MLB STAR BREGMAN HOPING TO HIT IT OUT OF THE PARK IN RACING

by Bill Finley

Alex Bregman was 0-for-4 last Thursday night as the Houston Astros fell, 5-1, to the Texas Rangers, but the two-time All-Star will remember the day as one of the best he's ever enjoyed in sports. A few hours before the Astros took the field at Minute Maid Park, Bregman won his first-ever race as an owner with the first horse he had ever run. The feat was accomplished by Cadillac Candy (Twirling Candy) in the first race at Churchill Downs, a five-furlong turf maiden for 2-year-olds.

“It felt like hitting my first home run in the Major Leagues,” Bregman said.

The enthusiasm is for real. Bregman has been active at the sales the last two years, has compiled a stable of eight horses and said his goal is to develop Grade I-caliber horses.

“It felt amazing,” he said of the victory, which came in the colt's second lifetime start. “The whole team was watching the race with me. We knew it was going to be tough for him to win because he was turning back in distance from 5 1/2 to five furlongs and he is a closer. Ideally, he wants a little bit longer. He came flying and I don’t remember much after that, other than yelling and going crazy.”

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EARLY VOTING IN GOOD CONDITION AFTER PREAKNESS SCORE, WILL SKIP BELMONT

Saturday's GI Preakness S. winner Early Voting (Gun Runner) was back in his stall at Belmont Park by mid-morning Sunday, some 15 hours after scoring a 1 1/4-length victory over favored Epicenter (Not This Time) in Saturday's Middle Jewel of the Triple Crown.

Trainer Chad Brown traveled from Baltimore to New York overnight and was at Belmont Sunday to oversee what is typically a busy morning of timed workouts for horses in his stable. During a brief break, Brown said that Early Voting, owned by Seth Klarman's Klaravich Stables, came out of the race in good condition, but will not be pointed toward the June 11 GI Belmont S. He added that he was undecided where and when Early Voting would run next, while still savoring his trainee's big day at Pimlico. Cont. p4

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Jessica Martini gets you set for the two-day Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Old Sale, which gets underway Monday.

RACING ROYALTY: MIDNIGHT BISOU'S FIRST FOAL
Katie Petrunyak catches up with Jeff Bloom as they visit champion Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lure)'s first foal, a Curlin colt, at Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa.
Bregman Looking to Hit It Big in Racing cont. from p1

That Bregman has gravitated to Thoroughbred racing is hardly a surprise. His father, Sam Bregman, is the chairman of the New Mexico Racing Commission. His grandfather, the late Stan Bregman, was a prominent Washington D.C. lawyer and a frequent visitor to Pimlico and Laurel. Alex Bregman was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico and his grandfather started taking him to Albuquerque Downs when he was just five years old. His wife, Reagan, is a lifelong equestrian.

His horses run under the name of Bregman Family Racing LLC, which consists of Bregman, his wife, his father and his mother, Jackie.

Once he decided to start buying horses, he put together a team that included bloodstock agent Mike Akers. He has also leaned on Jim (Mattress Mack) McIngvale for advice. Bregman owns some of his horses in partnership with the Houston furniture magnate and rabid Astros fan.

“I own three horses in partnership with Mack,” Bregman said. “I'm really hopeful about those horses. He's been awesome and he has taught me a lot about the Thoroughbred business, what to do, what not to do. He's been an awesome resource.”

While the Astros were gearing up for the 2021 postseason, the Bregman team descended on Keeneland last September, which is where they found Cadillac Candy and two other yearlings. Cadillac Candy, who is also partially owned by Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder Jake Marisnick, sold for just $15,000.

“It’s a little bit of beginner’s luck,” Bregman said. “I liked how he looked. Most importantly, my wife liked him and she is the one who picked him out. We all thought that buying him would be a good way to start.”

The Bregman babies were sent to Ciaran Dunne’s Wavertree Stable in Ocala, where they were prepared for the races.

“Ciaran Dunne did an unbelievable job getting this horse ready to run,” Bregman said. “I asked him, ‘do we have anything here with this horse?’ and he said, ‘yes, actually, I think you have something.’”

While Cadillac Candy was bought for what now looks like quite the bargain, Bregman hasn’t been afraid to go after pricier horses. In partnership with Trevor Smith, he bought a Medaglia d’Oro colt named Golden Sombrero (a baseball term that means someone struck out four times in a game) at Keeneland September for $150,000. At this year’s OBS March sale, he and partner Ivan Cabrera bought a 2-year-old by Ransom the Moon for $200,000. The colt has been named Raji.

“Our game plan right now is to find the best athletes possible,” Bregman said. “We want give ourselves a chance to win graded stakes races. We are in it to win and we are in it for the long run.”

“Alex does not do anything half-assed,” Sam Bregman said. “He is going to put all his effort into this, just like he does with everything else. It’s a wonderful thing for the whole family. He felt the desire to get involved as more than just a fan. He loves the adrenaline, he loves the competition. He loves the idea that you go out and get results or you don’t get results. I don’t think it’s going to take 10 years for Alex to be competing at the highest level in horse racing. If I know anything about my son and his drive, I can assure you that he is a sponge and he has educated himself 100% when it comes to racing. He’s going to know the game as well as anyone. It also takes a little luck and so far he’s had that going for him, too.”

Bregman says he will be back at Keeneland for the sale this September and expects that future partners will include Astros teammates.

Obviously, Bregman’s first priority is baseball. The third baseman is considered one of the elite players in the game, but he finds the time to follow racing and attended last year’s Breeders’ Cup at Del Mar. Give him a chance and he’ll tell anyone who will listen that there is something special about horse racing and that’s the reason why he has become so involved with the sport. Cont. p4
REWARDING RETURNS

Australian breeders sell into the most vibrant yearling market in the world.

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“These animals are amazing and the people in the business are amazing,” he said. “It’s an amazing competition, the best two minutes in the sport. It’s just amazing to get a horse at one of these sales, watch it grow, watch it learn. They learn what their job is and then they go out there and do it. You get to watch a horse do what it most loves doing. And as you saw with Rich Strike in the Derby, anything can happen, anybody can win. This sport allows you to have that dream.”

Preakness Morning After cont. from p1

“We are thrilled with the victory,” Brown said. “I’m proud of the horse. Proud of my team. It was a super memorable day, especially being on Seth Klarman’s birthday in his hometown. Everything lined up. I’m just so appreciative for the day, the performance.”

Brown and Klarman won the Preakness for the second time in five years by using the same formula: skipping the GI Kentucky Derby with a promising, stakes-tested but lightly-raced colt to focus on the Preakness. In 2017, Cloud Computing (Maclean’s Music) gave Brown his first victory in a Triple Crown series race. Like Cloud Computing, Early Voting was given a break after finishing second in the Apr. 9 GII Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct.

“He’s only run four times and he’s done everything we asked him to do,” Brown said. “He breaks good from the gate. He makes his own trips. He carries his speed a route of ground. He’s a fighter in the stretch. He deserves all the credit here. He’s been extremely cooperative to work with. He’s super intelligent. You train him to do something, and he does it. I couldn’t be more proud of this horse. He deserves a lot of accolades.”

Ron Winchell, the owner of Epicenter, who ran second in both the Derby and Preakness, reported that the colt is unlikely to contest the Belmont.

“I would say that’s a stretch at the moment,” he said. “He had six weeks between the Louisiana Derby and the Derby, and that did him well. I think there might have been five weeks between the Risen Star and the Louisiana Derby, and that did him well. Just looking at how he came back fresh, that seems to be the recipe at the moment. But at least a Gun Runner won.”

Winchell speculated that Monmouth’s GI TVG.com Haskell or Saratoga’s GI Travers S. could be the next target, with the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic at Keeneland in early November a logical objective.

“We’ll turn the page and see where we want to go from there,” he said. “But that’s probably the long-term goal.”

Scott Blasi, chief assistant trainer to Asmussen, said Sunday morning that Epicenter came out of the Preakness in good order. He said Epicenter and his stablemates at Pimlico would van back to Churchill Downs on Monday morning.

Creative Minister (Creative Cause), who ran third in the Preakness after being supplemented to the race for $150,000, will be pointed toward the Belmont, trainer Kenny McPeek reported Sunday. McPeek said the colt will likely have a couple of half-mile breezes before the third jewel of the Triple Crown, noting that the gray’s breeding could make him a contender in the race.

“He’s out of a Tapit mare and Tapits love the Belmont,” McPeek said. “That’s the plan.”

Creative Minister will stay at Pimlico for a day or two, McPeek said Sunday, before shipping to New York.

Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas was en route back home to Kentucky Sunday with Briland Farms’ Secret Oath (Arrogate), the Preakness fourth-place finisher. Lukas said the plan was for the filly to get eight weeks off and then target a series of races against her own sex, including the GI Coaching Club American Oaks July 23 and GI Alabama S. Aug. 20, both at Saratoga, as well as the GI Cotillion S. Sept. 24 at Parx Racing. Her ultimate goal is the Breeders’ Cup at Keeneland in November. Cont. p5
Daniel Alonso's Skippylongstocking is under consideration for the Belmont, trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr. said Sunday morning. The son of 2016 Preakness winner Exaggerator, who finished fifth in the Preakness, had previously finished third in the Wood Memorial.

“He ran good enough and it might be worth taking a shot at it,” Joseph said. “We won’t decide for a week. We’ll see how he comes out and see how his energy is and then decide. I think he would get a mile and a half.”

Trainer Antonio Sano reported that Tami Bobo and Tristan de Meric’s Simplification (Not This Time) will be turned out in Ocala for rest and relaxation after it was determined that the GII Fountain of Youth S. winner and fourth-place Kentucky Derby finisher had experience exercise-induced pulmonary bleeding during his sixth-place finish in the Preakness.

Other probable starters for the Belmont, according to New York Racing Association notes, include Barber Road (Race Day), Golden Glider (Ghostzapper), Mo Donegal (Uncle Mo), Rich Strike (Keen Ice) and We the People (Constitution), while also listed as possible are Ethereal Road (Quality Road), Nest (Curlin) and Western River (Tapit).

FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC SALE STARTS

MONDAY by Jessica Martini

TIMONIUM, MD - After a stakes-filled weekend of racing at nearby Pimlico Race Course, the action moves back to Timonium for the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, which begins its two-day run at the Maryland State Fairgrounds Monday morning at 11 a.m.

“I’m always happy to be back in Maryland and to be back in Timonium,” consignor Cary Frommer said as shoppers looked for horses and shady spots on a steamy Sunday morning at the fairgrounds.

Of the action at the barns, Frommer said, “It’s actually been quite steady for me. We have not had a moment where we weren’t showing something. But I have 12 horses, so I would be busy. It’s the usual people and maybe some new faces.”

The juvenile sales season, which opened in mid-March, is winding down and the Midlantic sale is the second-to-last major 2-year-old auction of the year.

“I like the time of year,” Frommer said of the Midlantic sale's late May date. “The horses are more apt to be ready for this. I do early sales, too, but there is a specific horse for an early sale, while this sale encompasses everything. You could take anybody here.”

Steve Venosa’s SGV Thoroughbreds will offer two horses in Timonium this week and the consignor agreed the May sale’s later date was a benefit for both of them.

Fasig Midlantic sales grounds | Fasig-Tipton photo

“It’s my last sale of the year. It’s my last two horses that I had left,” Venosa said. “One had cut his hip really bad and missed a lot of training and the other horse was in an earlier sale, but being an Apr. 24 foal, I think he might have just missed. The 60 days allowed him to blossom and fill out. He worked well, he came back good and he’s been very well-received.”

Last week’s under-tack show ahead of the Midlantic auction was held over the fairgrounds' dirt track and the surface is another benefit of the auction, according to many consignors.

“It’s the only sale that is later that is on dirt,” Venosa said. Joe Pickerrell, watching the action from in front of his Pick View barn, agreed.

“Number one is the dirt,” Pickerrell said of the Midlantic sale's appeal. “A lot of the buyers are looking for horses that they can win some dirt races with. This track really translates well to that. And the later date definitely helps. We actually buy horses targeted for this sale. It gives them a little more time to mature and a horse that may be less of a standout in the fall has a little more time to develop.”
The Pick View consignment was well-represented at Pimlico Saturday, with farm graduates finishing one-two in the GIII Chick Lang S.

“It was a great day of racing,” Pickerrell said. “That’s why we do this—for races like that. All of the connections of both horses, we are close with them and it’s been fun to follow along and cheer for them.”

For Frommer, the juvenile sales season has been slow and steady, with a strong middle market, but she is looking for things to heat up over the next two days in Maryland.

“I’ve sold everything this year,” Frommer said. “And almost everything for a profit. I haven’t had a breakout, but I am hoping to have it at this sale. The middle market has been pretty good to me. It is usually what we complain about, that there is no middle market, but I have done quite well with that. For this sale, I think I have some top physical individuals who did their job on the track and everything vetted out fine afterwards. So that feels like hitting the lottery right there. Hopefully other people will think so too.”

Jimbo Gladwell of Top Line Sales looks for recent trends to continue in Timonium.

“The market is strong for perceived quality,” Gladwell said. “When you jump through all the hoops—you vet good, you do the work and they are pretty horses on the shank, people are willing to give a lot more money than in years’ past. They just seem to stack up on the same horses. The ones that make the cut and are what they think are the good ones, they will step in there and take a big swing at them.”

During last week’s under-tack show, a colt by Bernardini (hip 385) consigned by Sequel Bloodstock turned in the fastest furlong work of :9 4/5. A pair of fillies shared the week’s fastest quarter-mile breeze of :21 1/5: a daughter of Collected (hip 202, video) consigned by Coastal Equine; and a daughter of Violence (hip 470, video) consigned by All Dreams Equine.

The 2021 Midlantic sale set new marks for gross, average and median. Through two sessions a year ago, Fasig-Tipton sold 357 juveniles for a total of $33,692,000, bettering the previous record of $29,374,000 set in 2019. The average was $94,375, up 4.7% from the 2019 previous record figure of $90,104. The median of $50,000 bettered the mark of $45,000 set in 2015.

A son of Quality Road became the auction’s co-highest priced colt ever when topping the 2021 auction at $1.5 million.

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW: IS THE 'FRESH HORSE' ANGLE GETTING STALE?

by T. D. Thornton

For the second year in a row, the GI Preakness S. was won by a fresh horse who didn't run in the GI Kentucky Derby. Since both of Saturday's top two Preakness finishers—Early Voting (Gun Runner) and Epicenter (Not This Time)—were publicly declared out of the GI Belmont S. even before the last of the crab cakes cooled at Pimlico, it will be up to another relatively rested horse to step up and snag the third jewel of the Triple Crown.

That's not an unfamiliar scenario, and recent history tells us the most likely Belmont win threat could be among the Derby also-rans.

Since 2000, New York's "test of a champion" has been won by 10 horses who ran in Louisville then opted out of Baltimore. During that same time frame, seven horses won the Belmont after not having run in either the Derby or Preakness. We also had two Triple Crown winners (Justify in 2018 and American Pharoah in 2015), and two other horses--Afleet Alex in 2005 and Point Given in 2001—who lost the Derby, won the Preakness, then won the Belmont (the pandemic-altered 2020 Triple Crown scheduling was an anomaly that isn't counted here).

The connections of Rich Strike (Keen Ice) voluntarily held out their Derby winner from the Preakness, citing the desire to have a fresh colt for the Belmont. Yet the 80-1 hero from the first Saturday in May is unlikely to be favored on June 11.

Rich Strike's underdog appeal will undoubtedly attract supporters and a sizable rooting interest. But going from being a blue-collar, no-pressure afterthought who lucked into the Derby off the also-eligible list to being the focal point of microscopic attention in the media capital of the world will be a daunting ask for this overachieving (and sometimes ornery) former $30,000 maiden claimer.

Trainer Todd Pletcher might not have pioneered the now-prevalent "skip the Preakness" methodology. But he's certainly done his part to lend credibility to the "less is more" approach when targeting the Triple Crown's concluding leg.

The Pletcher-conditioned Tapwrit was sixth in the 2018 Derby, passed on the Preakness, then won the Belmont. Similar story for Palace Malice in 2013, except that he was 12th at Churchill. Pletcher's other Belmont winner, the filly Rags to Riches, had the same five-week spacing in 2007, except her circumstances were different, having won the GI Kentucky Oaks prior to taking on males in New York.

Using those templates as a guide, Pletcher is aiming two contenders (at least) toward the Belmont: Mo Donegal (Uncle Mo), who got buried with the dreaded rail draw in the Derby, waited too long to uncork a far-turn bid, then displayed sneaky-good acceleration inside the eighth pole to run fifth, and Nest (Curlin), the filly who won three straight stakes this past winter and spring prior to being the beaten fave (second) in a very competitive renewal of the May 6 Kentucky Oaks. Cont. p8

Barber Road (Race Day), a gritty stayer who was sixth in the Derby, is the only other confirmed Belmont probable among those who ran in the first leg of the Triple Crown. Creative Minster (Creative Cause), a minor-impact third in the Preakness, is also being pointed to the Belmont.

Although that list of Belmont contenders looks light at the moment, it's sure to be shored up over the next 2 1/2 weeks. Chief among names percolating around the periphery are We the People (Constitution), winner of the May 14 GII Peter Pan S. with a 103 Beyer Speed Figure.

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Two other colts who had formerly been under Derby consideration but instead won confidence-boosters on Saturday could also be in the mix: Ethereal Road (Quality Road), who scored in the Sir Barton S. on the Preakness undercard, plus Howling Time (Not This Time), who captured an allowance/optional claimer at Churchill.

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Parsing the outcome of the Preakness need not be a drawn-out affair. Armagnac (Quality Road), an 18-1 outsider, went to the lead. The jockeys aboard two other on-paper speed threats—Fenwick (Curlin) and Simplification (Not This Time)—chose not to force the issue through moderate early fractions. Jose Ortiz, knowing what he had underneath him, willingly conceded the lead with Early Voting and instead sat second, applying quiet but palpable pressure through consecutive quarters in :24.32, :23.12, :24.06 and :24.05 for the first mile of the race.

Meanwhile, at the back of the pack, it was evident by the midway point that the two favorites, Epicenter and the filly Secret Oath (Arrogate), had left themselves too much work to do. While both had endured jostling early in the race, it shouldn’t have adversely affected either considering both were in the process of being rated off the pace when the bumping occurred.

Joel Rosario was first to move with a sense of urgency, sending Epicenter up the rail to tag onto the back of the first flight about a half-mile from home. Luis Saez soon mimicked the favorite’s "let’s hustle" move, expect he stayed widest with Secret Oath. The end result for both was more or less the same: Epicenter had to ride out the run through the far bend while pocketed with nowhere to go, then he had no true spark once he cut the corner and had a clear shot. Secret Oath once again launched into the same loop-the-group maneuver that had come up short in the GI Arkansas Derby, and she similarly petered out in the stretch.

With the favorites foundering behind him, Early Voting simply ratcheted up the torque on Armagnac, going head-and-head for the lead between the seven-sixteenths and quarter poles before cracking that rival for good. He responded to urging like a colt who knows his job, drifted only slightly under left-handed encouragement, then shifted back inward to finish up 1 1/4 comfortable lengths clear of a wheels-spinning Epicenter through a final three-sixteenths in :18.99 and a 1:54.54 clocking for the 1 3/16-mile Preakness (105 Beyer).

The only real surprise was that Early Voting had drifted up to 5.7-1 in the betting. Otherwise, the race unfolded in drama-free fashion. If you didn’t know it was the Preakness, it could have been any other race at any level on any given day of the week—an overmatched speed horse gets reeled in by a stalker who gets first run, and no one else is firing through the lane.

In sum, Early Voting’s measured, methodical victory was a microcosm of how the 4-for-4 colt got to the Preakness in the first place. His connections—trainer Chad Brown and owner Klaravich Stables—had taken the calculated, patient path in prep races and bypassing the Derby, and it paid off at Pimlico, just as it did five years ago when the same owner/trainer combo won the Preakness with Cloud Computing.

Racing isn’t the only sport in which the metrics-driven “waiting game” has cycled into vogue. We see it in major-league baseball, where pitchers are removed from starts solely based on pitch counts, even if a no-hitter or World Series game is on the line. High-value college football recruits now routinely skip important, season-ending bowl games so as not to sully their draft status. And pro basketball teams routinely sit their stars during the regular season with the hope of having fresh bodies for the playoffs, where wins count most.

It’s tough to dismiss the current over-reliance on analytics when these formulaic approaches keep producing results. And in racing, you certainly can’t argue when owners and trainers opt out of potentially arduous spots citing a desire to “do what’s best for the horse.”

But there is a difficult-to-define aesthetic cost to mapping out Triple Crown campaigns so conservatively and meticulously. Having already arrived at the point where getting into the Derby has devolved into a chase for qualifying points, the final two legs of the series are at risk of becoming an exercise of which connections have played the “fresh face” percentages most effectively.
Click here to watch our visit with champion Midnight Bisou and her Curlin colt

by Katie Petrunyak

The highly-anticipated first foal out of champion Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute) arrived on Feb. 12 this year and is now thriving at Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa. Jeff Bloom stopped by the farm in the midst of Triple Crown season to visit the Curlin colt and his Eclipse Award-winning dam.

“He is what you would expect to see out of a champion and by a champion,” Bloom said after inspecting 'Baby Bisou' for the first time. “I think he takes after his mom quite a bit, but certainly there are some components of Curlin there as well.”

Bloom picked out Midnight Bisou for $80,000 at the 2017 OBS April Sale. Campaigned by Bloom Racing Stable LLC and Allen Racing LLC, with Madaket Stables LLC later joining in the partnership, Midnight Bisou was never out of the money in her 22 career starts as she collected five Grade I victories and earned Eclipse honors for champion older dirt female in 2019. At the end of her racing career, she sold for $5 million at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton Night of the Stars Sale when co-owner Chuck Allen bought out the partnership.

Bloom, who now has a hand in managing Midnight Bisou’s broodmare career, said that a good deal of thought was put into their superstar’s first mating.

“At the end of the day, I couldn’t think of a better match to send her to than Curlin, who of course has not only a remarkable race record, but his success as a stallion speaks for itself,” Bloom explained. “The resulting foal is exactly what you would hope for. He has a great body and really the kind of personality that you like to see. It’s early in the process, but he’s got the look of a champion.”

Bloom added that the Curlin colt, who will be offered for sale at future auction, inherited one of Midnight Bisou’s best qualities.

“This colt has a presence about him,” he said. “That’s one of the things that I’ve always said about Midnight Bisou. It’s that intangible factor. She’s got that presence. You can’t train it and you can’t teach it. They either have it or they don’t. I can say that I certainly see that quality in the colt.”

This year, Midnight Bisou was bred to champion sire Tapit.

Bloom said he can’t resist stopping by Hill 'n' Dale any time he is traveling in Kentucky, and he reflected on what it means to him to be involved in this chapter of Midnight Bisou’s career.

“I drive the folks crazy here at Hill 'n' Dale by visiting all the time, but it’s hard not to,” he explained. “Midnight Bisou has meant so much to myself, my family and my partners with what she did for us on the racetrack and what she did for us in terms of bringing us into so many great opportunities and situations. Fortunately, I get to manage her career as she goes through this next stage. It’s a thrill of a lifetime each and every time I’m out here getting a chance to visit with her and now with her offspring. It’s the next page in the book, so to speak.”

by Andrea Branchini

Churchill Downs, $80,418, Msw, 5-20, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52.05, ft, 1/2 length.

LATE SEPTEMBER (c, 2, Munnings--Hello Maggie May {MSW, $264,687}, by Lemon Drop Kid) O-Dew Sweepers LLC; B-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC (LA); T-George R. Arnold, II

A number one song in America in the long hot summer of 1971 had these very first two lines: Wake up, Maggie, I think I got somethin' to say to you/It's late September and I really should be back at school.

The song was called “Maggie May” and made mullet-haired, raspy-voiced co-author Rod Stewart a world star.

It has only been 50 years or so, and now the young Churchill Downs winning colt LATE SEPTEMBER connects in his name with mama HELLO MAGGIE MAY--for audiences old and new, domestic and international (he may go to Royal Ascot). The connection is canny and sort of bittersweet, like the end of a summer. The song “Maggie May” was, after all, the story of a difficult and probably ill-fated sentimental journey of two runaways--one very young, the other not so much.

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GAZELLE S.-GIII, $250,000, Aqueduct, 4-9, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m, 1:50.41, ft. 1--NOSTALGIC, 118, f, 3, by Medaglia d’Oro 1st Dam: Been Here Before (SP), by Tapit. O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-William I. Mott; J-Jose L. Ortiz.

The name of Grade III winner NOSTALGIC contains an elegant reference to her dam BEEN HERE BEFORE.

Marital Bliss, c, 3, Unified—True Bliss, by Yes It’s True. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4-27, 1m, 1:41.07. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $28,580. B-Sally J. Andersen (FL). *$70,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL; $130,000 2yo '21 EASMAY

This is a brilliant name: marital bliss should really be unified and true bliss—yes, it’s true.

HASSELL TICKETS ON SALE MAY 28

Tickets for the TVG.com Haskell S., Monmouth Park’s showcase race, will go on sale Saturday, May 28, starting at 11:30 a.m. The 55th edition of the $1-million race for 3-year-olds, to be held Saturday, July 23, headlines a stakes-filled card that includes the GI United Nations, the GII Monmouth Cup, the GII Molly Pitcher, the GII WinStar Matchmaker and the Wolf Hill. First race post time on Haskell Day is noon.

All tickets for Haskell Day (except for the Dining Club Buffet and Lady’s Secret Cafe) may be purchased on seatgeek.com/Monmouth or by visiting the reserved seating booth on the second floor of the Grandstand any live racing day. General admission on Haskell Day is $20.

Nostalgic winning the Gazelle | Sarah Andrew

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West Coast Stables' Tahoma (c, 2, Justify--Madera Dancer, by Rahy) became the first winner for his Triple Crown-winning sire with a two-length victory at Santa Anita Sunday. The chestnut colt, sent off the 4-5 favorite, tracked the pacesetters four wide through an opening quarter in :22.21. Still four wide, he rolled up to take a narrow advantage at the top of the lane, completed the half-mile in :47.01 and drew away inside the final sixteenth for a facile victory. Salta (Carpe Diem) was second and Eagles Landing (Competitive Edge) was third.

“We had high expectations and we feel this colt has a lot of upside,” said Leandro Mora, assistant to winning trainer Doug O’Neill. “We train these babies pretty much like Brian Mayberry used to when I worked for him 30 years ago. We do not over-train a horse for these type of races. This colt has a lot of ability and I feel really confident about his future.”

Tahoma, a $160,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase by bloodstock agent Dennis O’Neill, is a half-brother to graded stakes winner Legends of War (Scat Daddy).

“Dennis bought this horse and he has the eye of an eagle,” Mara said. “He provides us with so many nice horses. Doug is on his way back from Maryland, but he’s on his phone and he knows we won.”

Doug O’Neill trained Legends of War to a win in the 2019 Gill Franklin-Simpson S. at Kentucky Downs. Madera Dancer produced a colt by Nyquist this year.
FIRST WINNER FOR FRESHMAN SIRE

2nd-Santa Anita, $68,902, Msw, 5-22, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :53.89, ft, 2 lengths.

TAHOMA (c, 2, Justify—Madera Dancer, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $40,200. O-West Coast Stables, LLC; B-Hunter Valley Farm, Fergus Galvin & Golden Vale Farm (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill. *1/2 to Legends of War (Scat Daddy), GSW-USA, GSP-Eng, $491,240. ** $160,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

1--THE CRITICAL WAY, 118, g, 8, Tizway—Critical Factor (GISP, $188,840), by Star de Naskra. (€17,000 Wlg ’14 KEENOV; €65,000 Ylg ’15 KEESEP; €75,000 2yo ’16 OBSPON). O-Monster Racing Stables; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Jose H. Delgado; J-Angel A. Rodriguez. $60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 29-10-6-2, $608,168.

2--High Limit Room, 118, g, 4, Kantharos—Marie Antoinette, by Stormy Atlantic. ($25,000 Ylg ’19 KEEJAN; $62,000 Ylg ’19 SARAUG; $90,000 2yo ’20 OBSMAR). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Chris S. Aulds; B-Woodville Breeding (NY); T-Jose M. Camejo. $20,000.

Making the first start as an 8-year-old, The Critical Way was sent from the gate, cleared the field to set blazing fractions of :21.08 and :43.73, then drove home a 2 1/2-length winner while never threatened. He completed the five panels in :55.52.

"I told Angel [Rodriguez] to send him because five furlongs is his game," said winning trainer Jose Delgado. "He got pulled up in his last start because the jockey [Samy Camacho] said he didn’t feel right. We had him checked out and nothing was wrong but we gave him 90 days off to let him get back to being himself and to get fresh. It worked very well because it showed today he still has it. You have to pick spots with him because he is an 8-year-old. But the one thing about 8-year-olds is they know where the wire is."

The winner’s dam, who finished third in the 1996 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, is a half-sister to GSW Malabar Gold (Unbridled). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

THINK INDIAN CREEK


Avenging his disqualification in last year's Get Serious S., The Critical Way was back for an official win in Monmouth's black-type event, his sixth lifetime stakes win. The dark bay has had a number of ups and downs in his career, spanning from highs like victory in last year's GII Parx Dash S. and Beyer Speed Figures of up to 102, to lows like disqualification from last year's edition of this race due to a positive test and getting pulled up and walked off when last seen in December at Tampa.


THINK INDIAN CREEK

IT'S IN THE WATER

1--LEGGS GALORE, 124, m, 5, Bayern—Cashing Tickets, by Indian Charlie. O/B-William J Sims (CA); T-Philip D’Amato; J-Ricardo Gonzalez. $61,380. Lifetime Record: GSW, 14-9-1-0, $621,588.

2--Bye Bye Bertie, 122, m, 6, Alternation—Dream of Bertie, by Ready’s Image. O/B-All Schlaich Stables LLC, Gatto Racing, LLC, Cahill, James F., Kahn, Brian, Powell, Mathilde and Spencer, Arthur; B-Brereton Jones (KY); T-L Powell. $15,960.

3--Royal Address (Ire), 124, f, 4, Dandy Man (Ire)—Barqeyya (Ire), by Shamardal. (£45,000 Ylg ’19 GOFFPR; 170,000gn 2yo ’20 TATAHI). O-Marsha Naify; B-Thomas Hassett (IRE); T-Neil D. Drysdale. $9,576.

Margins: 1, 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.50, 8.50, 9.10. Also Ran: Bella D, Hear My Prayer, Stella Noir.
Leggs Galore went wire-to-wire to claim her third straight victory in the Mizdirection S. at Santa Anita Saturday evening. The heavy favorite went right to the early lead and was in front through a quarter in :22.12. She scampered farther clear in to the stretch and maintained her advantage to the wire for a comfortable score.

“Ricky [Gonzalez] was able to get a length or two ahead crossing the dirt, that made me feel more comfortable that we would have just enough to hold on and sure enough it worked,” winning trainer Phil D’Amato said.

Gonzalez added, “She’s a special filly. She likes to go to the lead, so I just let her do what she likes to do. Today, she was nice and relaxed. When that other filly [Hear My Prayer] came to her, she got a little competitive and went a little faster than I wanted her to but she kicked for home really good like she always does.”

Leggs Galore opened the year with front-running victory down the hill while facing state-bred foes in the Jan. 15 Sunshine Millions Filly and Mare Turf Sprint and stretched out to a mile to take the Mar. 5 GII Buena Vista S. by a diminishing half-length over Going to Vegas (Goldencents).

“I think she’s as effective around two turns as the hill. She shows she can do both, that’s a great asset to have,” said D’Amato. She’s gotten better with age. She used to be a more nervous horse, but we turned her out and when we brought her back this year, she’s just much more relaxed in the paddock, she just knows her job and saves her energy for the race now.”

Cashing Tickets, who sold for $55,000 while carrying the winner at the 2016 Keeneland November sale, is an unraced full-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Conveyance. Her 2-year-old filly by Into Mischief sold for $800,000 to Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and LNJ Foxwoods at the Fasig-Tipton July sale last summer. The mare also has a yearling filly by Good Magic and she produced a colt by Instagrand this year.

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SEEK AGAIN S., $87,000, Belmont, 5-22, 4/up, 1mT, 1:34.94, gd.
1--MASEN (GB), 118, g, 4, Kingman (GB) -- Continental Drift, by Smart Strike. O/B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd. (GB); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Manuel Franco. $55,000. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Ire, GISP-US, 8-4-2-1, $288,798.

Also Ran: Field Pass. Scratched: Mandate.

Masen, who ended his time in Ireland with trainer Ger Lyons with a pair of wins at Leopardstown last fall, opened his stateside campaign with a bang-up second--beaten just a nose on the line by Shirl’s Speight (Speightstown)—in the Apr. 15 GI Makers Mark Mile. Facing just two rivals here, the heavy favorite was taken in hand and tracked pacesetting Wolfie’s Dynaghost through fractions of :23.64 and :47.40. He inhaled the leader midway on the turn while still well-held and kicked clear to an easy victory.

“I know it came down to a three-horse field, but I was really happy to see him get a ‘W’ under his belt,” said winning trainer Chad Brown. “It was a tough loss last time when he got beat by a really good horse over in the Maker’s Mark Mile. It was his first time racing in the country and he got nailed. I wanted to give him a confidence booster and it worked out perfect. Manny [Franco] filled in for Flavien [Prat] and did a fabulous job first time sitting on that horse to get him to settle. He did everything I wanted him to do and it’s time to move forward now and run in a higher-level race again.”

Brown continued, “He came into my barn in outstanding shape and I want to point out that Juddmonte and former trainer Ger Lyons had the horse and did a good job of developing him and sending him over very sound and in terrific shape. I’m very appreciative and they took very good care of him.”

Continental Drift, a daughter of champion Intercontinental (GB) (Danehill) and from the family of Champs Elysees (GB), Banks Hill (GB) and Dansili (GB), produced a full-sister to Masen last year.

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SEEK AGAIN S., $87,000, Belmont, 5-22, 4/up, 1mT, 1:34.94, gd.
2--Duke of Hazzard (Fr), 118, g, 6, Lope de Vega (Ire) -- With Your Spirit (Fr), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). (€130,000 Ylg ’17 ARAUG). O-Mrs. Fitriani Hay; B-Runnymede Farm Inc. & Catesby W. Clay (FR); T-Wesley A. Ward. $20,000.

3--Wolfie’s Dynaghost, 118, c, 4, Ghostzapper -- Dynaire, by Dynaformer. O/B-Woodslane Farm (KY); T-T-Albertrani. $12,000.

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Masen | Chelsea Durand
IN ORDER OF PURSE:
8th-Churchill Downs, $122,148, Alw, 5-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/4m (off turf), 2:04.43, ft, 2 lengths.
Kuchar (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Street Girl {SW & MGISP, $446,716}, by Street Hero) broke his maiden in his second career start at Oaklawn Mar. 13 and entered here off a close second in the Oaklawn S. Apr. 23 which resulted in a career-high 81 Beyer Speed Figure. Drawing in when the race was taken off the grass, Kuchar was away in good order and pressed the pace of Common Bond (The Factor) from the outside into the first turn. He advanced up the backstretch and around the far turn before taking command as the field straightened for the money. As the early pacesetter faded, Kuchar drew clear in upper stretch and had more than enough in reserve to hold off a closing Jarreau (Pioneerof the Nile) and win by two lengths at odds of 4-5. His 2-year-old half-brother, Maverick Anthony (Justify), sold for $200,000 at last year’s Keeneland September Sale and has yet to race. He also has a yearling half-brother by Medaglia d’Oro. His dam was bred to Yoshida (Jpn) for 2022. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-1-1, $162,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O-WinStar Farm LLC and Siena Farm LLC; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Rodolphe Brisset.

7th-Woodbine, C$83,235, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm ($46,775-$48,724), 5-22, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.58, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.
SKYWIRE (g, 6, Afleet Alex--Meandering Stream, by Gone West), Canada’s champion older dirt male in 2020, made his first start in more than 10 months a winning one. Last seen a no-factor last in the Gill Dominion Day S. over track and trip July 1, the bay was let go at 5-1 to shake off the rust. He did just that, settling comfortably midpack off slow :26.06 and :50.05 fractions. Surrounded on all sides early, he found clear sailing on the outside, reeled in a loose-on-the-lead frontrunner, then held off a bevy of challengers and kicked clear late to post a 1 3/4-length win over stablemate and last year’s GII Tampa Bay Derby winner Helium (Ironicus). Among Skywire’s major career wins were the GII Eclipse S. and the GII Autumn S., both in 2020. Dam Meandering Stream lost her last reported produce, a 2021 Khozan foal. Her granddam is Canadian blue hen No Class (Nodouble). Sales History: $47,000 Ylg ‘17 KEEJAN; $45,000 2yo ‘18 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: Ch. older male-Can, MGSW-Can, 18-6-3-0, $438,482. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O-Gary Barber & Lucio Tucco; B-William D. Graham (ON); T-Mark E. Casse.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
4th-Churchill Downs, $122,854, Msw, 5-22, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.02, ft, 3/4 length.
LET MY PEOPLE GO (c, 3, Pioneerof the Nile--Taboo, by Forestry), after trying both the dirt and turf at distances from six furlongs to 1 1/16 miles through five starts, shortened up to 5 1/2-furlongs in this rained off contest after drawing in from the also eligible list. Dismissed on the board at 16-1, he was slow from the gate but quickly into stride to be second behind the early pace set by Cloud Without Rein (Frosted). He raced wide throughout, was in the four path turning for home, and unleashed a rally in upper stretch to draw even with the early leader. He cleared only in the final yards to win by three-quarters of a length as Rum ‘n Tonic (Unified) closed for second. Let My People Go, a half-brother to Der Lu (Orb), GSP, $165,800, is out of a half-sister to a trio of full-siblings by Giant’s Causeway, GISW Creative Cause, MGSW Destin, and GISW Vexatious. He also has a 2-year-old half-brother by Good Magic.
and a yearling half-sister by Audible. His dam produced a filly by McKinzie in 2022. Sales History: $220,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, $112,023. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-B-Jacks or Better Farm Inc. (FL); T-Ralph E. Nicks.

ROYALS' LIL DIVA (f, 3, Mucho Macho Man--Royal Marque, by Chapel Royal), sent off at 5-1, was hustled to the early lead from her outside post and quickly opened a clear advantage. Four lengths in front at the top of the stretch, the bay filly strode home a 12-length winner. Royal Marque has a yearling full-sister to the winner and produced a colt by Flameaway this year. Breeder David Cobb purchased the mare, with the winner in utero, for $7,500 at the 2019 Keeneland January sale. Click for the Equibase.com chart. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $21,000. O-Thumbs Up Racing, LLC; B-David Cobb (MN); T-Miguel Angel Silva.

8th-Gulfstream, $35,000, (S), Msw, 5-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.48, ft, 6 lengths.

IT'S HER TIME (f, 3, Not This Time--Diamondaire {MSP}, by Distorted Humor) made a single start as a juvenile when her connections thought highly enough of her to enter her in Gulfstream's Florida Sire Susan's Girl S. Aug. 28. Though she was tenth there, beaten over 40 lengths, Rachel's Rock returned for her 3-year-old debut bet down to 3-2 and with first-time Lasix. Racing in third early, she rated patiently outside the leading duo, made her move past pacesetter Shawnee Princess (Stay Thirsty), and was clear to the wire to win by 3 1/4 lengths. Madeforsummer (Exaggerator), part of the early pace, stayed on for second. Rachel's Rock is the seventh winner from eight to race for her dam, including C. Zee (Elusive Bluff), GSW, $486,902. More recently, she produced a yearling colt by Fort Loudon and has a colt by Greenpointcrusader at foot. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $30,700. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. O/B-Jacks or Better Farm Inc. (FL); T-Ralph E. Nicks.
IN ITALY:

Schindlers Ark, h, 8 Exchange Rate—Sweet Science (GSP-US, $241,100), by Diesis (GB). Merano, 5-22, Hcp. (£5k), 1900mT. O-Stampfl L-Stampfl U. B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY). T-Raffaele Romano. *$22,000 RNA Ylg ‘15 KESEE, £5,000 HRA ‘17 GOFOCT; £4,000 HRA ‘18 TATAUG; 8,500gns HRA ‘19 TATMAY.

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, MAY 23
2022 Stud Fees Listed

The Lieutenant (Street Sense), Sequel New York
30 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, 4:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 2f, Baytown Melody, 6-1
$4,000 FTK OCT yrl

Mor Spirit (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
109 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, 4:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 2f, Accendo, 6-1
$3,500 RNA KEE JAN wn1; $20,000 SAR AUG yrl; $24,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Prospect Park (Tapit), Harris Farms
27 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Parx Racing, 3:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 2f, Little J P, 6-1

Sharp Azteca (Freud), Three Chimneys Farm, $5,000
130 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, 4:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 2f, Sharpened, 9-2
$37,000 KEE NOV wn1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, MAY 23
2022 Stud Fees Listed

American Freedom (Pulpit), Airdrie Stud, $6,000
191 foals of racing age/39 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:07 p.m. EDT, Alw 5fT, Gorman, 15-1
3-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, 7:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 1mT, Team Hot Line, 9-2
$2,500 KEE NOV wn1; $4,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Cupid (Tapit), Coolmore Ashford, $5,000
174 foals of racing age/41 winners/4 black-type winners
7-Parx Racing, 3:37 p.m. EDT, Aoc 7f, Peach Perfect, 9-2
$17,000 FTK OCT yrl
7-Parx Racing, 3:37 p.m. EDT, Aoc 7f, Princess Cupid, 5-2
$25,000 KEE NOV wn1; $67,000 EAS OCT yrl; $100,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; $90,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Divining Rod (Tapit), Country Life Farm
96 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Presque Isle Downs, 3:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Hidden Springs, 3-1

Dortmund (Big Brown), Great Hill Farm, private
19 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Parx Racing, 2:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Cave Man, 9-2
$55,000 EAS OCT yrl; $16,000 OBS APR 2yo

Greenpointcrusader (Bernardini), Ocala Stud, $3,500
54 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Prairie Meadows, 7:15 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Sweet Laura, 10-1
$2,700 KEE NOV wn1; $3,000 FTK OCT yrl; $13,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Keen Ice (Curlin), Calumet Farm, $7,500
191 foals of racing age/35 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Thistledown, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, She’s Pure Silver, 7-2
$4,000 KEE SEP yrl; $15,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Klimt (Quality Road), Jockey Club of Turkey, $7,500
282 foals of racing age/49 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Thistledown, 3:20 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Lady Jewels, 3-1
$15,000 KEE JAN wn1; $20,000 FTK OCT yrl; $55,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:07 p.m. EDT, Alw 5fT, Royal County, 12-1
$10,000 KEE SEP yrl; $30,000 E ’21 KEE OCT

Mohaymen (Tapit), Shadwell Farm, $7,500
102 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Presque Isle Downs, 4:12 p.m. EDT, $100K Tom Ridge S., 6f, Mowins, 12-1
**Profitable (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Kildangan Stud, $12,500
226 foals of racing age/41 winners/4 black-type winners
4-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:03 p.m. EDT, Aoc 5fT, Thunder Love (GB), 9-5
13,000gns TAT FOA wnl; $18,000 TAT IRY yrl

**Shaman Ghost** (Ghostzapper), Adena Springs North, $7,500
115 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Thistledown, 3:20 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Lewd, 15-1
$3,200 FTK OCT yrl

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**ITS BINN TOO LONG S.,** $76,200, Charles Town, 5-21, (S), 3yo, f,
4 1/2f, :51.75, ft.
1--**SILKY SERENA, 122, f, 3, by Fiber Sonde--Safe At First, by Honour and Glory. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Cynthia E McKee; B-Cynthia Obannon (WV); T-John D. McKee; J-Reshawn Latchman. $45,720. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, $73,518. *Full to Mr. Ripken, MSP, $199,296.


**GOLDEN CIRCLE S.,** $50,000, Prairie Meadows, 5-21, 3yo, f,
1:09.27, ft.
1--**JERRY'S EIGHTY, 119, g, 3, Palace--Cobb Sue, by Tale of the Cat. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-Dream Walkin' Farms, Inc. (KY); T-Kenny P. Smith; J-Alex Birzer. $30,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0, $112,221.

2--**Diamond Rim, 117, c, 3, Not This Time--Nurse Donna, by Vindication.** ($135,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Patti & Hal Earnhardt, Ill; B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY); T-Dan L. McFarlane. $10,000.

3--**Feel the Fear, 117, c, 3, Honor Code--Fresh Feline, by Kitten's Joy.** ($52,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Forge Ahead Stables LLC; B-Lazy F Ranch (KY); T-Austin Gustafson. $5,000.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-Belmont, $93,120, 5-22, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22.59, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.**

**MR PHIL (g, 5, Mr Speaker--Appeal to the Win (SP), by Successful Appeal)** Lifetime Record: 31-8-7-1, $439,673. O-Sanford J. Goldfarb, Alan Kahn, Estate of Ira Davis, & Samuel Abraham; B-Peter Berglar Racing Interests LLC & Narola, LLC (KY); T-Rob Atras. *$30,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; $25,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

**7th-Belmont, $92,000, 5-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.76, ft, 3 lengths.**

**HONEY MONEY (m, 5, Central Banker--Bullish Sentiment, by Stormy Atlantic)** Lifetime Record: SW, 24-8-3-5, $386,990. O-Frank Catapano & Nicholas Primpas; B-Klaravich Stables (NY); T-Bonnie Lucas. *$55,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT; $240,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. **Full to Sassy Agnes, MSW, $198,782.

**2nd-Belmont, $85,000, (S), 5-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.72, gd, 3/4 length.**

**CLASSIC COLORS (f, 4, Street Sense--Flaunted, by Tale of the Cat)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, $135,405. O-Harrell Ventures, LLC, Kenneth G. & Gail P. Beitz, & West Point Thoroughbreds; B-John Lauriello (NY); T-Christophe Clement. *$170,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG.

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**1st-Santa Anita, $75,092, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($100,000), 5-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1:09.19, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.**

**SHE'S SO NICE (IRE) (f, 4, Mehmas {Ire}--Elkmait {GB}, by Trade Fair {GB})** Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-2, $112,696. O-R Unicorn Stable; B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE); T-Philip D'Amato. *$110,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT; 80,000gns RNA 2yo '20 TATMA. **1/2 to The Mackem Bullet (IRE) (Society Rock (IRE)), GSW-USA, G1SP-Eng, $348,258.

**7th-Santa Anita, $73,652, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($100,000), 5-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.27, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**ROCKING REDHEAD (m, 5, Hard Spun--Tangelo, by Square Eddie)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-2, $141,740. O-James Doug Branhnam, Jerry McClanahan & George Papaprodromou; B-Reddam Racing, LLC (KY); T-George Papaprodromou. *$50,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $90,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN.

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8th-Woodbine, C$70,585, 5-22, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43.98, ft, 3/4 length.
MANNIX (IRE) (c, 3, Australia (GB)--Many Hearts, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-3, $83,125. O-D. J. Stable LLC; B-T. Stack (IRE); T-Mark E. Casse.* £30,000 RNA Ylg '20 GOFOR.

5th-Monmouth, $60,600, 5-22, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.54, gd, 1 1/2 lengths.
NOTHING BETTER (g, 5, Munnings--One True Love (IRE), by Duke of Marmalade (IRE)) Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-2, $148,217. O-Colts Neck Stables; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Jorge Duarte, Jr. *$47,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; $230,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

7th-Sunray, $54,774, 5-22, 3yo/up, 4 1/2fT, 1:03.64, ft, 4 lengths.
BURNZ DA BOSS (g, 4, Street Boss--Raucous Lady (SP), by Rock Hard Ten) Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-2, $84,718. O-Patrick D. Aguilar & Steve E. Wilson; B-Ed Few (KY); T-Martin Valdez-Cabraal, Jr. *$15,000 Ylg '18 KEENOV; $27,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; $20,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Mucho Amor (Mucho Macho Man), SW, $158,460.

8th-Gulfstream, $48,000, 5-22, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.45, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.
R PRIVATE JET (g, 5, Khozan--One to Five (MSW, $220,861), by Naevus) Lifetime Record: 30-7-5-2, $167,682. O/B-Highland Yard LLC (CA); T-O. J. Jauregui.

6th-Charles Town, $36,300, 5-21, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:19.64, ft, 3/4 length.
HUMPTY GRUMPTY (h, 5, Midshipman--Shesagrumptoo (MSW, $453,005), by Luftikus) Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-1, $81,818. O/B-O'Sullivan Farms (WV); T-Javier Contreras. *1/2 to Grumpelstiltskin (Successful Appeal), SW, $270,754.
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2nd-Lone Star, $33,000, 5-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.61, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

PRINCESS PHONE (m, 6, Dialed In--Cantilena, by Banker’s Gold) Lifetime Record: 22-4-5-9, $95,272. O-Madelon L. Bradshaw; B-Joe Mulholland Sr. Estate, Joe Mulholland Jr. & John P. Mulholland (KY); T-Steve Roubion. *$25,000 Ylg ’17 KEEJAN; $70,000 Ylg ’17 KEESEP.

3rd-Lone Star, $33,000, 5-22, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25.10, ft, 4 lengths.

PRINCESS PHONE (m, 6, Dialed In--Cantilena, by Banker’s Gold) Lifetime Record: 22-4-5-9, $95,272. O-Madelon L. Bradshaw; B-Joe Mulholland Sr. Estate, Joe Mulholland Jr. & John P. Mulholland (KY); T-Steve Roubion. *$25,000 Ylg ’17 KEEJAN; $70,000 Ylg ’17 KEESEP.

5th-Lone Star, $33,000, (S), 5-22, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.64, ft, 1/2 length.

TOOTIE (f, 3, Euroears--B G Country Girl, by Catienus) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, $51,069. O-Justin Williams & Allen C Dupuy; B-Allen Dupey (TX); T-Allen C. Dupuy.

2nd-Canterbury, $31,000, 5-21, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.34, ft, neck.

BUGLER (g, 4, Tonalist--Racing Bridgett, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-0, $36,207. O-Jerome & Kristina Russell; B-PTK, LLC (KY); T-Ryan Kenney.

6th-Louisiana Downs, $26,000, (S), 5-22, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:43.91, my, neck.


3rd-Louisiana Downs, $24,000, (S), 5-22, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :59.39, my, 2 1/2 lengths.


7th-Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, $23,000, (S), 5-21, (C), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.99, sy, 1/2 length.

WILDWOOD SICILIAN (g, 3, Ghaaleb--Sicilian, by Storm Boot) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-3-2-1, $80,020. O-Charles Ritter & Scott Becker; B-William P. Stiritz (IL); T-Scott Becker.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

COURTMAST (g, 3, Court Vision--Bella Brina, by Frost Giant) Evangeline Downs, 5-21, (S), 1m, 1:40.59. Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-1, $39,780. B-Roy C. Firtha (LA).

ONE SILK STOCKING (f, 3, Lord Nelson--Keep Right, by Street Cry (Ire)) Golden Gate Fields, 5-21, 6f (AWT), 1:10.61. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $19,100. B-Country Life Farm and Keep Right LLC (MD). *$70,000 Ylg ’20 EASOCT; $150,000 2yo ’21 EASOCT.

VOCALIZE (c, 3, More Than Ready--Harmonize [GISW, $827,860], by Scat Daddy) Belmont, 5-22, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.83. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $49,100. B-Larkin Armstrong (KY).

KUNSHAN BRIDGE (g, 3, Protonico--Majestic Island, by Majestic Warrior) Churchill Downs, 5-22, (C), 6f, 1:10.62. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $41,200. B-William B. Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo (KY). *$10,000 Ylg ’20 FTQCT.

WINSTON BLUE (c, 3, Tale of Ekati--Luna Blu, by Lemon Drop Kid) Woodbine, 5-22, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.83. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $63,243. B-Rijack Farm Stable & Scott Fairlie (ON). C$22,000 Ylg ’20 CANSEP. *1/2 to Ruth Less Blue (Giant Gizmo), SW, $265,226.

TAP THE GAVEL (c, 3, Tapit--Courtisane [Arg], by Silver Finder) Monmouth, 5-22, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.73. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, $49,100. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY). *$230,000 2yo ’21 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Equal Court (ARG) (Equal Stripes [Arg]), SW & GSP-Arg; Madame Stripes (ARG) (Equal Stripes [Arg]), GSW & GIS-PUSA, GISP-Arg, $446,713; and to Equal Councillor (ARG) (Equal Stripes [Arg]), MGISP-Arg.
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He's Got This, g, 3, Tapiture--Golden Delicious, by Harlan's Holiday. Louisiana Downs, 5-22, 1m 70y, 1:44.98. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $16,320. B-Gil Masters (KY).

Gypsy Reward, f, 3, Warrior's Reward--Blue Gene Song, by Buddha. Canterbury, 5-21, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.60. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $23,520. B-Eric & Mary Von Seggern (MN).

*26,000 Ylg '20 MNSAUG. **1/2 to Clickbait (Lovango), MSW, $306,105.

Walker's Win, g, 4, Ghaaleb--Gita, by Sahm. Fan duel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, 5-21, (S), 6f, 1:12.37. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $19,080. B-William P. Stiritz (IL).

Veery, f, 4, Giant Gizmo--Roust 'Em Bertie, by Bertrando. Woodbine, 5-22, (C), 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.54. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, $61,940. B-E.A. Ranches (CA).

El Berrinches, c, 4, Sapphire Cat--One Wayout, by Uncle Mo. Golden Gate Fields, 5-22, 6f (AWT), 1:11.35. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $24,960. B-M&J Ranch Corporation (CA).

Jump Back Jack, g, 4, Summer Front--Green Punch, by Two Punch. Gulfstream, 5-22, 5fT, :57.45. Lifetime Record: 14-1-4-2, $49,643. B-Althea Richards (VA). *$15,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT.


Wheels, c, 4, Will Take Charge--Fraudulentfootnote (SP), by More Than Ready. Evangeline Downs, 5-21, 5fT, :56.67. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, $24,870. B-May Valley Farm (KY).

Afleet Alex, Skywire, g, 6, o/o Meandering Stream, by Gone West. AOC, 5-22, Woodbine

American Pharoah, Tiz Life, c, 4, o/o Tiz Miz Sue, by Tiznow. ALW, 5-22, Lone Star

Animal Kingdom, Duchossois, g, 7, o/o Queens Carousel, by Afternoon Deelites. ALW, 5-21, Hawthorne

Australia (GB), Mannix (Ire), c, 3, o/o Many Hearts, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 5-22, Woodbine

Bayern, Ding Ding, f, 3, o/o Chaloniitka, by Empire Maker. ALW, 5-21, Charles Town

Bayern, Leggs Galore, m, 5, o/o Cashing Tickets, by Indian Charlie. Mizdirection S., 5-21, Santa Anita

Central Banker, Honey Money, m, 5, o/o Bullish Sentiment, by Stormy Atlantic. ALW, 5-22, Belmont

Classic Empire, Empress Tigress, f, 3, o/o Tigress Tale, by Tale of the Cat. MSW, 5-22, Woodbine

Court Vision, Courtman, g, 3, o/o Bella Brina, by Frost Giant. MSW, 5-21, Evangeline

Dialed In, Princess Phone, m, 6, o/o Cantilena, by Banker's Gold. ALW, 5-22, Lone Star

El Kingdom, Seductive U S A, g, 7, o/o Lady Geegee, by Macho Uno. ALW, 5-22, Lone Star

Euroears, Tootie, f, 3, o/o G Country Girl, by Catienus. ALW, 5-22, Lone Star

Fiber Sonde, Silky Serena, f, 3, o/o Safe At First, by Honour and Glory. Its Binn Too Long S., 5-21, Charles Town

First Samurai, Ryan's Sword, g, 3, o/o Wooden Nickel, by Divine Park. ALW, 5-21, Charles Town

Frosted, Jibaro, g, 3, o/o Toast to Ashley, by First Defence. MSW, 5-22, Woodbine

Ghaaleb, Walker's Win, g, 4, o/o Gita, by Sahm. MSW, 5-21, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing

Ghaaleb, Wildwood Sicilian, g, 3, o/o Sicilian, by Storm Boot. ALW, 5-21, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing

Giant Gizmo, Veery, f, 4, o/o Roust 'Em Bertie, by Bertrando. MOC, 5-22, Woodbine

Hard Spun, Tango Charlie, g, 4, o/o Gem, by Elusive Quality. STR, 5-22, Churchill Downs

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Justify, Tahoma, c, 2, o/o Madera Dancer, by Rahy. MSW, 5-22, Santa Anita
Khozan, R Private Jet, g, 5, o/o One to Five, by Naevus. ALW, 5-22, Gulfstream
Kingman (GB), Masen (GB), g, 4, o/o Continental Drift, by Smart Strike. Seek Again S., 5-22, Belmont
Liam’s Map, Latin Casino, g, 4, o/o Hearts of Red, by Lion Heart. ALW, 5-21, Hawthorne
Lord Nelson, One Silk Stocking, f, 3, o/o Keep Right, by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 5-21, Golden Gate
Mehmas (Ire), She’s So Nice (Ire), f, 4, o/o Elkmaity (GB), by Trade Fair (GB). AOC, 5-22, Santa Anita
Midshipman, Humpty Grumpty, h, 5, o/o Shesagramptoo, by Luftikus. ALW, 5-21, Charles Town
More Than Ready, Vocalize, c, 3, o/o Harmonize, by Scat Daddy. MCL, 5-22, Belmont
Mr Speaker, Mr Phil, g, 5, o/o Appeal to the Win, by Successful Appeal. AOC, 5-22, Belmont
Mr. Big, Miss O’Brien, f, 4, o/o My Kinda Party, by Flashy Bull. MSW, 5-22, Santa Anita
Mucho Macho Man, Royals’ Lil Diva, f, 3, o/o Royal Marque, by Chapel Royal. MSW, 5-21, Canterbury
Munnings, Nothing Better, g, 5, o/o One True Love (Ire), by Duke of Marmalade (Ire). AOC, 5-22, Monmouth
Neolithic, Splenda Gail, f, 3, o/o Frost Princess, by Waquoit. ALW, 5-21, Evangeline
Northern Indy, Bottle of Smoke, g, 5, o/o Wee Highland Lass, by Include. AOC, 5-21, Golden Gate
Not This Time, It’s Her Time, f, 3, o/o Stephangjess, by Yonaguska. MSW, 5-21, Canterbury
Orb, My Friend Amy, f, 3, o/o Orrery, by Smart Strike. ALW, 5-22, Lone Star
Palace, Jerry’s Eighty, g, 3, o/o Cobb Sue, by Tale of the Cat. Golden Circle S., 5-21, Prairie Meadows
Pioneer of the Nile, Let My People Go, c, 3, o/o Taboo, by Forestry. MSW, 5-22, Churchill Downs
Protonico, Kunshan Bridge, g, 3, o/o Majestic Island, by Majestic Warrior. MCL, 5-22, Churchill Downs
Revolutionary, Cash Kid, g, 4, o/o Hana J, by Peaks and Valleys. MSW, 5-22, Monmouth
Sapphire Cat, El Berrinches, c, 4, o/o One Wayout, by Uncle Mo. MSW, 5-22, Golden Gate
Smiling Tiger, Silverbullitbadger, g, 3, o/o Suddenly Single, by Macho Uno. ALW, 5-22, Sunray
Society’s Chairman, Funiculi, g, 4, o/o High Tee, by El Corredor. OCL, 5-22, Woodbine
Star Guitar, Box of Pictures, f, 4, o/o Persuading, by Broken Vow. ALW, 5-22, Louisiana Downs
Star Guitar, Jimi’s a Star, g, 6, o/o Unusual Strike, by Unusual Heat. ALW, 5-22, Louisiana Downs
Stay Thirsty, Preskitt, f, 3, o/o If Only Ida, by Grace Upon Grace. AOC, 5-21, Emerald Downs
Street Boss, Burnz Da Boss, g, 4, o/o Raucous Lady, by Rock Hard Ten. ALW, 5-22, Sunray
Street Sense, Classic Colors, f, 4, o/o Flaunted, by Tale of the Cat. AOC, 5-22, Belmont
Summer Front, Jump Back Jack, g, 4, o/o Green Punch, by Two Punch. MSW, 5-22, Gulfstream
Tale of Ekati, Winston Blue, c, 3, o/o Luna Blu, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 5-22, Woodbine
Tapit, Tap the Gavel, c, 3, o/o Courtisane (Arg), by Silver Finder. MSW, 5-22, Monmouth
Taptitude, He’s Got This, g, 3, o/o Golden Delicious, by Harlan’s Holiday. MSW, 5-22, Louisiana Downs
Tizway, The Critical Way, g, 8, o/o Critical Factor, by Star de Naskra. Get Serious S., 5-22, Monmouth
Tonalist, Bugler, g, 4, o/o Racing Bridgett, by Not For Love. ALW, 5-21, Canterbury
Twirling Candy, Kapalua Candy, f, 4, o/o Zenya, by Salute the Sarge. MOC, 5-21, Hastings
Twirling Candy, Stanley Market, f, 3, o/o Mount Kellett, by Empire Maker. STR, 5-22, Churchill Downs
Uncle Mo, Kuchar, c, 3, o/o Street Girl, by Street Hero. ALW, 5-22, Churchill Downs
Warrior’s Reward, Gypsy Reward, f, 3, o/o Blue Gene Song, by Buddha. MSW, 5-21, Canterbury
Will Take Charge, Wheels, c, 4, o/o Fraudulentfootnote, by More Than Ready. MSW, 5-21, Evangeline
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by Tom Frary

Kept back from the 1000 Guineas and Poule d’Essai des Pouliches, Moyglare Stud’s ‘TDN Rising Star’ Homeless Songs (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) was finally let loose on unsuspecting victims lined up for what appeared to be a competitive edition of the G1 Tattersalls Irish 1000 Guineas at The Curragh on Sunday. Travelling like the best filly the whole way settled in rear of mid-division by Chris Hayes, the 11-2 shot, who had offered tantalising insight into what was to come when taking the seven-furlong G3 Ballylinch Stud 1000 Guineas Trial at Leopardstown Apr. 2, produced explosive acceleration down the outside to chop down the 11-4 favourite Tuesday (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) a furlong from home.

At the line, the Dermot Weld-trained homebred had stretched the measurement of her superiority to 5 1/2 lengths from Ballydoyle’s number one, with another from that operation Concert Hall (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) running an eye-catching Oaks trial half a length back in third. Cont. p2

LESTER PIGGOTT HOSPITALISED IN SWITZERLAND

Legendary jockey Lester Piggott has been hospitalised in Switzerland, according to Piggott’s son-in-law William Haggas. Haggas is married to the former champion jockey’s daughter Maureen. A nine-time G1 Derby-winning rider, the jockey is 86.

Haggas told Sky Sports Racing, “I believe he is in hospital and I think Maureen is going over tomorrow to see him. Jamie, his son, is there today. He’s battling a bit, but he’s a tough man. Hopefully, he’ll pull through and get home as soon as possible.

“All we can do is train plenty of winners and keep him amused, that’s what we’re trying to do. I don’t think he thinks about what he’s achieved, but he loves the adulation that he gets every time he steps out into a public place.”

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

EARLY VOTING IN GOOD ORDER AFTER PREAKNESS

GI Preakness S. hero Early Voting (Gun Runner) has exited his victory at Old Hilltop in good order and has returned to New York’s Belmont Park. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
G1 Tattersalls Irish 1000 Guineas Cont. from p1

“She is very talented and has a lot of pace, but she’s not the easiest to keep right,” her master trainer announced in the aftermath of receiving a warm welcome from the appreciative crowd in the winner’s enclosure following his 20th Curragh Classic victory. “I’ve always had the highest confidence in the filly, but I wasn’t prepared to run her until she was right and conditions were right and it is beautiful ground today. Chris got her relaxed and gave her a beautiful ride—the only question was whether she would stay a mile, as she has pace to win a Group 1 race over six furlongs, but this was the best place to find out.”

Stamped a TDN Rising Star with a debut defeat of Agartha (Ire) (Caravaggio) in what has turned out to be a prescient seven-furlong maiden at Leopardstown in July, Homeless Songs was returning to the scene of the first of two subsequent disappointments when fifth in the G1 Moyglare Stud S. in September. Only sixth in the G3 Killavullan S. back at Leopardstown the following month, the homebred had come back with a clean slate for the latter venue’s 1000 Guineas Trial and swept aside Agartha on three-pound better terms to re-establish her reputation. This was much the same in terms of performance, if super-sized to fit the occasion.

Unsurprisingly, Agartha who was at levels this time was in the thick of it again heading to the furlong pole where Joseph O’Brien’s solid yardstick was coming off slightly worse in her private argument with Tuesday. What happened in the next dozen seconds was as dramatic as it gets in a fiercely-contested Curragh Classic, as both high-class fillies were swamped and left for dead by the relentless winner. Homeless Songs covered the mile almost a second faster than the year-older Pearls Galore (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) had carrying the same weight in the preceding G2 Lanwades Stud S. and when weight-for-age is taken into account, the cherry is on the cake where this magnificent display is concerned.

Chris Hayes said, “Where we were drawn is probably the best of the ground. When the draw came out the other day, I was nearly leaping up and down inside in Rosewell! She has an extraordinary turn of foot and the last thing I wanted to do was to be looking for gaps. She likes a little bit of room and you saw what she can do. There was talk that she would be better with a bend and this and that. My only concern coming into today was would I get a clean run of things. Staying a mile and the ground made no difference, as she is a special filly.”

For Weld, the occasion brought rise to many emotions as he pondered the loss of Pat Smullen. “Today would have been his [Pat Smullen’s] birthday and I saw his picture on the racecard and recalled that he won at stakes level on her dam. He also won this on Nighttime (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) for my late mother in 2006, so it’s very poignant,” he said, before his attention was turned back to Homeless Songs’ immediate and long-term future. “We’ll see how she comes out of this and speak with Eva-Maria [Bucher Haefner], but obviously the Coronation at Royal Ascot has to be considered,” he added. “That is my 27th European Classic and my fifth time to win this race and every Classic is very special and difficult to win. She’s a very special filly and she is likely to be around next year—there’s every chance.” Cont. p3
Tuesday’s trainer Aidan O’Brien said, “Tuesday ran a good race and came up against a very good filly on the day. I’d imagine if everything goes well she will head to Epsom [for the G1 Cazoo Oaks on June 3].

**Pedigree Notes**

Homeless Songs, bred on the same cross as Adayar (Ire), gives Frankel his 21st Group 1 winner and hails from a high-achieving family that keeps delivering on the big stage. She is the second foal out of the talented Joailliere (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), who was denied the chance to show her true merit and ended up only ninth in this in 2015 on her second start after an emphatic debut win. Off until her 4-year-old campaign, she was placed in the G3 Concorde S., G3 Park Express S. and G3 Gladness S. before winning the Listed Frankfurt Sprint Trophy. Kin to the G3 Meld S. and G3 Dance Design Fillies’ S. winner Carla Bianca (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) and the G2 Beresford S. runner-up True Solitaire (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), her first foal was the Listed Orby S. winner Reve de Vol (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}), who was also placed in the G2 Champions Juvenile S. and G3 Royal Whip S.

Joailliere is out of the Listed Finale S. winner Diamond Trim (Ire) (Highest Honor {Fr}), whose progeny list is headed by the triple Group 3 winner and G1 Irish St Leger runner-up Profound Beauty (Ire) (Danehill) who in turn produced the Listed Platinum S. winner and G3 Athasi S. runner-up Rose de Pierre (Ire) to a mating with Dubawi. Diamond Trim is a granddaughter of the GI Acorn S. winner Aptostar (Fappiano), as well as being a half to the G2 Ribblesdale S. winner Irresistible Jewel (Ire) (Danehill), in turn the dam of the Irish St Leger hero Royal Diamond (Ire) (King’s Best), fellow Ribblesdale scorer Princess Highway (Street Cry {Ire}) and Mad about You (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) who was second in this Classic. Joailliere’s 2-year-old colt Time Tells All (Ire) is by Sea the Stars (Ire), while she also has a yearling full-brother to Homeless Songs.
Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Tuesday (Ire), 128, f, 3, Galileo (Ire)

1st Dam: Lillie Langtry (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)
2nd Dam: Hoity Toity (GB), by Darshaan (GB)
3rd Dam: Hiwaayati (GB), by Shadeed

O-Mrs. J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith/Westerberg; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien. €100,000.

3--Concert Hall (Ire), 128, f, 3, Dubawi (Ire)

1st Dam: Was (Ire) (G1SW-Eng, G1SP-Ire, $496,294), by Galileo (Ire)
2nd Dam: Alluring Park (Ire), by Green Desert
3rd Dam: Park Express (Ire), by Ahonoora (GB)

1ST G1 BLACK TYPE. O-D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, Westerberg; B-Was Syndicate (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien. €50,000.

Margins: SHF, HF, NK. Odds: 5.50, 2.75, 7.50.

Also Ran: Star Girls Aalmal (Ire), Agartha (Ire), Purplepay (Fr), History (Ire), Villanova Queen (Ire), Lady of Inishfree (Ire), Panama Red (Ire), Mise En Scene (GB), Freedom of Speech (Ire), Hermana Estrella (Ire), Lullaby (Ire). Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO.

ALENQUER WINS AN EPIC TATTERSALLS GOLD CUP by Tom Frary

The William Haggas show had another stirring episode at The Curragh on Sunday as M M Stables’ Alenquer (Fr) (Adlerflug {Ger}) came out on top of a thrilling finale to a G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup which will be recalled for some time.

Last year’s G2 King Edward VII S. winner had lost a front shoe when a gallant sixth in the Mar. 26 G1 Dubai Sheema Classic when last seen, having readily beaten Lord North (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) previously in the G3 Winter Derby at Lingfield Feb. 26, and was accorded due respect at 7-2 in this fascinating renewal.

Kept handy by Tom Marquand as Ryan Moore finally unlocked the abundant talent of the frustrating High Definition (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) with a no-nonsense front-running ride, he was at work turning for home and continued to graft all the way up the straight as Ballydoyle’s 20-1 shot clung on at the head of affairs. The 2-1 joint-favourite Lord North was the first to crack inside the final furlong, but Alenquer kept digging in to deny the upset in the final stride and prevail by a neck. The other joint-favourite State of Rest (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) ended up the same margin away in third, in front of Lord North but never able to land a serious blow in an epic encounter of middle-distance heavyweights. Cont. p5
G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup Cont.

“We had hoped he had this in the tank and came here with barely an inch to find with the top horses--there were a couple of little things that didn’t go our way in Dubai and we had valid excuses and this is testament to his attitude,” Marquand said after his first ride in Ireland. “At the two pole, I was more worried about Lord North than High Definition but there was a question mark about his stamina and in the end it was no mean task pegging back the runner-up. He really had to dig deep there and it is a stiff last furlong. It is wonderful for William Haggas and the team at home, because he is not the easiest.”

Alenquer may have entered the G3 Sandown Classic Trial last April a 25-1 shot, but he emerged to make a mockery of those odds by beating Adayar (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), Yibir (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Lone Eagle (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in what has come to represent one of those races that was foretelling a big story. Left out of the Derby mix, he was sent to Royal Ascot to garner the King Edward prior to missing the break and finishing a distant third to Hurricane Lane (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris in July. Again well adrift of a bigwig when six-lengths second to Mishriff (Ire) (Make Believe {GB}) in York’s G1 Juddmonte International the next month, the bay was sent to the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe but wound up ninth after trying to force the issue from the front.

Having been dogged by testing ground for most of his 3-year-old campaign, Alenquer showed the kind of pace and strength that connections had always believed was there on his comeback when putting Lord North to the sword in the Winter Derby on Polytrack. Beaten only just over a length in the Sheema Classic racing on three plates, he had ideal conditions returning to Europe in this hot contest and ultimately again had too much stamina for the Gosdens’ dual G1 Dubai Turf hero, too much pace for the GI Saratoga Derby Invitational, G1 Cox Plate and G1 Prix Ganay winner State of Rest and a smidgen more class on the day than the revitalised TDN Rising Star High Definition. Putting the performance in context, last year’s winner Helvic Dream (Ire) (Power {GB}) was last, beaten over 11 lengths, while the 2021 runner-up Broome (Ire) (Australia {GB}) could only manage fifth.

William and Maureen Haggas are operating at a near 50% strike-rate at the moment and have now won nine black-type races since the previous Saturday when Baaeed (GB) took Newbury by storm.

Maureen had the pleasure of representing Somerville Lodge and said, “He was ridden beautifully by Tom. He knows him really well and the horse is as hard as nails. The more you ask the more he gives. He’s always been a nice horse, but he keeps surprising us a bit.” Cont. p6
Alenquer (far right) | Racingfotos.com

**G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup Cont.**

She said, “I think ground is important and it is on the slow side here. He won over a mile and a half at Ascot last year, but his top-class form is over a mile and a quarter. I thought he had a hard enough race today, but looking at him there is not a bother on him.”

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**Pedigree Notes**

Alenquer, who was a super-find by Armando Duarte at only 80,000gns at the 2019 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 1, further advertises the prowess of his late sire for whom he was the sixth Group 1 winner. He is the second foal out of Wild Blossom (Ger) (Areion {Ger}), a half-sister to the Listed Junioren-Preis winner Wilder Wein (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}) from a family replete with black-type winners. The third dam is the influential Waitotara (Ire) (Habitat), ancestress of Hong Kong’s champion stayer Mr Medici (Ire) (Medicean {GB}), the G3 Prix Miesque winner and G1 Preis der Diana runner-up White Rose (Ger) (Platini {Ger}), the G2 EuropaChampionat winner Wild Side (Ger) (Sternkonig {Ire}) and her triple group-winning daughter Wild Coco (Ger) (Shirocco {Ger}). Wild Blossom also has an unraced 3-year-old filly by Zarak (Fr), a 2-year-old colt by Galiway (GB) bought for €100,000 by Haras de Meautry at the 2020 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale, and a yearling colt by The Grey Gatsby (Ire).
Sunday, The Curragh, Ireland
TATTERSALLS GOLD CUP-G1, €400,000, Curragh, 5-22, 4yo/up, 1of 110yT, 2:11.44, gd.

1—ALENQUER (FR), 131, c, 4, by Adlerflug (Ger)
   1st Dam: Wild Blossom (Ger), by Areion (Ger)
   2nd Dam: Wind In her Hair (Ger), by Turtle Island (Ire)
   3rd Dam: Waitotara (Ire), by Habitat
   1ST GROUP 1 WIN. (€18,000 Wlg ’18 ARQDE; 80,000gns Ylg ’19 TATOCT). O-M M Stables; B-Gestut Romerhof (FR);
   T-William Haggas; J-Tom Marquand. €240,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr, 10-5-2-1, $1,016,838.
   Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A++.

2—High Definition (Ire), 131, c, 4, Galileo (Ire)—Palace (Ire), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). 1ST G1 BLACK TYPE. ‘TDN Rising Star’. O-D
   Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, Westerberg; B-Whisperview Trading Ltd (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien. €80,000.

3—State of Rest (Ire), 131, c, 4, Starspangledbanner (Aus)—Repose, by Quiet American. (45,000gns Wlg ’18 TATFOA; 60,000gns Ylg ’19 TATOCT). O-State of Rest Partnership;
   B-Tinnakill Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Joseph O’Brien. €40,000. Margins: NK, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 3.50, 20.00, 2.00.

Also Ran: Lord North (Ire), Broome (Ire), Bear Story (Ire), Mac Swiney (Ire), Helvic Dream (Ire). Click for the free

Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO.

MALJOOM POWERS TO GERMAN 2000 GUINEAS GLORY by Sean Cronin

William Haggas’s Newmarket stable is firing on all cylinders at present and continued its dominance when Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum’s unbeaten Maljoom (Ire) (Caravaggio) overcame a slow start to maintain his perfect record in Sunday’s G2 37th Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen - German 2000 Guineas at Cologne. The April-foaled bay went postward for this first black-type outing coming back off an Apr. 18 all-weather conditions win at Kempton, having made a successful debut over seven furlongs on the Doncaster turf in March. Repeating his slow start at Kempton, the 3-1 second favourite forfeited lengths to his rivals with a dawdling getaway, but recovered to race in rear before tanking into a midfield sixth at halfway. Bustled long approaching the quarter-mile marker, he went second in pursuit of the enterprisingly ridden Rocchigiani (GB) (Time Test (GB))—winner of last year’s G3 Zukunftsrennen—with 350 metres remaining and powered by that rival inside the final furlong en route to an ultimately impressive 1 1/4-length success, the duo five lengths clear of Georgios (Ger) (Poet’s Voice (GB)) in third.

Cont. p8
Maljoom (Ire) | Racingfotos.com

G2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen Cont.

“He’s been a complete star, we’re delighted to be here and delighted to have won,” said stable representative Isabella Paul. “We like sending horses abroad when we think they’ve got a chance and it’s always great when they win. We’ll take him home, see how he is and take it from there. He holds an entry in the [G1] St James’s Palace S. [at Royal Ascot].”

Pedigree Notes

Maljoom, the fourth of five foals and kin to a 2-year-old filly by U S Navy Flag, becomes the first Classic and third pattern-race winner for his sire (by Scat Daddy) and the first for his unraced dam Nictate (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), herself kin to two stakes performers including Listed Michael Seely Memorial Fillies’ S. runner-up Sylvestris (Ire) (Arch). Sylvestris, in turn, is the dam of GII Palm Beach S. victor and GI Summer S. placegetter Vitalogy (GB) (No Nay Never). Maljoom’s third dam Gold Pattern (Slew o’ Gold), who produced dual Group 3 winner and MG1SP G1 1000 Guineas second Arch Swing (Arch), is out of GI Hollywood Oaks heroine Pattern Step (Nureyev). Pattern Step’s descendents also include GI Arkansas Derby-winning sire Archarcharch (Arch) and GI Canadian International S. victor Bullards Alley (Flower Alley).

Sunday, Cologne, Germany

37TH MEHL-MULHENS-RENNEN - GERMAN 2000 GUINEAS-G2, €153,000, Cologne, 5-22, 3yo, c/f, 8fT, 1:35.85, gd.
1--MALJOOM (IRE), 128, c, 3, by Caravaggio
   1st Dam: Nictate (Ire), by Teofilo (Ire)
   2nd Dam: Woodmaven, by Woodman
   3rd Dam: Gold Pattern, by Slew o’ Gold
   1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (72,000gns Wlg ’19 TATFOA; 160,000gns Ylg ’20 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-GCE Farm Ltd (IRE); T-William Haggas; J-Stephen Donohoe. €100,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, €120,029. Werk Nick Rating: B+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.
2--Rocchigiani (GB), 128, c, 3, Time Test (GB)--Ronja, by El Corredor. O-Stall Domstadt; B-Dr Till Grewe (GB); T-Peter Schiergen. €30,000.
3--Georgios (Ger), 128, c, 3, Poet’s Voice (GB)--Gotia (GB), by Teofilo (Ire). 1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. (€36,000 RNA Ylg ’20 BBAGO). O/B-Gestut Ebbesloh (GER); T-Peter Schiergen. €13,000.
Margins: 1 1/4, 5, 1 3/4. Odds: 3.00, 11.70, 11.60.
Also Ran: Mr McCann (Ire), The Wizard Of Eye (Ire), Arnis Master (Ger), Becassio (Ger), Mylady (Ger), Fire Of The Sun (Fr), Schwarzter Peter (Ger), Zandjan (Ger). Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO.

PEARLS GALORE SECURES NARROW SCORE AT THE CURRAGH by Sean Cronin

Haras de Saint Pair’s evergreen 5-year-old mare Pearls Galore (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Pearl Banks {GB}, by Pivotal (GB)), who posted runner-up finishes in last term’s G1 Matron S. and G1 Prix de la Foret, went postward as the odds-on selection for Sunday’s G2 Lanwades Stud S. at the Curragh. Cont. p9
G2 Lanwades Stud S. Cont.

She was made to fight for a narrow success by 25-1 outsider Emphatic Answer (Ire) (No Nay Never).

The homebred bay, whose 2021 campaign yielded scores in the G3 Brownstown S. and G3 Fairy Bridge S., also ran sixth in November’s G1 Breeders’ Cup Mile and lined up here coming back off a win in Leopardstown’s Listed Heritage S. on seasonal return last month. The eventual winner was the sharpest of seven into stride and settled behind the leaders in third after the early strides. Inching closer once into the straight, the 8-11 favourite was shaken up inside the final quarter mile to launch her challenge Emphatic Answer entering the final furlong and was driven out to just get the better of that rival by a neck. Sh Boom (GB) (War Command) was best of the remainder and finished two lengths away in third.

“She’s tough and improving all the time,” said winning trainer Paddy Twomey. “She enjoys her racing and does what she has to do. She’s won her Group 2 now, so we’ll have to try and win a Group 1. The fillies’ races through the summer--the Falmouth, the Prix de Rothschild and the Matron--and maybe the [Prix de la] Foret and the [GI] Breeders Cup Mile, that sort of programme we are looking at with her. We’ll target the European races before going to America.”

Pedigree Notes

Pearls Galore is the fifth of seven foals and one of three stakes winners produced by G3 Dirk Elbers-Preis victrix Pearl Banks (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), herself out of G1 Prix Vermeille heroine Pearly Shells (GB) (Efisio {GB}). Pearly Shells, in turn, is a half-sister to G1 Hollywood Turf Cup-winning sire Frenchpark (GB) (Fools Holme). The May-foaled homebred bay is a half-sister to G3 Grosser Preis der Mehl-Mulhens-Stiftung victrix Lucky Lycra (Ire) (Olympic Glory {Ire}), Listed Prix des Lilas winner Pearly Steph (Fr) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and the unraced 2-year-old colt L’Ambassadeur (GB) (Shalaa {Ire}).

Sunday, Curragh, Ireland

LANWADES STUD S.-G2, €142,800, Curragh, 5-22, 4yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:39.62, gd/yl.

1--PEARLS GALORE (FR), 128, m, 5, by Invincible Spirit (Ire) (No Nay Never--Ask Me Nicely (Ire), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. O-Rectory Road Holdings Ltd, Susan Magnier & Mrs A M Brien; B-Mrs A M O’Brien (IRE); T-Joseph O’Brien. i 72,000.

2--Emphatic Answer (Ire), 128, f, 4, No Nay Never--Ask Me Nicely (Ire), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. O-Rectory Road Holdings Ltd, Susan Magnier & Mrs A M O’Brien; B-Mrs A M O’Brien (IRE); T-Joseph O’Brien. €24,000.

3--Sh Boom (GB), 128, m, 6, War Command--Nouvelle Lune (GB), by Fantastic Light. (52,000gns RNA Ylg ‘17 TAOCT; 57,000gns 3yo ‘19 TATMA). O-David Spratt, Sean Jones & Mrs Lynne Lyons; B-J G Davis & Star Pointe Ltd (GB); T-Ger Lyons. €12,000.

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DERBY ITALIANO GLORY FOR RELIABLE MAN’S ARDAKAN by Heather Anderson

Favoured Ardakan (GB) (Reliable Man {GB}) rewarded the Cappannelle faithful with a narrow score in the G2 Derby Italiano over 2200 metres on Sunday.

Tanking up to sit in midpack while glued to the rail, the 6-5 chalk was a bit keen nearing the bend, but eventually settled down. He edged toward the front under his own power while still saving ground, and was tipped off the inside to make his run 800 metres from home. Employing a speedy turn of foot, he drew into contention at the 600-metre mark, but was passed by Tempesti (Ity) (Albert Dock {Jpn}), who rallied sharply and took over inside the final quarter-mile. Not letting that foe out of his sights, he dove back to the fence and just edged that foe by a neck. It was 3 1/4 lengths back to Frozen Day (Ire) (The Gurkha {Ire}) in third.

Lightly raced, the grey broke his maiden in the G3 Premio Berardelli in Rome last November, his third trip to the post. He was three-quarters of a length behind Martel (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) in the Listed Prix de l’Avre at ParisLongchamp in a warmup for this test on May 5.

Pedigree Notes

Ardakan is one of 19 black-type winners, 14 at the group level, for his shuttle sire Reliable Man. The grey has three Group 1 winners to his credit–Miami Bound (NZ), Inspirational Girl (NZ), and Miss Sentimental (NZ)–from his time spent shuttling to New Zealand. Kalaglow (Ire) horse Sternkoenig (Ire) counts Ardakan as one of seven group winners among his 17 stakes winners as a broodmare sire.

Also grey and tracing tail-male back to Nasrullah through the Grey Sovereign (GB) line, his daughters have produced three Group 1 winners led by the globetrotting Ivanhoe (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}), and the G1 Deutsches Derby winners Windstoss (Ger) (Shirocco {Ger}) and Weltstar (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}). The latter pair are both out of the winning mare Wellenspiel (Ger).
G2 Derby Italiano Cont.

Stakes placed in Germany at three, Alaskakonigin (Ger) (Sternkoe nig (Ire)) improved to take the Listed Grosser Preis der Sparkasse Dortmund over 2000 metres as a 4-year-old. Her first foal, Astor (Ger) (Siyouni {Fr}), was a winner, and the German stakes winner Alaskasonne (Fr) (Soldier Hollow {GB}), who ran third in the G2 Carl Jaspers Preis was her second foal. The latter holds an engagement in Tuesday’s G2 Prix Corrida at Saint-Cloud. Ardakan is her third produce, while her Nathaniel (Ire) foal of 2020 died. A half-sister to multiple stakes winner and dual Group 3-placed Alicante (Ger) (Lando (Ger)), her latest produce is a yearling colt by Best Solution (Ire) already named Abanos (GB). Another half-sister to Alaskakonigin, the Dashing Blade (GB) filly Andrea (Ger) (Star Appeal {Ire}) was a half-sister to the high-class runner and influential matriarch Anna Paola (Ger) (Prince Ippi {Ger}).

Sunday, Rome, Italy

PREMIO DERBY ITALIANO CAMPUS BIOMEDICO DI ROMA-G2,

€640,200, Capannelle, 5-22, 3yo, c/f, 2200mT, 2:17.40, gd.

1--ARDAKAN (GB), 128, c, 3, Reliable Man (GB)

1st Dam: Alaskakonigin (Ger) (SW-Ger), by Sternkoe nig (Ire)
2nd Dam: Annouche (Ger), by Unfuwain
3rd Dam: Anna Thea (Ire), by Turfkonig (Ger)

(€40,000 Ylg ‘20 BBASEP). O-Darius Racing. B-Gestut Rottgen
eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Tempesti (Ity), 128, c, 3, Albert Dock (Jpn)--Tender Hugs (Ire), by Bahcelor Duke. 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. O-Razza Dormello
Santini. €108,834.

3--Frozen Day (Ire), 128, c, 3, The Gurkha (Ire)--Sweet Lollipop
(Ire), by Shamardal. 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. (€10,000 Wlg
‘19 GOFNOV). O-Stefano Botti Turf SRL. B-Razza Del Velino SRL
Also Ran: Emperor Of Love (Ire), Lohengrin (Ity), Don Chicco
(GB), Chelsea Gardens (GB), Il Grande Black (Ire), Gold Tango
(Ire), Tramaglino (Ity), Di Lido, Open Skies (Ger), Lord Sakay (Ire), Vecello (GB), Arrival (Ire).
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pedigree. VIDEO.

Sunday, Rome, Italy

PREMIO PRES. DELLA REPUBBLICA LP ROMA BOUTIQUE

LEGALE E PROFESSIONA-G2, €200,200, Capannelle, 5-22,
4yo/up, 1800mT, 1:53.00, gd.

1--CANTOCORALE (GB), 128, c, 4, Helmet (Aus)

1st Dam: Conservatoire, by Street Cry (Ire)
2nd Dam: Mezzo Soprano, by Darshaan (GB)
3rd Dam: Mom of Song, by Blushing Groom (Fr)

O/B-Scuderia Blueberry SRL SRL (GB), T-Grizzetti Galoppo SRL
Soc. J-Antonio Fresu. €77,350. *1/2 to Territorial (Jpn) (Teofilo
{Ire}), GSW-Jpn, $2,004,161. Lifetime Record: Hwt. 3yo-Ity at
7-9 1/2f, 16-5-2-5, €196,810. Werk Nick Rating: A+. Click for
the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.


Also Ran: Cima Emergency (Ire), Vis A Vis (Ity), Rubaiyat (Fr), Only The Brave (Fr).

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Sunday, Rome, Italy

PREMIO CARLO D’ALESSIO-G3, €71,500, Capannelle, 5-22, 4yo/up, 2400mT, 2:28.40, gd.

1--ATZECO (IRE), 123, c, 4, Fastnet Rock (Aus)

1st Dam: Examinee (Ger), by Monsun (Ger)

2nd Dam: Erytheis, by Theatrical (Ire)


2--Neieta (GB), 121, g, 6, Epaulette Aus)--Neila (Ger), by Diktat (GB). 1ST BLACK TYPE. 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. (5,000gns Wlg ‘18 TATNOV; 22,000gns RNA Ylg ‘17 TATOCT; 1,500gns HRA ‘20 TATJAN). O-Topazio Guerrieri. B-Howard J. A. Russell (GB). T-Antonio de Luca. €12,155.

3--Brigante Sabino (Ire), 123, c, 4, Zoffany (Ire)--Natural Bloom (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. (€37,000 Wlg ‘18 GOFOFNI; €40,000 Ylg ‘19 GOFOCT). O-Mario Sansoni. B-Sir Robert Ogden (Ire). T-A. Botti. €6,630.

Also Ran: Fambrus (GB), Clarenzio Fan (Fr), Northsea Star (Ger), Double West (Ire), Rio Natal (Ire).

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Sunday, Rome, Italy

PREMIO TUDINI-G3, €70,400, Capannelle, 5-22, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:07.00, gd.

1--AGIATO (GB), 128, g, 5, Bated Breath (GB)

1st Dam: Rosa Del Dubai (Ire) (GSW-Ity, $252,017), by Dubai Destination

2nd Dam: Rosa di Brema (Ity), by Lomitas (GB)

3rd Dam: Oshima (Ire), by Danehill (€72,000 Ylg ‘18 SGASEP). O-Equos Racing Team SRL. B-Azienda Agricola Francesca SRL (GB). T-Grizzetti Galoppo SRL.

KODIAC COLT A NEW RISING STAR AT YORK by Tom Frary

York’s Knavesmire had witnessed a TDN Rising Star on Saturday as Bradsell (GB) (Tasleet {GB}) streeted his 2-year-old peers and there was another to earn that tag on Sunday as Amo Racing Limited’s Walbank (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) romped to a seven-length success over the track’s flat last five furlongs.

The 2022 Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale topper at 525,000gns had the misfortune to run into Godolphin’s TDN Rising Star Noble Style (GB) (Kingman {GB}) on debut at Ascot May 7, but this Sky Bet Sunday Series EBF Novice S. offered easier pickings and he was 2-7 to make amends. Sent straight to the front by Silvestre De Sousa, the David Loughnane-trained bay from the Niarchos family of the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac heroine Albigna (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) was far too strong for Beautiful Sunrise (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}).

That rival, who had previously been 5 1/2 lengths behind another TDN Rising Star in Miami Girl (Ire) (Cotai Glory {GB}) at Newmarket, paid the price for taking on the favourite for the first half of the contest and tired to end up only 1 1/4 lengths ahead of Minnesota Lad (Ire) (Sioux Nation).

Walbank is the first foal out of the useful sprinter No Lippy (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), whose career wins included Chester’s Lily Agnes Conditions S. She is a full-sister to the Listed Hopeful S. winner and G3 Bengough S.-placed Polybius (GB) and a half to the aforementioned Albigna, who also captured the G2 Balanche S. Cont. p13
Walbank, the 525,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale topper, earned a ‘TDN Rising Star’ badge at York on Sunday. He was offered by Tally-Ho Stud and purchased by David Loughnane/Omnihorse | de Burgh Productions

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

2nd-York, £15,000, Nov, 5-22, 2yo, 5fT, :58.70, gd.
WALBANK (IRE), c, 2, by Kodiac
1st Dam: No Lippy (Ire), by Oasis Dream (GB)
2nd Dam: Freedonia (GB), by Selkirk
3rd Dam: Forest Rain (Fr), by Caerleon
(525,000gns 2yo ‘22 TATBRE). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £11,903. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.
O-Amo Racing Ltd; B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE); T-David Loughnane.

Monday, May 23, 2022:
UNITED KINGDOM
Expert Eye (GB) (Acclamation {GB}), Banstead Manor Stud
97 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
17:40-WINDSOR, 6f, Expert Agent (GB)
45,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2020; £90,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2021

Harry Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
105 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
17:40-WINDSOR, 6f, Uncle (GB)
£90,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2021

Sioux Nation (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Stud
163 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
13:50-LEICESTER, 6f, Indiana Be (GB)
27,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2021

‘TDN Rising Star’ Cont.
They are out of the G2 Prix de Pomone winner and GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Invitational runner-up Freedonia (GB) (Selkirk) from the family of the GI Breeders’ Cup Mile hero Domedriver (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}). No Lippy’s yearling filly is by Mehmas (Ire), while she also has a foal full-sister to Walbank.

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NEW TDN RISING STAR

2nd-York, £15,000, Nov, 5-22, 2yo, 5fT, :58.70, gd.
WALBANK (IRE), c, 2, by Kodiac
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**OBSERVATIONS**
on the European racing scene

**U S Navy Flag** (War Front), Coolmore Stud
72 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
17:40-WINDSOR, 6f, Optiva Star (Ire)
72,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2020; €70,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2021

**Washington DC (Ire)** (Zoffany (Ire)), Bearstone Stud
47 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
13:50-LEICESTER, 6f, King Kraken (GB)
10,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2021

**IRELAND**

**Sioux Nation** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Stud
163 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
2-ROSCOMMON, 7.25f, Gaelic Nation (Ire)
€20,000 RNA Goffs February Sale 2022

**Tasleet (GB)** (Showcasing (GB)), Nunnery Stud
69 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
2-ROSCOMMON, 7.25f, Lasmuigh (GB)
18,500gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2020; £35,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2021

**HOW THEY FARED**

1.40 Curragh, Mdn, €20,000, 2yo, f, 6fT
*Never Ending Story (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire))*, the first foal out of Athena (Ire) (Camelot (GB)), was the 3-1 second favourite for a strong-looking maiden and was in the thick of the action until the end but couldn't get past the winner and lost the runner's-up spot in the final yards.

5.20 Curragh, Mdn, €20,000, 3yo, f, 10fT
*Engagement Ring (Ire) (Galileo (Ire))*, the 850,000gns Book 1 graduate and full-sister to Capri (Ire), was never involved at any stage and trailed in 10th.

**BRITAIN**

**Sunday's Results:**

2nd-Nottingham, £7,000, Nov, 5-22, 3yo/up, 8f 75yT, 1:46.23, gd.

**SECRET STATE (IRE) (c, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Jacqueline Quest (Ire) {MG1SP-Eng, $210,459}, by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire))**, who broke through with panache over 10 furlongs at Chester earlier this month, was kept wide of his rivals before joining the party in second after the initial stages here. Sent to the front soon after passing the three-furlong marker, the 1-3 lock was tackled by Laasudood (War Front) passing the two pole and kept on well under late rousting to assert by 1 3/4 lengths from that rival. Secret State is the seventh of nine foals and one of six winners from as many runners produced by G1 1000 Guineas demotee and G1 Coronation S. third Jacqueline Quest (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)). The April-foaled chestnut is a full-brother to dual stakes-winning G3 Oak Tree S. runner-up Onassis (Ire). He is also kin to GI Breeders Cup Juvenile Turf hero Line of Duty (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)), Listed Brown Panther S. runner-up Hibiscus (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)), the unraced 2-year-old filly Jackie Oh (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) and a yearling filly by Galileo (Ire). Sales history: 525,000gns Ylg > 20 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $24,158. O-Godolphin; B-C O P Hanbury (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.

1st-Nottingham, £7,000, Mdn, 5-22, 2yo, f, 5f 8yT, 1:00.67, gd.

**MAYLANDSEA (GB) (f, 2, Havana Grey (GB)–Different (GB), by Bahamian Bounty (GB))** raced behind the leaders in third after the opening exchanges of this debut. Looming large once angled into the clear approaching the quarter-mile pole, the 9-2 chance edged ahead with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and was ridden out in the closing stages to deny Keep Bidding (Ire) (Ribchester (Ire)) by 2 1/2 lengths, becoming the 14th winner for her freshman sire (by Havana Gold (Ire)). Maylandsea is the fifth of six live foals and third scorer produced by a winning full-sister to G3 Molecomb S. runner-up Mary Read (GB) (Bahamian Bounty (GB)).

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1st-Nottingham Cont.
Descendants of her second dam Hill Welcome (GB) (Most Welcome (GB)), herself a half-sister to G1 Middle Park S.-winning sire Stalker (GB) (Kala Shikari ( Ire)), include MGSW G1 Queen Anne S. runner-up Beat The Bank (GB) (Paco Boy ( Ire)) and GSW G1 Haydock Sprint Cup third Chil Chil (GB) (Exceed and Excel (Aus)). Sales history: 40,000gns Ylg ’21 TATOC; £105,000 2yo ’22 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $4,722. 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Middleham Park Racing LXXI & Partners; B-Denniff Farms Ltd (GB); T-Michael Bell.

HANDICAPP RESULT:
5th-York, £50,000, 5-22, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:11.44, gd.
ASJAD (GB) (g, 4, Iffraaj (GB)--Riskit Fora Biskit (Ire) {SW-Fr}, by Kodiak (GB)) (Ire) {SW-Fr}, by Kodiak (GB)) Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-0, $54,533. O-John and Jess Dance; B-Ed’s Stud Ltd (GB); T-James Horton. *£150,000 Ylg ’19 GOFFPR; 80,000gns HRA ’21 TATAHI.

IRELAND

Sunday’s Results:
1st-Curragh, €20,000, Mdn, 5-22, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:13.73, g/y.
ZARINSK (GB) (f, 2, Kodiak (GB)--Pavlosk (SW-Eng), by Arch), sent off at 8-1, established herself on the front end from the break. Giving generously for Colin Keane, the homebred saw off Ballydoyle’s Never Ending Story (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire)) before hitting the line a neck to the good over the staying-on 2-1 favourite Olivia Maralda (Ire) (Kodiak (GB)). “We have been very patient with out 2-year-olds, especially the fillies, and she hasn’t come in her coat yet but I wanted to start her,” trainer Ger Lyons said after what could be a maiden to throw up multiple winners as the season wears on. “What she learnt today is debatable, but Colin said she rides very weak still. We put her in the Airlie Stud S. the other day, as we know she’s a stakes filly and she could be a Moyglare filly hopefully but it’s very competitive over here. She’s a work in progress and carrying those colours she will improve—it’s my job to make sure I don’t over-extend her.” The winner is the fourth foal out of the dam, who also won on her debut before taking the Listed Michael Seely Memorial S. and being tried unsuccessfully in the G1 Coronation S. Armed with a yearling filly by Kingman (GB), she is a full-sister to the Listed Prix Casimir Delamarre scorer Rostova and a half to the G3 Premio Carlo d’Alessio scorer and G1 Gran Premio di Milano third Exhibit One (Silver Hawk), who in turn produced the G3 Chunichi Shim bun Hai winner Maitres d’Art (Jpn) [Zennor Rob Roy (Jpn)]. This family of Zafonic also features the G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches runner-up Irish Rookie (Ire) (Azamour (Ire)). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $12,674. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Ger Lyons.

8th-Curragh, €20,000, Mdn, 5-22, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:07.89, gd.
KISS YOU LATER (IRE) (f, 3, Galileo (Ire)--Switch (MGISW-US, $1,479,562), by Quiet American), fifth in a 10-furlong Leopardstown maiden last time May 8, raced behind the leaders early under cover against the rail. Angled out for her final effort, the 8-1 shot stayed on to hit the front 50 yards out and beat Star Angel (GB) (Sea the Stars (Ire)) by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner is the fifth foal out of the G1 La Brea S. and Gl Santa Monica S.-winning dam, who was a $4.3-million purchase by Moyglare at the 2012 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November Sale. She is out of Antoinette (Nicholas), who captured the Gilli Athena H. and is the second dam of the William Walker S. winner and Gilli Senator Ken Maddy S. runner-up Jo Jo Air (Scat Daddy) and the G3 Albany S. runner-up Celtic Beauty (Ire) (No Nay Never). Also connected to the GI Alabama S. and GI American Oaks heroine Questing (GB) (Hard Spun), Switch’s yearling is a full-brother to Kiss You Later. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, $14,466. O-Moyglare Stud Farm & Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Moyglare Stud Farm (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien.

HANDICAPP RESULTS:
6th-Curragh, €50,000, 5-22, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:12.07, g/y.
ADDITIONAL (IRE) (g, 5, Night of Thunder (Ire)--Aris (Ire) {SP-Ire}, by Danroad (Aus)) Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-2, $65,120. O-John Lynam; B-D Farrington and Canning Downs (IRE); T-Sarah Lynam. *260,000gns Ylg ’18 TATOC; 52,000gns HRA ’21 TATAHI. **1/2 to Aclaim (Ire) (Acclamation (GB)), G1SW-Eng, GSP-Ire, $595,666.

7th-Curragh, €50,000, 5-22, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:40.09, g/y.
NECTARIS (GB) (f, 3, Sea the Moon (Ger)--Angelico Air (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB)) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-2, $73,606. O-Alpha Racing; B-Stetchworth & Middle Park Studs Ltd (GB); T-Jessie Harrington. *58,000gns Ylg ’20 TATOC.

GERMANY

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Dorthe (Ger), f, 3, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Delightful Lady (Ger), by Verglas (Ire). Cologne, 5-22, 9 1/4fT, 1:55.63. B-Gestut Westerberg (GER). *€11,000 Ylg ’20 BBAGS.
Mythicara (Ire), f, 3, Zelzal (Fr)--Madhyana (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). Cologne, 5-22, 8fT, 1:39.09. B-Dr Thomas M Bretzger (IRE). *1/2 to Mythico (Fr) (Adlerflug (Ger)), MSP-Ger.
ITALY

Sunday’s Results:

PREMIO ALESSANDRO PERRONE-Listed, €39,600, Cappannelle, 5-22, 2yo, f, 1100mT, 1:03.40, gd.
1--NEW COLLECTION (GB), 121, f, 2, Brazen Beau (Aus)
   1st Dam: Mutoon (Ire), by Erhaab
   2nd Dam: Namhaat, by Roberto
   3rd Dam: Distant Horizon, by Exclusive Native

2--Bottle Of Bubbles (Ire), 121, f, 2, Cotai Glory (GB)--Somedaysrdiamonds (GB), by Equiano (Fr). 1ST BLACK TYPE. (£18,000 Ylg ’21 TATSEP). O-Mme Theresa Marnane. B-Mr Stefano Botti (Ire). T-Dario Di Tocco. J-Cristian Demuro. €6,732. Lifetime Record: 1-0-0-0.

3--French Fries (Ire), 121, f, 2, Exceed And Excel (Aus)--Aury Touch (Ity), by Pounded. 1ST BLACK-TYPE. (£30,000 Wlg ’20 GOFDEC). O-Stefano Botti Turf SRL. B-Mr Stefano Botti (Ire). T-A. Botti. J-Mr Botti. €3,672. Margins: 5HF, 2 1/4, 2. Odds: 0.96, 2.29, 2.18.

Also Ran: Royal Rachel (Ire), Andromeda Star (Ire), Quite The Dilemma (Ire). VIDEO.

PREMIO MAURO SBARIGIA-Listed, €38,400, Cappannelle, 5-22, 3yo, 1600mT, 1:36.30, gd.
1--DALEK (ITY), 123, c, 3, Plusquemavie (Ire)
   1st Dam: Diega, by Diesis (GB)
   2nd Dam: Miss Gaily, by Dayjur
   3rd Dam: Gaily Gaily (Ire), by Cure the Blues
   1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Stefano Botti Turf SRL. B-Stefano Botti (Ire). T-A. Botti. J-Cristian Demuro. €14,875. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0.


Also Ran: Royal Rachel (Ire), Andromeda Star (Ire), Quite The Dilemma (Ire). VIDEO.

SWEDEN

Sunday’s Results:

MECCOM GROUP PRAMS MEMORIAL-Listed, SKr1,000,000, Jagersro, 5-22, 3yo/up, 8f, 1:11.50, gd.
1--DUCO DI COMO (IRE), 130, g, 7, Clodovil (Ire)--Quality Love, by Elusive Quality. (€25,000 Ylg ’16 GOFSPT; €42,000 2yo ’17 GBMR). O-Stall Como; B-Crone Stud Farms Ltd (IRE); T-Cathrine Erichsen; J-Elinee Chaves. SKr600,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Nor & GSP-Swe, 29-18-3-5, SKr5,235,024.

2--Stroxx Carltras (Ire), 130, c, 4, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Specific (Ire), by Dubawi (Ire). 1ST BLACK TYPE. (£33,000 Wlg ’18 GOFNOV; €65,000 Ylg ’19 GOFORB). O-Stald Ras; B-Jas Linnane, J Moore & B Gardiner (IRE); T-Rikke Rohbach Bonde. SKr200,000.

3--Wolfof Vancouver, 130, g, 4, Speightstown--Lookalike, by Dynaformer. (€160,000 Wlg ’18 KEENOV). O-The JC Organization ApS; B-Anderson Farms Ont Inc, Rod Ferguson Farms Ltd & Donald Ferguson (ON); T-Lennart Reuterskiold Jr. SKr100,000.

JAGERSRO SPRINT-Listed, SKr300,000, Jagersro, 5-22, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.50, gd.
1--EL GUANCHE (FR), 132, h, 6, Power (GB)--Miss Gran Canaria (GB), by Selkirk.1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (£5,000 RNA Ylg ’17 GOFFEB). O-Pelu Lakarpraktik AB & Edouard Gautier; B-Alfonso Nunez (FR); T-Ricardo Ramallo; J-Carlos Lopez. SKr150,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. Sprinter-Spa, 27-10-4-0, SKr1,452,984.

2--City Code (GB), 132, g, 4, Kodiak (GB)--City Girl (Ire), by Elusive City. 1ST BLACK TYPE. (£24,000gns HRA ’20 TATHIT). O-Stall Como; B-Crone Stud Farms Ltd (IRE); T-Cathrine Erichsen. SKr75,000.

3--Zamson Zaid (Swe), 132, g, 6, Hallucinate--Pappas Ruby, by Red Ransom. O-Colleger Racing & Dina Danekilde; B-Jan Johansson (SWE); T-Dina Danekilde. SKr36,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Nor & GSP-Swe, 29-18-3-5, SKr5,235,024.

Also Ran: Globemaster (Swe), Irish Action (Ire), Mohareb (GB), Mountain (Swe), Amon Ra (GB). Scratched: General de Vega (Fr). VIDEO.
ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Petra (Fr)**, f, 2, Cracksman (GB) -- Peinture Rose (SW-Fr), by Storm Cat. La Zarzuela, 5-22, 2yo, 1100mT. O-Ecurie des Mouettes. B-Jean Pierre Joseph Dubois (Fr), T-Angel Imaz Beloqui. *2nd winner for her first-season sire (by Frankel {GB}).

**Zvalinska (Fr)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), SP-Fr. VIDEO.

IN HONG KONG:

**Circuit Nine (Ire)**, g, 3, Caravaggio--Bright Sapphire (Ire), by Galileo. Sha Tin, 5-22, Griffin Race, 1200mT, 1:10.62. B-Charlie Brooks. *1/2 to Wall of Fire (Ire) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}), GSW-Eng & Aus, $317,542. **155,000gns Wlg '19 TATDEF; 130,000gns RNA Ylg '20 TATOCT; 240,000gns 2yo '21 TATAPR. VIDEO

**Russian Emperor (Ire)**, g, 5, Galileo (Ire). See ‘Worldwide’

WORLDWIDE NEWS

NO ASTRAL PROJECTION HERE, AS ‘STARS’ LANDS JAPANESE OAKS by Heather Anderson

Chances for a 2022 Japanese Fillies’ Triple Crown are alive and well after G1 Japanese 1000 Guineas heroine Stars On Earth (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}) delivered the Classic double in the G1 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) for Shadai Race Horse and trainer Mizuki Takayanagi at Tokyo Racecourse on Sunday.

Sent off as the 5-1 third choice, the bay broke well from the widest gate in 18, but was stuck wide as the field strung out in the wake of Nishino Love Wink (Jpn) (Epiphaneia {Jpn}). Sitting in eighth, Christophe Lemaire had his filly relaxed on the backstretch and she remained there entering the second and final turn.

Wheeling into the straight with plenty of horse, Lemaire cut Stars On Earth loose and she immediately began to pick up with a quarter-mile to travel while out in the centre of the course. The pacesetter still maintained her advantage, but Nishino Love Wink was starting to flag and several rivals were ready to pounce.

Flashing the greatest turn of foot, Stars On Earth grabbed the lead inside the final furlong and fended off a late run from Stunning Rose (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) by 1 1/4 lengths. It was the same margin back to Namur (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}) in third. Favoured Circle of Life (Jpn) (Epiphaneia {Jpn}), the champion juvenile filly in Japan last year was a 2-1 shot, but she broke slowly and never engaged, trailing in 12th of 18.

“I am really thrilled to have won in front of a big crowd today--it’s really not fun to win with an empty stand so I appreciate all you fans for coming,” said Lemaire, who was winning his first Group 1 of 2022 and third Oaks after Soul Stirring (Jpn) (Frankel {GB}) in 2017 and Japanese Fillies Triple Crown victress Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) one year later.

“The filly was in great condition coming into the race but it requires a lot of effort to start from an outside draw, so I was easy with her in early. She stayed calm and responded really well in the closing stages so I was happy. It was her first attempt at 2400 meters but her pedigree showed that she should be up in terms of stamina so I thought it shouldn’t be a problem. She’s already won at 1600 meters and shown to handle 2400 meters, so I think she has a pretty good chance to win her third Group 1 triple over 2000 meters.”

Never off the board in six previous starts, Stars On Earth broke her maiden at second asking last October and ran third in the Akamatsu Sho to Namur locally in November. She resumed with a runner-up performance to Lilac (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}) (11th) in the G3 Fairy S. at Nakayama in January and filled the bridesmaid role again in the G3 Daily Hai Queen Cup here on Feb. 12. The Japanese 1000 Guineas, where she defeated Water Navillera (Jpn) (Silver State {Jpn}) (13th) was only her second victory on Apr. 10. Cont. p18

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Pedigree Notes

Stars On Earth joins Titleholder (Jpn) as a dual Group 1 winner by Duramente, and the duo are half of the sire’s tally of four stakes winners. The late Smart Strike was a highly successful sire Stateside and he is the grandsire of 144 black-type winners so far, 57 graded/group winners and an even dozen Grade/Group 1 winners. Since the start of the year, the former Lane’s End stalwart has seven black-type winners, led by G1 Kentucky Derby hero Rich Strike (Keen Ice) and GII Robert B. Lewis S. and GI Santa Anita Derby runner-up Messier (Empire Maker). Also the dam sire of 2009 Kentucky Derby scorer Mine That Bird (Birdstone), Smart Strike’s Japanese triumphs span G1 Yasuda Kinen winner Strong Return (Jpn) (SymboI Kris S (Jpn)), Group 2 winner Epos (Jpn) (Just A Way (Jpn)) and G1 Oka Sho runner-up Red Oval (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)) just to name a handful.

The second foal, runner and winner for her dam, who won once as a 3-year-old over 2000 metres in England, Stars On Earth is followed by a 2-year-old colt by Daiwa Major (Jpn). A homebred for Teruya Yoshida, Southern Stars, a half-sister to Lemaire’s 2017 Japanese Oaks winner Soul Stirring and G3 Artemis S. victress Schon Glanz (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)), was covered by Mikki Isle (Jpn) last spring.

Stars On Earth’s second dam is the American champion grass mare Stacelita (Fr) (Monsun (Ger)), who gained a similar honour in France from 9 1/2-11 furlongs. A winner of the G1 Prix de Diane (French Oaks), GI Beverly D. S., GI Flower Bow Invitational S., G1 Prix Vermeille, G1 Prix Saint-Alary and G1 Prix Jean Romanet, Stacelita is out of German listed winner Soignee (Ger) (Dashing Blade (GB)).

Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

YUHUN HIMBA (JAPANESE OAKS)-G1, ¥306,220,000, Tokyo, 5-22, 3yo, f, 2400mT, 2:23.90, fm.

1--STARS ON EARTH (JPN), 121, f, 3, Duramente (Jpn)

1st Dam: Southern Stars (GB), by Smart Strike
2nd Dam: Stacelita (Fr), by Monsun (Ger)
3rd Dam: Soignee (Ger), by Dashing Blade (GB)

O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); T-Mizuki Takayanagi; J-Christophe Lemaire; ¥168,154,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-3-1. Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Stunning Rose (Jpn), 121, f, 3, King Kamehameha (Jpn)

1st Dam: Rosa Blanca (Jpn), by Kurofune.
2nd Dam: Rosebud (Jpn), by Sunday Silence
3rd Dam: Rose Colour (Jpn), by Shirley Heights (GB)

1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥52,280,000.

3--Namur (Jpn), 121, f, 3, Harbinger (GB)

1st Dam: Sambre et Meuse (Jpn), by Daiwa Major (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Vite Marcher (Jpn), by French Deuty
3rd Dam: Kyoei March (Jpn), by Dancing Brave

1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE. O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥321,400,000. Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, 1. Odds: 5.50, 27.20, 6.10.

Also Ran: Pin High (Jpn), Presage Lift (Jpn), Rouge Eveil (Jpn), Art House (Jpn), Nishino Love Wink (Jpn), Erika Vita (Jpn), Belle Cresta (Jpn), Lilac (Jpn), Circle of Life (Jpn), Water Navillera (Jpn), Sea Glass (Jpn), Love Pyro (Jpn), Personal High (Jpn), Ho O Vanilla (Jpn). SCR: Sound Vivace (Jpn).

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'EMPEROR', SHINN SHINE IN CHAMPIONS AND CHATER CUP by Alan Carasso

The mental strain and inner turmoil that COVID-19 has caused in Hong Kong over the past 26 months dictate that the talented Blake Shinn will return to Australia at the end of the current racing season. The 34-year-old, winner at home of the 2008 G1 Melbourne Cup and 2016 G1 Golden Slipper, among other feature races, decided to give Hong Kong a go a couple of years back, and while it has not always been smooth sailing, Shinn has done the hard yards. He improved from 15 wins in his inaugural season to 24 in the 2020/2021 campaign, including a first pattern success aboard Sky Field (Aus) (Deep Field {Aus}) and a victory in the 4-year-old Classic series astride Excellent Proposal (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) and a victory in the 4-year-old Classic series astride Excellent Proposal (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}).

The current season, the toughest of the three within the context of the curbs put on the local jockey colony, has seen Shinn reach even loftier heights, with a Sky Field win in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint before Russian Emperor (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) added to that tally in the Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup (2000m) back in February. Cont. p19
G1 Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup Cont.

The end of his stint may be near, but he continues to ride at the peak of his powers and gave the latter a peach of a steer from the tail of the field to post a convincing tally in Sunday’s G1 Standard Chartered Champions and Chater Cup at Sha Tin. The win capped off a natural three-timer for Shinn--each for a different trainer--and carries him to 36 winners for the year, good for seventh in the premiership.

Getting the blinkers off after overracing when a last-out fifth to BMW Hong Kong Derby hero Romantic Warrior (Ire) (Acclamation (GB)) in the G1 FWD QE II Cup Apr. 24, Russian Emperor was allowed to drift back to last and traveled sweetly behind a soft pace. Content to trail into the final half-mile, Russian Emperor was slipped a bit of rein and followed the move of 2021 Champions and Chater runner-up Columbus County (NZ) (Redwood (GB)) around the turn.

Pulled out widest as they hit the top of the straight, Russian Emperor hit top gear about 200 metres out, collared a very game Ka Ying Star (GB) (Cityscape (GB)) and edged clear. Senor Toba (Aus) (Toronado (Ire)) was a perfect-trip third.

“It’s the longest 2400 [metres] of my life,” said winning trainer Douglas Whyte, who won the Champions and Chater three times in his illustrious riding career. “When you’re a jockey, things unfold and you can see them unfolding in front of you, but when you’re standing on the side and watching it, it gets quite daunting.

“He showed that he has got a really good turn of foot for a stayer. If he can continue to race in this sort of form and with these racing manners, he’s an exciting horse for all these staying races next season,” Whyte added.

Given all that he—and to be fair, the entire institution of Hong Kong racing--has had to endure, the magnitude of Sunday’s win was not lost on Shinn.

“It means a lot. It was a tough decision to go home [at the end of the season],” he explained. “The last year has been an extremely tough time, especially for myself. It was almost a breaking point. I made the decision because I was pretty much battling there mentally.

“Hong Kong has been a great place for me but for a few months there, it was really tough—not just for me, but a lot of people in Hong Kong. It’s hard to walk away because I’ve worked so hard, but mental health is very important.

“Things have eased now but first and foremost, I have to make sure my well-being is where I need it to be and hopefully in time, I can get it back to where I need it to be and you can see me back in Hong Kong in the future,” Shinn said.

Pedigree Notes

Russian Emperor, winner of the 2020 G3 Hampton Court S. at Royal Ascot, is one of his late sire's 93 worldwide Group 1/Grade I winners and one of three in Hong Kong, alongside G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase winners Highland Reel (Ire) and Mogul (Ire). All three are bred on the enormously successful cross of Galileo over Danehill and his stallion sons. Russian Emperor is the lone Galileo Group 1 winner from a daughter of Fastnet Rock. Russian Emperor is one of two winners from four to the races for his outstanding dam, a two-time Australian champion and a Group 1 winner at 1400 (x2) (All-Aged S., Memsie S.), 1600 (Schweppes Thousand Guineas) and 2000 metres (Caulfield S.) and winner of 10 of her 11 career starts. Atlantic Jewel, a half-sister to fellow Thousand Guineas heroine Commanding Jewel (Aus) (Commands (Aus)), sadly passed away in August of 2020 after foaling a colt by US Triple Crown winner Justify (Scat Daddy). That produce was purchased by Dermot Farrington Bloodstock for A$240,000 (US$181,059) at last month’s Inglis Easter Yearling Sale.
2--Ka Ying Star (GB), 126, g, 7, Cityscape (GB)--Casual Glance (GB), by Sinndar (Ire). O-Leung Shek Kong; B-Kingsclere Stud; T-Tony Cruz A S; J-Luke Ferraris; HK$2,640,000.

3--Senor Toba (Aus), 126, g, 4, Toronado (Ire)--Bahamas (Aus), by Teofilo (Ire). (A$180,000 Ylg '19 INGMAR). O-Willie May Syndicate; B-D Peacock (SA); T-Caspar Fownes; J-Joao Moreira; HK$1,200,000.


Also Ran: Tourbillon Diamond (Aus), Panfield (Chi), Zebrowski (NZ), Butterfield (Brz), Columbus County (NZ), Reliable Team (NZ), Nordic Sky (Brz).

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

SHA TIN VASE H.-G3, HK$3,700,000 (£377,401/€446,669/ A$669,601/US$471,485), Sha Tin, 5-22, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:08.40, gd.

1--CORDYCEPS SIX (AUS), 113, g, 3, by Star Turn (Aus)
   1st Dam: Sandcastles (Aus), by Hinchinbrook (Aus)
   2nd Dam: Junebug (Aus), by Shovhog (Aus)
   3rd Dam: Light Me Up (Aus), by Twig Moss (Fr)
   1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. (A$25,000 Wlg '19 MGLMAY; A$140,000 Ylg '20 INGFEB). O-Catherina Yim Wai Ling; B-Henderson Racing & Breeding Pty Ltd, Cook Bloodstock Pty Ltd (NSW); T-Richard Gibson; J-Alexis Badel; HK$2,109,000. Lifetime Record: 12-6-3-1, HK$8,505,050. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Nervous Witness (Aus), 114, g, 4, Star Witness (Aus)--Hadiklaim (Aus), by War Pass. (A$110,000 Ylg '19 INGFEB). O-Arthur Antonio de Silva, Betty da Silva & Theresa Marie da Silva; B-Byerley Trading Pty Ltd (NSW); T-David Hayes; J-Vagner Borges; HK$814,000.

3--Lucky Patch (NZ), 130, g, 5, El Roca (Aus)--Gould (Aus), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (A$40,000 Ylg '18 MMJUN). O-Patch Syndicate; B-G Harvey; T-Francis Lui K W; J-Jerry Chau C L; HK$425,500.

Margins: NK, 2, NO. Odds: 3-2, 81-10, 33-5.

Also Ran: Lucky Express (Aus), Super Wealthy (Aus), Computer Patch (Aus), Sky Field (Aus), Sight Success (Aus), Californiadeepshot (Aus), Duke Wai (NZ), Hot King Prawn (Aus).

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FERGUSON/NATALMA READY FOR MAGICS

By Lydia Symonds

For the first time in a few years, international buyers will be back in force at the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale and this year brings a whole new entity to the table with Natalma headed-up by John Ferguson set to make their presence felt as both a buyer and seller on the Gold Coast. Named after the dam of the most important sire of the modern era Northern Dancer (Can), Natalma has been appearing on buyers’ sheets in America and the UK since 2021 and the investment company in that time has publicly purchased 21 fillies/mares for an aggregate of US$4,597,000 ($6,533,182) and an average of US$218,905 ($311,104). Three of these purchases were at Tattersalls July, three at Fasig-Tipton November, eleven at Keeneland November and four at Tattersalls December. Natalma are also active in the private market. Ferguson—a familiar face on the Gold Coast largely thanks to his 25-year tenure with Godolphin—told TDN AusNZ the idea to start this global mare bloodstock portfolio was born because they wanted to seize an opportunity to invest in vibrant global markets such as Australia and America.

“We have a few friends in London and in other parts of the world who want to get involved in investing in mares predominantly in America and Australia because they are such vibrant markets,” said Ferguson.

“If you look at Australia now with the government support, the prizemoney is running at very attractive levels, which is reverberating down into the business.”

Ferguson said the enthusiasm for racing and bloodstock in Australia, particularly from the younger generations, gives him the confidence to invest in the country.

“There’s such an amazingly vibrant, younger generation, which makes you think that the business is in really good hands going forward.

"I think a number of people in Europe love racing, but can see the potential that is here in Australia, not only as a trading post, but also as somewhere to get involved in racing horses themselves."

Strong International Bloodlines

Natalma will offer three mares this week through the Arrowfield Stud draft, including winning mare Bawaady (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) (Lot 988), who they purchased for 110,000gns (AU$205,000) at last year’s Tattersalls July Sale.

The regally-bred offering is out of the Elusive Quality (USA) mare Rifqah (USA), making the mare a half-sister to G2 Greenlands S. winner Mustajeeb (Nayef {USA}).

Rifqah herself is a half-sister to Australian Group 3 winner Great House (Galileo {Ire}) and fellow Group 3 scorer Aboulie (Exceed And Excel). Further afield the mare hails from one of the most influential families in the global stud book.

Lot 988 Bawady
Lot 920 Under Wraps (GB)

Her third dam is Allez Les Trois (USA) (Riverman {USA}) and she is a half-sister to the breed-shaping mare Urban Sea (USA) (Miswaki {USA}), who produced champion racehorses and sires Galileo (Ire) and Sea The Stars (Ire), among many others. Natalma will also offer placed Kingman (GB) mare Under Wraps (GB) (Lot 920), who is out of 2006 G1 Prix De Diane winner Confidential Lady (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), making her a half-sister to Listed winner Red Box (GB).

The trio is completed by winning Siyouni (Fr) mare Elvic (GB) (Lot 1072) and she is out of Group 1-winning Barathea (USA) mare Magical Romance (Ire), who is also the dam of Australian Listed winner Tall Ship (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and the dam of Group 1 winner Channel (Ire) (Nathaniel {Ire}).

Having purchased mares in America and Europe, Natalma will be making their first foray into the Australian market this week and the trio they have chosen to offer in this market were meticulously planned.

“The majority of mares that one buys in America will stay in America, same with Australia and the same with Europe, but there are sometimes opportunities that present themselves where you feel it might be advantageous to you to move them and it’s really as simple as that,” said Ferguson.

“The investors wanted to get involved down here and this was a good way for them to get started and whatever we make from these mares will be reinvested.”

Frankel: a Star Attraction

While all three mares boast typically deep European pedigrees which have proved popular in Australia in the past, another exciting and intriguing aspect to the Natalma’s band of mares is that all three will be offered in-foal to Juddmonte’s superstar stallion Frankel (GB). Since 2015, 10 mares have been offered in foal to the unbeaten son of Galileo (Ire) at the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale and they have been well received by the buying bench.

In 2015, a pair of mares in foal to him were offered, making $1.4 million, while in 2017 four mares carrying progeny of the stallion went under the hammer and made $1.46 million and in 2018 the sole mare in foal to the stallion was sold for $400,000. Meanwhile, the following year three mares who had been covered by the stallion made $1.725 million, selling for an average of $575,000.

Frankel mania hit fever pitch once again on the Gold Coast last week, when Coolmore Stud sold a pair of weanling colts by the stallion for a total of $1.210 million and, with an extraordinary 13 mares carrying the stallion’s offspring set to sell this week, Frankel fever could sweep across the Magic Millions Sale complex once again with buyers keen to get their hands on the rare offerings.

“It is such an honour to have this many mares in foal to Frankel in any one catalogue. It is an extraordinary collection of mares,” said Magic Millions’ Managing Director Barry Bowditch.

“I have been going round the complex and there are some outstanding individuals physically amongst them and there are some local pedigrees and some international pedigrees which should appeal to everybody.

“But Frankel himself, he’s a world phenomenon. He was an unbelievable racehorse and he was doing it stud and more importantly he is doing it here in Australia. “What last week told us was that if you have a decent product by Frankel you are going to get paid very well and I think that should give people the confidence to bid accordingly over the coming few days.”
Frankel has produced 95 stakes winners globally which fires at a stakes winners to runners strike rate of 16.2 per cent in total, while in Australia his statistics make for impressive reading, with the stallion having sired 37 winners from 59 starters and 10 of those winners are stakes scorers.

Ferguson believes Frankel’s ability to produce top-class horses in both hemispheres places him in the same vein as the great Danehill (USA) whose exploits in Australia changed the face of the industry.

“What Frankel is doing in Australia is similar to what he’s doing in Europe in the sense that he’s hitting 26 per cent black-type horses to runners here in Australia, which is on a par with Europe,” Ferguson explained. “That really is incredible, there hasn't been a horse since Danehill that has been so dominant in both hemispheres.

“Frankel gets different types of yearlings but also they run at all different types of trips, which is very rare. He was the best racehorse I ever saw in my life. He won the Guineas in blistering fashion and the St James’s Palace Stakes at three. He then went on to be the top horse at four, but he could have won any sprint race you like as well and that’s probably why he’s so successful down here.”

Potent Cross

A headline horse for Frankel in Australia for the past few seasons has been the Chris Waller-trained Hungry Heart, who advertised the stallion’s talents when she won the G1 Vinery Stud S. and the G1 Australian Oaks in 2021 and eagle-eyed buyers will notice that one of Natalma’s offerings is bred on a similar cross to the high-class mare.

Hungry Heart is out of Pivotal (GB) mare Harlech and this has proved to be one of the most potent crosses in the book, with mares by Pivotal when crossed with Frankel producing 17 winners from 25 runners, including seven stakes winners and they are headed by four Group 1 scorers - including Hungry Heart - which fires at an extraordinary stakes winners to runners strike rate of 28 per cent.

Ferguson said opting to mate Elvic--a daughter of Pivotal's brilliant sire son Siyouni--to Frankel made sense given the success of the cross.

"Siyouni is by Pivotal which is why we thought that would have been a good mating for her," he explained.

"She’s a winning Siyouni mare and you just think to yourself that Frankel has worked well with Pivotal on the Southern Hemisphere, so that looked like a good mating."