in the first place was to remove an abdominal mass sitting between the spleen and liver which had intertwined with her gut,” said trainer William Haggas to *Racing Post*. “That mass was removed and some of the gut taken out. However the mass turned out to be a malignant tumour known as a lymphoma. Her surgeon Richard Payne and specialist Celia Marr warned us that lymphomas can be aggressive and so it proved.

“Having made sure and steady progress under the excellent veterinary team at Rossdale's she took a turn for the worse at 4:30 a.m. this morning and a subsequent scan revealed another tumour the size of an orange. Despite regular scans during her convalescence, this was the first sign of an abnormality.

“She was quiet and uncomfortable today--and quite weak and the decision to put her to sleep was then taken unanimously by her team of experts, Maureen and I.” [Cont. p8](#)



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THE WEEKLY WRAP by Emma Berry



Catching Stars Cont. from p1

The owner-breeder was at The Curragh to cheer home **Star Catcher (GB)**--who became the second successive victrix of the Irish Oaks for her sire Sea The Stars (Ire)--the latest Classic winner for his Hascombe &

Valiant Studs. But he will have kept a close eye on events at his home track of Newmarket, where **Dame Malliot (GB)** (Champs Elysees {GB}) launched a memorable day for the breeder of Derby and Arc winner Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) with her first black-type win in the Listed Ric & Mary Hambro Aphrodite S.

The race named in memory of the late chairman of Newmarket Racecourses and his wife Mary, who died last year, saw fillies by Champs Elysees--also sadly no longer with us--fill the first two places--ahead of a daughter of another Juddmonte stallion, Kingman (GB). **Sparkle Roll (Fr)**, the half-sister to Wings Of Eagles (Fr), took third and Kingman was later rewarded with a new stakes winner, **Fox Chairman (Ire)**, who turned little black-type into big black-type with his win in the Listed Steventon S. at Newbury, continuing a memorable breakthrough season for King Power Racing.

Little Fish Even Sweeter

With the yearling sales season fast approaching, the weekend's results highlighted the fact that no sale should be left unscrutinised. The speedy **Bettys Hope (GB)** (Anjaal {GB}) gave



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the Millman family a rewarding afternoon when scorching to victory in the Weatherbys Super Sprint for her third win of the year after three runner-up finishes. In plundering such a large pot, she boosted her first-season sire Anjaal (GB) to the head of the rankings and became the latest decent juvenile to emerge from David Hodge's Llety Farms after G2 Flying Childers S.

winner Soldier's Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}). Hodge parted company with the daughter of the Averti (GB) mare Miss Poppy (GB), a half-sister to crack sprinter Kyllachy (GB), for just £3,000 when trainer Rod Millman, assisted by Howson & Houldsworth Bloodstock, selected her from the Tattersalls Ascot Yearling Sale. That same sale has also been responsible for this year's juvenile stakes winners Flippa The Strippa (GB) (Outstrip

{GB}) and Liberty Beach (GB) (Cable Bay {Ire}).

The Kilboy Estate S. at The Curragh on Sunday was won by the Joseph O'Brien-trained **Red Tea (GB)** (Sakhee). Purchased last year at the Horses-in-Training Sale for 42,000gns by Blandford Bloodstock with some decent form and a 98 rating to her name, the 6-year-old was another to have been bought modestly as a yearling when sold by Shadwell for £4,000 at the then DBS November Sale to her original racing owner Ivor Fox.

Tourgeville's Continuing Excellence

Extending the inexpensive yearling theme, **Robin Of Navan (Fr)** (American Post {GB}), who is also still racing successfully in stakes class at the age of six--even more admirable considering his high-flying antics as a 2-year-old--added more lustre to a golden spell for the Lepeudry family of Eleveage de Tourgeville, just outside Deauville. **Cont. p3**

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The Weekly Wrap Cont.

Monique Lepeudry, mother of the stud's owner Antoine Lepeudry, owns just two broodmares but they are both Group 1 producers. Cloghran (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}) is the dam of four-time group winner Robin Of Navan, while the other, Golden Lily (Fr) (Dolphin Street {Fr}), has produced G1 Qatar Prix Marcel Boussac winner Lily's Candle (Fr) (Style Vendome {Fr}).



Robin of Navan | Scoop Dyga

Not to be outdone, Antoine Lepeudry chimed in with his own Group 1 winner as breeder this year via the Queen Anne S. winner Lord Glitters (Fr) (Whipper), a 6-year-old son of the listed-placed Lady Glitters (Fr) (Homme De Loi {Fr}). Lord Glitters was a €25,000 yearling but, like Lily's Candle, was sold on for a much larger sum as a horse in training.

In a world of ever-polarising fashion, particularly when it comes to stallions, it is refreshing to look upon this list and see names worthy of a place among the stakes results but often overlooked by breeders. Chapeau to the Lepeudry clan, whose forthcoming draft of four yearlings at the Arqana August Sale and two for the V.2-which includes a Muhaarar (GB) half-sister to Robin Of Navan-should be paid plenty of respect.

Alpinista Starts on A High

Another breeder enjoying a good season is Kirsten Rausing's Lanwades Stud, which had a particularly fruitful week, across continents and at opposing ends of the distance spectrum. On Thursday evening, the Frankel (GB) filly **Alpinista (GB)** will have been marked down by many as a juvenile to follow after her strong debut victory at Epsom for Sir Mark Prescott. The grey is a granddaughter of Albanova (GB) (Alzao), a treble Group 1 winner herself and sister to the dual Champion S. heroine Alborada (GB). **Cont. p4**

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In Ireland, **Verhoyen (GB)**, a son of the former Lanwades resident **Piccolo (GB)**, represented a fifth generation of Lanwades breeding when landing a valuable sprint on the Irish Oaks card for Michael Grassick, while farther afield in Australia, **Lord Belvedere (GB)** (Archipenko) looked a potential Cup horse for co-trainers Ciaran Maher and David Eustace when winning at Flemington in the colours of Highclere Thoroughbred Racing.

The 5-year-old raced in the UK as Mister Belvedere, winning three times for Michael Dods before being sold for 100,000gns last October. A son of Diabrette (GB) (Green Desert), Lord Belvedere's immediate family received a further boost later in the day when his half-brother **Pondus (GB)**, by another Lanwades resident, Sea The Moon (Ger), gained black-type as runner-up in the listed Steventon S.

A lesser known Lanwades graduate to feature in the results pages of the weekend was the unraced but well-bred Dapper (GB). The son of Hernando (GB) is a half-brother to the aforementioned Alborada and Albanova and stood for a time at Nunstainton Stud. His 5-year-old son **Alfred Richardson (GB)** boosted his tally of wins to six on Saturday when scoring at Ripon for John Davies.

Brown Passes Second Test

Days after England's historic victory in the Cricket World Cup, a former England cricketer was making headlines in the bloodstock world when David Brown was presented with the Andrew Devonshire Bronze in honour of his outstanding contribution to the British breeding industry.



TBA Chairman Julian Richmond-Watson with David Brown | John Hoy

Brown, who has run Furnace Mill Stud with his wife Trish for more than 40 years, was presented with his trophy at the annual TBA Awards on Tuesday night. The former chairman of the British European Breeders' Fund bred, among many other winners, the 1998 King's Stand S. victor Bolshoi (Ire) (Royal Academy) from Mainly Dry (GB) (The Brianstan {GB}), whose nine winners also include the group-placed Tod (GB) (Petorius {Ire}) and listed winner Speed Lord (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}). Brown played in 26 Test matches for England in the 1960s and was captain of Warwickshire between 1975 and 1977, during which time he laid the foundations for a fruitful second career as a Thoroughbred breeder.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield



STAR CATCHER

I doubt whether anyone really needs a reminder of the long-term impact being made by Urban Sea, the 1993 Arc winner who developed into one of the breed's most accomplished broodmares.

But if you do, take a look at the TDN's Leading Sires List, by Group 1 stakes winners.

Top of the list, with seven Group 1 winners, is Galileo, Urban Sea's first winner of the Derby, while third place, with four Group 1 winners, belongs to **Sea The Stars**, Urban Sea's second Derby winner who was responsible for Saturday's gallant Irish Oaks winner **Star Catcher**. For good measure, Galileo's son Frankel is one of three stallions tied with three Group 1 winners.

The weekend also provided some more black-type for the wonderful Urban Sea/Allegretta female line, with second place in the G2 Kilboy Estates S. going to Urban Sea's granddaughter Goddess, and victory in the G3 Prix Messidor going to New Approach's gelded son Impulsif, who is inbred 4 x 3 to Allegretta via her daughters Urban Sea and Allez Les Trois. Incidentally, the recently-retired Derby winner Masar is another son of New Approach with two lines of Allegretta, but in his case both come via Urban Sea.

Of course the year could become even better for Sea The Stars on Saturday, when another of his 2019 Group 1 winners, the Prince of Wales's S. winner Crystal Ocean, is likely to start second favourite to Enable in the King George. Then there's the dual Gold Cup hero Stradivarius to look forward to, when he bids for a third consecutive Goodwood Cup success. For the record, Sea The Stars's other 2019 Group 1 winner was the ex-English stayer Shraah, who collected a huge prize when he took the Sydney Cup over two miles in April. [Cont. p5](#)



Star Catcher after winning the Ribblesdale | *Horsephotos*

Pedigree Insights: Star Catcher Cont.

Sea The Stars now has an impressive total of 12 Group 1 winners from his first six crops aged three or over. They have 10 different broodmare sires, the only stallions to appear twice being Kingmambo, whose daughters produced the French-based stallions Cloth of Stars and Zelzal, and Monsun, whose daughters got off to a great start with the Deutsches Derby winner Sea The Moon and followed up with Shraaoh.

Sadler's Wells, who is the broodmare sire of the Oaks and King George winner Taghrooda, has a solid record with Sea The Stars, as his daughters' 62 foals include nearly 10% black-type winners. Among them are the Group 2 winners Knight To Behold, Storm The Stars, Fifty Stars and Raa Atoll, the listed winner Crimean Tatar and the Group 1-placed Almodovar and Fox Tal.

This is relevant to the Irish Oaks winner Star Catcher, as her dam, the highly accomplished Lynnwood Chase, is a granddaughter of Sadler's Wells's Grand Prix de Paris-winning son Fort Wood.

Lynnwood Chase was bought as a yearling by Hugo Lascelles on behalf of the Oppenheimer family for €140,000 at Deauville in 2003. I am guessing that part of her appeal was that she was a daughter of Horse Chestnut, the South African star who was bred and raced by Harry F. Oppenheimer (a cousin of Anthony Oppenheimer's father Sir Philip.)

Sentiment wouldn't have been the only incentive for wanting to buy a first-crop daughter of Horse Chestnut. A winner over five and six furlongs as a juvenile, Horse Chestnut proceeded to win all six of his starts as a 3-year-old, enjoying wide-margin Grade 1 successes in the Cape Argus Guineas, the South African Derby, The Classic and the J & B Met, in the process proving himself effective from a mile to a mile and a half.

His outstanding talent persuaded his owners to transfer him to the U.S. He was again impressive when he made his American debut in the GIII Broward H. over 1 1/16 miles on dirt at

Gulfstream Park in January 2000, scoring by more than five lengths. Unfortunately, an injury in a workout ended his career just a couple of weeks later.

He immediately joined the Claiborne Farm roster but even a farm as celebrated as Claiborne, whose reputation owed a lot to imported stallions, faced an uphill struggle with Horse Chestnut in the early noughties. Whereas the Argentine-bred Forli had been one of several imports on the Claiborne roster when he retired in 1968, Horse Chestnut was the only foreigner among the team in 2000—at a time when American breeders were becoming increasingly wary of turf horses. By March 2009 Horse Chestnut was on his way back to his native South Africa, leaving just five graded stakes winners behind him, headed by the Grade I-winning turf filly Lucifer's Stone.

Lynnwood Chase did nothing to boost Horse Chestnut's reputation, finishing no closer than fourth in a two-race career in France. However, she followed in the footsteps of several other daughters of Horse Chestnut in proving much more effective as a broodmare, at Hascombe and Valiant Studs.

When Star Catcher gained the first of her two victories over Fleeting in the G2 Ribblesdale S., she became the third of Lynnwood Chase's foals to succeed in a group race at Royal Ascot, following the brothers Pisco Sour and Cannock Chase, winners respectively of the G3 Tercentenary S. in 2011 and 2014. Like their younger half-sister, both these sons of Lemon Drop Kid went on to enjoy a more important success, with Pisco Sour taking the G2 Prix Eugene Adam and Cannock Chase the G1 Canadian International.

Lynnwood Chase had begun her broodmare career in Kentucky, where she made repeated visits to the Belmont S. winner Lemon Drop Kid. However, she had been transferred to England by the time she foaled the last of the partnership's five foals, in 2014. In her time in Europe she produced three consecutive fillies, to Sea The Stars, Kingman and Frankel.

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Sea The Stars | *The Aga Khan Studs*

Pedigree Insights: Star Catcher Cont.

Then her owners gave a vote of confidence in the National Stud's Time Test, to whom she produced a colt on Mar. 31. Sadly the mare has since died, at the age of 17.

Lynnwood Chase's progeny are by no means the family's only Royal Ascot winners. Star Catcher's fourth dam, the Habitat mare Bitty Girl, won her first five starts over five furlongs, including the Queen Mary S. and Lowther S. back in 1973. Bitty Girl's brother Hot Spark was also very fast, as he demonstrated with his wins in the G1 Flying Childers S. and G3 Palace House S. He was also second in the G1 King's Stand S., just as Bitty Girl had been a year earlier.

Bitty Girl also ranks as the third dam of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Action This Day, fourth dam of the Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Drefong and fifth dam of Kentucky Derby and Preakness runner-up Bodemeister.

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REMEMBERING NICKY MURRAY

by Emma Berry

The British breeding and sales scene has lost one of its most vibrant and popular members with the death on Sunday night of Nicky Murray at the age of 48.

Having started out in racing in the stable of Barry Hills, Nicky then worked for Reg Bennett in Maidenhead, where she met Chris Murray, her husband and devoted partner of 30 years. The couple later moved to Newmarket where they oversaw the satellite stable of Middleham trainer Patrick Haslam, for whom Nicky rode a number of winners as an apprentice under her maiden name of Nicola Howarth.



Chris & Nicky Murray | Emma Berry



Nicky Murray and her Charm Spirit colt | Tattersalls

From working in racing, the Murrays moved into the breeding and consignment business and set up Whitwell Bloodstock from Colton Stud in Norfolk in 2004, before moving to their current base of Hilborough Stud five years ago.

Among the successful horses to have been bred under the Whitwell Bloodstock banner is the G2 July S. runner-up Lewisham (GB) (Sleeping Indian {GB}), while Nicky was represented by her final winner on July 2 when her homebred So Near So Farhh (GB) (Farhh {GB}) won her third race at Chepstow.

Over many years I have witnessed first-hand Nicky's devotion to the animals in her care and have been fortunate to call her a friend. There was perhaps no horse dearer to her than Red Admiral (GB) (Formidable), whom she twice rode to victory in the mid 1990s, and he remained with her in retirement until his death at the age of 26. She treated 'Red' as a member of her family, as she did my retired broodmare, who lives at Hilborough still. Nicky foaled all bar one of her offspring and cared about the progress of each of them as if they were her own horses.

A bouncy and enthusiastic presence at the sales, Nicky was hard to miss at the head of her Whitwell Bloodstock consignment, decked out in her favourite bright pink. For all small breeders, success at the sales is paramount for survival in the business, and a particular fond memory is of Nicky leading a homebred Charm Spirit foal through the ring who eventually sold for 140,000gns. This was a terrific result for her team, and one made all the more enjoyable to watch as Nicky's smile grew wider and wider with every turn of the ring. **Cont. p7**

Remembering Nicky Murray Cont.

A tireless worker, she was notable by her absence at the December Sales last year while the extent of her illness was diagnosed. Nicky was released from hospital in February and it came as no surprise when I took a phone call from her informing me of the arrival of my latest foal. Needless to say, despite being nowhere near back to full strength and doubtless against the instructions of Chris, she had been up most of the night overseeing the foaling.

An accomplished runner, Nicky signed up for the Race For Life while undergoing cancer treatment in early April and was determined to raise money for cancer charities by completing the King's Lynn race on July 16. A recent sudden downturn in her condition meant this was not to be, but via the wonders of video phones she was able to see a group of her friends complete the race in her honour last Tuesday.

She faced up to a grim prognosis following recent test results with typical aplomb, verbally reeling off a list of things she

wanted to do in the time she had left. "Stay strong for me," she said as we ended that phone call—telling me, not asking. Nicky conducted her life in a no-nonsense manner, her honesty and straightforwardness two of her shining assets, so it was perhaps appropriate that those were the last words I heard her speak.

It has become the norm to say that those afflicted with cancer fought bravely, and Nicky did of course, but then she lived her life bravely even before her illness took its toll. Until recent years she was still riding in the breeze-ups and she was perhaps at her happiest when preparing her youngsters for the sales. No work with young horses is done with a faint heart, and she employed all her customary gusto and strong work ethic when going about her daily chores with a ready smile.

It was a life she loved, especially because the majority of it was spent in the company of the man she was so proud to call her husband. The end came sooner than any of her loved ones wanted, but it came peacefully, with Chris, as ever, at her side.

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Sea of Class and James Doyle prior to winning the 2018 G1 Darley Yorkshire Oaks | [Racingfotos.com](#)

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Sea of Class Euthanized Cont. from p1

Bred by Razza Del Velino and a 170,000gns TATNOV yearling, Sea of Class broke her maiden at second asking in a Newbury listed affair last May, and added another at that level there a month later prior to victories in the G1 Darley Irish Oaks that July and in the Aug. 23 G1 Darley Yorkshire Oaks. In a thrilling edition of the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, she gave Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) all she could handle, closing to miss by just a short neck. In her 4-year-old bow, she ran fifth to Crystal Ocean (GB) (Sea The Stars {ire}) in the G1 Prince Of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot. Highweighted from 11-14f in both England and France in 2018, her record stands at 7-4-2-0, and \$1,960,140 in earnings.

"Owner Mrs. Tsui has been in full support of all decisions taken and she, her family and advisors are all devastated," Haggas added. "For all of us here, we mourn the loss of the best filly we had anything to do with but will cherish the memories forever."

(Click [here](#) for Andrew Caulfield's Pedigree Insights on Sea of Class) ([Return to p1](#))

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GOSDEN TRIO WELL IN ADVANCE OF THEIR NEXT ENGAGEMENTS

John Gosden's trio of MG1SWs **Enable (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}), **Too Darn Hot (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), and **Stradivarius (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) are well in advance of their next engagements, the trainer revealed during a media event on the Newmarket gallops on Monday. The dual Arc heroine and Breeders' Cup victress landed her first G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. in 2017, and bids to become the third dual winner and first this century after Dahlia (Vaguely Noble {Ire}) (1973/74) and Swain (Ire) (Nashwan) (1997/98). She was most recently seen in action taking Sandown's G1 Coral-Eclipse S. earlier this month in her 5-year-old bow.

"Enable has been in good form since Sandown," Gosden said during a media event on the Newmarket gallops on Monday. "Enable was just going through the motions [during training], but two weeks before Sandown you saw all her passion and enthusiasm come out for racing. Suddenly, Frankie [Dettori] was hanging on rather than saying 'Can we go a little faster dear.'" She worked on Saturday with Frankie on her. We were going to work on the grass, but we did not get enough rain so she

worked on the all-weather.

"I think we probably have seen the best of her. Hopefully, we can get through Ascot, then you have [the G1 Juddmonte International S. at] York [on Aug. 21] and the Arc. It is a big ask for any horse, but as you saw there, right now she is proud and happy within herself."

Lord Lloyd-Webber homebred Too Darn Hot was last seen demolishing the field in the G1 Qatar Prix Jean Prat at Deauville on July 7. The '**TDN Rising Star**' came out of that race well and was in action at HQ on Monday morning in advance of the July 31 Qatar Sussex S.



Enable on the gallops Monday morning | Ascot Racecourse

"I think we have got him back in the right place now and I was most impressed with the way he hit the line at Deauville over seven furlongs," said Gosden. "His ideal distance is probably somewhere between seven furlongs and an easy mile, I doubt we will be trying to go further than that. My only concern at Goodwood is that I will be watching the draw with anxious eyes. You need agility at Goodwood and to that extent I think it is the kind of mile that he will appreciate."

Of the races potentially on the star colt's dance card later in the season, the master of Clarehaven commented, "I am not frightened of looking at a Prix du Moulin [at ParisLongchamp on Sept. 8] and then there is the possibility of a [GI] Breeders' Cup [Mile at Santa Anita] at the end of year over a two-turn mile [Nov. 2]. We have entered him for the [Sept. 7] Haydock Sprint Cup over six furlongs and he will probably get an entry in the sprint on Champions Day [Oct. 19] too."

Stradivarius exits a one-length win in the G1 Gold Cup during Royal Ascot, and he is gunning for his third G1 Goodwood Cup S., which is slated for July 30.

Said Gosden, "Stradivarius worked on Saturday and did his usual thing; he went a length clear and said that's it, I have done my bit. We are very happy with him ahead of the Qatar Goodwood Cup."

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STAR CATCHER TO VERMEILLE

Star Catcher (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) will bid to follow up her victory in the G1 Kerrygold Irish Oaks by giving trainer John Gosden a groundbreaking first success in the G1 Qatar Prix Vermeille at ParisLongchamp on Sept. 15. The Newmarket handler plans to give the **'TDN Rising Star'** a short break, before readying her to try to become the first British-trained winner of the Group 1 prize since the Sir Henry Cecil-trained Midday (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) in 2010. Running out a decisive winner of the G2 Ribblesdale S. at Royal Ascot on her previous start, the Anthony Oppenheimer-owned 3-year-old backed that success up with victory in The Curragh Classic on Saturday.

Gosden said, "She did lots of eating and sleeping when she got back on Sunday, she is in great form. I think the Vermeille is probably very likely. She has been to Royal Ascot and The Curragh, so freshening up and going for the Vermeille will be a good idea."

A trip to France is on the agenda for G1 St James's Palace S. runner-up **King Of Comedy (Ire)** (Kingman {GB}), who will be aimed at the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville on Aug. 11 rather than the G1 Qatar Sussex S. at Goodwood.

"He is in great form and we will be looking at the Jacques le Marois," said Gosden. "I think the straight mile of Deauville will suit him well. We've freshened him up and given him a break since Ascot, as he was on the go fairly early in the spring. Physically he has done well."

Looking further ahead, Gosden plans to step the **'TDN Rising Star'** up in trip after earmarking the Oct. 19 G1 QIPCO Champion S. at Ascot in October as the long-term target.

He added, "I think in the end his best trip will be a mile and a quarter. [Owner] Lady Bamford knows the family well and they are best at that trip. I think in the end the proper mile-and-a-quarter races like the Sept. 14 G1 Irish Champion and Champion S. will be for him."

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PAT KEOGH NEW CURRAGH RACECOURSE CEO

Pat Keogh, who was CEO of Leopardstown Racecourse since 2011, has been appointed the Chief Executive of The Curragh Racecourse and Training Grounds effective immediately, Horse Racing Ireland and Curragh Racecourse Ltd. announced on Monday. Keogh will continue in his Leopardstown role for now, but will begin scaling back his involvement there over the next few months, while the Leopardstown management team will be augmented in the near future.

Padraig McManus, Chairman of Curragh Racecourse Ltd. said, "I would like to thank outgoing CEO Derek McGrath and wish him well, he has been a driving force in delivering the world class facilities which we now have at The Curragh. I am delighted

that we have been able to secure the services of an experienced racecourse CEO of the calibre of Pat Keogh. I welcome him to The Curragh and look forward to working with him. I appreciate the co-operation of Horse Racing Ireland and Leopardstown in this regard."



Pat Keogh | *Inpho*

"The Curragh faces many challenges and I am delighted that Pat has agreed to take up this position and help establish The Curragh's reputation as one of Ireland's most enjoyable sporting venues," added HRI CEO Brian Kavanagh. "He and his team have done a remarkable job during his time at Leopardstown."

"I look forward to the challenges provided by The Curragh--it is a racecourse that has always had impressive credentials in terms of its track and race programme and now has the facilities to match," said Keogh. "I look forward to meeting the team there. In tandem, I would like to pay tribute to my own team and all of the staff at Leopardstown who have been an absolute pleasure to work with and have dedicated themselves to bringing Leopardstown to the position it is in now."

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SEA THE STARS FILLY AMONG TATTERSALLS IRELAND YEARLINGS

The catalogues for the **Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale** and **September Yearling Sale Part II** are now online and will be available in print form from July 26. One of the 2019 potential top lots is a filly by Sea The Stars (Ire) (**lot 297**) out of MSP Holy Spring (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) from Kilcarn Park. The recent G2 Sapphire S. winner Soffia (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) as well as Grade II winner Beau Recall (Ire) (Sir Prancealot {Ire}) Stateside and G1SW Time Warp (GB) (Archipenko) in Hong Kong are past graduates. [Cont. p10](#)

Tattersalls Ireland September Catalogue Cont.

A total of 480 lots will go under the hammer during the September Sale from Sept. 24-25, while 253 yearlings will pass through the ring on Sept. 26 during the Part II portion. Selling will begin at 10 a.m. local time all three days.

During the 2018 September Sale, a colt by Kodiak (GB) took top honours when selling for €275,000 to Shadwell. The gross was €10,488,000, with an average of €25,518 and a median of €20,000. A total of 411 yearlings found new homes (78%).

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ITBF LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The new [website](#) for the International Thoroughbred Breeders' Federation (ITBF) is now live. Spanning 20 member countries and the European Federation of Thoroughbred Breeders' Associations (EFTBA), the Federation aims to further expand its membership, while strengthening the international Thoroughbred industry as a whole. New features include member-designated pages, veterinary news and blogs, while the ITBF is also now active on social media, including Facebook and Twitter.

"We are delighted to introduce the new interactive ITBF website and hope that it will be of great interest to our many members as well as other interested visitors to the site," said ITBF Chairman Kirsten Rausing. "It is our ambition to post items of interest to the worldwide TB breeding industry on the site, as we prepare for the ITBF General Meeting, to be held in Paris in June 2020."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Tuesday, July 23:

UNITED KINGDOM

Anjaal (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), Rathasker Stud
148 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
14:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, ELPHEBA (Ire)
£25,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
78 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
15:30-MUSSELBURGH, 5f, DAZZLING DES (Ire)
€33,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Daredevil (More Than Ready), WinStar Farm
80 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

17:50-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, JOCHI KHAN
\$65,000 Keeneland Association September Yearling Sale 2018

Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
166 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
14:15-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, PRISSY MISSY (Ire)
€7,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Hot Streak (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Tweenhills Stud
79 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
14:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, HOT HEELS (GB)
21,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; €27,000
Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018
15:30-MUSSELBURGH, 5f, TOM TULLIVER (GB)
45,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3

Intrinsic (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Hedgeholme Stud
24 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
17:50-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, NAJM (GB)
13,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017

Ivawood (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), Coolmore Stud
100 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
17:50-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, ROCHFORD (Ire)
€20,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2017;
€9,500 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Nunnery Stud
106 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
17:50-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, VASARI

Music Master (GB) (Piccolo {GB}), Throckmorton Court Stud
15 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
14:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, LAST DATE (GB)

Mustajeb (GB) (Nayef), Haras de Fleury
23 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
15:30-MUSSELBURGH, 5f, BILL NEIGH (GB)
€1,000 RNA Goffs February Mixed Sale 2018; €2,000 Goffs
Open Yearling Sale 2018; 27,000gns Tattersalls Guineas
Breeze-Up & HIT Sale 2019

FRANCE

Evasive's First (Fr) (Evasive {GB}),
7 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-MONT-DE-MARSAN, 1400m, AGAIN DU GERS (Fr)

French Navy (GB) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
43 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-COMPIEGNE, 1400m, GET SET (Ire)
£24,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Ascot 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2019

Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
110 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners
2-MONT-DE-MARSAN, 1400m, CURLEW (Fr)

Hunter's Light (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Haras du Logis
68 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
2-MONT-DE-MARSAN, 1400m,
€21,000 Osarus September La Teste Yearling Sale 2018

Ivawood (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), Coolmore Stud
100 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
5-COMPIEGNE, 1400m, MISS TICHE (Ire)
€7,500 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €2,000 Goffs
Open Yearling Sale 2018

Machucambo (Fr) (Anabaa Blue {GB}), Haras de la Croix Sonnet
9 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-MONT-DE-MARSAN, 1400m, MUCHO MACHO (Fr)

Sidestep (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Fr
70 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
1-MONT-DE-MARSAN, 1400m, PROUN (Fr)

The Wow Signal (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), Haras de
Bouquetot
9 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-COMPIEGNE, 1400m, GLORY MAKER (Fr)
€22,000 Osarus September La Teste Yearling Sale 2018;
22,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale 2019



Late stallion The Wow Signal is looking for his first winner at
Compiègne on Tuesday | *Racing Post*

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BRITAIN



Monday's Results:

2nd-Royal Windsor, £6,900, Novice, 7-22, 2yo, f, 6f 12yT,
1:12.15, g/f.

**MITTY'S SMILE (IRE) (f, 2, No Nay Never--Lace {Ire}, by Sadler's
Wells)**, fourth on debut over six furlongs at Newbury 11 days
earlier, disputed the early lead before asserting approaching the
final two furlongs. Driven out to extend her narrow advantage
late on, the 15-8 favourite had 1 1/4 lengths to spare over Mild
Illusion (Ire) (Requinto {Ire}) at the line. The dam, who also has a
yearling full-sister to the winner, is a half to Zarani Sidi Anna
(Danzig) who was placed in the G1 Coronation S. and GI Milady
H. before producing the sire Base Commander (Officer). This is
also the family of the G1 Gran Premio del Jockey Club heroine
Raymond Tusk (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and the GI La Canada
S. winner Striking Dancer (Smart Strike). Sales history: 13,000gns
Ylg '18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,900. **Video,**
sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-M Aziz; B-Summerseat Stables Ltd (IRE); T-Archie Watson.

2nd-Beverley, £6,400, Novice, 7-22, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:03.71,
g/f.

**SEIZE THE TIME (IRE) (f, 2, Siyouni {Fr}--Teeba {MSP-Eng}, by
Seeking the Gold)**, backed into 2-1 favouritism, tracked the pace
on the inside. Sent to the front approaching the furlong pole,
the chestnut asserted to score by a length from Three Coins (GB)
(Fountain of Youth {Ire}). The winner is a half-sister to Ghaamer
(Hard Spun), SW & GSP-UAE, \$307,549, and to the unraced dam
of the GI Vosburgh S. hero Takaful (Bernardini) and GIII Gotham
S. winner Haikal (Daaher). She is the last known foal out of a
daughter of the champion 2-year-old filly and G1 1000 Guineas
heroine Shadayid (Shadeed). Sales history: €120,000 Ylg '18
GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,042. **Video, sponsored by
Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Phoenix Thoroughbred Limited; B-Dr T. K. Chah (IRE); T-Karl
Burke.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dick Datchery (Ire), c, 2, **Make Believe (GB)**--Bayja (Ire), by
Giant's Causeway. Ayr, 7-22, 6fT, 1:15.86. B-Ballylinch Stud
(IRE). *5th winner for freshman sire (by Makfi {GB}).
€22,000 Ylg '18 GOFSP; €55,000 2yo '19 ARQMA. *1/2
to New Providence (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), MGSW-Eng,
\$298,500; and Ekhtiyaar (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}), GSP-UAE,
\$306,531.

EDMONDSON HALL TO SPONSOR NATIONAL STUD EVENING LECTURES

Edmondson Hall will sponsor The National Stud's Evening Lecture Programme for the next three years, the stud announced on Monday. Edmondson Hall's founding partner Mark Edmondson opted to sponsor the Programme after joining the Diploma in Stud Practice and Management students and other delegates at this year's events. The lectures cover a wide range of topics pertinent to the industry, and next year's programme will include a lecture on the complexities around bloodstock, hosted by Edmondson Hall.

"Edmondson Hall has worked with the National Stud for 25 years and we couldn't be more pleased to be involved with this great educational programme," said Edmondson, who will also allow TNS Diploma students access free legal support during the course. "I learnt so much from the course and thoroughly enjoyed it."

"We are delighted that Mark attended the lectures in 2019 and recognised the value they provide to our full-time students and the many other delegates from local studs," said The National Stud's Managing Director Tim Lane. "It's fantastic to be linking up with Edmondson Hall, who provide legal support to The National Stud and many other industry businesses."

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IRELAND



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Mater Matuta (Ire), f, 3, **Dawn Approach (Ire)**--Morning Bell (GB), by Monsun (Ger). Ballinrobe, 7-22, 9f 103yT. B-Godolphin (IRE).

NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO RACEGOERS' CONSULTATIVE FORUM

A total of six new members have been appointed to the 14-strong Racegoers' Consultative Forum (RCF), Horse Racing Ireland announced on Monday. The six new forum members are: Eugene Kelly (North East and Northern Ireland region); Steven McGuinness (Northern Ireland); Tom Galway and Mark McGrath (South East); and student representatives Heather Downey and Kara Gabbett. Meeting quarterly and providing formal reports from the racecourses under their jurisdiction, forum members represent racegoers and bring ideas and feedback to HRI senior executives to improve the race going experience. They will serve 3-year voluntary terms.

"Horse Racing Ireland is delighted to welcome the six new members to the Racegoers Consultative Forum," said HRI CEO Brian Kavanagh. "Much has been achieved in recent years through HRI's capital development programme to improve customer facilities; however, the work of the RCF gives us valuable insights from experienced and dedicated racegoers which help us to constantly improve the quality of the racing product and the raceday experience."

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FRANCE



Monday's Results:

3rd-Dieppe, €20,000, Mdn, 7-22, unraced 2yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:26.52, sf.

DERBYSIM (FR) (c, 2, Dabirsim {Fr}--Green Delight {Ire}, by Green Desert) broke fourth and remained there in a stalking role through halfway in this first go. Shaken up and sent wide into the straight to challenge passing the quarter-mile marker, the 8-1 chance gained a slender advantage entering the final eighth and kept on well under whipless rousing to prevail by a short neck from Wooded (Ire) (Wootton Bassett {GB}). He becomes the fourth scorer produced by a daughter of GIII Vineland H. victress Capo di Monte (Ire) (Final Straw {GB}) and the bay is half-brother to a yearling colt by Martinborough (Jpn), G3 Prix de la Jonchere third Balin's Sword (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}) and Listed Criterium de Vitesse runner-up Garden City (Fr) (Majorien {GB}), herself dam of the dual stakes-placed Thrust Home (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Capo di Monte is kin to G1 Aral-Pokal heroine Wind in Her Hair (Ire) (Alzao), who in turn produced five black-type performers headed by MG1SW sire Deep Impact (Jpn) (Sunday Silence). Sales history: 18,000gns RNA Ylg '18 TAOCT; €10,000 RNA 2yo '19 OSAAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** 1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-Haras de Grandcamp (FR); T-Ludovic Gadbín.

2nd-Dieppe, €20,000, Mdn, 7-22, unraced 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:24.60, sf.

REGNEVILLE (FR) (f, 2, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Rondine {Fr}, by Makfi {GB}) recovered from a sluggish exit to race in midfield after the initial exchanges of this unveiling. Sent wide with the field off the home turn to claim the stands' side rail with 350 metres remaining, the 39-10 joint favourite led approaching the final eighth and was pushed out to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from Scripturale (Fr) (Makfi {GB}). **Cont. p13**

2nd-Dieppe Cont.

Half to a yearling colt by Olympic Glory (Ire) and a 2019 filly by Nathaniel (Ire), she is the first foal out of a winning half-sister to G3 Renaissance S. victor Russian Soul (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and Listed Hoppegartener Fliegerpreis runner-up Euryale (Ire) (Kendargent {Fr}). Her MGSP second dam Russian Hill (GB) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), who annexed the Listed Grand Prix de Compiègne, is kin to five black-type winners headed by three-time Group 1 victress Esoterique (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}) and GSW sire Archange d'Or (Ire) (Daneshill). Sales history: €65,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,000. **Video**,

sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Newsells Park Stud (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Le Lion d'Angers, €30,000, Cond, 7-22, 3yo, 7fT, 1:25.22, sf. BIG BOOTS (IRE) (c, 3, Society Rock {Ire}--Dairy Herd {Ire}, by Footstepsinthesand {GB}) Lifetime Record: 22-7-5-2, €118,599. O-Guido-Werner-Hermann Schmitt; B-A Malone (IRE); T-Frederic Waldemar Hickst. *€14,500 Ylg '17 GOFFEB; £16,000 2yo '18 TATABR; £11,000 2yo '18 GOFHIT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hyapaxa (Fr), f, 2, Tai Chi (Ger)--Phantasie (Ger), by Kamsin (Ger). Vittel, 7-21, 6 1/2fT, 1:17.26. B-Pascal Noue & Xavier Lippens (FR). *€12,000 Ylg '18 ARQNOV.

Morning Basma (Fr), f, 3, Born To Sea (Ire)--La Ville Lumiere, by Rahy. Dieppe, 7-22, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.70. B-Lemzar SARL (FR). *€65,000 Ylg '17 AROCT.

Oswego (GB), c, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Louvain (Ire) (GSW-US & MSP-Fr, \$223,883), by Sinnidar (Ire). Pompadour, 7-21, 8 1/2fT, 1:36.04. B-Al Shahania Stud (GB). *1/2 to Flotilla (Fr) (Mizzen Mast), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Fr, G1SW-Fr, GISW-US & MGSP-UAE, \$1,066,282; and Louvakhova (Maria's Mon), SW-US, \$116,378.

Voliya (Fr), f, 3, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Visoriyna (Fr) (SW & MGSP-Fr, \$139,138), by Dansili (GB). La Gacilly, 7-21, 11f 55yT, time: n/a. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR).

EASTERN EUROPE**STAKES RESULTS:**

OAKS HOLDINGU RABBIT CZ (CESKE OAKS) (NBT), Kc550,000 (£19,386/€21,541/US\$24,168), Karlovy Vary (Czech Republic), 7-21, 3yo, f, 2400mT, 2:32.86, gd.

1--**FALCON BABY (IRE), 128, f, 3, Sir Percy (GB)--Ballerina Blue (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire).** (12,500gns Wlg '16 TATDEF;

€15,000 Ylg '17 TISEP). O-Staj 3 Hearts; B-Glashare House Stud; T-Helena Vocaskova; J-David Liska; Kc275,000. Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-3, Kc516,750.

2--**Gold Memory (Ire), 128, f, 3, Havana Gold (Ire)--Mneme (Fr),** by Ocean of Wisdom. (30,000gns RNA Ylg '17; €5,000 2yo '18 GOFNOV). Kc104,500.

3--**Moon Shot (Fr), 128, f, 3, Rajsaman (Fr)--Fresville (Ire),** by Hurricane Run (Ire). (€8,000 Wlg '16 ARQDEC; €3,000 RNA Ylg '17 ARQOCT). Kc66,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 2, 1. **VIDEO**

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Arktisz (Fr), c, 2, Harbour Watch (Ire)--Alsace (GB) (SP-Fr), by King's Best. Kincsem Park (Hungary), 7-21, Maiden, 1100mT. B-Babolna National Stud. *1ST TIME STARTER. **VIDEO (5. Futam)**

Fraga (Ire), f, 2, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Dame Lucy (Ire), by Refuse To Bend (Ire). Karlovy Vary (Czech Republic), 7-21, Maiden, 1400mT. B-Tony Doyle. *1ST TIME STARTER.

**€7,500 RNA Ylg '18 GOFFEB; €14,000 Ylg '18 TISEP.

VIDEO

**IN JAPAN:**

Darlington Hall (GB), c, 2, New Approach (Ire)--Miss Kenton (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). Hakodate, 7-21, Maiden Race, 9fT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$64,815. O-Godolphin; B-Canning Bloodstock Ltd (Jpn); T-Tetsuya Kimura. *70,000gns Wlg '17 TATDEC. **1/2 to Floating Artist (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}), SP-Eng.

IN MAINLAND CHINA:

Fu An Ju Xing (Ire), c, 3, Most Improved (Ire)--Shaanbar (Ire), by Darshaan (GB). Yulong, 7-20, 2400m (A\$20,613), Sand Track, 2:35.98. O-Fu Yongbin; B-Ellen O'Neill (Ire). **VIDEO.** *€4,000 Wlg '16 GOFNOV; €3,500 Ylg '17 GOF OCT.

Yong Qiang Zhui Feng (GB), c, 4, Bid Bad Bob (Ire)--Fresa (GB), by Selkirk. Yulong, 7-20, 1200m (A\$41,226), Sand Track, 1:11.19. O-Li Yong. B-Miss K. Rausing (GB). **VIDEO.** *4,000gns Wlg '15 TATNOV; €12,000 Ylg '16 GOFSEP.

Rhode Island (Ire), c, 4, Galileo (Ire)--Native Force (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Yulong, 7-20, 1600m (A\$41,226), Sand Track, 1:36.29. O-Ma Jing; B-Native Force Syndicate (Ire). **VIDEO.** *13,000gns HRA '18 TATJUL. **1/2 to Kingsgate Native (Ire) (Mujadil), Hwt. 3yo-Eng at 5-6 1/2f, MG1SW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$1,516,453.

Cumulative Leading Second-Crop Sires by Winners

for stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, July 21

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2019 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Kingman (GB) <i>(2011) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2016</i>	12	17	5	10	1	2	107	56	905,629	3,372,455
				<i>Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: £75,000</i>				<i>Persian King (Ire)</i>			
2	No Nay Never <i>(2011) by Scat Daddy FYR: 2016</i>	13	21	4	9	1	2	112	56	668,062	3,312,254
				<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €100,000</i>				<i>Ten Sovereigns (Ire)</i>			
3	Toronado (Ire) <i>(2010) by High Chaparral (Ire) FYR: 2016</i>	2	8	--	3	--	--	95	49	64,994	1,268,287
				<i>Stands: Haras de Bouquetot Fr Fee: €12,000</i>				<i>Watan (GB)</i>			
4	Charm Spirit (Ire) <i>(2011) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2016</i>	2	5	1	3	--	--	104	48	77,215	1,504,583
				<i>Stands: Tweenhills Stud Eng Fee: £17,500</i>				<i>Sea Race (Ire)</i>			
5	Australia (GB) <i>(2011) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2016</i>	5	6	4	6	--	3	98	42	386,428	1,711,942
				<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €35,000</i>				<i>Broome (Ire)</i>			
6	War Command <i>(2011) by War Front FYR: 2016</i>	2	3	--	--	--	--	89	38	115,288	900,962
				<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €8,000</i>				<i>Victory Command (Ire)</i>			
7	Olympic Glory (Ire) <i>(2010) by Choisir (Aus) FYR: 2016</i>	2	7	1	4	1	2	88	37	443,887	1,590,387
				<i>Stands: Haras de Bouquetot Fr Fee: €8,000</i>				<i>Watch Me (Fr)</i>			
8	Bungle Inthejungle (GB) <i>(2010) by Exceed and Excel (Aus) FYR: 2016</i>	2	2	1	2	--	1	90	37	108,345	767,738
				<i>Stands: Rathasker Stud Ire Fee: €12,000</i>				<i>Rumble Inthejungle (Ire)</i>			
9	Sea the Moon (Ger) <i>(2011) by Sea the Stars (Ire) FYR: 2016</i>	4	9	3	4	--	--	76	32	206,463	1,313,580
				<i>Stands: Lanwades Stud Eng Fee: £15,000</i>				<i>Quest the Moon (Ger)</i>			
10	Slade Power (Ire) <i>(2009) by Dutch Art (GB) FYR: 2016</i>	1	4	1	2	--	--	95	31	152,150	1,022,096
				<i>Stands: Kildangan Stud Ire Fee: €7,500</i>				<i>Raffle Prize (Ire)</i>			
11	Anodin (Ire) <i>(2010) by Anabaa FYR: 2016</i>	2	3	1	2	--	1	84	30	114,494	1,066,709
				<i>Stands: Haras du Quesnay Fr Fee: €15,000</i>				<i>Anodor (Fr)</i>			
12	Alhebayeb (Ire) <i>(2010) by Dark Angel (Ire) FYR: 2016</i>	1	1	--	1	--	--	102	30	106,325	737,864
				<i>Stands: Tara Stud Ire Fee: €5,000</i>				<i>Talk Or Listen (Ire)</i>			
13	Mukhadram (GB) <i>(2009) by Shamardal FYR: 2016</i>	1	2	1	1	--	--	66	29	193,605	685,621
				<i>Stands: Nunnery Stud Eng Fee: £6,000</i>				<i>A Bit Special (GB)</i>			
14	Gregorian (Ire) <i>(2009) by Clodovil (Ire) FYR: 2016</i>	2	6	--	3	--	--	67	27	154,362	796,136
				<i>Stands: Rathasker Stud Ire Fee: €6,000</i>				<i>Irish Trilogy (Ire)</i>			
15	Gale Force Ten (GB) <i>(2010) by Oasis Dream (GB) FYR: 2016</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	58	22	68,100	500,886
				<i>Stands: Irish National Stud Ire Fee: €3,000</i>				<i>Dom Carlos (Ire)</i>			

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OPTIMUM NICKS: AN OBSESSION



Japan & Ryan Moore | *Racing Post*

by John Boyce

Sire and broodmare sire combinations seem to play a big part in mating decisions. Indeed, it has become an obsession for some. A good-looking sales yearling with an optimum nick is the goal for many. And there are perfectly sound reasons for repeating patterns that have worked before and avoiding those that clearly do not.

If your target audience--the buyers--believe in them, then you would be well advised to do so, no matter what the facts say. Ultimately though, a sire/broodmare sire or sire line/broodmare sire line combination must guarantee to a greater propensity for better performance than you can get from other constituent components of the pedigree.

One of the most vaunted nicks in recent years has been the partnership between **Galileo (Ire)** and his former stud companion **Danehill (USA)** and it serves as a good case review given that it has been tried so often. It was in the news again recently when **Japan (GB)** won the Grand Prix de Paris to become the 13th Group 1 winner bred on the cross.

The numbers these two great stallions have put up are outstanding: 50 stakes winners at a rate of 22.3% to runners, and 34 group winners at a rate of 15.2% to runners. Given that Galileo's Northern Hemisphere output--where racing conditions are optimum for his stock--is 16.8% stakes winners to runners and 11.4% group winners to runners, you can see immediately

that using Galileo with Danehill mares confers a distinct advantage and gets you above the norm for all Galileos.

But could there be another subset of Galileo's stock that do just as well? The answer is yes. In his lifetime, Galileo has produced 224 runners from Danehill mares, but he's also produced 340 runners from super elite mares by all sires which have posted a strike rate of 26.2% stakes winners and 19.4% group winners. So now the cross doesn't look quite so enticing.

Are most of these so-called nicks brought about by other reasons, namely just very good mares? In many cases that does happen. But not with Galileo and Danehill. When you learn that there are 49 runners by Galileo out of super elite Danehill mares and they include 22 (45%) stakes winners and 16 (33%) group winners, it's hard to deny the positive effect of the two sires.

So nicks do most certainly work and can be used to turbo charge poorer sires and dams with weaker pedigrees. In general they give you more than can be accounted for through the sire and dam alone.

Complementing Bloodlines

Many sire/broodmare sire combinations spring up fortuitously. First and foremost just as Galileo found his Danehill, Sadler's Wells (USA) his Darshaan (GB), Redoute's Choice his Last Tycoon (Ire), so too must any broodmare sire if he's to really thrive.

Not only do the bloodlines complement each other, they're usually in the same geographical location and age so that the stallion gets the benefit of covering plenty of the broodmare sire's mares in their prime. It's a well established fact that mares tend to produce their best when young, so it's not unusual to see the effectiveness of a nick dissipate over time.



Galileo | *Coolmore*



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It's also noticeable that stallions who start out on their careers with the support of the very best mares, quite often become the leading broodmare sires of the future, even if they themselves were not that successful at stud. Typically, this type of broodmare sire tends not to provide the X factor--he's merely a passenger in a very good pedigree.

The key to a good nick, therefore, is to prove that the combination of sire and broodmare sire provides something over and above what the sire can achieve with any other sub-group of his mares.



IN MAINLAND CHINA:

Souchez (Aus), g, 5, **Lonhro (Aus)**--Vimy (Aus) (SP-Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). Yulong, 7-20, 1200m (A\$20,613), Sand Track, 1:11.62. O-Yulong Horse Industry; B-Darley (NSW).

VIDEO. *A\$95,000 HRA '18 MMOCT. **GSW-Aus, \$287,940.

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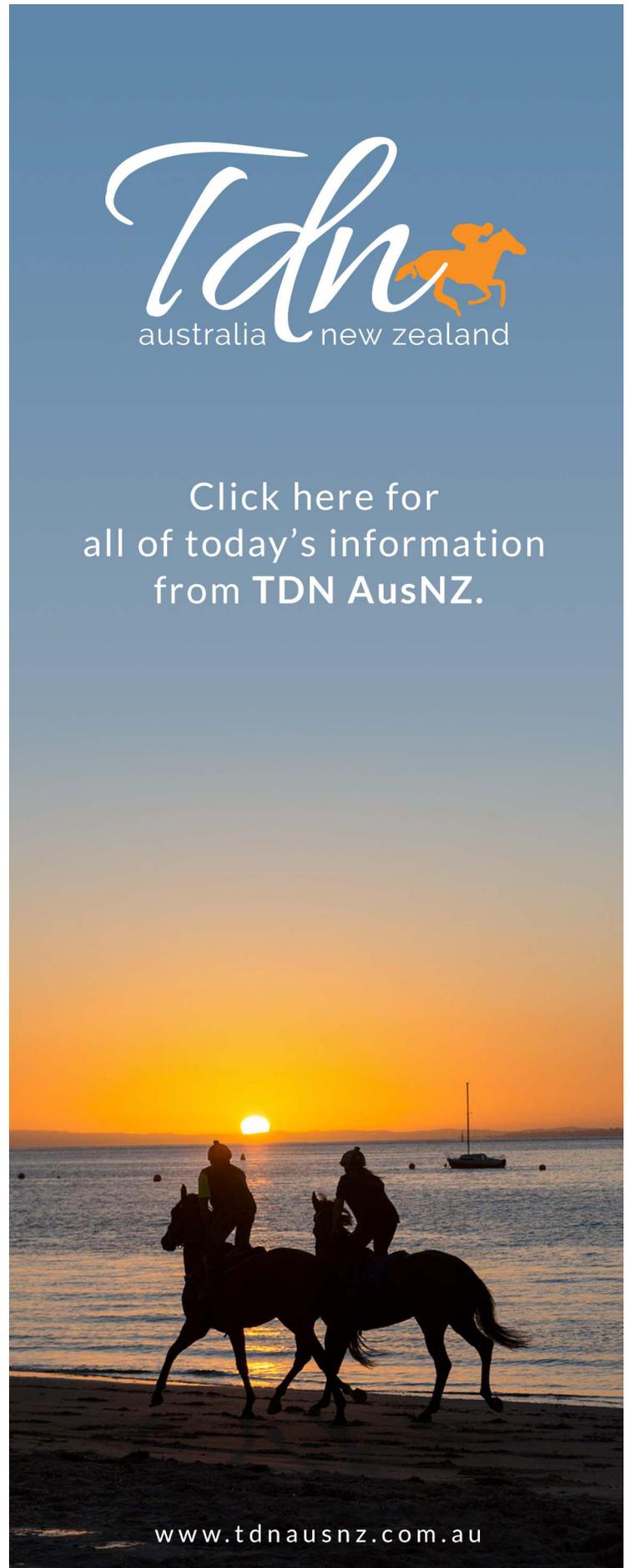
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